

# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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## KBIC Holds Referendum Election

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) held a Referendum Election to ask voters for decisions on three proposals. Voters went to the polls on Saturday, August 13, 2016. Thirty-nine (39) percent of the voting population voted in this election, (277 of the 710 registered voters.) The official results follow:

### Proposal 1

Do you support new casino development projects in Baraga and Marquette, at their current locations, with a total cost not to exceed \$40 million whereas the estimated cost of the Baraga project is \$6.5 million and the estimated cost of the Marquette project is \$33.5 million?

**Yes—168**

**No—107**

### Proposal 2

Do you support limiting the Secretary of Interior

review process within the constitution including the approval of tribal ordinances?

**Yes—91**

**No—183**

### Proposal 3

Do you approve an offer of \$1.55 million to acquire the Pequaming property, as is, which would include all of the buildings, the marina, and approximately seven acres of land?

**Yes—109**

**No—166**

Council certified the August 13, 2016 election results at their August 18, 2016 Council meeting. **Motion by Toni Minton to certify the August 13, 2016 Referendum Election results, supported by Doreen Blaker. Eleven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Shalifoe), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

### Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

Jennifer Misegan, Vice-President

Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

Toni J. Minton, Asst. Secretary

Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer

Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.

Frederick Dakota

Eddy Edwards

Randall R. Haataja

Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.

Donald Shalifoe, Sr.



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- KBIC Referendum Election Held
- Ojibwa Casino Expansions To Be Implemented
- Employee Recognition Held
- KBIC Employee Picnic Held
- Misegan Scholarship Recipient Chosen
- KBIC Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program
- Drug Conviction Report

## OJIBWA CASINOS EXPANSIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED

With Marquette being the largest population center in the U.P. and being the regional hub for retail, restaurants, education, health care, and outdoor recreation, it only makes sense to put the emphasis on expanding the Marquette Casino. "Business experts and financial lenders advised to develop where the greatest potential exists," President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. said in a recent letter from Tribal Council. Vice President Jennifer Misegan added, "We spoke to tribal entrepreneurs, and they really thought we should focus on Marquette. We took a look at what Marquette had to offer."

Governor Rick Snyder's refusal to cooperate with KBIC's dream to develop a major complex at their property in Negaunee (the old airport) helped Tribal Council to make the decision to

revamp and expand the existing Marquette Casino where it is. "We're tired of him (Snyder) holding us back," Misegan said.

The 33.5-million dollar Marquette Project will include a 3-star 100 room hotel, 1200 seat entertainment complex, two restaurants (possibly branded), 400-seat conference facility, and the gaming floor will increase to accommodate 600 slot machines.

The Baraga Casino facility will be given a 6.5 million dollar facelift and will include a new structure for gaming being built onto the existing building which will improve ventilation. The existing area that is currently used for casino space will be renovated and remodeled for public access to the Pressbox Sports Bar and Grill, the restaurant, and other non-

public areas.

The Trust Funds held by the Tribe and Casino cash flow will be used to

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Ojibwa Casino Marquette, Conceptual Rendering



Ojibwa Casino Baraga, Conceptual Rendering

**Casino Expansion To Be Implemented continued:**

finance the Marquette project. The Trust Fund held at Superior National Bank will be used as collateral to finance the Baraga Renovation. In regards to both projects, Council has emphasized that “the Senior Pension will not be used.”

Larry Denomie III, CEO for KBIC said, “Both projects will move forward at the same time with as much work that can be completed being done before winter and continuing in the spring. A completion date is expected of late 2017 or early 2018.”

**KBIC Hold’s Employee Picnic**



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Government employees enjoyed a day away from the office to attend an Employee Picnic held on Friday, August 5, 2016. The event was held at the Tribe’s Sandpoint Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan, and began with an early morning fishing tournament. Three-person teams hit the shores and the boats in an effort to win the grand prize, Team “Pittsley” achieved the victory. Other events were held including: bingo, bean bag toss, lawn Yahtzee, cribbage, kayaking, pontoon boat rides, and the evening hours brought on music by D.J. Steve Geroux. Employees were able to camp for two evenings, and a shuttle ran between the campground and the casino throughout the weekend. Employees had a chance of winning a number of great cash prizes which included up to \$500 bonuses. An employee recognition was held (see separate article below) and a delicious meal was served by the Lucky 7’s.

Plans are underway for an enterprise employee picnic later in the month.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS HELD FOR 2016**



Long standing employees honored for years of service. (Left to right) Lauri Denomie, (36 years, 7 months) and William Seppanen, Sr. (41 years, 7 months), pictured above with President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr.

KBIC government employee recognition was held at the employee picnic on August 5, 2016.

**10 years but less than 15 years employment**

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|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Karen Anderson   | Jennifer Heath    | Robert Rajacic       |
| Roxanne Carlson  | Jeremy Hebert     | Shawn Seppanen       |
| Jason Dunn       | David Kauppila    | Donald Shalifoe, Jr. |
| Michael Duschene | Wayne Kostamo     | Janice Shalifoe      |
| Sheila Ekdhal    | Bruce LaPointe    | Angela Shelifoe      |
| Emily Evans      | Avis Leinonen     | Elizabeth Sherman    |
| Miranda Forcia   | Anthony Loonsfoot | Shawnee Stein        |
| Robin Gauthier   | Gary Magnant      | Jack Veker           |
| Bruce Geroux     | Mary McCord       | Debra Williamson     |
| Gary Haataja     | Jody Pittsley     | Joseph Zobro         |

**15 years but less than 20 years employment**

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**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY CONFIRMS DEATH OF TWO BEARTOWN FIREFIGHTERS**

August 28, 2016, Baraga, MI. Late yesterday evening the KBIC learned of the tragic death of two of their firefighters in a catastrophic vehicle accident in Blaine, Minnesota. James F. Shelifoe, Jr. and Alan J. Swartz were killed, and the other passengers were injured. The firefighters were traveling to the Box Canyon fire in Utah.

Much of the details regarding the accident are still unknown, and we are working and cooperating with authorities to better understand what occurred.

We do know that the other passengers involved: Ross J. Jaukuri, Michael A. Johnson, Joseph A. Jossens, Gavin C. Loonsfoot, Shashaywin D. Sandman-Shelifoe, Tyler J. Tolonen, and David R. Varline are expected to recover. Unfortunately, their specific conditions are unavailable at this time.

There were eleven other firefighters en-route to the same fire. They were traveling in a convoy and had become separated for a brief time. Those firefighters are understandably shaken and are getting much needed support from local agencies.

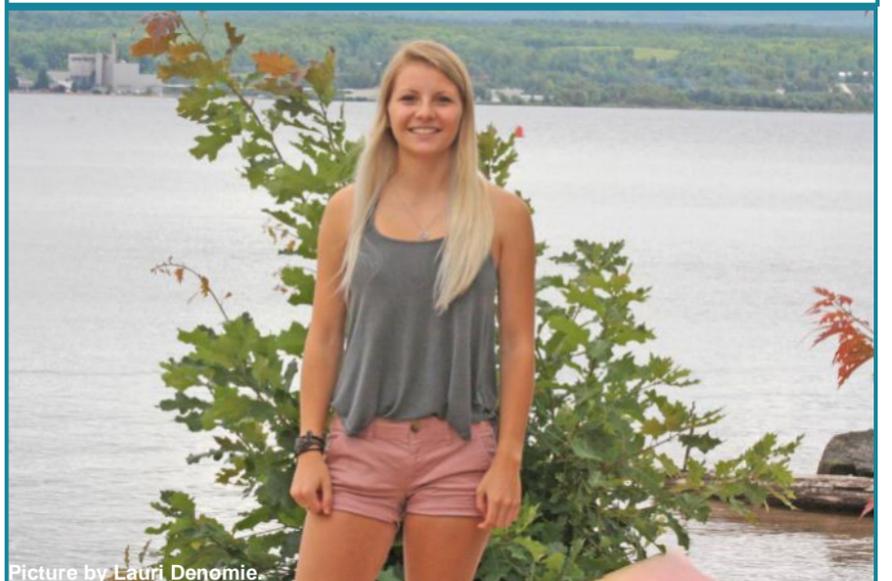
Funeral arrangements for both James and Alan are incomplete at this time.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is devastated, and our hearts go out to the families and those who are injured. There has been an outpouring of support, and we are very appreciative.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

**2016 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship Recipient Chosen**



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Annaleese Rasanen has been selected as the recipient of the Tribe’s Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee, along with a member of the Health Board, selected Rasanen to receive the scholarship.

Annaleese is the daughter of Julie Rasanen and Carl Rasanen of Baraga. She is a graduate of Baraga High School and will be a freshman at Ferris State University this fall majoring in Radiography/Sonography.

Ann Misegan was a long time Tribal Council member whose priority was the health of the Tribal membership. She was adamant that Tribal members be trained for as many positions as possible within the Tribe, and also encouraged members to seek further education, especially in health fields. She was a member of the Tribe’s Health Board and was the Dental Assistant at the Tribal Clinic for many years. She held an LPN certificate from Northern Michigan University and worked as a nurse for Baraga County Memorial Hospital before coming to work for the Tribe. This scholarship seeks to reward members who have the same passion for health care that Ann did.

This scholarship amount is \$1,000 twice per year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member, attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student, pursue a degree in a Health Care field documented by their college (preference will be given to students either in a nursing or dental program), and be a resident of Baraga or Marquette County. Applications for the 2017-18 academic year will be available in May 2017. For more information about this scholarship please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director, at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

## KBIC Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program Active and Expanding

by Karen Anderson and Gene Mensch

The KBIC-NRD Aquatic Invasive Species Program and Adopted Management Plan is now into a second year of implementation. This program relates to and compliments a robust and expanding Fisheries Program. Goals and objectives of the AIS Program include: Education/Outreach, inspection and sanitation efforts for various equipment that comes in contact with surface waters, improvements to decontamination methods, monitoring for early detection of AIS, implementation of a rapid response plan, and managing existing populations of AIS.

Aquatic Invasive Species are typically defined as species not native to a specific location (they're introduced into a system). Once established, they spread quickly and may cause a varied degree of biological, environmental, and economic harm. AIS tend to be prolific reproducers with highly aggressive behavior tendencies that can displace native species, and once established, they are difficult (if not impossible) to control/remove.

KBIC-NRD staff (Karen Anderson, Jacob Haapapuro, Patrick LaPointe, Gene Mensch, Peter Morin, and at times others) have been heavily involved in a wide, and growing, array of efforts aimed at dealing with AIS, as illustrated in the busy 2016 field season. Some of the work performed is highlighted here.

### Sea Lamprey Control Work and Research Continues and Expands.

In collaboration with GLIFWC and USFWS Sea Lamprey control professionals, several survey and assessment efforts focused on various life stages of Lamprey have been conducted.

- **Adult Sea Lamprey** traps set on the Misery, Silver, and Ravine Rivers for 10 week durations provided evidence that all three systems are utilized by Lamprey for spawning habitat. Total captures were in the mid 30's - about half of last year's catch. This may, or may not, be reflective of overall population trends, as the heavy rains and resultant swollen rivers heavily affected trapping efficiency. Collected data are useful for multiple research and control reasons and were combined with adult trapping data from multiple rivers and agencies throughout the Lake Superior Basin for comparative analysis.



**Photos:** Above Left, Ravine River Adult Sea Lamprey Fyke Net. Above Right, "business ends" of 2 captured adult Sea Lamprey from the Silver River. Below, Misery River Cage Trap.



- **Larval Stream and Nearshore Sea Lamprey** surveys were conducted with KBIC-NRD staff assisting USFWS. Backpack electrofishing surveys were conducted on Little Carp Creek and Otter River. Staff also observed chemical larval lampricide applications at the Falls River outlet (granular bayluscide) for nearshore larval Lamprey abundance estimates there. KBIC staff were able to take the opportunity to test out KBIC electrofishing boat at this time as well, and the boat is running proficiently.



**Photos:** USFWS Sea Lamprey Survey Crews conduct "lentic" (still water) larval Lamprey population surveys off of the Falls Rivermouth. Close up of an "ammocetic" (larval) phase Sea Lamprey, which was burrowed in the sediment off the Falls River, waiting for optimal conditions and timing to undergo metamorphosis into the predacious adult Sea Lamprey most people associate with this species.

- **Standardized Fisheries Surveys** continue to track Sea Lamprey wounding rates on all fish species. As part of our long-term database utilized for Fishery Status and Trends Analyses, Sea Lamprey attacks are closely monitored and documented. Results of this work are shared with multiple agencies and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission to assist in gaining a more holistic and lake-wide perspective on Lamprey attack rates.

In 2016, based on initial review of data collected into August, wounding rates are hovering slightly above the acceptable threshold of five Lake Trout having Lamprey wounds for every 100 Lake Trout encountered. However, a more thorough analysis of data is needed before formal conclusions on our findings can be drawn. In the meantime, KBIC-NRD con-

tinues performing standard fisheries surveys to investigate Lamprey attack rates and other issues.



**Photos:** Top, KBIC-NRD staff deploy a graded mesh, standardized Lake Trout survey gillnet. Middle (left) Lake Trout with fresh Sea Lamprey wound. Middle (right) Lake Herring with a fresh and open Sea Lamprey wound. Lower image shows a White Sucker with a large and fresh Sea Lamprey wound. Sea Lamprey attack a variety of fish, as evidenced here.

### New AIS Early Detection Surveys Conducted in Keweenaw and Huron Bays. (KBIC also assisted USFWS, MDNR in conducting same survey in the Portage Waterway, August 2016)

With around 100 documented exotic species in the Lake Superior Region (many of which are considered AIS) and several more species threatening to establish, agencies have developed and implemented a multifaceted survey protocol that includes a primary objective of detecting new species invasions as soon as possible. This early detection monitoring is done through a stratified random sampling design that has been developed by USFWS. Several entities are implementing this design in various areas of Lake Superior. Areas include: the St. Louis River system and Duluth Harbor area, Keweenaw Bay, Huron Bay, Portage Waterway, and Marquette Harbors. KBIC-NRD was a lead partner with USFWS in conducting this intensive survey. Survey Methods include gillnetting, trawling, electro-fishing, beach seining, and fyke netting.

Results of the intense Early Detection Surveys in Keweenaw and Huron Bays are preliminary, but the mid-July effort captured >6000 individual fish representing 35 different species. Of these, AIS detections included Eurasian Ruffe, Rainbow Smelt, and Three-Spine Stickleback. Other non-native fish that are not considered to be true AIS included Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Splake.

KBIC-NRD is vested in continuing to implement this AIS Early Detection Protocol on and near the L'Anse Indian Reservation as the best means to stay "in front" of any new establishments of AIS here.



**Photos:** Top (left) specialized fyke net set in Huron Bay. Top (right) beach seining efforts. Middle (left) retrieval of a trawl effort. Middle (right) retrieval of a specialized fyke net. Bottom photo represents USFWS and KBIC-NRD field crew from Huron Bay efforts.

See following page for species that were detected in AIS surveys for Huron and Keweenaw Bays ("X" denotes present).



More than 6000 fish representing 35 species (28 species in Keweenaw Bay and 27 species in Huron Bay) were collected during AIS sampling of Keweenaw and Huron Bay.

## Employee Recognition continued:

Christine Beauchamp	Olivia Loonsfoot
Thomas Chosa, Jr.	Gary Loonsfoot, Jr.
Elizabeth Connor	Denise Maki
Martin Curtis, Jr.	Kelly Mankee
James Denomie	Timothy Mayo
Micheale Denomie	Harold "Gene" Mensch
Ann Dowd	Laura Mayo
Kelly Dowd	Natalie Mleko
Everett Ekdahl, Jr.	Micah Petoskey
Tracy Emery	Robin Roe
Helen Jondreau	Mathew Shalfoe, Jr.
Suzanne Jondreau	Dawn Solka
Hope Laramore	Valerie Voakes
Don Larson	Darren Webb
Angela Loonsfoot	David Zasadnyj

### 20 years but less than 25 years employment

Jason Ayres	Paul Halverson
Nanette Beck	Lori LaFernier
Cheryl Bogda	Susan Lawrence
Diana Chaudier	Kathleen Mayo
Tina Durant	Julie Raby
Vicki Dompier	Wanda Seppanen
Dale Friisvall	Donald Shalfoe, Sr.
George Geroux	Linda Wood

### 25 years but less than 30 years employment

Michael Cardinal	Jennifer Misegan
Bradley Dakota	Nancy Pawlowski
Jeanne Emery	Evelyn Ravindran
Violet Friisvall Ayres	Dianne Waara
Suzanne Kahkonen	

### 30 years but less than 35 years employment

Lynn Haataja	Elizabeth Mayo
Francis "Hosh" LaPointe, Jr.	Carl Rasanen

### 35 years but less than 40 years employment

Lauri Denomie

### 40 years but less than 45 years employment

William Seppanen, Sr.

KBIC enterprise employee recognition were held at the enterprise employee picnic held on August 24, 2016, at the Ojibwa Campground, Baraga. Those recognized were:

### 10 years but less than 15 years employment

Gladys Rantanen	Mitch Bolo
Mary Messer	Elizabeth Hueckstaedt
Edmund Janisse	

### 15 years but less than 20 years employment

Kevin Perrault	Leslie Swartz
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Historically employees are recognized every five years and are given tokens of appreciation (bonuses). This year included a little bit of catching up as the previous recognition was held in 2013.



## ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

**The 2nd Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2016-05 Title One Amending Provisions of the Tribal Code Section 1.203 Tribal Prosecuting Attorney Qualifications will be held Saturday, September 10, 2016, in the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room following the Tribal Council meeting.**

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 2016-05 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.

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## EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette.
3. Must attend a public or private school.

A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades 4 through 12 are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy also but time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:

- L'Anse Area Schools – Shellie Denomie 524-6000 ext. 369, [sdenomie@laschools.us](mailto:sdenomie@laschools.us)
- Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau 353-6661 [hjondreau@up.net](mailto:hjondreau@up.net)
- All others contact Amy St. Arnold 353-4117 [amy@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov)

Houghton, Ontonagon, and Marquette students must provide a copy of the student report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16429 Beartown Rd. Baraga MI 49908

## EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS STUDENTS

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**The following fifty-seven students were placed on the Honor Roll for the fourth marking period of the 2015-16 academic year:**

**Baraga** – Dysean Allen, Kamerin Awonohopay, Robert Curtis, Allison Durant, Dhanya Ekdahl, Richard Geroux, Bailey Harden, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Angel Loonsfoot, Darius Loonsfoot, Shawna Lussier, Nikira Maki, Steven Maki, Jenna Messer, Liliana Messer, Leeah Owens, Nicholas Owens, Kylie Peterson, Annaleese Rasanen, Presley Rasanen, Anna Schofield, Tyler Shalfoe, Javon Shelifoe, Brendan Varline, Cheyenne Welsh, and Nathaniel Welsh.

**L'Anse** – Deija Dakota, Kayla Dakota, Keira Dakota, Shay Ekdahl, Ti'ia Friisvall, Christopher Genshow, Robert Genshow III, William Genshow, Brent Geroux, Adyson Moulden, Grayson Roe, Jaily Shelifoe, Abbygail Spruce, Charles Spruce, Alicia Stein, Katie Strong, Mariana Teikari, and Cassandra Zasadnyj.

**L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools** – Stacey DeCota, Diana LaPlante, Summer Potts, and Ronald Tilson.

**Marquette** – Neebin Ashbrook-Pietala, Andre Hamalainen, Anna Lindgren, Brenden Lindgren, Vanessa Rabbitaille-Kinney, and Sean Seymour.

**Sacred Heart Catholic** – Ireland Chosa and Rachael Velmer.

**The following twenty-nine students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:**

**Baraga** – Robert Curtis, Dhanya Ekdahl, Preston Ellsworth, Bailey Harden, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Neveah Loonsfoot, Steven Maki, Thomas Rasanen, and Logan Shalfoe.

**L'Anse** – Lealind Back, Keira Dakota, Kydan Dean, Chase Larson, Dallas Moulden, Cody Owens, Grayson Roe, Abbygail Spruce, Brian Spruce, Charles Spruce, Matthew Stein, Cassandra Zasadnyj, and Paige Zasadnyj.

**Gwinn** – Kaitlyn Shelafoe, Kimber Shelafoe, Taylor Shelafoe, Destinee Stanton, and Lacie Stanton.

**Sacred Heart Catholic** – Zachary Velmer.

The Education Department is pleased to announce the following twelve KBIC college graduates for the 2015-16 academic year:

- Dana Carne, Northern Michigan University, Cosmetology, Certificate.
- May Kay Durant, Ojibwa Community College, Liberal Studies, A.A.
- Heather Maki, Ojibwa Community College, Business, A.A.
- Joel Mayo, Gogebic Community College, Business, A.A.
- Sherri Aldred, Northern Michigan University, Art and Design, B.F.A.
- Ashley Ekdahl, Northern Michigan University, Art and Design, B.F.A.
- Breanne Fish, Michigan Technological University, Marketing, B.A.
- Patrick Madden, Lake Superior State University, Criminal Justice, B.S.
- Andria Parkinson, Northern Michigan University, Nursing, B.S.
- Candice Rajala, Northern Michigan University, Accounting, B.S.
- Alisha Tilson, Northern Michigan University, Art and Design, B.F.A.
- DeAnna Varline, Northern Michigan University, Management of Health and Fitness, B.S.

Congratulations to the graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!



# Common Misconceptions about Domestic Violence

## “It can’t be that bad”

- Even if the violence is **“only” verbal**, it can seriously affect the victim’s health and well-being — any act of violence is something to take seriously.
- Violence is never okay and may include physical abuse, sexual assault, and threats with weapons.
- Violence is **RARELY** a one-time thing, and usually it gets worse after the first time.

## “They must be doing something to make him mad”

- The victim of violence is **never** to blame.
- A person **chooses** to use violence against someone else.
- Problems exist in any relationship, but the use of violence is never acceptable.

## “If it’s so bad, why don’t they just leave?”

- For most people, ending a relationship is not easy.
- Emotional ties can be strong, and they hope that the violence will end.
- Maybe they don’t know that help is available to them.
- Leaving an abusive relationship is the most dangerous time in an abusive relationship.
- Perhaps their partner used violence to stop them from leaving.

## “How can they still care for someone who abuses them?”

- Most likely, the abuser is not always abusive.
- Abusers often show remorse for the violence afterwards and try to make up for it.

## “It’s really none of my business”

- Violence is not a “personal problem,” it affects your entire community.

## “I know the abusive person – I really don’t think they could hurt anyone.”

- Many abusers were not violent in past relationships, are charming in social situations, yet are extremely violent in private.

## “The abusive person must be sick (mentally ill).”

- Using violence and abuse is a **learned behavior, not a mental illness**.
- People who use violence and abuse to control their partners **choose** such behavior.
- Viewing abusers as “sick” **wrongly excuses** them from taking responsibility their actions.

## “I think the abusive person has a alcohol/drug problem. Could that be the cause of violence?”

- Alcohol/drug use can make violent behavior worse, but it **does not cause violence** or abuse.
- People who engage in abusive behavior often make excuses for their violence and claim they “lost control” or “can’t remember what really happened”.
- When someone abuses another person, it is not a “loss of control”, it is a way to “gain control” over them.

Adapted from <http://www.ywca.org/abusive-relationships.pdf>

If you or someone you know is being abused, call

**KBIC Office of Violence Against Women**

**24 HOUR CRISIS LINE**  
**906-353-4599**

We can help people leave abusive situations and get back on your feet. All calls are CONFIDENTIAL.

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## DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug

Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force’s request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

**Anthony Veker, Jr., case #15-137, controlled substance (possession – Marijuana) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

### Sentencing on 06/28/2016 to:

1. Fine \$500.
2. Ninety days jail, credit for four days jail served, 86 days jail suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendation of screening until successfully discharged. Defendant is to sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance.
4. Nine - twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is responsible for the costs of drug and/or PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report daily until Probation Officer deems otherwise.
5. Defendant is to perform ten hours of community services at a minimum per week until all Court obligations are paid in full.

**David Selden, case #15-159, controlled substance (sale - Heroin) – 3<sup>rd</sup> offense**

### Sentencing on 05/04/2016 to:

1. Fine \$2,000.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail to commence immediately. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of random drug and alcohol testing, if any.
4. If the Defendant is eligible for a Christmas/tobacco check, his check will be garnished until his fines and costs are paid in full.

**Saturday  
October 1st**

The KBIC OVW invites the community to the 8th Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk

### Schedule of Events:

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Ceremony – Lighthouse\*
- 1:30 p.m. – Registration – Niiwin Akeaa
- 2:00 p.m. – Walk Begins—Corner of Lyons & McGillan
- 3:00 p.m. – Feast—Niiwin Akeaa
- 3:30ish p.m. – Featured Speaker:  
Teri Jendusa Nicolai
- 4:30 p.m. – Prize Drawings (\$1/ticket)
- 7:00 p.m. – Lantern Release—anywhere around the bay

\*Tentative



Teri Jendusa Nicolai is a true survivor. Her ex-husband tried to murder her back in 2004. Teri has been traveling the country speaking out against domestic violence and trying to help as many as she can. Teri was struck in the head 10 times with a baseball bat, stuffed in a garbage can, and placed in a storage locker where she was found 26 hours later. The doctors said she was less than an hour from death. Teri talks about the warning signs of this type of bullying violence. 30% of homicides are due to domestic violence. Teri has been on Oprah, 20/20, The ID channel, The bio channel, plus many more. Let's help in trying to prevent this tragedy.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tribal Social Services is seeking volunteers to serve as guardian or conservator to a growing number of community members in need. If you have extra time and skills that could assist people to help manage their financial affairs, or would like to help someone be able to manage their daily living, you could make the difference to someone in the community.

Please contact KBIC Tribal Social Services if you are interested or seek further information about becoming a guardian or conservator at (906) 353-4204.

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“Live Well”

DONALD A. LAPOINTE HEALTH & EDUCATION CENTER

After 45 years providing health services and education to our community we have been re-branded as:



It's been 45 years since we started providing healthcare services to our community in July 16, 1971. At this time the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was the first Tribe, nationally, to establish a tribally operated health center outside of Indian Health Services (IHS). This was accomplished with very little IHS resources. The KBIC recruited our own physician, established the first tribally operated dental clinic, and followed this by being the first Michigan tribe to prepare a proposal for hiring a community health nutritionist.

## September 9th is Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASDs) are a group of disorders caused by prenatal alcohol exposure. FASDs affect the mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical health of Native American children, families, and communities, due to the lifelong consequences. FASDs are 100% preventable by avoiding alcohol during pregnancy.

Article courtesy of Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan



Above Tashina Emery, BALAC Coordinator helps Lori Ann Swartz apply a removable tattoo. Below Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Coordinator helps Xander Seppanen choose a prize.



## Celebrating National Health Center Week

The week of August 8-12, 2016 we celebrated our second year of participation in the over 30 year tradition of National Health Center Week. This national tradition gives health centers the opportunity to celebrate the services they provide to their communities and gain public support. The week kicked off on Monday with a blessing and smudging by Rodney Loonsfoot, Health Board Member, of our building, staff, and community members in attendance. Throughout the week, patients and community members voted on our kids' coloring contest, attended exercise demonstrations, a kids carnival, cooking demonstrations with taste testing, and visited informative booths set up throughout the building. Prize drawings were held, and participants received incentives to help them use the knowledge they gained. Community members and Health System staff enjoyed a full week of activity, education, and fun.



Above staff and community members enjoy Health Center Week kick-off Senior's day breakfast. Below Dale Schmeisser, RD and Kim LeClaire, Transporter show off taste testing plate.



## Watermelon & Tomato Salad

3 large red or yellow tomatoes chopped into 1/2 inch cubes  
2 cups 1/2 inch cubes seedless watermelon  
1/3 cup thinly sliced red onion      1/2 cup sliced fresh basil  
1 1/2 tbsp. sherry vinegar      2 tbsp. olive oil  
1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper      1/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. hot chili powder      2 tbsp. minced fresh chives

1. In large bowl, combine tomatoes, watermelon, basil, and red onion.
2. In small bowl, whisk olive oil, sherry vinegar, salt, pepper, chili powder.
3. Add dressing to tomato-watermelon mixture. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
4. Before serving top salad with chives.
5. Best enjoyed within 24 hours. Store in refrigerator.

*Recipe from Health Center Week Food Demonstration*

## Upcoming Events:

- Car Seat Clinic, September 8th by appointment
- Parent Circle, September 12th 5 p.m.
- Diabetic Talking Circle, September 21st 11a.m.
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, Sept. 2nd, 16th, 30th by appointment
- Breastfeeding Support Group, October 5th 5 p.m.
- Childbirth Education, September 15th 1-3 p.m.

For information about services and programs call 353-4521.

Parent  
Circle

# Grandparent's Day!

- Ages 0-5 & siblings welcome
- Make & Take activity
- Sensory play
- Book for each family!
- Snacks will be available

Second Monday!

September 12, 2016

5:00-6:30PM

Niiwin Akeaa Youth  
Center, 111 Bear-  
town Rd. Baraga.

Family engagement—  
children must be supervised



Supplies are limited.  
Please register with Dawn! 353-4521

Sponsored by KBIC Family Spirit and Healthy Start Programs



## Thunder Bear's Journey

It was just under two years ago that I, Dr. Dave Kempainen (KBIC tribal member age 65), envisioned creating a large healing drum. Today, I have a 5-foot diameter drum that I call Thunder Bear. The frame is made of 36 Northern white cedar staves from a company in Duluth, MN; it is covered with buffalo rawhide. The rawhide is secured with 288 Japanese taiko tacks. It's a one-sided drum with a specially made drum cart. Thunder Bear has much artwork on both the outside and inside. I also made a beautiful red cover for the drum with the Anishinaabe Medicine Wheel on both sides. The drum's purpose is healing, helping, and educating about indigenous traditions and culture.

To date, Thunder Bear has been featured at Reno Earth Day 2016, the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual National Federation of Community Broadcasters conference in Denver; Thunder Thursday at Thunderbird Lodge, Lake Tahoe; and American Legends & Wild Horses. Our next outing is scheduled for Oktoberfest 2016 in Reno. Thunder Bear has been well-received, thus far, for its thunderous sound and vibration, and healing power. After their healing experience, some people are speechless, some actually break down into tears, and others talk about how the vibration stays with them for quite some time.

Basically, participants are asked to let go of all control and allow the drum to guide their inner spirit. While standing, sitting, or kneeling behind the drum opening, participants hold onto the drum frame and can either pray, meditate, or do whatever spiritually connects them with Thunder Bear. In the meanwhile, flute music is being played nearby while I drum on Thunder Bear in a manner that resembles rolling thunder. At the Thunderbird Lodge event, there was also the sound of waves crashing against huge rocks. It was at this event that I learned of Thunder Bear's healing potential.

I wanted to share my story with my people to let you know that I am doing something quite unique in the area of healing. Thunder Bear and I are on a very special journey that will positively impact people of numerous and varied ethnic backgrounds and cultures. Feel free to enjoy pictures and videos at our radio show page, "Seers from the First People Facebook," or Native Voice One home page (scroll down the right side and click on [Seers from the First People](#), then the blue Facebook symbol). You can also listen to radio show episodes at either site.

Miigwech. Dr. Dave

## Childbirth Education

Free to Participants

Where: LaPointe Health & Education Center  
2nd Floor Conference Room

When: Thursday, September 15, 2016  
1:00 – 4:00 pm

Open to Pregnant Women and Birth Partners

Father of Baby Encouraged to attend!!!

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

Registration is Required  
Call Dawn at 353-4521

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

WIC is an equal opportunity services and programs provider.



Thunder Bear with Dr. Dave Kempainen and a lady known as the Tipi Lady, at the American Legends & Wild Horses event, Minden, NV, August 20, 2016.

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

## EAGLE NAMED NEW HEAD COACH FOR LADY BRONCOS



With overwhelming support, Joshua Eagle, KBIC Member and Bark River Harris (BRH) High School alumni, son of Janice Halverson and grandson of Janice Shalfoe and Pete Halverson, has been named the new girls' basketball coach at BRH. He spent the last four years coaching at Hannahville Soaring Eagle School. Coach Eagle symbolizes integrity, experience, passion, and the ability to lead his team to championships and help them become hard working, disciplined women of character. His passion for the game of basketball is evident in everything he does, and we could not be prouder of him. Eagle states, "My philosophy is more about teaching you how to be a good person, rather than a great basketball player, and hopefully both of them happen."

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

### Tomatoes: Many Ways to Preserve

Food Preservation Class offered by  
Michigan State University Extension

Class Location: KBIC Senior Center, Baraga, MI

When: Thursday September 22, 2016

Time: 4:45 to 6:30 PM Eastern time

***Last Day to register is September 20, 2016***

Participants will have the opportunity practice the Water Bath Canning method. Receive tips on where to get the most current, research based information. Dial gauge pressure canner lids may be brought in to be tested at the end of class.



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## SPRUCE RETIRES

On Friday, July 8, 2016, Stanley R. Spruce (right) retired after 15 years as the Human Resource Clerk at the Baraga Ojibwa Casino.

Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., (left) presented Stanley with a plaque in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Ojibwa Casino.

Co-workers gathered at a retirement luncheon to extend their best wishes to Stanley.



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## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) FY 2016 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\* (Effective Oct. 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2016)

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

48 Contiguous United States:				Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$ 981 +	\$155 =		\$1,136
2	\$1,328 +	\$155 =		\$1,483
3	\$1,675 +	\$155 =		\$1,830
4	\$2,021 +	\$168 =		\$2,189
5	\$2,368 +	\$197 =		\$2,565
6	\$2,715 +	\$226 =		\$2,941
7	\$3,061 +	\$226 =		\$3,287
8	\$3,408 +	\$226 =		\$3,634
Each additional member				+ \$347
Alaska:				Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,227 +	\$265 =		\$1,492
2	\$1,660 +	\$265 =		\$1,925
3	\$2,094 +	\$265 =		\$2,359
4	\$2,527 +	\$265 =		\$2,792
5	\$2,960 +	\$265 =		\$3,225
6	\$3,394 +	\$282 =		\$3,676
7	\$3,827 +	\$282 =		\$4,109
8	\$4,260 +	\$282 =		\$4,542
Each additional member				+ \$434

## Summer Reading Program at the Library Comes to a Close

~ By Angela Badke, Librarian

This summer, the Ojibwa Community Library held its second Summer Reading Program. The theme was "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" and focused not only on reading, but also on healthy habits and activities that children can do to stay active. The events held at the library had a science component that included fun experiments that the children could also try at home. Additionally, the events had a story time and a craft or activity time that would connect to the theme of the day. There were also opportunities for cultural learning during these programs through either presenters, games and activities, or stories. We were very fortunate to have Shirley Brozzo from NMU's Center for Native American Studies join us for four of the events. Other presenters included Lisa Denomie and Stacey Somero from KBIC's Pre-Primary team, who worked with the children on a health and fitness theme, and Raistlin Awonhopay, who discussed regalia and dancing with the children. The program events came to a close on August 11th with an "End of Summer Reading Program Costume Party," where the children were able to meet Elsa and Anna from the Disney movie *Frozen*.

In total, the library had 64 registered participants for the Summer Reading Program Reading Challenge and events. Attendance for many of the events remained between five and 15 children; however, the final costume party had 40 children in attendance! The librarian is already working on new ideas for next year's Summer Reading Program.

Additionally, the Ojibwa Community Library has acquired several new books. Titles include *The 5th Wave Series* by Rick Yancey, *The Race for Paris* by Meg Waite Clayton, *Smooth Operator* by Stewart Woods, and *The Martian* (cdbook) by Andy Weir.

Don't forget to like and follow us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on news from the Ojibwa Community Library!

### 3rd Annual KBIC Youth Cultural Camp Held

The 2016 KBIC Youth summer season ended on August 12, 2016, with their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Culture Camp, held at Camp Nesbit located in the Ottawa National Forest, just south of Sidnaw, Michigan.

Waba Alakayak, Youth Director, said, "We have an eight-week camp every summer with many enrichment activities that the kids partake in. This year, we went on field trips, hikes, learned about the environment from the Baraga State Park staff, visited the library and participated in activities with the KBIC Library staff, visited Quincy mine, played on the beaches, participated in Ojibwa language dialect with Darrell Kingbird, enjoyed cultural activities with the KBIC Natural Resources Department, as well as had a full week devoted to S.T.E.M related learning with the DOD (Department of Defense). We also enjoyed a variety of other fitness activities with Ms. Sheila (Ekdahl) and other games that our youth enjoyed. The Culture Camp was started in 2014 and has continued every summer since. At our 2016 Culture Camp, the kids also enjoyed a myriad of outdoor and recreational activities including: canoe safety, fishing, swimming, archery, high and low ropes, hiking, language, along with arts and crafts. We had fires, stories, drumming, and games at night."

The KBIC Youth staff is very hard working and is dedicated to life-long learning for our kids as well as providing fun in a safe environment.



## Deepest Sympathy

### Avery Brayden Curtis

(April 18, 2016—August 2, 2016)

Avery Brayden Curtis, 3 1/2 month old baby boy, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. He was born premature on April 18, 2016, in Marquette, MI, and has been a fighter ever since. He was deeply loved, and his grumpy personality will be greatly missed.

He was the loving son of Malynda Schiefel and Devin Curtis; brother of his twin Alijah Curtis, and Ashton Schiefel; grandson of Helene Curtis of L'Anse, and Melissa Boles of Gwinn; great grandson of Barbara Knipp of L'Anse, and Dennis Bushey of Ossineke, MI. Also surviving are numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Friday, August 5, 2016, at the KBIC Zeba Community Hall. The family was assisted by the Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse.

### Happenings at Northern Michigan University, via Center for Native American Studies

**Fri., Sept. 2, 2-7 pm:** The NMU Center for Native American Studies and Sault Tribe Community Health are hosting a wild rice harvesting workshop with Roger LaBine and Charlie Fox at the McDonald School in Gwinn. (Open to first 40 registrants). Call 906-227-1397 to register.

**Fri., Sept. 9, 2-7 pm:** The NMU Center for Native American Studies and Sault Tribe Community Health are hosting a Decolonizing Diet Project Cooking Demonstration with Leora Lancaster, April Lindala, and Marty Reinhardt at the Sault Tribe Health Clinic in Munising. (Open to first 25 registrants.) Call 906-227-1397 to register.

**Thurs., Sept. 15, 9:00 am-noon:** The NMU Center for Native American Studies and Sault Tribe Community Health are hosting a Decolonizing Diet Project Harvest Walk with Dr. Martin Reinhardt. (Open to first 25 registrants.) Call 906-227-1397 to register or for more information.

**Wed., Sept. 21, 7-9 pm:** The NMU Center for Native American Studies, the NMU Center for Rural Community and Economic Development, the NMU Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the NMU Office of the President are hosting a panel discussion entitled, "Tribal Law and Economic Development" with special guests, NMU alumnus and Attorney at Law, Jana Simmons, and former Principal Chief of the Osage Nation, James Gray. The panel discussion will take place at the Whitman

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## OUT OF THE DARKNESS Community Walks

Suicide Prevention Starts With Everyday Heroes Like You. Register Today.

### Baraga County Out of the Darkness Walk For Depression & Suicide Awareness

Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the L'Anse Waterfront Park

Register to Walk or Donate at: <http://afsp.donordrive.com/event/Baraga>

9-10 a.m. Registration/Memorial Table - Share photos and memorabilia of loved ones

10:00 a.m. Welcome & Guest Speaker, Jeff Olson, Ishpeming Hematite Football Coach

10:30 a.m. Memorial Balloon Release

11:00 a.m. 2 Mile Walk Begins

Questions? Contact Pam Dove 524-3449 or [pdove@bcmh.org](mailto:pdove@bcmh.org)



AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR  
Suicide Prevention

[afsp.org/walk](http://afsp.org/walk)

WALK. VOLUNTEER. DONATE.



The KBIC Natural Resources Dept. & KBOCC presents

## WHEN CAN WE EAT THE FISH?

as part of our fall Lunch & Learn series



OJIBWA CASINO CHIPPEWA ROOM SEPT 9, 2016 NOON

Please join us for this month's Lunch and Learn as Michigan Tech researchers present on fish consumption and health concerns in the Lake Superior basin relating to contaminants such as mercury and PCBs.

Valoree Gagnon's presentation provides a brief overview of fish contaminants and advisories, and the Michigan Tech research project and question focused on - "When can we eat the fish?"

Judith Perlinger's presentation - "Atmospheric Transference of the Toxic Burden of Atmosphere-Surface Exchangeable Pollutants to the Great Lakes Region" - examines future impacts of biomass burning, climate change and land use/land cover change on mercury deposition.

Noel Urban's presentation - "Contaminants within the Landscape Mosaic of Lakes, from Small to Great: Health in Space and Time" - investigates contaminant impacts for different lakes and fish species within the region.

KBIC, KBOCC, KBIC-NRD, and GLFWC are supporting partners on this research project, funded by the National Science Foundation.

**AIS Early Detection Surveys continues:**

Species	Keweenaw Bay	Huron Bay	Species	Keweenaw Bay	Huron Bay
Black Bullhead		X	Rainbow Smelt	X	X
Bloater	X		Rainbow Trout	X	X
Brook Stickleback	X		Rock Bass	X	X
Brown Trout	X		Round Whitefish	X	X
Burbot	X	X	Ruffe	X	X
Emerald Shiner		X	Silver Redhorse		X
Johnny Darter	X	X	Siscowet (fat trout)	X	
Lake Chub	X	X	Slimy Sculpin	X	X
Lake Herring	X	X	Smallmouth Bass	X	X
Lake Sturgeon		X	Splake	X	
Lake Trout	X		Spoonhead Sculpin		X
Lake Whitefish	X	X	Spottail Shiner	X	X
Log Perch		X	Three Spine Stickleback	X	X
Longnose Sucker	X	X	Trout Perch	X	X
Mimic Shiner		X	Walleye	X	X
Mottled Sculpin	X		White Sucker	X	X
Nine Spine Stickleback	X	X	Yellow Bullhead	X	
			Yellow Perch	X	X

KBIC-NRD has identified 17 locations of **Purple loosestrife** that we continue to control and monitor yearly. Loosestrife can be devastating to wetlands and is spread by seed; each single plant can produce one million seeds.

**Eurasian water milfoil** is a submergent plant that can grow into thick masses. Currently we have identified two infestations located at the Sand Point tribal marina and a man-made pond on the property. We continue to survey the two sites yearly to monitor its abundance/spread.



**- Boat Washing and Education/ Outreach Ongoing.** Prevention is the best form of control for Aquatic Invasive Species.

Our high pressure/hot water unit is back in operation after some mechanical problems at the start of the field season. The boat washer was funded by the USFS and offers the broadest spectrum for decontamination in the prevention of AIS. Boat washer/Educator Jacob Haapapuro has been busy washing boats and educating the public on how to reduce the rate of spread of AIS. He has been to various Lake Access areas in Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw Counties, and various fishing tournaments and functions.



**AIS public information** outreach has continued throughout the year, with presentations given to all age groups (KBIC Youth groups, KBOCC, NMU college students, and various other groups.). At the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby, a booth was set-up, and an AIS education coloring book and other materials were distributed to kids. We even held a coloring contest with the educational books and brochures. AIS and Fisheries presentations were given by AIS Specialist K. Andersen at Lake Superior Day, at the KBIC Kids Culture camp held in Alberta, and various other functions.



For more information, feel free to contact KBIC-NRD at (906) 524-5757.

It is felt the KBIC-NRD AIS Program has become a critical component in addressing major resource management challenges, goals and objectives in a comprehensive way, and we are excited to be able to continue to contribute to Lake-Wide AIS detection, assessment, and control.



**NMU Happenings continued:**

Hall Commons. Call 906-227-1397 for more information.

**Sat., Sept. 24-Oct. 9:** The NMU Olson Library will be hosting the Central Michigan University Clarke Library's exhibit entitled, "Native Treaties-Shared Rights." For more information about the exhibit, contact the NMU Olson Library at 906-227-2117.

**Sun., Sept. 25, 6 pm:** The film, *Finding Dawn*, will be shown at the Whitman Hall Commons as part of the UNITED Conference. Opening comments will be given by NMU Center for Native American Studies director, April Lindala. This is a free showing of the 2006 documentary film by Métis filmmaker Christine Welsh that investigates the fate of countless Aboriginal women of Canada who have been murdered or have gone missing over the past 30 years. For more information visit the UNITED Conference website at [www.nmu.edu/united](http://www.nmu.edu/united) or call the NMU Center for Native American Studies at 906-227-1397.

**Mon., Sept. 26, 1 pm** – A panel discussion of Louise Erdrich's *The Round House* will take place as part of the UNITED Conference with panelists Lynn Domina, Amy Hamilton, and Patricia Killelea. Author Louise Erdrich is a tribal citizen of Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians and her book *The Round House* won the National Book Award winner for fiction in 2012. It was chosen as this year's One Book, One Community reading selection. For more information visit the UNITED Conference website at [www.nmu.edu/united](http://www.nmu.edu/united).

**Mon., Sept. 26, 2 pm** – Six Nations artist Elizabeth Doxtater explores the ancient art form of cornhusk dolls to preserve traditional culture and histories while inviting viewers to consider their role in creating peace in the world. *The Art of Peace* features over 100 cornhusk dolls in two displays: Peacemaker's Journey and First Council First (Encircles Everything). Doxtater's artist talk will take place at the Devos Art Museum. Her displays will be up for the remainder of the fall semester. Generous support provided by the Center for Native American Studies, the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, School of Education, Leadership and Public Service, History Department, Academic Information Services and UNITED Conference. Additional support provided by the John X. and June A. Jamrich Endowment.

**Mon., Sept. 26, 7 pm** – D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas will be a speaker at the annual UNITED Conference at Northern Michigan University. Vanas will talk about leadership and personal development expert. He is author of *The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery and Achievement*. This event is sponsored by the NMU Multicultural Education and Resource Center. For more information visit the UNITED Conference website at [www.nmu.edu/united](http://www.nmu.edu/united) or call the Multicultural Education and Resource Center at 906-227-1554.

**Wed., Sept. 28, 2 pm** – Associate Professor of Native American Studies, Dr. Martin Reinhardt will present "Anishinaabe Treaty Rights: Food and Education" as part of the annual UNITED Conference at Northern Michigan University. The presentation will take place on the main floor of the NMU Olson Library. For more information visit the UNITED Conference website at [www.nmu.edu/united](http://www.nmu.edu/united) or call 906-227-1397.

**Members of the  
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
"LEASE SITE FOR SALE"**

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community offers for sale a lease site located at 15241 Pequaming Road, L'Anse, Michigan 49946 (from the intersection of Broad and Front Streets in downtown L'Anse, travel 4.6 miles northeast along the Front St./Bayshore/Pequaming Roads to the property on your right).

This sale pertains to the improvements made to the land but does not include the sale of the land. The sale is subject to the successful bidder's ability to obtain a lease from the Tribe.

The improvements, located on 1.5 acres, include a driveway (grown in and partially washed out), two (2) concrete slabs (Approx. 26'6"X60' each), electricity to the site, and well (there may be a septic system on site but no records are available to support this claim). The lease site and the improvements made there to are being sold **AS IS, WHERE IS**.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community makes no representation or warranty as to the suitability of the improvements and/or the site for any purpose. It is the bidder's responsibility to perform an inspection of the site and improvements to determine suitability for the intended purpose.

General questions regarding the site may be directed to Jason A. Ayres, Real Estate Officer, at 906-353-4132 or by email to [jayres@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:jayres@kbic-nsn.gov). Sealed bids will be accepted until October 7, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. and should be mailed to the attention of:

**Jason A. Ayres, Real Estate Officer  
RE: Pequaming Rd Lease Site Bid  
16429 Beartown Road  
Baraga, MI 49908**

**or hand delivered to either the KBIC Tribal Center  
Receptionist or to the Office of Planning and  
Development, 807 US Hwy 41, Baraga, MI 49908.**

All bids must include the amount being offered for the lease site and improvements, purpose for which the lease site will be used, name, enrollment number, address, and phone number. Bids received by fax, email, or in unsealed envelopes WILL NOT be considered. Bidders must be enrolled members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, 18 years of age or older, and must be willing to agree to the terms and conditions of the Tribe's standard *Lease of Tribal Owned Trust Lands*. Consideration of bids may include, but not be limited to, amount offered and/or proposed use of lease site.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

## Be Informed



**THE GOAL:** Make sure everyone in your household can receive, understand, and act on information received in an emergency.

*Getting correct information during an emergency is the key to taking safe action. Someone in your household may not be able to receive, understand, or act on emergency information. Think about what special needs your household may have. Take action now to make sure everyone in your family will be safe in an emergency.*

**CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:**

- Make sure everyone in your family knows what to do when they hear emergency warnings.**

Your community may have outdoor warning sirens (also called tornado sirens) to warn you in an emergency. These sirens are meant to let people who are outside know they should go indoors. When you hear the outdoor warning sirens sound in your area it is not safe for you to be outdoors. You should take cover inside a sturdy building and get more information from television, radio, internet, or by contacting a friend or family member.

Call your local fire department to find out if your area is covered by warning sirens, when they are tested, and when they would be activated. Make sure other members of your household know what to do when outdoor warning sirens sound.

Some communities have other ways of warning residents. They may call by phone, or send text messages or emails with emergency information. Check with your local emergency management or sheriff's office to find out what other warning systems are used in your area. Talk to family members about what to do when emergency information is given.

**Get a NOAA Emergency Alert Radio.**

Weather can change very quickly. Severe weather may strike when people are sleeping or unaware of the forecast. This can be deadly if people do not seek a safe shelter. A NOAA emergency alert radio (sometimes called a weather radio) can turn itself on when an emergency alert is issued and warn you at any time - day or night.

Emergency alert radios can also be used to warn about other emergencies, such as a chemical spill. With the Emergency Alert Radio, you will be warned about dangerous situations in time to take shelter or other safe action.

Every home should have an emergency alert radio, just the way all homes should have a smoke detector. They can be purchased at stores that sell electronics. Prices start at about \$20.00. Most run on batteries or have battery back-up.

**Make sure everyone in your household can communicate in a disaster.**

The way emergency information is sent out in your community may not work for everyone. If you don't speak English well, or if you use an assistive device to speak or hear, make a plan now. Make sure you can get and give information in a disaster.

Communities may give information by television or radio, by automated phone call, text messages, email, or by sounding outdoor warning sirens. Police or fire may use loudspeakers to give information as they drive through the streets. Responders or volunteers may go door-to-door to talk to people directly.

If you think you may not be able to understand emergency information, identify someone (or more than one person) that you can contact for help in an emergency. Have more than one way to get in touch with them. Keep their contact information with you.

**Emergency Information: Things to consider...**

- Emergency news or weather broadcasts may not be close captioned.
- Information that is shown on screen may not be spoken aloud.
- Automated voices and voices over loud speakers may be hard to understand.
- Information comes quickly and the stress of a disaster may make it hard to understand or remember instructions.
- Words moving across the bottom of a television screen may move very quickly.
- The screen color or color of the text might make some information on television hard to read.

**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.



16429 Bear Town, Rd.  
Baraga, MI 49908

## Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Collection



**2016**



**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 1:00pm**

**KBIC Solid Waste Facility, Ojibwe Industrial Park, M-38**

**FREE! BARAGA COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY!**

**ACCEPTED:**

**Household Hazardous Waste**

- Antifreeze
- Artists paints
- Automotive fluids
- Batteries (automotive & rechargeable)
- Cleaners & polishes
- Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs)
- Creosote
- Flammables
- Fire extinguishers
- Lead-based paint
- Metallic mercury
- Motor oil & oil filters
- Moth repellents
- Nail polish & remover
- Oil-based paint, stain, & varnish
- Pesticides
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks (small)
- Solvents
- Transmission fluid
- Weed killers
- Wood preservatives

**Electronics**

- CPUs, Laptops
- Monitors
- Keyboard, mice, cables
- Printers, faxes, copiers
- Scanners
- Cell phones
- DVD/CD/VHS players
- Stereos
- Microwaves
- Televisions
- Misc. electronics

**Appliances **NEW!****

- Washers & dryers
- Stoves
- Dishwashers
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Dehumidifiers
- Air Conditioners

**NOT ACCEPTED:**

- Wooden Speakers
- TV's with cracked/broken glass
- Monitors with cracked/broken glass
- Bare CRT tubes
- Asbestos
- Explosives
- Latex paints
- Non-household waste
- Radioactive material
- Standard & alkaline batteries
- Unidentifiable materials
- Unlabeled materials
- Vacuum cleaners

All containers must be labeled. If any container is in poor condition or is leaking, please place it in a sealed clear plastic bag. Do NOT mix chemicals or transfer chemicals into other containers.

**NO SCHOOL, FARM, GOVERNMENT, OR BUSINESS WASTE WITHOUT APPROVAL!**

Questions? Please call the KBIC Natural Resources Dept. @ (906) 524-5757 x. 20

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### September 2016 Calendar Events

- **Sept. 5:** Gov't offices closed, Labor Day;
- **Sept. 10:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Conference Room;
- **Sept. 23:** Gov't offices closed, Michigan Indian Day.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

## Attention Elders



At the last Ojibwa Senior Meeting it was decided to gather your wishes or ideas regarding activities or projects that you would like to see implemented for our Tribal Elders. Examples mentioned at the meeting included: Wellness Center, Assisted Living Facility, Nursing Home, a Transportation Program, Chore Services, etc. We are requesting that you provide your wishes to any of the following persons listed below so your top five ideas can be added to a future questionnaire where you will then be asked to rank the list according to those that interest you the most.

**Please respond by October 1, 2016, for your ideas to be included on the list.**

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### Attention All Tribal Members:

Please be sure to keep your address updated. If you have moved and have not contacted the Enrollment Office, please do so immediately. The contact information is provided below:

- Telephone: (906) 353-6623, ext. 4113 or (906) 353-4114
  - E-mail: [jennifer@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:jennifer@kbic-nsn.gov), [dianas@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:dianas@kbic-nsn.gov), or [jeanne@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:jeanne@kbic-nsn.gov)
  - Mail: KBIC Enrollment Office  
16429 Bear Town Rd.  
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- Chi Miigwech for your cooperation!!**



## Did You Know

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women, except for skin cancers. About 1 in 8 (12%) women in the US will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.

The American Cancer Society's estimates for breast cancer in the United States for 2016 are:

- About 246,660 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women.
- About 61,000 new cases of carcinoma in situ (CIS) will be diagnosed (CIS is non-invasive and is the earliest form of breast cancer).
- About 40,450 women will die from breast cancer.

Call your local provider and set up an appointment. Don't be one of the statistics, get a mammogram!

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472 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908  
In Tribal Court Building

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We provide the following services:

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## Pumpkin Fun!



SECOND MONDAY!  
October 10th, 2016

5-6:30pm

Niiwin Akeaa Youth Center  
111 Beartown Rd. Baraga

- Ages 0-5 & siblings welcome!
- Every child receives a pumpkin!
- Sensory play
- Book for each family!
- Meal provided

To ensure enough supplies and food,  
Please register with Dawn! 353-4521

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### Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission Waatebagaa Changing Leaves Cultural Fall Camp October 15-16, 2016, Lac du Flambeau, WI

Hosted by: Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Indians



Through a grant made possible from First Nations Development Institute, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission is excited to announce our first cultural fall camp program, *Waatebagaa Changing Leaves Camp*, to be held on the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation. To better represent the traditional year-round subsistence lifestyle indicative of the semi-nomadic Anishinaabe people. "Waatebagaa Gathering" aims to explore traditional autumn harvesting activities and cultural practices with tribal youth taught by regional tribal harvesters. This one and a half day intergenerational gathering will aid in preparing a new generation of tribal leaders to protect and preserve natural resources in the ceded territory and support the revitalization of Ojibwe/Anishinaabe culture and traditions through experiential learning activities based on the Medicine Wheel.

Tribal Youth will interact with harvesters and GLIFWC's Law Enforcement Officers in activities such as archery, air rifles, fleshing, brain tanning/smoking, trapping, fur ID, gillnet making, fish cleaning, fish smoking, blinds and deer stands, waterfowl cleaning, harvest prep, language, cultural crafting, team building, and leadership. All hands-on activities utilize traditional ecological knowledge.

This program seeks youth in ages 4-10; older youth may apply to serve as mentors. Participants will be spending one night in their tents at the LDF School Gym. The program will start on Saturday at 10 a.m. CST and conclude Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Please fill out an application to apply and submit early, as space is limited for this program.

For more information contact: Heather Bliss, Outreach Officer, Director of Waatebagaa. GLIFWC, (906) 458-3778, or e-mail, [hnaigus@glifwc.org](mailto:hnaigus@glifwc.org).



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