

WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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RENOVATION CELEBRATION HELD AT OJIBWA CASINO

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community celebrated a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Baraga Ojibwa Casino Grand Re-opening on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Pictured left to right are Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. Tribal President, and Larry Denomie III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager.

Larry Denomie III reminded everyone, "What we are celebrating here today started 33-years ago in a small smoke-filled room located in the Pressbox with four blackjack tables. It was actually my first full-time job out of high school. The growth we have experienced has been made possible through the continued support of our valued guests, Tribal Leadership, and dedicated employees both past and present. Our mission is to provide our guests with an exceptional entertainment experience, a positive environment for our team members, and prosperity for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our local partners. Giving back to the surrounding community is also an important part of what we do. Because of the community's patronage, the Tribe has been able to donate well over a million dollars annually and provide critical programs and services to our families, our friends, and our neighbors. Additionally, the Tribe's annual payroll for 600 plus employees is approximately 18-million dollars. A lot of which goes back into the economies where they live.

The investment being made to improve the Ojibwa Casinos is historical for our Tribe, nearly 50 million dollars. Of that nearly seven million dollars has gone into the Baraga Casino to improve the air quality, infrastructure system, and updating the interior and exterior of the Casino as well as a full revocation of the Lucky 7's restaurant. There will be updates to the motel and the Pressbox over the coming months. The remainder of the investment is for our new building at the Marquette Casino, Ojibwa Casino II which will open this December (2019).



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the toast. "To a wonderful celebration and with extreme gratitude to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and everybody who is making this moment a great one! It's been a long time coming, and we look forward to providing you a new gaming experience. Thank you."

The event continued throughout the night with Renovation Celebration Drawings.

Tribal Council Members:

- Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
- Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Vice-President
- Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary
- Toni J. Minton, Asst. Secretary
- Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
- Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
- Dale Goodreau
- Randall R. Haataja
- Kim Klopstein
- Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
- Rodney Loonsfoot
- Elizabeth D. Mayo



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Ojibwa Casino Renovation Celebration with public
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Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Class of 2019



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBOCC Class of 2019 (left to right) Eva Lind, Zelina Huhta, Robin Roe, and Melissa Treadeau.



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Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (right) gave the Celebration Toast pictured with Ojibwa Casinos' Manager Larry Denomie III (left).

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College held their graduation on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center in Baraga, Michigan. KBOCC issued associate degree diplomas to: Eva Lind for Associate of Arts/

KBOCC Gradation continued:

Anishinaabe Studies, and Zelina Huhta, Robin Roe, and Melissa Treadeau for Associate of Science/Business Administration.

KBOCC offers four certificate programs which are approved by the Higher Learning Commission for Business, Office Systems, Environmental Science, and Criminal Justice Corrections Certificate. Earning certificates were - Criminal Justice Certificate: Damion Back, Nicholas Carter, Sam Loonsfoot, Alex Johnson, and Peter Goodreau. Environmental Science: Ronald Tilson.

Lori Sherman, President, gave the welcome, and after thanking the KBIC Honor Guard and the Four Thunders drum for the Processional song and posting of the colors, she introduced Donald Chosa, Jr. for the Invocation. Donald Chosa, Jr. is a newly elected member of the KBOCC Board of Regents. He has 20 years of teaching experience at various colleges and universities, the longest being Northern Michigan University. At NMU he was instrumental in developing the core classes for the Native Studies Department. He has served on a variety of professional boards and committees. Currently he serves on the KBIC Enrollment Committee and is active with the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. Presently Donald volunteers his time helping his wife Karlene teach Anishinaabemowin at the KBIC Pre-primary daycare.

Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the Council Address. "I am honored to be part of today's graduation ceremony. Today the College Graduates are a step closer to their dreams and will soon be receiving the rewards for all the hard work you've done. I wish you all courage as you step forward in the next chapter of your lives. For most, college is challenging, but you've made it, and today you are graduating. On behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best and may you have a bright and prosperous future. Congratulations, we are very proud of you, and we wish you great success in your future. It shows that education is part of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and we are honored to be able to offer you that."

B. Louise Virtanen, Dean of Instruction, presented the Dean's List. These full-time students have completed 12 or more credits, have no incompletes, no more than four credits below the 100 level, and earned a semester GPA of between 4.0-3.5. Fall: Damion Back, Tiia Friisvall, Elizabeth Koski, Bobbi Loonsfoot, Sophia Michels, Hope Minton, Melissa Treadeau, Abigail Turpeinen, and Sydney Voakes. Spring: Dana Awonohopay, Nicholas Carter, Dalene Chosa, Emily Hella, and Meno Jondreau. Fall/Spring: Samantha Chagnon, Kristen Dean, Jody Joki, Courtney Jones, Carisa LaFerner, John Lusty, Tina Murry, Jennifer Smith, and Bryan Welsh.

The Honors list recognizes the achievements of full-time students who have completed 12 or more credits, have no incompletes, no more than four credits below the 100 level and who have earned a semester GPA of 3.49-3.0. Fall: Meno Jondreau and Sky Loonsfoot. Spring: Daniel Curtis, Donald K. Denomie, Jr., and Sean Spruce. Fall/Spring: Terri Curtis and Alexis Mantta.

Scholastic Achievements recognizes the accomplishments made by part-time students who have no incompletes, no courses below the 100 level and who have earned a semester GPA of 3.25 and above. Fall: McKenzie Barrett, Mary Barnette, Cheryl Bogda, Sam Loonsfoot, Derek Meleen, Nicole Soli, and Ronald Tilson. Spring: Raistlin Awonohopay, Dylan Friisvall, Payton Hulkkonen, Shelly Harrison, Ayeasha Kokko, Elizabeth Koski, Eva Lind, Joann Pennock, Marsha Pharr, Robin Roe, Courtney Tembreall, Madelyn Turpeinen, and Jessica Wickstrom. Fall/Spring: Elizabeth Connor, Jaycie Forcia, Nicholas Gehring, Abigail LaForest, Victoria Rajala, and Janna Mag-nant.



B. Louise Virtanen, Dean of Instruction, (left) with Cecilia Mitzi Marcotte, Instructor, Faculty Member of the Year (right).

Sophia Michels received the Student of the Year Award. Meno Jondreau received the Outstanding Freshman Award. Hope Minton received the Zoongide'ewin Award. The Faculty Member of the Year Award was given to Cecilia Mitzi Marcotte.

Departmental Awards were given to: Courtney Jones (Anishinaabe Studies), Jody Joki (Business Administration), Jennifer Smith and Abby Turpeinen (Early Childhood Education), John Lusty (Environmental Science), Emily Hella (Liberal Studies Freshman), Dalene Chosa (Liberal Studies Transfer), Damion Back (Corrections), and Sarah Kagabitang (Liberal Studies Art Student).

Karen Colbert offered a musical selection. After which, Melissa Treadeau, Valedictorian, gave the Graduating Class Address.

Dr. Jill Hodges gave the Commencement Address. Dr. Jill Hodges is a member of the KBIC and is a member of the KBOCC Board of Regents. Jill received a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Technical Communications from Michigan Technological University. She is retired from the position of Executive Director of Equity and Inclusion at Michigan Tech. Jill is currently practicing mediation and restorative practices when called up. She loves to hunt and fish which are skills that her father and brother taught her as a young child. She is married to her husband, Bill, and they have two children and one grandson.

Dr. Hodges said, "It is an honor to share some thoughts with you today. Today will always be a memorable time for you and for me. This is called commencement, which comes from the word commence which means to begin. Which path will you choose to begin today? My path has been very unconventional. After high school, I completed one year at Michigan Tech. I would not take anything difficult because I had no self-confidence that I could manage what I considered difficult topics. So I quit. When I was 44-years-old, I realized that I needed to go back to school. I went back to Michigan Tech and got a degree in High School English Education. I got involved in AISES, which is a great organization, and I met Lori Sherman. Upon graduation I accepted a position in the writing center at Michigan Tech. As I was there working full-time, I just kept going to school. I liked going to school. I figured that out after I kind of freaked out in the 70's. I received a master's in 2005, and I kept going to school, kept working, and got a Ph.D. in 2010. In the summers, I was asked to do some sexual prevention work. I did not know anything about that. So I went back to school to learn about sexual harassment prevention education. That led me to being asked to take a position at the President's office. My path took crazy turns. I made some mistakes. I made some bad choices. I made some really good choices. I met a lot of great people.

I'd like to share seven things that I have learned on the path so far and probably a thousand. Remember to always see others. I don't mean to just look at other people and your thoughts about them. When you saw me, you had thoughts about me; immediate judgments about me. That maintains what you hear today because hearing it through those opinions that you formed about me right when you saw me. We have to stop sometimes, pause, and really see the person who is in front of us. I call these my opinion or judgment glasses, and sometimes, I have to take them off. Without knowing we cover everything through our thoughts. So stop trying to see through your judgments of things, whether it's a job, an opportunity, or a career. Try to be quiet inside and not give your response immediately until you have had time to see that job or opportunity for what it is without your opinions covering what you see.

Second — don't feed your stress. You may have heard this teaching. A grandfather was talking to his granddaughter and said there are two wolves inside of us that always battle. One is a good wolf and that represents things like kindness, bravery, humility, and love. The other is a bad wolf which represents greed, hatred, jealousy, and fear. The granddaughter stops and says, "So grandfather, which one wins." The grandfather quietly says, "The one we feed." As we know stress is an inevitable part of life. We can learn from intelligent choices to not make things worse for ourselves. There is many things in life over which we have no control. But choosing how to handle stressful situations is in your and my control. We don't have to be victims. Much of which we consider negative stress can be redirected if we choose not to feed the stress. We have to find a place of shelter to calm our minds. The shelter might be taking a walk, shutting the phone off, and by not talking on-line about what stresses because there has been research on that. The more you talk about your stress on-line, the more stress you get. What we have to do is walk in beauty as the Navajo say. Please pay attention to what's around you and who is around you. We miss so much of what is around us right now by incorrectly putting our trusts in

things like internet connections. The connection should be between us as human beings, individuals. When we are in a difficult position with someone else, always ask yourself how have I contributed to this situation. Again research finds 95% of conflict comes from both parties in some way, shape, or form. How might have I contributed to the conflict that I might be in right now? I've done something; I just have to realize what that is. So we can take control of how we respond to stress and sometimes that is the only thing we can control.

Third — fail harder. Strange saying. My son worked for a company awhile back. They had that saying on their wall. What looks like weakness is actually where your strength lies. What looks like strength, sometimes that's over-confidence which is an attempt to cover up fear. If you don't try, you're never going to fail, and then you will never learn. Back in 1972, I failed an Economic class. I retook that course many years later, and I got a good grade in that class. I learned that I could trust myself, I was a capable woman who could succeed. It has been said there are three kinds of people. Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those that think what happened. Which type would you like to be known for?

Fourth — Acknowledge that sometimes we have no idea where our path is going or even where our path is. We can become blind to that path, and sometimes we get trapped into thinking too strongly that we do know where we are going. Especially if we are driven by self-ambition, and we want certain things very badly. That is a type of blindness. We think we know where we are and where we are going, but we don't know as much as we think. We have to admit at times that we have no idea which direction to go. At these times we have to remain open to help from unexpected places. Sometimes we have to ask for help. Help has come to me from people who have entered my life in unexpected ways. Some of my jobs have come from connections with others that I never expected. Opportunities have come to me when I felt stuck, blocked, my face was up against a wall. Help came. I pray a lot, and I know that the Creator has pushed a lot of my wants aside as they weren't good for me at the time. Have you ever seen the movie, *Bruce Almighty* with Jim Carrey? Jim Carrey calls himself Bruce Almighty because God, Morgan Freeman, decided to give Jim Carrey his power. So now Jim Carrey has God's power. God went on a little vacation. Jim Carrey is tired of listening to everybody's voices asking for all these things that they want. He decides to just give everybody everything that they want. The world falls apart. Everything starts collapsing and falling apart. He asked God, what happened? God said human beings do not know what they want. I found that to be very powerful and very true. We don't know. We think we do. When I ask for what I want, I stay open to help from unexpected places and in unexpected ways. I have experienced help in ways that I never imagine. Always remain open. Never burn a bridge, you don't know where the help will come from. I've got help from people that I've encountered many years before.

Fifth — be quiet. It's hard to do in this day and age, to be quiet. Quiet means turning things off, including your mind. Just be quiet and spend some time with you. We live in a paradise here, truly. There are so many places that we can go to be alone to pay attention to our thoughts, to be more in touch, and to absorb the choices we can make and their consequences down the road. I've made some choices not thinking of the consequences. You have to do that. We have to learn to trust the present moment; to not look back and not look to the future just to hear now. You can trust this moment. Our lives are made of these moments. Take the time to get quiet, you will discover a quietness within you that comes a nurturing place for kindness, courage, love, and compassion. Feed these qualities in yourself, and you can trust those gifts.

Sixth — be generous. You are rich, that's right. I'm not specifically talking about monetary things or material things. We can give from our best selves, our enthusiasm, our spirit, our trust, our openness, our nonjudgmental attitudes, and our presences. Our presences is so important. Sharing this wealth first of all with yourself, honor yourself and then share it with others. We all have a tremendous amount of gifts that the Creator has given us. Share them and be generous with them.

Seven — invite yourself to be happy. I know that sounds strange, but invite yourself to be happy. Find joy in the world around you. Recognize happiness, look for it because it is here. It is all around us right now. Look around us right now and roll around in it. You know like a dog gets down and rolls

around in something. Roll around in happiness. Ask yourself daily, will I be the center of love and kindness today? It is something I'm trying to practice. Will I be the center of love and kindness today? In closing, I now see you are commencing on a journey. Remember when you don't see clearly or you encounter challenges, get quiet and breathe. Don't respond right away. Don't be afraid to fail. Learn from the failure. Ask for help from the Creator and from others. Do not feed your stress. Be open to help from unexpected places and in unexpected ways. Be generous in the giving of yourself and the gifts that you have and choose to be happy each day. When we work on doing or remembering these things daily, we feed the good wolf. Miigwech!"



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Conferring of Degrees for the four graduates: (above, left to right) Melissa Treadeau, Associates of Science/Business Administration, (Summa Cum Laude); Robin Roe, Associates of Science/Business Administration, (Summa Cum Laude); Zelina Huhta, Associates of Science/Business Administration, (Cum Laude); and Eva Lind, Associate of Arts/Anishinaabe Studies, Magna Cum Laude.

Donald Chosa, Jr. gave the closing prayer and blessing. A feast followed for the graduates, families, friends, KBOCC staff, and other visitors.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

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

EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS STUDENTS

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Students must be enrolled KBIC members, reside in Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette counties and must attend a public or private school. A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the requirements of their school district.

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

Baraga – Robert Curtis, Conner Dakota, Takoda Dunleavy, Allison Durant, Dhanya Ekdahl, Noah Evans, Bailey Harden, Jalisa Heath, Rylee Holm, Jayla Isaacson, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Dana Kelly, Layla Loonsfoot, Steven Maki, Jenna Messer, Kylie Michaelson, Addyson Rajacic, Presley Rasanen, and Alana Schofield.

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

Marquette – Aden Hamalainen.

The following 24 students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:

Baraga – Robert Curtis, Sara Dakota, Tyler Dakota, Jayden Denomie, Lealynd Dunleavy, Starr Dunleavy, Destin Gauthier, Reed Geroux, Steele Jondreau, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Dana Kelly, Presley Rasanen, and Robert Webb-Grisham.

L'Anse – Dysean Allen, Deija Dakota, Kiera Dakota, Derek DeCota Jr., Kiera DeCota, Kaylee Forcia, Kobe Forcia, Xander Seppanen, and Prestan Stevens

Negaunee – Brayden Velmer.

BARAGA COUNTY RESIDENTS:

Come & meet your Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College representatives to discuss the following topics:

- Two and One-year degree programs
- New Online classes
- Criminal Justice Certificate
- Professional Development
- Financial Aid Assistance
- Steps to Enrolling

WHEN: Friday, June 21, 2019

WHERE: Zeba Hall Ojibwa Senior Center

TIME: 10:00 -12:30 p.m. 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Light Snacks Provided

Please contact:

Betti Szaroletta at (906) 524-8304 /admissions@kbocc.edu
Or

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

Come Catch Your Dream Today!!

MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2019 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available (3) \$1,000 scholarships and (6) \$500 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to at least nine qualified students with the \$1,000 scholarships being awarded to top three qualified students, as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college or university or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS – the student:

- Must be an enrolled member (*copy of Tribal Card*) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands (*must be verified in writing by your Tribal Enrollment Department*).
- Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (G.E.D.) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a G.E.D. certificate; or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university, or trade school, must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.00.
- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university, or trade school on a full-time basis.
- Must complete the provided application form and submit it with required supporting documentation, and the mailing must be **RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR** postmarked no later than June 15, 2019. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

An application form can be downloaded by visiting <http://michiganindianelders.org/students.php> on the web. The application can also be obtained from the Tribal Education Department of each of the constituent Tribes/Bands (includes Keweenaw Bay Indian Community).



Baraga County Historical Museum
US-41 Baraga Starting 6/19/19

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

Current Positions	Department	Closing Date
Teaching Assistant	PrePrimary	06/03/2019
College Interns (KBIC Member)	Education	Open until filled
IT Help Desk Technician	IT	Open until filled
Physician	DHHS	Open until filled

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

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



KBIC Housing Home Repair Program

The KBIC Housing Home Repair Program is now open. The program has limited funds and is run on a first come, first serve basis. For more information and an application please contact Natalie Mleko at (906) 353-7117 ext .112.

FORAGING FOR WILD EDIBLES

With Dr. Martin Reinhardt

Learn about the wild edibles available to you!

To be held on **Wednesday, June 19th**
from **5:30-7pm**

at the
KBOCC Arts & Agriculture Center
(15211 Pelkie Rd. Pelkie, MI 49958)
Call **DeAnna Hadden** with questions
(906)524-8209



KBIC Health System
DONALD A. LAPOINTE
HEALTH & EDUCATION CENTER

KBIC Spring Cleanup 2019



Curbside Pickup

Who: KBIC Tribal households **within KBIC**. No businesses or non-Tribal households will be included.

Where: East (L'Anse) Side of Reservation
When: 7am June 3rd

Where: West (Baraga) Side of Reservation
When: 7am June 5th

- Please place waste on the curbside for pickup by 7 am on the designated day for each side of Reservation; **no need to register**. Be sure to have items out by the day of your side.
- Once picked up we will not return. (NO ACCEPTIONS)**
- Unacceptable items will be left at curbside**
- If you have not been serviced by the last day of pickup, please call 353-8024

Drop-Off Collection

Who: KBIC Tribal Members
(Please bring KBIC Tribal ID)

When: June 7th 8 am – 3 pm

Where: KBIC Solid Waste Facility,
Ojibwa Industrial Park Road, Baraga

If you have questions, please call KBIC Solid Waste Facility @ 353-8024

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- *Hazardous Waste
 - *Explosives
 - *Radioactive Waste
 - *Paint
 - *Antifreeze/Coolants
 - *Batteries
 - *Tires
 - *Yard Waste
 - *Fluorescent bulbs
 - *Oil & Filters
 - *Pesticides
 - *Propane Tanks
 - *Solvents
 - *Household Trash will be left curbside
 - *Concrete
- ALL PROHIBITED ITEMS WILL BE LEFT CURBSIDE**

RESPECT OUR RESOURCES!

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



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Boozoo,

May is a very busy month for the Tribe's Veteran's Group Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Veterans). Foremost is participating in the remembrances at local cemeteries over the Memorial Day weekend. Also, with the good spring weather comes the spring burials for those who walked on over the winter which means we're assisting in one to two military funerals a week in May and June.

Honoring these Veterans is becoming an increasing challenge. The Baraga and L'Anse American Legion Posts, many years ago, formed an Honor Guard certified by Department of Defense to conduct the military burial rites. Aging and declining membership led them about a year ago to come to us asking for help to which we agreed as without our few numbers the services wouldn't be possible. The average age of the honoring party is typically 70, with several members in their 80's and the youngest at 52.

Wiikwedong Ogichidaa faces the same challenges in an aging and less active membership as the American Legion and Veteran's of Foreign War Organizations. May also is usually the beginning of the Powwow season with the group representing Keweenaw Bay Indian Community at regional Powwows. The carrying in and presenting of our Tribe's Eagle Staff and Flag and the U.S., Service and POW/MIA Flags at Powwows again honors those fallen veterans and demonstrates our support to those of our people currently serving in the military to defend us.

If you're an honorably discharged Veteran and are interested, check out our Facebook page Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society or contact myself, George DeCota or Rodney Loonsfoot.
~ Miigwech, Joe Eckerberg

YOUTH INVOLVED WITH KBOCC STEAM OUTREACH PROGRAM ATTEND SPACE CAMP

On March 24, 2019, 14 students and staff from the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College STEM OUTREACH Program flew to Huntsville, Alabama, to attend the Pathfinder Family Camp. While they were there, they participated in a myriad of activities designed to teach them how NASA astronauts train. The youth trained as a team and confronted mission scenarios with the use of their problem solving and critical thinking skills. Through the week, our youth participated in astronaut training techniques using equipment adapted from the NASA's astronaut program. They learned about space hardware, built a rocket, experienced launching a simulated spaceflight mission, as well as developed their communication and team building skills during various camp challenges. Other activities included: training as an astronaut in the 1/6th gravity chair, the five degrees of freedom simulator, and the multi-axis trainer! This is based on a trainer that was used from NASA's first manned space flight program—the Mercury Program. It's constructed of three large concentric rings with a chair in the middle where you sit. Then you get spun around and upside down as the rings move inside each other. Each youth had a blast trying it, they had to answer questions during their spin to see if they could still continue their mission. They also used a G-force simulator and took a ride on the Moon Shot which simulates a blast into space. The G-Force accelerator is a huge centrifuge which spins you around to create a force equivalent to three G. During this ride, even the most simplest moves is a lot of work. The youth were also taught the history of the NASA Space Program, as well as learning about the upcoming ORION Mission to Mars. During their mission, they also experienced Space Station experiments and learned what the astronauts did while they were on board the Space Station. They grew their own food and learned about the experiments astronauts complete during their missions.

The Marshall Space Flight Center is home to the development of the Space Launch System and the most powerful rocket designed to carry human explorers, their equipment, and payloads deep into space, eventually bring us to Mars. Rocket Park is home to 27 missiles and rockets and shows the history and rise of the U.S. Space Program. It has lots of facts and information regarding the launches of some of the most historic space missions in history. Our youth enjoyed learning about and looking at the artifacts in the museum. During their time at the camp, they designed and won first place for their mission patch. The youth designed and wrote a statement regarding what they, as a team, believe in. It is



as follows:

"We are team Vega, from the Keweenaw Peninsula in Michigan. This patch displays various tribal designs, showing off our indigenous culture. The stars represent the 14 members of our team. The core of the patch is Turtle Island, which represents Mother Earth. The colors within her back symbolizes the four directions of the medicine wheel and are accompanied by specific colors. The shapes on her shell symbolizes race, religion, beliefs, and where we come from. Our patch signifies that we as individuals can change the world and everything in it as well as beyond it. We dare to disturb the Universe. Chi-miigwech, Aho."

They graduated, received their first place pin, and have a memory for a lifetime. Space Camp has given our youth a renewed interest in STEM fields! It was an amazing trip with so much learning and knowledge gained.

KBIC HEADSTART GRADUATES 25TH CLASS



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Nineteen Head Start youth graduated as the Class of 2019 on Friday, May 17, 2019. KBIC Head Start held their 25th Graduation Ceremony at the Zeba Community Hall in Zeba, Michigan. Terri Denomie, Center Director, welcomed all the young graduates, their parents, families, and community members who attended on the youngsters' big day. The graduates performed five songs for their audience: "Little Green Frog", "Ambe Giiweda" (Row, Row, Row Your Boat), "Skidamarink", "Ojibwa Number Song", and "I'm a Little

Graduate". The young graduates received a diploma and backpack full of special gifts from KBIC Tribal Council Representative, Doreen Blaker. Graduates are pictured above in no specific order: JR Bemis, Cleora Cote, Maiachi DeCota, Eliza Fudala, Aubree Hartzog, Sayge Johnson, Hadley Klein, Kai Lahti, Madison LaPlante, Khloe Loonsfoot, Brie Manning, Avery Marczak, Lillith Mares, Aubree Messer, Mikah Pallas, Emma Rothenberger, Ahniyah Shalfoe, Sadie Voakes, and Alexis Witz.

~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor.

Happy Birthday To Our Eldest Seniors

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

Joan V. Antila
 Betty J. Brickel
 Julia A. Cardinal
 Frederick Dakota
 Kay E. Duncan
 Ralph C. Eckerberg
 Arla C. Flower
 Patricia A. Hickman
 Lena Kuopus
 Elizabeth J. Shirtz

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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"Youth is the gift of nature. But age is the work of art." ~ Garson Kanin

Think Spring! Spring Fling Held in Baraga County

Baraga County's Annual Spring Fling was held Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the KBIC Niwin Akeaa Center in Baraga, Michigan. The event was well attended and families received free books, tote bags, balloons, and a number of give-away items from over 20 booths. Children had the opportunity to play in the Bouncy House, attend a Teddy Bear Clinic, get their faces painted, take a strider bike course, and participate in a number of other activities. The Copper Country Great Start Collaborative along with BHK Child Development organized the event.

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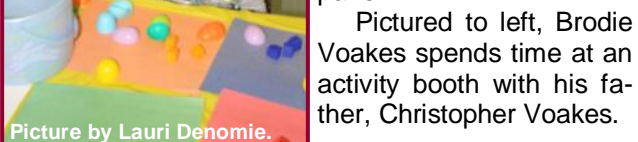


(Left to right) Cousins: Sky Lewis and Jallena Whiteman-Brunk participating at the BCMH Teddy Bear Clinic.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

ITC-MTFAC provided MyPlate educational place mats and displays as well as info on how long it takes to work off a bad diet. For the craft, the kids made lei necklaces they could snack on with pretzels, Cheerios, non-toxic noodles dyed with vinegar and food coloring, and paper flowers. The kids loved it! Pictured above, (Left to Right) Aaliyah Loonsfoot, Kadynce Loonsfoot, and Amber Soli. Booth attendants on right: (standing) Kristy Clisch, and Carol Sepanen.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBIC Health System invites you to the

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PARENT CIRCLE

5-6:30PM

Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Center, Baraga

MONDAY 10 JUNE

AGES 0-5 & SIBLINGS
 FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
 BOOK FOR EACH FAMILY
 DRESS FOR MESS
 SNACKS

CALL DAWN TO REGISTER: 353-4521

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Open to the Community

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FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

KBIC Health System 4-6PM

For those that breastfed, thinking about breastfeeding, or are currently breastfeeding

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SNACKS

Mother-to-Mother Support

Transportation is Available
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 Reminder Calls: 353-4521

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

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

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

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



**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.

Chad DeCota, case #18-125, \$8.901, Contempt of court – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/29/2019, #18-125, \$8.901:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail, 30 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.

Chad DeCota, case #19-047, \$3.202, Assault and battery (domestic) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/29/2019, #19-047, \$3.202:

1. Fine \$400.00.
2. Forty-five (45) days jail, 45 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.

Chad DeCota, case #19-048, \$3.1308, Disobedience of a lawful court order – 4th offense

Sentencing on 04/29/2019, #19-048, \$3.1308:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, 90 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.

Charlotte Loonsfoot, case #19-040, \$3.1706, Controlled substance (methamphetamine) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/29/2019, #19-040, \$3.1706:

1. Fine \$2,000.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, 180 days jail to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall sign releases of information for services provided for the Probation Office.
4. Twelve to eighteen months standard alcohol and drug restriction probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any.

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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](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
A fundraiser for the KBIC Youth Club

Charlotte Loonsfoot, case #19-042, \$3.1409, Contributing to the neglect or delinquency of a minor – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/29/2019, #19-042, \$3.1409:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, 90 days jail to be served concurrently with case #19-040, 90 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 complete a parenting class.
4. Defendant shall sign releases of information for services provided for the Probation Office.
5. Twelve to eighteen months standard alcohol and drug restriction probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any.
6. Defendant shall comply with her after-care program for substance abuse.

Dennis Miller, case #98-114, \$3.202, Assault and battery (domestic) - 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/06/2019, #98-114, \$3.202:

1. Fine \$300.00.
2. Restitution for Court costs, \$725.42.
3. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, 180 days jail to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. Payment Probation.
5. Defendant shall be banished from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community when released from jail for a period of one-year.

Kelly Shelifoe, case #19-044, \$5.15, OUIL – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/08/2019, #19-044, \$5.15:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Forty-five (45) days jail, credit for one day jail served, 44 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all 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 dis-

charged.

4. Three to six 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 one time per month to the probation office.

William Carpenter IV, case #19-027, §3.202, Assault and battery – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/08/2019, #19-027, §3.202:

1. Forty-two (42) hours of community service, a minimum of twenty-two hours shall be completed within the next two weeks.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for 56 days jail, 34 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. Defendant shall obtain an anger management assessment and follow the recommendation until successfully completed. Defendant shall sign a release of information for monitoring purposes.
5. 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.
6. Restitution shall be determined at a later date and shall be paid through the Court, if any.
7. No Contact Order regarding the victim remains in effect throughout probation period.

William Carpenter IV, case #17-187, §16.513, Unregistered vehicle – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/08/2019, #17-187, §16.513:

1. Ten (10) hours of community service to be completed within the next two weeks.
2. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.

Ashley Denomie, case #19-064, §5.61, Driver's license required – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/08/2019, #19-064, §5.61:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. One to three months non-alcohol restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug testing, if any.
3. Defendant must show proof of attempts at obtaining her driver's license to the Probation Department.

Troy Roberts, case #19-058, §3.202, Assault and battery (domestic) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/13/2019, #19-058, §3.202:

1. Fine \$1,000.00. The Court suspends the fine pending successful completion of all aspects of probation.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, credit for 36 days jail, 144 days jail are to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

Troy Roberts, case #19-065, §3.1103, Use of motor vehicle without authority but without intent to steal – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/13/2019, #19-065, §3.1103:

1. Fine \$1,000.00. The Court suspends the fine pending successful completion of all aspects of probation.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, 180 days jail are to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

Troy Roberts, case #19-066, §8.901, Contempt: commission outside the presence of the court – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/13/2019, #19-066, §8.901:

1. Fine \$1,000.00. The Court suspends the fine pending successful completion of all aspects of probation.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, 180 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.

Taylor Drift, case #18-191, §3.202, Assault and battery – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/13/2019, #18-191, §3.202:

1. Fine \$250.00.
2. Forty-five (45) days jail, 45 days jail are to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Defendant may be released directly to inpatient treatment facility, and remaining jail time suspended.
3. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendation of the screening until successfully discharged.
4. Three to six 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. When released from treatment, the Defendant shall report three times per week to the Probation Department until the Probation Officer deems otherwise, then shall report one-time a month minimum.

Taylor Drift, case #19-030, §8.901, Contempt of court – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/13/2019, #19-030, §8.901:

1. Fifteen (15) hours of community service.
2. Ten (10) days jail, 10 days are to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Defendant may be released directly to inpatient treatment facility, and remaining jail time suspended.
3. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of random and PBT testing, if any.
4. Defendant shall report to the Probation Department the next business day. If released on a weekend, Defendant shall report the next business day.
5. When released from treatment, the Defendant shall report three times per week to the Probation Department until the Probation Officer deems otherwise, then shall report one-time a month minimum.

Richard Loonsfoot, Jr., case #19-060, §3.403, Maliciously injuring or destroying a structure – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/15/2019, #19-060, §3.403:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for three days jail served, 45 days jail shall be served, 42 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Restitutions in the amount of \$329.99 and \$10,937.92 shall be paid through the Court Clerk's office.
4. Twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of random and PBT testing, if any.
5. Defendant is banned from the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC) until his restitution is paid in full. (This ban shall be lifted to allow the Defendant to attend "Thinking for change" on Tuesday and Thursday only).

Jones Joins Jacobson Funeral Home as Apprentice

Jacobson Funeral Home in L'Anse announces Courtney Jones will be joining their staff as a Funeral Director Apprentice. Owner, Susan Jacobs, says, "I am honored to have Courtney train under me as a licensed funeral director apprentice. She is very caring and compassionate which is essential when working with families who are dealing with death."

Becoming a licensed funeral director requires a one-year apprenticeship working directly under a licensed funeral director to learn all aspects of embalming, body preparation, arrangement conferences, funeral services, and much more.

To become a licensed funeral director, she will also be required to graduate from an accredited mortuary school and pass National and State Boards. There are certain aspects required of a licensed funeral director such as: manage a licensed funeral home establishment, any preparation of a decedent, signing a death certificate, and direct a burial or disposition of a body.

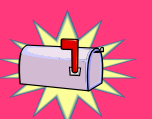
Courtney grew up in Alston, MI, daughter of Tom Clisch and Kristy Seppanen. She started participating in funerals at age eight performing as a soloist. Over the years she has experienced many family members passing away and was always curious of what all was involved on the back side of preparing for a service and helping families. "I chose to talk with Susan about becoming an apprentice because Jacobson Funeral Home has been used by our family for generations, and she does such a professional job."

Courtney has two associate degrees from Casper College in Wyoming. She has been continuing her Cultural education at the KBOCC for more understudies and will be attending Wayne State University School of Mortuary Science from here online along with campus visits. She is also involved as the Director of the L'Anse School Choir, Coach for L'Anse Drama Club, and Director of the Bay Area Chorus. Courtney also teaches crochet classes and music lessons at the Village Gift Store downtown L'Anse. In her free time, she enjoys her cats, gardening, herbology, and crocheting. Courtney and her husband Zach Jones reside in Pelkie.

Courtney can be reached at Jacobson Funeral Home at 524-7800 or by email courtney@jacobsonfuneralhome.com



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

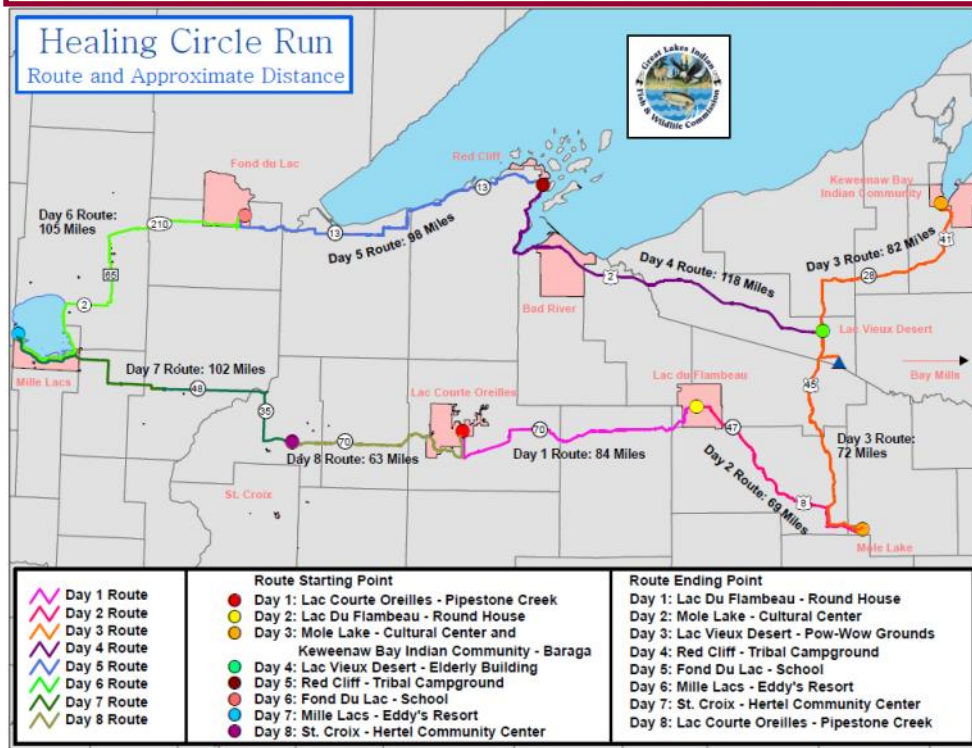




Healing Circle Run July 13-20, 2019

The 2019 Healing Circle Run connects ten Ojibwe reservations in northern Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota. See map for details.

For more information or if you are interested in participating as a core runner or group of runners, please contact Jenny Krueger-Bear at GLIFWC at jkrueger@glifwc.org.



GREAT LAKES INDIAN FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ONJI-AKIING CAMP

Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and USDA -Forest Service, Ottawa National Forest are accepting applications for Onji-Akiing (From the Earth) Camp. The Natural Resource Culture Summer Camp will be held July 15-19, 2019, at Camp Nesbit, Sidnaw, Michigan, in the Ottawa National Forest. Onji-Akiing is open to youth entering 5th-8th grade in the fall of 2019. Students will stay in camp cabins and eat meals in the dining commons area. The camp centers around the Medicine Wheel, addressing not only the physical but also the emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects of adventure-based learning workshops. You will explore natural resource careers, Native American treaty rights, building leadership skills, and environmental stewardship.



2019 Programs: *Environmental Sciences (e.g., aquatic ecology, bird life, forestry, terrestrial ecology, wildlife, fire science, career fair, et.); *Team building; *Copper Bowls; *Service learning; *Cultural exploration; *Hunting, fishing, and archery; *Fireside programs; *Canoeing; *Bandolier Bags; *Indigenous games and ceremony.

Camp Goals: *To get youth excited about the outdoors and

The Healing Circle Run/Walk will be from July 13-20, 2019, which connects 10 Ojibwe communities to promote physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual healing. Every step is a prayer.

All are welcome to participate on Monday, July 15th. There will be a morning ceremony at 8:30 a.m. in Baraga near the Sand Point Lighthouse at the start of Day Three of the Healing Circle route. All are welcome to participate in the morning ceremony in KBIC and to help cover miles from Baraga to Lac Vieux Desert. As the map shows, the core runners (and walkers) will start their morning in the Sokaogon Chippewa Community and end at the roundhouse in the old Indian village near Watersmeet, MI. There will be an evening shared meal and ceremony there and all are welcome to attend. This gives everyone a chance to share their experiences and prayers from the day.

If you are interested in signing up for a segment please check the HCR event on GLIFWC's Facebook page for more information.

Deepest Sympathy

Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Brunk

(July 19, 1937—May 17, 2019)

Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Brunk, age 81, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Friday, May 17, 2019, at her home with her family by her side.



Bede-way-ghezhi-gokwe (Bear Clan) "Coming of the storm", was born on July 19, 1937, in Hayward, WI, a daughter of John and Alice (Brown) Kenosha. She attended school in Lac du Flambeau, WI. Betty married Albert Brunk, Sr. in 1954 in Lac du Flambeau. They lived in Watersmeet and Marquette prior to moving to Baraga in the 1960's.

She was a member of the Lac du Flambeau band of the Ojibwa Indians, and the Lakeside Covenant Fellowship Church. She was baptized as a Christian in 2013 in Lake Superior. Betty enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, watching westerns, baking bread, being on her iPad, and spending time with her grand babies.

Surviving are her four sons: Albert (Ann) Brunk of Baraga, Robert (Vanessa) Brunk of Watersmeet, David Brunk and Ron Brunk both of Baraga; daughters: Brenda Brunk, Nancy (Dave) Pawlowski, and Sally Brunk all of Baraga; sister: Patricia Edwards of Lac du Flambeau; 15 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her parents; husband: Albert Brunk, Sr.; daughter: Sharon Brunk; and siblings: William Kenosha, Vetalene Williams, Elaine Kenosha, Joyce Maki, Roberta LaBarge. Lucille Olds, Viola Pine Johnson and Irene Pine.

Her wake began Sunday, May 19, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the Ceremonial Room in the Ojibwa Senior Center in Baraga, MI, and continued until the time of the funeral service on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Jim Williams and Pastor Rachel Cox officiated. Burial was at the Baraga Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the Ojibwa Seniors.

Pallbearers were—Grandsons: Bill Brunk, Sr., David Brunk, Jr., Creighton Brunk, and Tony Veker, Jr.; great grandson: Mannie Brunk; son-in-law: Dave Pawlowski; and nephews: Bob Hazen and Tom Williams. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse, MI, assisted the family.

Friends may sign Betty's guest book or send condolences at www.jacobsonfuneralhome.com.

UPDATES BY SOUMIT PENDHARKAR, KBIC HEALTH SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

I would like to offer the following updates:

- **We started offering additional Saturday pharmacy hours May 11th.** Thus far, on two Saturdays, we've filled 27 scripts. Please note, the pharmacy operates additional hours on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call the pharmacy (906) 353-4555 in advance two to three days if you are planning to pick up a refill on Saturday. Also, if you are an active patient and go to a walk-in clinic on Saturday, your script can be filled at the pharmacy.
- **Our hours of service are as follows:**

SERVICE	HOURS/NOTES
Medical Clinic	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Pharmacy	8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the last prescription preferably at 6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturdays, starting May 11, 2019. Please note the Pharmacy is now open Tuesday mornings 8 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. They were previously closed due to staff carrying out bubble pack activity.
Lab Service	Starts at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, available until 6:00 p.m.
WIC	Adding hours to Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; closes on Fridays at 2:30 p.m.; other days as normal.

- **Expanded hours continue to be popular.** For the medical clinic, from January 2019, through May 17, 2019, there have been 145 appointments before 8:00 a.m. and 156 appointments after 4:30 p.m.
- **We will be adding Micah David, MSN, FNP-C, as our new Nurse Practitioner.** Micah completed her Associates Degree in Nursing with Deaconess College of Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Chamberlain College of Nursing, and a Master of Science in Nursing with a Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty track with Chamberlain College of Nursing. Micah will be able to diagnose and treat acute problems, chronic problems, educate patients about self-management of chronic illnesses, develop treatment plans, perform routine or annual physical examinations, provide primary care procedures such as splinting, administering immunizations, taking cultures, debriding wounds. Please see below a brief statement from Micah:

"My name is Micah David, and I wanted to both thank you and express how very proud I am to have been chosen as the newest member of the KBIC clinic. While technically considered a newly graduated Nurse Practitioner, my experience of employment in the healthcare field has been for over 25 years. Most of my experience has been in Intensive Care, but I have also worked in Family Practice, Behavioral Health, and several other care settings. I consider myself to be the patients' medical advocate as I assist them through the health care system. It is my firm belief that each of us are defined, not just by our physical health, but also our mental and spiritual health. In my practice, I try to balance natural healing techniques with modern medicine to achieve the best possible outcome for my patient. My most recent accomplishment is graduating with honors from Chamberlain University which is in Chicago, Illinois. Though patient care is my passion, I consider myself a lifelong learner and truly enjoy studying each facet of medicine. In addition to my patient care experience, a few other accomplishments include developing programs, applications, and databases for several medical practices. Some of these applications include use of electronic media to develop and create medical study guides, videos, and flash cards for other nurse practitioner students and sharing with others who are interested in studying medicine. Most of my family both immediate and extended reside in Illinois, and though we miss

them very much, my husband and I look forward to a new chapter in our lives here at KBIC."

- **The Telepsychiatry Clinic person is continuing strong, with nearly 97.87% of patients reporting they would recommend telepsychiatry to another.** Please note, telepsychiatry services include psychiatry, psychology, and psychometric testing. Patients are scheduled either via a referral from one of the KBIC Health System providers or by calling (906) 353-4521.
- **We launched the KBIC Pharmacy Patient Satisfaction Survey.** The early results show 94.87% of patients recommending the KBIC Pharmacy to another person. The anonymous survey is available in hardcopy at several places (Tribal Center, Senior Center, the KBIC Pharmacy). It can also be completed in-person during the check-in process at the KBIC Clinic. Completed surveys can be placed in collection envelopes at the sites noted or electronically submitted if completed during the check-in process.

The surveys are an important tool to gauge how well our services meet the community needs and help identify areas where improvements can be made. We've instituted three patient surveys to date (Pharmacy, Traditional Medicine Clinic, Telepsychiatry) and our goal is to survey the medical clinic and dental clinic as well.

I encourage patients to complete the patient survey. The information gained provides invaluable feedback and allows us to constantly improve services to better serve the community.

- **The New Traditional Medicine Clinic launched March 8th.** The early results continue to be favorable with 100% of patients reporting they would recommend the Traditional Medicine Consultant to another person. This clinic is funded through the Tribal Opioid Response Grant. Additional clinic dates are as follows:
 - July 12th and 26th
 - August 16th and 23rd
 - September 6th and 20th

If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, please call (906) 353-4521. **Walk-ins are welcome!**

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have questions at (906) 353-4553. I enjoy learning from your perspective and particularly value listening to concerns directly. I also wish to thank the staff at the KBIC Health System. Their contributions continue to assure our success.

ONJI-AKIING CAMP continued:

strengthen their connection to it. *To educate on the importance of traditional ecological knowledge. *To encourage cultural resource careers. *To build confidence, leadership, and self-reliance. *To promote and protect treaty rights. *To honor all our relations. *To deeper understanding of traditional ways.

For more information contact: Heather Bliss (GLIFWC) at (906) 458-3778 or e-mail hnaigus@glifwc.org. More information and application is available at www.glifwc.org and click on: Outreach programs and classes (bottom left).



June 2019 Calendar:

- June 1 — Referendum Election;
- June 7 — Constitution Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tribal Center;
- June 12 — Happy Father's Day.

~ submitted by newsletter editor





Our Children Are Our Future

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Tribal Social Services
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Baraga, MI 49908
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Become a Foster Parent

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KBIC Holds Community Meeting to
inform Tribal Members of
Referendum Vote



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held a Community Meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan. Topic was to discuss the upcoming Referendum Election to be held on June 1, 2019. "Do you approve of an investment of 4-million dollars into the acquisition of a medical marijuana grow and dispensary business? The investment would come from the Elder's Trust Fund which would be paid back to make solvent.

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Ojibwa Pow Wow Grounds Pavilion, Baraga

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

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Family Engagement Dress for Mess Fun for Everyone

Register with Dawn: 353-4521

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The investment would cover the acquisition of real estate to be used for a dispensary and grow facility, retaining political and legal representation, licensing fees, and all other associate costs." Yes or No?

Unfortunately, the Election results were not available at time of press.



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