

# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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## KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY NEGOTIATES PURCHASE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROW AND DISPENSARY FACILITY

On June 1, 2019, KBIC Voters approved at the Referendum Election to support an investment of 4 million dollars for the acquisition of a medical marijuana grow and dispensary business. Three-hundred-seventy-three voters (52% of registered voters) chose to vote in this matter where 217 voters said yes, and 155 voters said no. Council motioned to approve the Referendum Election results at their June 6, 2019 Tribal Council Meeting.

The investment will come from the Elder's Trust Fund which will be paid back to keep it solvent. The investment will

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.

At the June 14, 2019 Tribal Council Meeting, Council appointed Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., in an Interim position as the KBIC Cannabis Developer for the KBIC Medical Marijuana Grow and Dispensary business.

A Letter Of Intent to Derek Parker, current owner, and Fresh Coast Pharms, LLC, was approved at the June 13, 2019 Tribal Council meeting.

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## SENIOR BANQUET HELD HONORING KBIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

### BARAGA GRADUATES

**Opal Ellsworth** is the daughter of Robert Ellsworth. She has been on the honor roll and has achieved perfect attendance numerous times. She was a member of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and participated in the Trio-Upward Bound Program. Opal's hobbies are reading and drawing. Her artwork has been displayed at the Copper Country Community Arts Center for the Youth Art Month exhibit. She plans on attending Northern Michigan University majoring in Digital Cinema.

**William Jondreau, Jr.** is the son of Roberta Fitch and William Jondreau, Sr. He has been on the honor roll and achieved perfect attendance numerous times. He was also

Student of the Week. He participated in several sports, playing three years of varsity football, three years of varsity track, two years of varsity basketball, cross country and golf. In his senior year, he was voted the team captain of his basketball team and earned Copper Country Conference, all conference honors. He was also named the Senior Male Athlete of the year at the sports banquet. He volunteered at school to work with younger students, helped organize homecoming and the prom, was the senior class vice-president, and was voted Homecoming King. He has been a Summer Youth employee and completed an internship through Michigan Tech University at the Ford Forestry Center. William's hobbies are spending time with friends, hunting, driving four-wheelers, and fishing. He will be attending Gogebic Community College this fall, majoring in Criminal Justice. After earning his associate's degree, he will transfer to Northern Michigan University to earn a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.



She is a National Honor Society member and has achieved honor roll status and perfect attendance many times during her school career. She has also been Student of the Month. At graduation, she was given an award for Faculty Choice for Outstanding Senior. She was a member and captain of the L'Anse/Baraga Bowling team. This year she placed third in the Upper Peninsula Bowling Conference and scored the most points scored on her team. She enjoys reading and playing video games. She treasured time spent with her grandmother who helped her become the person she is today. She plans on attending Northern Michigan University this fall, majoring in Anthropology. She hopes to study abroad while in college, so she can see other cultures and understand them.



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Loonsfoot Chosen Lumberjack Days Military Escort
- Wikwedong Ogichidaa Society Memorial Services
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**Jenna Messer** is the daughter of Mary Messer and the late David Ek-dahl. She is a National Honor Soci-



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KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
 HOPES TO REGULATE THEIR WATER

**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 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, 2018, through March 31, 2019, the total to be distributed to local units of government in Baraga County derived from the Ojibwa Casino Resort Baraga, was \$111,738.21. The payments approved by Tribal Council for this distribution are as follows:

Baraga County	\$ 743.10
Baraga Area Schools	\$ 37,011.51
Baraga Township	\$ 12,384.21
Village of Baraga	\$ 9,520.42
L'Anse Area Schools	\$ 18,472.49
L'Anse Township	\$ 2,082.20
Village of L'Anse	\$ 1,524.28
Baraga Township/Bay Ambulance	\$ 20,000.00
Baraga Village/Baraga Fire Department	\$ 10,000.00

Distributions totaling \$151,299.13 were made to local units of government in Marquette County derived from the Ojibwa Casino—Marquette for the same period are as follows:

City of Marquette/U.P. Children's Museum	\$ 3,229.56
Chocoley Township/Water Tower, Fire, Police, PW	\$ 76,000.00
Marquette County/SWP, RSVP	\$ 33,229.57
Forsyth Township/T.E.A.M.	\$ 2,500.00
Marquette Township/Fire Dept.	\$ 27,314.00
Powell Township/Bay Cliff Health Camp	\$ 4,026.00
Sands Township/Fire Dept.	\$ 5,000.00

Eight percent (8%) payments are made to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The May 2019 distribution for the Ojibwa Casino Resort-Baraga totaled \$446,952.76 and \$605,196.50 for the Ojibwa Casino-Marquette.

The next cycle of awards will be made in November 2019. Local units of government within Baraga or Marquette Counties may apply. Written requests received before September 30, 2019, will be considered.

**LOONSFOT CHOSEN AS 2019 BARAGA  
 LUMBERJACK DAYS MILITARY ESCORT**



Miigwech! My name is Rodney Loonsfoot, and I am married to my lovely wife, Jammie Loonsfoot. I have four children and eight grandchildren. In 1982, I enlisted in the Michigan National Guard as a Food Service Specialist. In 1984, I enlisted in the United States Marines and completed Boot Camp in San Diego. I was assigned to 3rd BN, 1st Marines on Camp Pendleton, California. In 1987, I reenlisted during my deployment in the Western Pacific. In 1992-1993, I served with 2nd BN, 9th Mar during Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. I have completed four deployments on ship while overseas and a one-year deployment to the Philippines and Okinawa. Currently, I serve as the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Veteran Service Representative and Adjutant for the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Veterans). I also serve on the KBIC Tribal Council. It is truly an honor to continue to serve our Veterans in all that I do. Our Veterans will continue and forever be our heroes! Miigwech for this honor as Military Escort for the 2019 Baraga Lumberjack Days.

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The Little Carp River flows through the L'Anse Indian Reservation, home of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. If the Tribe's application to the EPA is approved, they'll be able to set their own surface water quality standards on the reservation.

The Environmental Protection Agency is currently seeking public comment on an application for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) to set their own water quality standards. The KBIC is based out of L'Anse Township in the Upper Peninsula.

Stephanie Cree, Water Resources Specialist for the Tribe, said, "KBIC will be the first tribe in Michigan to have this authority. It's going to allow us to set our own water quality standards for the waters here on the reservation. Right now we follow the standards of state and federal guidelines."

Cree says that if their application is approved, the Tribe will be able to regulate on or off-reservation polluters if they are affecting waters on the reservation. The Tribe wants their standards to be more stringent than EPA standards, but Cree says they won't make any of them unreachable.

"We have close to 15-years of water data that we'll look at from the waters we've tested here in past," Cree said. "We're going to take all that into account."

KBIC's Natural Resources Director, Evelyn Ravindran, says they want to keep current water quality for now. "Where there are impairments that we see, maybe we see it as more of a long-term goal that gradually those standards will change over time," Ravindran said.

The Tribe wants standards on the reservation to be more protective because they are more exposed to environmental contamination through fishing, hunting, and gathering practices.

They also see stewardship of the water as a cultural responsibility. Ravindran said, "We hope to someday be able to set our own air quality standards as well." They want air quality on the reservation to be regulated at standards similar to those for a wilderness area.

Stephanie Cree said, "There are other tribes in Wisconsin and Minnesota that have approval to regulate their own water quality, and we hope it will spread through Michigan. After we get approved, I hope the other tribes will follow us."

The public comment period for the Tribe's application ended on May 23.

**FAMILY FUN — ENJOYING A GAME OF KICKBALL—  
 FATHER'S DAY EVENT**

The KBIC Youth Club sponsored the Father's Day Kickball event this year. This is the third year the event has been held at KBIC. Rodney Loonsfoot, KBIC Tribal Council Member and Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Representative, enjoyed volunteering his time as he organized the event. Approximately 40 people participated in a game of kickball on Saturday morning, June 15, 2019, at the Armory Field in Baraga, Michigan. Loonsfoot said, "It was a pretty good turnout considering the number of events being held that day. A picnic lunch was served with Tina Owens volunteering as our cook."



~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor.



# Come Celebrate Lake Superior Day!

A Lake Superior Day beach clean-up will be held on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the Sand Point day use area in Baraga at 9:00 a.m. for an opening ceremony followed by the beach clean-up. After the beach clean-up there will be a Lunch and Learn Presentation along with other fun activities.



For more information contact:  
Shannon DesRochers (906) 524-5757, ext. 22  
[sdesrochers@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:sdesrochers@kbic-nsn.gov)

**When:** Friday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
**What:** Beach clean-up from Assinins to Pequaming  
**Where:** Meet at the Sand Point Light House Day use area  
**Time:** 9:00am-Noon

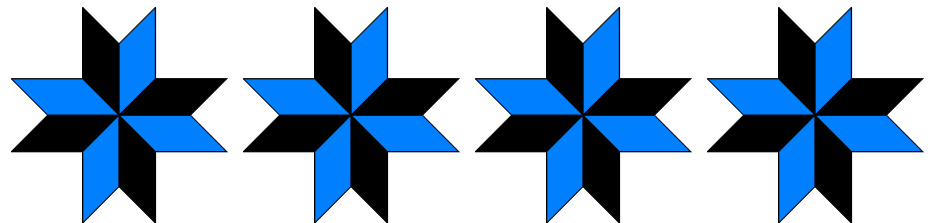


**Women are asked to please wear a skirt for the opening ceremony**

Please join us after the beach clean-up for a Lunch and Learn Presentation! (lunch provided)  
For more information contact:  
Kathy Smith (906) 524-5757, ext. 19  
[ksmith@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:ksmith@kbic-nsn.gov)



## 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.

**Dean Butala, case #19-071, \$5.15, OUIL – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 06/12/2019, #19-071, \$5.15:**

1. Fine \$750.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for one-day jail served, 89 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all aspects 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 shall follow the recommendation of the screening until successfully discharged.
4. Six to twelve months 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, if any.
5. Defendant shall report a minimum one time per month to the probation office and as directed by the Probation Department.

**Amanda Strong, case #15-157, \$3.904, Domestic animals—1st offense**

**Sentencing on 06/12/2019, #15-157, \$3.904:**

1. Fine \$100.00.

**Michael Uren, case #18-172, \$3.1706, Controlled substance (methamphetamine, distribution) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 06/13/2019, #18-172, \$3.1706:**

1. Fine \$2,000.00. Court shall suspend half.
2. One-hundred-fifty (150) days jail to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.
3. Defendant shall be financially responsible for random drug and alcohol testing, if any.
4. The Defendant is banished indefinitely from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Reservation, which shall commence when the Defendant is released from jail. The Defendant may petition the Court to lift the banishment after a period of no less than two (2) years and after certain conditions have been met.

**Michael Uren, case #19-050, \$8.901, Contempt of court – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 06/13/2019, #19-050, \$8.901:**

1. Fine \$500.00. Court shall suspend half.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days, credit for sixty-two (62) days, one-hundred-eighteen (118) days jail shall be suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.

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

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

48 Contiguous United States:				<u>Use this amount</u>	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,005	+	\$160	=	\$1,165
2	\$1,354	+	\$160	=	\$1,514
3	\$1,702	+	\$160	=	\$1,862
4	\$2,050	+	\$170	=	\$2,220
5	\$2,399	+	\$199	=	\$2,598
6	\$2,747	+	\$228	=	\$2,975
7	\$3,095	+	\$228	=	\$3,323
8	\$3,444	+	\$228	=	\$3,672
Each additional member					+ \$349
Alaska:				<u>Use this amount</u>	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,255	+	\$273	=	\$1,528
2	\$1,691	+	\$273	=	\$1,964
3	\$2,127	+	\$273	=	\$2,400
4	\$2,563	+	\$273	=	\$2,836
5	\$2,999	+	\$273	=	\$3,272
6	\$3,435	+	\$285	=	\$3,720
7	\$3,870	+	\$285	=	\$4,155
8	\$4,306	+	\$285	=	\$4,591
Each additional member					+ \$436



# Deepest Sympathy

## David Mark Ekdahl

(March 14, 1963—May 24, 2019)

David Mark Ekdahl, aged 56, passed away at his home in Baraga, MI, on May 24, 2019. He was born on March 14, 1963, in L'Anse, MI, to Paul and Philomena (Loonsfoot) Ekdahl. David graduated from Baraga High School in 1981.

He was an Assistant Manager at the Press Box in Baraga where he worked for over 25 years. He had also worked with the Lindblom Dry Walling, Ojibwa Housing, and for YACC. David was also an avid Redskins fan. He loved bowling and took every opportunity to teach others how to play. He organized children's bowling leagues and participated in Men's and mixed leagues as well. He also was a member of the Baraga County Pool League. David loved to drive back roads and explore the Upper Peninsula backcountry.

He was a member of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins, MI, and a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

David is survived by his mother: Philomena Ekdahl of Bay-side Village; his daughter: Jenna Messer of Baraga; brothers: Gary Loonsfoot of Baraga, James (Kathy) Ekdahl of Calumet, Ronald (Bonnie) Ekdahl of Mount Pleasant, Everett Ekdahl Sr. of Baraga, and Lyndon (Shelley) Ekdahl of L'Anse; his sister: Margaret; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, to which he was known as the "Best Uncle Ever"; and many special friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Paul Ekdahl and a baby sister.

Visitation was held at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins from 2:00–4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, with a funeral mass conducted by Fr. Corey Litzner at 4:00 p.m. A luncheon was held at the Ojibwa Seniors following services. Burial will be in the Assinins Cemetery at a later time. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

## Lillian E. "Effie" Messer

(January 8, 1946—June 5, 2019)

Lillian E. "Effie" Messer, age 73, of Baraga, MI, passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at UP Health System, Portage in Hancock, MI. She was born in Baraga, MI, on January 8, 1946, the daughter of the late Howard and Rosella "Babe" (Picard) Boodry. Effie graduated from Baraga High School in 1965. She married John Messer on October 17, 1966, in Baraga.

Effie had been employed at the Ojibwa Casino as a bartender until her retirement 11 years ago. She had also worked at the Press Box, Jones Joint, and Baraga Lakeside Inn.

Effie was a member of Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, MI, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She had enjoyed playing horseshoes, softball, Brook Trout fishing, reading, gardening, and bowling. Effie had been involved with the Community Schools bowling program while the Grandville Bowling Alley was open.

Effie is survived by her loving husband: John Messer, Sr, of Baraga; children: Ann (Pat) Degenauer of Baraga, John Messer, Jr. of Baraga, Mary Messer of Baraga, and Michael Messer, Sr. (Stacy Tikkanen) of Baraga; grandchildren: Brett, Jeffrey, John III, Lilianna, Jessica, Jenna, and Jacob (Amber); great grandchildren: Trenton, Zachary, Jaxon, Blake, and Aubrey; brothers: Stanley (Helen) Boodry of Youngstown, Ohio, and Chester (Ethel) Boodry of Eureka, Missouri; sisters: Beverly Cardinal of Baraga and Charlene Boodry of Tapiola; sisters-in-laws: Sandy Boodry of Des Moines, Iowa, Lorraine Trisch of Indian River, MI, and Mary Cook of North Carolina; brother-in-law: James Cook of L'Anse; and John III and Lilianna's mother: Tina Murray. Several nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother: Scott Boodry; sister: Ella Bjornell; grandson: Michael Messer, Jr.; brother-in-law: Donald Messer, Sr.; and sister-in-law: Lucille Rennick.

Funeral services for Effie were held at 12 p.m., Friday, June 7, 2019, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, MI, with Father Corey Litzner officiating. The family greeted friends at the funeral home prior to the service beginning at 10:00 a.m. until time of the funeral service. Immedi-

ately following the funeral service, interment took place in the Assinins Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Baraga, MI. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, MI, assisted the family.

## Orlando Ismieal Moreno II

(September 8, 1989—June 8, 2019)

Orlando Ismieal Moreno, II, age 29, who was from Fort McDowell, Arizona, and had moved to Baraga, Michigan, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2019. He was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on September 8, 1989, the son of Mary Geroux and Orlando I. Moreno. He attended school in Arizona.

Orlando was a member of Fort McDowell Tribe in Arizona. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, anything to do with Anime, and tinkering with guns. He was a member of the NRA and was a firm believer in the 2nd amendment. Orlando was proud to be called a "Major Nerd". He was a kind person and helped feed the homeless. He would offer the shirt off his back to anyone in need.

Orlando is survived by his loving family, mother: Mary Geroux of Baraga; father: Orlando (Audrey) Moreno of Arizona; brothers: Robert Moreno of Baraga, Aaron Moreno of Mesa, Arizona, and William "Billy Bob" Brunk of Baraga who he thought of as a brother; sister: Crystal Geroux of Baraga; step brother: Seth Nez; step sisters: Amber Nez and Carmen Nez; niece: Latoya (Joe) Laux; nephew: Mannie Brunk; three great nephews; one great niece; uncles; aunts; and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Eleanor Thomas, Armondo Moreno, and Judy Miron; great grandfather: Clarence Geroux, Jr.; great grandmother: Harriett Madosh Geroux; aunt: Sandra Honeycut; uncle: Michael Namoki; sister: Tilly Sullivan; and cousin: Rick Geroux.

Funeral services for Orlando will be held in Fort McDowell, Arizona. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, MI, assisted the family.

## Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Veterans) Participates in Memorial Day Services



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



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The Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society joined Foucault Funke Post 444 Veterans for a number of early morning ceremonies on Memorial Day. In honor of all departed warriors, men, and women, who proudly served their country, valiantly defending the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy in all of our country's conflicts and wars. (Pictures were taken at Assinins Cemetery, Baraga, MI.)

~ submitted by  
Newsletter Editor.



## Anishinaabek Caucus Calls for the Decommissioning of Enbridge's Line 5 in accordance with the values

Ypsilanti, Michigan, May 27, 2019 — The Anishinaabek Caucus sent Governor Whitmer and Attorney General Nessel a position statement calling for the decommissioning of Enbridge's Line 5 and cessation of plans to Tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac. This is in accordance with the Tribal Treaties recognized under the United States Constitution and in solidarity with the Twelve Tribes of Michigan as stewards of Michigan's land and water.

The complete position statement follows.

*Anishinaabek Caucus of the MDP*

MAY 24, 2019 -- STATEMENT -- Anishinaabek Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party

### **Line 5/Tunnel Plan Unconstitutional, In Violation of Treaties: Michigan Tribes Calls the Decommissioning of Enbridge's Line 5**

In accordance with the Tribal Treaties recognized under the United States Constitution and in solidarity with the position of the Twelve Tribes of Michigan as stewards of the land and water, the **Anishinaabek Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party** enjoins the Governor and the State of Michigan to shut down Line 5 immediately to eliminate catastrophic risks to water and land, and to abandon plans for a tunnel which would perpetuate existing risks to our resources.

Furthermore, the **Michigan Anishinaabek Caucus** stance is to immediately REVERSE the damage to our ecosystems and climate from burning fossil fuels, not to create opportunities to expand their use.

Michigan officials have spent the past year pursuing a plan to tunnel an oil pipeline beneath the Straits of Mackinac while ignoring the 182-year-old treaty rights of Native Americans. Federally recognized Native American tribes have entered into treaties with the United States Government, releasing portions of their land in exchange for off-reservation hunting and fishing rights, among others. That these treaties protect not just the right to fish, but also the right to a habitat for these fish to exist, has been established by jurisprudence.<sup>1</sup> A landmark decision by the US Supreme Court on May 20 2019, upholds these rights and clarifies that state laws do not supersede treaty obligations.<sup>2</sup>

In accordance with these Federal Treaties, which are **the supreme law of the land under the Constitution**, the Michigan Tribes are to be **included** in policy decision making. We do not seek "consultation". Any process which does not include tribal representation is unconstitutional. The pre-existing treaties render the easement granted to Enbridge Energy company invalid, as the tribes, whose rights were not recognized when it was granted, have not consented to it.

The position of the Anishinaabek Caucus along with the Federally recognized 12 tribes of Michigan and CORA (Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority) is in line with the United Tribes of Michigan resolution which "opposes continued operation of unsafe pipelines that endanger tribal lands and resources." The Michigan Anishinaabek Tribes are and will continue to be vigilant stewards of the land and water, who are resolved to protect these resources and rights onward for the Seventh Generation. The five tribes making up CORA retain fishing rights in the area under a treaty signed in 1836, while Line 5 was built by Enbridge in 1953. Details of the treaty can be found at [www.1836.org/](http://www.1836.org/).

Enbridge's Line 5 is a 1,098 mile pipeline with 4.6 miles beneath the Straits of Mackinac that transfers 23 million gallons of fuel daily, which is about 1 million gallons an hour. Enbridge is a Canadian oil company, and Line 5, which bisects both of Michigan's peninsulas, is a shortcut from oil fields in Alberta, Canada, to a port in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, where it also crosses waterways in Port Huron. Line 5 was designed for a 50-year useable life. Line 5 is 66 years old.

Modern science has revealed fluid dynamics that were not known in the 1950's. For example, the flow through the Straits exceeds the flow over Niagara Falls by 10%.<sup>3</sup> Moreover, the United States Coast Guard has stated that they are not equipped to address a rupture of Line 5. Waves over six feet and winter present further hindrances to participate in any emergency response or cleanup. Numerous small ruptures have already occurred on land portions of this line, including a spill in early December 2014, on the bank of the Manistique River just one mile from Lake Michigan.

Propane needed by Upper Peninsula residents and businesses can be provided by truck and rail with a two-mile rail spur. Although Line 5 provides 250 jobs and 22 million in tax revenue, it cannot measure up the economic significance of Michigan's tourist or agricultural industries.<sup>4,5</sup> Tourism employs 214,000 Michiganders directly with another 326,685 in related and supporting industries. Tourism generates 37.8 billion in sales and another 2.4 billion

in local and state taxes. Agriculture provides 923,000 farming jobs and another 22,600 in supporting industries. There are 52,194 farms over 10 million acres in Michigan and 93% are family farms. Michigan's 300 agricultural commodities generates 13 billion dollars directly with another 101.2 billion in related and supporting industries. Good stewardship of Michigan would not risk so much for a foreign interest.

A catastrophic oil spill in the Straits of Mackinac would devastate the tribal fishing industry, shut down water intakes for numerous communities, and devastate the shoreline, island ecosystems, and the tourist industry.

On May 3rd, Tribal leaders of ten of Michigan's federally recognized Indian tribes met with the Executive Office of the Governor regarding the future of Line 5 and the possible tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac. Governor Whitmer has continued to negotiate with Enbridge regarding a tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac to house Enbridge's oil and gas Line 5. The Sault Tribe says that is unacceptable. "I'm not looking for a deal to be struck with Enbridge," Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment said. "I'm looking for the governor to stand up for the people of Michigan. We have a stake here, and we have property rights here as well." Payment said the Tribes also were not informed of the November 2017 agreement between the State of Michigan and Enbridge that effectively set the stage for a tunnel plan.

Andrea Pierce, Chair of the Anishinaabek Caucus, says, "Negotiating with Enbridge is foolhardy at best. Putting the Great Lakes at risk for a Canadian Corporation's bottom line while ignoring the citizens of Michigan is not a good way to foster trust and a good working relationship. We were ignored under the Snyder/Schuette Administration, and we will not be ignored again. We voted and campaigned for Gov. Whitmer due to her platform of shutting down Line 5, and it is still operating. Governor Whitmer, please shut it down, you do not want to be the Governor in charge when Line 5 explodes. That will be a horrific legacy.

Waters of the Great Lake Basin are too important to give away to Enbridge. Our water is in a state of emergency, and we need to react as if we are in a state of emergency, as if our lives depend on it because they do. The pipeline safety advisory study was clear; we know it is when and not if pipelines break. Given the previous record of more than a 1000 recorded leaks since 1968 and the recorded deterioration of the submerged portion, Line 5 should have been shut down years ago.

Further, a tunnel spanning the Straits of Mackinac should not be pursued. Housing electric and natural gas in the same tunnel is courting disaster. Considering Enbridge's ineptitude managing pipelines, it is also foolhardy to entrust Enbridge with management. Most pipeline leaks have not been caught by Enbridge; they were discovered by locals and others. The largest inland spill was perpetrated by Enbridge, whose operator increased pressure when a pressure loss was detected. Line 6b spilled over 800 thousand gallons into the Talmadge Creek of the Kalamazoo River over 17 hours. Enbridge reported 1.2 million cleanup cost. Locals continue to report that oil remains fouling the waterway. Kalamazoo knows what Enbridge will do for greed just as Flint knows what Michigan will accept for money. Evart knows what Michigan will give away for next to nothing," Pierce reminds us. "Michigan must do better."

### **Tribal officials have also issued statements**

"We had that treaty before Michigan was even formed. Enbridge came in the 1950's. If the governor is meeting with anybody, it should be with us," said Thurlow "Sam" McClellan, Chairperson of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

"CORA tribes have a legally protected interest — a property right, if you will — in the fish and the Upper Great Lakes. That carries with it the ability to protect our property rights, including the habitat to make sure fish continue to exist. The state also rebuffed the tribes' efforts to have Line 5 shut down during maintenance and to receive information that was shared between the state and Enbridge", said Bryan Newland, Chairman of the Bay Mills Indian Community

### **United Tribes of Michigan**

Resolution adopted on October 26, 2016, in opposition to the continued operation of unsafe pipelines that endanger tribal lands and resources.

<sup>1</sup> Washington v U.S., [scotusblog.com/case-files/Washington-v-united-states/](http://scotusblog.com/case-files/Washington-v-united-states/)

<sup>2</sup> Herrera v Wyoming, [supremecourt.gov/opinions/18pdf/17-532\\_q86b.pdf](http://supremecourt.gov/opinions/18pdf/17-532_q86b.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> "Straits of Mackinac 'worst possible place' for a Great Lake oil spill, U-M researcher concludes," Michigan News, July 10 2014, University of Michigan

<sup>4</sup> [michiganbusiness.org/cm/file/Reports/Michigan-2014-Tourism-Economics-impact.pdf](http://michiganbusiness.org/cm/file/Reports/Michigan-2014-Tourism-Economics-impact.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1572-7775-,00.mtml](http://michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1572-7775-,00.mtml)



**L'ANSE GRADUATES**



**Louis Bogda** is the son of Cheryl Bogda. He played basketball every year except his junior year. He participated in track during his freshman year. Louis received West Pac All Conference and U.P. Honorable Mention this year in basketball. He was involved in Yearbook and High Five as a mentor. His hobbies include playing basketball, spending time with friends, and annoying his sisters. He has worked for Commodity Foods through the Summer Youth Program. He is currently undecided about his future plans.

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**Kayla Dakota** is the daughter of Rhea Koski and the late D.J. Dakota. In high school, she participated in cheerleading, basketball, band, and track. She was also in HOSA, International Travel Club, Trio Upward Bound, KBIC Summer Youth Club, and Honors Convocation. She received awards for Most Improved in Basketball, Cheerleading, and Band, and outstanding Leadership for Trio out of 400 high school and college students. While in high school, she took night classes at Ojibwa Community College and has a total of 23 credits toward her college degree. She was Miss Keweenaw Bay in 2014 and 2015. She worked for the Tribe's Summer Youth Program at the Natural Resource Department, Ojibwa Community College, and at the Ojibwa Campground. She also worked as a carhop at the Drive-In and as a housekeeper at the Baraga Lakeside Inn. Kayla will be attending Michigan Technological University this fall majoring in Psychology, and she plans on being part of the cheerleading team, Pep Band, and HOSA at college.

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**Jailyn Shelifoe** is the daughter of Jim Shelifoe and Angie Dickson. She participated in HOSA, KBIC Youth Club, basketball, softball, and volleyball. She was on the honor roll numerous times. Jailyn was a High Five mentor, and she attended the state conference/competition for HOSA. Her event there was Researched Persuasive Essay and Speaking. She was Miss Keweenaw Bay in 2016. She worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program for three years and at Harley's Restaurant and Lounge while living in Marquette. After high school, Jailyn will be moving to Ann Arbor with her sister and will be attending Washtenaw Community College this fall. She has not yet decided on a major.

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**L'ANSE-BARAGA COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRADUATES**



**Vanessa Beaver** is the daughter of Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. and the late Sarah Beaver. She is the mother of three children: Brighton, Jackson, and Savannah. She completed the requirements for graduation at L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools and walked with the Baraga High School class of 2019. Her future plans are to raise her family, continue her education, and seek employment. Vanessa has recently been hired at the KBIC Transitional Home and will start her employment in the very near future.

**Kiersten Loonsfoot** is the daughter of Mary Gauthier and the late Eugene Loonsfoot, Jr. She attended L'Anse Area Schools and finished her high school degree at L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools. She is the mother of one son, Karter Allen. Kiersten is employed at Burger King in L'Anse.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



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Class of 2019, left to right, William Jondreau, Jr., Jenna Messer, Opal Ellsworth, Louis Bogda, Kayla Dakota, Jailyn Shelifoe, Vanessa Beaver, and Kiersten Loonsfoot.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (center) proudly congratulated the 2019 \$1000 Education Committee Scholarships winners: Jenna Messer (left) and William Jondreau, Jr. (right).



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Guest Speaker Jerry Jondreau, Director of Recruiting, School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science, Michigan Technological University.

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee held the Annual KBIC Senior Banquet on Friday, June 7, 2019, at the Ojibwa Casino Conference Room located in the Ojibwa Casino Resort, Baraga, Michigan. This annual event is held to honor the L'Anse, Baraga, and Community School Graduates. Terri Denomie, Education Committee Chairwoman, welcomed the graduates, their families, Tribal Education Staff, teachers, administrators, fellow Tribal Education Committee members, and friends to this year's celebration. Woodland Singers provided the drum for the welcome song and an honor song. Following a delicious meal, Terri Denomie introduced the guest speaker, Jerry Jondreau. "I would like to introduce our guest speaker, Jerry Jondreau. Jerry Jondreau is the son of the late Robert Jondreau. He attended Gloucester High School in Virginia. He briefly attended the College of the Canyons in Valencia, California. He then moved home and attended Ojibwa Community College, majoring in Environmental Science. He later transferred to Michigan Technological University, attending the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry – Cum Laude and received the Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award. He is currently the Director of Recruitment for the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science. He lives in L'Anse with his partner, Katy Butterfield, and their combined six children. They are strong advocates for exercising their treaty rights within the ceded territories, including culture and language revitalization. Please welcome, Jerry Jondreau."

Jerry began his address with, "Miigwech for that introduction. I am honored to be asked to address this year's graduates. I'm very proud of all of you. I did not write a speech to deliver to you today, I wanted to speak through my heart. I will share my story with you and hopefully some of it will resonate with all of you, and hopefully I can shed some successful tips to help navigate life because life is a rollercoaster ride. If anyone is familiar with the water drum, and how the water



Come taste delicious recipes  
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these wonderful berries!

# INTRODUCTION TO TRADITIONAL FOODS

## Ode'iminan - Strawberries

To be held on Wednesday, July 17th  
at the **KBOCC Arts & Agriculture Center**

From 5:30pm-7pm

(15211 Pelkie Rd Pelkie, MI 49958)

Call DeAnna at (906) 524-8209 with any questions

### 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 Birth-  
day!

#### Happy July Birthday!



"You are never too old to set  
another goal or to dream a  
new dream." ~ Les Brown

Ellen M. Bendry  
Kenneth W. Carlson  
Angeline C. DeGrave  
Theresa M. Hendrickson  
Patricia J. Hyry  
Raine LaFountain  
Laura T. Lee  
Kathryn J. Lightfoot  
LaVerne R. MacDonald  
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41st Annual

## KBIC Maawanj'iding

Baraga, Michigan

July 26th-28th  
2019

### Host Drum

## White Fish Jr's

#### Local Drums

Woodland Singers  
4 Thunders

#### Honor Guard

KBIC Wiikwedong  
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#### Grand Entries

Friday 7pm  
Saturday 1pm & 7pm  
Sunday 1pm  
Public Welcome

#### Head Male Dancer

Gerald White

#### Head Female Dancer

Delina White

#### MC's

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#### Arena Director's

Mark Kingbird Sr.  
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#### Head Veteran Dancer

John Teller Jr.

#### Head Youth Dancer's

Kenew Awonohopay  
Dalanna Connor

Drum Split for all Visiting Drums  
Dancers & Drums Paid Each Session  
Men's Woodland Special 18+  
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Two-Step Contest

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Alden Connor Jr. (906) 353-4278

Gary Loonsfoot Jr. (906) 353-4108



## Senior Banquet continued:

drum is tied up, it talks about our life, and the ups and downs that are going to happen, and it is very true.

My father, Robert Jondreau, grew up here on the reservation in Beartown. He told me when I was young, the one thing he did not want me to do was to contribute to the negative statistics associated with the American Indians in this country. I was pretty young at that time, so I never really knew what that meant, but as I grew up, I learned there are a lot of negative and bad statistics related to our people. I've done some research on the computer that I'd like to share. From 1999 to 2015 American Indians have experienced the largest increase in drug and opioid overdose mortality rates in the country, somewhere between 2.7 times and 4.5 times higher than the other demographics in this country. The suicide rate in 2017 was 13.4% for American Indians, second only to the Caucasian population. The median age for American Indians is 30.7 years, whereas the national average is 36.2. Approximately 76% of American Indians graduate from high school and receive their diplomas. With that being said, I applaud all of our graduates today, you have just defied that statistic. About 14% of American Indians go on to achieve a bachelor degree or higher. These are just some statistics which are against our people, and the things my father did not want me to contribute to.

My father was in the Air Force, and I was actually born over at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. We then commenced to bounce around the country, and we even spent four years over in England. I spent the majority of my time in school in Virginia where I attended high school at Gloucester. I was a typical teenager in high school. I thought I knew it all, and to be honest with you, I didn't really care for high school that much. I would skip school, my grades dropped lower and lower, and I eventually dropped out of high school in my senior year. That same year my father, who had just spent 26-years in the Air Force retired, went back to school, and received his degree from Hampton University. The year he graduated, I dropped out of high school. I remember him telling me not to contribute to those negative statistics. Here, he was retired and getting his degree. I felt horrible, really bad; I really did. I thought I had it all figured out though. I didn't need a degree at that time; I could work and make ends meet. I was foolish. I got an opportunity to go to California where my aunt and uncle lived to help them with their family business. I was just turning 18, and I did not value education at that point in time. I thought a good work ethic was all I needed and to some extent that is kind of true. I went out there, and I started working for them. Not long after I was working for them, my aunt said—you need to get your GED. I was afraid of doing that because I had dropped out, and I beat myself up a lot over that. It was a bad decision. I recognized that, but I didn't think I was smart enough to continue. If you know Aunt Nancy, you know if she told you to do something; you did it! So that is what I did. I started going to night classes, studying for the GED, and hitting the books hard. I eventually took that exam in California, and I passed it. That was a milestone in my life that I was pretty proud of. As soon as I got that GED, Aunt Nancy said—you have to enroll in college. Dang. It just kept coming. Again when Aunt Nancy tells you to do something, you do it. I still wasn't fully appreciating what education was, and what it could do. I reluctantly went back to school, and I enrolled at the College of the Canyons in Valencia, California. My first class was English Composition. It was like oh-my-gosh, why am I here. I stuck with it for about a year-and-a-half only because they had sport programs, and I played sports and was a jock. Contrary to the dad bod now, I was fairly athletic when I was younger. I took a few classes there, hated it, still not appreciating education. I ended up moving to Texas and worked at a refinery where I was paid good money for manual labor in a factory. I was still relatively young, making good money, and I thought I was successful. About three months into the job, I almost lost my left arm in that factory. While I was going through physical therapy, I had a lot of time to think about my next move. My dad was always there in my mind and in my memories saying—don't contribute to those statistics and holding his diploma above my head. I decided to move back to the reservation. I packed up my wreck of a car with everything I had. My alternator went out in the middle of the night over by Ewen. My battery died, and my car died. I was flat broke. I knocked on the door of a little motel and called my cousin's phone who eventually brought me a marine

deep-cycle battery which was the only thing available at 1:00 a.m. There was enough juice in it to get to the reservation where initially I lived in an RV. The refinery accident opened up my eyes, and I began to think maybe an education is a desirable thing to have. I was interested in sports medicine which I was familiar with being a jock. I looked for a job, and I ended up working in the deli at Larry's Market. Then a job opened up at the Natural Resource Department, and I got the job as a technician position. After starting the job, I instantly fell in love with natural resources. I found work that incorporated our culture. I found work that I enjoyed doing. I found a deeper sense of community. It changed my mind and my perspective of what I wanted to do in my life. I worked there for about four years and took on as much responsibility that I possibly could, but I knew I could not advance in that position because I didn't have a degree. With a lot of encouragement from my supervisor at the time, Evelyn Ravindran, who is now the Director of the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department, and Todd Warner, the former Director, they encouraged me to go back to school. I wanted to go into school for natural resources but they encouraged me to go into forestry because there had never been a tribal forestry department. The woods were a place where I felt very comfortable, and I felt responsible for them, so I did enlist at Michigan Technology University. I had taken some classes at KBOCC during those years, but I was super scared as Michigan Tech has a reputation of being a very difficult school. I had a lot of support from my family, from my community, and I had found strength in our culture and identity as seeing the world through a different lens that hadn't been taught to me in high school. Those things helped me persevere, and I eventually graduated from Michigan Tech, Cum Laude, and received the Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award, and my dad was there for my graduation. That was one of my proudest days of my life, having my dad there and seeing him being proud for what I did.

What it boils down to is, you need to find something that you are passionate about. It doesn't necessarily have to be a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, or a Ph.D. You can make a difference in this world as long as you find something that you are passionate about. If you set your goals and you keep your family, your community, and your culture with you, and there is nothing that will be able to stop you. Make sure that as you progress from here-on-out, to take care of yourself and make sure that you are happy. That is one of the most important things! You are going to have those ups and downs through life; we all go through them, but need to try to keep yourself happy. Take care of your family; they will always be there for you, and you are going to be there for them as well. Take care of your community. Nobody really gets to where they are going by themselves. It takes a lot of people to help you along the way, and you reciprocate that, too. As you gain knowledge and skills, you return that to your community, and that rising tide will lift all of our lives, so we don't have to be crabs in a bucket, we can be ships on the sea. Embrace your culture, embrace who you are, embrace that you have all them statistics against you, and you will defy them all. Learn more about who you are, where you come from, your language, and your culture. We have pillars in our culture as Ojibwe people who strengthen ourselves, our families, and our community. I encourage all of you to continue down that path of understanding who you are and where you come from because there is strength in there. Elevate yourself, elevate your people, and defy those statistics. Miigwech!"

Presentation of certificate and gifts followed. High school graduates received gifts from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council/Community, Education Committee, Cultural Committee, and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

KBIC Education Committee \$1,000 Scholarships were awarded to Jenna Messer and William Jondreau, Jr.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

**KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program  
will hold a Public Hearing.**

**July 9, 2019, 5:00 p.m.,  
at the Pre-Primary Center**

**Child Care Development Fund  
will be discussed.**





## 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/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 [amy@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov). The application deadline is August 9, 2019, at 4 p.m.

## 2019 KBIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2019 KBIC Merit Scholarship application. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community supports college education for its members. Many students receive outstanding grades during their college careers. The Tribal Council has approved four scholarships for college students pursuing degrees during the 2019-20 academic year based on merit. The scholarship amount is \$2,500 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 the state of Michigan;
- 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 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 3.00.

Eligible students must complete an application, submit a copy of their most recent official transcript and submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen major and how it might one day benefit the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 906-353-4117 or at [amy@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov). The application deadline is July 19, 2019, at 4 p.m.

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).

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



## 2019 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2019 Ann Misenan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$2,500 twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member;
- Attending an accredited college/university;
- Enrolled as a full-time student;
- Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field (nursing or dental program preference given);
- Resident of Baraga or Marquette County.

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 906-353-4117 or at [amy@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov). The application deadline is July 19, 2019, at 4 p.m.

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

### Is your charitable organization planning on holding a raffle or selling raffle tickets on the L'Anse Indian Reservation?

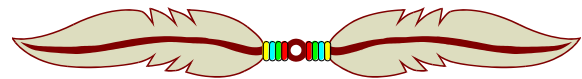
Federal law, through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, granted Tribes exclusive right to regulate gaming activity on Indian lands. Even if you or the members of your organization are not tribal members, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Gaming Commission has the authority to regulate your raffle. It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

Please contact the KBIC Gaming Commission Office at (906) 353-4222 or stop by the office located at the Tribal Center for an application and a copy of the rules and regulations.

Application deadline for submission of **ALL Class I Drawings is 30 days** and **Class II Raffles is 60 days** prior to your event. License Fee will be waived when the application is received within this timeline.



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



## TEMPORARY POW WOW JOBS



**REQUIREMENTS:** Must be at least 18 years of age, have a satisfactory security background check, and able to pass a drug test. Additional requirements noted below.

### Positions available Friday, July 26 through Sunday, July 28

Registration Worker (3)	\$10.00/hr	Must be able to add/count quickly and efficiently.
Shuttle Drivers (4)	\$10.00/hr	Must have a valid unrestricted driver's license and pass a ICP Background Check.
Parking Attendants (10)	\$10.00/hr	Must be able to stand for long periods of time.

### Positions available Thursday, July 25 through Sunday, July 28

Fire Keepers (3)	Stipend	Must be able to report for work at 4:30 am on Thursday, July 25th. Must be a KBIC Member and 18 years of age.
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### Positions available Wednesday, July 20 through early Monday morning, July 25

Security Supervisors (2)	\$13.40/hr	<b>ALL SECURITY APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING:</b>
Security (8)	\$10.00/hr	

- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be at least 18 years old
- Able to pass a ICP security background check
- Able to pass a drug test
- Additionally, Security Supervisor applicants must have prior proven security supervisor and training experience.

Supervisor training and orientation AND Pow Wow Security training will be Wednesday, July 24, 2019 after the employee meeting.

**FOR APPLICATIONS CONTACT:** KBIC Personnel Department  
16429 Beartown Road  
Baraga, Michigan 49908  
906-353-6623 x 4140 or 4176  
Web site: [www.kbic-nsn.gov](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov)

DISTRIBUTION DATE: June 12, 2019

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Approved:  12/June 2019

**NOTE:** General meeting of Temporary Pow Wow Employees will be on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Ojibwa Campground. All individuals chosen for temporary Pow Wow jobs MUST attend this meeting!





**2019 LUMBERJACK DAYS**

**8TH ANNUAL LIBERTY RUN**

**5K RUN & WALK**

**YOUTH 1 MILE FUN RUN**

**"LET FREEDOM RUN"**

**JULY 4TH, 2019**

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <http://www.runsignup.com/libertyrun2019>  
 For more information visit the Liberty Run website or contact the KBIC youth offices.  
 Phone: 906-353-4643 Or 906-353-4646  
 Email: [kbicyouth@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:kbicyouth@kbic-nsn.gov)  
 A fundraiser for the KBIC Youth Club



**SEEKING PRINCESS CANDIDATES**

KBIC Pow-wow committee is looking for young ladies to represent the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community 2019-2020

**Miss Keweenaw Bay**  
 Eligible ladies:  
 Must be a KBIC Member or a first generation decedent.  
 13-18yrs. of age (prior to the first day of the pow-wow)  
 Alcohol and drug free  
 A positive role model (socially and academically)  
 Dance traditional, jingle, or fancy

**KBIC Jr. Princess**  
 Eligible Girls:  
 Must be a KBIC member or a first generation decedent.  
 6-12yrs. of age (prior to the first day of the pow-wow)  
 Dance traditional, jingle, or fancy.

To Apply submit a brief statement that contains the following:  
 Name  
 Parent's Name  
 Age  
 KBIC Enrollment # or  
 Parent's Enrollment #  
 Dance Style

To Apply submit an essay that contains the following:  
 Autobiography  
 Your future plans  
 Why you would like to represent KBIC?  
 What does living your culture mean to you?  
 Explain your community involvement?

Due July 12, 2019 Submit By Email or to THPO Office @ Tribal Center

For Information Contact:  
 Christine Awonohopay 524-8305  
[cawonohopay@kbooc.edu](mailto:cawonohopay@kbooc.edu)  
 Alden Connor 353-4278  
[aconnor@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:aconnor@kbic-nsn.gov)

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GARLIN GILCHRIST II  
LT. GOVERNOR

June 14, 2019

Mr. Warren Christian Swartz, Jr.  
15965 Mission Road  
Baraga, Michigan 49908

Dear Mr. Swartz:

I am pleased to appoint you to the UP Energy Task Force for a term commencing June 14, 2019, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

I have every confidence that you will find great personal satisfaction in this important position, and the State of Michigan will benefit from your background and experience.

It is a great and noble privilege to serve the people of Michigan. I know that you will do the people's work with excellence and integrity, and you will never take lightly the responsibility the people have given you.

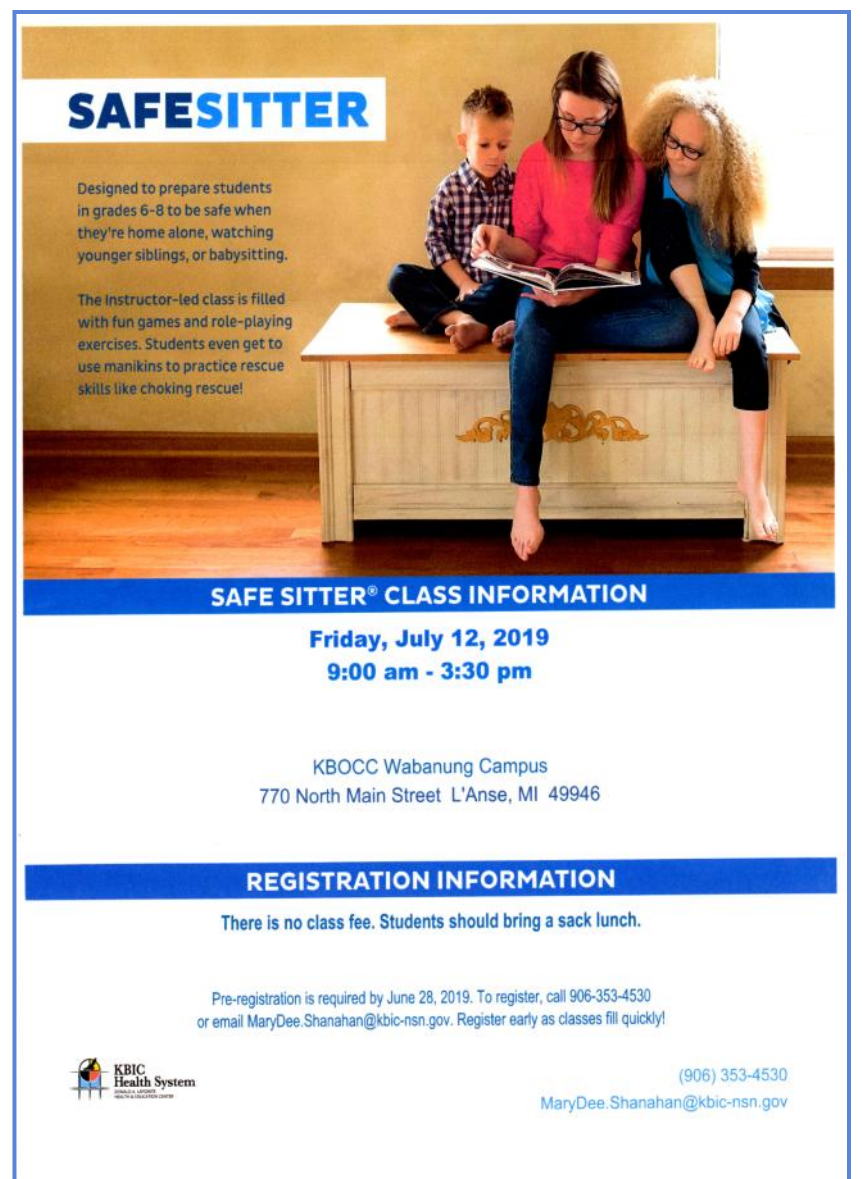
Thank you for taking on this challenge, and thank you for working with me to build a strong and bright future for our great state.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor



**SAFE SITTER**

Designed to prepare students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting.

The instructor-led class is filled with fun games and role-playing exercises. Students even get to use manikins to practice rescue skills like choking rescue!

**SAFE SITTER® CLASS INFORMATION**


**Friday, July 12, 2019**  
**9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

KBOCC Wabanung Campus  
770 North Main Street L'Anse, MI 49946

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

There is no class fee. Students should bring a sack lunch.

Pre-registration is required by June 28, 2019. To register, call 906-353-4530 or email [MaryDee.Shanahan@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:MaryDee.Shanahan@kbic-nsn.gov). Register early as classes fill quickly!

 (906) 353-4530  
[MaryDee.Shanahan@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:MaryDee.Shanahan@kbic-nsn.gov)

**July 2019 Calendar:**

- July 3 — Gov't offices closed, 4th of July holiday;
- July 4 — Gov't offices closed, 4th of July holiday;
- July 12 — Constitution Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tribal Center;
- July 13 — Quarterly Saturday Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m. Bingo Hall;
- July 26 — Gov't offices closed, Cultural Day;
- July 26-28 — 41st Maawanj'iding.

~ submitted by newsletter editor







## Debweyendan ("believe in it") Indigenous Gardens (DIGs) COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKSHOP

THURSDAY | JULY 18 | 4 - 7 PM\*

\*Registration begins at 3:30 PM

Appreciating Manidoosag ("little spirits" or insects)

### Promoting Intergenerational Learning and Access to Healthy Foods and Medicines.

Join us for learning about traditional gardening practices, ways to care for all garden beings, and other methods of integrated pest management

**Teachers:** Karena Schmidt & Katy Bresette

All ages are welcome to come at any time during this free event

**Location:** DIGs Community Garden  
16037 Brewery Road, L'Anse, MI 49946  
(next door to New Day Treatment Center)

**Questions:** Karena Schmidt, [kschmidt@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:kschmidt@kbic-nsn.gov), (906)524-5757 x 21



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## JULY 19 NOON-1: LUNCH & LEARN

**Location:** Sand Point Light House Day Use Area  
(in conjunction with Lake Superior Day)

All are welcome

Lunch is included

Bring your feast bundles to reduce waste!

Interpreting water quality test results to help protect our wild rice, blueberries, and wetland medicines at Sand Point

**Erin Johnston**, KBIC-NRD Wildlife Biologist

**Stephanie Cree**, KBIC-NRD Water Quality Specialist

The Lunch and Learn Series, celebrating Food Sovereignty, is made possible by a collaboration of the KBIC Natural Resources Department and KBOCC. Contact Karena Schmidt at NRD 524-5757 / DeAnna Hadden 524-8209 at KBOCC for more information.

## UP Health System Home Care & Hospice Introduces local employees



UP Health System Home Care & Hospice prides itself on providing the highest quality of care to our patients, and one of the ways we do this is making sure we are hiring the best employees. We are so excited to introduce you to our two newest home care staff members: Pam Smith, LPN, (left) and Michelle Maki, RN (right). They are great new additions

to our field staff team. They will be working in patients' homes and assisting our senior housing to make sure our patients' needs are being met every day. Pam and Michelle take care of our patients in so many different ways, among which are: checking vitals, lab draws, doing follow up with physicians, providing wound care, coordinating other care disciplines for patients, and many other tasks. Pam and Michelle are talented, compassionate, and hardworking, making them perfect additions to our organization, since here at UP Health System Home Care and Hospice *it's all about helping people*. If you are interested or have any questions about our services, please call us at 906-483-1160.

**ADMIT ONE**

# Movies In The Park

**Free Admission**

L'Anse Waterfront Park

**JUNE 28TH: NORM OF THE NORTH:  
A KING SIZED ADVENTURE**

**JULY 19TH: DUMBO 2019**

**AUGUST 9TH: TBD**

**Movies start at dusk**

Please bring your own blankets and chairs. This is an alcohol and drug free event. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Popcorn, drinks, and other Snacks will be sold by the KBIC Youth

Contact: Raistlin Awonohopay  
OCSS Community Outreach Coordinator  
[rawonohopay@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:rawonohopay@kbic-nsn.gov)  
906-353-4566

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## KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN — PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY

Hazard mitigation is any action taken before, during, or after a disaster to eliminate or reduce the risk of human life and property from natural, technological, or human-related hazards. Officials in Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department along with Emergency Services and the Office of Planning and Development are contracting with the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region to update the Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan.

We are asking that any community resident take a short online survey. The survey is available at the Pines, Tribal Center, Ojibwa Seniors Center, and Ojibwa Housing. The online survey is available at [www.wuppdr.org/surveys](http://www.wuppdr.org/surveys) and will be available until Friday, July 19, 2019.

The survey site is as follows:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KBICHazMitPublicInput>

The information you provide will help us better understand local hazard concerns and can lead to mitigation activities that help lessen the impact of future hazard events in your community.

For more information contact:

Dione Price, [dprice@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:dprice@kbic-nsn.gov)  
Environmental Specialist  
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
14359 Pequaming Road  
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Press Release







Our Children Are Our Future

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

Become a Foster Parent

Share Your Home and Heart  
With a Native Child



KBIC SOLID WASTE  
GARBAGE ROUTE WILL BE  
**TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**  
THE WEEK OF 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY  
INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY  
AND THURSDAY!  
Sorry for any inconvenience!



Please call 353-8024 with any questions or concerns

# windchime parent circle

open to the community

Ojibwa Pow Wow Grounds Pavilion, Baraga

Monday July 15th, 2019 5-6:30PM

SNACKS 0-5+ Siblings BOOK for each family

Family Engagement Dress for Mess Healthy Mother & Baby Fun for Everyone

Register with Dawn: 353-4521

KBIC Health System DONALD A. LAROCHE HEALTH & EDUCATION CENTER

Sponsored by Family Spirit & Healthy Start Programs

## KBIC TRANSITION HOME PROGRAM AND SERVICES

Our Advisory Board would like to welcome you to stop by our booth at the KBIC Maawanj'iding Powwow to check out and learn about our programs and services, or sign up to become a member or volunteer.

There will be raffles throughout the weekend and goodies.

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- Establishment of Child Support
- Outreach Services
- Mediation

# \$20,000 SUMMER Cash Blast

Must be present to win, at least 18 years old, and a Rewards Club member to be eligible for all deals and promotions. Management reserves the right to change or cancel any promotion at any time. See Rewards Club for complete details and how to register.

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## BLAST INTO SUMMER CASH!

Saturdays | 7PM - 11PM

Get ready for the ultimate Summer Cash Blast. Join us on Saturdays from 7PM - 11PM for drawings every half hour, where nine guests will win a share of \$5,000 CASH... every week! The cash amounts will increase throughout the night, so let's see if you're the lucky guest at 11PM to win \$1,000 CASH! Earn entries July 1<sup>st</sup> until the final drawing day on July 27<sup>th</sup>. One hundred points will earn you ONE entry.



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