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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AWARDS KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY WITH CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Pictured above (left-to-right) are: Attorney Paul Mooney, KBIC Assistant Attorney; Dione Price, Environmental Specialist; Serene Gauthier, Environmental Response Program Specialist; Lyndon Ekdahl, Systems and Facilities Coordinator; Sarah Smith, KBIC CEO; Evelyn Ravindran, Natural Resources Director; and Frances Smith, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Unit Duluth.

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Ms. Evelyn Ravindran
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Dear Ms. Ravindran:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your support in responding to the F/V Kathy oil discharge this past winter.

In late February 2020, Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Duluth responded to a report of oil being discharged onto the ice by the moored fishing vessel. The combination of a cracked intake pipe with oily bilges caused a discharge from the vessel every 2-3 days, incidentally polluting the Portage River. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community decisiveness and enthusiastic support decreased the need for Federal involvement, streamlining the response. The threat to the marine environment was effectively mitigated as a result of your efforts and the alliance you formed with MSU Duluth. Additionally, your continued involvement has aided in the prevention of further incident from F/V Kathy.

I believe firmly that understanding each other's goals, capabilities, concerns, and mutual interest provides a solid foundation for future collaboration in emergent and routine operations. Your actions as an environmental steward and partner are greatly appreciated and serve as an example for others to follow. I have enclosed Marine Safety Unit Duluth challenge coins for you, Dione Price, Lyndon Ekdahl, and Serene Gauthier. In the sea going service, the phrase "Bravo Zulu" means "job well done," and "keep up the good work." So, to you and your team... Bravo Zulu!

Sincerely,

F.M. SMITH
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard

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- KBIC Headstart Family Day
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



Certificate of Appreciation

IN RECOGNITION of notable contributions and cooperation
which have assisted greatly in furthering the aims and
functions of the Coast Guard.

This certificate is awarded to the

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Executed this 18th day of August 2020
at Marine Safety Unit Duluth, MN



F. M. Smith
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Commanding Officer
Marine Safety Unit Duluth

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Homeowner Ventilation Improvement Program (HVIP) Policy

The KBIC HVIP will provide assistance up to \$5,000.00 for rehabilitation to improve ventilation for homes owned by eligible members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Baraga County. Defined ventilation function of the home. There is a need for rehabilitation of homes, so homeowners can improve ventilation to reduce the risks of COVID-19 (provide doors, windows, air conditioners, air purifiers, bathroom fans, ceiling fans, furnace filters, roofs/insulation, forced air, replace old carpet with vinyl or wood flooring).

1. Cosmetic repairs or expansion projects are **NOT** allowable costs. Examples of cosmetic repairs are landscaping, fences, driveways, paint, garages, barns or storage sheds are expansion projects.
2. This assistance is a grant to the Tribal Member and paid directly to the vendor, contractor, or appropriate agency. Payment is made only after the CAP Office has approved the application, and the Tribal Member has received a letter of approval. Partial payment can be made up front for materials, and the remainder upon satisfactory completion of approved repair(s).
3. To be eligible the home must be the primary residence of the applicant for a period of nine (9)

months. The home must be in **Baraga County**.

4. Homes must be wood frame, modular, manufactured, or mobile homes. Travel trailers and recreational vehicles are not eligible.
5. A licensed contractor, qualified tribal member, or agency must do the work. If a homeowner/family member is doing the repairs, labor costs cannot be included in the bid.

Appendices

- a) **Primary Residence:** The residence at which the owner lives at least nine months per year.
- b) **Manufactured Homes:** Dwelling that is factory built on a permanent, steel frame chassis, constructed in conformance with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- c) **Modular Home:** A dwelling that is factory-built wood frame structure, constructed in conformance with the National Uniform Building Code (UBC).

For information please contact the CAP Office at (906) 353-4162.

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT PROGRAM – FOR THOSE MEMBER WHO DID NOT RECEIVE AN EARLIER PAYMENT

The Tribal Council has established the Coronavirus Support Program to assist members with expenses related to hardships caused by the coronavirus. The program will issue payments of \$500 to all members over the age of 18 as of June 17 who did not receive a payment from the Coronavirus Relief Fund and who demonstrate a need by selecting from the categories on the form. Those members who are currently incarcerated in prison are not eligible.

In order to receive the payment, a member must complete the Address Verification Form and have it notarized. Notary Publics are commonly found at banks, at law offices, at libraries, and even at shipping stores, such as the UPS Store. If members are unable to print the form from our website, a form and a postage paid envelope to return it can be mailed to them by contacting the Enrollment/Licensing Department.

Once the form is received, the Enrollment/Licensing Department will submit them weekly to the Accounts Payable Department. Checks will be mailed to the member at their provided address.

If members have questions or need additional information, please contact our department.

(906) 353-4111 or 353-4114,
jennifer@kbic-nsn.gov

ENROLLMENT/LICENSING DEPARTMENT IS OPEN

TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Enrollment/Licensing Department is open, by appointment only, for Motor Vehicle transactions and has been since June 15, 2020. The extension that was granted for Licenses and Registrations by the Tribal Council was for 30 days from the date the office was opened and has now expired. It is expected that members are to have current motor vehicle registrations as well as current Hunting/Fishing/Trapping Licenses.

If an appointment or a H/F/T License is needed, please call: (906) 353-4114 or (906) 353-4111, or e-mail jennifer@kbic-nsn.gov or jeanne@kbic-nsn.gov.

As a reminder, when coming to an appointment, please use the Main Entrance of the Tribal Center and wear a mask. Everyone will be required to have their temperature taken. Fees will be collected prior to coming into the Department. Be sure to have the receipt, and as always, proof of verification of current insurance is required. Also H/F/T Licenses and enrollment cards will be sent by mail only.

Rave Alerts

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community approved the purchase of the RAVE system. This is an emergency alert system that allows Tribal members to opt in to alerts from the Community such as: beach alerts, weather alerts, closure of offices, water issues, hazardous events such as mercury spills, housing issues, COVID-19 updates, etc.

You can download the 911 app and opt in to KBIC's alert system by signing up at <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=kbic> or text START to 226787 so you can receive text messages for important information.





StrongHearts Native Helpline Adds Sexual Violence Advocacy

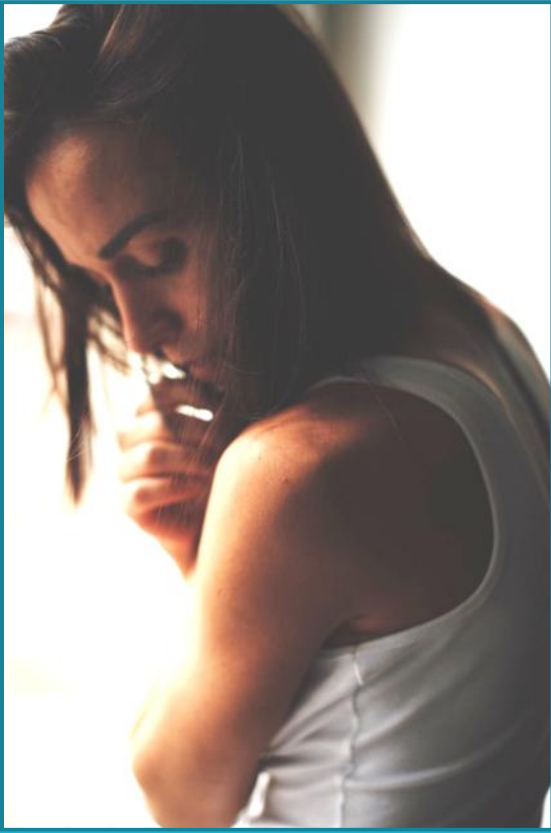


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(EAGAN, MN)

Reaching the mark and every milestone with determination and dedication, StrongHearts Native Helpline launched a sexual violence advocacy on Monday, August 3, 2020. Adding this type of advocacy will address a long-standing need in Indian Country.

“It’s an atrocity that Native Americans continue to experience the highest rates of sexual violence

across the nation, and until now, there hasn’t been a national culturally-appropriate service for them,” said Anna Nicolosi, Operations Manager. “In response, we have developed advocacy training to prepare our advocates to meet the needs that are unique to Native Americans and Alaska Natives.”

According to the National Institute of Justice research, 84 percent of Native women experience violence in their lifetimes, while 56 percent experience sexual violence. Of those victims who experienced sexual violence - an astounding 97 percent were victimized by non-Native perpetrators. Additionally, 82 percent of Native men experience violence in their lifetimes, while 28 percent experience sexual violence.

The dispiriting truth is that when compared to other races in the United States, Native American women are twice as likely to experience sexual assault or rape and most likely at the hands of a non-Native. It’s an extension of abuse that began with European contact and has continued to this day, adding up to over 500 years of abuse. This continued tool of colonization represents a lack of respect for Native peoples and an assault on humanity.

StrongHearts advocates are prepared to handle the devastating impacts of sexual violence in Indian Country and will continue to provide peer to peer support, crisis intervention, assistance with safety planning, education, and referrals to Native-centered resources. For free, confidential and anonymous advocacy, call 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) or visit StrongHearts Native Helpline online at strongheartshelpline.org daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. Callers reaching out to StrongHearts outside of operating hours may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline by choosing option one.

SCOTUS Affirms Reservation — Upholds Jurisdiction to Protect Native Women

By: StrongHearts Native Helpline Staff

Supreme Court of the Land

Legal experts are calling McGirt v. Oklahoma (McGirt) the most significant Federal Indian Law case of the century. On July 9, the Supreme Court’s McGirt decision upheld the treaty affirmed reservation borders of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The ruling upended previously held legal opinions that jurisdiction over major crimes transferred from federal courts to state courts. Further, that jurisdiction in fact belongs to a federal or tribal court.

“This ruling is critical in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes against Native women,” said StrongHearts Native Helpline Director, Lori Jump, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. “Jurisdiction or lack of jurisdiction is at the heart of why rates of violence are so high for Native Americans living on trust or reservation lands.”

The reservation boundaries of the Muscogee Creek Nation were at stake, but the ruling has a significant impact on who has jurisdiction over major crimes as they relate to both Native and non-Native perpetrators on tribal land. Also if the Supreme Court had decided to judicially disestablish the Creek Nation’s reservation, the majority of those lands within the Nation’s historical boundaries would no longer be considered “Indian country.”

Violence Against Women Act

Further, that disestablishment of an existing reservation would not only serve to diminish tribal land but also would eliminate the same tribal jurisdiction that Congress recently, and intentionally, reaffirmed with regard to crimes of domestic violence committed by non-Natives in the 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Fortunately, this was not the court ruling.

Major Crimes Act

Previous actions by the federal government, such as the Major Crimes Act of 1855, created a legal framework that resulted in jurisdictional confusion when responding to and prosecuting crimes in Indian country. Through the Major Crimes Act of 1855, the U.S. Government assumed concurrent jurisdiction over “serious crimes” committed by a Native American in Indian country. Even basic assistance such as officers responding to 911 calls, was impacted as it could be possible that the law enforcement agent responding to a call might not be the officer who has jurisdiction over that crime.

In the McGirt case, the State of Oklahoma wrongly assumed jurisdiction when it convicted Jimcy McGirt for violent sex crimes on the reservation of the Creek Nation’s reservation. McGirt appealed his case asserting that the State of Oklahoma didn’t have authority over a Tribal member on tribal land.

Deadlock Tie Breaker

There were two criminal cases brought before the SCOTUS, but in one instance there was a conflict of interest. Prior to his role on the SCOTUS, Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch had presided over Sharp v.

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Murphy in a federal appellate court. The case involved a Tribal member who had committed murder on the Creek reservation. He also contended that a state court didn't have jurisdiction. In Murphy's 2018 appeal to the SCOTUS, Gorsuch ultimately had to recuse himself; and without Gorsuch, the potential for deadlock on the SCOTUS prevented its natural conclusion. Thus, the Murphy case was hinged upon the outcome of McGirt.

In the landmark ruling, Gorsuch wrote the majority opinion, "Today we are asked whether the land these treaties promised remains an Indian reservation for purposes of federal criminal law. Because Congress has not said otherwise, we hold the government to its word."

SCOTUS Upends Previously Held Legal Opinions

Although many experts agree that the SCOTUS opinion was accurate and reflected the original intent of the treaties in question, non-Native legislators argued that Native people left Indian territory of their own accord and as such forfeited title to the reservation. Further, that due to the lack of Native inhabitants, the reservation ceased to exist. In reality, Native people were continuously forced out of Indian Territory by white settlers and the U.S. Government. Regardless, the crux of it all as pointed out by SCOTUS was that only an act of Congress could disestablish a tribal reservation, see Solem v. Bartlett (1984).

StrongHearts Stands with Survivors

StrongHearts Native Helpline recognizes the importance of the McGirt decision for victims and survivors of violence. Tribal nations are one step closer to holding all perpetrators accountable for committing crimes against Native people on Tribal Lands. StrongHearts' mission is to restore power to Native Americans impacted by domestic, dating, and sexual violence by providing a system of safety, sovereignty, and support with a vision to return to our traditional lifeways where our relatives are safe, violence is eradicated, and sacredness is restored.

To explore your options for safety and healing, visit strongheartshelpline.org for one-on-one chat advocacy or call 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) daily 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. As a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, after hours callers can connect with The Hotline by choosing option one.



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.

LuAnn Jossens, case #20-030, §8.901, Contempt of court – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 07/22/2020, #20-030, §8.901:

1. Ninety days of jail, 30 days of jail to be served, 60 days of jail suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expense incurred while incarcerated.
2. Probation shall be extended for twelve months.
3. Defendant shall obtain a new substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendations of

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the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the probation office to monitor compliance.

4. Defendant shall enroll and complete the "Thinking for Change" Program.
5. If the Defendant secures a bed in an inpatient facility, Defendant shall be transported directly to an inpatient treatment facility from the County Jail, once a bed has been secured. At that time the remainder of the jail time to be served shall be suspended.

Ashley Chosa, case #20-081, §3.412, Illegal entry upon lands – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 07/22/2020, #20-081, §3.412:

1. Ten days of jail, credit for three days of jail served, seven days of jail suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
2. Defendant shall perform twenty hours of community service.
3. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
4. Defendant shall obtain a mental health assessment and shall follow the recommendations of the assessment until successfully discharged.
5. Defendant shall sign release of information for all service providers to allow probation office to monitor compliance.
6. Defendant shall be on standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly fee until community service hours are completed or a minimum of thirty days.

Jared Gauthier, case #20-068, §5.15, O.U.I.L. – 1st offense

Sentencing on 07/22/2020, #20-068, §5.15:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety days of jail, credit for one day of jail served, 89 days of jail suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Three to six months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the probation office to monitor compliance.
5. Defendant shall submit to a baseline drug test today.

Vanessa Beaver, case #20-088, §8.901, Contempt of court – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 07/29/2020, #20-088, §8.901:

1. Ten days of jail, 10 days of jail suspended. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expense incurred while incarcerated.
2. Defendant shall perform thirty-five hours of community service.
3. Probation will run concurrent with case #20-037.

Tiara Drift, case #20-089, §8.901, Contempt of court – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 08/03/2020, #20-089, §8.901:

1. Defendant shall perform 40 hours of community service.
2. Ninety days of jail, credit for four days of jail served, 86 days of jail suspended which shall be

placed into a remedial order. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

3. Six to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant shall report to the probation office daily or at the discretion of the probation officer.
4. Defendant shall obtain a new substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
5. Non-refundable bond shall be applied to the Defendant's Court obligations.
6. Remedial Order: Defendant shall serve suspended days if any probation violations occur as follows:

- 1st violation - Six days jail.
- 2nd violation - 10 days jail.
- 3rd violation - 10 days jail.
- 4th violation - 15 days jail.
- 5th violation - 20 days jail.
- 6th violation - 25 days jail.

Nathan Sherman, case #20-038, §3.202, Assault and battery (domestic) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 08/03/2020, #20-038, §3.202:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety days of jail, credit for one day of jail served, 89 days of jail suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expense incurred while incarcerated.
3. Three to six 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.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
5. Defendant shall obtain an anger management assessment and shall follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
6. Defendant shall enroll and complete the "Thinking for Change" Program.
7. Defendant shall sign a release of information for all service providers to allow the probation office to monitor compliance.

Steven Gray, case #20-049, §3.1101, Larceny – 1st offense

Sentencing on 08/03/2020, #20-049, §3.1101:

1. Fine \$300.00.
2. Ninety days of jail, 90 days of jail suspended which shall be placed into a remedial order. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expense incurred while incarcerated.
3. Three 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. Report to the probation office at the discretion of the Probation Officer.
4. Restitution in the amount of \$123.99 to Pines Convenience Center payable through the Tribal Court Clerk's office.
5. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall sign a release of information with provider to allow the probation office to monitor compliance.
6. Remedial Order: Defendant shall serve sus-

pending days if any probation violations occur as follows:

- 1st violation – Five days jail.
- 2nd violation – 10 days jail.
- 3rd violation – 15 days jail.
- 4th violation – 15 days jail.
- 5th violation – 20 days jail.
- 6th violation – 25 days jail.

Steven Gray, case #20-046, §13.505, Involvement in accident resulting in damage to vehicles; stopping; violation as misdemeanor – 1st offense

Sentencing on 08/12/2020, #20-046, §13.505:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Three 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. Report to the probation office at the discretion of the Probation Officer. (Concurrent with #20-049).
3. Defendant shall provide within 90 days documentation that he has obtained a driver's license or is attempting to obtain a driver's license.

Niimigimiwang Transition Home has A New Ride



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The KBIC Niimigimiwang Transitional Home Programs and Services now has their own program vehicle to use for their residents and other travel needed.

"Our KBIC Niimigimiwang Strategic Plan was developed in the summer and winter of 2018, for the KBIC Niimigimiwang Transitional Home, and our own program vehicle was one of the program goals," stated Team Lead, Carole LaPointe. "When the funding became available, it was a no brainer to apply for it to obtain the vehicle. There were several hiccups along the way, related to the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown of the Casino and Tribal Government," Carole stated, "but we finally worked through them all and were able to complete the purchase in late June 2020."

The vehicle, a 4-door, eight passenger 2020 Chevrolet Suburban, was purchased using State of Michigan's Division of Victim Services (VOCA) funding. We were instructed to apply for the funds through an amendment in 2019. This allowed us to seek bids and purchase the vehicle from Keweenaw Chevrolet, up in Houghton.

We are very happy with the vehicle which is spacious, cleanable, and provides confidentiality of the residents seeking services. The State VOCA office was adamant that we have a safe vehicle which can handle the Upper Peninsula's ever changing weather conditions.

U.S. COAST GUARD AWARDS KBIC continued:



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBIC present their guest with a gift of appreciation. Pictured left-to-right are: Lyndon Ekdahl, Systems and Facilities Coordinator; Evelyn Ravindran, Natural Resources Director; Sarah Smith, KBIC CEO; Dione Price, Environmental Specialist; Guest, Frances Smith, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Unit Duluth; and Serene Gauthier, Environmental Response Program Specialist.

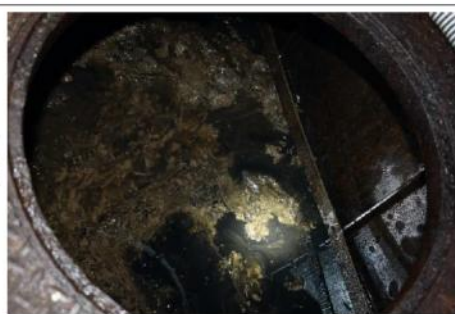
KBIC and USCG Collaborations

Our Community's way of life and the continuance of our culture and traditions rely on us exercising our treaty rights and honoring our connections to all creation. Our teachings remind us of our stewardship responsibilities and the interconnections to all within our homelands upon which we reside today. Tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) still live an active subsistence and ceremonial life; it is of vital importance, we continue traditions that make and strengthen these ties to the natural world and those within it.

Our tribe is aware and concerned with potential environmental threats to our community and works collaboratively with partners to protect these shared resources. The KBIC Natural Resources Department (NRD) staff has attended and participated in bi-annual Upper Peninsula Area Committee (UPAC) and Region 5 Regional Response Team (RRT5) meetings. These meetings comprise of members from the United States Coast Guard (USCG), local governments, state, and federal agencies with the goal of efficiently minimizing the adverse effects of oil, chemical, and other incidents that affect safety, human health, and the environment. From these interactions, the opportunity for numerous trainings on spill response have been made available. NRD staff attended a 2019 Department of Interior Spill Response Training, hosted a 2019 Inland Oil Spill Training, and attended a 2020 Oil on Water Spill Training. In 2019, KBIC was gifted 700 feet of boom for our Spill Response program from the USCG Portage Station.

In 2020, Serene Gauthier, KBIC Environmental Response Program Specialist, was able to utilize her training for an incident on the Portage Canal to effect a positive outcome to a potentially threatening situation on Lake Superior waters as part of a collaborative team effort with KBIC and USGS Marine Safety Unit. KBIC staff: Evelyn Ravindran, Serene Gauthier, Lyndon Ekdahl, and Dione Price were honored by USCG Marine Safety Unit, Duluth, for their response and mitigation activities concerning this incident, with a letter and challenge coins in July. In addition, on August 18, 2020, the USCG awarded KBIC with a public service recognition for their demonstrated environmental stewardship in working together to go above and beyond to protect the environment. These efforts laid a foundation for future work and wouldn't have been possible without the strong leadership and cooperative work within the KBIC government to quickly respond to the situation.

The KBIC looks forward to continued collaborations and relationships with the USCG. Discussions are taking place on training, boom deployment, vessel safety, and continued response activities. The USCG Marine Safety Unit has also provided guidelines and information on response trailer inventory, equipment replacement avenues, and training opportunities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



Response to Fishing Vessel KATHY Oil Spill, Houghton, Michigan

26 February – 03 March 2020; Threat: 500gal diesel fuel, 100gal oily water mix

Overview

- Vessel had been taking on water via cracked engine cooling intake pipe
- Owner had been pumping bilges every 2-3 days in recent weeks, discharging small, but unknown amounts of oil into Lake Superior
- Administrative Order issued, instructing the owner to remove the pollution threat
- Bilges were pumped commercially, funded by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Diver hired to attempt to patch the intake under the hull
- With bilges empty, a cut off valve was identified securing the ingress of water (initially unknown by the owner)
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community monitoring the vessel for future water ingress
- Vessel will be removed from the water this spring

Major Takeaways

- Communication and Partnerships are key
 - Take the time to develop relationships early to improve operational readiness
- Operational Risk Management
 - Risk Assessments are not a one-time endeavor; this valuable tool should be continually updated
- Remain flexible
 - Plans continually evolve; consider alternate solutions to achieve mission objectives



Case study and presentation by:

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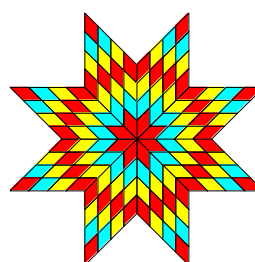
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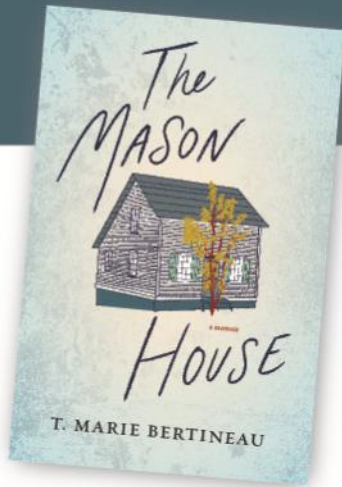
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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community holds Community Powwow

The annual Maawan'jiding held at Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Other Tribal communities also canceled their annual powwows during this trying time. Many of our community members were missing the drums and dance.

As Baraga County had five recovered COVID cases, the Tribal President asked the Powwow Committee if they would hold a small Community event.

The KBIC Community Powwow as held at the Powwow grounds on Saturday, August 15, 2020. That morning, Mother Earth cleansed the grounds with what then brought by 12 noon, beautiful breezy weather in the mid-70's; a very comfortable environment for drumming and dancing.

The 1:00 p.m. Grand Entry was held appropriately on Indian Time, 1:30 p.m. with three members of the KBIC Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society leading the way for approximately 20 dancers into the arena. People appeared to gather in their own family groups and wearing a mask was at your own choice. A table was set up at the arena entrance with masks and sanitizer.

Donald Chosa, Jr. served as Head Male Dancer with wife Karlene Chosa as Head Female Dancer. One drum, Woodland Singers, provided the music for the afternoon event. Mitch Bolo served as emcee and a few vendors set up, including Rez Robin's food stand.

A potluck feast was held at 5:00 p.m. The Powwow Committee organized the event and did a great job at keeping people safe. There were no sponsors as there were no payouts, however many spot dances from donations from community members were offered.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Above: (left to right) Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Members - Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Stanley Spruce, Gerald Magnant; Deija Dakota, Miss Keweenaw Bay; Karlene Chosa, Head Female Dancer; and Donald Chosa, Jr., Head Male Dancer. Below: Grand Entry and dancers.



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**Lake Superior State University Alumnus
Joel Postma Named Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Persons Coordinator for Michigan**

Sault Ste. Marie, MI — Lake Superior State University alumnus Joel Postma has been appointed coordinator for missing and murdered indigenous persons for Michigan by the Department of Justice (DOJ). Postma, a 1992 graduate of the criminal justice program and a veteran FBI agent from Detroit, is one of only 10 coordinators named by the DOJ to investigate such cases involving Native Americans.

This new position is part of a DOJ effort to respond to missing and murdered Native Americans nationwide, in this case, spanning the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan. Postma is tasked with identifying cases in Michigan and collaborating with tribal communities and law enforcement.

Earlier in his career, Postma investigated missing children, runaways, drug crimes, and deaths in Indian Country in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He also served on the Tribal Multi-disciplinary Team and Child Protection Team. Postma additionally created a ride-along program to facilitate relations between tribal law enforcement and the FBI.

LSSU President Dr. Rodney S. Hanley said, “Joel is a great example of the Superior Education here at LSSU. We are proud of the work that Joel has done, not only during his time at LSSU, but also into his new endeavor.”

About Lake Superior State University: Lake Superior State University is one of Michigan's most affordable public universities with One-Rate at Lake State tuition for all. Surrounded by three Great Lakes, LSSU is an unsurpassed location for research, innovation, and real-world experiences. Signature programs include fisheries and wildlife management, engineering, nursing, criminal justice, business, robotics engineering, and fire science. In 2019, Lake State launched the first cannabis chemistry program in the nation. LSSU also was the first campus nationwide to offer an accredited four-year fire science program; it is one of three in the U.S. LSSU was the first campus nationwide to offer an accredited four-year robotics engineering technology program and is the only university nationwide to offer undergraduate education in industrial robotics. LSSU also offers several certificate programs, including a one-year culinary arts chef certificate at its 5,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art Les Cheneaux Culinary School in Hessel. Regional centers are in Escanaba, Iron Mountain, and Petoskey. LSSU opened its newest location in St. Helen in 2020. Additional LSSU hallmarks include the annual Banished Words List that receives worldwide media coverage and a student-run Atlantic salmon hatchery at its renowned Center for Freshwater Research and Education. LSSU's NCAA Division I hockey team has won five national championships; men compete in five other sports and women in six at the Division II level. Lake State was founded in 1946 in Sault Ste. Marie, the oldest city in Michigan (1668), on the site of the former U.S. Army's Fort Brady. Lake State has approximately 2,000 undergraduate students, with 88 percent coming from Michigan, and with every county represented. Ninety percent of full-time students receive financial aid.



**KBIC HeadStart Holds Family Day
for their Graduates**

As COVID-19 closed the doors of schools across the country, no graduation could be held this year. An ending was needed for KBIC HeadStart's 23 graduates. Baraga County has had five recovered COVID cases, and as summer was going by quite fast, teachers and staff who have been working from home decided to hold a Family Day event for their graduates and families.

The event was held on Monday, August 3, 2020, at the Curwood Park in L'Anse, Michigan. Graduates received filled backpacks and a COVID tee-shirt from the Headstart Program. Lunch was offered and of course, play. Due to safety concerns, no group picture was possible. Below are some random shots of the 2020 Headstart Graduates!



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Brighton Gauthier displays his COVID tee-shirt.

Shaniya Elmlblad displays her HeadStart Diploma and backpack.



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Sisters, Kylee LaPlante and Lilianna Gauthier have fun tie-dyeing with Terri Denomie, HeadStart Director.



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Mason Stark displays his painted rock.



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The workshop is free. Participants registered for the six-week workshop will receive a free book. This class is offered online: Wednesdays, September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, and 21, 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Topics discussed:

- * Techniques to deal with problems such as frustration, fatigue, pain, and isolation.
- * Appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance.
- * Appropriate use of medications.
- * Communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals.
- * Nutrition
- * Decision making
- * How to evaluate new treatments

Registration is open! For more information and to register visit:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CDPATHONLINEDaniels/>

For questions, contact: Pam Daniels 231-592-0792 or e-mail danie270@msu.edu.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) FY 2018 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* (Effective Oct. 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020)

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

48 Contiguous United States:				Use this amount	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,005	+	\$160	=	\$1,165
2	\$1,354	+	\$160	=	\$1,514
3	\$1,702	+	\$160	=	\$1,862
4	\$2,050	+	\$170	=	\$2,220
5	\$2,399	+	\$199	=	\$2,598
6	\$2,747	+	\$228	=	\$2,975
7	\$3,095	+	\$228	=	\$3,323
8	\$3,444	+	\$228	=	\$3,672
Each additional member					+\$349
Alaska:					Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,255	+	\$273	=	\$1,528
2	\$1,691	+	\$273	=	\$1,964
3	\$2,127	+	\$273	=	\$2,400
4	\$2,563	+	\$273	=	\$2,836
5	\$2,999	+	\$273	=	\$3,272
6	\$3,435	+	\$285	=	\$3,720
7	\$3,870	+	\$285	=	\$4,155
8	\$4,306	+	\$285	=	\$4,591
Each additional member					+\$436

CARES ACT-IHBG Co-Vid 19 Expanded Rental Assistance Program

This rental assistance program is for eligible low income Tribal members renting from private landlords/ property owners, separate of the Tribe's housing program. A direct payment of up to \$500 per month may be made to the private landlord/ property owner for eligible tenants impacted by Co-Vid 19. No more than two rental payments will be allowed per family/person. Must live in one of the following counties: Baraga, Marquette, or Ontonagon. This program is on a first come, first serve basis.

If you are currently receiving rental assistance from a federal/state program, you are not eligible for this program.

The following must be turned in with the application:

- A copy of your current lease or signed letter from your landlord/ property owner verifying your residence
- Proof of income

Any questions or need an application mailed to you, please call the Housing Offices at (906) 353-7117 or e-mail doreen@kbic-nsn.gov.

Please turn in a completed application to the KBIC Housing Office or mail it to:

KBIC Housing Office
220 Main St.
Baraga, MI 49908

Manomin

As told by Donald Chosa, Jr.
Transcribed by Lauri Denomie.

Boozhoo. Hello, my name is Wolves Howling All Around You, or Donald Chosa, Jr. I am from the Bois Forte Nett Lake Reservation in Northern Minnesota, and the L'Anse Band of Ojibwe Indians, Keeweenaw Bay Indian Community, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. My clan is Golden Eagle.

Manomin and asemaa, wild rice and tobacco, have great importance in our Anishinaabe Culture. They are gifts from the creator, and they are used by our people in all ceremonies that take us from the cradle to the grave. Anishinaabe are encouraged to carry asemaa with them at all times. Asemaa is offered in the morning and evening to give thanks for the day, and ask for special help before anything is harvested. Late in the summer, when the first leaves begin to turn yellow, no matter where we live or what we are doing in life, a restless feeling comes upon us. It's a sense of urgency that we need to get back home for the ricing season, and it takes precedence over any other thing in our life.



My first memories of ricing are riding in a canoe to set up camp. We slept in tents, played by the river, and caught crayfish. At the age of 11, my friends and I took out a canoe and tried ricing. At the age of 14, I went out with my mom and really riced. I've riced almost every year since then except when I was in the Marine Corp. and in college. When I missed ricing, I felt a deep sadness and longing for home.

Until about a year ago, when we returned to Michigan, my wife and I lived right in the middle of Nett Lake Village. During ricing season we would wake up early in the morning to the sound of canoes banging. We would get dressed into our ricing clothes and load up our canoes as we smelled smoke from birch fires in the village. Before we got into our canoe, we offered asemaa to the spirits who protect the lake. At the end of the day, we would bring the first rice back behind my mother-in-law's house where we had a fire going. We parched the rice in a long pan, cooled it, and put some aside to be jigged. I wear special moccasins to do this. The rice is used for a Wiikonding-feast for the first rice. Whatever we kill or harvest, before we can eat it, we have to wiikonge so we can share the food with the spirits. When we wiikonge, only a very small

amount is prepared for us to eat. But even before we eat, a smaller amount is burned with asemaa in a fire. It usually is an amount like two grams of cooked rice along with one blueberry and small crumble of brown sugar.

Asemaa is present at most Ojibwe ceremonies. It is offered to the thunder beams during a storm and protection and safety is prayed for. It is given to other people when asking for knowledge or favors. For example, asemaa is given to a namer before a baby is named. Asemaa is also offered before a legend is told and before a trip is taken. People who have died are given tobacco to take with them on their journey. There are several ways asemaa can be used. It can be smoked in a pipe, it can be put in a fire or put in the water, at places like a special rock, waterfall, tree, or on a clean place on the ground. Manomin and Asemaa are probably the most important things in our spirituality. We must protect them.



Above is Alice Peterson Geshick, Bois Forte Tribal Member, ricing.

Fill-in-blanks

- g _ t _ g _ _ n (a garden)
- o _ _ n (potato)
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- n a _ _ _ o s (Lake Trout)
- m _ _ _ _ m i n (wild rice)
- b i z _ _ k i w i _ _ _ y a _ _ (beef)
- o k _ _ _ m a a _ (squash)
- g a a _ _ _ g _ _ _ o o n _ (smoked fish)
- m _ _ o o m _ _ k e (she/he rices)



Word Search (front, backward, diagonal)

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Word List

- manomin
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- namegos
- gaaski-giigoonh
- mandaaminaak
- okosimaan
- opin
- bizhikiwi-wiiaas
- gitigaan



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MSU Extension launches an Opioid, Substance Use Disorder Community Education Program.

Free community presentations are available that educate what communities can do to promote prevention and recovery.



Every day, seven Michigan residents die from an opioid overdose. To address opioid use disorder and overdose deaths across Michigan, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine and the Northwest Health Department of Michigan are offering opioid misuse prevention education to Michigan communities through the Michigan Substance Use Prevention, Education, and Recovery (MiSUPER) project. The presentation is available to rural community groups and can vary in length from 30 to 60 minutes. People will learn alternatives to opioid use recovery strategies.

Each of us can take action to reduce a loved one's chance of opioid use disorder, a long-term chronic disease. MiSUPER's community education presentations aim to empower Michigan communities to prevent opioid misuse and support people in recovery.

Eric, a recovery coach from Otsego County, Michigan, started using opioids because of an injury and became dependent on them. He said, "It can happen to anyone. I have learned a lot. What I have learned is that people need support and that if you have other alternative therapy, such as physical activity, meditation, medical assisted treatment, therapy, and family support you can recover. Changing your lifestyle and seeking help is important. If you have air in your lungs you have a fighting chance."

MiSUPER presentations address several topics related to opioid misuse prevention and highlight stories of hope and recovery:

- * What are opioids and what impact do opioids have on the body?
- * How has the opioid crisis impacted Michigan communities?
- * What treatment, recovery, and alternative to opioid options are available?
- * How can I minimize a loved one's risk of an opioid overdose and support their recovery?
- * What can we do to prevent opioid misuse and address the opioid crisis?

Two state-wide webinar presentations have been scheduled on September 11, from 10 to 11am and on September 14, from 6-7pm on the topics mentioned above. The webinars are free and open to all

people in Michigan.

To learn more about MiSUPER's opioid misuse prevention efforts and to request a presentation for your community, organization, or coalition, visit the MiSUPER website at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/misuper/index>.

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BARAGA AREA—IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

1. Casino housekeeping	6. Guest Services clerk
2. Food and beverage line cook	7. Slot Attendant
3. Food and beverage bartender	8. Count Team member
4. Food and beverage server	9. Cage Cashier
5. Food and beverage prep cook	10. Vault Cashier

MARQUETTE AREA—IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

1. Casino Housekeeping	9. Guest Services Clerk
2. Food and Beverage Cashier	10. Slot Attendant
3. Food and Beverage Dishwasher	11. Count Team Member
4. Food and Beverage Barback/Busser	12. Cage Cashier
5. Food and Beverage Line Cook	13. Security Officer
6. Food and Beverage Prep Cook	14. Games Dealer
7. Food and Beverage Bartender	15. Gift Shop Clerk
8. Food and Beverage Server/Hostess	

For more information, please contact our HR Team — Baraga HR Office at (906) 353-4120 or Marquette HR Office at (906) 249-4200, ext. 4704.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

Current Positions

Assistant Tribal Prosecutor, Legal;

Facility Attendant, Niiwin Akeaa;

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Wildlife Technician, NRD;

AIS Specialist, NRD;

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Education Director, Education;

Seasonal Fire Technician;

Enrollment/Licensing Coordinator, Tribal Center;

Dentist, DHHS;

Plant Technician—College Intern, NRD;

Community Health Worker, DHHS;

Accounting Manager, Housing;

Family Health Educator, DHHS;

Peer Recovery Mentor, Oshki Maaji/New Beginning;

Physician, DHHS.

On-going recruitment (open continuous): Unit Manager (Newday). (on-call positions): Cleaning Person, Facility Attendant, Firefighter, Laborer, LPN, Outpatient Counselor, Prep Cook, Natural Resource Technician, Nurse Practitioner, Pharmacist, Pharmacy Technician, Receptionist/Housing, Receptionist/Clerical Worker/Tribal Center, RN, Teaching Assistant II, Tobacco Stamping Worker, Treatment Counselor, Unit Manager (OVW), 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-nsn.gov.

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New Employees - Who's Who and Who's New!

Sarah Smith, CEO, introduces and welcomes Sue Ellen Elmlad as our new Elderly Nutrition Director as of August 14, 2020. Sue Ellen was previously an employee of the tribe for many years and worked in the Community Assistance Programs as both the clerk and as the administrator. She is honored and excited for the opportunity to serve our community and elderly.



You can reach Sue Ellen "Suzie" Elmlad at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Center or by calling (906) 353-6096, or e-mail selmlad@kbic-nsn.gov.

September 2020 Calendar:

- September 7 — Gov't offices closed for Labor Day holiday;
- September 25—Gov't offices closed for Michigan Indian Day holiday.



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- * Learn to care for fruit trees, vegetables and medicinal plants
- * Work with dedicated gardeners and teachers from KBIC-NRD
- * Tend to native plants and wildlife-friendly habitat gardens
- * Lots of ways to help - weeding, planting, pruning, watering
- * Share the bounty! Volunteers can bring home fresh surplus produce from the garden and an appreciation gift

Drop-in Volunteer Hours

August 29th 9 AM-Noon (Harvesting greens, Weeding)

September 12th 9 AM-Noon (Harvest Corn, Beans, weed and Fruit tree trimming)

September 26th 9 AM-Noon (Harvest Potatoes)

Our Community Teaching Gardens are located at 16037 Brewery Road in L'Anse and are managed by the KBIC Natural Resources Department