The last steel beam was placed inside the casino prior to its final placement, so employees, customers, and construction crews could sign it. President Swartz and Larry Denomie III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager, signed the beam just before it was moved outside to be placed atop of what will be the porte cochere or main entrance of the new casino (see photo).

According to Jim Ebili, Gundlach Champion President, the practice of “topping out” a new building relates to an ancient Scandinavian religious rite of placing a tree atop a new building to appease the tree-dwelling spirits displaced through the materials acquired for the buildings construction. The tradition migrated initially to England and Northern Europe before the Americas. A tree is ceremoniously placed on the final steel beam alongside a flag. A toast is usually made, and workers treated to a meal. Although a toast wasn’t made, Gundlach did provide pizza, soda pop, and cookies for those who attended the event.

The project is ahead of schedule according to GM Denomie. “The original spring 2020 completion date has been moved up to December of this year based on the schedule provided to us by Gundlach. We are excited to get this project completed, and the doors open, so everyone can enjoy everything our new casino will have to offer.”

The April edition of this newsletter will feature the completion of the Ojibwa Casino Baraga renovation project. The final phase of that project is slated to be completed at the end of this February with a soft opening around the weekend of March 8 and “Renovation Celebrations” throughout the month of April.
KBOCC Welcomes New Academic Dean

Following the retirement of Dr. Lynn Aho, a new Dean has been named at KBOCC. In early January, B. Louise Virtanen, Ph.D. joined the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College in the role of Dean of Instruction, bringing with her a wealth of administrative and teaching experience.

For the past twenty years, Dr. Virtanen has worked in leadership roles in higher education with particular interest in equity and access at minority-serving institutions or institutions whose primary student population is to a large extent first-generation, non-traditional, minority, or under-represented in higher education.

She earned her doctoral degree from Michigan Tech, and afterwards she earned an additional master’s degree in Higher Education Administration to ground her work in administration at the college level.

With a foundation in respect for students’ cultures and values, Dr. Virtanen’s guiding philosophy acknowledges the importance of multiple learning styles that can best be met through diverse and multimodal learning experiences which are grounded in solid education theory. Her leadership encourages innovation in the support of student academic success where learning experiences engage and inspire students and faculty alike. In support of that joy in learning, Dr. Virtanen works to implement policies, develop and support pedagogy, and practice that best meet learners’ needs while ensuring that institutional standards of quality are maintained.

While learning should be an intellectual adventure for students, their best days should be at graduation and beyond, knowing they can and did succeed, and they are without a doubt capable, intelligent, and successful with a degree that they earned to show for their efforts.

Dr. Lynn Aho, KBOCC Instructional Dean, Retires

After years of dedicated service, Dr. Lynn Aho has retired from Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, effective in late December 2018. President Lori Ann Sherman spoke highly of Dr. Aho’s contributions to the institution.

Dr. Aho first joined the college in April of 1993, holding various instructional and administrative positions in the subsequent years, including Acting Dean and other roles. She dedicated much of her professional career to the college in various roles.

In 2011, Dr. Aho formally stepped into the position of Dean of Instruction and has spent the following years working with faculty and administrators at the college and in conjunction with regional and national organizations and accrediting bodies to ensure the college’s academic strength and viability.

Taking up initial work set in place by Kirsten Tepsa, former Dean of Instruction, and in conjunction with former KBOCC President Deborah Parrish, Dr. Aho shepherded the college through its initial accreditation process by the Higher Learning Commission in 2012 and brought it through its first reaffirmation in 2016.

In her role as Dean of Instruction, the primary officer in charge of academic excellence for the college, Dr. Aho ensured efficient academic processes that support ongoing developments for strong academics on campus. These processes have been taken up by her successor, Dean B. Louise Virtanen.

Dr. Aho’s contributions and accomplishments to KBOCC were celebrated in a retirement feast at the college in early January with blessings by both Christian and Ojibwa spiritual leaders. She was honored with gifts in commemoration of her years of service, testimonials sharing how she has guided academics for the college community, and an outpouring of heartfelt gratitude for her contributions that have positively influenced so many students, faculty, and staff.

She leaves the college to spend time with her family, including her husband, children, and grandchildren at their home in Missouri. Dr. Aho shared that she looks forward to having the leisure to share precious moments with her family.

Night Classes and Online Classes Available.

*All Free*

Earn your high school diploma!
Study for the GED test!

Evening classes are held Tuesday thru Thursday from 5-9 p.m.

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L’Anse-Baraga Community Schools.
5 N. Front Street, Downtown L’Anse
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To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906)353-6623 ext. 4113.

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.
March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

KBIC Health System has made a commitment to promote the health of our patients and provide education regarding preventive health measures patients can take to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. among men and women combined, yet it can often be prevented through screening. By getting regularly screened for colorectal cancer, colorectal cancer can be found early when treatment works best. There are multiple screening options available. Many of these screening options can also help prevent the development of colorectal cancer. Screening for people at average risk of colorectal cancer should start no later than age 50.

Screening can be done either with a sensitive test that looks for signs of cancer in a person’s stool (a stool-based test), or with an exam that looks at the colon and rectum (a visual exam). These options are listed below. If you choose to be screened with any test other than a colonoscopy, any abnormal test result should be followed up with colonoscopy to complete the screening process.

**Stool-based test**

- Highly sensitive fecal immunochemical test (FIT) every year.
- Visual (structural) exam of the colon and rectum every 10 years.

There are some differences between the tests to consider, but the most important thing is to get screened; no matter which test you choose. Talk to your health care provider about which test might be a good option for you, and talk to your insurance provider about your coverage.

For screening, people are considered to be at average risk if they do not have:

- A personal history of colorectal cancer or certain types of polyps.
- A family history of colorectal cancer.
- A personal history of inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis or Crohn’s disease).
- A confirmed or suspected hereditary colorectal cancer syndrome, such as familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) or Lynch syndrome (hereditary non-polyposis colon cancer or HNPCC).
- A personal history of getting radiation to the abdomen (belly) or pelvic area to treat a prior cancer.

If you have any of the conditions listed above please talk to your health care provider to determine whether you are at increased or high risk for colorectal cancer and might need to start colorectal cancer screening before age 50, be screened more often, and/or get specific tests. Please take the time to take care of your health.

Submitted by Kristy Clish, Community Health Worker
Adapted from information from the American Cancer Society

**Inclement Weather Closure**

Please remember when the Baraga Schools are closed due to inclement weather, so is the KBIC Health System, including our pharmacy.

For more information about care options during closure days please call Joslyn Haataja, PRC Clerk, at (906)353-4537.

**Read Aloud Survey: Parents Miss Key Window for Brain Development & Academic Growth**

While parents know that reading books aloud positively impacts brain development, a new survey conducted by YouGov for the non-profit Read Aloud 15 MINUTES finds that only 42 percent of parents read aloud to their children every day, and only 30 percent do so for at least 15 minutes.

It is important to read aloud to children every day from birth — as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The survey’s findings suggest a growing awareness of this; 30 percent of parents say their child was read aloud to from birth, up 15 percent from 2019.

Despite the growth in reading from birth, the frequency with which children are being read aloud to has declined slightly overall. Moreover, a startling 65 percent of parents say they stop reading aloud daily once their child reaches school age (six to eight). This trend is especially worrying when an increasing number of states are requiring third-grade reading proficiency for promotion to grade four. In 2015, for example, roughly two out of three fourth-graders were below proficient readers.

Read Aloud 15 MINUTES believes that when these numbers change — when daily reading aloud, starting from birth and continuing well into school age, becomes the national caregiving standard — we will see a drastic change in school readiness and reading skills,” says the non-profit’s President and Co-Founder, Dr. Candace Kendle.

Other key findings:

1. Parents’ idealized vision of reading aloud may be preventing them from making it a habit. For example, most parents (71 percent) reported reading aloud to children at bedtime, suggesting missed opportunities to incorporate reading aloud into other activities such as bath time, mealtime, and play time.
2. Parents identified a range of obstacles to reading aloud daily, including time and behavior. For example, 33 percent of parents who read aloud less often than every day, say they “just can’t fit it in” or “just don’t have the time.”
3. Just over half (56 percent) of parents have received the advice to read aloud to their children for 15 minutes every day, starting from birth. While this is down from 62 percent in 2016, income differences have leveled off, with lower income parents now being just as likely as higher income parents to have received this advice.

Read Aloud 15 MINUTES’ 10-year National Campaign aims to change these behaviors, in part by aiding parents’ understanding of early brain development. “We think if parents truly grasped the amazing and finite window they have to shape their child’s brain for the better through 15 minutes of daily reading aloud from birth, they would do it,” Kendle says.

The new Read Aloud survey is part of March Read Aloud Month. The campaign brings together a diverse coalition of partners — from corporations such as UPS and Home Depot, to educational giants such as SUNY and the University of North Carolina, to more than 10,000 grassroots partners in all 50 states — to reach a broad audience of millions.

To learn more or to participate in March Read Aloud Month, visit ReadAloud.org.
We had a fantastic January 2019! I would like to offer the following updates:

- **Our expanded service hours started January 2019 and have produced strong results.** I am happy to report the following:
  - In January 2019, we had 45 appointments before 8 a.m. and 34 appointments after 4:30 p.m.
  - We had 129 medication prescriptions picked up after 4:30 p.m.
  - As the numbers above show, the expanded service hours have significantly provided more access to services at the KBIC Health System. In addition, the expanded service hours have helped to generate stronger business numbers, far exceeding January 2018 as a comparable. The stronger business numbers help to support further service expansions to benefit the community.

Expanded service hours are as follows:

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- **Dr. Sharon Stoll officially joined our medical team in January.** Dr. Stoll has a Bachelor of Science from Northern Michigan University, double majoring in Biology and Political Science. Dr. Stoll completed her Doctor of Medicine at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Additionally, Dr. Stoll completed Master’s course work in Exercise Physiology at Northern Michigan University and her Fellowship in Anti-Aging and Regenerative Medicine at the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine. Dr. Stoll is Board Certified with the American Board of Family Medicine and most recently provided coverage in the Emergency Department. Dr. Stoll is able to care for persons across the lifespan, including: infants, children, adults, elderly; Women’s Health including family planning and IUDs; Integrative and herbal medicine; sports injuries and non-operative orthopedics, including splinting and casting.

Below is a brief statement from Dr. Stoll:

“I grew up in Negaunee and moved to the UP right after finishing my residency in Family Medicine. I have worked in clinics and ERs for the last eight years. While I am happy to provide care for all ages and a range of conditions, I especially enjoy integrative and alternative medicine and women’s health. My background in ER also makes me comfortable dealing with sprains, cuts, and other injuries. When I’m not at work, I have three kids who keep me busy. In my spare time, I enjoy running, biking, skiing, camping, and exploring back roads.”

- **Our Telepsychiatry Clinic launched on February 5th with great success.** Since inception, even with the weather related closures, we have seen 23 patients and will finish February with an expected 36 patients. We make an effort to survey all patients who utilize this service as a way to assure our patients receive a high quality experience and obtain direct feedback for program improvement. The early results have been very favorable with 92.86% recommending telepsychiatry to others, and all patients reporting an experience between “Good” and “Excellent” on the other questions.

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- Telepsychiatry services include psychiatry, psychology, and psychometric testing. All patients will be generally scheduled for clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Patients will be scheduled either via a referral from one of the DHHS providers or by calling (906) 353-4521.
- We are planning an on-site visit with Dr. Darryl Tonemah (Psychologist) for March. Additional details will be announced once finalized. During the on-site visit, there will be an opportunity for the community to have a Meet & Greet with Dr. Tonemah.
- The Naloxone administration training and distribution program launched January 28th. Since inception, nearly 12 individuals from the community have either received training or are scheduled to receive training. Naloxone is a lifesaving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. To sign-up for the training and for questions, please call (906) 353-4530 or (906) 353-4531.
- The New Traditional Medicine Clinic will launch March 8th. This clinic is funded through the Tribal Opioid Response Grant. Additional clinic dates will be announced soon with more details forthcoming. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, please dial (906) 353-4521.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have questions at (906) 353-4553. I enjoy learning from your perspective and particularly value listening to concerns directly. I also wish to thank the staff at the KBIC Health System. Their contributions have assured the success we’ve seen on the projects described above.

Below please see table below for a summary:
Bay, Grand Calhoun

This includes men and women with documented: 

- Genetic, clinical or family history that places them at increased risk 
- Significant ongoing gastrointestinal symptoms. 

Contact the agency closest to your home for enrollment.

What if I Test Positive for Cancer

- Eligible risk clients with a positive (+) FIT result obtained from outside the program, may be eligible for program services. Contact an agency for additional details.
- Increased-Risk Clients will be screened by colonoscopy.

What if I Test Positive for Cancer

- The State of Michigan has insurance navigators who will help you get enrolled in an insurance program that will support you and help pay for cancer treatment.

Contact the agency closest to your home for enrollment in this free or low-cost screening program:

- District Health Department #10: (231) 316-8554 (Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Mecosta, Montcalm, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford Counties)
- Huron County Health Department: (989) 269-3323 (Bay, Huron, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola Counties)
- Health Department of Northwest Michigan: (231) 547-7677 (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Otsego Counties)
- Grand River Gastroenterology: (616) 752-5297 (Grand Rapids/surrounding area, Kent County)
- Integrated Health Partners: (269) 425-7135 (Calhoun County)
- Karmanos Cancer Institute & ACCESS Community Health Center: (313) 216-2206 or (248) 304-2301 (Macomb, Oakland & Wayne Counties)

Note - High-Risk Clients are Not Eligible for the MCRCEDP. This includes men and women with documented:

- Significant ongoing gastrointestinal symptoms.
- Genetic, clinical or family history that places them at high-risk for colorectal cancer.

March 2019 Calendar:

- Mar. 1 — Constitution Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tribal Center;
- Mar. 2 — Snow Snake Games, 10:00 a.m., Niwin Akeaa;
- Mar. 8 — Traditional Medicine Clinic, 8:00 a.m., KBIC Health Systems;
- Mar. 15 — KBNRD Tribal Water Day, Bingo Hall, 9:00 a.m.,
- Mar. 30 — 26th Annual Learning To Walk Together Powwow at Jacobetti Complex NMU, Marquette, MI 12:00 Noon.

- submitted by newsletter editor

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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 2018 tax return preparation. This year’s program also provides reimbursement up to $26 for completion of your 2018 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 is excluded from the program.

To receive your reimbursement, please turn in your original receipt to Sheila Royal, Administrative Asst., 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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TAXES

Snow Stick making will be Feb. 23rd 
10am-12pm
In commons area.

Snow Snake Game will be held March 2nd
10am-3pm

Chili and Fry Bread will be served for lunch

For more info contact Rodney Loonfoot 906-221-6643 or
The Youth Office 906-348-3125

Niwin Akeaa Center
Baraga MI 49908

Snow stick making began on February 23, 2019, at the Niwin Akeaa Center in preparation for the Snow Snake Game to be held March 2, 2019.
Even with the two-hour weather delayed work day, Health Department staff and 19 vendors made it to put on the 27th Annual KBIC Healthy Heart Fair. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Department of Health and Human Services held the event on Friday, February 8, 2019, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center in Baraga, Michigan. As usual, the event was well attended by the local community with 130 attendees registered.

Participants visited the vendor booths where they received health screenings and education through pamphlets, exhibits, and samples on how to live a healthier life, and they could register for prize drawings. Prize incentives were raffled throughout the event.

A Chi Miigwech to the following vendors who made this event a success! They were: Baraga County Shelter Home, Bemidji Area Leaders Acting for Change (BALAC) Grant/KBIC, Copper Country Great Start Collaborative, KBIC Diabetes Program, KBIC Health System-Medical Clinic, KBIC Healthy Start-Family Spirit, KBIC Natural Resources Department, KBIC Natural Resources-AIR Program, KBIC Office of Child Support, KBIC Pharmacy, KBIC Tribal Response Grant, KBIC WIC, Keweenaw Bay
Healthy Heart Fair continued:

Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC), Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police, Michigan Tribal Food Access Collaborative (ITC-MTFAC), Grant/American Cancer Society, CHANGE Grant/KBIC, Ojibwa Community Library, Superior Family Chiropractic, The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC), Tribal Social Services, and KBIC Youth (for the use of their building).

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie

Happy Birthday To
Our Elders Seniors

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

“And in the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.”
~ Abraham Lincoln

Charlene M. Antoine
Janice J. Conerse
June P. Fritts-Cushing
Leo S. Durant
William E. Freese
Rodger W. Huffman
Karen A. Keck
John Y. Laux
Earl R. Otchingwanigan
Gary L. Robillard
Annette M. Settlemoir

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

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Childbirth Education

Participation is Free
Thursday, March 28, 2019 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.

Sponsored by: KBIC Healthy Start – Family Spirit & WIC Programs

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Happy Birthday!

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie
Virginia A. “Ginny Ann” Jermac
(July 25, 1947—February 14, 2019)

Virginia A “Ginny Ann” Jermac, age 71, of L’Anse, MI, and formerly of Baraga, MI, passed away Thursday, February 14, 2019, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital, L’Anse, MI. She was born in Baraga on July 25, 1947, the daughter of the late Richard and Sarah (Whetung) Shalifoe. Ginny Ann graduated from Baraga High School in 1965. She married Eugene Jermac, and he preceded her in death. She attended college in Chicago and received her associate’s degree in Business Administration. Previously Ginny Ann worked for Gar Hood as his legal secretary, and she retired from New Day Treatment Center where she worked as a group counselor. She was a member of Keewenaw Bay Indian Community, a former KBIC Council Member, and she had been the first Tribal Court Clerk. She was also a member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center. Ginny Ann enjoyed going to the casino, taking rides, sewing, quilting, and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was her community’s advocate and loved helping people.

Ginny Ann is survived by her loving family; sons: Craig (Angelique) Jermac of Rochester, MN, and Aaron White of Visalia, CA; grandchildren: Desiree, Vanessa, Kenyan, Jayce, Sarah and Aariana; great grandchildren: Brighton, Jackson, and Savannah; brothers: Richard (Gloria) Shalifoe of Zeba, Fred (Peggy) Shalifoe of Baraga, Ted Shalifoe of Baraga, Mathew (Nancy) Shalifoe of Baraga, and Donald Shalifoe of Baraga; sisters: Janice Shalifoe of Baraga, Molly (Chuck) Loonsfoot of Baraga, and Myrtle Miller of Peshawbestown; and sister-in-law: Joanne Shefalo. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. She was preceded in death by her daughter; Sarah Beaver; and brother: Danny Shefalo.

Traditional native funeral services were held on Monday, February 18, 2019, at the Zeba Hall. A native feast followed the service. Spring interment will take place in the Assinins Cemetery. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel of L’Anse assisted the family.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Is your charitable organization planning on holding a raffle or selling raffle tickets on the L’Anse Indian Reservation?

Federal law, through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, granted Tribes exclusive right to regulate gaming activity on Indian lands. Even if you or the members of your organization are not tribal members, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Gaming Commission has the authority to regulate your raffle. It is unlawful to game without a license.

Please contact the KBIC Gaming Commission Office at (906) 353-4222 or stop by the office located at the Tribal Center for an application and a copy of the rules and regulations.

Application deadline for submission of ALL Class I Drawings is 30 days and Class II Raffles is 60 days prior to your event. License Fee will be waived when the application is received within this timeline.

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**KBIC Forestry Needs YOUR Help!**

Earlier this year the KBIC Forestry Department held a public comment period for the new KBIC Forest Stewardship Plan, and the Tribal Council reviewed and approved the plan. For developing and practicing an environmentally sustainable forestry program, The Forest Stewardship Program gave KBIC a “Stewardship Forest” sign to post on Tribal land. Now we need your community’s help to find a good spot to post the sign. Where is your favorite forested spot along a road on the L’Anse Reservation, Beartown, Herman, or near Pike’s Peak? Keep in mind we want to keep it easily visible from a road, where people can see it. Please send your ideas to Rachel McDonald, KBIC Forester, phone: 353-4911 or email: rmcDonald@kbic.nsn.gov

The Tribe can be proud to show its commitment to keeping the forests healthy for the next Seven Generations.

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**Deepest Sympathy**

Bernard “Ben” LaFernier
(July 12, 1949—February 10, 2019)

Bernard “Ben” LaFernier, age 69, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2019, at The Lighthouse in Hancock, MI.

He was born July 12, 1949, in Baraga, son of Bernard and Virginia (Kunick) LaFernier, Sr. Ben was in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked for Donnie Santi logging in the woods. Ben enjoyed going to the casino, long drives listening to music, and gathering at camp around campfires with his family and friends. Ben loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, or just relaxing at the gorge.

Surviving are his daughter: Jennifer Bellaire of Visalia, CA; grandchildren: Caitlyn Bellaire of Fresno, CA, Dominick Vigil, Desiree Vigil, and Julian Vigil all of Visalia, CA; aunts: Anne Swartz of Baraga, Frances Chartier of Fremont, MI; brother-in-law: Robert “Gumba” Manning of Baraga; and nieces and nephews::Tina Durant of Baraga, Maura Holma of Covington, Kazim Adams of Baraga, Larson of Kingsford, Tony Sypniewski of Howell, MI, Renee McCoy of WI, Mandy LaFernier of Ontonagon, Jerod LaFernier of Crystal Falls, and Jimmy LaFernier of L’Anse.

Preceding him in death are his parents; sister: Kathy LaFernier Manning; brother: Jerry LaFernier; and a great granddaughter: Aerabella Jade Bellaire.

Per his request no funeral service will be held. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

**Virginia A. “Ginny Ann” Jermac**

Eleanor Jean Moede
(December 30, 1950—February 10, 2019)

Eleanor Jean Moede, age 68, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2019, at Bayside Village in L’Anse.

She was born December 30, 1950, in L’Anse, MI, assisted the family. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

**Virginia A. “Ginny Ann” Jermac**

Virginia A “Ginny Ann” Jermac, age 71, of L’Anse, MI, and formerly of Baraga, MI, passed away Thursday, February 14, 2019, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital, L’Anse, MI. She was born in Baraga on July 25, 1947, the daughter of the late Richard and Sarah (Whetung) Shalifoe. Ginny Ann graduated from Baraga High School in 1965. She married Eugene Jermac, and he preceded her in death. She attended college in Chicago and received her associate’s degree in Business Administration. Previously Ginny Ann worked for Gar Hood as his legal secretary, and she retired from New Day Treatment Center where she worked as a group counselor. She was a member of Keewenaw Bay Indian Community, a former KBIC Council Member, and she had been the first Tribal Court Clerk. She was also a member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center. Ginny Ann enjoyed going to the casino, taking rides, sewing, quilting, and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was her community’s advocate and loved helping people.

Ginny Ann is survived by her loving family; sons: Craig (Angelique) Jermac of Rochester, MN, and Aaron White of Visalia, CA; grandchildren: Desiree, Vanessa, Kenyan, Jayce, Sarah and Aariana; great grandchildren: Brighton, Jackson, and Savannah; brothers: Richard (Gloria) Shalifoe of Zeba, Fred (Peggy) Shalifoe of Baraga, Ted Shalifoe of Baraga, Mathew (Nancy) Shalifoe of Baraga, and Donald Shalifoe of Baraga; sisters: Janice Shalifoe of Baraga, Molly (Chuck) Loonsfoot of Baraga, and Myrtle Miller of Peshawbestown; and sister-in-law: Joanne Shefalo. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. She was preceded in death by her daughter; Sarah Beaver; and brother: Danny Shefalo.

Traditional native funeral services were held on Monday, February 18, 2019, at the Zeba Hall. A native feast followed the service. Spring interment will take place in the Assinins Cemetery. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel of L’Anse assisted the family.
2019 Kids Count in Michigan Data Book CONTEST

There’s still time to enter youth art contest being held for 2019 Kids Count in Michigan Data Book. Deadline for submissions is March 4, 2019.

LANSING -- The Michigan League for Public Policy’s Kids Count project is holding a youth art contest as part of its upcoming 2019 Kids Count in Michigan Data Book. The contest is open to children from preschool through 12th grade and the theme revolves around the question, “What’s it like to be a kid in Michigan?”

The deadline for submissions is March 4, 2019. Along with publication in the 2019 Data Book, prizes will be awarded to winners in four categories: Grades Pre-K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12. A grand prize winner will be selected from the four grade-level winners.

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“Youth art contest is a chance for kids to be part of the Michigan League for Public Policy’s Kids Count project at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, seeks to improve and strengthen our state so that Michigan’s kids can thrive in a world where they are supported. As the League continues to develop materials for the project, we want to include kids’ voices, thoughts, experiences and talents. The youth art contest is a chance for kids to be part of the 2019 Kids Count in Michigan Data Book.

The annual data book covers a variety of issues facing children and teens in Michigan, and though it is not required, artwork can relate to topics such as: friends, family, health, nutrition, child care, school, career goals, teen issues, home life, culture, emotions, food, sports, money or jobs. Artists are encouraged to pay attention to the theme and to look at the 2018 Kids Count in Michigan Data Book to see the type of information this year’s book will contain.

Artwork can be done in crayon, ink, acrylics, oil paint, pastels, watercolor, colored pencils, scratchboard, color marker, chalk, pastels, charcoal, or paper collage. We cannot accept artwork done using plain black pencil or weak colored pencil. Interested participants can visit https://mlpp.org/kids-count-2019-youth-art-contest/ for more details on the contest or to submit their work. The contest is underway by a generous donor to the Michigan League for Public Policy who wishes to remain anonymous.

Since 1992, the Michigan League for Public Policy has been compiling and releasing the annual Kids Count in Michigan Data Book to analyze and evaluate the well-being of children in the state. The report also ranks Michigan counties for overall child well-being.

WORD SEARCH

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2019 Kids Count in Michigan Data Book CONTEST

To be held on Wednesday, March 20th 5:30-7:00 pm at the KBOCC Arts & Agriculture Center (15211 Pelkie Rd. Pelkie, MI 49958)

If you have any questions, call DeAnna Hadden at (906)524-8209

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities


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On-going recruitment (open continuous): Account Executive/Sales, Cashier/Desk Worker, Internal Sales Specialist, Unit Manager (Newday), (on-call positions): Board Operator, Cashier/Desk Worker, cleaning person, Facility Attendant, Laboner, Prep Cook, Natural Resource Technician, Nurse Practitioner, O&I Unit Manager, Pharmacist, Pharmacy Technician, Receptionist/Clerical Worker, and Van Driver.

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

Lizabeth Ekdahl, case #18-153, §8.901, Contempt – 1st offense
Sentencing on 01/16/2019, #18-153, §8.901:
1. Fine $100.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail, credit for six days served, 24 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
4. Defendant shall complete 20 hours of community service.
5. No contact with the victim, C.L., throughout the probationary period.

Dave Varline, case #18-166, §5.14, Reckless driving – 1st offense
Sentencing on 01/23/2019, #18-166, §5.14:
1. Defendant shall complete 20 hours of community service.
2. Ninety days jail, credit for eight days jail served, serve 82 days jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. (Consecutive to case #18-167.
3. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse assessment and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. In the event the Defendant may receive an infraction, the remaining jail time shall be suspended to attend treatment. If the Defendant is unsuccessfully discharged, the Defendant is responsible to the County Jail to serve his remaining days consecutively.
4. The Defendant shall report immediately upon release from jail and/or treatment to the Tribal Police or Tribal Court between Monday through Friday 8:00-8:15 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8:00-8:15 a.m. at the Tribal Police Department.
5. The Defendant shall report daily upon release from treatment until the Probation Department deems otherwise. In the event the Defendant fails to report, the Defendant shall be remanded to the County Jail to serve his remaining days consecutively.
6. The Defendant shall make a minimum monthly payment to the Court for $40.00 until fines and costs are paid in full.
7. The Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
8. Six to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the $10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.

Gerald Friisvall, case #17-166, §3.202, Assault – 1st offense
Sentencing on 01/23/2019, #17-166, §3.202:
1. Fine $500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, serve 90 days jail, credit for 82 days served, 88 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. (Concurrent with case #17-167.
3. The Defendant is to obtain an anger management assessment and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Must sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
4. The Defendant must obtain an alcohol assessment and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Must sign a release of information for the Court to monitor until successfully completed.
5. Twelve (12) months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the $10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
6. No contact with the victim, C.L. throughout the probationary period.

Gerald Friisvall, case #17-167, §3.201, Assault – 1st offense
Sentencing on 01/23/2019, 17-167, §3.201:
1. Fine $350.00.
2. Twenty days jail, serve twenty (20) days jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. (Concurrent with case #17-166.
3. The Defendant is to obtain an anger management assessment and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Must sign a release of information for the Court for monitoring.
4. The Defendant must obtain an alcohol assessment and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Must sign a release of information for the Court for monitoring.
5. Once a month standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the $10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
6. No contact with the victim, C.L. throughout the probationary period.

Dave Varline, case #18-166, §5.14, Reckless driving – 1st offense
Sentencing on 01/23/2019, #18-166, §5.14:
1. Defendant shall complete 20 hours of community service.
2. Ninety days jail, serve 90 days jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. (Consecutive to case #18-165.
3. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse assessment and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. In the event the Defendant may receive an infraction, the remaining jail time shall be suspended to attend treatment. If the Defendant is unsuccessfully discharged, the Defendant is responsible to the County Jail to serve his remaining days consecutively.
4. The Defendant shall report immediately upon release from jail and/or treatment to the Tribal Police or Tribal Court.
5. The Defendant shall report daily upon release from treatment until the Probation Department deems otherwise. In the event the Defendant fails to report, the Defendant shall be remanded to the County Jail to serve his remaining days consecutively.
6. The Defendant shall make a minimum monthly payment to the Court for $40.00 until fines and costs are paid in full.
7. The Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
8. Restitution shall be paid to the Tribal Court in the amount of $2,893.59 to be processed to the Village of Baraga. The Defendant reserves the right to a hearing if he feels the amount is not appropriate.
9. Six to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the $10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.

Jeremy Chapman, case #18-181, §3.202, Assault and battery – 1st offense
Sentencing on 02/06/2019, #18-181, §3.202:
1. Fine $500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty days jail, credit for 45 days jail served, 45 days jail to be served, 90 days jail suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a $10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
5. Defendant shall participate in a batterer intervention and prevention program and follow the recommendations of the program until successfully completed. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
6. Defendant shall participate in a batterer intervention and prevention program and follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
7. Defendant shall obtain a mental health screening and follow all recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
8. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
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10. Defendant shall obtain a mental health screening and follow all recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.

Jeremy Chapman, case #19-016, §8.901, Contempt: commission outside the presence of the court – 2nd offense
Sentencing on 02/06/2019, 19-016, §8.901:
1. Fine $500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty days jail, 10 days jail to be served, 170 days jail suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. 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.

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Copper Country Math Circle at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC) March 13, 2019, 3:00-4:30 p.m., KBOCC Baraga Campus

An exciting way to develop a positive attitude towards mathematics. Students grades Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to participate in fun hands-on activities to bring math to life! Join the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Outreach Department from the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC) in collaboration with Michigan Tech College of Science and Arts, and the Copper Country ISD to have fun with STEM. This event is free and open to the community. To register go to http://www.coppercountrymathcircle.com or call (906) 482-0331 or e-mail kcolbert@kbocc.edu.

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

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Each additional member + $349

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.

NEW DATE
Traditional Medicine Clinic
Todd Smith, Traditional Medicine Consultant

March 8, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment please call Dawn at: 353-4521. Please arrive 15 minutes early, or register in advance.
26TH ANNUAL LEARNING TO WALK TOGETHER

TRADITIONAL

POWWOW

$1 STUDENT
$5 GENERAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
Marquette National Guard Armory
1820 Lincoln Street, Marquette, MI 49855

GRAND ENTRIES
12 P.M. & 6 P.M.

FEAST
4 P.M.

FEAST LOCATION:
NMU Jacobetti Complex on Sugar Loaf Ave.

Come celebrate Native American culture, art, song, and dance!

For more information: (906) 227-1397 or e-mail kmusegan@nmu.edu

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Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Administration Training

Available through the KBIC Health System starting January 28, 2019

After training, receive a Naloxone Kit which includes; signs & symptoms of possible overdose, multiple doses of Naloxone, instructions how to administer, gloves, mouth barrier, and contact information.

If you have a loved one, friend or if you are a caretaker of someone taking Opioids, call 353-4530 or 353-4531 if you have questions or to set up a private training session.

Sponsored by DHHS SAMHSA Opioid Response Grant