

# WIIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

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## KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY PROUDLY HONORS ENTERPRISE EMPLOYEES WITH YEARS OF SERVICE AT BANQUETS

Enterprise employees were honored for their years of service at both locations. All honored employees received a gratitude gift depending on their years of service.

Baraga held their banquet on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at the Ojibwa Casino Conference Room.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Ten years of service: Mary Barrette (above) and Jerri Nygord (not present).



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Fifteen years of service: Haven Curtis (not present) and Robert Jacobs (above).



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Twenty years of service: Hope Dakota (above, left), Tanya Miller (not present), and Christopher Tschury (above, right).



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Twenty-five years of service: Steve Bish (not present), and Donald Messer, Jr. (above).



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Thirty years of service: Rose Everson (not present) and Nancy Kauppila (above).

Marquette held their banquet on Friday, June 29, 2018, at the Marquette Casino Conference Room.



Ten years of service: Jennifer Brozzo (not present), Ty Curtis (not present), Ricky Laitinen (above, right), and Jason Metcalf (not present). Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (above, left).



Fifteen years of service: Brenda Aldrich (above, right), Dianne Brady (not present), and Kurt Hamalainen (not present).



Twenty years of service: Mary Bawden (not present), Deborah Kurian (above, left), and Chad Rajala (not present).

### Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Jennifer Misegan, Vice-President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Toni J. Minton, Asst. Secretary  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Frederick Dakota  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Rodney Loonsfoot  
Elizabeth D. Mayo



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- July 14, 2018 Council Meeting
- Enterprise Employees Honored at Banquets
- Sherman Chosen incoming KBOCC President
- Danison Crowned Strawberry Queen
- Ojibwa Elders' Birthdays
- New Employees, Who's Who
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- Deepest Sympathy

### LORI ANN SHERMAN CHOSEN AS KBOCC'S PRESIDENT



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Lori Ann Sherman is the incoming President of Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC). She was born and raised in Zeba and is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She graduated from Michigan Technological University (MTU) with a Bachelor of Science



## Sherman named KBOCC President continued:

(2001) and a Master of Science in Rhetoric and Technical Communication (2010).

Lori Ann started her professional career at MTU, working with the Educational Opportunity Department. She worked her way up to Assistant Director. During her time at MTU, Lori had many different roles from teaching first year students to launching a women's program. She worked on diversity programming and curriculum development as well as recruitment/retention of all students. She stated, "When the students come in as freshmen, you know you only have a short time with them, and while you're glad to see them move on in their lives and careers, it's bittersweet. I do stay in touch with students I've worked with throughout the years, and it is very rewarding to receive cards and letters updating me about what is going on in their lives."

Lori also states, "When I graduated high school I had every intention to attend college, but I ended up being badly injured from a fall off a horse, so I wasn't able to start college right after high school. I started taking a few classes at a community college and learned about a transfer program through MTU that offered community college students the opportunity to attend a four-year university for the summer, have a mentor in their field of interest, and be introduced to staff/faculty. This program was called Michigan College University Partnership (MICUP). I eventually became the director of this program and really enjoyed working with many community colleges throughout the state. KBOCC was also a part of the MICUP program."

For the past five years Lori Ann has worked for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as the Natural Resources Director. The Natural Resources Department has numerous programs designed to protect and preserve Treaty Rights for the next seven generations. The department also developed and implements a Summer Youth Program focusing on environmental issues.

Regarding Lori Ann's new role as President of KBOCC, she has this to say, "During my time at MTU I've had the pleasure of working with some of the graduates from KBOCC. Some of our finest MTU students transferred in from KBOCC and have gone on to be very successful in their professional careers. I have seen firsthand all the dedicated hard work KBOCC has done with each individual student and look forward to continuing that high level of excellence. I have been overwhelmed by all the congratulations from family, friends, and most of all the local community."

Lori Ann said, "This is a dream job for me. My passion has always been education. I've personally experienced the difference education can make in a person's life, and I am so excited to be able to continue my career with KBOCC and provide opportunities to my Tribe and Community. I look forward to working with the KBOCC Board of Regents, and we have discussed various strategies to increase our enrollment and offer some new programs."

Lori Ann has a son, Jacob, and future daughter-in-law Mariah. Lori Ann resides in Pelkie, MI, and has two dogs. She has been involved in numerous volunteering activities including working with K-9 units for Search-n-Rescue. She has been a foster parent throughout the years when needed.

## New Employees - Who's Who and Who's New!



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Meet Soumit Pendharkar. Mr. Pendharkar was recently hired as the Health Director at the KBIC Health Systems, Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center located in Baraga, Michigan. He relocated to the area from Traverse City, Michigan, when he accepted the Health Director position,

taking office on June 25, 2018. Mr. Pendharkar previously worked in the oncology program in Traverse City, Michigan.

Mr. Pendharkar has a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science, which is a branch of Sports Medicine, and attended the University of South Carolina achieving his Master's Degree in Health Administration. After receiving his Master's Degree, he worked with a tribe in New Mexico as an Assistant Health Director which laid a foundation for his career choice. He has worked in an Administration capacity for over 16 years, since 2002.

Mr. Pendharkar said, "I have found the staff here at the Tribal Health Systems very talented, and they are truly dedicated to helping others. I'd like to mention a recent event which demonstrates this devotion. Two of our employees, Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo and Michelle Maki were spending the day with others at a local campground, Big Lake, on July 7. Someone at that location be-

came health distressed, fell to the ground, came in and out of consciousness, and needed assistance. These two ladies jumped right in to assist. They started to initiate a code, but they were able to work with him tapping a little on his chest, and he came about. In the meantime, 911 had been called, arrived, and took over. It is really nice to see staff step up so courageously. In a moment of need, they didn't hesitate to help, and that is pretty incredible.

Although there are so many wonderful programs within the Health Department presently, among my goals is to expand our services and our hours for the Community. I really want to increase the availability of hours."

Mr. Pendharkar has been working diligently on a Tribal Opioid Response Grant. Mr. Pendharkar said, "We have a chance to do something very different here, trying to grab the situation. The Opioid crisis is a big problem across the country, not just here. Part of the program will be medication assisted treatment, but we have a chance to do a lot of different things with it too. We want to do medication treatment but include traditional medicine, counseling, as well as non-Opioid things like physical therapy, acupuncture, community education, and Naloxone distribution which is a drug used to reverse an overdose. The idea is to have more options, and I think integrating behavioral health and traditional medicine are the other options that will make our grant very unique. It's a good thing that will bring a lot of benefits to the Community." The Tribal Opioid Response Grant is nearly \$200,000.00 for over two-years. The grant is due August 20, 2018, with an anticipated start date of September 30, 2018. Award recipients are expected to provide services to the population of focus by the fourth month after the grant is awarded.

Mr. Pendharkar said, "Ultimately, you want to treat, you don't want these people to continue to suffer, and there are more and more problems with this disease in terms of violence in the community and families breaking apart, so the ultimate goal is to try to help."

Soumit Pendharkar is married and has a three-year-old which keeps them quite busy. In his spare time he enjoys playing tennis and has found his way to the Gate's Tennis Center in Houghton. He has found the area very accommodating; he just has to drive a bit to find it.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



Meet Dione Price. Dione is the new Environmental Response Program Specialist at KBIC. Dione said, "Growing up in both Baraga and Houghton Counties, I've always had a love for this area and the environment. I have my Bachelor's of Science from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University. I am excited to be working in the Natural Resources Department to help with environmental remediation and preservation of tribal lands. I grew up horseback riding, and in my free time, I enjoy sharing that joy with my daughter."

## DANISON CROWNED STRAWBERRY QUEEN



Sydney Danison, the daughter of Angela (Tollefson) and Randal Danison, was crowned Strawberry Queen at Chassell's 70th Annual Strawberry Festival on July 6, 2018. Sydney is a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community descendant, and is the granddaughter of Helen (LaFemier) and the late Gary Tollefson.

Sydney is a 2018 graduate of Chassell High School. She is a member of Health Occupations Students of America and the National Honor Society. Sydney played on the varsity basketball and volleyball teams. She also participated in the BioAthalon. During her senior year, her Chassell Panther's basketball team advanced to the final game for the Class D State Championship title. She has volunteered by making Easter baskets for Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly. Sydney participated in the Service Learning Class and is a member of her church Youth Group. She loves basketball and any type of exercise. Sydney especially enjoys spending time outdoors and likes to hike, swim, and camp. She is a Level UP Express AAU Basketball alumni. Sydney will play basketball this coming up year at Lake Superior State University, and will major in kinesiology. Sydney plans to become a chiropractor.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



## JULY 14, 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting was held on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., and Rodney Loonsfoot present. Fred Dakota and Elizabeth D. Mayo were not present.

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 Jennifer Misegan gave the Vice President's Report (page five), Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page four) and CEO Larry Denomie III gave the CEO's Report (page five). Council approved the meeting minutes for May 17, 2018.

Under old business: CEO Larry Denomie III brought forth an official request regarding an item addressed during one of Council's recent work sessions. In a personnel policy work session, a change was made in holidays to include the Friday during the week of Powwow as a holiday. However, these changes were not actually approved by motion. The CEO Office would appreciate a motion be made if Friday the week of Powwow will be a holiday, as this will effect department's scheduling. **Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., to approve Friday during the week of Powwow as a cultural holiday, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. Seven supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot), two opposed (Misegan, R. Loonsfoot), 0 abstained, two absent (Dakota, Mayo), motion carried.**

Under new business: Jason Ayres, Real Estate Officer, presented Resolution KB-027-2018, a request by Sandra J. Swartz to modify her residential least on the Herman Road to add her daughter, Robin E. Roe. Council had approved a modification back in 2011 which she decided to not follow through. She is now requesting this modification today. **Motion by Rodney Loonsfoot to approve Resolution KB-027-2018, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Nine supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Dakota, Mayo), motion carried.**

Mr. Ayres also presented bid submissions for the Chocloy Township Expansion Archeological Survey which is required for the Ojibwa Casino Expansion Project in Marquette. Council reviewed the bids and Mr. Ayres recommendation. **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve the bid of Arbre Croche for the proposed phase one Archeological Survey for the Ojibwa Ca-**

**sino Expansion Improvement in Marquette, supported by Jennifer Misegan. Eight supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, one abstained (R. Loonsfoot), two absent (Dakota, Mayo), motion carried.**

Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the July 2018 donation requests. **Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. to approve July 2018 donations as: \$500.00 to Salvation Army for basic school supplies for the local children in Ishpeming; \$1,500.00 for the Fundraiser Benefit (Taco Sale on August 10) for Toni Minton; \$1,000.00 for Private Reception to support Jack Bergman for Congress Campaign; \$500.00 for Corey Pietila request for travel funds to Artesia, NM to attend Durwyn Chaudier's Graduation from the Police Academy for a total of \$3,500.00, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. Five supported (S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot), one opposed (Misegan), two abstained (Haataja, R. Loonsfoot), three absent (Minton, Dakota, Mayo), motion carried.** Jennifer Misegan stated her opposition, "I believe if we are going to start paying for people to attend the graduations from the Indian Police Academy, we need to reimburse those who have gone in the past; especially those who sent five of their family members."

Attorney Danielle Webb presented the application and proposed license for a new business license for Dale Friisvall, d/b/a Friisvall Construction. **Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. to approve the business license for Friisvall Construction, supported by Rodney Loonsfoot. Eight supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, three absent (Minton, Dakota, Mayo), motion carried.**

Council moved into closed session with Susan J. LaFernier on a personnel request; CEO Larry Denomie III and Attorney Danielle Webb in regards to the Baraga Casino Waterline Break Settlement offer; Attorney Danielle Webb with Paul Mooney's Assistant Tribal Attorney Employment Agreement; and Attorney Danielle Webb with Tribal Attorney's Update on the agenda. Council made the following motion upon returning to open session prior to adjournment.

**Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve the Assistant Tribal Attorney Employment Agreement with Paul Mooney, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Seven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (Minton, Dakota, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), motion carried.**

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

## President's Report for the Month of June 2018

The following is a summary of activities that occurred in the Office of the President for the month of June 2018.

- I attended a number of L'Anse Township and Planning Commission meetings regarding the Summit Lake Wind Project. I wanted to learn the nature of the proposed wind farm and more importantly the impacts to the community, wildlife, environment, and treaty-protected resources. I've come to the conclusion that it is up to the L'Anse Township to make a decision on whether or not this proposed wind farm is going to happen. We had attended the L'Anse Township Planning Commission meeting and informed them of our concerns related to the proposed wind farm. The Planning Commission took our concerns into consideration and forwarded them and their recommendations to approve amendments to the Township Ordinance to help regulate the proposed wind farm to the L'Anse Township Board. Unfortunately, the L'Anse Township Board did not approve the recommendations of the L'Anse Township Planning Commission. The L'Anse Township Board is considering another meeting regarding the proposed wind farm, and we will be in attendance.
- Council Member Mike LaFernier, Sr., Natural Resource Department (NRD) staff, and I attended a meeting with Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), U.S. Coast Guard, and the Army Corps of Engineers. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the ongoing issue of sunken vessels near the dock at South Entry of Portage Lake. We discussed with the group to consider amending the KBIC Tribal Code on issues related to sunken vessels. We also agreed to mark the sunken vessel with buoys, so it was visible to other boaters. We also agreed to educational outreach and to work with the Coast Guard to set up some training for all recreational boaters and commercial vessels regarding ongoing maintenance.
- At the request of the Council, I attended a consultation meeting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding the department's proposed reorganization. The proposed reorganization disrupts multiple, closely tied, long-term, established relationships based upon political, social, environmental, and cultural concerns. The proposed boundary would cut through and divide Ojibwa territories for Tribes signatory to the 1842 Treaty, Lake Superior

Ojibwa, and membership in intertribal organizations such as Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) as well as state and local authorities. However, the signatory Tribes still have rights throughout the ceded territory and therefore in two of the proposed regions. If the goal of reorganization is to be more effective, there should be recognition of the importance of the other factors involved in these complex relationships, and more than one factor should be used in making this decision. Otherwise, it is shifting the burden to other entities to establish new relationships, maintain existing relationships, and stay effective while interacting with two regions.

- Another concern is having Lake Superior divided when there are already well-established working groups of Tribal, State, Federal, and Academic entities who understand what is needed and are engaged in long-term monitoring and solutions. Issues surrounding Lake Superior include threats such as aquatic invasive species, climate change, reduced habitat connectivity, chemical contamination, and habitat destruction. Lake Superior is different from the lower great lakes in the need for more of a protective, monitoring approach, as it is the home of unique species such as Siscowet and Arctic-Alpine plants and many of the issues such as algal blooms are not in the basin yet. The Great Lakes have separate committees in recognition of these complexities, and if the lakes are divided, it would alter established networks, which were developed over many years with many resources. We are opposed to the reorganization of the Department of Interior, and hopefully, they will consider our concerns regarding the proposed reorganization.
- I attended an employee recognition meeting at the casino in Marquette. Council Member Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. and I took the opportunity to recognize these individuals on behalf of the Tribal Council and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. It was an honor to recognize our long-term employees and to sit down and have lunch with them.
- The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and I met with officials from the Eagle Mine. We met to discuss an opportunity to protect culturally significant items within the ceded territories of 1842. The meetings went well, and hopefully we can come up with a mutual understanding to protect those important re-



## President's Report continued:

sources. This is ongoing, and we will continue to report on its progress.

- A few council members travelled to the Huron Islands with officials from the U.S. Forest Service. The purpose of the trip was to assess the condition of the island and the general condition of the buildings on the island. The group reported the buildings were rundown and in dire need of repair, the boat docking facilities were unsafe and so were some of the outbuildings. Native Americans have historically used this island in the exercise of their treaty-protected rights.
- Council has appointed Sara Henderson to the position of Appellate Justice, and she has accepted the position.
- I attended the annual graduation ceremonies for our graduating seniors. It was great to see the young students graduate from high school, and we were able to give them their gifts, and wish them great success in anything they choose to do.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren C. Swartz, Jr.

# 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!

"Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional."

~Chili Davis

Andrews,	Ronald	Edward
Birk, Jr.	Leslie	William
Emery,	Gretchen	Lucille
Murphy,	Sylvia	Jeanne
Pappas,	Beverly	Ann
Pennock,	John	Fabian
Peterson,	Carol	Jeanne
Scopetti,	Ann	Louise
Weber,	Dorothy	Gertrude



Please let our Enrollment Office know if someone was missed or information is incorrect by call (906) 353-6623, ext. 4111.  
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## Tribal Council Secretary's Report for the Months of June 2018

**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.

On June 20, 2018, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Mike LaFerner, Sr., Jeff Loman, and myself travelled to the Huron Islands National Wildlife Refuge on Mr. Loman's boat along with five staff from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to formally consult on a government to government basis and tour the lighthouse and surrounding buildings for possible improvements. There are challenges due to its designation as a federal wilderness area and because of the historic buildings.

Mike and I also attended Paul (and Audrey) Frair's Memorial Service on June 22, 2018, in Houghton. He worked as the manager of Tribal Construction for many years and many projects (in the 80's).

The Election date for the proposed amendment to our Constitution to add Article IX Judicial Branch is July 17, 2018, at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens where the ballots will be officially counted.

*Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"  
Respectfully, Susan J. LaFerner*

During June, the Tribal Council held one Regular Council meeting on Saturday, June 2, 2018, three Special Council meetings on June 7, 12, and 21, 2018, and one Work Session on June 25, 2018. Following are the unapproved minutes. This report will be published in the KBIC "Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe" newsletter, and the approved minutes may also be found on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website.

### June 2, 2018 Regular Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the Tribal Council Secretary's April-May 2018 Reports (Susan J. LaFerner).
- Approved the CEO's May 2018 Report (Larry J. Denomie, III).
- Approved the March-April 2018 Department Head Reports.
- Approved up to four hours volunteer leave for employees age 55 and older with supervisor approval (Ojibwa Senior Citizens request for leave during pasta sale fundraisers).
- Approved Resolution KB 020-2018 Tribal Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant Program.
- Approved Resolution KB 018/019-2018 Baraga and Marquette 2% Distributions.
- Approved the June 2018 Donations: \$500.00 to Chocolay Township Police Department (Bicycle Safety Education/helmets); \$360.00 LVD Chairman's four-person golf scramble; \$500.00 Camp New Day; medical travel donation to Rochester, MN, for Patricia Bawden according to the CAP guidelines.
- Approved to publish elder birthdays in the Tribal newsletter each month for those 80 years and older (Enrollment Department).
- Approved to relocate three houses (K.B. Housing Department) at Harvey for the new casino project.

### June 7, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the April 12, 2018 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- The motion to delete (new) Section 11.4 Mental Health Days (for all employees) and keep 6.8 B. Mental Health Days (for New Day Treatment Center Counseling Staff and Youth & Family Services Counseling Staff) was tied and will be brought back for consideration.
- Approved the renewal business license with Jeffery Loman "Keweenaw Consulting" (environmental), June 12, 2018-June 11, 2019.
- Approved Luis Verissimo as a single source for a services agreement to provide geospatial and geodatabase management and support for \$20,000.00 for the Natural Resources Department.
- Approved the Agreement with Hannahville Indian Community for a registered dietitian to provide nutrition services at the Hannahville WIC site, July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

- Approved the B.I.A. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Program for a wild rice study and wetland improvement project for \$61,000.00, April 12, 2018 – June 30, 2019.
- Approved the new business license with Leo Durant "Durant Lawn Care" (lawn mowing) May 30, 2018 – May 29, 2019.
- Approved the new business license with Brent C. Geroux "Superior Lawn Care" (lawn care services), May 30, 2018 – May 29, 2019.
- Approved the bid from ERA Chevrolet for \$27,180.00 for a 2018 Chevrolet Equinox for the Ojibwa Senior program (meal delivery).
- Approved the Information Technology Director Employment Agreement with David B. Zasadnyj for three years.

### June 12, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved Resolution KB 022-2018 support for the grant application for the Cultural Resources Fund (CFR) Phase III "Pathways on a Language Landscape" up to \$50,000.00 for Anishnaabe language and culture education.
- Approved the First Amendment of Design-Build Agreement with Gundlach Champion for the guaranteed maximum price of \$40,000,000.00 for the Baraga and Marquette Casino Projects pending negotiated funding.

### June 21, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the April 19, 2018 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the M3 Insurance (property/package) proposal renewal for one year.
- Approved that all employees at the casinos be included in the random drug testing.
- Motion to not approve the new policy 11.4 Mental Health Days (for all employees) and keep 6.8 B. Mental Health Days for New Day Treatment Center Counseling Staff and Youth & Family Services Counseling Staff. The President voted in favor to make this motion a tie.
- Approved 7.12 Volunteer Leave/Section IV H. Volunteer Leave for the Policy Manuals: With supervisor approval, employees fifty-five (55) years of age or older shall receive up to four (4) hours of paid leave once per month to volunteer at the Ojibwa Seniors Center.
- Approved the updated Personnel Policy revisions: Table of Contents through 4.0 Personnel Selection and Probation.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Luis Verissimo to provide geospatial/GIS Services, July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, with the Natural Resources Department not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- Approved the Appellate Justice Contract with Sarah E. Henderson as a substitute Justice of the Appellate Division of the Tribal Court.
- Approved the renewal business license with Jeremy Hebert "C&C Tire" (tire sales and repair), June 16, 2018 – June 15, 2019.
- Approve the new fireworks permit (license) with David J. Haataja, "Dave's Fireworks", June 23, 2018 – June 22, 2019, and waive the requirement regarding selling/storing fireworks within 200 feet of any residence.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc. to identify and mark harvest boundary lines with blue paint and flagging not to exceed \$18,480.00 until May 15, 2019, for the KBIC Forestry Department.
- Approved Resolution KB 025-2018 FY 2018 Harvest Boundary Determination Project/Contract with Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.
- Approved Resolution KB 024-2018 FY 2018 Timber Stand Improvement Projects "Pawgawgeminne and Mongoose" on the Beartown and Cadeau roads in Baraga, MI, for a total of \$26,000.00.
- Approved Resolution KB 017-2018 Negaunee Township Fee to Trust Application Amendment from the April 8, 2016, application (regarding parcel A and B).
- Approved Resolution KB 023-2018 Chocolay Fee to Trust Application Amendment from the September 11, 2015, application to add the location for the water supply parcels A-F.
- Approved Resolution KB 026-2018 Ojibwa Industrial Park USDA Lease (2016 renewal) with final revisions.



## Secretary's Report continued:

- Approved the change to the Enterprise Manual-J. Selection Procedure 1. A selection committee comprised of the CEO, Personnel Director (non-voting) and three (3) (change to two (2) Business Managers.
- Approved a donation of \$5,000.00 to the Keweenaw Community Foundation (Disaster Relief Fund) Hancock, Michigan, for the recent Houghton County flood disaster.
- Approved a donation of up to \$1,000.00 for Tribal members who were in the recent flood to be used with the CAP policy.
- Defeated a motion to include all counties in the service area for the \$1,000.00 donation.
- Approved to offer the Assistant Tribal Attorney position to Paul J. Mooney (Niles, Michigan).

### **June 25, 2018 Work Session Special Council Meeting (unapproved):**

- Review of the Personnel Policy Section 8.0 Employee Benefits, Travel Policies and Procedures, Annual Leave, Sick Leave, Request for Leave, Maternity Leave, Military Leave, Career Development, Holidays, Deaths, Employee Conduct and Corrective Action, Grievance Procedure, Layoffs/Resignation/Rehire, Sexual Harassment Policy, No Smoking, Chewing Tobacco and E-Cigarette Policy, Theft Policy, Cell Phone Policy, Computer Use Policy, Social Media Policy, Emergency or Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Policy, and 29.0 Amendment.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan J. LaFerner

## Vice President's Report For The Month Of June 2018

- I attended my first United Tribes of Michigan meeting at the end of May. It was great to meet several of the other Tribe's leaders and discuss issues affecting all of us. Pipeline safety for Enbridge Line 5 was discussed with an update from Homer Mandoka, the Tribal representative on Michigan's Pipeline Safety Advisory Board. There were also representatives from Senator Stabenow's office, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, United Three Fires Against Violence, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The meeting ended with Congressman Jack Bergman meeting with us. It is great to hear him speak about tribal sovereignty, the federal government's trust responsibility, and his work to protect them.
- I think it is worth mentioning that the day following the flood in the Keweenaw, I received a call from Michelle Jelnicki who is the Chief of Staff for Congressman Bergman. She left a message saying that the Congressman was concerned that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community may have been affected by the disaster, and they wanted to find out if our members were okay, if there had been damage, and what the Congressman and his staff could do to help us. I immediately called her back to let her know that we were okay and to express our appreciation for them reaching out to us. I don't know of any other elected official doing this.
- I have been participating in production planning for the KBIC Tobacco Company with our partners at Seneca Manufacturing, our CEO, and our Convenience Store Manager. Sales have been going very well. We are now selling our cigarettes in our Marquette Casino. The next scheduled production run will take place in August. We are currently seeking workers.
- I attended the first ever Michigan Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit which was held in Mt. Pleasant and hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community. The amount of information given at the summit was staggering. The depth of the problem, the effects of the crisis on families, human trafficking and the opioid addict, neuroscience of addiction, medication assisted treatment, and practice recommendation in the criminal justice system were just some of the sessions. We also heard from the Interim U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan and the Regional Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. The opioid crisis is clearly a widespread epidemic and will take a combined, coordinated effort by everyone to overcome.
- A work group has been formed to work on a grant opportunity from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration or SAMHSA to fund the Tribal Opioid Response. The work group includes several medical providers from our clinic, the new Health Director, the CEO, Grant Writer, Substances Abuse programs, Police Department, Drug Court, and Social Services. The focus of this grant is the development of a medically assisted treatment program. The grant is due August 20.
- I reached out to the newly appointed Tribal Liaison for the US Attorney's office for the Western district, Sean Lewis. We needed his assistance on two projects; reducing the speed limit on US Highway 41 to 45 mph and an explanation to the State of Michigan regarding our Tobacco Manufacturing License. He listened at this point, so time will tell. We will be meeting him on August 1 at our annual government to government meeting with that office.
- I participated in the Employee Recognition Ceremony for the Ojibwa Casino. It is always a pleasure to spend time with our employees and recognize their many years of service. Congratulations to all of them.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Misegan

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).

## CEO's Report for the Month of June 2018

Our search continues to fill two director level positions. The Team Lead position, formerly held by Liana Loonsfoot, was not filled during the initial posting and has been reposted. My office will handle the oversight until the position is filled. We again had no applicants for the Social Services Director position during the second round of posting. Jacqui Gorczewicz, who has been filling the position in an interim capacity, recently tendered her resignation as well. Her family is taking advantage of a business opportunity in Lower Michigan. Her last day will be this coming Friday, July 20. We had contracted with two former department directors to assist Jacqui during the search for a director. Cherie Dakota has been assisting with staffing, policy, and case review, and Tyler Larson has been assisting with technical and grant compliance. I have meetings scheduled with the Social Services Department this coming Monday.

The Tribe's Pre-Primary Program Director has tendered her resignation to explore other work. Lisa Denomie has been directing the program for about eleven years. The position will be posted.

The planned Community meetings I reported on last month were held on June 18, 19, and 20 at the Zeba Hall, Bingo Hall, and Harvey Community Center respectively. The topics covered included updates on the casino projects, tobacco manufacturing, the proposed Constitutional amendment, and the new Halfway House project. I believe the information provided was well received and a number of questions from Community members were addressed.

On June 27, our casino projects workgroup met with Gundlach Champion. Earlier in June, Gundlach Champion and Cuningham Group, the design and engineer firm working on the project, presented Tribal Council with the final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal. The proposal was only good until the end of June. Tribal Council approved the proposal, pending finalization of the financing. We worked closely with our financing partners for the projects but were not able to meet the end of June finalization. During our meeting on June 27 with Gundlach, we were informed that the GMP could not be held beyond the end of the month due to a number of subcontractors expressing their desire to pull their bids if work did not commence. The next lowest bidders pricing was substantially higher and would increase the projects costs up to \$2 million. Also impacting the budget were material costs due to the tariffs on steel – a significant part of the projects costs. Because of the threat of significant increases to the budget once again, an emergency poll of Tribal Council was conducted to request permission for President Swartz to sign the GMP prior to finalization of the financing. The poll passed, and the GMP was signed on June 29 securing the budgets for the projects.

The cigarette brands manufactured by the KBIC Tobacco Co. are now available at the Marquette Casino location. Production runs are planned for the remainder of the year to ensure supply is not interrupted. The Tobacco Agent position has been posted and is expected to be filled permanently in the next couple of weeks. The position has been filled on an interim basis to this point.

Our new health director, Soumit Pendharkar, began working on June 25. He has settled nicely into the role and has hit the ground running. Patients and staff have been very receptive and welcoming. Patients are being provided with a survey to assist Soumit in analyzing and measuring their satisfaction in real time. The information will be used to improve patient flow and staff efficiencies.

Soumit is also taking the lead in developing a model program to apply for a grant opportunity, related to Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) of opioid addiction. A core group has been identified to assist in the grant development with Soumit to meet the mid-August application deadline.

Work on reviewing and updating the Personnel Policy Manual has been completed through work sessions with Tribal Council. The final revisions to the policy will be presented for consideration of approval at the July 20 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Denomie III, CEO

## KBIC SENIORS

Eliason Law Office is taking appointments for phone conferences for: Tribal Elder Wills and General Durable Powers of Attorney/Health Care Powers of Attorney. Please call Geneva Brennan at the Tribal Attorney's office (906) 353-4107 to schedule a phone conference and pick up intake worksheets. There is no charge for this service.

## August 2018 Calendar:

- August 4—Regular, Saturday Council Meeting, 9 a.m. Big Bucks Bingo Facility, Baraga.



16429 Bear Town, Rd.  
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## 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.



# Kids Thrive Between 3 and 5

The developmental milestones reached during the ages of 3, 4 and 5 are critical to your child's later success in school. A child who is not meeting milestones, or is struggling to learn, may not be ready for kindergarten. The good news is, through the Michigan Department of Education, Build Up Michigan can help make sure your preschooler gets the needed support.

If you think your child needs additional help preparing for kindergarten, visit [buildupmi.org](http://buildupmi.org).



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**\$20,000 CASH SPLASH!**

**END OF SUMMER \$20,000 CASH SPLASH!**

Saturdays in August 7PM - 11PM

- For every 100 points you earn between August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>, you'll earn one entry.
- Drawings take place hourly on Saturdays from 7PM - 11PM.
- 20 Winners will take home a share of \$20,000 CASH!

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Must be present to win, at least 18 years old, and a Players Club member to be eligible for all deals & promotions. Management reserves the right to change or cancel any promotion at any time.

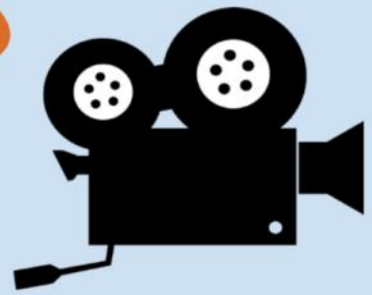






Congratulations to Prince Blake James Maki and Princess Bella Rose Taisto (above, center) on their crowns in this year's Fourth of July Celebration, Baraga County.  
 ~ Collage by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.

# MOVIES IN THE PARK



**L'ANSE WATERFRONT PARK**  
**MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK**

**FREE  
 COMMUNITY EVENT**

\*Information regarding cancellations due to the weather the day of the event check the KBIC YOUTH Facebook page\*



## Featured Movies

**PETER RABBIT - JUNE 22ND**  
**PADDINGTON 2 - JULY 20TH**

**\*BLACK PANTHER - AUGUST 10TH**



## More Information



ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. BRING YOUR OWN BLANKETS AND CHAIRS. DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT. POPCORN AND SNACKS WILL BE FOR SALE BY THE KBIC YOUTH CLUB.

\*AUGUST 10TH MOVIE IS RATED PG-13

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For more information contact Neil Kromer, OCSS Community Outreach Coordinator at [nkromer@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:nkromer@kbic-nsn.gov)

# Loving Support<sup>®</sup> makes breastfeeding work

## KBIC Breastfeeding Support Circle

- A public community-based monthly gathering for those that have breastfed, thinking about breastfeeding, or are currently breastfeeding
- Mother-to-Mother Support
- Social outlet for new and experienced mothers
- Evidenced-based information
- Transportation available
- Make & Take Craft
- Snacks

Baraga Park near  
 St. Anne's Church,  
 Michigan Ave. Baraga

June 6  
 July 11  
 August 1  
 September 5

1:00-3:00PM

Find us on:  
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"KBIC Breastfeeding Support Circle" for updates and discussion



*Live, Love, Latch!*

Register with Dawn for reminder calls! 353-4521

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## Health Center Week August 13 - 17

This year's theme is Healthcare Heroes. We have different events planned for each day. Seminars and events are open to the public. Patients can stop by anytime during the week to be entered to win an iPad for updating their patient registration information. Visit our clinic information tables, vote on our coloring contest entries, and enter to win drawings. All education events include a take away item. Be sure to check out the variety of outfits our staff will be wearing each day.

### Monday Aug. 13 - Kickoff and Blessing

Join us for a welcome from our new Health Administrator Soumit Pendharkar followed by a blessing and yogurt parfaits.

### Tuesday Aug. 14 - Complementary Healing

We have two seminars planned. 10 a.m. Essential Oils 101 and 2 p.m. Walking Two Paths in Medicine a Holistic Approach about blending traditional and modern healing.

### Wednesday Aug. 15 - Healthy Cooking Demos

Come try some food prepared by Dr. Dale. 10 a.m. Improving Nutrition in Your Food and 2 p.m. Sneaky Chef. There will be different recipes and kid's food art activities at each session.

### Thursday Aug. 16 - Cancer Awareness

Mini Health Fair with a cancer focus 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Visit five different interactive stations to learn about cancer prevention, screening, and treatment. Make DIY sunscreen, design a smoking prevention t-shirt, and more.

### Friday Aug. 17 - Patient Appreciation Day

Stop by anytime during the day and get an appreciation bag full of goodies and coloring books for the kids.

## WIC Helps Moms & Babies with Breastfeeding

WIC helps Moms continue to breastfeed when she goes back to work or school. Breastfeeding mothers can even receive a FREE breast pump to use from WIC! WIC Moms who are breastfeeding can receive a food package for up to one year.



### Each month, a fully breastfeeding mother can receive:

4 ½ gallons milk	3 pounds cheese
2 dozen eggs	3 cans juice
36 ounces cereal	
18 ounces of peanut butter	
6 cans tuna or salmon	
\$10.00 fresh fruits and vegetables	
16 ounces of dry beans or peas	

### Even Moms who breastfeed only part time can receive:

4 ½ gallons milk	1 pound cheese
1 dozen eggs	3 cans juice
36 ounces cereal	
18 ounces of peanut butter or 16 ounces of dry beans/peas or canned beans/peas	

### At 6 months, a baby's food package contains:

24 ounces of infant cereal
32 jars of infant fruits or vegetables

### What Do I feed my baby?

Choosing how to feed your baby is one of the most important decisions you make as a new parent. Breastfeeding is a gift that only you can give to your baby. You will provide a healthy start for your baby's life. Breastfeeding is the most natural, healthy, and loving gift a mother can give to her baby. Mother's milk has everything a baby needs to grow and stay healthy.

WIC provides answers to breastfeeding questions. Breastfeeding help is available by contacting Lena Wascher RN, BSN. WIC Coordinator at (906) 353-4527.

Submitted by Lena Wascher, RN, BSN  
WIC Coordinator

## Suicide Prevention

### Suicide Warning Signs

These signs may mean someone is at risk. Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.

- Talk about wanting to die or to kill oneself.
- Looking for a way to kill oneself, searching online, or buying a gun.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Talking about feeling trapped in unbearable pain.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- Sleeping too much or too little.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.

### Talk Saves Lives

You can't assume that someone else will reach out to someone who maybe struggling with thoughts of suicide. Only one in five seeks help who maybe struggling. You can encourage them to make the first step. So how do you talk to someone who may be struggling with depression or anxiety?

Here are some tips on how to talk to someone:

1. Ask if you can talk in private.
2. Ask questions to open up the conversation.
3. Listen to their story and express concern and caring.
  - How are you doing?
  - You haven't seemed yourself lately.
  - Is everything okay?
  - Is anything bothering you?
4. Ask if they have thought about hurting themselves or ending their life.
5. Encourage them to seek mental health services.

Tell them seeking help can take courage, but it's the smart thing to do.

### Suicide is Preventable

When talking with someone avoid minimizing their feelings, advice to fix it, debating on the value of life, or offering clichés. When you do talk with someone listen, express concern and caring, ask open ended questions, and talk openly and directly with the person.

If a person is considering suicide:

- Take them seriously.
- Tell them to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Help them remove any lethal means.
- Escort them to the ER, counseling service, or psychiatrist.

Submitted by Ann Marie Amsler, MSW

### Upcoming Events:

- Breastfeeding Support Group, 1st, 1 - 3 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, by appointment
- Farmer's Market Bus Tour, 4th
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, 1st & 22nd, by appointment
- Parent Circle, 13th, 5:30 p.m., please register
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, 7th, 5:30 p.m., BCMH
- Youth Coalition, 4th & 22nd, 5-7 p.m.
- Movie in the Park, 10th, dusk
- Summer Fitness: Yoga Tuesdays, Move to the Beat Wednesdays, Footsteps in the Forest Thursdays

For more information our services and programs call at 353-4521.

Stop by our second floor waiting area and check out the monthly education table; new topic every month.



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**THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY ANNOUNCES THEIR RECENT GAMING DISTRIBUTIONS**

Since 1993 the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has been making bi-annual payments from gaming proceeds of their casinos to local units of government and to the State of Michigan. These payments are 2% and 8% respectively and are derived from the net win from all Class III electronic games of chance commonly known as slot machines.

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

For the period of October 1, 2017, through March 31, 2018, the total to be distributed to local units of government in Baraga County, which was derived from the Ojibwa Casino Resort-Baraga, was \$117,339.99. The payments approved by Tribal Council for this distribution are as follows:

Baraga County	\$32,284.35	L'Anse Area Schools	\$19,398.57
Baraga Area Schools	\$38,867.01	L'Anse Township	\$ 2,186.58
Baraga Township	\$13,005.07	Village of Baraga	\$ 1,600.70
Village of Baraga	\$ 9,997.71		

Distributions totaling \$146,129.63 were made to local units of government in Marquette County that were derived from the Ojibwa Casino—Marquette for the same period as follows:

Chocoday Township	\$70,000.00	Onota Township/ U.P. Central Trails	\$10,467.63
Marquette County/CAAM, NMU CNAS, Health, SWP, UPAWS	\$51,162.00	Powell Township/ Recreation Network	\$10,000.00
Marquette City/YMCA, Fire Dept.	\$ 4,500.00		

Eight percent (8%) payments are made to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The May 2018 distribution for the Ojibwa Casino Resort-Baraga totaled \$469,359.90 and \$584,518.49 for the Ojibwa Casino-Marquette.

The next cycle of awards will be made in November 2018. Local units of government within Baraga or Marquette Counties may apply. Written requests received before September 30, 2018, will be considered.

**IT'S STILL TIME FOR MIIN-GIIZIS (BERRY GATHERING MOON)**

~ By Dr. Dale Schmeisser

In the Keweenaw we are blessed with plenty of wild and cultivated berries. The strawberry season is past but still have plenty of blueberries, raspberries, thimbleberries, and blackberries. At the clinic we hope that you will get out to the bogs and enjoy the harvest. If you are "helping yourself" to nature's bounty, you are also helping your health. Getting out into nature is good for body and mind (sunshine helps your skin make vitamin D), and being out in nature lifts the spirit. Berry-picking is great physical activity, too. Just remember to bend and lift from your legs, not your back (and maybe wear kneepads!). But the best benefit is eating these delicious, nutritious fruits.

Blueberries grow on shrubs that are in the same family as cranberries, azaleas, and rhododendrons. They are the second-most popular berry in America, after strawberries. Besides tasting great, they are nutrition-packed. This is especially true for the low-bush, or wild-type. Blueberries are rich in vitamins C and K as well as the several minerals. The blue-purple color is due to a high content of *anthocyanins*. Anthocyanins are antioxidants that repair the damage that radiation or chemicals do to the body. They help prevent certain cancers as well as heart disease. They keep your immune system healthy. There is lot of new research showing that blueberries protect your eyes from macular degeneration and preserve memory.

Blueberries are an important part of the traditional Ojibwa diet. During miinike-giizis, they are eaten fresh, but some of the harvest is dried for use through the rest of the year. Fresh or dried blueberries make a wonderful addition to cooked wild rice—add a drizzle of maple syrup for a very tasty breakfast or side dish at any meal (this recipe can be found in *Mino Wiisinidaa!* A cookbook developed by GLIFWC).

Blueberries are a healthy addition to a meal for people watching their weight or their blood sugar. A cup of fresh blueberries has about 80 calories, 20 g of carbohydrate and 4 g of fiber.

But what about *Miin-aan baash kimini-sij-i-gan bitooyin sij-i-gan-i-bukwayszhiigan* \*? Yes, the goodness of the berries is still there, but at a cost. One-eighth of a 9" blueberry pie has 360 calories and 50 g of carbohydrate. Ouch!

\*--blueberry pie as translated to Ojibwa. At 55 letters, it's considered the longest word in the Ojibwa language.

**SUMMER FITNESS**  
 Kbic Health System  
 JUNE - AUG 2018

**10:30AM TUES**

**SLOW FLOW MINDFULNESS**

June 5 - Aug 14 | Senior Center | Light stretches, mindful breathing, coping skills through group support talking circles and reawaken the soul.

**5:30PM TUES**

**EVERY BODY YOGA**

June 5 - Aug 14 | Zeba Hall | Yoga for every body type, families encouraged. Enjoy views of Lake Superior and reawaken the soul. Mats provided.

**5:30PM WED**

**MOVE TO THE BEAT**

June 13 - Aug 15 | Powwow Grounds | Get your heart pumping in this native inspired dance class with Mother Earth at your feet. Powwow Dancers new or advanced invited! Open to all. \*Week of Powwow class will be Monday!

**6:00PM THUR**

**FOOTSTEPS IN THE FOREST**

June 7th @ Canyon Falls July 19th @ Mount Arvon  
 June 14th @ Little Mountain \*Monday July 30th @ Falls River in L'Anse  
 June 21st @ L'Anse Twp Park August 2nd @ Black Slate Falls  
 June 28th @ Big Ericks Falls 9th @ Power House Falls  
 July 12th @ Point Abbaye 16th @ Sturgeon Falls/Gorge

If weather does not permit outdoor class, alternate class will be held at Intention Yoga and Wellness Center at 4 Meador street, same time. Please call Shanell @ 906-201-1272 for questions concerning classes.

**24/7**

**FREE SPIRIT FITNESS**

Niiwin Akeaa Community Center | FREE for all KBIC Tribal Members!

A physical activity for every BODY! Every session is a great way to get moving, get fit and relieve stress! All Courses are drop-in style. We have started a continuing seasonal fitness calendar of courses in collaboration with the KBIC Youth Programs, Free Spirit Fitness, Seniors Elders Program, Intention Yoga and Wellness, the BALAC Grant and the REACH Grant. In case of weather cancellations, all courses will be updated on KBIC Health System Facebook. All courses require parent supervision for children under 12.



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**Lunch and Learn**

Friday 10 August at Noon

In the Baraga Ojibwa Casino

Conference Room

**Living in the Land of Dark Fruits**

Karena Schmidt from the KBIC Natural Resources Department will share insights and stories of our beloved berries

**and A Paradise for Thimbleberries**

Betsey Leinonen from the KBOCC will share findings of her recent research on Thimbleberry populations on KBIC lands

- Berries are delicious and nutritious
- Dark fruits give us many useful medicines
- Protecting berry habitat has far-reaching impacts

*Our Tribal Lands are home to a bounty of fruits dark in color. Stories of harvesting delicious and wholesome fruits fill the traditions, memories and anticipation of many families.*



The Lunch and Learn Series, celebrating Food Sovereignty, is made possible by a collaboration of the KBIC Natural Resources Department and the KBOCC.  
 Contact Kathy Smith or Karena Schmidt at NRD 524-5757 / DeAnna Hadden 524-8209 or Kit Laux at 524-8410 at KBOCC.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Healing To Wellness participants held a fundraiser event at the Pines Convenience Center pumping gas for donations on Friday, June 22, 2018, donating the full amount, \$172.00, to Copper Country Strong—Houghton County Flood Relief. Pictured above (left to right), Caroline Picard, Vanessa Beaver, Chad DeCota, Beverly Cardinal, Gavin Loonsfoot, and Bryan Van Dyke.



# Deepest Sympathy

**Vivian M. Shelafae Waatts**  
(July 11, 1930—May 30, 2018)



Vivian M. Shelafae Waatts passed away at Eden Center in Kalkaska, MI, on May 20, 2018. She was a resident there for three-and-a-half years following a devastating stroke. She spent six-and-a-half years previously at Laurels of Kent in Lowell, MI.

Vivian spent the majority of her life in Champion, MI. She enjoyed reading, shopping at "Vinnie's", and a great slot machine. She always kept a journal and was quite witty.

Vivian was preceded in death by her mother, Nora; brothers: Joe and George; sisters: Josephine, Ruth, and Joyce; infant daughters: Rhea and Jane; infant son, Ronald; granddaughter, Trisha; and nephews: Robert (Sonny) and Jeff.

She is survived by sons: Roger, Randy, and Michael; daughters: Reria, Rachel, and Judy; grandsons: Kelly, Erik, Clinton, and Zachary; granddaughters: Christie and Amber; great grandsons: Nicholas and Anthony; great granddaughter, Catherine; and many nieces and nephews.

Vivian was brought home to her beloved U.P., and ashes were scattered at a chosen location.

~ submitted by Rachel Darrah, aka "CooCoosh"

**Gladys Rantanen**  
(October 27, 1961—June 30, 2018)



Gladys Rantanen (Turtle), age 56, of Baraga, Michigan, passed away on June 23, 2018, at the Baraga County Hospital. Gladys was born in L'Anse, the daughter of the late George and Betty (Barbano) Rantanen.

After becoming a single mother of four children, Gladys returned to high school to fulfill her dream of becoming a graduate in 1990. She was employed with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as a housekeeping supervisor at the Ojibwa Casino and finished her working career as a cashier at the Pines Convenience Center after many years.

Gladys was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Ojibwa Seniors. She loved decorating, especially for Halloween; beading; gardening; rummaging; camping; going to the casino; and spending time with her grandchildren and family. Her house was always open to anyone who needed a place to stay and she made a killer fry bread. Gladys was known as the pitcher on the women's Zeba softball team and presented some excellent horseshoe and pool skills back in the day.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, George Selden; brother, Randall Rantanen; sister, Paula Rantanen; and infant sister, Marion Rantanen.

Survivors include: the love of her life Gary Mayo; daughter, Laurie (Wayne) Champagne; sons: John Selden of Monroe, and David Selden of Zeba; brothers: Walter (Avis) Leinonen of L'Anse, and David (Chris) Rantanen of Manistique; sister, Mary (Wayne) Kostamo of Pelkie; grandchildren: Holley, Wayne, Briana, Montana, Amy, Katie, Christopher, Abby, George, and Riley; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral ceremony was held on Thursday, June 28, 2018, at the Zeba Community Hall with Rev. Steve Rhoades officiating. A Native Feast followed. Burial will be in the Pinery Cemetery. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

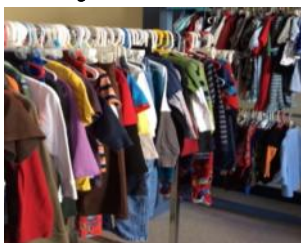
## Chi Miigwech!

We would like to thank each and every one who contributed in any way with the Foster Children's Clothing Closet. Your response has been so great, that we are still in the process of organizing what was donated. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist with the closet, please contact Tribal Social Services at (906) 353-4201. Thanks again!

**Thank you —**  
Anderson, Venus  
Ballor, Jenna  
BCMHS staff  
Beaver, Vanessa  
Boyd, Andrea  
Chaudler, Jade  
Chosa, Joyce  
Cote, Danielle  
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## 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.

**Taylor Havican, case #17-192, \$3.202, Assault and battery - domestic - 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 06/20/2018, #17-192, \$3.202:**

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Thirty days jail to be served. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Payment Probation. Defendant is financially responsible for any drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Defendant shall report to the Probation Department within 24 hours after released from jail or the next business day.

**Edward Gray, case #17-240, \$3.202, Assault and battery - domestic - 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 06/20/2018, #17-240, \$3.202:**

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty days jail, credit for two days jail served, 90 days jail to be served, 88 days jail suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Defendant shall report one-time per month in person or as directed by the Probation Office.
5. Defendant shall follow all recommendations of his substance abuse and anger management assessments until successfully completed. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
6. Defendant shall report to the Probation Department within 24 hours after released from jail or the next business day.

**Aaron White (McGeshick), case #18-063, \$3.1706, Controlled substance - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 07/02/2018, 18-063, \$3.1706:**

1. Fine \$1,000.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty days of jail, credit for 27 days jail served, 153 days jail suspended.
3. Aaron White shall be banished from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community upon release from the Baraga County Jail until further Order of the Court. Mr. White may contact the Court with a Motion to lift the banishment once he has satisfied his substance abuse screening recommendations and has paid 50% of his Court obligations. The amount to be paid is \$6,200.45.
4. The Defendant shall be released from the County Jail today, 12:00 noon.
5. Defendant shall implement a consent for his Per Cap distribution to be garnished to KBIC Tribal Court for payment on his Court Obligations.

**Jay Gauthier, case #18-050, \$3.412, Illegal entry upon lands - 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 07/02/2018, #18-050, \$3.412:**

1. Fine \$150.00.
2. Thirty days jail, 30 days jail suspended. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses that occur while incarcerated.
3. One to six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
4. Defendant shall obtain a driver's license before he will be eligible to be released from probation.
5. Defendant will not be allowed to go to Florida until he is released from probation.



Come Celebrate  
**CHILD SUPPORT  
AWARENESS MONTH**  
at KBIC Tribal Court



**MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018**  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Free for all ages:**
- Bounce House
  - Snow Cones
  - Hotdogs
  - Chips
  - Pop



For more information, contact KBIC Office of Child Support Services at (906) 353-4566

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



**2018 KBIC LOAN REPLACEMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE**

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2018 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 2018-19 academic year. The scholarship amount is \$1,000 for the 2018 fall semester and will continue for the 2019 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 2018-19 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 18 and winter/spring 19 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/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 2018-19 academic year.

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at [amy@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov). The application deadline is August 10, 2018, at 4 p.m.

**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS**

**Rodney Loonsfoot, Tribal Council/Tribal Veteran Service Officer**

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
16347 Ojibwa Industrial Park Rd, Baraga, Michigan 49908  
[veteranaffairs@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:veteranaffairs@kbic-nsn.gov)

(906) 353-VETS Office (906) 201-4448 Cell

OFFICE HOURS; Mon, Tues, Wed, 9 am —12 pm

PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENT

Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Monthly upcoming meetings, held at 6:00 pm — August 15, and September 19. Meetings are subject to change. Special meetings for Powwows/funerals will be announced.

The Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Honor Guard) now has two new Veteran Memorial Silhouettes for sale. Memorials are four feet high and five feet wide. This Memorial Silhouette is perfect for your yard to remember the sacrifices of all our veterans. Perfect for all holidays as gifts.

Memorial silhouettes are custom made to order by our KBIC veterans. Please help support our Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society. COST: \$150.00.

Please call Rodney Loonsfoot @ 353 VETS or 201-4448 to place your order or e-mail [rcrodney@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:rcrodney@kbic-nsn.gov). Please indicate cross or eagle staff. We will raffle one of each during the 4th of July activities. All proceeds will go towards veteran programming and activities.

Miigwech for your future kindness.



Rodney Loonsfoot  
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
Tribal Veteran Service Officer

100% of Proceeds from the 2018 Warrior Walk will remain in Baraga County!

**Baraga County Suicide Prevention**

**Warrior Walk**

For those who fight & those who walk with you



Rebecca Tervo, Guest Speaker, Bestselling Author, Loss & Empowerment Coach

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 Warrior Walk. Help raise awareness and funds to provide necessary suicide prevention resources and programs for our community.

**Saturday, September 8, 2018  
L'Anse Waterfront Park**

- 9-10 a.m. Registration & Memorial Table
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Guest Speaker
- 10:30 a.m. Memorial Balloon Release
- 11:00 a.m. 2 Mile Warrior Walk Begins

Register or Donate online at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com)

Register or donate by August 27th and receive a Warrior Walk t-shirt with a \$25 minimum donation

Questions? Contact Pam Dove 524-3449 or email [pdove@bcmh.org](mailto:pdove@bcmh.org)



**KBIC HEALTH SYSTEM ANNUAL NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK 2018  
UPDATING OUR PATIENT REGISTRATION!**

**LUCKY DRAW**

**SUBMIT ANYTIME: AUG 13 -17  
VOTING ENDS: AUG 17TH @4:30PM**

**RULES:** You must be a registered patient here to be a part of the contest which means being a tribal member or descendant who receives medical and dental services at the clinic. Need not be present to win.  
**DETAILS:** There will be a card box with registration cards next to it in our reception area for Health Center Week August 13-17th. Each registered and active patient must completely fill out the registration card and put it in the card box to be in the drawing. We will make sure that there is only one entry per patient before the drawing takes place. Good Luck!

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities**



**Current positions:**

- Accounting Clerk, full-time, open until filled
- Carpenter, full-time (Housing) Aug. 1, 2018, 4 pm
- Cleaning Person, part-time, open until filled
- Director of Social Services, full-time, open until filled
- IT Help Desk Technician, (IT Dept.) August 2, 2018, 4 pm
- OVW Programs & Services Team Lead, full-time, open until filled
- Payroll Clerk, full-time, open until filled
- Physician, full-time, open until filled
- Teaching Assistant, part-time (Pre-Primary) Aug. 1, 2018, 4 pm

<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)**

**FY 2018 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\* (Effective Oct. 1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2018)**

\*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:				Alaska:			
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,005	+	\$1,165	1	\$1,255	+	\$1,528
2	\$1,354	+	\$1,514	2	\$1,691	+	\$1,964
3	\$1,702	+	\$1,862	3	\$2,127	+	\$2,400
4	\$2,050	+	\$2,220	4	\$2,563	+	\$2,836
5	\$2,399	+	\$2,598	5	\$2,999	+	\$3,272
6	\$2,747	+	\$2,975	6	\$3,435	+	\$3,720
7	\$3,095	+	\$3,323	7	\$3,870	+	\$4,155
8	\$3,444	+	\$3,672	8	\$4,306	+	\$4,591
Each additional member			+ \$349	Each additional member			+ \$436



Share Your Home and Heart  
With a Native Child



Become a Foster Parent



Our Children Are Our Future

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
Tribal Social Services  
16429 Bear Town Road  
Baraga, MI 49908  
906-353-4201

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**  
Office of Child Support Services  
P.O. Box 490, Baraga, MI 49908  
Phone: 906-353-4566  
Fax: 906-353-8132



"YOUR Children ...  
OUR Priority"

**We provide the following services:**

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

**August 1st - Happy 3rd  
Birthday Vada Darling Veker!**  
Love, from  
Grandma &  
Grandpa P.

(12) Ashi Niizh



PRE-SORT STANDARD  
U.S. Postage PAID  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
Permit No. 62

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
16429 Bear Town Rd-Baraga, MI 49908-9210

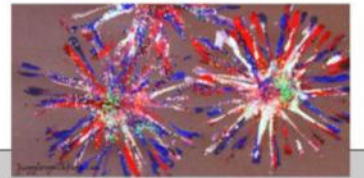
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Second Monday!  
July 9th  
August 13th

Ojibwa  
Pow-Wow Grounds  
Pavilion, Baraga



- Free, public, and consistent monthly event promoting family engagement— children must be supervised
- Focus group is 0-5 and their siblings
- Book for each family
- Wear clothes that may get dirty
- Make-and-Take project each month
- Snacks included



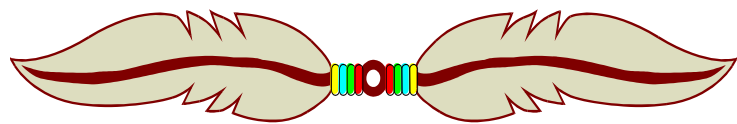
July: Fireworks craft and harvest and make traditional teas

August: Making garden stones using kits for your yard or a gift



Supplies are limited.  
Please register with Dawn! 353-4521

Sponsored by KBIC Family Spirit and Healthy Start Programs



**KBIC Health System**  
DONALD A. LAPOINTE  
HEALTH & EDUCATION CENTER

# 2018 National Health Center Week

## Kickoff - Blessing

**AUG 13** w/Yogurt to follow. 12:30PM  
Celebrating Health Centers: Home of America's Health Care Heros

## Complimentary Healing

**AUG 14** Essential Oils Seminar 10AM,  
Walking Two Paths in Medicine a Holistic Approach Seminar 2PM

## Healthy Cooking Demos

**AUG 15** Improving Nutrition in Your Foods 10AM,  
Sneaky Chef for Kids 2PM \*Kids food art at each session

## Cancer Awareness

**AUG 16** Mini Health Fair 1-3PM  
\*Kids Activity

## Patient Appreciation

**AUG 17** Stop by for a patient appreciation bag and coloring books for kids all day.

- Update your Patient Registration during Health Center Week & be entered in to win one of four ipads!  
- Stop by all week to vote on the coloring contest!

**INCENTIVES EACH DAY! FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT @KBICHEALTH ON FB OR KBICHEALTH.COM**

**#NHCW18 #CHCSuperPower**