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The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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CLOSE VOTES ARE TALLIED AT KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY GENERAL ELECTION

Voters from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community cast their ballots at the December 14, 2019, General Election. Preliminary counts were announced by Election workers immediately following the closing of the polls. Those results follow:

Baraga District:

Rodney Loonsfoot (Inc.), 252 votes;
Donald L. Chosa, Jr., 193 votes;
Michael P. Lahti, 208 votes;
Carole L. LaPointe, 112 votes;
Don Messer, Jr., 209 votes.

L'Anse District:

Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. (Inc.), 307 votes;
Eddy Edwards, 240 votes;
Jean Jokinen, 203 votes;
Jennifer Misegan, 214 votes.

Associate Judge results:

Violet M. Friisvall Ayres, (Inc.) 284 votes;
Tyler Larson, 225 votes.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Voters in the L'Anse District registering with Election Workers.

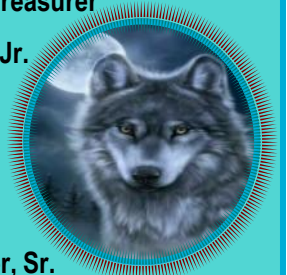
Rodney Loonsfoot and Don Messer, Jr. each secured a three-year term in the Baraga District. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. and Eddy Edwards each secured a three-year term in the L'Anse District. Violet M. Friisvall Ayres secured a three-year term as Associate Judge.

Election results are on the agenda to be considered for certification by the Tribal Council at the meeting scheduled for January 4, 2020. Following certification, the twelve seat council will make nominations and vote for their Executive Board.

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Vice-President
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Randall R. Haataja
Kim Klopstein
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Rodney Loonsfoot
Elizabeth D. Mayo



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- General Election Held for KBIC
- KBOCC Holds 1st Annual Pow-wow
- Soft Opening Held at Ojibwa Casino Marquette
- KBIC Youth Christmas Parties Held
- Education Incentive Program Awards Announced
- Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society News
- Criminal Report
- Deepest Sympathy

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY HELD AT SOFT OPENING OF THE OJIBWA CASINO MARQUETTE



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council participated in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



Larry Denomie III, General Manager Ojibwa Casinos, spoke of the history of today's historical undertaking for the Community.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held a soft opening event at the new Ojibwa Casino Marquette, on Friday, December 20, 2019. Tours were given, words of appreciation were offered, an honor song was provided by Woodland Singers, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held, and Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments were served in the new Event Center.

Larry Denomie III, General Manager of Ojibwa Casinos, said, "Welcome to the new Ojibwa Casino Marquette! Before I turn the MIC over to the President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, I want to express my sincere gratitude to

everyone who has been involved in this historical undertaking for our Community.

As many of you know, the Community's intentions were to build its new facility at the former airport property in Negaunee Township. Over 15 years and hundreds of thousands of dollars were invested into that site. The decision to plant our flag here, in Harvey, came as a result of the lack of cooperation and support from Michigan's former Governor, Rick Snyder. However, we are not here today to dwell on the past, we are here today to celebrate the opening of this beautiful facility.

Ojibwa Casino Marquette Soft Opening continued:

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Council, past and present some of whom are here today. They have long recognized the need to move their casinos into the future. Their vision and dedication includes ensuring the valuable programs and services offered to its members continue and grow.

Our new casino was made possible through the support, hard work, and dedication of many. I want to start by thanking you; our trusted, loyal, and supportive customers. The investment by the KBIC into the Ojibwa Casinos was made possible because of you, and we hope you enjoy all we have to offer here as well in Baraga.

We also need to thank the voting membership of the KBIC. Moving our projects forward would never have been possible without the majority vote from them.

Our financial partners, who invested in our vision and have supported our projects, include Fifth Third Bank and Superior National Bank.

Our internal team, involved in seeing our projects through, worked diligently to overcome obstacles that seemed insurmountable at times. We have learned so much along the way that our Tribe is positioned well to push through to the next phase that will include a hotel – which, unfortunately, was one obstacle we weren't able to overcome in phase I.

It's also very important to recognize our external partners who have been with us for decades in our wild ride of ideas, locations, and obstacles. Our General Contractor, Gundlach Champion, and all of their great staff have provided us with a lot of support and advice along the way. They actually have a closet at their offices with all of our former plans, renderings, meeting notes, and so on. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication toward seeing our projects through. The Cuningham Group of Minneapolis is the design and engineering firm that has developed what you see and feel today. They too have been along on this ride over the decades. This project is somewhat ahead of schedule because of all of the subcontractors brought on board by Gundlach, too many to list today. We greatly appreciate their dedication toward exceeding the projected opening of our new casino.

Lastly and even most importantly, I personally want to thank our amazing staff, past and present. They have been such troopers in ensuring we were able to open today. That goes for every department and every employee who has worked tirelessly over this past week, especially as well as the 12 plus months of construction, to get where we are today – without you, none of this would have been possible – Thank You!

Finally, and as you can see or may have heard, we aren't at 100% yet. I apologize in advance for some technical issues we are working through. We will also be finalizing installation of our digital media project, as well as opening our new restaurant, the Marquette Tavern, in late January to early February. Our restaurant has been designed by and the menu created by Dave Anderson, founder of Famous Dave's BBQ. Once we are at 100% we will host a Grand Opening event and it's tentatively scheduled for April of 2020 – we hope to see you then and many times before.

Before we complete the ceremonial ribbon cutting, I'd like to introduce our Tribal Council President, Chris Swartz, who will share some thoughts with you this morning as well. Once the ribbon cutting ceremony is complete, we have some or hors d'oeuvres and refreshments in our new Event Center – please join us and again, thank you."

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. recognized the Tribal Council present at today's event. President Swartz said, "Today is the collaboration of a lot of hard work. We are very proud of our new casino and we hope everyone agrees this is a brand new facility that has been designed for your enjoyment. Today, we are seeing the first tribe issued a Casino Gaming License a few decades ago. Since then, we've come a long way. I can remember when I came back from the U.S. Air Force and there was a casino in a two-car garage in my home town of Zeba. That was the first casino ever in Indian Gaming. Since then, Indian Gaming has been a huge asset and a funding source for tribal governments. It is now a 35-billion dollar operation, and with that said, we are able to provide many services to our members that we were unable to do in the past. Indian Gaming has been a huge asset for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Since that two-car garage, we have expanded, as you can tell. We are here today opening our new casino and Indian Gaming here in Marquette is in the best interest for both of our communities as we prepare for generations to come and allow us to support the local com-

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munity and continue to move forward. None of this could have happened without the support of our employees, contractors, and all who have been a part of this endeavor. We really appreciate them. The Baraga Casino and the new members of our team who have been trained are ready to serve our most important assets, our guests. Miigwech from the entire Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Welcome and Merry Christmas. We hope to see you all here on New Years' Eve for our first big event and that you will be able to take part at the Ojibwa Casinos of Baraga and Marquette."

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

2019 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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

2% Distributions and 8% Payments

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

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

For the period of April 1, 2019, through September 30, 2019, the total to be distributed to local units of government in Baraga County, which was derived from the Ojibwa Casino Resort--Baraga, was \$139,372.65. The payments approved by Tribal Council for this distribution are as follows:

Baraga County	\$ 34,219.28
Baraga Area Schools	\$ 41,196.47
Baraga Township	\$ 13,784.52
Baraga Township/Bay Ambulance	\$ 10,000.00
Village of Baraga	\$ 10,596.92
Village of Baraga/Baraga Fire Department	\$ 5,000.00
L'Anse Area Schools	\$ 20,561.20
L'Anse Township	\$ 2,317.63
Village of L'Anse	\$ 1,696.63

Distributions totaling \$174,984.69 were made to local units of government in Marquette County that were derived from the Ojibwa Casino-Marquette for the same period as follows:

City of Marquette/Hospitality House of the U.P.	\$ 10,000.00
City of Marquette/YMCA	\$ 6,000.00
Chocolay Township/Fire, Police, PW, Community, Water Tower	\$ 76,000.00
Marquette County/Planning Div. 2040 Master Plan Region Rallies	\$ 3,000.00
Marquette County/Land Bank Auth. — Home Heating and Appliance	\$ 15,000.00
Marquette County/Health Dept. — Dental Outreach Programs	\$ 2,000.00
Marquette County/Lake Superior Life Care Hospice Adult Services	\$ 2,000.00
Marquette County/Health Dept. — Suicide Prevention Alliance	\$ 5,000.00
Marquette County/Community Action Alger Marquette Meals on Wheels	\$ 2,500.00
Marquette County/Superior Watershed Partnership	\$ 5,000.00
Marquette County/Aging Services — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 5,000.00
Marquette County/Marquette Transit Bus Transportation Program	\$ 2,500.00
Marquette Area Public Schools/Title VII Native American Education	\$ 6,800.00
Forsyth Township/Police Vehicle	\$ 21,684.69
Forsyth Township/T.E.A.M. ATV's	\$ 2,500.00
Onota Township/U.P. Central Trails	\$ 10,000.00

Eight percent (8%) payments are made to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The November 2019 distribution for the Ojibwa Casino Resort-Baraga totaled \$557,490.62 and \$699,938.71 for the Ojibwa Casino-Marquette.

The next cycle of awards will be made in May 2020. Local units of government within Baraga or Marquette Counties may apply. Written requests received before March 31, 2020, will be considered.

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Blaker, KBIC Tribal Council Treasurer

KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS 1ST ANNUAL POWWOW



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

VIP's: (left to right): Leon Chosa, Head Male Dancer; Mia Goggeley, Head Female Dancer; Rodney Loonsfoot, Head Veteran Dancer; Deija Dakota, Miss Keweenaw Bay; Sara DeCota, Miss Junior Keweenaw Bay; Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Members - Dan Garceau, Diane Jondreau, Joe Eckerberg, Jerry Mayo, George DeCota, and Donald Chosa, Jr.

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College held their 1st Annual Powwow on Saturday, December 7, 2019, at the Niiwin Akeaa Facility in Baraga, Michigan. Grand Entry was held at 1:00 p.m. with Rodney Loonsfoot, Head Veteran leading the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Honor Guard into the arena for Grand Entry and posting of the colors. Woodland Singers served as Host Drum and were assisted by invited drum Four Thunders. Mitch Bolo, emcee, did a great job keeping everyone informing of the events. Arena Directors, Raistlin Awonohopay and Bryan Welsh were assisted by Virgil Loonsfoot and Braedon Butterfield.

The KBOCC Powwow was a learning process and organized by students of Christine Awonohopay's AS202 Powwow Planning and Management class. The class had 15-weeks to raise funds for the event. The organizers are very appreciative of the donations made by the Community that made it possible to hold their 1st Annual Powwow.

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 56 students were placed on the Honor Roll for the first marking period of the 2019-20 academic year:

Baraga – Breyelle Bowers, Tayliana Bryan, Daniel Connor, Jr., Robert Curtis, Connor Dakota, Tyler Dakota, Alexxus DeCota, Allison Durant, Dhanya Ekdahl, Noah Evans, Richard Geroux, Jr., Bailey Harden, Jalisa Heath, Wyatt Hebert, Rylee Holm, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Jayla Isaacson, Breanna Jondreau, Charlotte Jondreau, Layla Loonsfoot, Nikira Maki, Steven Maki, Kylie Michaelson, Avery Miller, Virgil Mongozid, Leeah Owens, Madden Owens, Kylie Peterson, Brooklyn Rajacic, Presley Rasanen, Alana Schofield, Logan Shalifoe, Tyler Shalifoe, Javon Shelifoe, Kayla Szaroletta, and Robert Webb-Grisham.

L'Anse – Dysean Allen, Erica Bartle, Jace Chosa, Tokala Chosa, Deija Dakota, Kydan Dean, Jonah Dowd, Robert Genschow, William Genschow, Payton LeClaire, Rion Maki, Tianna Pillsbury, Willow Rexford, Alicia Stein, Mariana Teikari, Cassandra Zasadnyj, and Paige Zasadnyj.

Gwinn – Kaitlyn Shelafoe.

Marquette – Aden Hamalainen.

The following 63 students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:

Baraga – Ethin Awonohopay, Kamerin Awonohopay, Breyelle Bowers, Daniel Connor Jr., Robert Curtis, Conner Dakota, Sara Dakota, Tyler Dakota, Lealynd Dunleavy, Starr Dunleavy, Allison Durant, Kruze Ekdahl, Madyson Evans, Noah Evans, Destiney Gauthier, Octavia Geroux, Reed Geroux, Richard Geroux, Jr., Rylee Holm, Jayla Isaacson, Sayge Johnson, Steele Jondreau, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Adrianna Kyllonen, Aaliyah Loonsfoot, Layla Loonsfoot, O'Dell Loonsfoot, Steven Maki, Kevin McIntyre, Virgil Mongozid, Presley Rasanen, Alana Schofield, Logan Shalifoe, Tyler Shalifoe, Caleb Smith, Jacob Smith, Deklin Swartz, Kayla Szaroletta, and Robert Webb-Grisham.

L'Anse – Dysean Allen, Neldelya Chosa, Tokala Chosa, Brady Curtis, Alice Curtis, Deija Dakota, Kydan Dean, Derek DeCota, Jr., Kiera DeCota, Kaylee Forcia, Kobe Forcia, Brendon Friisvall, Nathan Friisvall, Chase Larson, Payton LeClaire, Leeland Meador, Hunter Picard, Michael Rothenberger, Xander Seppanen, Matthew Stein, and Cassandra Zasadnyj.

Gwinn – Kaitlyn Shelafoe and Destinee Stanton.

ATTENTION: ALL TRIBAL COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

Applications for **Small Boat and Large Boat Commercial Fishing Licenses** for the **Year 2020-2021** Commercial Fishing Season are available at the Motor Vehicle/Licensing Department located in the Tribal Center. The new license year will begin: May 1, 2020. Applications must be returned to the **Motor Vehicle/Licensing Office** by: **Friday, February 7, 2020**. All applications for licenses will be reviewed and selected by the Tribal Council. All Tribal members who apply must have completed the required **U.S. Food and Drug Administration Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) training** and present a copy of the certificate with the application. A **Boat Safety Fishing Vessel Examination** with a certified official must be completed and that documentation must be provided before issue of a license. The application also requests fishing vessel information including the vessel name, number, and length.

For: Boat Safety Inspections contact the Tribal Police/Conservation Department at (906) 353-6626 to make an appointment or contact U.S. Coast Guard/Hancock at (906) 482-1520.

A message to our Community

"After 29 years of serving on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council, I decided not to run for re-election. I thank all of you for your support and good wishes. Our Tribe will remain as a special part of my life.

The best things in life are the people we care about, the places we've been, and the memories we've made along the way.

Susan and I wish you many happy, healthy New Years! Miigwech!"

Mike LaFernier, Sr.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Mike and Susan LaFernier

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.



Michael Miron, case #19-113, §3.1112, Shoplifting – 1st offense

Sentencing on 11/18/2019, #19-113, §3.1112:

1. Fine \$250.00.
2. Ten days jail, 10 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Witness fees of \$57.22 for the cost of bench trial.
4. Three to six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
5. Defendant shall report a minimum of one time a month in person to the probation office and as scheduled by the probation department.

Michael Miron, case #19-132, §3.608, Obstruction of process – 1st offense

Sentencing on 11/18/2019, #19-132, §3.608:

1. Fine \$250.00.
2. Thirty days jail, 30 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Six to twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Twenty-four hours of community service.
5. Defendant shall report a minimum of one time a month in person to the probation office and as scheduled by the probation department.

Sam Loonsfoot, case #19-138TNR, §10.502, Hunting and trapping license – 1st offense

Sentencing on 11/18/2019, #19-138TNR, §10.502:

1. Fine \$100.00. Must be paid within 90 days.

Michael Schofield, case #19-131, §3.202, Assault and battery (domestic) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 11/18/2019, #19-131, §3.202:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty days jail, credit for 11 days jail served, 90 days jail shall be served, 79 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall obtain a new substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
4. Defendant shall obtain a mental health assessment and shall follow the recommendations of the assessment until successfully discharged.
5. Defendant shall complete a DAIP, anger management counseling, or equivalent.
6. Defendant is responsible for any restitution, if any, and shall be paid through the Court Clerk's office. VOCA shall obtain the amount of restitution within 30-days and report to the probation office.
7. Twelve to eighteen months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
8. Defendant shall report a minimum of one time a month in person to the probation office and as scheduled by the probation department.

George Gauthier, case #19-114, §3.1706, Controlled substance (sale, buprenorphine) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 11/20/2019, #19-114, §3.1706:

1. Fine \$1,000.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty days jail, 90 days jail shall be served, 90 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Twelve to twenty-four months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Defendant shall report to the probation office within 24-hours of release from jail.

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Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society News

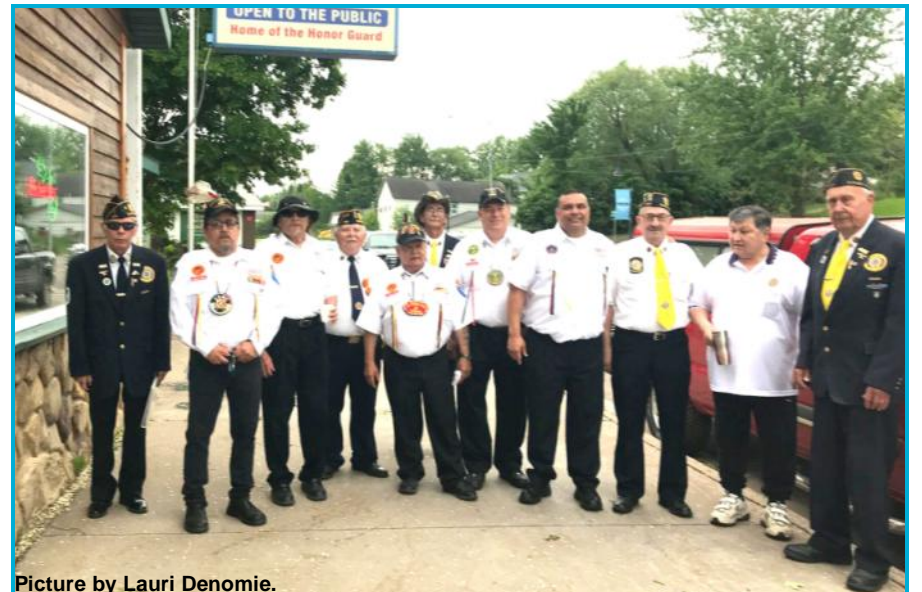
The Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society (KBIC Veterans) joined KBOCC in their inaugural Powwow at the Niiwin Akeaa Center on December 7, 2019. In addition to providing the honor guard, Rodney Loonsfoot served as Head Veteran and Stan Spruce offered words of remembrance for the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor as the event fell on the 78th anniversary of that tragic event.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society participates at the 1st Annual KBOCC Powwow.

Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society (KBIC Veterans) members continue to support the Baraga County Honor Guard in providing military rites for deceased Veterans. In addition to the Tribe's Veterans, the American Legion Posts 444 in Baraga and Post 144 in L'Anse comprise the group which is authorized by Department of Defense to conduct the rites. Despite consisting of three Veterans groups decreased membership and participation in all the groups make conducting each service a challenge. The group participated in three funerals over the last four weeks including one just prior to the KBOCC Powwow.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Members of Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society and the American Legion Posts 444 in Baraga and Post 144 in L'Anse.



Vice Commander Donald Chosa, Jr. organizing toys into categories.

Adjutant Rodney Loonsfoot is Baraga County Toys for Tots Coordinator. Rodney, along with Donald and Karlene Chosa, shopped at Walmart on two occasions buying gifts for Toys for Tots. Utilizing the \$5,400 donated from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the 15% discount Walmart gave, they purchased \$6,000 in toys for tots..

The Veteran group sorted the gifts for Baraga County families in need on December 14, 2019. Toy distribution throughout Baraga County was done on December 15, 2019.

January 2020 Calendar:

- Jan. 1 — Gov't. Offices closed for New Years Holiday;
- Jan. 4 — Quarterly Council Meeting, Big Bucks Bingo Hall, 9 a.m.;
- Jan. 10 — Constitution Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tribal Center;
- Jan. 25 — Midwinter Powwow, Niiwin Akeaa Facility, 1:00 p.m.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Happy Holidays!





Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
16th Winter Traditional Pow-Wow
Saturday, January 25, 2020
Niiwin Akeaa Community Center ♦ Baraga, MI



Public Welcome

Host Drum

Woodland Singers

Invited Drums

Four Thunders
 Loon Travelers

Master of Ceremonies

Bernard "Bud" Biron

Arena Director

Rodney Loonsfoot

Assistant Arena Director

Glenn Tolonen

Veteran Honor Guard

Wiikwedong Ogichidaa
 Society

Pow-Wow

Grand Entries: 1 PM & 6 PM

Honoring Tribal Elders: 2 PM

**Janice H. Shalifoe
 Richard "Dick" Shalifoe**

Pink Shawl Honor Dance: 4 PM

Michelle St. George

Feast: 5 PM

Miss Keweenaw Bay

Deija Dakota

Miss Junior Keweenaw Bay

Sara Dakota

Head Man Dancer

Emanuel "Doc" Poler

Head Lady Dancer

Lisa Denomie

Head Veteran Dancer

Donald Chosa Sr.

Youth Head Man Dancer

Kyle Dowd

Youth Head Lady Dancer

Alana Schofield

Junior Head Boy Dancer

Devin Connor

Junior Head Girl Dancer

Dalana Connor

For information contact KBIC Cultural Committee

Cultural Center: 906-353-7020

Gerry: 906-201-2407 ♦ Diane: 906-353-6060

Rodney: 906-201-0064

*Not Responsible for Theft or Accidents
 Security Provided*

*Absolutely NO Alcohol—NO Drugs—Violence will NOT Be Tolerated
 Invited Drums Only—DUE TO LIMITED SPACE*



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.



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KBIC SENIORS - TAX PREPARATION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Eligible Seniors: Enrolled KBIC Members 55 years of age and older residing in Baraga County or on the Marquette Trust property.

How the Program Works: Eligible seniors will receive reimbursement up to \$100 for their 2019 tax return preparation. This year's program also provides reimbursement up to \$26 for completion of your 2019 Home Heating Credit return.

To qualify for reimbursement, eligible seniors must use a tax preparer who has been issued a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Lake Superior Community Development Corporation and Sally Snyder are excluded from the program.

To receive your reimbursement, please turn in your original receipt to Sheila Royal, Administrative Specialist, in the CEO's Office. Please allow up to 10 business days for payment processing. (Reimbursement for personal returns only, business returns are not covered.)

Baraga Party



Aaliyah Maki told Santa she's been a very good girl this year.



Connor family visited with Santa, making sure he got their Christmas lists.



Kane Peterson enjoyed his time with Ole St. Nicholas.



Xander Seppanen made sure Santa had his list.



Aleah Chosa had a very nice visit with Mr. Claus.



Paige Cote was very excited with her gift.



Destiney Gauthier certainly loved her gift.



Dayella Picard enjoyed her time with Mr. Claus.



Dalton Francois poses with Santa Claus.



Kahrin Boyd isn't quite sure of Ole St. Nicholas.

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.



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COMFORT, CARE AND CONCERN

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION HELD IN HONOR OF AMY ST. ARNOLD AFTER 43 YEARS SERVING THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY



Educational staff (pictured above) and other Community members joined Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, for a celebration of her retirement after 43 years of service at KBIC. Front (left to right), Beth Dix, Amy St. Arnold, Liz Badke, Jennifer Westman, (back row) Helen Jondreau and Shellie Pascoe.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held a retirement celebration on Thursday, December 19, 2019, to honor Amy St. Arnold as she retires. The retirement luncheon was held at the KBIC Tribal Center.

Sarah Smith, CEO, said, "Amy graduated from Baraga High School in 1971, and obtained her Liberal Arts Degree from Kendall College in Evanston, Illinois, in 1972. She attended Lake Superior State College for Psychology and Sociology, and later the Ojibwa Community College for Government and Behavior Modification. Amy has worked for the Tribe for 43 years and 4 months as of December 2019. She has held many different positions within her career. She began her career as a clerk typist at Michigan Technological University Admissions Office in October of 1972. She then moved on to be a secretary at Lake Superior State College in their Psychology Department. She was an Economic Developer for the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan in 1972. Amy then began working for the tribe as the Johnson O'Malley Coordinator part-time in 1997. She was the Bookkeeper for the Elderly Nutrition Program from September 1983 to April 1984. She was the Adult Education Director from July 1985 through June 1986. From May of 1986 to September 2001, Amy was the Director of Higher Education. From May of 1988 through June 1990, she also managed the Print Shop. Amy was part-time Assistant CEO from October 1998 to November 2002. From November 2002 to January 2003, she was the Librarian. January 2003 to present, she has been our Education Director. In other capacities, she has served as a member of the Keweenaw Bay Education Committee, Inc., the Baraga Education Support Team, Indian Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Committee, and the Hiring/Personnel Committee. She served for a total of 15 years on the Council from 1989 to 2003. For thirteen of those years, she was the Treasurer for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Council.

Amy's contribution to this Community includes starting many educational programs for providing encouragement for our Tribe to further their education. She developed a program for the youth, allowing them to receive an incentive for perfect attendance and honor roll. Amy has championed obtaining tutors in the local schools for high school and later elementary students. She also started the college intern program. As part of her department, a GED tutor is provided for those not completing their high school diplomas. In order to further educational opportunities, Amy has formed partnerships with outside organizations including Northern Michigan University, KBOCC, Baraga Schools, L'Anse Schools, and L'Anse/Baraga Community Schools. Currently, Amy administers the Student Sovereignty Fund, Ann Misegan Scholarship, Loan Forgiveness Program, Senior Scholarship, Merit, Forestry, and BIA Scholarship. Amy has also faithfully kept the Tribe apprised of the changes occurring with the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, giving updates through attending, participating, and reporting on the Education Directors' meetings. She also works with the local schools and at a state level in reviewing historical information to make sure it is in line with our Tribal Community. She meets with the local schools on a regular basis to advo-

cate for our Native students through RAP sessions. Amy also has made sure that each year the graduating seniors are honored by hosting a wonderful banquet, so the Community can celebrate our young people's accomplishments. She keeps a local library for employees in the breakroom and oversees our Community Library that is located in downtown Baraga. She has successfully written several grants to help fund the books and Library Services many people enjoy. On a personal note, Amy also sold me my first cool car, a Toyota Celica. Amy, you will be missed. Miigwech for all you have done for the Tribe."

New Employees - Whose Who and Who's New



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Officer Justin Wonch began employment with the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Department as a part-time officer assigned to the Harvey, Michigan location on December 10, 2019. Shown above Chief Judge William W. Jondreau, Sr. congratulates Justin as he took his Oath to protect and serve the people of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.



Face-to-Face Crisis Response Available

Dial Help's Mobile Response Team (MRT) was launched in 2017, offering face-to-face crisis support during regular business hours in the four-county area (Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon). These hours have been expanded to seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Organizations and schools can request the MRT to intervene with clients or students who are in crisis. Community members can also request MRT services for themselves, friends, or loved ones in crisis.

"The MRT serves a lot of youth through the schools, but we're also available after school and on weekends," said Kara Eastling, LLPC and counselor at Dial Help. "Our MRT workers meet the person in crisis in a public space or in their home, and work with them to process the crisis and develop a plan to get through it. We serve adults in addition to local youth. Having that face-to-face option can make a big difference in helping someone feel supported."

To request MRT services, call (906) 482-HELP OR 800-562-7622. To learn more, visit www.DialHelp.org or call (906) 482-9077. The Mobile Response Team is funded by Portage Health Foundation, with after-hours services funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan Foundation, and Superior Health Foundation.

Deepest Sympathy

Paul J. Lahti

(August 21, 1940—December 16, 2019)

Paul J. Lahti, age 79, of L'Anse, MI, passed away Monday, December 16, 2019, at his home. He was born in L'Anse on August 21, 1940, the son of the late Toivo and Stella (Vashaw) Lahti. Paul attended school in Baraga. He drove logging truck in his earlier years and retired from CCI. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, L'Anse, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and the former Eagles Club. Paul enjoyed going to the Eagles and the Jack O'Lantern for a beer and hunting. His favorite past time was mowing his lawn.

Paul is survived by his loving family, brother: James "Jim" (Rhonda) Lahti of L'Anse; sister: Elvera Lantz of L'Anse; nephews and nieces: Jesse (Abby) Lahti of L'Anse, Malisha Maki of L'Anse, Mindy Lantz of Elo, and Don (Karina) Lantz of Marquette; grand nieces and nephews: Kaylee, Ty, Deegan, Talan, Miah, Megan, Anna, Emberlee, Donovan, Larry, and Aubreigh; and his cousin Sharon Tammelin. Several close friends also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services for Paul will be held in the Assinins Cemetery in the spring. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, assisted the family.

Steven Michael Ghiardi

(August 21, 1964—December 18, 2019)

Steven Michael Ghiardi, age 55, of S. River Dr., Gwinn, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly early Wednesday morning, December 18, 2019, at his home.

Steve was born August 21, 1964, in Ishpeming, Michigan, to John E. 'Jack' and JoAnn M. (Mayo) Ghiardi, and graduated from Gwinn High School, Class of 1983. He was employed for a short time at Big Boy in Marquette, Michigan, until his health prevented him from working.

Steve was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Gwinn, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and a proud member of AA where he enjoyed support from his fellow members and friends. He was avid sports fan, especially cheering for the Detroit Tigers, Green Bay Packers, and listening to high school sports on the radio. Steve loved woodworking and his daily walk to the post office.

Surviving are his loving mother: JoAnn Ghiardi; his sister: Jodi (Jeremy) Smith of Marquette; nephew: Tyler (Kendra) Smith; aunts: Barbara, Dorothy, Karen, and Dolores Mayo, and Marlene Damgaard; uncle: John (Doris) Mayo; numerous cousins; and his special canine companion, Zoey.

He was preceded in death by his father in 2014; his brother: Mark Ghiardi in 1966; and uncles: Bill, Bob, Donald, and Ulie Mayo.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, December 23, 2019, at St. Anthony Catholic Church with Rev. Allen Mott officiating. Burial will be in the Gwinn Cemetery. The family will greet relatives and friends in St. Anthony's Baraga Room prior to the 11:00 a.m. service. The family was assisted by the Koskey Funeral Home of Negaunee, Michigan.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FPIR) FY 2018 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* (Effective Oct. 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020)

*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		FPIR 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		FPIR 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



AFTER THE HOLIDAYS—Now what to eat?

By Dr. Dale Schmeisser



Most of us change our eating habits over the six week period from Thanksgiving to New Year's. (Some extend it all the way to SuperBowl, more on that later). We love to be generous with each other—celebrating family and friends with gifts and good company. That usually extends to being "generous" with food, too. It's a fact of life, there's no reason to feel guilty about it, and by all means don't go into punishment mode when the holidays are over. If you gained a few pounds or found that your blood sugars didn't quite stay in your goal range, the post-holiday calm can help restore your confidence and a healthful eating pattern. Feeling better is often the result. Here are some ideas for getting back on track:

Empty the cabinets and fridge of the extra sweets and high calorie snack foods that are left over. If you do a lot of baking, you may find that there's a whole container of cookies left in the freezer. You'll have an easier time getting back on track if you move them out of the house altogether, except for a few. Don't depend on willpower to resist, your power comes from deciding what's in the house in the first place.

Make a point of increasing the amount of vegetables on the plate at lunch and supper. Veggies tend to fill you up at a lower calorie cost than the protein and starch, and because they fill you up, they make it easier to opt for no dessert or a lighter one. Here in the UP, fresh veggies can be expensive in the winter. Frozen is a great choice, and if canned fits your taste or your budget better, by all means open a can of green beans, carrots, beets, or whatever suits you best. KBIC commodities now stocks salt-free canned vegetables, and they're available at the grocery stores as well. But if you're using regular canned vegetables, consider rinsing and cooking in fresh water, this reduces sodium content by quite a bit.

Re-start a regular meal pattern. Over the holidays, timing of meals and snacks can get out of whack: dinners at odd times, parties where we eat late into the night. After January 1, try getting back to a regular pattern of eating. For most people, three meals at regular intervals helps prevent getting too hungry and then overeating, and in most cases improves the overall balance of foods through the day. Some folks do well with a snack or two, but they tend to be healthier snacks and smaller when snacks are between meals rather than when they are eaten instead of a meal.

Focus on sturdy foods. It's cold out there, a cup of oatmeal or eggs and toast in the morning and a stew for supper are just right for this time of year. You can find many recipes for lighter versions of stews and casseroles online. Sometimes it's simple to modify your own favorite recipes—use ½ the amount of oil to sauté, less cheese, add vegetables to a casserole to boost the nutrition, decrease the calories per serving. A crusty roll is a great substitute for a biscuit or garlic bread.

A word about Superbowl: For many people the Superbowl has become a major food holiday. Magazines are full of recipes for the game—no, for the whole weekend. Pre-game parties, Superbowl breakfast, lunch, and supper, snacks for the game. (Really?) One news agency reported the most sought-out Superbowl recipes from online searches. In 2019 the most popular foods for Superbowl Sunday were chicken wings and chili. But when they looked at individual states, they found that folks in Illinois searched jalapeno popper recipes, Mississippians searched granola bar recipes, North Carolinians searched Cobb salad recipes, and people in Michigan searched pizza recipes. My advice to my fellow Michiganders—chili is a great choice, especially if you add plenty of beans. For the pizza, add lots of veggies on top, choose sausage or pepperoni, and offer a dish of veggies with dip or a nice salad on the side. Or don't, it's one weekend, then please reconsider the four previous tips. HAPPY 2020!!!

UNDERSTAND STALKING

ARE YOU BEING STALKED?

Stalking is a series of actions that make you feel afraid, distressed, or in danger.

Stalking is serious, often violent, and can escalate over time.

Are you...

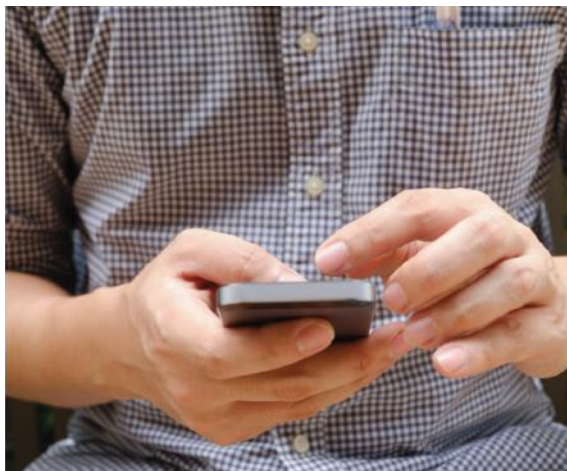
- Always looking over your shoulder?
- Confused about how someone always seems to know where you are?
- Unsure when that person will show up again?
- Nervous about checking your e-mail or phone because it might be him/her/them again?
- Scared of what that person might do next?

You may be a victim of stalking.

“Going to work, attending your kids activities, going out for the evening...these things seem routine. For me, they’re terrifying because I never know what he will do or when he will show up.”

~ Stalking Survivor

Stalking victims often feel scared, angry, annoyed, isolated, and/or confused.



WHO ARE STALKERS?

Most stalkers target people they know.

Many stalkers commit this crime against people who they've dated/been romantically involved with. Stalkers may also be acquaintances, family members, and/or strangers.

More than 1 in 6 women and 1 in 17 men will be stalked in their lifetimes.

While most stalking victims are females and the majority of perpetrators are male, anyone can be a victim or perpetrator of stalking.

Stalking is a crime in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories.

WHAT DO STALKERS DO?

Most stalkers use multiple tactics to scare their victims. These behaviors may include (but are not limited to):

- **Unwanted** contact through repeated calls (including hang-ups), texts, e-mails, or messages.
- **Following** you.
- Sending **unwanted** gifts or letters.
- **Tracking** you using technology (like GPS, apps, or hidden cameras).
- **Showing up** or **waiting for you** at your home, work, or school.
- **Damaging** your property.
- **Spreading rumors** about you — in person or online.
- **Posting or sharing** or threatening to post or share intimate photographs of you.
- **Harassing** your co-workers, family, or friends.



- **Gathering information** about you by using the internet or going through your trash.
- **Hacking your accounts**, changing your passwords, or impersonating you online.
- **Threatening** to hurt you or those close to you — family, friends, pets.
- Other actions that **control, track, or frighten you**.

The stalking is not your fault and you cannot control the stalker's behaviors.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BE SAFE?

It can be helpful to think of strategies to help keep yourself and loved ones safe. You may want to:

- Call **9-1-1** if you're in imminent danger or have been threatened.
- **Trust your instincts.** If you think that you're in danger, you probably are.
- Connect with a **local victim service provider** who can help you explore options and make a detailed safety plan. Not sure where to go? Call the hotlines listed under "Resources."

The stalking is not your fault and you cannot control the stalker's behaviors.

- **Document** everything that happens — keep a record or log. See stalkingawareness.org/what-to-do-if-you-are-being-stalked/ for a sample log.
- Tell people you trust about the situation. See if your school, workplace, or building security can help with your safety plans.
- Consider getting a **Court Order** to keep the stalker away from you. Contact your local domestic violence/sexual assault agency or family Court for more information.
- Learn more safety strategies at stalkingawareness.org.

RESOURCES

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If you do not know how to reach your local service provider, or for additional assistance, you can contact the following hotlines:

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Victimconnect.org/

855-4-VICTIM (855-484-2846)

National Sexual Assault Hotline

RAINN.org

800-656-HOPE (4673)

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Thehotline.org

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

SPARC

Learn more at **StalkingAwareness.org**

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Introduction to Traditional Foods Flour Making

Thursday, January 16th

5:30PM-7:00PM

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

If you have any questions please contact

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



- Tax Pro Solutions will hold a tax preparation seminar at the Ojibwa Casino and Hotel in a conference room on February 11th and 12th from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., by appointment (sign up on days of) or drop off service
- Low Tax preparation Fees for all tribal members.
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- Call Jamie at Tax Pro Solutions for questions or an appointment (906) 281-4091.

Annual exams help keep an eye out for diabetes — related vision problems

UPPER PENINSULA, Mich. – When you have diabetes, seeing an eye doctor at least once a year for a comprehensive dilated eye exam is an essential task for good health. Diabetes raises your risk for several eye diseases that can steal your sight. Most of them start stealthily with few, if any, symptoms.

That's why for Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month, Aspirus health experts are encouraging people of all ages to see their eye doctor yearly to help prevent and detect vision-related problems, or worse, vision loss.

"Eye exams are critical as they can reveal hidden signs of disease early on, enabling timely and effective treatment," said Aspirus Ironwood Ophthalmologist [Dustin Wasylik, MD](#). "We know how precious our eyesight is so we highly encourage that people take control of their health before problems develop because once they do, it could be too late."

According to the American Diabetes Association, the four most common eye diseases associated with diabetes are:

- **Diabetic retinopathy.** The retina is the inner lining at the back of each eye. High blood sugar can damage the tiny blood vessels around the retina, causing the blood vessels to form pouches that affect vision. Fluid can leak from the blood vessels and trigger abnormal new blood vessels in the retina. This latter stage of the disease can lead to serious vision problems.
- **Diabetic macular edema.** The macula is part of the retina. Diabetes can cause swelling in the macula, which can progress to partial or complete vision loss.
- **Glaucoma.** This group of diseases happen when fluid in the eye can't drain properly. As the fluid builds, it can damage the optic nerve, a group of nerves that connect the eye to the brain.
- **Cataracts.** A cataract is a clouding of the lenses in the eye, which diminishes vision. People without diabetes often get cataracts, which become more common with age. But if you have diabetes, you have a higher risk of developing cataracts at an earlier age.

Diabetic retinopathy hits home for Dr. Wasylik, as his uncle lost his vision and underwent surgery due to this disease.

"Diabetic retinopathy took away the things he loved to do, like fishing and hunting," Dr. Wasylik said. "If he had regular exams, and took better control of his diabetes, his vision problems may have been avoided."

Want to learn more about diabetes and ways you can protect your eyes? Tune in to this Aspirus podcast: Do You have Diabetes? Take Good Care of Your Eyes.

Aspirus is a non-profit, community-directed health system based in Wausau, Wisconsin. Its 7,700 employees are focused on improving the health and well-being of people throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Aspirus serves communities through four hospitals in Michigan and four hospitals in Wisconsin, 50 clinics, home health and hospice care, pharmacies, critical care and air-medical transport, medical goods, nursing homes and a broad network of physicians. Aspirus was recognized in 2018 and 2019 by IBM Watson Health as a Top 15 Health System in its annual study identifying the top-performing health systems in the country. For more information, visit aspirus.org.

KBIC OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES — OUTREACH SERVICES IN ACTION



The KBIC Office of Child Support Services brought Frosty the Snowman (Laura Mayo) and Mickey Mouse (Holley Makela) to the local schools on Monday, December 16, 2019. Frosty and Mickey visited with students at the L'Anse and Baraga Elementary Schools, grades K-4. The children enjoyed their special guests who came to spread some holiday cheer and distributed tokens and candy to the students.

The KBIC Office of Child Support Services provides a number of Outreach Services throughout the year.

~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor.



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The weather outside may be frightful, but the winnings at Ojibwa are delightful! Join us for the random drawings every Saturday in January, where the hourly cash prizes SNOWBALL as the month goes on: **\$150** every hour on January 4th, **\$250** on January 11th, **\$350** on January 18th, and **\$500** on January 25th! Just be playing with your Rewards Club card from 7PM - 11PM for your chance to win! Plus, guests playing table games are eligible to win \$100 CASH during our drawings every half hour from 6:30PM - 7:30PM. Escape the cold and warm up to a win!

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