

# WIIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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## Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Holds 41<sup>st</sup> Maawanji'iding



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Maawanji'iding was held on July 26-28, 2019, at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. There were 605 registered dancers who participated in exhibitions, intertribals, and specials. Participants and spectators enjoyed the songs and danced with 18 registered drums.

Events officially commenced on Wednesday morning, July 24, 2019, with the Keweenaw Bay 6th Annual Pauline Spruce Memorial Water Walk, organized by Terri Denomie and Kathy Smith. Opening Water Ceremonies began at 6:00 a.m. followed by participants walking a 17 mile course from First Sand Beach at Pequaming Point to the Sand Point Lighthouse.

The following day, Thursday, a 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony and Lighting of the Fire was held with a ground blessing and feast held at 12:00 noon. Wiikwedong Ogichidaa (KBIC Honor Guard) presented the colors and led dancers into the arena for all Grand Entries held Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. John Teller, Jr. honored KBIC as their Head Veteran Dancer; Gerald White was Head Male Dancer; Delina White was Head Female Dancer; Kenew Awonohopay was Head Male Youth Dancer; and Dalanna Connor was Head Female Youth Dancer. Mark Kingbird, Sr. and Raistlin Awonohopay served as Arena Directors. White Fish Jrs were Host Drum, and the three invited drums were Woodland Singers, Four Thunders, and Bad River Singers. MCs Ronnie Preston and Erik Gahbow did an outstanding job keeping everyone informed about the events.

Friday evening brought a new Miss Ke-

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Picture by Lauri Denomie.

2019-2020 Royalty (left) Deija Dakota, Miss Keweenaw Bay, and (right) Sara Dakota, Junior Miss Keweenaw Bay.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

VIP's: (left to right) John Teller, Jr., Head Veteran Dancer; Gerald White, Head Male Dancer; Kenew Awonohopay, Head Male Youth Dancer; Delina White, Head Female Dancer; Dalanna Connor, Head Female Youth Dancer and 2018 Junior Miss Keweenaw Bay; Alana Schofield, 2019 Miss Keweenaw Bay; Mark Kingbird, Sr., Arena Director; and Raistlin Awonohopay, Assistant Arena Director.

### Tribal Council Members:

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 41<sup>st</sup> Maawanji'iding Held
- KBIC Holds Government Employee Picnic and Employee Recognition
- Oshki Maaaja Open House Held
- Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship Awarded
- KBIC Celebrates Child Support Awareness Month
- Employment Opportunities
- Criminal Report
- Deepest Sympathy

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**Maawanji'iding continued:**

weenaw Bay and Junior Miss Keweenaw Bay to our Community. Fifteen-year-old Deija Dakota was crowned as the 2019 Miss Keweenaw Bay, and twelve-year-old Sara Dakota was crowned as the 2019 Miss Junior Keweenaw Bay.

Saturday's events began with fry bread competitions. Paul Cramer (Native Eats) took first place in the adult division, and Jose Garcia (Iroquois Kitchens) took first place in the youth division. This year the Powwow Committee honored Sandra Carlson (Bressette) and Leo "Manny" Durant as their Honored Elders, and an Honored Elders' Song was held after Grand Entry on Saturday afternoon (see separate article). A grand feast was held between grand entries on Saturday.

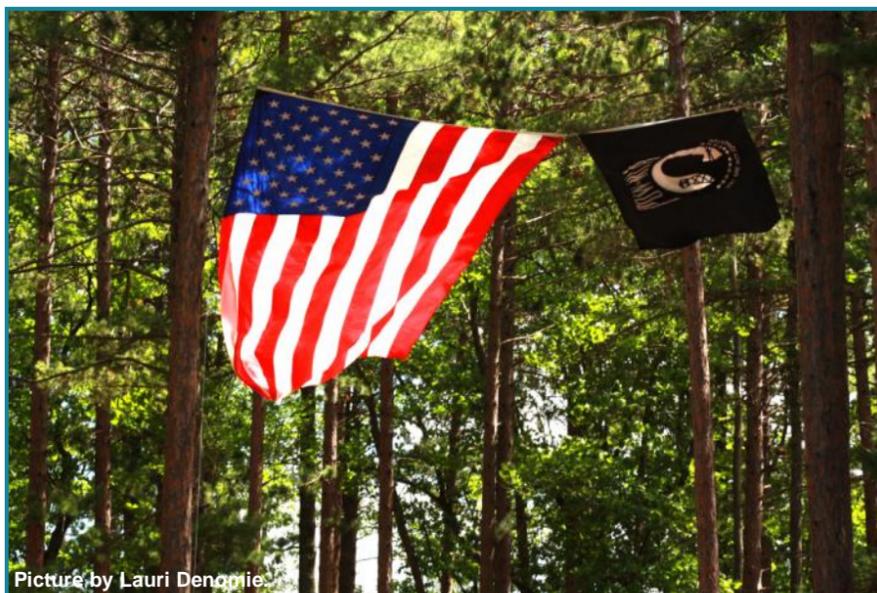
The weekend special events included: a Hand Drum contest (first place – Young Kingbird, second place – War Thunder, and third place – Yellow Lighting); a Jingle Dress competition (first place – Rhonda Purcell, second place – Jamie Awonohopay, and third place – Hailey Larson); a Woodland Special competition (first place – Ahsinees Larsen, second Place – Vincent Bender, third place – Jordan Gawboy); five man singing contest (first place—Bad River, second place - Young Kingbird, third place - Little Otter); adult two-step competition (first place – Vincent Bender and Misty Peterson, second place – Daniel Wiggins and Gloria Smart, third place - Jordan Gawboy and Raven Roybal); and the youth two-step competition (first place - Bryann Chosa and Daebwae Chosa, second place - Marcus Rembert and Karmon Bender, third place - Vincent Bender and Elena Bender-Corbine).

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.

Omaha, Nebraska, for two years and worked at the Campbell Soup Factory in 1965.

I want to say how grateful I am to be selected as a Keweenaw Bay Honored Elder. This has touched my heart in a very special way. Chi Miigwech! A lot of good things have happened in my life, and I want to say Chi Miigwech to the Creator.

So with a happy and grateful heart, Miigwech!"



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(Above) Flags above arena entrance. (Below) Master-at-Arms Petty Officer Third Class, US Navy, Gary Loonsfoot III, (left) who was home on leave and assisted the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society and proudly carried the KBIC Eagle Staff for Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding Friday evening Grand Entry.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



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Honored elders: (left) Leo "Manny" Durant and (right) Sandra Carlson (Bressette).

**Leo "Manny" Durant**

"I was born March 16, 1939, to Bertha Neadeau and Leo Joseph Durant. I am the father of ten children. I worked in the logging industry for many years and for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for a few years. I transported people back and forth to appointments for ten years until I injured my back and was forced to retire. I enjoy singing, playing guitar, and mowing lawn."

**Sandra Carlson (Bressette)**

"I was born the 10th child of 14 to Serephine (Baraga) and Clifford (Bad River) Bressette. I have one daughter, Lisa, and two grandchildren: Cory and Hanna. In 2017, I was diagnosed with lung cancer. I am proud to say that I am now in remission.

I enjoy meeting Native Americans and dancing at powwows with my granddaughter Hanna. I have met a lot of really good people over the years. I enjoy doing beadwork, and making shawls, dresses, and moccasins. My favorite foods are fry bread and wild rice from Bad River. I also like banana bread. I have done Native American arts and craft bazaars for four years. I am a recovering alcoholic and have 40 years of sobriety. I started a woman's sobriety group in Marquette that ran for 13 years. I helped sponsor sobriety dances for six years in the 90's. Every day I am happy and peaceful in my daily way of life. I have entered the circle at Grand Entry many times as a traditional dancer. I went to NMU for Social Work and Substance Abuse Training. I also worked at NMU as a coordinator for the cultural programs in the Dean of Students' Office. I also tutored blind students in the late 90's. I did home health care for senior citizens for 19 years. I lived in

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The Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society would like to extend a Bravo Zulu (Job Well Done) to everyone who worked making this year's Powwow a success.

Miigwech to the veterans and their families who came out and danced with us at the Grand Entries.

Chii Miigwech to our comrades in arms from other tribes who year after year show up and lend a hand.

~ Joseph Eckerberg



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



**September 2019 Calendar:**

- Sept. 2 — Labor Day, Gov't offices closed;
- Sept. 6 — Constitution Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tribal Center;
- Sept. 27 — Michigan Indian Day Holiday, Gov't Offices closed.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

## Grand Opening Held for KBIC's OSHKI MAAJI Halfway House



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(left to right) Sarah Smith, CEO; Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Vice President; Kim Klopstein, Council Member; Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Council Member; Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Tribal President; Dale Goodreau, Council Member; Rodney Loonsfoot, Council Member; Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Council Member; Toni Minton, Assistant Secretary; Doreen Blaker, Treasurer; Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary; and Jeanne Hirzel, Substance Abuse Coordinator.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

An Open House was held on August 15, 2019, 12 p.m., at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's new Halfway House Facility "Oshiki Maaji" located on Brewery Road, directly across from the Newday Treatment Facility.

Tribal Council Members joined Sarah Smith, CEO, and Jeanne Hirzel, Substance Abuse Coordinator, for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Drumming by Four Thunders Singers, a luncheon, and a tour of the facility followed.

Sarah Smith, CEO, provided the welcome for the Open House. "Aaniin and welcome to the Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Halfway House project! The Halfway House concept or step-down program came from a need identified by the Community. It was recognized that there was an alarming number of opioid overdoses occurring within our Community. The need to address this issue was first identified from a Community Policing Training that was attended by representatives from the Youth, Housing, Police, and CEO's office. As part of a solution, the Community Policing Group decided it would be beneficial for those in recovery from substance abuse to have a safe place for reintegration into the Community after the completion of residential treatment. The halfway house will be run by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Substance Abuse Programs and will have the capacity to home up to 12 Native American clients.

The building was designed by UPEA, Inc. and the construction bid was awarded to Grand River Community Development, LLC, an American Indian owned company. The Halfway House Project's total cost of construction was \$817,110 and was funded through a grant provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant or HUD ICDBG for \$600,000, with the remaining funds coming from the Tribe.

The building has been named Oshki Maaji "New Beginning". Jeremy Voakes won the \$200 award for the naming contest. The building was designed by UPEA, Inc. and constructed by Grand River Community Development, LLC. Many individuals need to be thanked for their work on this project, including the members of the Community Policing Group which include: the Chief of Police, Substance Abuse Programs Director, Housing Director, Housing staff, and our Grant Writer for writing this grant. A special thanks to the Council for providing support and funding of \$217,110 for this project. Thank you to the many individuals who assisted with this event today including: Jeanne Hirzel, Marty Curtis, Sheila Royal, and the Public Works staff."

Jeanne Hirzel provided an introduction of the facility's purpose. "Oshiki Maaji is a Recovery Peer Supportive Living Program that incorporates clinical and traditional Tribal Healing practices to support the residents in their on-going holistic healing journey. It is a transition from a Residential Treatment Facility to support reintegration and independent living.

Oshki Maaji is part of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Substance Abuse Programs which also includes Newday Treatment Center, Cultural grounds, Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient Clinical services, and Recovery Housing. The KBIC-SAP Campus is close to health, educational, and other government services, but still remote enough to provide the ideal therapeutic setting. The facility will root in the rich culture and traditions of the Anishinaabeg. The facility is designed to promote self-sufficiency and reintegration by utilizing the Care Coordinator, Recovery Mentor, and programming that is centered around supportive and cultural services.

While residents are in the recovery house setting, they will participate in an individualized plan of care that includes Intensive Outpatient/Outpatient Clinic Services. Oshki Maaji is designed for residents to feel like they are in a homelike setting which allows them to be comfortable enough to focus on their underlying needs while moving towards being whole and independent.

This facility serves both male and female populations who suffer with mental health/substance abuse disorders. Oshki Maaji is a stepping stone where residents can receive on-going aftercare services while they reintegrate back into the community. Typical transitions may be from six months up to one year.

Transitional options such as independent life skills and job readiness/search will allow residents the opportunity to transition to the community successfully while continuing to access behavioral health services and community-based services as they continue to work on their independence.

Oshki Maaji is dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle for our residents by restoring balance and harmony in mind, body, and spirit."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Karlene and Donald Chosa, Jr. donated the beautiful wooden dream catcher to the Oshki Maaji House, shown hung above them in the dining room.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(Above) One of the eight bedrooms and (below) one of the two living rooms in the Oshki Maaji House.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Reception in the Outpatient Substance Abuse Programs area located in the Oshki Maaji House.

## PRESS RELEASE

### STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF MARIJUANA GROW FACILITY

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Council, after due consideration, has decided not to go forward with the purchase of the ELF Facility located in Humboldt County. The Council, in doing its due diligence, considered the pros and cons of the purchase, looked at numerous factors involved with the purchase, and determined that purchasing the facility was not the best decision for the Community at this time. "We thank Mr. Parker for working with the Community, and we wish him the best as both parties move forward," said KBIC President, Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr.

The Community voted to approve the following referendum: **Do you approve of an investment of 4 million dollars into the acquisition of a medical marijuana grow and dispensary business? The investment would come from the Elder's Trust Fund which would be paid back to keep it solvent. The investment would cover the acquisition of real estate to be used for a dispensary and grow facility, retaining political and legal representation, licensing fees, and all other associated costs.**

This vote of the People grants broad authority for the Tribal Council to get into the marijuana industry. The Tribal Council is considering moving forward with a contingency plan of developing the Negaunee airport property. The development will include a marijuana grow operation, a marijuana processing facility that creates marijuana concentrates, and a dispensary that sells marijuana all at the same location. This contingency plan offers significant capital investment savings and other advantages over locating the business at the ELF facility. The Tribal Council intends to hold a Community Meeting soon for Tribal Members to discuss a potential investment at the former airport property and to seek feedback from Community members as to whether the Tribal Council should move forward with the investment.

### KBIC COLLEGE GRADUATES RECOGNIZED

The Education Department is pleased to announce the following twenty KBIC college graduates for the 2018-19 academic year:

- Michelle Hansen, Gogebic Community College, Medical Coding & Billing, Certificate;
- Michaela Raiger, Gogebic Community College, LPN, Certificate;
- Eva Lind, Ojibwa Community College, Anishnaabe Studies, AA;
- Robin Roe, Ojibwa Community College, Business, AA;
- Zelina Huhta, Ojibwa Community College, Business, AA;
- Cody Clement, Grand Valley State University, Criminal Justice, BS;
- Frederick Dakota, Northern Michigan University, Digital Cinema, BA;
- Amanda Furr, Northern Michigan University, Clinical Lab Science, BS;
- Karli Hoggard, Kinesiology, Michigan State University, BS;
- Catherine Laux, Ferris State University, Business Administration, BS;
- Deena Misegan, Northern Michigan University, Nursing, BSN;
- Kristina Misegan, Northern Michigan University, Native American Studies, BS;
- Colton Richard, Northern Michigan University, History, BA;
- Derrik Shelafae, Ferris State University, Computer Information Technology, BS;
- Virginia Shelifoe, Northern Michigan University, Psychology, BS;
- Sierra Ayres, Washington University, Social Work, MSW;
- Savannah Dakota, The University of Michigan, Social Work, MSW;
- Tashina Emery-Kaupila, New York University, Art & Public Policy, MA;
- Kristine Maki, Michigan State University, Social Work, MSW;
- Nicole Reenders-Arens, Northern Michigan University, Education Administration, MA.

Congratulations to the graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!

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## 2019 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship Recipient Chosen



Michaela Raiger has been selected as the recipient of the Tribe's 2019 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee, along with a member of the Health Board, selected Raiger to receive the scholarship.

Michaela is a graduate of L'Anse High School. She is a sophomore at Gogebic Community College majoring in Nursing.

Ann Misegan was a long time Tribal Council member whose priority was the health of the Tribal membership. She was adamant that Tribal members be trained for as many positions as possible within the Tribe and encouraged members to seek further education, specifically in health fields. She was a member of the Tribe's Health Board and the Dental Assistant at the Tribal clinic for many years. She held an LPN certificate from Northern Michigan University and worked as a nurse for Baraga County Memorial Hospital before coming to work for the Tribe. This scholarship seeks to reward members who have the same passion for health care that Ann did.

This scholarship amount is \$2,500 twice per year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. 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 a Health Care field documented by their college (preference will be given to students either in a nursing or dental program), and be a resident of Baraga or Marquette County. Applications for the 2020-21 academic year will be available in May 2020. For more information about this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director, at (906) 353-4117.

### EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC Tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be enrolled KBIC members;
2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette;
3. Must attend a public or private school.

A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades 4 through 12 are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy, but time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:

L'Anse Area Schools – Shellie Denomie, (906) 524-6000 ext. 369, [sdenomie@laschools.us](mailto:sdenomie@laschools.us)

Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau, (906) 353-6661, [hjondreau@up.net](mailto:hjondreau@up.net)

All others contact Amy St. Arnold, (906) 353-4117 [amy@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov)

Houghton, Ontonagon, and Marquette County students must provide a copy of the student report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16429 Bear-town Rd. Baraga, MI 49908.

# Deepest Sympathy

## Rose R. (LaFernier) Landreaux (March 29, 1962—July 24, 2019)

Rose R. (LaFernier) Landreaux, age 57, passed away suddenly on July 24, 2019, at her home with her loving husband of 24 years at her side. Rose was born in L'Anse Michigan, on March 29, 1962, the daughter of the late Wilbur and Lois La Fernier. She was the "baby" of our large family.

After graduating from L'Anse High School, she moved to New Orleans where she later met and married her husband, Chris. They lived their entire married life in LaPlace, Louisiana, where she worked in management for many years at Bull's Corner Restaurant until Hurricane Katrina. She loved to cook and entertain neighbors and friends. She was also a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Arlene Wessman, Sybil La Fernier, and Georgia Bourdage; brothers: Earl La Fernier, John La Fernier, and Patrick La Fernier; and brother-in-law: Peter Wessman.

She is survived by her husband: Chris Landreaux; brothers: Michael (Susan) LaFernier, L'Anse, Michigan, and Harry LaFernier, Baraga, Michigan; sisters: Marcia (Dennis) Wentland, Holdingford, Minnesota, Margaret (John) Vanover, Hawesville, Kentucky, Rebecca (Ralph) Decker, Hawesville, Kentucky, Cosie LaFernier L'Anse, Michigan, and Angela (Gerald) Friisvall, L'Anse, Michigan; along with many nieces and nephews.

Per her request no funeral service was held.

## Catherine Sarah (Shelifoe) Velmer (December 5, 1972—August 4, 2019)



Catherine Sarah Velmer, age 46 of Zeba, MI, passed away on Sunday, August 4, 2019, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital.

She was born December 5, 1972, in L'Anse, MI, the daughter of Virginia (Emery) and Frederick Shelifoe. Catherine married Lawrence Velmer on October 28, 2011, and they have been together for over 24 years. She graduated from L'Anse High School in 2018. Catherine worked in housekeeping with the KBIC, Ojibwa housing, and the casino.

She was an avid Packers fan, and enjoyed walking, partying, and having fun. She loved taking care of her grandchild, nephews, and nieces.

Surviving are her husband: Lawrence Velmer of Zeba; father: Frederick

(Margaret) Shelifoe of Baraga; children: Clifford Durant, Jr. of IL; and Victoria Marie Durant of L'Anse; granddaughter: Lexa Cathleen Johnson; siblings: Victoria (Brandon) Dakota of Baraga, Kelly Shelifoe of Zeba, Jeanne Emery of Baraga, James Frederick Shelifoe of Grand Rapids, MI, Mino Sandman Shelifoe of Zeba, Waba Shelifoe of L'Anse, Wausau Sandman Shelifoe (Brandon) Newomb of Alaska, and Bahgi Sandman Shelifoe of L'Anse; step siblings: Jaime Jager of Iron River, MI, Kathleen Gude of Green Bay, WI, Kristen Gude of Iron River, MI, and Megan Gude of Baraga; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding her in death are her mother: Virginia "Ginger" Shelifoe and siblings: Frederick Donald Shelifoe Jr., Allen Shelifoe, Steve Coffin, Bridget Shelifoe, and Gerald Shelifoe.

Visitation was held at the KBIC Zeba Community Hall on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, starting at 6:00 p.m. and continuing throughout the evening. A feast was held following the visitation. A traditional Native American service was held on Thursday, August 8, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the KBIC Zeba Community Hall. Burial was in the Pinery Cemetery. A luncheon followed the ceremony. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

## Haylee Maree Martin (aka, Haley Renee Curtis) (September 12, 1988—August 5, 2019)



Haylee Maree Martin, aka, Haley Renee Curtis, age 30, of Marquette, Michigan, passed away Monday morning, August 5, 2019, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey from multiple organ failure.

She was born on September 12, 1988, in Adrian, Michigan, and at the age of six was adopted and remained a lifelong resident of the U.P. Haylee attended Marquette Public Schools graduating in 2006.

She was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Haylee lived fast and played hard, but the two brightest moments in her life were her daughters.

Survivors include her daughters: Emma Grochocky and Kendra Martin; mother: Deborah Heagle of North Carolina; father: Cam (Pat) Martin of Marquette; brother: Scott (Sue) Martin of Ishpeming; sister: Cayhra Martin; step-sister: Anna (Scott) Durant of Marquette; step-brother: Ted A. Martin II of Negaunee; maternal grandmother: Roxie Sutton of Bullhead City, AZ; paternal grandmother: Clarice Martin of Marquette; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins

A gathering of family and friends was held on Saturday, August 10, 2019, at the Canale-Tonella Funeral Home. Burial was in Assinins Cemetery in Baraga, Michigan. Memorials are preferred and can be made to: Harbor House, 245 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI, 49855; Room at the Inn, 347 Rock St., Marquette, MI, 49855; or Janzen House, 146 W. Spring St., Marquette, MI, 49855 in Haylee's memory. The Canale-Tonella Funeral Home assisted the family.

## Melvin J. LaFernier, Sr. (January 29, 1950—August 16, 2019)

Melvin J. LaFernier Sr., age 69, of L'Anse, MI, passed away Friday, August 16, 2019, at Houghton County Medical Care Facility, Hancock, MI. He was born in Hancock, MI, on January 29, 1950, the son of the late Leslie and Mildred (Forcia) LaFernier. Melvin graduated from Baraga High School. He served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. Melvin was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and had worked for Tribal Maintenance as a laborer. Melvin enjoyed restoring classic cars and riding four-wheelers.

Melvin is survived by his children: Melvin (Jenna) LaFernier, Jr. of Milford, MI, and Sonya (Porter) Dowler of Baraga, MI; three grandchildren; brother: Stanley "Butch" LaFernier of Baraga, MI; and sisters: Shirley (Bob) Velmer of Baraga, MI, and Helen Tollefson of Skanee, MI. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial funeral services for Melvin were held on Friday, August 30, 2019, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, MI, with Father Corey Litzner officiating. The family greet friends at the funeral chapel on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service. Immediately following the funeral service, military honors, and graveside services were held in the Assinins Cemetery, Assinins, MI. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, MI, assisted the family.

1. Defendant shall perform 20 hours of community service in lieu of fine.
2. Thirty days jail, 30 days jail suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall obtain a high school diploma or GED.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendation of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
5. Twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.

## Steven Geroux, case #19-077, §3.204, Unlawful detention – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

### Sentencing on 07/22/2019, #19-077, §3.204:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Defendant must pay a minimum of \$40.00 per month or perform community service for the amount of \$40.00 per month.
3. One-hundred-eighty days jail, credit for one day jail served, 29 days to be served on tether, 150 days jail suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant shall be responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening within 30 days from today's date and follow all recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
5. Defendant shall obtain a mental health assessment and follow the recommendations of that assessment until successfully discharged.



## TRIBAL COURT CRIMINAL SENTENCES

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

## Johnathon Francois, case #19-093, §3.202, Assault and battery – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

### Sentencing on 07/22/2019, #19-093, §3.202:

1. Defendant shall perform 80 hours of community service in lieu of fine.
2. One-hundred-eighty days jail, credit of 25 days jail, 155 days jail shall be served. Defendant shall be released directly into an inpatient treatment facility, and the remainder days of jail shall be suspended. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall obtain a mental health assessment and follow the recommendations of the assessment until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
4. No contact in any fashion with the victim. Additionally, there shall be no contact in any fashion by the Defendant's immediate family with the victim.
5. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendation of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
6. Twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.

## Johnathon Francois, case #19-096, §3.1414, Possession, use, transport of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

### Sentencing on 07/22/2019, #19-096, §3.1414:

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## KBIC Government Employee's Recognitions and Picnic



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

10 years of service (\$50) — left to right: (kneeling) Andrew Loonsfoot, Jordanne Gauthier, (standing) Jesse Jones, Sr., John Hebert, Keith Lofquist, Jamie Jones, Lyndon Ekdahl, Nancy Voakes, Zelina Huhta, and Stacy Tikkanen. Missing from picture: Erin Johnston, Joel Mayo and Michael Scott.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

25 years of service (\$500) — left to right: Diana Chaudier and Wanda Seppanen. Missing from picture: Kathleen Mayo.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

30 years of service (\$750) — Jennifer Misegan.

**Chi Miigwech for all your hard work!**



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

15 years of service (\$100) — left to right: Jeremy Hebert, Eleanor Miller, Karen Anderson, and Roxanne Bratt. Missing from picture: Joseph Zobro.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

20 years of service (\$250) — left to right: Valerie Voakes, Cherie Dakota, and Kelly Mankee.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community celebrates their employees hard work annually at the Government Employee's Recognition and Picnic. This year the event was held at the Sandpoint day use area on Friday, August 9, 2019. Employees are recognized by five year increments. All employees present participated in a raffle for prizes ranging from \$50 gas cards to \$500 cash.

A number of employees signed up for an early morning fishing tournament and a mid-morning bean toss tournament. Prizes were also given for cribbage and bingo.

Luncheon was proved by three vendors: The Dogfather, Rez Robins, and First Catch.

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor.

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](mailto:newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov).

**SCORE A SHARE OF \$21,000!**

Saturdays | 7PM - 11PM

Every Saturday in September, two lucky guests will be drawn every hour to compete against one another on the gridiron game board, and the first one to get to their end zone WINS \$750 CASH! Earn entries for just 100 points each.

**OJIBWA CASINO**  
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**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**  
Office of Child Support Services

P.O. Box 490, Baraga, MI 49908  
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Fax: 906-353-8132

"YOUR Children ...  
OUR Priority"

**We provide the following services:**

- Paternity Establishment
- Establishment of Child Support
- Outreach Services
- Mediation



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Fishing Tournament Winners 1st place (\$300), (left to right) Team —Sweet Water: John Hebert, Christian Hebert, and Jeremy Hebert. 2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$200), Team — Pittsleys + 1: Shane and Todd Pittsley, and Matthew DesRochers; 3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$150), Team — Reel Men: Carl Rasanen, Darian DeCota, Ed Bourdage, and Jesse Jones.



Bean Bag Tournament Winners 1st place (\$200), (left to right) Steven Denomie (three consecutive year wins) and Everett Ekdahl, Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> – (\$150), Courtney Crittenden and Tim Lofquist; 3<sup>rd</sup> – (\$100), Hailey Thomas and Cyle Wascher.

# Childbirth Education

Participation is Free

**Thursday, September 19, 2019 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

**at the KBIC Health System**

**Birth partners & father of baby are encouraged to attend.**

**\$25 Gift Card per Family**  
(upon completion of entire course; must attend all 3 hours)

**Registration is Required**

**Call 353-4521 to register or for information.**

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 Tribal Social Services  
 16429 Bear Town Road  
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*Share Your Home and Heart  
With a Native Child*



**Become a Foster Parent**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Office Closed	3 Home visits 8 am—4:30 pm	4 LVD WIC 7:30 am—6 pm	5 KBIC WIC 8 am—3 pm BFSC 4 pm—6 pm	6 KBIC WIC 8 am—12 pm	7
8	9 Home visits 9:30 am—6 pm	10 Home visits 8 am—4:30 pm	11 Hannahville WIC 7:30 am—4:30 pm	12 Hannahville WIC 7:30 am—5:30 pm	13 KBIC WIC 8 am—2:30 pm	14
15	16 Office Closed	17 Office Closed	18 Office Closed	19 Office Closed	20 Office Closed	21
22	23 Home visits 9:30 am—6 pm	24 Home visits 8 am—4:30 pm	25 KBIC WIC 7:30 am—6 pm	26 KBIC WIC 8 am—4:30 pm	27 Office Closed	28
29	30 Home visits 9:30 am—6 pm	<b>Michigan Indian Day</b> (Act 30 of 1974) "The fourth Friday in September of each year shall be known as Michigan Indian Day."				



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

## SEPTEMBER 2019 — KBIC WIC SCHEDULE

**Criminal Report continued:**

6. Defendant shall have an anger management assessment within 30 days and follow the recommendations of that assessment until successfully discharged.
7. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance for all providers.
8. Twelve to twenty-four months of standard alcohol drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant shall report to the Tribal Court a minimum of one time per month and as instructed by the Probation Office.

**Steven Geroux, case #19-078, §3.202, Assault and battery (domestic) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 07/22/2019, #19-078, §3.202:**

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety days jail, credit for two day jail served, 28 days jail to be served on GPS tether consecutively with #19-077, 60 days jail suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant shall be responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening within 30 days from today's date and follow all recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
4. Defendant shall obtain a mental health assessment and follow the recommendations of that assessment until successfully discharged.
5. Defendant shall have an anger management assessment within 30 days and follow the recommendations of that assessment until successfully discharged.
6. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance with all providers.
7. Six to twelve months of standard alcohol drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant shall report to the Tribal Court a minimum of one time per month and as instructed by the Probation Office.
8. Restitution shall be determined within two-weeks.

**E Halverson, case #17-111, §3.1101, Larceny – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 07/24/2019, #17-111, §3.1101:**

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Defendant shall perform 50 hours of community service.
3. Thirty days jail, credit for seven days jail served, 23 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. Defendant shall write an apology letter to the Pines Convenience Center which shall be turned into the Probation Department for processing.
5. Restitution of \$24.59 to be paid to the Tribal Court for processing.
6. Three to six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly oversight fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug testing and PBT's, if any.

**E Halverson, case #17-159, §8.901, Contempt of court – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 07/24/2019, #17-159, §8.901:**

1. Thirty days jail, 30 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
2. Defendant shall perform 50 hours of community service.
3. One to three months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly oversight fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug testing and PBT's, if any.

**E Halverson, case #17-201, §3.1101, Telephone nuisance – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 07/24/2019, #17-201, §3.1101:**

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Defendant shall perform 50 hours of community service.
3. Thirty days jail, 30 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. Defendant shall write an apology letter to both victims which shall be turned into the Probation Department for processing.
5. Three to six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly oversight fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug testing and PBT's, if any.
6. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.

**Alisha Swartz, case #19-088, §16.515, Improper use of plate – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 07/24/2019, #19-088, §16.515:**

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Payment probation.

**Jeffrey Heath, case #19-101, §3.1103, Use of motor vehicle without authority but without intent to steal – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 08/05/2019, #19-101, §3.1103:**

1. Fine \$250.00.
2. Ninety days jail, serve 30 days jail, 60 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Defendant shall serve jail time on GPS tether.
3. Six to twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly oversight fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug testing and PBT's, if any.
4. Defendant must report to the Probation Department a minimum of one time per month and as directed by the Probation Officer.

5. Defendant shall write an apology letter to the victim which shall be turned into the Probation Department for processing.
6. Restitution to be determined which shall be paid to the Tribal Court for processing to the victim.

**Jeffrey Heath, case #19-102, §3.402, Malicious destruction of personal property – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 08/05/2019, #19-102, §3.402:**

1. Fine \$150.00.
2. Forty-five days jail, 45 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Six to twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly oversight fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug testing and PBT's, if any.
4. Defendant must report to the Probation Department a minimum of one time per month and as directed by the Probation Officer.

**Jeffrey Heath, case #19-104, §3.1103, Use of motor vehicle without authority but without intent to steal – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 08/05/2019, #19-104, §3.1103:**

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety days jail, serve 30 days jail, 60 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Defendant shall serve jail time on GPS tether.
3. Six to twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly oversight fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug testing and PBT's, if any.
4. Defendant must report to the Probation Department a minimum of one time per month and as directed by the Probation Officer.
5. Defendant shall write an apology letter to the victim which shall be turned into the Probation Department for processing.
6. Restitution to be determined and shall be paid to the Tribal Court for processing to the victim.

**Jeffrey Heath, case #19-106, §3.402, Malicious destruction of personal property – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 08/05/2019, #19-106, §3.402:**

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Ninety days jail, serve 90 days jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Defendant shall serve jail time on GPS tether.
3. Six to twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly oversight fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug testing and PBT's, if any.
4. Defendant must report to the Probation Department a minimum of one time per month and as directed by the Probation Officer.
5. Defendant shall write an apology letter to the victim which shall be turned into the Probation Department for processing.
6. Restitution of \$700.00 which shall be paid to the Tribal Court for processing to the victim.

**Jeffrey Heath, case #19-107, §3.1103, Use of motor vehicle without authority but without intent to steal – 3<sup>rd</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 08/05/2019, #19-107, §3.1103:**

1. Fine \$750.00.
2. Ninety days jail, serve 30 days jail, 60 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Defendant shall serve jail time on GPS tether.
3. Six to twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly oversight fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug testing and PBT's, if any.
4. Defendant must report to the Probation Department a minimum of one time per month and as directed by the Probation Officer.
5. Defendant shall write an apology letter to the victim which shall be turned into the Probation Department for processing.
6. Restitution of \$146.00 which shall be paid to the Tribal Court for processing to the victim.

**Jeffrey Heath, case #19-108, §3.1101, Larceny – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 08/05/2019, #19-108, §3.1101:**

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Thirty days jail, 30 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Six to twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly oversight fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug testing and PBT's, if any.
4. Defendant must report to the Probation Department a minimum of one time per month and as directed by the Probation Officer.
5. Defendant shall write an apology letter to the victim which shall be turned into the Probation Department for processing.
6. Restitution to be determined which shall be paid to the Tribal Court for processing to the victim.

**Jeffrey Heath, case #19-109, §3.1307, Reporting a fictitious crime to a police officer – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 08/05/2019, #19-109, §3.1307:**

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Forty-five days jail, 45 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Six to twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly oversight fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug testing and PBT's, if any.
4. Defendant must report to the Probation Department a minimum of one time per month and as directed by the Probation Officer.
5. Defendant shall write an apology letter to the responding police officer which shall be turned into the Probation Department for processing.

Richard Loonsfoot, Jr., case #19-062, \$3.1101, Larceny – 1<sup>st</sup> offense  
**Sentencing on 08/07/2019, #19-062 \$3.1101:**

1. Sixty days jail, 60 days jail to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
2. Twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly oversight fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug testing and PBT's, if any.
3. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
4. Defendant shall write a letter of apology to the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC), attention Lori Sherman, President of the KBOCC.
5. Restitution of \$329.99 for iPad to KBOCC which shall be paid to the Tribal Court for processing to the victim.
6. Defendant shall complete "Thinking for change" group.

## Happy Birthday To Our Eldest Seniors

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community wishes our Ojibwa Seniors who are 80-years and older this month a very Happy Birthday!

Ronald E. Andrews  
 Marjorie M. Cope  
 Gretchen L. Emery  
 Mardonna M. Fritz  
 John W. Jacker  
 Sylvia J. Murphy  
 Beverly A. Pappas  
 John F. Pennock  
 Carole J. Peterson  
 Ann L. Scopetti  
 Dorothy G. Weber



"May your special day be filled with all the good things that you deserve, and may all your wishes come true! Don't forget to make a wish when you blow out the candles on your birthday cake."

~ Author unknown.

**Please let our Enrollment Office know if someone was missed or information is incorrect by call (906) 353-6623, ext. 4111.**

~ Miigwech

### Michigan Child Protection Registry

Are your children safe while online? Michigan families, especially minors, are becoming inundated with advertisements from alcohol, tobacco, pornography, illegal drug, and gambling marketers through different internet and cell phone inboxes. Texting their advertisements is the newest marketing effort that many of these companies are using. Thankfully, the Michigan Secretary of State's office offers a free program to stop adult advertisements from reaching your e-mail address and cell number via text. The Michigan Child Protection Registry is a free do-not-contact service for Michigan's families.

As a strong supporter of this Registry, I would like to encourage you to sign your entire family up for this program, and inform your friends and colleagues about how they can protect their children and families from unwanted adult advertising. To sign up only takes seconds. Just go to [www.ProtectMiChild.com](http://www.ProtectMiChild.com) and keep your family safe.

Baraga County Communities That Care  
 303 Baraga Ave.  
 L'Anse, MI 49946  
[baragacountyctc@gmail.com](mailto:baragacountyctc@gmail.com)  
 906-201-4024

### 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, granted Tribes exclusive right to regulate gaming activity on Indian lands. Even if you or the members of your organization are not tribal members, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Gaming Commission has the authority to regulate your raffle. It is unlawful to game without a license.

Please contact the KBIC 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 Drawings is 30 days** and **Class II Raffles is 60 days** prior to your event. License Fee will be waived when the application is received within this timeline.



16429 Bear Town, Rd.  
 Baraga, MI 49908  
 (906) 353-4222



### FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) FY 2018 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\* (Effective Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2019)

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

48 Contiguous United States:				Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,005	+	\$160	= \$1,165
2	\$1,354	+	\$160	= \$1,514
3	\$1,702	+	\$160	= \$1,862
4	\$2,050	+	\$170	= \$2,220
5	\$2,399	+	\$199	= \$2,598
6	\$2,747	+	\$228	= \$2,975
7	\$3,095	+	\$228	= \$3,323
8	\$3,444	+	\$228	= \$3,672
Each additional member				+ \$349

Alaska:				Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,255	+	\$273	= \$1,528
2	\$1,691	+	\$273	= \$1,964
3	\$2,127	+	\$273	= \$2,400
4	\$2,563	+	\$273	= \$2,836
5	\$2,999	+	\$273	= \$3,272
6	\$3,435	+	\$285	= \$3,720
7	\$3,870	+	\$285	= \$4,155
8	\$4,306	+	\$285	= \$4,591
Each additional member				+ \$436

### GREAT LAKES INDIAN FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION

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#### MEMBER TRIBES •

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#### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**Title:** Language/Outreach Specialist  
**Department:** Planning and Development  
**Posting Date:** August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
**Closing Date:** September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
**Classification:** 33 Months Grant Funded, Full-Time  
**Salary:** \$37,049

#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Performs duties in relation to GLIFWC's "Maajii-Ojibwemowag: They Begin to Speak Ojibwe" ANA Language Preservation and Maintenance project. This project will develop and provide Ojibwe language materials targeting tribal youth ages birth-five years. The Language/Outreach Specialist will work with tribal elders and subcontractors to develop and distribute a 12-book series of simple Ojibwe words to project partners, including tribal Head Starts and daycares, throughout the three years of the project. The Language/Outreach Specialist will also provide audio narration for all developed books for the accompanying webpages, as well as record instructional videos of the webpages for Head Start teachers, daycare providers, and parents.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must possess: B.A. in Native American Studies with an Ojibwe language emphasis, experience in public speaking and/or classroom teaching experience is preferred. In addition, applicants are required to demonstrate: 1) high level of written and oral fluency in the Ojibwe language; 2) knowledge of Ojibwe culture and ability to meet and work with elders, speakers, and traditional knowledge storytellers, and present to tribal representatives and project partners; 3) excellent written and oral communication skills, preferred experience with creating or developing Ojibwe educational documents and materials; 4) experience in data collection and evaluation/feedback integration; and 5) willing and able to travel within the MN, WI, MI areas with a valid driver's license and must be insurable.

**Native American Preference:** All applications will be considered, however, a Native American Preference will be applied consistent with Commission policies and the federal Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

Applicants may be required to undergo applicable background checks in order to comply with child safety laws.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submit a completed GLIFWC application for employment (available at: [www.glifwc.org](http://www.glifwc.org)), letter of interest, resume, and three references to:

Zoongee Leith-Mayotte  
 Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission  
 715-682-6619 ext. 2138  
[zleith@glifwc.org](mailto:zleith@glifwc.org)

# Introduction to Traditional Foods

Thursday, September 26th, 2019

5:30pm– 7:00pm

**KBOCC Arts and Agriculture Building**

KBOCC welcomes all to come  
& learn about a staple of Native American diets,

**Manoomin!**

Sample some wild rice, learn about harvesting and processing  
**manoomin.**

This event will be held at 15211 Pelkie Rd, Pelkie MI 49958

If you have any questions please contact

DeAnna Hadden @ (906)524-8209 or dhadden@kbocc.edu



## **KBOCC Is Conducting Free Well Water Testing**

The KBOCC Environmental Science Department is conducting free home water testing for all Baraga County residents with wells. This free service is part of a USDA-funded research project aimed at determining arsenic concentration in our area's groundwater.

Arsenic is a naturally-occurring toxin that often exists in rocks and soil below ground. It can settle into the groundwater tapped by private wells, but residents wouldn't know it unless they have their water specifically tested for it. Arsenic is odorless, tasteless, and colorless. Long-term exposure, through drinking and cooking, can have serious health effects including many forms of cancer.

Baraga County is in a high-risk area for groundwater arsenic. The goals of our project are to alert residents of health risks, recommend treatment options, and provide the KBIC a valuable planning tool by modeling the movement of arsenic through our groundwater.

By law, city water systems are tested regularly for arse-

nic. Residents with wells, however, need to have their water tested on their own.

The testing process is very simple. A KBOCC researcher will visit your home to collect a water sample, which can be done from an outdoor faucet if your home has one. We'll ask a few general questions about household members and your home's water system. We will deliver the water sample to a lab for testing and will contact you to explain potential risks and treatment options once we receive results.

This free service is beginning now and will continue through 2020. White Water Associates (of Amasa), a fully-certified laboratory, is conducting the testing. Partners at Michigan State University will produce a 3-D digital map of groundwater arsenic for the county at the conclusion of the project.

All residents with wells are encouraged to have your water tested. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Andrew Kozich at (906) 201-0379 or [andrew.kozich@kbocc.edu](mailto:andrew.kozich@kbocc.edu). Student research assistants include KBIC members: Dalene Chosa, Kristen Dean, Jackie Jossens, and Sydni Voakes.

## **INDOOZHITAAMIN WENJI-MANOOMINIKED**

*We are preparing for wild-ricing*

### **Traditional Wild Rice Processing Workshop**

Thursday, Sept 26th, 2019

8:30am – 5:00pm

Followed by Traditional Food series event at 5:30

KBOCC's Arts and Agriculture Center

15211 Pelkie Rd. Pelkie, MI. 49958



*Space is limited, please register by contacting:*

DeAnna Hadden, [dhadden@kbocc.edu](mailto:dhadden@kbocc.edu) or Liz Julio, [ljulio@kbocc.edu](mailto:ljulio@kbocc.edu)  
Phone: 906 524-8209 Phone: 906 524-8517

## RECYCLE YOUR OLD BATTERIES

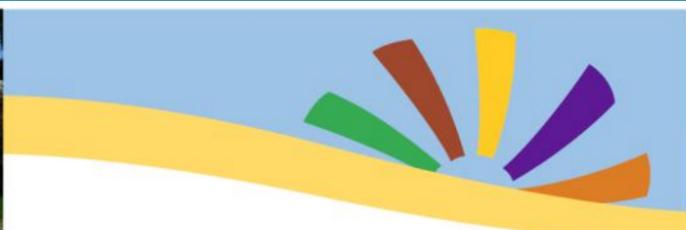


### Locations

KBIC Solid Waste Facility  
 KBOCC (L'Anse Campus)  
 KBIC Natural Resources Dept.  
 KBIC Tribal Center  
 KBIC Police Dept.  
 KBIC Housing

Help do your part in protecting Mother Earth

For questions contact Serene Gauthier (906) 524-8700



## Honoring Our Past, Restoring Our Future

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SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER

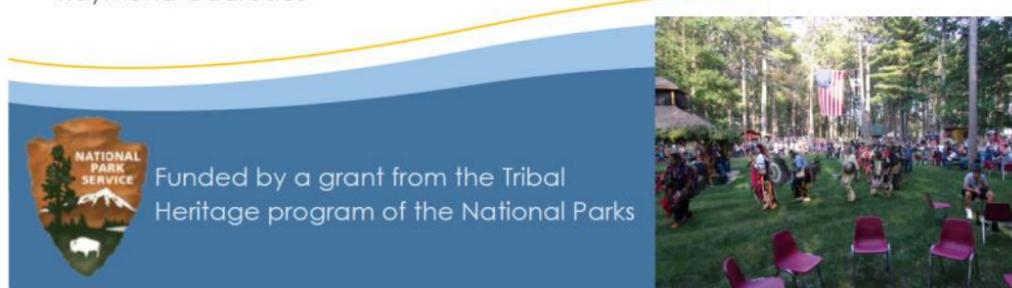


### ART GALLERY

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College  
 770 N. Main Street  
 L'Anse MI

Exhibit explores life on the Zeba side of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community through the voices of Elders. Their stories share the rich history of KBIC life on the shores of Lake Superior.

Interns: JoAnn Pennock, Dalene Chosa,  
 Raymond Cadreaus



## Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities



### Current Positions

Accounting Clerk, full-time, Accounting, open until filled;

Care Coordinator, full-time, Oshki Maaji (Halfway House), open until filled;

Peer Recovery Mentor (4 positions) part-time, Oshki Maaji (Halfway House), open until filled;

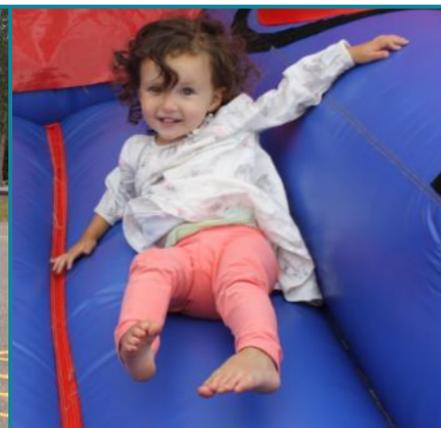
IT Help Desk Technician, full-time, IT, open until filled;

Physician, full-time, DHHS, open until filled.

**On-going recruitment (open continuous):** Unit Manager (Newday). (on-call positions): Cleaning Person, Facility Attendant, Laborer, LPN, Prep Cook, Natural Resource Technician, Nurse Practitioner, OVW Unit Manager, Pharmacist, Pharmacy Technician, Receptionist/Clerical Worker, RN, and Van Driver.

For complete job announcement and application requirements contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, Michigan, 49908. (906) 353-6623, ext. 4176 or 4140, or visit us at [www.kbic-nsn.gov](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov). For Casino jobs — Human Resources Office, Baraga (906) 353- 6623, Marquette (906) 249-4200, ext. 205, or visit [www.Ojibwacasino.com](http://www.Ojibwacasino.com).

## KBIC Celebrates Child Support Awareness Month



The KBIC Office of Child Support Services held their fourth annual event to celebrate Child Support Awareness Month. The event was held on Friday, August 16, 2019, in the parking lot of the KBIC Tribal Court House, offering lunch and of course, a fun time for the children.

A bounce house was inflated in the back yard for the occasion which was quickly filled with a number of youngsters. Hotdogs, pop, chips, and snow cones were served.

The KBIC Office of Child Support Services offers paternity establishment, establishment of child support, outreach services, and mediation.

For more information on the services offered, please call the Office of Child Support Services switchboard at (906) 353-4566.



### Enterprise Job Openings

#### Baraga Area

Account Executive Sales, full-time, Eagle Radio;

Advertising Manager (works both locations), full-time, Marketing;

Assistant Manager, full time, C-Stores;

Cage Shift Manager, full-time, Cage;

Cashier/Deli-worker, part-time, C-Stores/Pines;

Front Desk Clerk, part-time, Hotel;

Hotel Room Attendants, part-time, Hotel;

Housekeeper, Casino, part-time, Housekeeping;

Maintenance Worker, part-time, Casino Maintenance

Maintenance Worker, full-time, C-Stores/Pines;

Promotions Manager (works both locations), full-time, Marketing;

Security Officer, part-time, Security;

Truck Driver/Operator, full-time, KBIC Solid Waste Facility;

Vault Cashier, full-time, Cage.

#### Marquette Area

Bartender part-time, Bar;

Cage Shift Manager, full-time, Cage;

Cook/Clerk, part-time, Snack Bar;

Housekeeper, Casino, part-time, Housekeeping;

Security Officer, part-time, Security;

Slot Attendant, part-time, Slots;

Slot Shift Supervisor, full-time, Slots;

Wait Staff, part-time, Bar.

To view our "Continually Open" positions and for more information please visit our website at [www.ojibwacasino.com](http://www.ojibwacasino.com) AND/OR call the Baraga Human Resources Office at (906) 353-4120 or the Marquette Human Resources Office at (906) 249-9628.



**Michigan Indian Day 2019**



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**Michigan Indian Day** was enacted in 1974 under the William Milliken Administration. Michigan Indian Day is an excellent opportunity for Michigan citizens to better understand and appreciate the vast contributions to the landscape, culture, history, politics, and economy of Michigan (Ziibiwing Center of Cultural Lifeways). The fourth Friday of September was designated as the time to celebrate Michigan Indian Day.

In 2002, the MSU School of Social Work honored Michigan Indian Day with an educational forum focused on providing services Native American families need. Topics discussed included tribal recognition, cultural differences in the workplace, creating networks. The panel engaged in a free flow of questions and answers.

Since then, the MSU School of Social Work has continued to recognize Michigan Indian Day through an annual series of presentations, discussions, and events. In the past, topics have ranged from empowering American Indian Families and Communities, to the Impact of Boarding Schools on the Lives of American Indians, to Human Trafficking in Tribal Communities, to Intergenerational Trauma.

This year, on **September 27, 2019**, is the 17th year for the Michigan Indian Day Event with a focus on Trauma, Culture, and Healing in Native American Tribal Communities. This event will be held at MSUFCU, 4825 Mt. Hope Rd, East Lansing, 48823, from 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. The agenda will include:

- Smudging Ceremony,
- Boarding School Photo Slideshow,
- Lunch and Refreshments,
- Presentations by Featured Speakers from MSU and Lansing Community College Faculty,

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**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk**

**OCTOBER 5, 2019**  
Saturday

The annual walk is being held not only in memory of the loss of one of our own but to keep in time with domestic violence awareness month.

Registration: **11:00 a.m.**  
Walk: **NOON**

The walk will begin at the corner of Lyons & McGillan Streets and end at the Niiwin Akeaa Center (111 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI) with a feast, guest speakers, and 50/50 & Sauna Raffle. You may purchase sauna tickets beforehand by calling the contact number listed in this flyer. Proceeds will be used for various needs of the program and its Niimigimiwang transitional house residents.

**SPEAKERS:** Lexi DeCota, Chelsey LaFernier's Daughter  
Keenan Qauderer  
Lori Jump, Uniting Three Fires Against Violence

Please call 906.353.4593 for more information.

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- A film screening of Dawnland, a documentary highlighting the in-depth investigation of the historic child welfare practices related to unauthorized removal and placement of tribal children with white families.

To register or find out more information about this event, visit the [MSU School of Social Work Continuing Education page](#), or contact the MSU School of Social Work Continuing Education Program at (517) 353-3060.

**Don't Miss the FUN!**

**PARADE OF NATIONS**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

PARADE STARTS AT 11:00 AM IN HANCOCK CROSSES THE PORTAGE LIFT BRIDGE AND CONTINUES ON TO DEE STADIUM.

The Parade of Nations, now celebrating 30 years, begins with a colorful parade showcasing the rich cultural heritage of many communities, followed by the Multicultural Festival featuring delicious food, and entertainment from many cultures at Dee Stadium.

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