



# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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## REORGANIZATION OF KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE BOARD CHOSEN



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (right) conducted the oath of office to the elected Council Members: (left to right) Eddy Edwards, Don Messer, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., and Rodney Loonsfoot.



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President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (right) presented Michael LaFernier, Sr. with departing gifts (center) along with members of the Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society (KBIC Veterans).

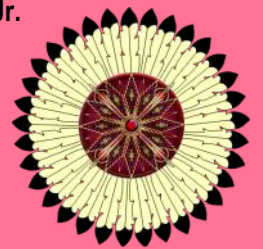


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President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (right) conducted the oath of office to elected Associate Judge, Violet M. Friisvall Ayres (left).

### Tribal Council Members:

- Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
- Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Vice-President
- Kim Klopstein, Secretary
- Toni J. Minton, Asst. Secretary
- Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
- Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
- Eddy Edwards
- Dale Goodreau
- Randall R. Haataja
- Susan J. LaFernier
- Rodney Loonsfoot
- Don Messer, Jr.



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- KBIC Tribal Council Reorganization Held, Saturday Quarterly Meeting
- Ojibwa Casino Marquette holds first New Year Eve Celebration in new facility
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Holds 16th Winter Traditional Powwow
- KBIC's E.M.I.L.Y. utilized by MDOT to monitor bridge conditions
- NRD shares 2019 Sea lamprey updates
- Deepest Sympathy



## OJIBWA CASINO MARQUETTE HOLDS FIRST NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION AT NEW FACILITY

Ring in the New Year at the Ojibwa Casino Marquette's new facility was amazing. The casino was packed with customers partaking in a number of entertainment venues. Superior Eats served meals throughout the night. If you haven't checked out their delicious burgers yet, you need to they are fantastic! Hors d'oeuvres were also available at the Event Center. The Marquette Tavern (Restaurant) located within the facility is targeted to open in February 2020. The Marquette Tavern has been designed and the menu created by Dave

Anderson, founder of Famous Dave's BBQ. Customers enjoyed a complimentary comedy show at the Events Center which can accommodate 1200 guests. Well-known Magician/Comedian Nick Paul was chosen as the first entertainer for the Events Center. Nick is a Los Angeles based magician and comedian known for his unique combination of physical comedy, magic, and quick wit. Others ventured to the circular bar lounge area where the band "Stranded" played for listening and dancing pleasure. For customers looking for that lucky slot,



there were 500 to choose from, along with the table games. Drawings were held throughout the evening including \$2,020 at Midnight and \$5,000 at 1:00 a.m.

The Ultimate Bridal Event 2020 (right) was

the first rental of the Ojibwa Casino Marquette's Event Center. The Ultimate Bridal Event was on January 11, 2020. If you are interested in holding your event at the Ojibwa Casino Marquette's Event Center -- The Event Center is currently available for a minimum charge of \$1,000.00 per day. Contact Laura Mayo, Promotions and Events Manager, (906) 353-6333 for more information.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.



**REORGANIZATION OF KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE BOARD CHOSEN AT FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING continues:**

The Quarterly Tribal Council Meeting was held on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale Goodreau, Randall Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, and Elizabeth D. Mayo present.

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

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the Quarterly President Report (page three), Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Quarterly Secretary's Report (page four), and CEO Sarah Smith gave the CEO Report (page four). Council approved the October 2019 Department Head Reports.

Under new business: Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chairperson, presented the December 14, 2019, General Election results for certification. Results for Tribal Council in the Baraga District were: Rodney Loonsfoot (Inc.), 252 votes; Donald L. Chosa, Jr., 193 votes; Michael P. Lahti, 208 votes; Carole L. LaPointe, 112 votes; and Don Messer, Jr., 209 votes. In the L'Anse District: Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. (Inc.), 307 votes; Eddy Edwards, 240 votes; Jean Jokinen, 203 votes; and Jennifer Misegan, 214 votes. Associate Judge was: Violet M. Friisvall Ayres, (Inc.) 284 votes; Tyler Larson, 225 votes. Proposal one — Do you support voting by any member who lives off of the reservation? Yes — 192 votes and No — 321 votes. Proposal two — Would you support term limits for all tribal council members? Yes — 367 votes and No — 146 votes. There are 740 registered voters, of whom 517 (70%) actually voted in this election. Of the 823 individuals who are eligible to register to vote, 63% of them voted in this election. **Motion by Toni Minton to certify the December 14, 2019, General Election results, co-supported by Kim Klopstein and Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Eight supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Goodreau, Haataja, Klopstein, M. LaFernier), 0 opposed, two abstained (G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot), one absent (Mayo), motion carried.**

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. recognized Elizabeth Mayo and Michael LaFernier. Both Council Members did not submit for reelection. President Swartz said, "As Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo is not present, I still want to say, Popcorn did this job, which is not easy, to the best of her ability for a number of years. We do appreciate her hard work and effort. We are grateful and thankful for her leadership and for everything that she has done here at the Tribal Council. We have some departing gifts for her which we will deliver to her."

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. then said, "Michael LaFernier, Sr. has been on the Council for 30 years. This Community has come a long ways in those 30 years, and Mike, you have been a part of it. Without your leadership and stability over those 30 years, I don't think this Community would be where we are now. You have had a hand in everything in this Community from the ground up; starting at Tribal Construction with the floor drain, all the way up to putting in the final beam in at the Ojibwa Casino Marquette's new facility, and I could not think of anyone else who should cut the ribbon at our soft opening other than you. We appreciate everything you have done, and we are grateful for it." Michael was given some departing gifts. The Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society (KBIC Veterans) also addressed Michael LaFernier, Sr. with departing gifts, thanking him for his service.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the oath of office to Violet M. Friisvall Ayres for the Office of Associate Judge, and Eddy Edwards, Don Messer, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., and Rodney Loonsfoot.

Reorganization nominations were made as follows: nomination for President - Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., and Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. was named President; nomination for Vice President - Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. and Rodney Loonsfoot, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. was named Vice President; nomination for Secretary - Susan J. LaFernier (declined), Kim Klopstein, Dale Goodreau (declined), Doreen Blaker (declined), Randall Haataja (declined), and Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (declined), Kim Klopstein was named Secretary; nomination for Assistant Secretary - Toni Minton, Toni Minton was named Assistant Secretary; nomination for

Treasurer - Doreen Blaker and Eddy Edwards, Doreen Blaker was named Treasurer.

**Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve the Depository of Funds with Superior National Bank and Flagstar Bank, supported by Randall Haataja Ten supported (G. Loonsfoot, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Goodreau, Haataja, Klopstein, R. Loonsfoot, Messer, Edwards), 0 opposed, one abstained (S. LaFernier), 0 absent, motion carried.**

**Motion by Doreen Blaker to have the check signers be any two Council Members; for the Tribal Court check signers to be any two of Council Members, Chief Judge, Associate Judge, and Chief Court Clerk; and the Child Support Office check signers be any two Council Members, Chief Judge, Associate Judge, Chief Court Clerk, Child Support Director, and Child Support Specialist, supported by Dale Goodreau. Eleven supported (G. Loonsfoot, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Goodreau, Haataja, Klopstein, R. Loonsfoot, Messer, Edwards), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.**

Council adjourned with no further business on the agenda.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

**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.

**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 the 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.)

**February 2020 Calendar:**

- Feb. 7 — Constitution Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tribal Center;
- Feb. 17 — President's Day, Tribal Gov't. Offices closed;
- Feb. 18 — Constitution Convention; Zeba Hall, 5:00 p.m.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

## President's Quarterly Report for the Months of October, November, and December 2019

The following is a summary of activities that occurred in the Office of the President for the months of October, November, and December 2019.

- Some exciting things have occurred at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Natural Resource Department this past quarter.
  - We continue to work on fisherman needs including the following:
    - KBIC Tribal fishermen must have access to a food grade facility to process and market fish harvested under reserved Treaty Rights.
    - KBIC fishermen will need to develop the business capacity to develop and market value-added fish products to maintain a sustainable fishery (i.e. IQF vacuum packaged frozen, smoked fish products, and cisco roe).
    - Tribal members need the capacity to process, vacuum pack, and freeze produce from the Tribal garden.
    - KBIC must develop food processing capabilities to more effectively meet food processing needs for berry jam production, maple syrup processing, and wild rice packaging.
    - KBIC has a need to support efforts to develop tribal businesses producing food products that can capitalize on growing local tourism markets.
  - There are a number of options to consider in moving forward with this. We have uncovered the Recover America's Wildlife Act. There is an opportunity of a grant through this Act. The Michigan Natural Resources Panel voted 26-6 to report out the bipartisan "Recovering America's Wildlife Act," H.R. 3742, which would make about \$1.4 billion available to state, territorial, and tribal wildlife agencies to protect and restore thousands of species vulnerable to extinction. The money would come from the U.S. General Treasury. The legislation would amend the 1937 Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act, the Landmark Law that funds wildlife conservation projects through taxes on firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment.
- I attended the Tribal State Summit in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. The summit was attended by all tribes in Michigan, and we discussed briefly on general topics including internet gaming, concerns about Consultation policies with tribes, and we heard from the Governor's cabinet. This was Governor Whitmer's first summit, and hopefully we get an opportunity to meet with the Governor soon to discuss issues specific to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. We later met again with the Governor's Office at Lac Vieux Desert to draft up a consultation policy for the Governor's State Departments and autonomous agencies.
- We took the opportunity to sit down with Alan Walts from the Environmental Protection Agency. We talked about our upcoming Treatment as a State for Water and Air Quality. Topics of discussion included ways to educate the public on our TAS and capacities. In mid October the Community received its official letter regarding approval of its application to regulate the Clean Air Act Program eligibility for Sections 105 and 505(a)(2).
- I attended a couple of U.P. Energy Task Force meetings. We continue to meet and seek alternatives to U.P. energy needs and focusing on propane and what it means to rural customers here in the U.P.
- I continue to attend the Marquette Area Public School Board meetings. The purpose is to help them understand the negative impacts the logo and the mascot has on our Native students attending their schools. A committee was appointed and made a recommendation to the Board to change the name because of its negative impact to its students.
- We continue to monitor the Leaking Underground Storage Tank at the BP gas station. Reports indicate that the leak occurred a few decades ago and was being monitored over the years. Regulators wanted to close out the site but prior to closing they wanted to do a site visit. During that site visit regulators noticed that one of the under-

ground storage tanks was near the lake and needed to be looked at. We did an initial assessment and decided to decommission the problem tank and do some shore line stabilization. The shore line stabilization was recently completed. During shoreline stabilization sheen developed on the water. The sheen was later determined to be from the old leaking underground storage tanks. We will continue to monitor and evaluate this situation because of its proximity to the lake.

- Our Natural Resource Director was recently appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Michigan's mining future. Congratulations to Evelyn Ravindran and we are glad she will be serving in that role.
- I signed the MOA with KBOCC with a few suggested changes. The MOA is for a three year period.
- We should have a discussion in the near future on another moratorium on mining here at the L'Anse Indian Reservation. I think mining activity may pick up in the near future, and we should be prepared to regulate those types of activities.
- Also, I think it's time to start working on a State of the Tribal Nations Address for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. I've heard of other Tribal Nations doing this, and it is very informative and appreciative of its membership. I've seen some successful Indian Nation Addresses. I believe the Oneida Nation, Saginaw Chips, and Lac du Flambeau have them. We want to consider keeping the membership informed during the course of the calendar year of the Council's activities. We should update our Strategic Plan and include the State of the Tribal Nations Address within it.
- We should convene a Constitutional Convention for the purposes of updating our Constitution. Topics of discussions should include term limits and off reservation voting.
- As usual the holidays are a busy time, and this year was no exception. All of us were busy during this time, and a lot has happened in the last few months. We owe a lot of gratitude to our employees for all of the hard work they have done for us, not only the last quarter of this year, but for the whole year. I, for one, have noticed all the sweat and hard work that goes into keeping a Community open for business. To all of the hard working employees, I want to say Chi Miigwech for all the work you have done, and all of the staff who have pitched in over the years and did what they have done to help this Community stay afloat and to be the best we can be to our abilities. There is a lot of work to be done, and I think we can get it done!
- Council, along with a number of employees, attended the Soft Opening of our new facility at the Ojibwa Casino Marquette this past month. We are very proud to have opened these doors to continue to meet the gaming needs of the central Upper Peninsula for many generations to come. In the future we want to continue to work towards phase two which is looking at a motel development to include a motel at the facility for the convenience of our gaming customers.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren C. Swartz

### **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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Baraga, MI 49908  
(906) 353-4222

## Tribal Council Secretary's Quarterly Report for the Months of October, November, and December 2019

**Anin! We honor the greatness in you.  
Remember: "Indian Country Counts"  
"Our People, Our Nations, Our Future"**

We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

Our wish to you is for a happy, healthy New Year!

It has been my pleasure to serve the Community as the Tribal Council Secretary. Mike and I thank everyone for all of your good wishes and thoughts throughout the years. "If you want to get somewhere, you have to know where you want to go and how to get there. Then, never, never give up!"

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

Our Regular Saturday Council meetings are now held quarterly. The Regular meeting was held on October 12, 2019, in Harvey, Michigan. There were six Special Meetings during October which included a Work Session on October 8, 2019, five Special Meetings during November, and two Special Meetings during December.

It was exciting to attend the tour and ribbon cutting on the first day of operations at our new Ojibwa Casino Marquette on December 20, 2019! Mike was honored to be able to cut the ribbon. It is beautiful and please visit soon. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard for many years on this project. It is a wonderful dream come true.

Remember to vote in all elections in 2020 and in the future (Tribe, Local, State, Presidential). Voting is a crucial, meaningful way to express yourself and support the issues you are about. Voting is your choice. It's your opportunity to back the candidates you think can effect the changes you desire. Whether or not you participate in the elections, you can be sure that the political officials elected into office and the policies they implement will impact your life in the future.

Our voter turnout at the General Elections since 2012 has ranged from 54% to 78%. Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, our Community, and our World.

For your information: New pocket size Tribal Constitutions with the Judicial Amendment are available at the Enrollment Office. The Constitution Committee is continuing to work on proposed amendments, and we urge everyone to become more familiar and informed on our Constitution.

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

### October 8, 2019 Tribal Council Work Session with our Department of Natural Resources (Presentations):

- Valoree Gagnon, Research Scientist, MTU Great Lakes Research Center: Water Quality Standards, Fish Consumption Rates, survey/report results, and fish consumption rates options for KBIC.
- Cory McDonald, PhD, MTU Environmental Engineering: Calculation of Ambient Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Human Health.

### October 12, 2019 Regular Tribal Council Meeting:

- Motion to approve the FY 2020 Budgets.

### November 21, 2019 Special Tribal Council Meeting:

- Motion to approve the new Enterprise wage system effective November 24, 2019, with a guaranteed minimum wage of \$12.00 for the Baraga Enterprises and a guaranteed minimum wage of \$13.00 for the Marquette Enterprises. Sarah Smith, CEO is working on a draft Wage Analysis for the Government.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. LaFerner

## CEO's Quarterly Report for the Months of October, November, and December 2019

1. **MISSION STATEMENT:** To provide exceptional services for our membership; a safe, positive work environment for employees; and sustained economic prosperity while protecting our sovereignty and preserving our culture and natural resources for future generations.  
**VISION STATEMENT:** A Tribe that preserves the Anishinaabe culture, advances economic diversity, provides opportunities to enhance independence, and promotes the health and well-being of our Community.
2. **Updates:** I held one department head meeting. During this meeting, there was a discussion of the proposed changes to the Travel Policy. The Travel Policy was revised and approved during this month also. During the past quarter, I worked with the casino and both Personnel and Human Resources on soliciting bids for the wage study. After review of the proposals, Council asked that it be worked on internally instead. That is being continued. With a tool provided by VAST called HR360, we were able to obtain many of the positions wages within the Upper Peninsula. In addition, we are collecting comparable information through REDW. They were one of the consultant companies that provided a proposal and each year collect wage survey information from Tribes, so that Tribes may compare wages. Part of this is that the wage information has to be entered for the past year. This is about 40% complete. This tool will be used in addition to the HR360. An emergency response meeting has been scheduled for the upcoming week on the 8<sup>th</sup> to have departments meet to discuss the various emergencies that can occur and work on plans to address those. There have been meetings held this past year with WUPPDR as the facilitator. A plan will be forthcoming in the future.
3. **Meetings/Conferences:** I attended a BIA Partners in Action meeting during the past quarter. This included participation in the budget formulation process; a one on one meeting with Michelle Corbine, Awarding Official; a presentation on the history of the BIA; and a presentation on the effects of different substances on the mind and its long term effect. Met with the Community Policing group for a discussion on bringing in TA to do a Tribal Action Plan. This will be forthcoming to the Tribe from our Substance Abuse Programs and Health Department. Attended a dinner with Alan Walts from EPA for a roundtable discussion about educating the public about KBIC's capacity for Treatment as a State for Air and Water. Participated in the MICARES webinar. This was a kickoff meeting regarding a subcontract the Tribe is participating for looking at barriers, challenges, and opportunities for renewable energy development. I will be going to the national meeting with this group on January 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in Virginia. Also participated in a webinar for the Child Care and Development fund.
4. **Employee Changes:** Over the past quarter, the Education Director retired. A retirement party was held on December 19 at noon. This employee worked for the Tribe for 43 years. The Education Director's position was posted internally and interviews have been held, and a candidate was chosen. In addition, the Administrative Specialist has resigned. The government currently has 304 employees, with 221 Native American, as of December 22, 2019. The last three weeks are provided as requested.
5. **Statistical Data/Case Load Information:** One probationary performance review was completed.
6. **Financial Update:** Budgets were passed at the last quarterly meeting and distributed to department heads. This included the 2% raise for employees. Budgets have been entered by accounting. The October financials have been distributed that provide departments with the new fiscal year budgets. Program changes to the Senior Program, Youth Program, CAP program, water/sewer rates, and Education programs were all communicated to departments. Grants awards are trickling in, with over \$7,000,000 received to date.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Smith, CEO

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

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# Used Oil Recycling

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**WHEN:** February 8 & 19, 2020

**WHERE:** KBIC Solid Waste Facility  
16278 Ojibwa Industrial Park Rd.  
Baraga, MI.

**TIME:** 8 a.m. – Noon

For questions contact  
Serene Gauthier or Dione Price

(906) 524-8700



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Motor Oil	Halogenated Oils/Solvents
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Brake Fluid	
Diesel Fuel	
Heating Fuel	

*Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
Natural Resources Department  
Presents:*

## *Tribal Water Day*

*March 13, 2020*

*9:00 am - 4:00 pm*

*Ojibwa Casino Bingo Hall  
16449 Michigan Ave., Baraga*

*This event is free and open to the public*



Display space is available, if interested, please contact:  
Stephanie Cree, 906-524-8700 or [scree@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:scree@kbic-nsn.gov)

### **KBIC Natural Resources Department 2020 Tribal Water Day Event**

On March 13, 2020, the Natural Resources Department (NRD) will be hosting its second Tribal Water Day. This community forum is an opportunity to come together and talk about the NRD efforts in protecting our water resources both in and around the reservation. At last year's event, the watershed, state of the waters, wetland program developments, monitoring and research, fish consumption, honoring Lake Superior, and partnerships were discussed. We also had a media and art gallery that celebrated water, handouts, and refreshments. Last year's event attracted over 100 participants, and we hope to surpass that number this year.

Tribal Water Day is free and open to the public with lunch and prize raffles included. In the upcoming weeks, we will post an agenda with presenter names and times. This year's discussions will include: the status of the KBIC's Treatment as a State Application for Water Quality Standards, the current Community Environmental Monitoring Program (CEMP) agreement with Superior Watershed Partnership, collaboration efforts with Michigan Technological University, and a brief history and overview of the NRD Fisheries Program.

The water resources of the Reservation are invaluable and have provided subsistence, cultural, and spiritual benefits to many generations of KBIC Ojibwa. Tribal members use and depend upon quality water for a variety of purposes including fishing, trapping, swimming, boating, gathering,

drinking and residential use, and for spiritual and cultural purposes as they have since ancient times. The relationship between Tribal members and the land, water resources, and area ecosystems is part of the KBIC identity. The health of the water is directly related to the health of KBIC.

To help the NRD efforts in protecting our waters, we believe that your contributions are very important. We rely on our community members to provide us their experiences to create a richer foundation for decision making into the future. In our effort to continue protecting the waters on and near the reservation, we would like to invite you to this free event. Space is available for displays, and all ages are welcomed. If interested in reserving table space or you have questions, please contact: Stephanie Cree, Water Resources Specialist, (906) 524-8700 or [scree@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:scree@kbic-nsn.gov).



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## Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Holds 16th Winter Traditional Powwow



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Lead Dancers and KBIC Royalty: (left to right) Devin Connor, Junior Head Boy Dancer; Dalana Connor, Junior Head Girl Dancer; Donald Chosa, Jr., Head Veteran Dancer; Emanuel "Doc" Poler, Head Man Dancer; Lisa Denomie, Head Lady Dancer; Avery Miller, Youth Head Boy Dancer; Alana Schofield, Youth Head Girl Dancer; Sara Dakota, Junior Miss Keweenaw Bay; Deija Dakota, Miss Keweenaw Bay; back row — Members of the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society/KBIC Honor Guard.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their 16th Winter Traditional Powwow on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, MI. The event was organized by the KBIC Cultural Committee. Grand Entries were held at 1 pm and 6 pm with Donald Chosa, Jr., Head Veteran Dancer, leading the KBIC Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Veteran Honor Guard) into the arena. Bernard "Bud" Biron served as Master of Ceremonies, Rodney Loonsfoot as Arena Director, and Glenn Tolonen as Assistant Arena Director. Woodland Singers were this year's Host Drum. Invited drums were: Four Thunders and Loon Travelers. Also honored were Deija Dakota, Miss Keweenaw Bay; Sara Dakota, Miss Junior Keweenaw Bay; and Tribal Elders: Janice H. Shalifoe and Richard "Dicky" Shalifoe. A Pink Shawl Honor Dance was held honoring Michelle St. George. A grand feast was held between grand entries.

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**THE \$15K GIVEAWAY**

[OjibwaCasino.com](http://OjibwaCasino.com)

Participants must be a Rewards Club member, at least 18 years old, and have a valid government-issued ID.

### WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$15,000 CASH AND FREE PLAY!

Saturdays | 5PM - 11PM

Leap into Ojibwa Casino Baraga and Marquette every Saturday this month for your chance to win a share of \$15,000 in CASH and Free Play! The hourly drawings will take place from 5PM - 11PM, where we'll choose guests to win \$200 Free Play or a varying amount of CASH! Earn just 100 points per entry throughout the month to be entered into the drawings.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Honored elders: Janice H. Shalifoe and Richard "Dicky" Shalifoe



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## KBIC'S E.M.I.L.Y. Utilized by MDOT to Monitor Bridge Conditions

Scenario: It has been raining hard and the water levels in local rivers and streams are rising, and there are concerns about the impact on highway bridges. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) inspectors need real-time data on what's happening beneath the turbulent surge but getting into the water for a visual inspection is risky. "Any time we have a major storm event, inspectors are required to go out and monitor these bridges to make sure they're safe, and nothing catastrophic is going to happen to them," said Chad Skrocki, Assistant Bridge Engineer for MDOT's Bay Region.

Scour, the erosion or degradation of the streambed around a bridge's substructure, is a leading cause of bridge failure. Scour happens when fast-moving water carries off sediment around the substructure of a bridge, typically exposing the footings or piles. When the streambed is washed away, bridge support can be compromised creating a hazard. MDOT has identified more than 400 bridges on the state highway system and around 1,200 on local roads that are "scour critical," and in need of close monitoring during high-water events.

MDOT routinely inspects bridges for scour around abutments and piers. Typically, this involves inspectors launching a boat and probing the channel bottom with metal rods, weighted tape measures or sonar devices. During high-flow events, this can be a dangerous task. "In the past, scour inspections were difficult, especially during periods where water was surging," Skrocki said, "We wanted to come up with a method that was safe and easy for inspectors to use."

The challenges and risks have the department evaluating small remote-controlled boats for safer and more efficient bridge inspections. MDOT began a research project in 2016 to look for alternatives that met the agency's needs. One promising alternative emerged: an unmanned surface vessel (USV), a remote-piloted drone boat equipped with sonar and a camera to allow inspectors to take measurements and capture images from the shore. MDOT deployed USV units in the field to measure bridge scour and inspect bridges and culverts where access is limited. Results show it could be safer, less labor-intensive, and in some cases, less costly than traditional techniques.

After reviewing available devices, interviewing vendors, and conducting site visits, investigators recommended a USV called Sonar EMILY (EMergency Integrated LanYard). This powerful, durable, maneuverable water-jet-powered buoy is about 4 feet long, 2 feet wide and a foot tall, and is equipped with a sonar unit that can measure water depths and produce side-scan and down-scan images of bridge substructures and streambeds. The system also has a topside camera to view the underside of bridges.

"The environment this vessel is going to operate in is fairly extreme," said Brian Schroeder of Ayres Associates, the principal researcher, "It needs to go fast, gather the data we want, and be reasonably durable. EMILY checked all the boxes."

EMILY, an outgrowth of a partnership between the U.S. Navy's Small Business Technology Transfer program and a private company, was originally developed for marine mammal research. However, it can be configured as a lifesaving device, for water sampling, underwater mapping, and many other potential uses. The manufacturer, Hydronalix, has outfitted the platform with sensors to conduct a variety of missions.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's, Great Lakes Unmanned Systems Center (GLUSC), is a subsidiary of Aanikoosing Inc., which is an Economic Development Corporation, who entered into an exclusive sales and distribution agreement with Hydronalix, the Arizona based manufacturer of the EMILY currently retails this equipment.

The system, along with post-processing software called SAR Hawk, was found to be the most effective and cost-efficient setup to meet MDOT's requirements. The cost of the USV, laptop control unit, and running gear was estimated at \$50,000.

"Using the USV is much safer and less labor-intensive than traditional inspection methods for detecting scour," said Skrocki, MDOT's project manager for the research. "It provides a great deal of information, in real time, to the inspector about what is occurring to the channel bottom below the water surface around the bridge substructures."

MDOT strategically placed four USVs equipped with sonar



units throughout the state to inspect bridges for scour during high-flow events. In addition, the agency plans to use the technology for other applications as appropriate: getting images of bridge substructure below water, viewing the underside of bridges, and documenting performance characteristics.

Reference: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDOT/bulletins/26b9f3a>

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.



## 2019 Sea Lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*) updates

Sea lamprey continue to be a major threat to the Great Lakes fishery, and currently they are the only invader that is controlled basin wide. KBIC-NRD Fisheries/AIS crews conducted our annual Sea lamprey surveys in three river systems where adult lamprey migrate to spawn. Fyke nets were used at the Firesteel and Silver rivers, and two cages were set at the Misery River. KBIC-NRD coordinates with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, and along with other agencies, all data is submitted via an online database system. The Fishery Commission then analyzes the data to determine Sea lamprey population estimates.

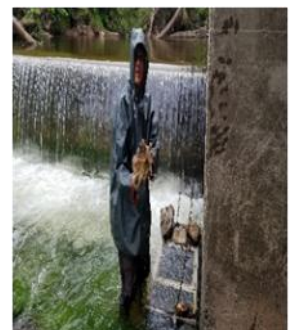
2019 KBIC-NRD numbers were down with only 69 captures/recaptures versus in 2018 where our numbers were over 200.

I attended the January winter meeting of the Lake Superior Technical Committee held in Marquette, MI. Below is the information I obtained on Sea lamprey results for 2019 from the Technical Committee:

- Total adult assessments produced 1517 of the invasive lamprey captures in tributaries (seven index locations).
- Sea lamprey larval assessments: 191 tributaries were assessed (97 in Canada, 93 in the U.S.) with 25 performed in lentic areas. Surveys were also performed to detect whether there were any new larval populations, and a new population was discovered in Chippewa County, MI, at Mill Creek.
- Sea lamprey distribution's in Bad River has a significant increase in numbers since a 2016 treatment there.
- Ontonagon River: The United States Forest Service began removal of a Sea lamprey blocking structure on the East branch of the Ontonagon River. This site will continue to operate as a seasonal barrier until a new location is identified lower in that system.

Submitted by:

Karen Andersen-AIS  
Specialist, KBIC-NRD





## Census 2020: An Introduction

~ By Hayg Oshagan, Wayne State University Director of New Michigan Media

### What is the census?

The U. S. Constitution requires that the Federal Government count every person living in the U.S. The U.S. Census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790.

### Why is the Census important?

Every year, the Federal Government gives money it has collected from taxes back to the states. How much money a state gets depends on how many people live in that state. The count of how many people live in a state is determined every 10 years by the Census. So if a state has a low Census count, it will get less money from the Federal Government every year for the 10 years after the Census count. Recently, Michigan has gotten about \$30 billion a year based on the 2010 Census. In addition to federal funds, how many representatives a state has in the U.S. Congress also depends on a state's population which is determined by the Census. Because of a low Census count, Michigan lost a Congressional seat in 2010, going from 15 Congressmen and Congresswomen in the U.S. House of Representatives, to the current 14.

### What is the money used for?

The \$30 billion Michigan gets every year is used by the state, used by counties, used by Native American tribes, and used by cities for programs that serve our communities. This is money that funds our kids' **education** (student loans, Pell grants, school lunches and breakfasts, Headstart, school funding), helps with **health care** (Medicare, Medicaid, Urgent Care, children's health insurance/MI Child), is used for **food assistance** (Supplemental Nutrition, Bridge Cards, Meals on Wheels), **housing loans, road construction, transit**, and any program that helps our communities grow and prosper.

### What happens if the count is low?

Michigan, and every county and city in Michigan, gets a lot less money for all the programs the Census pays for. As an example, for Detroit, every person not counted would cost the city \$5,500 every year for 10 years. If 3% of Detroiters don't get counted (about 20,000 people), Detroit would lose \$1 billion over the next 10 years.

### Who should be counted?

Everyone. The Census counts everyone who is living in America. It doesn't matter if you are a citizen or not, if you have a Green Card, a visitor visa, or an expired visa, a student with an F1 visa, or an employee with an H-1b visa, if you live in the U.S., you count for the Census.

The only people not counted are those who are here as tourists, and are planning to return to their home country. Everyone else counts. Make sure to count everyone in your household, including children and newborns. If you sublet to anyone, you need to count them too.

### What is a household?

For the Census, a household is an address. The Census does not have names, it only has addresses. There are about 140 million addresses in the U.S., and the Census is sent to each of those addresses. People who live in groups with a single address (jails, hospitals, nursing homes, school dormitories, etc.) are also counted.

### Is the Census confidential?

The United State has a law specifically for the Census to make sure it is 100% confidential. The Census Act, Title 12, of the United States Code, has the strictest confidentiality laws on the federal books.

The information collected by the Census CANNOT be shared with ANY other agency. It cannot be given to ICE, to the FBI, to Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the IRS, local police, the sheriff, social service agencies, insurance companies, businesses, or anyone. For any reason. Over the last 50+ years, this law has never been broken not even once.

### How many questions are on the Census?

The Census is nine questions. That's it. There is no question about your citizenship or visa status. The Census only cares to know if you live in the U.S.

### What comes in the mail?

In the past, the Census was a paper questionnaire. This year, most people will get a card in the mail with a unique ID that you use to fill out the Census online. Where the internet is slow, people will get the paper version to fill out

Stillwater, MN, helping them with transportation. He married Shirley Shelafoe on May 7, 1989.

Tony enjoyed golfing, duck hunting, collecting beer steins, and was an avid Vikings fan. He was a member of the Yuller's Ski Club and volunteered at the Ojibwa Seniors delivering pasties. Although he was not native he loved to say "he was married to one". Tony will be remembered for his great sense of humor.

Surviving are his wife: Shirley McKasy of Baraga; brothers: Tom (Lynn) McKasy of Burnsville, MN, and Joe (Ann) McKasy of Mahtodi, MN; sister: Helen (Jim) Dingle of Dellwood, MN; step children: Myron (Connie) Williamson of Oakdale, MN, and Debra Williamson of Baraga; 10 step grand-

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) 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		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

and send back. People can also call in and complete the Census on the phone.

The Census is mailed on March 12. If you don't respond, you will get reminders on March 16, March 23, April 8, and April 20.

### Will someone knock on my door?

If you don't send the Census back by the end of April, Census workers will come to your door. They have badges and identification from the Census Bureau, and they will ask you to complete the Census. It is much better to fill it out on your own and not wait for the Census workers to come by. We get a much better count that way.

We only have one chance to get counted. There is a lot of funding tied to the U.S. Census that helps everyone in our communities, from our children to the elderly. Make sure to fill it out when you get it. The ten minutes we spend filling out the Census now will affect our communities for the next ten years.



children; and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents and step daughter Lynn (Tim) Sokolik.

Visitation was held on Tuesday evening, January 14, 2020, at Jacobson Funeral Home. The Baraga County Area Veterans conducted military rites at 6:30 p.m. followed by parish prayers by Deacon John Cadeau officiating. Visitation continued Wednesday morning, January 15, 2020, at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins, followed by a funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Corey Litzner officiating. Burial will be in the Assinins Cemetery in the spring. A luncheon followed at the Ojibwa Seniors. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse, MI, assisted the family.

# Deepest Sympathy

## Anthony Michael McKasy

(October 5, 1943—January 7, 2020)

Anthony Michael McKasy, age 76, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at U.P. Health System in Marquette, MI.

He was born October 5, 1943, in St. Paul, MN, the son of George and Eleanor (Friedmann) McKasy. Tony graduated from Benilde High School in St. Louis Park, MN, and received a Bachelor degree in Business from the College of Santa Fe, New Mexico. He served in the U.S. Army in 1967, and remained Patriotic throughout his life. Tony owned United Rental in Richfield, MN, for 15 years, then worked for St. Paul Pioneer Press for four years. He also worked with disabled patients in

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

Lois F. Bedell  
Fanchon A. Boyette  
Julia L. Brown  
Betty L. Burton  
Vernon C. Burton  
Jacob R. Cadotte  
Anita M. Chosa  
Robert K. Denomie  
John E. DeVoto  
Catherine M. Dudro  
Jean C. Eckerberg  
Pauline R. Goodreau  
Joyce M. Hebert  
Val M. Kohlman  
Alberta Kupinski  
Veronica G. Lee  
Donna E. Long  
Jean R. Magnant  
Elizabeth C. Matthews  
Elsie M. Matthews  
Rupert W. O'Brien  
Cecelia G. Owens  
Donna M. Ross

January and  
February 2020  
Birthdays

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



*"The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age." ~ Lucille Ball*

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

~ Miigwech

## Forest Foods: Growing Mushrooms Workshop

# February 25, 2020

## 10am-5pm

Introduction to Traditional Foods Workshop  
to follow 5:30-7:00PM

Workshop will be held at  
KBOCC's Arts and Agriculture Center  
15211 Pelkie Rd.  
Pelkie, MI 49958



If you have any questions or would like to reserve a spot, please contact:

KBIC Forester—Rachel McDonald @  
(906)353-4591/rmcdonald@kbic-nsn.gov

Or

KBOCC Land Grant Coordinator—DeAnna Hadden @  
(906)524-8209/lgc@kbocc.edu

Registration is not required but would be appreciated



## Tax Pro SOLUTIONS

- 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.
  - Base Rate examples —
  - Single, Married, employed and no children — \$75.
  - Single, Married, employed with children and EIC — \$175.
  - Retired, no children — \$100.
  - Retired with children and EIC — \$150.
  - Investments, Rentals, and self employed are extra fees.
- Cash and credit cards accepted, or for a low fee of \$20 we can withhold your tax prep fees from your refund.
- May also apply for a free Tax Refund Advance of up to 25% of your refund based on Metabank's underwriting criteria and approval and have funds directly deposited to your account or have a printed check within 48 hours.
- Call Jamie at Tax Pro Solutions for questions or an appointment (906) 281-4091.

## Constitution Convention

Come make your voice heard during our Constitutional Reform!

We are looking for dedicated and community minded members of the KBIC to help amend our Tribal Constitution.

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Make your way to the Zeba Hall to find out what its all about. Sign up to be a delegate!

Youth, elders, and everyone in between are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

February 18, 2020, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

December 14, 2019— Proposal 2 was voted on and passed with 367 for and 146 against supporting term limits for all Tribal Council members.

The next step is to hold a convention. The convention will work on wording for changing language within the KBIC Tribal Constitution to have term limits for all Tribal Council members

## Refreshments & Prizes!

**Making Winter Meals that are Hearty and Healthy with an Instant Pot or Crock Pot**  
~ By Dr. Dale Schmeisser

At this time of year we like stick-to-the-ribs meals. When we come in from shoveling snow, there's nothing better than sitting down to a hot meal of stew, chili, bean soup, or a casserole. But those of us who cook know that those meals can take a lot of time. We're all busy, so too often we just go without. Crock pots and Instant pots can help solve the time-crunch problem.

An Instant pot is simply an electric version of the time-honored pressure cooker. Elders probably remember using a stove-top pressure cooker to shorten the cooking time for pot roasts, stews, and bean soups. Meats turn out tender, and beans are soft. Anyone who has canned vegetables also knows the process of high heat pressure cooking. The advantage of the new electric instant pot is the built in technology, which includes precise settings for heating up, cooking, and cooling down. This improves safety of operation, which has always been a concern with this type of cooking.

Another feature of electric instant pots is that they can also be used as a slow cooker. A different setting on an instant pot turns it into a crock pot. One advantage of using an instant pot as a slow cooker is that you can brown meat right in the same pot (not possible with a ceramic crock pot) and then change the setting for a nice slow-cooked meat or bean dish.

But are instant pot and crock pot meals healthful? Yes, of course they can be. The biggest challenge with any meal is to start with healthful ingredients. If you just add noodles and sausage, then what you'll get is a dish with a lot of refined starch and salty, high fat meat. How about a pot roast with lots of carrots, onions, and a few potatoes, that's ready in one hour instead of three. What you have is a protein rich meal with lots of vitamin A, potassium, and antioxidants that protect you from the winter respiratory infections. Even better, a navy bean soup that's ready when you get home from work, a protein meal rich in fiber and B vitamins that protect your immune system and lower your cancer risk.

The KBIC Health System will offer a four week program on Healthy Cooking with Instant Pots, beginning Thursday, February 27 and continuing on Thursday, March 5, March 12, and March 19. The series of classes will be held at the Senior Center, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. We'll be demonstrating how to get the most out of an instant pot, with health and convenience as the focuses. The class is limited to 12 participants. If interested, please contact Kim LeClaire at 353-4524.

**Healthy Winter Meals using Instant Pots and Crock Pots**

A Four Week Program sponsored by KBIC Health System

Dates: Thursday, February 27, March 5, March 12, and March 19, 2020.

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

Location: Ojibwa Senior Center, Mission Road, Baraga.



Open to all adult Tribal members, limited to 12 participants. To register or get additional information, please contact Kim LeClaire at (906) 353-4524.

**The Indian Child Welfare Committee and Tribal Social Services would like to thank the following for the monetary donations for Christmas Gifts for our children in care:**

**Cindy and Michael Jones  
Paul Mooney  
Dale Dakota  
Duane Misegan**

**Chuck Miller  
Everett Ekdahl, Jr.  
Tony Loonsfoot  
Nancy Voakes**

**Thank you also to all of those who chose a child and individually purchased presents requested by that child.**

**You all put a smile on a child's face this past Christmas, and we are so appreciative.**



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Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College



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**Companies will be looking for full-time, part-time, paid internships and seasonal positions**

*This event is sponsored by the KBOCC Business Department*

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**Mid-winter Powwow continues:**

**Honored Elders:**

**Janice H. Shalifoe**, was born to Richard Shalifoe, Sr., and Sarah Shalifoe (Whetung) on 09/26/1940, one of ten children. Her siblings are: Richard "Dicky" Shalifoe, Fred Shelifoe, Molly Loonsfoot, Ginny Ann Jermac, Danny Shelafoe, Myrtle "Babe" Miller, Ted Shalifoe, Matty Joe Shalifoe, and Donny Shalifoe. Janice has seven children: Emily, Helen, Petie, Janice, Jean, Paul, and Colin. She has 12 grandchildren: Joshua, Tony, Nicole, Chalsea, Ethan, Sheila, Sheena, Sage, Alyssa, Joanie, Autumn, and Jaxon. Janice has 15 great grandchildren: Blake, Nickolas, Amari, Ava, Anjeni, Aydin, Devin, Laniceya, Brooklyn, Anthony Jr., Antonio, Alijah, Sonny, Vada, and Ezra.

Janice loves spending time with her family, crafting, playing cards, board games, watching TV/movies, bumming on long rides, bingo, gambling, and Elvis.

**Richard James "Dicky" Shalifoe** was born to Richard Shalifoe, Sr., and Sarah Shalifoe (Whetung). His siblings are: Janice Shalifoe, Fred Shelifoe, Marilyn "Molly" Loonsfoot, Ginny Ann Jermac, Danny Shelifoe, Myrtle "Babe" Miller, Ted Shalifoe, Matty Joe Shalifoe, and Donny Shalifoe. Richard has nine children: Richard, Victoria, Michael, John Paul, Shawn, Robin, Nora, Shanna, and Autumn. He has seven grandchildren: Johnny Renfro; Leia Mix; Ashley Shalifoe Smith; Michael Shalifoe; Dylan, Brandon, and Darren DeCota. Richard worked for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for 24 years. He is a member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, KBIC, and the L'Anse Golf Club. His hobbies include: golfing, football, basketball, tennis, and bowling.

Pink Shawl Honor Dance in recognition of Michelle St. George, a cancer survivor was held prior to the feast.

**Michelle St. George** is the daughter of Robert St. George and Nancy Thoreson Shannon. Michelle's siblings are: Becky Tumminello, Jennifer "Peeky" St. George, and Kerry Varline. She resides in L'Anse with her significant other of 19+ years, Eric Ketola. Michelle has three children: Ashley Seppanen, Amber Soli, and Kyle Soli. She has three grandchildren: Kadynce Loonsfoot, Aaliyah Loonsfoot, and Xander Seppanen. Michelle has been employed with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community since 1990 as a bingo employee and then began employment with the KBIC Health System in 2001, where she remains continues to work. Michelle is a member of the KBIC Health Board. Her hobbies include: camping and hanging out with her grandchildren.

Michelle said, "In April of 2017, I was diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer and I had a mastectomy in May. My recurrence numbers were low enough that I did not have to have chemo or radiation. I do have to take an estrogen blocker for at least five years as my cancer was estrogen fueled. Early detection definitely saves lives!"

# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT OPIOID MISUSE?



## TALK ABOUT IT.

Opioids can be addictive and dangerous. We all should have a conversation about preventing drug misuse and overdose.



## BE SAFE.

Only take opioid medications as prescribed. Always store in a secure place. Dispose of unused medication properly.



## UNDERSTAND PAIN.

Treatments other than opioids are effective in managing pain and may have less risk for harm. Talk with your healthcare provider about an individualized plan that is right for your pain.



## KNOW ADDICTION.

Addiction is a chronic disease that changes the brain and alters decision-making. With the right treatment and supports, people do recover. There is hope.



## BE PREPARED.

Many opioid overdose deaths occur at home. Having naloxone, an opioid overdose reversing drug, could mean saving a life. Know where to get it and how to use it.



For help, resources,  
and information:

<https://www.hhs.gov/opioids/>

1-800-662-HELP (4357)



### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Office of Child Support Services

P.O. Box 490, Baraga, MI 49908  
Phone: 906-353-4566  
Fax: 906-353-8132



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## Childbirth Education

Participation is Free

Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

at the KBIC Health System

Birth partners & father of baby are  
encouraged to attend.

\$25 Gift Card per Family  
(upon completion of entire course; must attend all 3 hours)

Registration is Required

Call 353-4521 to register or for information.

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