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

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

The investment will come from the Elder's Trust Fund which will be paid back over an investment of 4 million dollars for the acquisition of real estate to be used for a dispensary and grow facility, retaining political and legal representation, licensing fees, and all other associated costs.

At the June 14, 2019 Tribal Council Meeting, Council appointed Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., in an interim position as the KBIC Cannabis Developer for the KBIC Medical Marijuana Grow and Dispensary business. A Letter Of Intent to Derek Parker, current owner, and Fresh Coast Pharms, LLC, was approved at the June 13, 2019 Tribal Council meeting.

SENIOR BANQUET HELD HONORING KBIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Baraga Graduates

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

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

• KBIC Negotiating Purchase Of Medical Marijuana Facility
• High School Senior Banquet
• Gaming Distributions Announced
• KBIC Hopes To Regulate Water
• Loonsfoot Chosen Lumberjack Days Military Escort
• Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Memorial Services
• Criminal Report
• Deepest Sympathy

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

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

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

For the period of October 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019, the total to be distributed to local units of government in Baraga County derived from the Ojibwa Casino Resort Baraga, was $111,738.21. The payments approved by Tribal Council for this distribution are as follows:

- Baraga County: $743.10
- Baraga Area Schools: $37,011.51
- Baraga Township: $12,384.21
- Village of Baraga: $9,520.42
- L’Anse Area Schools: $4,472.49
- L’Anse Township: $2,082.20
- Village of L’Anse: $1,524.28
- Baraga Township/Bay Ambulance: $20,000.00
- Baraga Village/Baraga Fire Department: $10,000.00

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

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

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

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

LOOFSOFT CHOSEN AS 2019 BARAGA LUMBERJACK DAYS MILITARY SPECTER

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

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

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

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

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

“We have close to 15-years of water data that we’ve looked at from the waters we’ve tested here in past,” Cree said. “We’re going to take all of that into account.”

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

The Tribe wants standards on the reservation to be more protective because they are more exposed to environmental contamination through fishing, hunting, and gathering practices. They also see stewardship of the water as a cultural responsibility. Ravindran said, “We hope to someday be able to set our own air quality standards as well.” They want air quality on the reservation to be regulated at standards similar to those for a wilderness area.

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

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

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

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

~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor.
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**Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)**

FY 2018 Net Monthly Income Standards*

(Effective Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2019)

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

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**Tribal Court Criminal Sentences**

The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the request of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s CEO’s office to publish criminal sentencing on a routine basis.

**Dean Butala, case #19-071, §5.15, OUIL – 2nd offense**

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

1. Fine $750.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for one-day jail served, 89 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all aspects of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendation of the screening until successfully discharged.
4. Six to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a $10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
5. Defendant shall report a minimum one time per month to the probation office and as directed by the Probation Department.

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

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

1. Fine $100.00.

**Michael Uren, case #18-172, §3.1706, Controlled substance (methamphetamine, distribution) – 1st offense**

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

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

**Michael Uren, case #19-050, §8.901, Contempt of court – 1st offense**

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

1. Fine $500.00. Court shall suspend half.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days, credit for sixty-two (62) days, one-hundred-eighteen (118) days jail shall be suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.
David Mark Ekdahl
(March 14, 1963—May 24, 2019)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lillian E. “Effie” Messer
(January 8, 1946—June 5, 2019)

Lillian E. “Effie” Messer, age 73, of Baraga, MI, passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at UP Health System, Portage in Hancock, MI. She was born in Baraga, MI, on January 8, 1946, the daughter of the late Howard and Rosella Messer, Sr. of Baraga, MI, on May 24, 2019. She was born in Baraga, MI, on January 8, 1946, the daughter of the late Howard and Rosella Messer, Sr. of Baraga, MI, on May 24, 2019.

Effie graduated from Baraga High School in 1965. She married John Messer on October 17, 1966, in Baraga.

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

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

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

Funeral services for Effie were held at 12 p.m., Friday, June 7, 2019, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L’Anse, MI, with Father Corey Litzner officiating. The family greeted friends at the funeral home prior to the service beginning at 10:00 a.m. until time of the funeral service. Immediately following the funeral service, interment took place in the Assinins Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Baraga, MI. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L’Anse, MI, assisted the family.

Orlando Ismial Moreno II
(September 8, 1989—June 8, 2019)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor.
Anishinabek Caucus Calls for the Decommissioning of Enbridge’s Line 5 in accordance with the values

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

The complete position statement follows.

Anishinabek Caucus of the MDP

MAY 24, 2019 — STATEMENT — Anishinabek Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party

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

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

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

Michigan officials have spent the past year pursuing a plan to tunnel the oil pipeline beneath the Straits of Mackinac while ignoring the 182-year-old treaty rights of Native Americans. Federally recognized Native American tribes have entered into treaties with the United States Government, releasing portions of their land in exchange for reserved hunting and fishing rights, among others. That these treaties protect not just the right to fish, but also the right to a habitat for these fish to exist, has been established by jurisprudence.

A landmark decision by the US Supreme Court on May 29, upheld the rights and clarifies that state laws do not supersede treaty obligations.

In accordance with these Federal Treaties, which are the supreme law of the land under the Constitution, the Michigan Tribes are to be included in policy decision-making. We do not seek “consultation”. Any process which does not include tribal representation is unconstitutional.

The pre-existing treaties render the easement granted to Enbridge Energy company invalid, as the tribes, whose rights were not recognized when it was granted, have not consented to it.

The position of the Anishinabek Caucus along with the Federally recognized tribes of Michigan and CORA (Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority) is in line with the United Tribes of Michigan resolution which “opposes continued operation of unsafe pipelines that endanger tribal lands and resources.” The Michigan Anishinabek Tribes are and will continue to be vigilant stewards of the land and water, protect these resources and rights onward for the Seventh Generation.

The five tribes making up CORA retain fishing rights in the area under a treaty signed in 1836, while Line 5 was built by Enbridge in 1953. Details of the treaty can be found at www.1836.org.

Enbridge’s Line 5 is a 1,098 mile pipeline with 4.6 miles beneath the Straits of Mackinac that transfers 23 million gallons of fuel per hour. Enbridge reported 1.2 million cleanup cost. Locals discovered by Enbridge, whose operator increased pressure when a rupture was already discovered, including a spill in early December 2014, on the bank of the Manistique River just one mile from Lake Michigan.

Propane needed by Upper Peninsula residents and businesses can be provided by truck and rail with a two-mile rail spur. Although Line 5 provides 250 jobs and 22 million in tax revenue, it cannot measure up to the economic significance of Michigan’s tourist or agricultural industries. Employment is 214,000 Michiganers directly with another 326,685 in related and supporting industries. Tourism generates 27.8 billion in sales and another 2.4 billion in local and state taxes. Agriculture provides 923,000 farming jobs and another 22,600 in supporting industries. There are 52,194 farms, 10 million acres in Michigan and 93% are family farms. Michigan’s 300 agricultural commodities generates 13 billion dollars directly, 2.2 billion in related industries, and another 101.2 billion in related and supporting industries. Good stewardship of Michigan would not risk so much for a foreign interest.

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

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

Andrea Pierce, Chair of the Anishinabek Caucus, says, “Negotiating with Enbridge is foolhardy at best. Putting the Great Lakes at risk for a Canadian Corporation’s bottom line while ignoring the citizens of Michigan is not a good way to foster trust and a good working relationship. We were ignored under the Snyder/Sigarette Agreement, and we will not be ignored under the new Treaty of Straits of Mackinac. We are going to enfranchise the Governor with her campaign and as our elected official. We are going to engage her in letters and phone calls and we are going to mobilize our people and our Nation to protest against this project and to mobilize laws and jurisprudence.

Federally recognized Native American tribes have entered into treaties with the United States Government, releasing portions of their land in exchange for reserved hunting and fishing rights, among others. That these treaties protect not just the right to fish, but also the right to a habitat for these fish to exist, has been established by jurisprudence. A landmark decision by the US Supreme Court on May 29, upheld the rights and clarifies that state laws do not supersede treaty obligations.

In accordance with these Federal Treaties, which are the supreme law of the land under the Constitution, the Michigan Tribes are to be included in policy decision making. We do not seek “consultation”. Any process which does not include tribal representation is unconstitutional.

Moreover, a tunnel spanning the Straits of Mackinac should not be pursued. Housing electric and natural gas in the same tunnel is courting disaster. Considering Enbridge’s ineptitude managing pipelines, it is also foolhardy to entrust Enbridge with management.

Most pipeline leaks have not been caught by Enbridge; they were discovered by locals and others. The largest inland spill was permitted by Enbridge, which saw increased pressure when a pressure loss was detected. Line 6b spilled over 800 thousand gallons into the Talmadge Creek of the Kalamazoo River over 17 hours. Enbridge reported 1.2 million cleanup cost. Locals continue to report that oil remains fouling the waterway. Kalamazoo River has what is called an “oil sheen” which will be there for decades. That Enbridge is going to make a tunnel plan is to be a double helix.

The pre-existing treaties render the easement granted to Enbridge Energy company invalid, as the tribes, whose rights were not recognized when it was granted, have not consented to it.

Anishinabek Caucus of the MDP

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

1 www.washingtonpost.com/energy/2014/04/04/a-snowball-of-decisions-threaten-the-treaty-for-michigans-native-americans/
3 Herrera v. Wyoming, supra.
4 Herrera v. Wyoming, supra.
5 Herrera v. Wyoming, supra.
L’ANSE GRADUATES

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

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

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

L’ANSE-BARAGA COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRADUATES

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

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

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

Jerry began his address with, “Miigwech for that introduction. I am honored to be asked to address this year’s graduates. I am very proud of all of you. I did not write a speech to deliver to you today. I wanted to speak through my heart. I will share my story with you and hopefully some of it will resonate with all of you, and hopefully I can shed some successful tips to help navigate life because life is a rollercoaster ride. If anyone is familiar with the water drum, and how the water
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Kenneth W. Carlson
Angeline C. DeGrave
Theresa M. Hendrickson
Patricia J. Hyry
Raine LaFountain
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Happy Birthday
To Our
Eldest
Seniors
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community wishes our Ojibwa Seniors who are 80 -years and older in this month a very Happy Birthday!

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

~ Miigwech

Happy July Birthday!

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

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Drum Split for all Visiting Drums
Dancers & Drums Paid Each Session
Men’s Woodland Special 18+
Woman’s Jingle Special 18+
1st $500
2nd $300
3rd $200
Two-Step Contest
Frybread Contest
3-man Hand Drum Contest
5-Man Singing Contest
Free Admission

No Drugs or Alcohol
Not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen property
For More Info Contact:
Alden Connor Jr. (906) 353-4278
Gary Loomisfoot Jr. (906) 353-4100

Come taste delicious recipes and learn new ways to use these wonderful berries!

INTRODUCTION TO
Traditional Foods
Ode’iminan - Strawberries

To be held on Wednesday, July 17th
at the KBOCC Arts & Agriculture Center
From 5:30pm-7pm
(1521 Pelkie Rd Pelkie, MI 49958)
Call DeAnna at (906) 524-8209 with any questions

41st Annual
KBIC Maawanj’iiding
Baraga, Michigan
July 26th-28th 2019

Host Drum
WHITE FISH JR’s

Local Drums
Woodland Singers
4 Thunders
Honor Guard
KBIC Waa-wewigong
Ogichidaa Society

MC’s
Ronnie Preston
Erik Cahbow

Arena Director’s
Mark Kingbird Sr.
Rai斯塔n Auuwonopay

Head Veteran Dancer
John Teller Jr.

Head Youth Dancer’s
Kewew Auuwonopay
Dalanna Connor

Gerald White
Delina White

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

“Thank you for the wonderful recipe. I made some strawberry jam with it and it turned out amazing.” ~ Jane Doe

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

What it boils down to is, you need to find something that you are passionate about. It doesn't necessarily have to be a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, or a Ph.D. You can make a difference in this world as long as you find something that you are passionate about. If you set your goals and you keep your family, your community, and your culture with you, and there is nothing that will be able to stop you. Make sure that as you progress from here-on-out, to take care of yourself and make sure that you are happy. That is one of the most important things! You are going to have those ups and downs through life; we all go through them, but need to try to keep yourself happy. Take care of your family; they will always be there for you, and you are going to be there for them as well. Take care of your community. Nobody really has to be there for you, they are going by themselves. It takes a lot of people to help you along the way, and you reciprocate that, too. As you gain knowledge and skills, you return that to your community, and that raising tide will lift all of our lives, so we don't have to be crabs in a bucket, we can be ships on the sea. Embrace your culture, embrace who you are, and that is who you are, you are going to do well because there is strength in there. Elevate yourself, elevate your people, and defy those statistics. Miigwech!
2019 KBIC LOAN REPLACEMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2019 KBIC Loan Replacement Scholarship application. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community supports college education for its members. Many students do not receive enough financial aid to pay for their education and must take out extensive loans. The Tribal Council has approved five loan replacement scholarships for college students pursuing degrees during the 2019-20 academic year. The scholarship amount is $1,000 for the 2019 fall semester and will continue for the 2020 winter/spring semester for the same amount if the student continues to meet the requirements.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member;
- Legal resident of Baraga County or Marquette trust property;
- Attending an accredited college/university for the 2019-20 academic year;
- Enrolled as a full-time student;
- Must currently be a minimum of Sophomore status;
- Must provide documentation of financial aid awards and federal student loan status for the fall 19 and winter/spring 20 semesters;
- Must be in pursuit of an Associate, Bachelor, Master, or Doctoral degree documented by their college;
- Must provide a copy of most recent official transcript verifying a minimum GPA of 2.50 for Associate or Bachelor degree/3.00 GPA for Master or Doctorate degree

Eligible students must complete an application, submit a copy of their most recent official transcript, and a copy of their loan obligation for the 2019-20 academic year.

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 906-353-4117 or at amy@kbic-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 9, 2019, at 4 p.m.

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2019 KBIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2019 KBIC Merit Scholarship application. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community supports college education for its members. Many students receive outstanding grades during their college careers. The Tribal Council has approved four scholarships for college students pursuing degrees during the 2019-20 academic year based on merit. The scholarship amount is $2,500 for the 2019 fall semester and will continue for the 2020 winter/spring semester for the same amount if the student continues to meet the requirements.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member;
- Legal resident of Baraga County or Marquette County;
- Attending an accredited college/university for the 2019-20 academic year;
- Enrolled as a full-time student;
- Must currently be a minimum of Sophomore status;
- Must provide documentation of financial aid awards and federal student loan status for the fall 19 and winter/spring 20 semesters;
- Must be in pursuit of an Associate, Bachelor, Master, or Doctoral degree documented by their college;
- Must provide a copy of most recent official transcript verifying a minimum GPA of 3.00.

Eligible students must complete an application, submit a copy of their most recent official transcript, and a copy of their loan obligation for the 2019-20 academic year.

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 906-353-4117 or at amy@kbic-nsn.gov. The application deadline is July 29, 2019, at 4 p.m.

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2019 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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

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

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

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

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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.
June 14, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Swartz:

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

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

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

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

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

July 2019 Calendar:
- July 3 — Gov’t offices closed, 4th of July holiday;
- July 4 — Gov’t offices closed, 4th of July holiday;
- July 12 — Constitution Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tribal Center;
- July 13 — Quarterly Saturday Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m. Bingo Hall;
- July 26 — Gov’t offices closed, Cultural Day;
- July 26-28 — 41st Maawanj’iding.

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UP Health System Home Care & Hospice prides itself on providing the highest quality of care to our patients, and one of the ways we do this is making sure we are hiring the best employees. We are so excited to introduce you to our two newest home care staff members: Pam Smith, LPN, (left) and Michelle Maki, RN (right). They are great new additions to our field staff team. They will be working in patients' homes and assisting our senior housing to make sure our patients' needs are being met every day. Pam and Michelle take care of our patients in so many different ways, among which are: checking vitals, lab draws, doing follow up with physicians, providing wound care, coordinating other care disciplines for patients, and many other tasks. Pam and Michelle are talented, compassionate, and hardworking, making them perfect additions to our organization, since here at UP Health System Home Care and Hospice it's all about helping people. If you are interested or have any questions about our services, please call us at 906-483-1160.

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

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

There are many different types of hazards, and we want to make sure that we cover all of them. The survey is designed to help us understand the local hazard concerns and to help us determine what mitigation measures are needed. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.

The survey site is as follows:

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

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

For more information contact:
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Environmental Specialist
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
14399 Pemquing Road
L’Anse, MI 49946
(906) 524-5757, ext. 20

Press Release
KBIC TRANSITION HOME PROGRAM AND SERVICES

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

There will be raffles throughout the weekend and goodies.

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