# WIIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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#### **KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATES LAKE SUPERIOR DAY**



Eighty-seven community members, including representatives from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, and Lundlin Mine gathered at the Sand Point Day-Use area on the morning of Friday, July 19, 2019. Participants broke up into groups and hiked the shore of Lake Superior from Assinins to Pequaming with the sole purpose to clean the beach.

An opening ceremony was held prior to heading to the shoreline. The opening ceremony was conducted by Terri Denomie, Lisa Denomie, and Kathy Smith.

Following the morning clean up, a lunch and learn session was held. The Lunch and

learn was organized by Kathy Smith and Karena Schmidt, KBNRD employees, and Deanna Hadden and Kit Laux, KBOCC employees. KBNRD employees, Erin Johnson and Stephanie Cree hosted a Natural Resources themed Jeopardy game at the lunch and learn session.

This has become an annual event which originated from the late Todd Warner, KBNRD Director. Numerous staff have organized the annual event. This year's Lake Superior Day event was organized by Shannon Des-Rochers, a KBNRD employee. This was the fourth Lake Superior Day event Shannon has organized. Photo credit: Jerry Jondreau.

#### KBIC JOIN IN WITH GLIFWC'S HEALING CIRCLE RUN/WALK

Sponsored by Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, the Healing Circle Run/ Walk was held July 13-20, 2019. The Healing Circle Run/Walk connects 10 Ojibwe reservations in northern Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota to promote physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual healing. Every step of the run is a prayer. It is an opportunity for people to come together to pray for healing for themselves, their communities, their nation, Aki (earth), and all our relatives.

Members of the KBIC Community joined the activity on Monday, July 15th and covered 82 miles from Baraga to Lac Vieux Desert with over eighty participants. The day began with a morning ceremony at 8:30 a.m. in Baraga near the Sand Point Lighthouse. Core runners (and walkers) started their morning in the Sokaogon Chippewa Community



roundhouse in the old Indian village near Watersmeet, Partici-MI. pants shared evening an meal ceremony where they were able to

share their experiences and prayers from the day. Chi-miigwech to the KBIC Tribal Council and Cultural Committee for their support, the community members who participated, and to the organizers for this year's run including: Doreen Blaker, Gerry Mantila, and Keith Rolof. Photo credit: Peggy Loonsfoot.

#### **Tribal Council Members:** Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Vice-President

Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

Toni J. Minton, Asst. Secretary

Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer

Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.

**Dale Goodreau** 

Randall R. Haataja

Kim Klopstein

Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. **Rodney Loonsfoot** 

Elizabeth D. Mayo

#### **SPECIAL POINTS** OF INTEREST

- **KBIC Celebrates Lake Superior** Day
- KBIC Join in with GLIFWC **Healing Circle Run/Walk**
- **Annual Pauline Spruce Memo**rial Water Walk Held
- **Second Quarterly Tribal Coun**cil Meeting held July 13, 2019
- **Education Incentive Awards**
- **Criminal Report**
- **Deepest Sympathy**
- **Employment Opportunities**

#### **KEWEENAW BAY HOLDS 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PAULINE SPRUCE MEMORIAL WATER WALK**

The Keweenaw Bay 6th Annual Pauline Spruce Memorial Water Walk initiated the 41st Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Jessica Koski, KBIC member, who was employed at the time at the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) organized the 1st Annual Water Walk, to raise awareness of the state of our water. The late Pauline Spruce and Terri Denomie, both KBIC members, jumped in and



Warren "Chris" Swartz, Keith Rolof, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Virgil Loonsfoot, George DeCota, Doreen Blaker. Photo credit: Peggy Loonsfoot.



Participants at the 6<sup>TH</sup> Annual Pauline Spruce Memorial Water Walk. Photo credit: Rodney Loonsfoot.

#### **JULY 13, 2019 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Quarterly Tribal Council Meeting was held on Saturday, July 13, 2019, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale Goodreau, Randall Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, and Elizabeth D. Mayo present.

Under old business: Paul Mooney, Assistant Attorney, and Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., KBIC Cannabis Developer, addressed the Mark Abraham Letter of Intent. The Letter of Intent is non-binding and states the intentions of the parties moving forward. Some changes were made to the terms of the Letter to reflect that the businesses would be incorporated under Tribal Law instead of State Law. The letter is not binding, and it only states the intentions of the parties. First, KBIC will start a Corporation under section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act, as a Federally Charter Company, which will be the operating entity. Mark Abraham's company, Venco, will initially own 70% of the operating entity. However, Venco is only entitled to 35% of the operating entity's proceeds; the other 35% Mark holds will remain in an account until the Community is allowed to participate in the operating entity. There will be three separate entities (Elder Trust Fund and two unnamed companies) that will own 10% each of the operating entity. State law allows entities to invest in a cannabis business so long as they do not own more than a 10% interest and do not manage or participate in the company. Having three separate companies allows the Community to have an ownership interest in the operating entity right away and gives the Community flexibility to distribute profit to different projects. The number of companies may change as the transaction progresses, and the Community receives feedback from the State of Michigan.

The Community itself will be purchasing all the real-estate and all the equipment property except for the cannabis from Mr. Derek Parker. The plan is the Community will lease the real-estate and the equipment to the operating entity and will collect rent directly from the company that we have created. The Community's intention is to loan the operating entity funds, so the company can buy the cannabis directly from Derek Parker. The purpose for this is the Community cannot directly purchase the cannabis. We have to go through a licensed entity and as Mark Abraham is licensed, he can actually purchase it. The loan the Community is making to Mark will be evidenced by a promissory note or loan document.

Next, the Community is going to create a fourth section 17 company "CommunityCo". "CommunityCo" will be the Community's main means of participating in the operating entity. "CommunityCo" will go through the state's background check and licensing process, so it can participate in the operating entity. Once the state approves CommunityCo, Mark will transfer half of his ownership in the operating entity to CommunityCo as reimbursement for the debt. Rather than repay the loan the Community made to Mark with cash, Mark will give half of his ownership interest as payment. We anticipate CommunityCo will be licensed in three to four months. Once the ownership interest transfers, the Community in total will own through the companies that it creates, 65% of the operating entity. This is how the Community will get directly involved in the cannabis business; having ownership interest in the operating entity in addition to the three other Tribal entities we discussed earlier. Eventually, we'll begin branding where we will have to create a fifth company; branding our own brands/strains and potentially seeking patents for some strains. Revenue will begin immediately upon licenses transferring to the operating entity in the form of lease payments to the Community.

The Community will enter into an operating agreement with Mark Abraham once the initial operating entity is formed. The operating agreement is essentially a governing document for the company which states who will be managing the company, where the money is going to go, structured framework of how this company is going to operate, etc. The initial operating agreement will be five years. After five years, each party can decide whether or not they want to renew the agreement or cancel. It will automatically renew if two conditions are met. The first is the Elder Trust Fund receives ten million in gross proceeds from the operation of the initial five year term. The second is if the operating entity opens two provisional (off-reservations) dispensaries. After the initial five years, we would enter into a new operational agreement with new bench marks. KBIC will have the option to buy out Mark Abraham for the amount discussed in the agreement (52.5% of one-year of sales). Mark Abraham will not have a choice in the matter. Mark Abraham has requested to be involved for at least five years. There will be a number of agreements coming forth related to the operating entity, including a lease agreement and a loan document. Mark Abraham has agreed to assist the Community with opening an on-rez dispensary at the Community's request. Opening an on-rez dispensary will largely depend on changes in federal law regarding cannabis.

The minute we take over, there will be a whole different protocol; it will be from seed to sale. Each plant will be assigned a bar code tracking it from one room to another until it hits the transporters hands. There will be opportunities for Tribal Members to become transporters which requires a \$66,000 fee and a certain vehicle. The Community cannot start a transporter entity or a testing entity (2) Niizh

and have to be separate entities from owners of a grow and dispensary. Currently there are two licensed testers in the State of Michigan. A Community meeting will be held to update the membership.

This letter is not intended to be a legally enforceable agreement, and no cause of action shall arise in respect to this letter's execution. All parties acknowledge and agree that this letter shall be superseded by later agreements which include any operating agreements, lease agreements, or promissory notes. If agreements are not fully executed, this letter shall expire and have no further force or effect, and neither the Community or Venco/Mark Abraham shall have any further rights or duties to each other. In the event this letter is terminated, and agreements are not executed, each of the parties agree to return promptly to the applicable party all documentation provided pursuant to this letter. Motion by Robert RD Curtis, Jr. to approve the Mark Abraham Letter of Intent between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Abraham, supported by Kim Klopstein. Ten supported (G. Loonsfoot, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Goodreau, Klopstein, M. LaFernier, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, one abstained (Haataja), 0 absent, motion carried.

President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page three), Vice President Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., gave the Vice President/KBIC Cannabis Development Report (page four), Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page four), and CEO Sarah Smith gave the CEO Report (page five). Council approved the Department Head Reports for May 2019.

Under new business: Doreen Blaker, Treasurer, presented the July 2019 donations. Motion by Rodney Loonsfoot to approve July 2019 donations as: \$2,000.00 for Gold Sponsorship to MTU Parade of Nations; \$500.00 for the 2019 Whirl-i-gig Women's Fishing Tournament; \$800.00 for Ireland Chosa (school trip) to Washington DC trip; refer the canopy purchase for ceremonial funeral fires to the Cultural Committee; refer Rebecca Graham's medical travel expenses to the Marquette Hardship Fund through KBIC/DHHS; and request the OVW Director to present the Sauna request in person at the next Thursday Council meeting — for a total of \$3,300.00, supported by Kim Klopstein. Ten supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Goodreau, Haataja, Klopstein, M. LaFernier, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (G. Loonsfoot), motion carried.

Doreen Blaker, KBIC Housing Department Director, presented three bids to replace the 22-year old Superior View Elder Complex Apartments boiler system. There are grant dollars available for this purchase. After some discussion, motion was made. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve Bianco Plumbing bid for \$32,300.00 for boilers at Superior View Senior Complex, co-supported by Susan J. LaFernier and Randy Haataja. Ten supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Goodreau, Haataja, Klopstein, M. LaFernier, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (G. Loonsfoot), motion carried.

Council adjourned with no further business on the agenda.



# ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The 2nd Reading for Proposed Ordinance 2019-01 Chapter 9.5 Garnishment amending Title Nine of the Tribal Code to grant the KBIC Housing Department authority to garnish a tenant's paycheck to recover for rent owed will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the former Big Bucks Bingo hall during the Tribal Council meeting.

The Tribal Council will receive verbal and written comments from Tribal members at the public hearing in accordance with the Legislative Process public hearing procedure adopted by the Tribal Council.

Copies of the Proposed Ordinance 2019-01 are available at the Tribal Center, KBIC Health Center, Pines Convenience Center, Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Tribal Court, Commodity Foods Center, Housing Department, and Ojibwa Community College. Copies are also distributed to Departments within the Tribe.

#### August 2019 Calendar:

- Aug 2 Constitution Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tribal Center;
- Aug 9 Gov't offices closed: Employee Picnic;
- Aug 15 Open House, 12 noon, Oshki Maaji, KBIC Halfway House.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

#### President's Quarterly Report for the Months of April, May, and June 2019

The following is a summary of activities that occurred in the Office of the President for the months of April, May, and June 2019.

- The Council and the Cannabis Committee toured Fresh Coast Pharms. Fresh Coast Pharms is marijuana grow facility for medicinal purposes. It is the largest in the Upper Peninsula and is near Marquette, Michigan.
- I participated in a consultation with the State of Michigan regarding on-line internet gaming being proposed by the state. I am concerned about the impact this is going to have on our gaming facilities. In fact, it may violate the gaming compact.
- I spoke to Paul Mitchell from the democratic national party. He invited me to a meeting in Negaunee to discuss issues with them at the May 4 meeting. Mascots, VAWA, and stamp sands were discussed. He informed me that a number of high-ranking politicians are going to attend, and it is an opportunity for outreach. I told him I would put it on my calendar. I did not attend. I was also asked to attend the upcoming Democratic Debate in Detroit, MI, at the end of the month. A number of tribal leaders from the U.P. think it would be a good idea to attend.
- I attended a public meeting in regards to the upcoming vote to the wind turbines. The presentation was at NMU. I talked about the effects large wind energy conversion systems would have to our tribal treaty resources, and it was an opportunity to educate people on treaty resources.
- We sent a letter to Representative Jack Bergman. We asked if he would explain why he would not support the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
- I signed the SORNA Grant for three years. In the past, it was only for two years. The purpose of the grant is to implement and maintain the SORNA and make us an independent jurisdiction as opposed to the state coming here. We must maintain confidentiality when using the system for background check purposes.
- Talked to Jay Gage and Katelyn Rader from the Senator's Office. We discussed the issues surrounding the wind turbines, and its impact on tribally protected treaty rights.
- Portage Lake was opened on Friday, April 26, for the quota lake season. We were open for 11 days and harvested about 400 fish
- Attended a consultation with USDA on the Farm Bill. We discussed a number of options available to tribes.
- I prepared for the save meeting and created an outline to discuss the importance of treaty rights to non-Indians. The changing of the habitat is of primary concern.
- I attended a Renovation Celebration at the Ojibwa Casino Resort and gave opening remarks. It was an opportunity to share the history of the casinos, and how the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council issued the first gaming license.
- I talked with Mark Masicotte from the Baraga County Economic Development Committee (EDC). We spoke over coffee at the Hilltop Restaurant. He is interested in collaborating with KBIC on economic opportunities. We agreed to meet three or four times a year.
- I signed an agreement between Baraga County and the KBIC to house inmates at the county jail.
- I signed an amendment for the IHP for the proposal that will be submitted to the Copper Country Intermediate School District to build a home on tribal property. This will help the low income and will be done by the end of next school year.
- I talked to Margie Hail and Gail Jestila about services offered by BCMH and how we can collaborate our efforts in the community.
- I attended a senior banquet organized by the KBIC Education Committee. We recognized our high school graduates, and they received a number of gifts.
- I participated in a Michigan Senate Natural Resources Committee meeting held at the Baraga County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was not to oppose the KBIC application as TAS for water and air quality and to hear from the public. The Baraga County Commissioners went on record opposing the Community's application for a number of reasons. The following day, I talked to Chairman Koskinen and was placed on the June agenda to discuss our concerns of the letter. Commissioner Rolof told me there was no formal action taken on the statements of the Commission. The next day Senator McBroom's office called and asked about the Community's concerns regarding our application for treatment as a state. I gave the staffer my number and asked her to have the senator contact me any time to discuss the issues. Senator McBroom followed up and informed the Community he was still supporting the action to oppose the Community's application to the EPA for treatment as a state for water and air quality.
- I participated in a conference call with the State of Michigan, Wenona Sengel, and other tribes. The purpose of the call was to discuss a possible tunnel under the Mackinac Bridge. Tribes

- are still opposed to the tunnel and are asking to decommission the line.
- We provided a letter of support and agreed to serve as a partner on a project entitled, "Improving Resilience of Coastal Communities Threatened by Contaminants in Fish and Climate Change". KBIC will collaborate with MTU and GLIFWC. We view this project as a continuation of sharing and generating knowledge together. This core research is critical to community priorities as we continuously seek ways to protect and restore Lake Superior Fisheries and our identity as a fishing community.
- I participated in a tribal tour from the DOJ along with staff and other council members. An agenda was passed out, and we discussed the Native American Issues, the Federal Wire Act, cross-deputation, and training opportunities.
- I attended a Marquette Township Commissioner meeting held in Marquette. The purpose of attending was to request the township to reconsider its request related to the dispensing of medicinal marijuana. We discussed the facts and opportunities to the board, and they agreed to form a committee to look into this further. The work group is scheduled to meet in the first week of June. We have met, and the Vice President will have more on that in his report.
- I attended an investment review meeting with M3 Financial. M3 is our fiduciary for our 401k plan. They reported, since January of 2015 the assets increased by over 23% and over that time they have negotiated a 31% decrease in participant-paid plan fees. After review, the committee decided to go with their recommendation that Council accept the Blackrock Fund proposal. The result of that would be an additional fee reduction of nearly 15%. The anticipated results of the recommendation would offer historically better performing funds and decreasing costs. In addition, M3 proposed additional employee education on their investments.
- We have a list of groups and individuals who supported or opposed our application for treatment in a similar manner as a state in regards to water quality standards. The following are in support of our application: The Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition (UPEC), Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Keweenaw Land Trust, Superior Watershed Partnership, Friends of the Land of Keweenaw, Baraga County Democratic Party, and Resident Catherine Andrews. The following is a list of those opposing KBIC's TAS application under the clean water act: Baraga County Board of Commissioners, Michigan Association of Timbermen, Harold Zweng, Township of Baraga, Amy Isaacson Baraga Township Supervisor, Weyerhaeuser, and the Village of L'Anse submitted two comments letters opposing TAS under the Clean Water Act.
- I met in Watersmeet with the Chairman of LVD and his staff on a proposal regarding Nation-to-Nation trade and commerce agreement.
- I formed a Housing Grievance Committee for hearing housing issues. The initial board consists of: Vicki Dompier, Jeffery Loman, Serene Gauthier, Brenda Brunk, and Gary Loonsfoot Sr.
- The Vice President and I participated in a work group meeting with Marquette Board of Trustees. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss medical marijuana ordinance in their jurisdiction. We will continue to attend all of their meetings until our business is up and running in Marquette.
- The Council approved a number of semi-annual 2% requests for donation. We dispersed \$111,738.21 to Baraga County for the first half of 2019. The Council also approved 2% donations in the amount of \$151,299.13 for Marquette County for the same period.
- Attended the graduation ceremony for area seniors whom have graduated.
- I participated in a conference call with the Governor's Office.
  The purpose of the conference call was to update tribal leaders
  on recent discussion regarding Enbridge' line 5 that goes under
  the Mackinac Bridge. They were discussing a possible tunnel
  agreement. Enbridge has chosen litigation instead of acting in
  good faith. National transportation board has said there is nothing that can be done regarding anchor strikes.
- At noon today, the Governor will sign an Executive U.P. Energy Task Force who will be charged with addressing overall energy needs in the U.P. This will include looking at the current distribution of propane in the U.P. This task force will be an advisory board with 13 voting members. They want to have tribal representation and are working to identify a person for that role. They will produce a report including a propane plan to the Governor. They are in the process of reviewing the complaint that was filed yesterday afternoon. Dr. Payment is formalizing a request on behalf of the CORA tribes to see if there is anything, they can do. I was appointed to that task force.
- I met with Senator McBroom at the Baraga Lakeside Inn to discuss concerns of the Community.

#### **President Report continued:**

- I attended another meeting of the Baraga County Board of Commissioners. The purpose of attending was to try to get the commissioners to reconsider its opposition of the Community's application of TAS for water quality standards from the EPA.
- I participated in a monthly tribal state telephone conference. We talked about wolf delisting and moose issues.
- We were asked to attend the next Baraga County Democratic Party meeting to be held July 16 at the Baraga County Courthouse to discuss our treatment as a state application for air and water quality standards. I informed them we would attend to educate and participate in a Q&A. KBNRD will attend the meeting with me.
- I met with Scott Dianda about a business proposal related to a business venture into the micro business of marijuana. They proposed a turnkey operation that includes the building, technical support, and other services.
- I reached out to Ernie Stephens from the National Indian Gaming Association to see if they could assist KBIC in the State of Michigan's attempt to create casino style gaming here on the L'Anse Indian reservation through the internet which is a viola-

- tion of IGRA and the gaming compact we have with the State of Michigan.
- We have closed on the Fifth Third Bank casino loan. We have access to the cash to finish the casino in Marquette.
  - I spoke with Patrick Harden from MDNR about our assessment nets in Beaufort Lake. He said he replied to a number of complaints regarding our assessment nets. We told him there is an opportunity to share data for the protection of treaty-protected resources. We suggested he inform those complaining that we have a collaborating effort; and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community does has assessment nets and that is what they are, assessment nets, and they are helping to protect the resources. I had a discussion with George Madison and others at the MDNR to inform them when they get more of these calls they should inform the residents of Michigan that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community does have treaty rights and exercise them in a manner that is protective of the resource. We agreed to team up to protect the resources.

Respectfully submitted, Warren C. Swartz

## Vice President's Quarterly Report for the Months of April, May, and June 2019

Mino-Gizheb. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, April through June, has been extremely busy. Although, just recently designated as the Director of Cannabis Development (effective June 17<sup>th</sup>), it has consumed a majority of my time for several months, now.

#### April

- On the 14<sup>th</sup>, I, along with Council Representatives Doreen Blaker and Mike LaFernier visited the ELF Facility. We were shown around the compound and were given a guided tour of the facilities and the operations.
- On the 16<sup>th</sup>, I, along with our future operator, Mark Abraham, and our legal advisers: Joseph O'Leary, Craig Aranoff, and Mannie Lentine visited the ELF Facility. This was to familiarize Mr. Abraham with the grow and to give our consultants a visual of our plans.

#### May

- On the 1<sup>st</sup>, Councilwoman Blaker and I held an informational meeting in Marquette, MI. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the Marquette voters of the facts regarding the purchase of the ELF Facility, as well as, establishing a provisioning center, also known as a dispensary. It was also our intention to educate the attendees of the Elder Trust Fund. We spent about 20 minutes informing the Community of the economic opportunity our investment would yield, and about an hour discussing housing issues. Thankfully, Ms. Blaker had anticipated the Community's concerns and was able to address them.
- On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, I organized a Community meeting that was open to the public. We had all interested parties available to present. Presenters in attendance were: President Swartz, Vice President Loonsfoot, Derek Parker from "Fresh Coast Pharms", Attorney Joseph O'Leary, and Quadrant Consulting: Mannie Lentine and Craig Aranoff. A video presentation was given as a virtual tour of the facility. This was provided by Mitch Bolo with assistance from Alden Connor. A Q&A session followed with many community members asking questions and having them answered by those presenting. A rough count showed approximately 60 people in attendance.

#### June

- On the 1<sup>st</sup>, a referendum vote was held to determine whether or not our Community desired to invest \$4,000,000 in the grow and sale of medical cannabis, off reservation. The results of said referendum were 217 in favor and 155 against. These results were certified at the following Council meeting held on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- On June 11<sup>th</sup>, I traveled to Warren, MI, to view Mark Abraham's current grow and dispensing operation. We first viewed the grow which is still under construction. At that time, his operation was around 20% complete. Then, we traveled about 45 minutes north to view his provisioning center, known as "Bigfoot Wellness". This operation was the first licensed dispensary in Michigan and was very well organized and set-up. Patient care is priority one at his facility, and his staff were very helpful with all of my questions. I traveled down on the 11<sup>th</sup> and visited the facilities on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and headed home that day.

I will continue to work towards getting our investment up and running. Recent developments are very favorable to the KBIC's venture. These will be shared in my weekly report to Tribal Council.

Miigwech, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.

## Tribal Council Secretary's Quarterly Report for the Months of April, May, and June 2019

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.

We wish everyone a Happy Summer Season!

Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"

Respectfully, Susan J. LaFernier

Our Regular Saturday Council meetings are now held quarterly. The Regular meeting was held on April 6. There were five Special Meetings during April with a Work Session on April 30. There were two special meetings during May with a Work Session on May 14, and six special meetings during June with a Work Session on June 18. The minutes are up to date and approved.

Members of Council and Departments attended the annual U.S. Attorney (Andrew Birge) and Federal Agency Staff visit and update on May 21, 2019.

For your information: June 1, 2019 Referendum Election results: 217 voted YES and 155 voted NO for the proposal which was 52% of the registered voters. "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 Elders Trust Fund which would be paid back to make 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." There are also 816 eligible voters but 717 are registered (99 voters need to register)! Your vote does make a difference.

100th Anniversary of Action on Women's Right to Vote: On May 21, 1919, the House passed what would become the 19th Amendment of the Constitution by a vote of 304-90. The amendment was ratified by the required three-fourths of the states and became the law of the land a little over a year later, on August 18, 1920. "Leaders like Susan B. Anthony and others have inspired generations of women to live their dreams and to be courageous. They fought to make sure the promise of America was available to women from all walks of life, so "we the people" are able to make our voices heard."

the Judicial Amendment are available at the Enrollment Office. We will be advertising for two members and two alternates for the Constitution Committee.

This report will be published in the KBIC "Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe" newsletter, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website.

April 30, 2019 Work Session

- Reviewed the KBIC Youth Programs Chaperone Policy, and it was approved at a May meeting
- Discussion regarding the CEO Evaluation and Job Description Update.

May 14, 2019 Work Session

 Review/Revision of Comprehensive Strategic Plan Value: "Strong Families".

June 18, 2019 Work Session

Discussion/Review of KBIC Personnel Policy: 4.7 Job Descriptions; 4.8 Job Postings; 4.10 Transfers; 4.11 Promotions and a handout of the Ojibwa Casinos Internal Promotion Employee Acknowledgment Form.

#### CEO's Quarterly Report for the Months of April, May, and June 2019

- MISSION STATEMENT: To provide exceptional services for our membership; a safe, positive work environment for employees; and sustained economic prosperity while protecting our sovereignty and preserving our culture and natural resources for future generations.
  - **VISION STATEMENT**: A Tribe that preserves the Anishinaabe culture, advances economic diversity, provides opportunities to enhance independence, and promotes the health and well-being of our Community.
- 2. Updates: Two trainings were held government wide. These were reasonable suspicion training and dealing with employee conflict. There were several audits that took place. This included: the Welfare Assistance and ICWA Programs, Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Program, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and the pharmacy. BIA Forestry also came to do a site visit. Starting planning with Housing, Realty, and Attorney's office on a joint venture with the local school for building a new house on Beartown Road using Indian Housing Block Grant funds for a low income family to purchase in the future. Halfway House is substantially completed. A punch list has been generated and is being worked on. Staff is currently purchasing furniture for the building. New Acorn Trail water system is up and running for Marquette Trust property.
- 3. Meetings/Conferences: Attended Health Board, Community Policing, Halfway House, Mold Remediation, and Constitution Committee meetings. Pleased to announce that the changes have been made to the request by Council to look at removing the Secretary of Interior from the Constitution. The redline version will be coming to the committee for the next regularly scheduled meeting. These meetings are held the first Friday of each month. In relation to Acorn Trail water system, I participated in updates to Title 15, along with Public Works and Tribal Attorney's office. In addition, I attended the Senior Education banquet that celebrated all the graduating seniors from the L'Anse, Baraga, and the L'Anse/Baraga Community schools.
- 4. **Employee Changes**: Over the course of April through June, there has been three direct reporting changes, which include the Niiwin Akeaa Programs Director, the THPO Director, and the Health Administrator. All are currently in interim positions. The government currently has 314 employees, with 225 Native American, as of 06/30/19. Weekly lists of government employee changes are provided as requested. Summer youth (46) and summer interns (4) have started work during this quarter. I would like to recognize Jason Dunn, Arlan Friisvall, and Kathy Mayo for coming in over the holiday to take care of the generator problem at the health department. Also, I would like to give praise to Carl Rasanen for pursuing rebate funding through Efficiency United for updates to housing units through either the mold grant or through modernization that resulted in a rebate. To date, there has been over \$30,000 received and potentially will be over \$100,000.
- 5. Statistical Data/Case Load Information: Two department head meetings were held. Part of the topics included were: review of budget modifications, vehicle purchasing and the purchasing and procurement policy, reclassifications, potential CEU's to be offered by KBOCC, General Welfare Exclusion Act form, changes to process for the Tier I agreements, and updating the strategic plan from 2017 to identify any new weaknesses or threats, and action plans to address them.
- 6. Financial Update: There is currently a claim being worked on for overpayment of Contract Support Costs received from Indian Health Service in the amount of \$246, 485. Received notice of funding for BIA CLEO in the amount \$47,000, BIA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Invasive Species \$187,428, BIA Invasive Species Management \$49,000, BIA LES Drug Enforcement Operation or training \$22,510, BIA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Wild Rice and Native Plants Restoration \$225,210, BIA Wetland Monitoring \$88,752, Indian Health Service BEMAR funds \$156,000 for New Day and \$105,000 for the Health Department, Forestry Silviculture training funds \$4,380, DHHS Title IV-B \$3,650, and Indian Health Service Diabetes \$161,343.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Smith, CEO

#### **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 <u>ALL</u> 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.



## 2019 KBIC LOAN REPLACEMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2019 KBIC Loan Replacement Scholarship application. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community supports college education for its members. Many students do not receive enough financial aid to pay for their education and must take out extensive loans. The Tribal Council has approved five loan replacement scholarships for college students pursuing degrees during the 2019-20 academic year. The scholarship amount is \$1,000 for the 2019 fall semester and will continue for the 2020 winter/spring semester for the same amount if the student continues to meet the requirements.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member;
- Legal resident of Baraga County or Marquette Trust Property;
- Attending an accredited college/university for the 2019-20 academic year;
- Enrolled as a full-time student;
- Must currently be a minimum of Sophomore status;
- Must provide documentation of financial aid awards and federal student loan status for the fall 19 and winter/spring 20 semesters;
- Must be in pursuit of an Associate, Bachelor, Master, or Doctoral degree documented by their college;
- Must provide a copy of most recent official transcript verifying a minimum GPA of 2.50 for Associate or Bachelor degree and a 3.00 GPA for Master or Doctorate degree

Eligible students must complete an application, submit a copy of their most recent official transcript, a copy of their final financial aid award documents, and a copy of their loan obligation for the 2019-20 academic year.

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 906-353-4117 or at <a href="mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov">amy@kbic-nsn.gov</a>. The application deadline is August 9, 2019, at 4 p.m.



## Grand Opening

August 15, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.

Lunch & dessert will be provided!

Ribbon cutting will be held before lunch.

KBIC Halfway House

1600 Brewery Road

L'Anse, MI 49946

## August Is Breastfeeding Awareness Month!

Please support breastfeeding in public, it takes a community!



Time to make breastfeeding the "Normal" way to feed our infants. If you need help or more information on breastfeeding or the WIC Program please call: Lena Wascher BSN-RN, CLS, at the KBIC Heath System at 353-4527.

# Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Administration Training

Available through the KBIC Health System

After training, receive a Naloxone Kit which includes signs & symptoms of possible overdose, multiple doses of Naloxone, instructions how to administer, gloves, mouth barrier, and emergency contact information.

If you have a love one, or friend, or if you are a caretaker of someone taking Opioids, call

353-4530 or 353-4531 if you have questions or to set up a private training session.

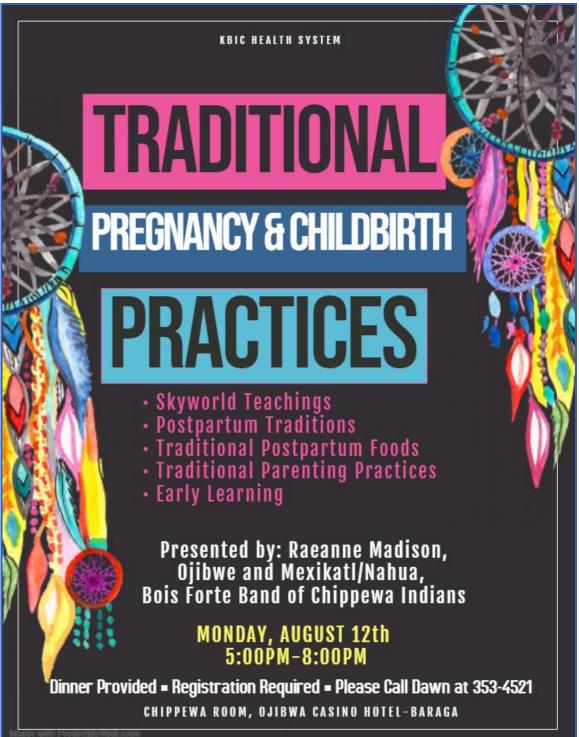
Sponsored by DHHS SAMSA Opioid Response Grant













# 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.

## Travis Gauthier, case #19-070, §3.202, Assault and battery (domestic) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 06/17/2019, #19-070, §3.202:

- 1. Fine \$1,000.00. Half of fine suspended.
- One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, credit for 39 days jail served, 141 days jail shall be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
- 3. Six to twelve months of 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 shall write a letter of apology to the victim and hand it in to the Probation Department.
- Restitution of \$1,352.00 shall be paid to the Tribal Court for processing to the Ojibwa Housing Department in relation to the plea bargain agreement stemming from Nolle Prosequi in regards to case #19-086.
- Restitution to be determined in regards to the victim's expenses and shall be paid to the Tribal Court for processing. The Defendant is reserved the right to a restitution hearing.

## Travis Gauthier, case #19-075, §3.202, Assault and battery – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 06/17/2019, #19-075, §3.202:

- 1. Fine \$500.00.
- One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, 180 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.
- Twelve to twenty-four months of 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 shall obtain a substance abuse screening within two weeks of being released from jail. Defendant shall sign release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.

## Sam Loonsfoot, case #19-081, §5.15, OUIL – 1<sup>st</sup> offense Sentencing on 06/17/2019, #19-081, §6.15:

- 1. Fine \$500.00.
- 2. Forty-five (45) days jail, credit for one day jail served, 44 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.
- 3. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Defendant shall report at least once per month to the probation department.

## Amanda Strong, case #17-212, §8.901, Contempt of court – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 06/24/2019, #17-212, §8.901:

- Ten (10) days jail, credit for ten days jail served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.
- 2. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT's, if any.
- 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's General Welfare Support Program Check shall be garnished until Defendant's Court obligations are paid in full.
- 5. Payment Probation.

## Amanda Strong, case #19-089, §8.901, Contempt of court – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 06/24/2019, #19-089, §8.901:

- Fine \$250.00. Defendant shall perform 25 hours of community service in lieu of fine, to commence immediately upon release of jail. Defendant shall report tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. to work out a community service schedule.
- Twenty (20) days jail, credit for 17 days jail served, three 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, if any.
- 3. Three to six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted pro-

- bation 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 shall report to the probation department as directed by the probation officer and at a minimum of one time per month.
- 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.

## Ashley Beck, case #19-073, §8.901, Contempt of court – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 06/26/2019, #19-073, §8.901:

- Ten (10) days jail, credit for one day served, nine 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, if any.
- 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.
- 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.

## Brandon Cote, case #19-084, §3.608, Obstruction of process – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 06/26/2019, #19-084, §3.608:

- 1. One-hundred (100) hours of community service. Probation office will set up a community service schedule.
- 2. Defendant shall perform an additional 292 hours of community service in lieu of fines/probation fees (\$3,500.00) which the Defendant owes to the Community. Probation office will set up a community service schedule. In the event the Defendant provides proof to the probation office that he is gainfully employed, this requirement will become null, and a payroll garnishment will be issued.
- Twelve to twenty-four 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. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, served 60 days jail, 120 days jail suspended and shall be placed into a remedial order. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. The remedial order shall be enforced as follows:
  - A. First violation the Defendant shall serve three (3) days jail or be released when the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid.
  - B. Second violation the Defendant shall serve five (5) days jail or be released when the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid.
  - C. Third violation the Defendant shall serve seven (7) days jail or be released when the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid.
  - D. Fourth violation the Defendant shall serve ten (10) days jail or be released when the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid.
  - E. Fifth violation the Defendant shall serve fifteen (15) days jail or be released when the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid.
  - F. Sixth violation the Defendant shall serve twenty (20) days jail or be released when the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid.
  - G. Seventh violation the Defendant shall serve twenty-five (25) days jail or be released when the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid.
  - H. After the seventh violation, the Court shall assess time served and impose the remaining days to be served for max contempt.

## Erin Loonsfoot, case #19-097, §5.62a, License restricted – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 07/08/2019, #19-097, §5.62a:

- 1. Fine \$100.00.
- 2. Non-alcohol restricted probation for one-three months with a \$10.00 monthly fee.
- Defendant must provide proof to the probation office that she has worked on obtaining her driver's license within 30-days of Judgment.

## Bart Alsup, case #19-090, §3.1308, Disobedience of a lawful court order – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 07/08/2019, #19-097, §5.62a:

- 1. Forty-five (45) days jail to be served concurrently with his previous jail sentence ordered in case #18-090, #19-002, and #19-003
- 2. Defendant shall be eligible to be released from jail directly into an inpatient treatment facility.
- 3. Defendant shall perform 80-hours of community service when he is released from jail or treatment.

# Deepest Sympathy

Joseph "Butchie" Wayne DeCota (November 26, 1949—June 25, 2019)



Joseph "Butchie" Wayne DeCota, age 69, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at his home.

He was born November 26, 1949, in "Beartown", Baraga, MI, the son of Joseph and Marie (Arsanault) DeCota. Joe graduated from L'Anse High School. He worked for the gas company in L'Anse, Tribal Construction, Erickson's Saw Mill, Menominee River Lumber for 18 years, and Ojibwa Building Supply until retirement. He was married to Mary Geroux, and they had a daughter, Teri; then he was with Mary Bianco for 15 years, and they had

Joey. Joe enjoyed riding his four-wheeler with his dog Albie and hanging out with friends, having fun and partying. Most important to Joe was his family. His children and grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Surviving are his daughter: Teri DeCota of Gwinn; son: Joey DeCota on Marinette WI; siblings: Allen (Lori) DeCota, Mike DeCota both of L'Anse, Ron DeCota, Dave DeCota both of Baraga, and Joel DeCota of MN; niece: Kelly Shelifoe of Zeba; grandchildren: Christian DeCota, Kara Hazen, and Philip Edwards Jr.; great grandchild: Kayden Varline; Mary Bianco of Marinette; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding him in death are his parents; ex-wife: Mary Geroux; nephews: Frederick and Allen Shelifoe; siblings: Margaret Shelifoe and Brian Chosa.

A traditional funeral ceremony along with a feast was held on Friday, June 28, 2019, at the Zeba Community Hall. Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

#### John "Chip" Anthony Knapp

(March 26, 1969—July 13, 2019)



John "Chip" Anthony Knapp, age 50, of Gladstone, MI, passed away on Saturday, July 13, 2019, at U.P. Health System, Marquette, MI.

He was born March 26, 1969, in L'Anse, MI, the son of Archie and Shirley (Hugo) Knapp. John attended L'Anse Area Schools and was a self employed carpenter. He resided in the Escanaba area for the last 30 years. John was a firefighter and emergency responder for Power-Spalding and Harris Twp. He loved carpentry, woodworking, boating, hunting, and fishing.

Surviving are his sisters: Sharon (Robert Meshigaud) McDaniel of Wilson, Jeanne (Kenneth) Meshigaud of Wilson, and Jennie Knapp of Gladstone; brother-in-law: Stan Spruce of L'Anse; nieces and nephews: Aaron Meshigaud, Rachel Meshigaud, and Sean Spruce.

Preceding him in death are his parents; sisters: Pauline Knapp-Spruce and Bonnie Kirschner.

Visitation and service were held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at the Zeba Community Hall. A feast followed the service. A celebration of life was also held on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at his sister Jennie Knapp's home in Gladstone. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

#### **HUNTER SAFETY**

This class will be three days, with attendance required ALL three days. Space is limited, so reserve your seat. Children under 18 years of age will need a parent/guardian's signature. Children under 10 years of age will need a parent/guardian to stay during the class with the student.

Students should bring a lunch all three days.

#### **Class Dates/Times/Location**

August 6—8, 2019, 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Ojibwa Casino Resort (Chippewa Room 2) 16449 Michigan Ave., Baraga, MI 49908

#### **Contact Information**

GLIFWC Warden Steven Amsler, 715-562-0034 or E-mail samsle@glifwc.org to register Albert W. Brunk, Jr. (December 17, 1954—July 20, 2019)



Albert W. Brunk, Jr, age 64, of Baraga, MI, passed away Saturday, July 20, 2019, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. He was born in Woodruff, WI, on December 17, 1954, the son of the late Albert and Elizabeth (Kenosha) Brunk, Sr. Albert graduated from Baraga High School in 1973. He married the former Annette "Annie" Grentz in Assinins, MI, on April 14, 1973. Albert had worked as a carpenter for various construction companies over the years until he retired due to ill health. He was a member of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Albert enjoyed playing and

watching basketball and softball, fishing, going to camp with Ben, and was an avid Tigers and Green Bay Packer fan, He loved spending time with his grandchildren and going on his daily five mile runs with his dog Sophie.

Albert is survived by his loving wife: Annie of Baraga; children: Mike (Katie) Hazen of Watersmeet, MI, William "Bill" (Crystal) Brunk of Baraga, and Patrick (Janella) Brunk of Baraga; grandchildren: Latoya, Mannie, Colton, Michael, Janella, Patrick and Kara; great grandchildren: Dawson, Brantley, Weston, Paisley, and Kayden; brothers: Bobby Joe (Vanessa) Brunk of Watersmeet, David Brunk of Baraga, and Ronald Brunk of Baraga; and sisters: Brenda Brunk of Baraga, Nancy (Dave) Pawlowski of Baraga, and Sally Brunk of Baraga. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive along with his loyal companion, Sophie. Albert was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Sharon.

A visitation was held on the evening of Monday, July 22, 2019, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel of L'Anse. Native Traditional Services were held on Tuesday, July 22, 2019, at the funeral home with visitation one-hour prior to the service. Interment took place in the Baraga Cemetery and a luncheon followed at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, MI, assisted the family.

## EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS STUDENTS

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. Students must be enrolled KBIC members, reside in Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette counties, and must attend a public or private school. A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the requirements of their school district.

The following 32 students were placed on the Honor Roll for the fourth marking period of the 2018-19 academic year:

**Baraga** – Robert Curtis, Connor Dakota, Sara Dakota, Allison Durant, Dhanya Ekdahl, Noah Evans, Bailey Harden, Jalisa Heath, Rylee Holm, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Layla Loonsfoot, Steven Maki, Jenna Messer, Kylie Michaelson, Kylie Peterson, Presley Rasanen, Alana Schofield, Tyler Shalifoe, and Javon Shelifoe.

Houghton - Ireland Chosa.

**L'Anse** – Dysean Allen, Deija Dakota, Kydan Dean, Christopher Genschow, Elsie Madosh, Rion Maki, Willow Rexford, Alicia Stein, Cassandra Zasadnyj, and Paige Zasadnyj,

Marquette – Aden Hamalainen.

The following 46 students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:

Baraga – Cara Connor, Daniel Connor Jr., Robert Curtis, Sara Dakota, Jayden Denomie, Jayme Denomie, Lealynd Dunleavy, Starr Dunleavy, Takoda Dunleavy, Allison Durant, Madyson Evans, Noah Evans, Octavia Geroux, Bailey Harden, Jalisa Heath, Wyatt Hebert, Rylee Holm, William Jondreau Jr., Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Adrianna Kyllonen, Angel Loonsfoot, Kadynce Loonsfoot, Neveah Loonsfoot, O'Dell Loonsfoot, Kylie Michaelson, Presley Rasanen, Alana Schofield, Logan Shalifoe, and Robert Webb-Grisham.

L'Anse – Neldelya Chosa, Kydan Dean, Derek DeCota Jr., Kiera DeCota, Kaylee Forcia, Kobe Forcia, Brendon Friisvall, Elsie Madosh, Hunter Picard, Aiden Rexford, Matthew Stein, Cassandra Zasadnyj, and Paige Zasadnyj.

**Gwinn** – Kaitlyn Shelafoe, Kimber Shelafoe, and Destinee Stanton.

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

#### 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.

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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	
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#### **Baraga County Communities** That Care (CTC)

Work Groups meet once a month for about an hour to tackle tasks.

#### **Community Board Maintenance**

- Establish coalition protocols
- Develop education for new members
- Foster team-building and recognition activi-

#### **Funding**

- Identify resources to aid the CTC process
- Develop a strategic funding plan
- Identify and communicate with potential fun-
- Write grants and proposals, or help with raising funds

#### **Outreach**

- Maintain contact with stakeholders and Key Leaders
- Work with the media to promote CTC
- Develop social media, flyers, posters, brochures, etc.
- Develop and maintain a distribution list for **CTC** materials

#### **Resource Assessment**

- Develop an inventory of existing programs, policies, and practices
- Assess the existing programs
- Identify gaps in existing services
- Recommend tested, effective programs/ policies/practices to fill gaps
- Report accomplishments and findings, verbally, and via a written report
- Participate in the development of the Community Action Plan (CAP)
- Design and oversee an evaluation of CAP





July 31

6-8pm

Niiwin Akeaa Center

in Baraga

Community Talks Town

Hall, with 3 presenters

and questions/round

table discussion

Encouraged to attend

Focus: Underage

Substance Abuse

\*Parents/Teens

Sponsors:

#### **Baraga County Communities That Care**

**Presents** 

#### 2019 Summer Prevention Series



Niiwin Akeaa Center in Baraga

The movie "Resilience" will be shown, followed by discussion

August 7

6-8pm

Focus: ACES (Adverse Childhood ExperienceS)

\*Mature Audiences Only

CMI

6-8pm

Niiwin Akeaa Center in Baraga

The movie "Paper Tigers" will be shown, followed by discussion

Focus: Toxic Stress / Trauma Informed Teaching

\*Mature Audiences Only

#### August 21

6-8pm

Niiwin Akeaa Center in Baraga

The movie "Written Off" will be shown, followed by discussion

Focus: Opioid Addiction

\*Mature Audiences Only





#### **Risk and Protective Factors**

- Review data from CTC Youth Survey
- Collect public data for review
- Recommend priority risk and protective fac-
- Present recommendations to Community Board and Key Leaders
- Reassess outcomes every two to three
- Report progress and findings: verbally, and via a written report
- Design and implement an evaluation of changes in community level outcomes

#### Youth Involvement

- Identify and engage existing youth groups
- Brainstorm ways that youth can be involved
- Recruit youth for walk groups and other CTC tasks
- Coordinate skills development and recognition of involved youth

#### **Suicide Prevention**

- Collaborate with local Suicide Prevention Coalitions
- Identify strategies to educate youth-serving professionals and community members about suicide prevention
- Identify strategies to link individuals at risk of/impacted by suicide to resources
- Implement strategies as appropriate

To learn more, or to join a work group contact:

Carrie Rich, CTC Coordinator

906-201-4024 • BaragaCountyCTC@gmail.com



#### **Baraga County Suicide Prevention Coalition**

## Warr; or Walk

For those who fight & those who walk with you



Crystal Suzik

A walk for suicide prevention & awareness in memory of loved ones lost, in support of those who struggle, & for loved ones left behind. Each day can be a struggle and we fight... like warriors. However, in this community, we never fight alone! Whether you suffer personally, or support a family member, friend or colleague who struggles, we invite you to attend the Baraga County Suicide Prevention Warr; or Walk. Help raise awareness and funds to provide necessary suicide prevention resources and programs for our community.

#### Saturday, September 14, 2019 L'Anse Waterfront Park

9-10 a.m. Registration & Memorial Table 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Guest Speaker 10:30 a.m. Memorial Bubble Release 11:00 a.m. 2 Mile Warr; or Walk Begins

Register or Donate online at www.runsignup.com

Register or donate by August 30th and receive a Warr; or Walk t-shirt with a \$25 minimum donation

Questions? Contact Carrie Rich at 201-4024 or email baragacountyctc@gmail.com

100% of Proceeds from the 2019 Warr; or Walk will remain in Baraga County!



#### **Spruce Memorial Water Walk continues:**

assisted her. Terri Denomie said, "Jessica had moved, and Pauline and I both knew that once we had started something, we should keep it going for at least seven years, so we said, 'Let's do it!" Sadly, Pauline Spruce walked on to be with the creator on May 6, 2016. Terri fully took over the reins these last three years and dedicated the Annual Water Walk to Pauline's memory. Kathy Smith, KBIC member, who is employed at KBNRD, joined in to help Terri. Opening Water Ceremonies began at 6:00 a.m. Participants walked the 17 mile course from First Sand Beach at Pequaming Point to the Sand Point Lighthouse. A feast followed in the Powwow pavilion. Opening and closing comments were made by Terri Denomie, Kathy Smith, and Rodney Loonsfoot. Howard Kimewon tended to the sacred fire and shared a teaching. Photos compliments of Rodney Loonsfoot.

~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor.



## Happy Birthday

## To Our Eldest Seniors

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

> **Beverly A. Pappas** Carol J. Peterson Sylvia J. Murphy

"Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you!" ~Dr. Seuss

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



#### **Blueberry Birthday Muffins**

Ingredients:

One tablespoon softened butter (for muffin tins if you're not using cupcake wrappers)

2¾ cup flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 teaspoons baking powder

Heavy pinch of salt

Dash of nutmeg

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar ½ cup coconut/vegetable/olive oil

1 large egg

1 heaping cup of plain Greek style yogurt

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 385 degrees. Grease the muffin tins with the butter (if not using cupcake wrappers).

In a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, and nutmeg.

In a separate bowl, gently whisk together the 1 cup sugar, oil, egg, vogurt, and vanilla extract. To this, add the dry ingredients and stir delicately with a large spoon until just incorporated and the batter is sticky. Add the blueberries and gently stir to the count

Fill muffin tins 3/4 full, bake 20 to 25 minutes.

#### **Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities**

#### **Current Positions**

Accounting Clerk, full-time, Accounting, closes August 9, 2019

Prep Cook/Elderly Nutrition Worker, part-time, Elderly Nutrition Worker, closes August 9, 2019

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.

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. For Casino jobs — Human Resources Office, Baraga (906) 353- 6623, Marquette (906) 249-4200, ext. 205, or visit www. Ojibwacasino.com.

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