Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Response To COVID-19

Office of the President, KBIC — March 20, 2020

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is working together as a team to come together during this national state of emergency. In the interest of slowing the spread of the COVID-19, all buildings will be closed to the public, with the exception of the Health Center, Commodity Foods, Senior Center (pick-up and delivery of meals only), Transitional Home Programs and Services, Solid Waste Facility, and Police as of 11:59 p.m. on March 21, 2020.

The Health Center will require patients to call ahead at (906) 353-8700 to access health needs and the pharmacy will require patients to call ahead at (906) 353-4555 for pick-up of prescriptions.

The Solid Waste Facility will continue to operate and pick up garbage.

Senior/Disability payments will be mailed to those who normally pick up their checks. Senior heating payments will not be processed, as utility companies are not disconnecting services at this time. Snow plowing driveways for the elders/disabled will not be done.

Water/Sewer payments may be made once the Tribal Center opens again. No disconnections will happen at this time.

Housing rental payments may be mailed or put in the drop box at the housing department. No evictions due to non-payment will happen at this time. Work orders may still be called in to (906) 201-1903. Contact with Superior View Complex tenants will be done by housing staff to see if basic needs of food, water, or toilet paper are needed. If SVC tenants need someone to run to the store, staff can provide this service.

Updates will be available on the website, the Tribe’s Facebook page, radio station, and on a pre-recorded phone number (906) 353-4523.

Office of the President, KBIC — March 20, 2020

In light of the growing public health crisis regarding the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has decided to temporarily close non-essential Tribal Government offices and both of the Ojibwa Casinos in Marquette and Baraga beginning on March 21, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. through April 12, 2020. The Tribal Council will continue to assess the situation as the crisis unfolds. Casino and government employees will be compensated during this temporary closure to help ensure their financial security during this stressful time.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council made this decision after consulting with public health leaders at the tribal, state, and federal level. “It has become clear that the Coronavirus disease can have drastic impacts, but the Community is taking bold measures to protect the health of every member of the Community,” said President Swartz. “We can pro-actively work to stop the spread of this disease, and we will continue to work with leaders at every level moving forward.”

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is monitoring the ongoing crisis and is prepared to take aggressive steps to ensure the health of the Community is protected.

KBIC Health Systems Update — March 24, 2020

Beginning on Tuesday, March 25, 2020, The KBIC Health System Medical Clinic and Pharmacy will be open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. We are following CDC recommendations and have implemented practices to limit the number of people coming into the center while still providing essential services. Please use the State Street entrance when coming to our facility. Call (906) 353-8700 before coming in for appointments or if you have questions regarding your health.

- We continue to evaluate all people entering the facility for COVID-19 risk.
- If individuals meet the criteria for COVID-19 testing, we will work with our local health department to arrange for that person to be tested.
- Essential medical services continue to be provided, call (906) 353-8700 if you need to schedule an appointment or to talk with a medical provider. Anyone with complaints of upper respiratory symptoms will be triaged by telephone before coming to the clinic.

The Dental Clinic is open for emergency treatment only, call (906) 353-8700 to talk with staff if you have a dental concern.

Call the pharmacy at (906) 353-4555 to order refills of prescription medications. Drive up to the main entrance when picking up medication and it will be delivered to your vehicle. Limited home delivery is available.

Behavioral Health Services are limited. Call (906) 353-8700 to talk with a medical provider.
The United States President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America
15 Days to Slow the Spread

1. Listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities.
2. If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
3. If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.
4. If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.
5. If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.
6. If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and way from other people.
7. Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk, and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to stop the spread of the coronavirus:
   - Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
   - If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services, pharmaceutical, and food supply, you have special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
   - Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
   - Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts. Use drive thru, pickup, or delivery options.
   - Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
   - Do not visit nursing homes or retirement and long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
   - Practice good hygiene:
     * Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
     * Avoid touching your face.
     * Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
     * Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
   - School operations can accelerate the spread of the coronavirus. Governors of states with evidence of community transmission should close schools in affected and surrounding areas. Governors should close schools in communities that are near areas of community transmission, even if those areas are in neighboring states. In addition, state and local officials should close schools where coronavirus has been identified in the population associated with the school. States and localities that close schools need to address child-

Office of the Chief Judge
Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court
March 23, 2020 — To the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

While keeping the Court available to the fullest extent, all proceedings must be consistent with public safety as well as any further directives from the Court, as well as federal and tribal public health advisories.

The Court shall employ a balanced and objective approach that considers both the uninterrupted administration of justice, health, and well-being of the judicial branch of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and its Court patrons.

Therefore, all persons in custody or who shall have the potential to be placed into custody shall have immediate access to the Court as described by law, as well as those requiring emergency hearings. These hearings shall utilize telephone and forocm services.

All other hearings which can be re-scheduled shall be postponed and scheduled beginning the week of April 13, 2020.

Please contact the Court with any questions and/or concerns. Note: Lauri Denomie, Chief Court Clerk, shall schedule any necessary hearings for the Court. Contact may be made by calling (906) 201-0263 or e-mail, courtclerk@kbic.nsn.gov.

--- NOTICE ---
Breastfeeding Support Circle will be cancelled for April.
- Lena Wascher, BSN, RN, KBIC WIC Coordinator

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Individuals may call Tribal Police (906) 353-6626 if they have an emergency or 911.

Updates to operations can be obtained by calling (906) 353-4523.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Response To COVID-19 continued:
- To have a voucher faxed to a specialist or facility call (906) 353-4527 and the PRC clerk will fax it to the facility/specialist you are going to see.
- WIC clients should call (906) 353-4527 before coming in for an appointment.
- Home visits and long distance medical transports are discontinued at this time.

Coronavirus Resources:
- Western UP Health Department
- Coronavirus Call Center Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (906) 487-5545
- Michigan Coronavirus Hotline Monday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 1-888-535-6136
- www.CDC.gov
- www.wuphd.org

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Office of the Chief Judge Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court

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KBIC Housing Department

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, KBIC Housing Dept. will remain open only for essential matters. Rents may still be mailed or utilize the new drop box located by the entrance at the Baraga Office. For work orders, emergencies, after hours, weekends, and holidays please call (906) 201-0903. Please leave a detailed message, your name, address, and phone number. This also includes the Harvey tenants.

We realize many of our tenants are also going through a closure or loss of income. We will adjust rents according. Any re-certifications that were scheduled, will be rescheduled at a later date.

Please be safe! Thank you.
~KBIC Housing Dept.

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

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Kerri Jo Dompier, case #19-142, §3.202, Assault and battery (domestic) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 02/26/2020, #19-142, §3.202:

1. Fifty hours of community service.
2. Ninety days jail, credit for one-day jail served, 89 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
3. No violent contact with the victim.
4. Defendant shall follow her aftercare program through Women’s New Hope.
5. Defendant shall obtain a mental health assessment within 30 days.
6. Defendant shall attend a Domestic Abuse Intervention Program.
7. Defendant shall sign a releases of information with all providers to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
8. Six to twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a $10 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
9. Defendant shall report in person once per month to the probation office and at the discretion of the probation officer.
Justin Dunleavy, case #19-153, §5.15, Operating under the influence – 2\textsuperscript{nd} offense

Sentencing on 03/04/2020, #19-153, §5.15:
1. Fine $750.00.
2. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
3. Defendant shall sign a release of information with all providers to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
4. Ninety days jail, 90 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
5. Sixteen months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a $10 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
6. Defendant shall report as directed by the probation officer.

Minoghezhig Sandman Shellefo, case #19-052, §3.1706, Controlled substance (use, morphine) – 1\textsuperscript{st} offense

Sentencing on 03/09/2020, #19-052, §3.1706:
1. Fine $500.00.
2. One-hundred eighty days jail to be served immediately. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Payment probation. Defendant’s General Welfare Exclusion Check shall be garnished in full until all his Court obligations are paid in full. The Defendant did consent to the garnishment.
5. Defendant shall report to the probation office within 24-hours when released from jail or the following business day if released on a weekend.

Minoghezhig Sandman Shellefo, case #19-053, §3.1308, Disobedienece of a lawful court order – 5\textsuperscript{th} offense

Sentencing on 03/09/2020, #19-053, §3.1308:
1. Fine $500.00.
2. Forty-five days jail, credit for 20 days jail served, 25 days jail to be serve. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. Defendant shall report to the probation office within 24-hours when released from jail or the following business day if released on a weekend.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FPDPI)
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.

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** KBIC SENIORS - TAX PREPARATION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM **

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

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

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

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

To receive your reimbursement, please turn in your original receipt to 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.)

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• 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 fee.

• 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 Re-fund 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

(3) Niswi
We are happy to announce that pediatricians, Dr. Sharon Gilliland and Dr. Rebecca Schultz, have returned to the KBIC Medical Clinic and are seeing patients. Currently, they will be working Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Please call the clinic at (906) 353-8700 to set up an appointment for your child.

Dr. Sharon Gilliland  
Dr. Rebecca Schultz

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The 2nd Reading of the Proposed Ordinance 2020-01 to Amend Title Ten; Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Gathering; to repeal a restriction on Parent Lake (10.413) will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2020 in the former Bingo Hall at 1:00 p.m.

The Tribal council will receive verbal and written comments from Tribal members at the public hearing in accordance with the Legislative Process public hearing procedure adopted by the Tribal Council.

Copies of the Proposed Ordinance 2020-01 are available at the Tribal Center, KBIC Donald LaPointe Medical Center, Pines Convenience Center, Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Tribal Court, Commodity Foods Center, Housing Department, and Ojibwa Community College. Copies are also distributed to all Departments within the Tribe.
The Office of the CEO would like to introduce Robin Roe as the new Administrative Specialist in the CEO’s Office. Robin has previously worked with our DPW Department for the past five years. She has achieved her Associate’s Degree in Business Administration from KBOCC. She lives in Baraga with her other half, Kerry. Robin has two sons: Logan and Grayson; a step-son; Gaven; and a step-daughter: Gabrielle. She also has two grandsons: Paxton and Chase.

Her e-mail is robin@kbic-nsn.gov and her extension is 4104. Please welcome Robin to her new position.

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.

3rd Annual KBIC Ice Fishing Tournament Held

The 3rd Annual KBIC Ice Fishing Tournament was a huge success. This year, there were 30 teams that registered. As usual, the tournament is “all species”. Along with $1,000 guaranteed for the first place team, courtesy of the Ojibwa Casino, there was $1,800 paid out for 2nd through 7th place and $1,750 in prizes, plus door prizes. Listed below are the winners of the tournament:

- Biggest Fish (9# 2 oz bourbon) – Ed Bourdage—Helix 5 Fish finder;
- 1st Place: (21# 12 oz) – Hard Water Assassins, $1,000;
- 2nd Place: (21# 7 oz) – 2 Handsed Rod Squads, $500;
- 3rd Place: (19# 4 oz) – 69 Mixed Bag, $400;
- 4th Place: (18# 13 oz) – Rod Squad, $300;
- 5th Place: (16# 9 oz) – Bite’s On, $250;
- 6th Place: (16# 9 oz) – 4 Rods, 1 Hole, $200;
- 7th Place: (15# 1 oz) – Superior Shores Contracting, $150.

I would like to thank our vendors for their generous donations, as well as our local businesses that donated. Without all of your generosity, this tournament would not have been possible.

Vendor Donors:

- Ojibwa Casino - $1,000,
- M3 Insurance - $600,
- CARBS Contracting - $400,
- Gundlach Champion - $250,
- Bigfoot Wellness - $200,
- Seneca Tobacco - $200,
- Wells Fargo - $100.

Local Businesses:

- Woodland Firearmr, Van Straten Bros., The Pines Convenience Store,
- Skyta’s General Store, Indian Country Sports,
- Bay Auto, Cue Master, The Pizza Shack, Erickson’s True Value,

Chi Migwech to everyone who donated their time, gifts, or money, and to all of our participants. Our tournament would not be what it is without you!

- Gary Loonfoot, Jr. KBIC Vice President

StrongHearts Native Helpline Will Continue to Offer Services During COVID-19 Pandemic

(EAGAN, Minn., March 19, 2020) — StrongHearts Native Helpline acknowledges that this is a very difficult time for all Native people. We are very concerned about those most vulnerable including those who may be in unhealthy or abusive relationships; therefore, we will continue to operate and offer our services as long as possible.

At the StrongHearts office, we are taking the direct social distancing protocols very seriously. As such, callers may experience longer call wait times. Callers may press one at any time to be transferred to The National Domestic Violence Hotline, a non-Native Hotline. The Hotline is also responding to the directed protocols, so callers may experience extended call wait times.

Please note that the StrongHearts website and social media sites are not equipped for support services.

We hope that this situation is temporary. Again, we will continue to operate and offer our services daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Daylight Time. We apologize for any disruptions in service and thank all of our Native communities for your patience and understanding.

We are here. We are ready to listen. 1-844-7NATIVE (844-762-8483).
EVERY CHILD deserves a HEALTHY Breakfast or Lunch Every Day

To make sure YOUR SCHOOL gets money for meals to YOUR KIDS, you must complete the 2020 CENSUS this spring.

The 2020 CENSUS is quick and EASY to fill out. Use it to count EVERYONE in your home. And by law, it is 100% CONFIDENTIAL

For more information go to www.mivoicecounts.org
April 2020 Calendar:

- April 1 through April 12, 2020 — Ojibwa Casino Baraga and Ojibwa Casino Marquette — closed due to Coronavirus Pandemic;
- April 1 through April 12, 2020 — Tribal Government offices limited — due to Coronavirus Pandemic;
- April Quarterly Council Meeting — Date To Be Determined due to Coronavirus Pandemic.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Office of Child Support Services
P.O. Box 490, Baraga, MI 49908
Phone: 906-353-4566
Fax: 906-353-8132

"YOUR Children … OUR Priority"

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- Establishment of Child Support
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(7) Niizhwaaswi
BIA Scholarship Deadline
The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year is May 1, 2020.
Applicants must be enrolled KBIC members; reside in Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette counties; and must attend a public or private school. A student’s Honor Roll status is defined according to the requirements of their school district.

The following thirty-nine students were placed on the Honor Roll for the 2019-2020 academic year:
Gwinn – Kailyn Shelafoe.
Houghton – Bryton Bergstrom.
Marquette – Aden Hamalainen.

The following forty-nine students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:
Gwinn – Kailyn Shelafoe and Destinee Stanton.
Houghton – Bryton Bergstrom.

Michigan Indian Leadership Program
at Michigan State University

JULY 19-24, 2020
- FREE Program for Native Youth
- Space is Limited
- Apply Early
- Application Deadline: April 17, 2020. Late applications will be considered on a space available basis or placed on the waiting list.
- Call or email for more information or to request an application

Contact Information:
Stephanie Chau
Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians Tribal Citizen and
MLP Director
(517) 355-0234
chaus@msu.edu

Program Dates are: JULY 19-24, 2020
- Native American Students Entering 8-12 Grades in Fall 2020
- Application Deadline: April 17, 2020
- Learn about College, Admissions and Financial Aid
- Prepare for College and Your Future
- SAT Prep
- Cultural Activities
- Leadership Development
- Native American Staff/Mentors/College Students
- Explore College Majors and Career Opportunities
- You can download the application on our website:
https://www.canr.msu.edu/mlp

Sponsored by: College of Agriculture & Natural Resources and the Office of Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education.

Aspirus Establishes Call Center for COVID-19 Questions
WAUSAU, Wis. – To prevent the spread of the virus and provide the most appropriate care to the communities we serve, Aspirus has established a call center for people concerned they might be infected with COVID-19.
The dedicated line will be operational and staffed by live operators beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 14. The phone lines will be staffed 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekends. Operators will direct callers to the closest regional testing location if they need to see a medical professional.

Call Center Number
1-844-568-0701

Hours of Operation:
7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday – Sunday

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to those of influenza. They include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Aspirus is prepared for COVID-19 and will continue to provide vital health service to the community.
Because the COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving, we will communicate changes promptly. For more information, please visit aspirus.org or the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.
Deepest Sympathy

Victoria Lynn “Vicki” Dakota
(April 26, 1966—February 24, 2020)

Victoria Lynn “Vicki” Dakota, age 51, of Baraga, MI, passed away Monday, February 24, 2020, at her home with her loving family by her side. She was born in L’Anse, MI, on April 26, 1968, the daughter of the late Virginia Emery. Vicki graduated from L’Anse High School in 1986, and received her Associate Degree in Accounting at Gogebic Community College. She had been employed as an accountant for KBIC for many years and during the past eight years had worked as an accountant for Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. Vicki was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She married Brandon Dakota in Baraga on June 20, 2015. Vicki enjoyed walking, especially at Sand Point, swimming, hiking, working out, traveling, sewing, reading, and watching movies with Brandon. Vicki loved spending time with her family. Her daughter Sydni was her best friend.

Vicki is survived by her loving husband: Brandon; children: Casey Maki and Sydni Voakes; brothers: Jim Shelifoe, Bahgi Sandman Shelifoe, and Mino Emery, Kelly Shelifoe, Waba Alakayak, and Wausau Sandman Shelifoe; and sisters: Jeanne Emery, Kelly Shelifoe, Waba Alakayak, and Wausau Sandman Shelifoe. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. She was preceded in death by her mother; her brothers: Freddy Jr. Jerry, and Allen; her sisters: Cathy and Brigitte; her nephew: Jimmy; and her brother-in-law: D.J.

Funeral services for Vicki were held on Monday, March 2, 2020, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L’Anse, MI, with Father Corey Litzner officiating. The family greeted friends at the funeral chapel on Monday from 11 am until the time of the funeral service. Immediately following the funeral service, friends were invited to join the family for fellowship and luncheon at the Ojibwa Senior Center, Baraga.

The Family Service and Chapel, L’Anse assisted the family.

Kim J. “Kimber” Soman
(1966—March 8, 2020)

Kim J. “Kimber” Soman (nee Durant) passed away peacefully on March 8, 2020, age 54. She was the beloved mother of Kristen Durant, Sara McQuary, Stacy Peralta, Emmy McQuary, Stacy McQuary, and Waba Emery. She was the late Steve, the late Leo Sam Jr., Amy Durant, and Mitchell Durant. The step-sister of Jamie Brisbois, Caroline Brisbois, and Jackie Olney. She is also survived by step-children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Services will be held at a later date. The Heritage Funeral Homes, Milwaukee, assisted the family.

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Hosts Annual Golf Outing to Support Local Veterans

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHB) is proud to announce the date of the 2020 Chief Mo-guago Veterans Golf Outing. This year’s event will take place May 29 at Binder Park Golf Course in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Those who have a love of golfing and giving back are encouraged to create a team and join us for a day of delicious food, friendly competition, and an opportunity to give back to those who have served. The funds raised will be used to support the NHB Veterans Fund, which was established to assist local foundations and organizations in providing immediate assistance and relief for Veterans who have given so much to this country.

This year’s event is a four-person team scramble and will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Throughout the day, participants will enjoy great food prepared by the title sponsor of the event, Firekeepers Casino Hotel, and their culinary team. A cookout, awards, and raffle will round out the day.

The price for a four-person team to enjoy the day is $700. It is an honor to help those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. Local businesses, organizations, and individuals who share our dedication for providing assistance to Veterans are invited to be sponsors of the event.

Sponsorship packages include:

- **Hole Sponsorship ($300):** Signage at a tee with logo or business/organization name.
- **Bronze Sponsorship ($600):** Hole sponsorship and logo on welcome or banquet banner.
- **Silver Sponsorship ($1,200):** Bronze level recognition and card sponsorship.
- **Gold Sponsorship ($1,700):** Silver level recognition and scramble foursome.
- **Platinum Sponsorship ($3,250):** Gold level recognition and recognition throughout event, plus two scramble foursomes.
- **Golf Ball Sponsorship ($5,000):** Platinum level recognition and your company logo on a sleeve of golf balls for every player.

To register a foursome, go to www.birdeasepro.com/Chief/Moguago. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended as spots will fill quickly.

For more information or to be an event sponsor, please contact Matthew Goldner at mgoldner@nhbp.com or 269-704-8355.
The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) is pleased to announce that in October 2019, the Environmental Protection Agency approved KBIC’s application for Treatment as a State (TAS) status for Air Quality. KBIC is the first tribe in Michigan to achieve TAS authority for air quality.

"The KBIC is now formally recognized by the EPA as a sovereign nation with proficient capability to manage the natural resources on our Reservation. By obtaining the designation of Treatment as a State for Air Quality, we commit ourselves to protecting not only the environment but the health of all who live within our community," says KBIC President Chris Swartz. "We look forward to working with local, state, and federal partners to co-manage and preserve those resources that are of benefit to all for the next seven generations." TAS approval provided by the EPA Office of Air Quality (CAAA) 105 grant funding eligibility to administer the KBIC Air Quality Program, as well as, the advantage of Section 505(a)(2) which provides KBIC early notification of Title V air permit requests within 50 miles of the L’Anse Indian Reservation boundaries.

At this time, KBIC TAS authority is non-regulatory which means that KBIC cannot directly make decisions on or issue permits. However, TAS increases KBIC capabilities to review permit requests and provide recommendations to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), and the EPA on issues that may contribute to compromised air quality in our region.

"TAS is an essential support for "Treatment as a State," KBIC and others are beginning to interpret TAS to stand for "Treatment as a Sovereign". TAS as a legal status means "treatment in a similar manner as states (TAS)", and it refers to the transfer of specific authorities from the federal government to federally-recognized Indian Tribal governments. When federal regulations such as the Clean Air and Water Acts were first written, the law included delegated authority to state governments for administering these programs. Through the last few decades, federal environmental statutes increasingly recognized the role of Indian tribes to administer their own management programs on Indian lands. Thus tribal capacity has grown and strengthened to assume authorities similar to that of states. Rather than rewrite an entirely new set of laws and procedures to be inclusive of tribal nations, the federal government mandated TAS so that in all laws where “states” are articulated, it is known that tribes may also legally act “in a similar manner as states”. EPA actively encourages tribal and state governments to apply environmental standards that are specific to their local environments; local standards are more relevant for communities and thus more protective of community needs.

TAS is important to KBIC for many reasons. First and foremost, TAS is a responsibility stipulated by the First Treaty. In implementing TAS, we are honoring our First Treaty with all orders of creation which include our obligations and connections to the natural environment. Second, KBIC is a co-management partner with state and federal government agencies; many of our natural resources, such as fish and wildlife, are included in our shared stewardship responsibilities alongside other entities. Finally, TAS provides for locally relevant considerations of environmental quality. Within our area, including both the tribal and non-tribal communities, there is greater dependence on locally harvested foods such as wild fish and game. Therefore, local environmental standards can ensure greater protections for the good of our community and natural resources.

Tribal government authority to legally assume responsibility for programs such as air quality is rooted in their status as sovereign nations. In a series of 18 and 19th centuries treaties, federal and tribal governments negotiated agreements between the U.S. and American Indian Nations in the Great Lakes region and the tribal government-to-government relationship, including shared governance and federal trust responsibilities. Treaties can only be established between sovereign nations, and in the U.S., treaties are sanctioned by the Constitution and upheld as the "supreme law of the land." In the current era, tribal nation sovereignty has been reaffirmed by a number of key federal statutes, agreements, and Supreme Court decisions by both states and U.S., many of which provide governance authority foundations for KBIC TAS. For more information on Tribal National Air Quality programs, please visit the National Tribal Air Association, which includes the 2019 Status of Tribal Air Report and 2019 EPA Region 5 Tribal Air Resources Journal. KBIC TAS will greatly support strengthening the KBIC Air Quality Program which has been steadily growing since its establishment in 2012. KBIC began its program with a CAA Section 103 project to conduct an air emissions inventory and gather published data to assess air quality in the region. Currently, the KBIC air program is also focused on indoor air quality, assessing community homes and KBIC housing, primarily for radon and mold. TAS will provide CAA 105 grant funding to continue administering this important work, and also, to build program capacity towards creating an ambient air monitoring program for our region. At the same time, KBIC Natural Resources staff will use early permit notifications provided by Section 505(a)(2) to research and review technical reports, seek out experts, and engage in other fact finding that will contribute to composing a response to permit requests. Although the KBIC TAS designation is non-regulatory, KBIC will continue to work in partnership with EGLE and the EPA to examine potential impacts of both point and non-point sources and to protect air quality in the Keweenaw Bay region.

The State of Michigan’s Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) offered thoughts on the KBIC TAS designation, "EGLE welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) to fulfill our shared goals of preserving and protecting our natural resources and public health," said Mary Ann Dolenthan, EGLE Air Quality Division Director. "We are pleased KBIC has received this designation, and with their demonstrated commitment to improving air quality and quality of life on the L’Anse Reservation."

The EPA also shared thoughts on KBIC’s TAS under the CAA. "The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is one of EPA’s important partners in protecting human health and the environment on the reservation and the community at large," said EPA Region 5 Administrator Kurt Thiede. "KBIC is a leader, and I applaud their efforts to build the capacity to reduce air pollution in their community."

For more information about TAS, we welcome you to visit these websites:
https://eil.info/sites/default/files/articles/23.10579.htm
https://www.ntaatribalair.org/
https://www.ntaatribalair.org/status-of-tribal-air-report/

February 10, 2020
ASK FOR CONSENT

When you want to get close to someone — whether you’re hooking up for the first time or in a long-term relationship — it’s important to know how to ask for consent.

ASK YOURSELF
How might my actions make someone feel?

ASK YOUR PARTNER
About things like protection, previous experiences, preferences, and more through texts or in casual settings.

ASK YOURSELF
Am I in a clear enough state to respect someone’s boundaries or have I had too much to drink?

ASK YOURSELF
Am I making it clear from my words, tone, and body language that I’m OK with the answer, no matter what it is?

“Do you want to...?”

IF YOUR PARTNER SAYS NO
Accept their answer. Never try to convince or guilt someone to say yes when they’ve already said no.

IF YOUR PARTNER SEEMS UNSURE
Play it safe and don’t go further. Instead ask them what they’d like to do.

IF YOUR PARTNER SAYS YES
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