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39th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding Held



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Grand Entry, Friday evening, July 21, 2017, at the Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding.

It was a beautiful weekend for the KBIC's 39th Annual Maawanji'iding. The event was held at the Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan, on July 21-23, 2017. Participants and spectators enjoyed the songs and danced with 18 registered drums. There were an array of special events. Records indicate there were 614 dancers registered.

The onset of the weekend brought a Sunrise Ceremony on Thursday, July 20, 2017, Traditional Teachings with Darrel Kingbird, Ground Blessing and Feast, and Jaiya John, a sponsored speaker, brought to the Community by KBIC Youth Programs. Kingbird and John continued their teachings Friday morning and afternoon. Wiikwedong Ogichidaa (KBIC Honor Guard) presented the colors and led dancers into the arena for all the Grand Entries held Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. Ray Cadotte honored KBIC as their Head Veteran Dancer; Rodney Loonsfoot, KBIC, as Head Male Dancer; and Tina Connor as Head Female Dancer. Darrell Kingbird served as Arena Director; Little Otter as Host Drum; and there were four invited drums: Hay Creek, Four Thunders, Summercloud, and Woodland Singers. Emcees John Teller, Jr. and Mike Sullivan, Sr. did an awesome job keeping everyone informed about the events.

Friday evening brought a new Miss Keweenaw Bay and Junior Miss Keweenaw Bay to our Community. Jaycie Forcia was crowned as the 2017 Miss Keweenaw Bay, and Starr Dunleavy was crowned as the 2017 Miss Junior Keweenaw Bay.

Saturday's events began with fry bread competitions. Michelle Webster (Noreen's Iroquois Kitchen) took 1st place in the adult



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Jailyn Renee Shelifoe, 2016 Miss Keweenaw Bay (right) assists with crowning of Jaycie Forcia, 2017 Miss Keweenaw Bay (left).



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Starr Dunleavy, 2017 Miss Jr. Keweenaw Bay (left) and Hannah Harvala, 2016 Miss Jr. Keweenaw Bay (right) at the Friday evening princess crowning event.

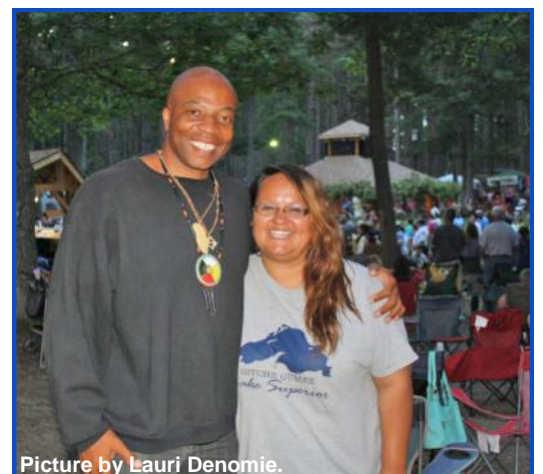
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 39th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding Held
- 15th Annual Kids Fishing Derby Held
- Maki Crowned Lumberjack Queen
- Sea Life Yoga 2017, with local KBIC Author
- Education Incentive Awards Announced
- KBIC Gov't Employee Picnic and Employee Incentives
- KBIC Court Report
- Deepest Sympathy



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Dr. Jaiya John (left) with Wabanungoquay M. Alakayak (Sandman-Shelifoe), Youth Director (right). Jaiya has shared inspired, soulful messages with over half a million people worldwide. He was born into foster care in New Mexico, and is an internationally recognized author, speaker, poet, spoken word artist, and youth mentor. Dr. Jaiya John shared his inspired messages with our Community on Thursday and Friday, July 20-21, 2017, at the Ojibwa Powwow Grounds in Baraga, MI.

division, and Sam Chosa (Rez Robin's) took 1st place in the youth division. This year the Powwow Committee honored Ralph Eckerberg and Agatha Cardinal as their Honored Elders, and an Honored Elders Song was held after Grand Entry on Saturday

15th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby Held

The Community looks forward every year to a grand event held the last weekend of June. The 15th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at the Sand Point Pond near the Lighthouse in Baraga, Michigan.

Derby Coordinator and KBNRD Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist, Gene Mensch, with the help of Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) staff and many community volunteers, worked to make this event a success.

Gene Mensch said, "We had 414 kids (0-12) register this year. Even in the rain, this is a huge turnout. I'd like to thank all the parents and kids who came to the event, braved the elements, and worked with us to make sure every kid was having fun! Fifty-eight Fisher-Kids registered fish from the pond. Our champion is seven-year-old Ayana Morin, who hauled in two fish that had the greatest combined length. She won the championship trophy, a \$100 gift certificate compliments of the American Legion Post 444, and a trip to the prize tent on a date to be determined. We were forced to close down certain aspects of the event due to the driving and persistent rains and a bunch of shivering Fisher-Kids. Prizes had to be distributed over the course of the following days. Most of the prizes have been awarded, but we still have some work to do regarding this."



Top four winners: (left to right) Isaiah Merver (2nd place), Ayana Morin (1st place), Michael Rothenberger (3rd place), and Kwynn Voskuhl (4th place).

The annual event honors an individual who was or is a commercial fisherman. This year's event honored Richard L. Semasky, Sr.

Richard "Smack" Semasky, Sr. was born in L'Anse, Michigan, to the late Joan and Delia (Santeline) Semasky, on April, 17, 1937. He had two sisters, the late Jean and Gracie, and three brothers, the late Harold, Elmer, and Raymond. Richard was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, VFW, and the Ojibwa Seniors. He loved hunting, fishing, and enjoyed cooking and smoking fish. He was also a Green Bay Packers fan.

Richard grew up in L'Anse and later joined the U.S. Air Force in 1954. He was a long-time fisherman from Bay Mills, until he took a job as one of the first law enforcement officers for the Bay Mills Indian Community. He then moved back to L'Anse and took a job with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Conservation (GLIFWC) in the mid 1980's. Richard retired from GLIFWC (with over 25 years of service) as the supervisor of law enforcement for all Tribes surrounding the Great Lakes for the entire Western District of Michigan.

The following story was provided by Richard's daughter, Irene. "There are a lot of stories I can recall, but I like this one. I believe that it impacted my Dad's life just enough for him to change the direction of his life. He talked about when he and his good friend and fishing partner, Lehman Teeple, were out on the Lake pulling in their nets. Several boxes were loaded with fish to the point where their big steel boat was weighed down, almost to water level. They were ecstatic about the amount of fish they pulled in their nets. Back in the day, living on the Bay Mills Reservation, there were not many job prospects. Fishing was the way of life for most of our members and their families.

Just as my Dad and Lehman were finishing up and getting ready to come in off the lake, a storm came up really fast. The darkness started to take over in a matter of minutes. The Lake, that had been as calm as ever, took on a new look. The ripples in the waves became bigger as the wind blew harder. They were starting to take on water. With boxes loaded and weighing the boat down close to the water level with every wave, they thought they were going to sink. My Dad started the motor, and they slowly and steadily pushed towards the shore a couple miles away. They could not afford to lose this catch, so dumping the boxes of fish was not an option.

The darkness took over, and with every gust of wind the rain, hard and stinging poured down on top of them. The continuous waves were already making their journey to the shore difficult with every swell, but they continued on. With one man working the motor the other bailed water out of the boat as fast as he could bail. Their only means of direction was that of the headlights from their truck on shore. This was a must to never forget to turn on the headlights when they went out to set or pull their nets, since the weather was very unpredictable.

Minutes seemed like hours as they maneuvered through the waves slowly making their way back to shore. They could not believe how fast that storm came on. Later that evening, after they packed the fish with ice, they told their spouses about the adventure they had.

News had already spread about a ship that gotten caught in that storm, and the distress calls that came from it. Unfortunately, neither that ship, nor its crew, survived.

The boat that was used that day on the Lake was owned by my Dad. I seem to remember that right after this happened he changed the course of his life. By working hard he became one of Bay Mills Indian Community's first police officers. He worked there until he had an opportunity to move

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2017 KBIC Kids Fishing Derby Official Main Event Results

PLACE	FISHER-KID #	NAME	AGE	CATCH	
CHAMPION	31	Ayana Morin	7	2 Fish	greatest total length
Reserve Champion	331	Isaiah Merver	10	1 Fish	largest individual fish
3rd	201	Michael Rothenberger	5	1 bluegill 1 rock bass	
4th	165	Kwynn Voskuhl	7	2 bluegills	
5th	278	Aryana St. George	4	1 bluegill 1 rock bass	
6th	229	Alice Curtis	6	1 bluegill 1 rock bass	
7th	325	Elsie Madosh	9	2 bluegills	
8th	3	Cage Osterman	11	2 bluegills	
9th	34	Omar Tareq	8	1 bluegill 1 rock bass	
10th	92	LeighAnn Cadeau	11	1 rock bass 1 bluegill	
11th	10	Maysen Bergerson	11	2 bluegills	
12th	314	Kannon Sipe	7	1 bullhead	
13th	86	Liam Swartz	5	1 yellow perch	
14th	194	Adrien Gutierrez	4	1 bullhead	
15th	179	Kaeden Oblinsky	6	1 bullhead	
16th	76	Deija Dakota	12	1 bullhead	
17th	244	Lillian Maddux	8	black crappie	
18th	115	Bradley Woodruff	8	1 bullhead	
19th	85	Anthony Swartz	4	1 bullhead	
20th	88	Laila Dowd	8	1 pumpkinseed 1 bluegill	
21st	333	Gen Bianco	12	1 yellow perch	
22nd	202	Kayden Mix	9	1 bullhead	
23rd	89	Destiny Cramer	7	2 pumpkinseed	
24th	122	Zoie Cribbs	9	1 bullhead	
25th	294	Zhoomin Edwards	10	1 largemouth bass	
26th	25	Aiden McIntyre	8	2 bluegills	
27th	288	Logan Cadeau	10	1 bullhead	
28th	158	Takoda Dunleavy	7	1 yellow perch	
29th	199	Julianna Paquette	6	1 bullhead	
30th	94	Ella Rantanen	7	1 yellow perch	
31st	181	Tabitha Mayzes	12	1 yellow perch	
32nd	262	Kaden Fish	6	1 yellow perch	
33rd	116	Breanna Jondreau	9	1 bullhead	
34th	134	Raven Haataja	10	1 bullhead	
35th	37	Emily Dove	6	1 bluegill	
36th	65	Danny Nieskes	12	1 bluegill	
37th	123	Skyler Greene	7	1 yellow perch	
38th	44	Jaycee Maki	10	1 bluegill	
39th	20	William Rasch	4	1 bluegill	
40th	75	Starr Dunleavy	10	1 bullhead	
41st	107	Breana Yowell	6	1 bluegill	
42nd	21	Shayna Pittsley	10	1 bluegill	
43rd	139	Meka Ames	7	1 bluegill	
44th	40	Adyson Moulden	11	1 bluegill	
45th	1	Kellen Koskinen	12	1 bluegill	
46th	61	Emerson Mensch	5	1 bluegill	
47th	45	Anung Tilson	9	1 bluegill	
48th	56	Sophia Mitchell	4	1 yellow perch	
49th	26	Natalie McIntyre	4	1 bluegill	
50th	70	Claire Mettlach	5	1 bluegill	
51st	308	Raphael Hildenbrand	10	1 bullhead	
52nd	29	Mathew Maki	9	1 bluegill	
53rd	176	Makenna Hendrickson	11	1 bluegill	
54th	296	Ross Jaukkari II	11	1 pumpkinseed	
55th	62	Emmy Mensch	10	1 bluegill	
56th	58	Allie Mitchell	10	1 bluegill	
57th	11	Brooklyn Summers	9	1 bluegill	
58th	309	Samuel Hildenbrand	12	1 bullhead	



Gene Mensch handing out as many random gifts to fisher-kids as possible in the rain Saturday. After 15 years of Coordinating this event, he tries to maintain high energy and excitement for the kids.... but it is getting harder with the years and challenges, and a reevaluation of staff roles in this event is underway. Gene is pictured above with Dekkar Denomie.

back to his native reservation, here in L'Anse, to start the next adventure of his life. My Dad had lots of adventures. We kids loved listening to his life stories.

Many who know my Dad have been to his house, and maybe you never noticed, or didn't ask, but the boat that changed the course of his life is still there in his backyard.

The name of the Lake they were on that day is Lake Superior, and the date was November 10, 1975. If you hadn't already guessed, the name of the ship that went down with its crew that day was the Edmund Fitzgerald."

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.



KBIC Staff David Seppanen (foreground) and Brent Waranka (background), patiently and steadily working the Big Trout Tank for the kids in a driving rain.

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 #16-040, §3.403, Malicious injury to a structure – 1st offense

Sentencing on 06/19/2017, #16-040, §3.403:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Restitution in the amount of \$162.50 to be paid to VOCA.
3. Ninety (90) days jail, 90 days jail suspending pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. Six to twelve months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any.
5. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.
6. Defendant will be required to report as directed by the Probation Office and the Sentry System.
7. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
8. Defendant is to obtain an anger management assessment and is to comply with the recommendations of the assessment. Defendant is to sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance.

William Bowman, case #17-082, §5.15, Operating under the influence – 1st offense

Sentencing on 06/21/2017, 17-082, §5.15:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for one day served, 89 days jail suspending pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. One to three months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant is to report one time a month and as directed by the Probation Office.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of this screening.

Shiloh Lussier, case #17-100, §5.62a, License restrictions – 1st offense

Sentencing on 06/21/2017, 17-100, §5.62a:

1. Fine \$125.00.
2. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Thirty to sixty days of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any.

Shiloh Lussier, case #17-101, §16.513, Operation of unregistered vehicle – 1st offense

Sentencing on 06/21/2017, 17-101, §16.513:

1. Fine \$125.00.
2. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Thirty to sixty days of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any (concurrent with case #17-100).

Mark Edwards, case #17-106, §5.14, Reckless driving – 1st offense

Sentencing on 06/21/2017, 17-106, §5.14:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail, 30 days jail suspending pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is to write an apology letter to the victim, Gerald Joe Kirkish, and the letter is to be submitted to the Probation Officer for review and processing.
4. Defendant is to obtain an anger management assessment and is to comply with the recommendations of the assessment. Defendant is to sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of assessment.
5. Defendant is to obtain a health assessment and is to comply with the recommendations of the assessment. Defendant is to sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of assessment.
6. Three to six months, non-alcohol restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug tests

previously given.

Caroline Picard, case #17-026, §3.1112, Shoplifting – 1st offense

Sentencing on 06/26/2017, #17-026, §3.1112:

1. Fine \$150.00.
2. Restitution is to be determined by Probation Officer and is to be paid to the Court for processing to Ojibwa BP.
3. Defendant is to continue with her substance abuse screening recommendations and the Healing To Wellness Court requirements until successfully completed.
4. Twenty (20) days jail, 20 days jail suspending pending successful completion of Healing To Wellness Court. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
5. The Court transfers the case to the Healing To Wellness Court.

Clay Overmyer, case #15-013, §3.1308, Disobedience of lawful court order – 1st offense

Sentencing on 06/26/2017, 15-013, §3.1308:

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail, 30 days jail suspending pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Three to six months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant is required to report in person to the Probation Office a minimum of one time a month, and as directed by the Probation Office and the Sentry System.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed, and sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of the screening.
5. Defendant is to actively attempt to achieve a High School Diploma or GED and is to provide proof of his efforts to the Probation Office
6. Defendant is to report to the Probation Office a minimum of one time per month and as directed by the Probation Office.
7. Defendant is to report to the Probation Office when released from his current jail sentence.

Joel DeCota, case #94-037, §3.202, Assault and battery – 1st offense

Sentencing on 06/28/2017, 94-037, §3.202:

1. Fine \$550.00.
2. One-hundred (100) days jail, credit for 50 days served, 50 days jail suspending pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Six to twelve months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of this screening.

5. Defendant is to obtain an anger management assessment for a domestic violence program and is to comply with the recommendations of the assessment. Defendant is to sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of this assessment.

Chad DeCota, case #17-089, §3.206, Resisting arrest – 1st offense

Sentencing on 06/28/2017, 17-089, §3.206:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Two-hundred-seventy (270) days jail, 90 days to be served consecutively to current jail sentence, 180 days jail suspending pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Six to twelve months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
5. Defendant is to obtain an anger management assessment for a domestic violence program and is to comply with the recommendations of the assessment. Defendant is to sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of this assessment.
6. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

Diana Carlson, case #17-124, §5.15, Operating under the influence – 1st offense

Sentencing on 07/05/2017, 17-124, §5.15:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, 90 days jail suspending pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Three to six months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant is to call into the Sentry call-in system as directed by the Probation Office.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of this screening.

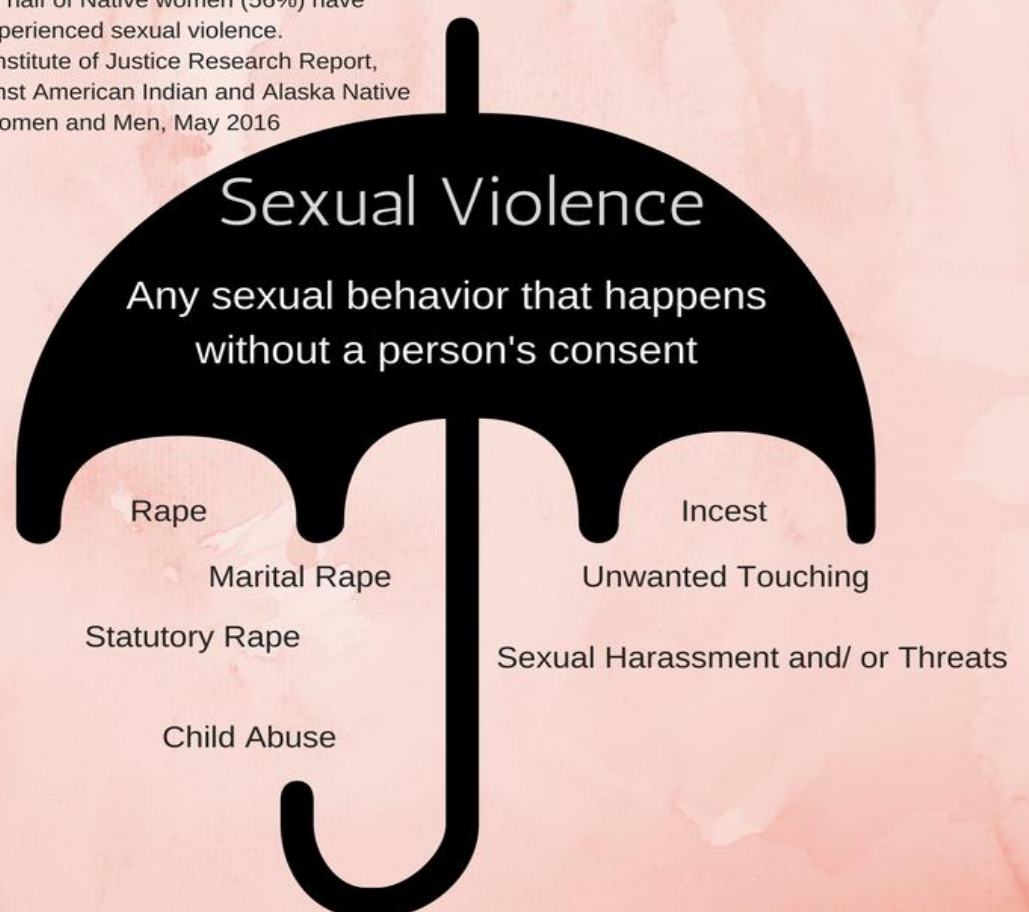
Richard C. Loonsfoot, case #17-123, §16.513, Operation of improper registered vehicle – 1st offense

Sentencing on 07/10/2017, 17-123, §16.513:

1. Fine \$125.00.
2. Defendant shall pay his fine to the Tribal Clerk's office within thirty days of sentencing.
3. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any.

24 HOUR CRISIS LINE (906) 353-4599

More than half of Native women (56%) have experienced sexual violence.
—National Institute of Justice Research Report,
Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native
Women and Men, May 2016



Sea Life Yoga 2017

Imagine yourself as "a sea star reaching out to the sea....with your legs further than hip width apart, reach your arms up into a V shape. Open your fingers, gently bring your head back then stretch and reach for the sky...HOLD." Lisa Denomie, author of Sea Life Yoga and KBOCC's Early Childhood Education graduate, invites her readers (all ages) on a journey to discover themselves through the personal wellbeing that comes from taking care of your own health.

Lisa took KBOCC on two yoga journeys. The first journey walks us into the Early Childhood Department's Health, Safety, and Nutrition class for our future teachers. As Lisa facilitated and guided students through her book, they learned about breathing, effective use of energy, and taking care of themselves. Teaching can be stressful and overwhelming! Lisa modeled how to breathe more deeply and fully to develop a sense of peacefulness in their bodies. She explained how breathing and physical movement can enable them to use their renewed energy to feel more relaxed, focused, and motivated. Lastly, as students and future teachers, we forget to take care of ourselves. Lisa stressed to the students how important it is to take care of themselves and that yoga is a great way to move our bodies and feel healthy.

The second journey leads us to a family fun night with Migiizinsag's (Little Eagles) children and parents (some of the parents were students from our first journey). It is important for children to know about their bodies. The sea creatures illustrated in the book, nudges the children's imagination. Visualizing and moving as a sea creature builds an attitude of physical movement being enjoyable while they learn how to move more freely and with greater ease and awareness. Yoga tends to quiet the mind. This can assist with children building listening skills and teaches children to be the "boss" of their own bodies by modifying or changing poses.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) says it best, "without the fundamental skills, many children opt out of physical activities, thus becoming less fit, less skilled, less comfortable with physical effort and challenge...., such children are



Author Lisa Denomie (background) as she reads to youth, pictured with (r to l) Ari, Izi, Danica Jahfetson.

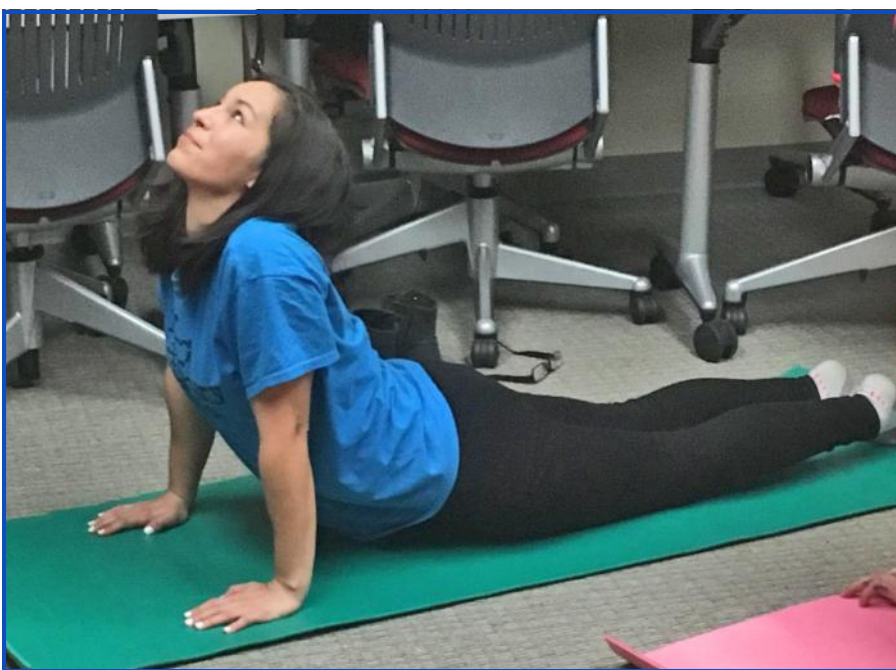
at greater risk for childhood obesity and other health risks of insufficient exercise (pg. 164). With the insight and support from the Restorative Teaching Initiative, this yoga experience is one of many strategies that contribute to sustained engagement resulting in improved learning opportunities and health benefits for Native families and their children. The beauty of yoga is that it is for all ages!

Copple, Carol, and Sue Bredekamp. *Developmentally appropriate practice in early childhood programs: serving children from birth through age eight*. Washington, D.C.: National Association for the Education of Young Children, 2009. Print.

Lisa's book was published in February by Niizikweg Creations and can be purchase on Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/dp/0998434809> or Createspace <https://www.createspace.com/6843722>.

To Register for KBOCC Early Childhood Classes contact Cheryl LaRose at 906-524-8404 or clarose@kbocc.edu. To Register for Migiizinsag (Little Eagles) contact Kim Swanson or Jackie Treaudeau at 906-524-8513 or www.kbocchildren.org.

~ submitted by Cheryl LaRose, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, ECE Initiatives Project Director.



Brittane Gauthier as she participates with the youth.

KBIC Sponsors — Responsible Fatherhood Day

Fun and a little healthy competition between kids and their fathers were in the air on Saturday, June 17, 2017, as the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their third annual Responsible Fatherhood Day.

"The purpose of today is to honor our fathers and our moms who are here to come together for a family event to promote family," said Rodney Loonsfoot, organizer and KBIC Tribal Council Member. "It's also about putting sacredness back in to our families."

The day was filled with kickball, basketball, art, and food, and it was free to participants. "We wanted all families to come in, granted the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is here, but we wanted to open it up to the community because we are all one big family community here," said Loonsfoot.

The event also offered other community services to inform the public on foster and family issues. "We need to let everyone know of the great need for foster care and foster parents is, not only at the tribal level, but at the state level," said Director of Tribal Social Services. "This is just one event to get these groups and partners to the table."

"I work for the office of child support, so many moms and dads aren't together," added Laura Mayo, the outreach coordinator, "So mom doesn't get enough time with the kids and neither does dad. Events like this get families together, while they spend the whole day together, and just enjoy each other."

Saturday's event wasn't the only day fatherhood is honored and celebrated with the KBIC, they also offer programs to push the sacredness of parenting. "It is to teach fathers the traditional ways of our culture that's slowly is being lost," said Bryan VanDyke. "It was

a good program that was fun, we learned stuff to pass to our kids, so they can learn the traditions."

Rodney said, "This is the biggest turnout we've had so far for this event, and we are excited to continue it on to next year's Father's Day along with starting up some additional fatherhood and motherhood programs."

The event was sponsored by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, KBIC Tribal Council, KBIC Health System, KBIC Healthy Start/Family Spirit Program, KBIC Youth Program, BALAC Grant, Tribal Social Services, KBIC Child Support Services, and the Native American Fatherhood and Families Association.



Starr Dunleavy (above) just enjoying the day.



KBIC NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK

Monday 8/14/17 - Opening ceremony, Meet and greet with Health Buddies
Snack- Strawberry Short Cake
12:30pm -1:30pm

Tuesday 8/15/17- Fitness Day
Yoga 10:00am and 2:00pm
Second floor waiting area. Incentive for participation.

Wednesday 8/16/17- Healthy cooking with Dr. Dale!
Food demos- 10:00am and 2:00pm on the second floor. Incentives for participation!

Thursday 8/17/17- Become a Dentist!
Kids Dental Health Day
Bring a stuffed animal and be a dentist
1:30pm-3:00pm

Friday 8/18/17- Appreciation Day!
Come in and visit our displays, enter drawings and receive an appreciation bag.
8:00am-12:00am and 1:00pm-4:00pm

Coloring Contest! Enter our contest!
Little kids, older kids, adult categories.
Find the coloring templates on the KBIC Health website and facebook.
Voting will be done online and in the building.

August 14th-18th, 2017



EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS STUDENTS

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. Students must be enrolled KBIC members, reside in Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette counties and must attend a public or private school. A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the requirements of their school district.

The following fifty-six students were placed on the Honor Roll for the fourth marking period of the 2016-17 academic year:

Baraga – Ireland Chosa, Robert Curtis, Richard Geroux Jr., Bailey Harden, Jalisa Heath, Rylee Holm, Steele Jondreau, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Georgia Lofquist, Angel Loonsfoot, Shawna Lussier, Steven Maki,

Lyndsey Mayo, Jenna Messer, Liliana Messer, Makenzie Messer, Kylie Michaelson, Randy Owens III, Presley Rasanen, Alana Schofield, Amy Selden, Tyler Shalifoe, Javon Shelifoe, Katie Strong, Kayla Szaroletta, and Nathaniel Welsh .

L'Anse – Dysean Allen, Deija Dakota, Keira Dakota, Sara Dakota, Shay Ekdahl, Ti'ia Friisvall, Christopher Genschow, Robert Genschow III, William Genschow, Robert Jacobs, Dallas Moulden, Rowen Rexford, Grayson Roe, Brian Spruce, Charles Spruce, Alicia Stein, Marianna Teikari, Cassandra Zasadnyj, and Paige Zasadnyj.

L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools – Stacy DeCota and Jeffrey Heath.

Marquette – Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila, Aden Hamalainen, Zoe Hamalainen, Anna Lindgren, and Brenden Lindgren.

Sacred Heart Catholic – Rachael Velmer.

Gwinn – Kaitlyn Shelafae and Taylor Shelafoe.

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

Baraga – Ethin Awonohopay, Kamerin Awonohopay, Robert Curtis, Lealynd Dunleavy, Starr Dunleavy, Madyson Evans, Noah Evans, Destin Gauthier, Richard Geroux Jr., Bailey Harden, Rylee Holm, Steele Jondreau, William Jondreau Jr., Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Darius Loonsfoot, O'Dell Loonsfoot, Steven Maki, Nicholas Owens, and Nathaniel Welsh.

L'Anse – Tokala Chosa, Alice Curtis, Deija Dakota, Keira Dakota, Michael Delich, Rion Fontaine, Brendon Friisvall, Ti'ia Friisvall, Chase Larson, Jaycee Maki, Dallas Moulden, Grayson Roe, Cassandra Zasadnyj, and Paige Zasadnyj.

Gwinn – Kaitlyn Shelafae, Kimber Shelafoe, Taylor Shelafae, Destinee Stanton, Lacie Stanton

PIC • COLLAGE

MOVIES
IN THE PARK
JULY 28TH
L'ANSE WATERFRONT PARK
MOVIE STARTS AT 9:30PM

BORN LEADER

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Bring your own chairs and blankets

Drug and alcohol free event

Sponsored By:

Popcorn and snacks will be for sale by the KBIC Youth Club

KBIC Health System

Maki Crowned 2017 Lumberjack Queen

Nicole Maki, daughter of Michelle and Jeff Maki, was crowned the 2017 Lumberjack Queen at the Baraga 4th of July Celebration. She is a 2017 graduate of Baraga High School. Nicole was sponsored by Wilkinson's General Store.

Carsyn Osterman, daughter of Dean and Sheila Osterman, was the second runner-up. Alex Jahfetson was the first runner-up, and McKenzie Barrett was named Miss Congeniality.



Pictured are Nicole Maki (left) and Carsyn Osterman (right).

2017 Maawanji'iding Continues:

afternoon (see separate article). The Hand Drum contest was held Saturday between grand entries. The results were: 1st place – Dana Goulet; 2nd place – Niizhoo Sullivan; and 3rd place – Eric Mitchell. A grand feast was held between grand entries as well.

Late Saturday evening, A Jingle Dress competition was held with the following results: 1st place – Jamie Awonohopay, 2nd place – Lisa Hill, and 3rd place – Delina White. A Woodland Special competition was held with the following results: 1st place – Vincent Bender, 2nd Place – Gerald White, and 3rd place – Russell Brownwigs. Saturday's events ended with the adult two-step competition with the following results: 1st place – Brian and Melissa Jackson, 2nd place – Jerome and Rosawre Sawapaw, and 3rd place — Mark Kingbird and Lavender Hunt.

Sunday afternoon brought the youth two-step competition where the crowd chose Starr Dunleavy and Preston Oja as 1st place youth two step champions.



Adult Two-Step Champs: Melissa and Brian Jackson.

Second Monday! Parent Circle

GARDEN STONES



- A free, public, and consistent monthly event promoting family engagement—children must be supervised
- Focus group is ages 0-5 and their siblings
- Sensory Play
- Snacks will be provided
- Books for each family
- Wear clothes that can get dirty

August 14, 2017

Niiwin Akeaa Center, Baraga, Commons Area

5-6:30PM

This months make-and-take activity is an 8" garden stone for each child! For your garden, walkway, a gift, or a memorial stone.



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



Sponsored by KBIC Family Spirit and Healthy Start Programs



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Preparing for Saturday evening grand entry in Keweenaw Bay are: (left to right), Ray Cadotte, Head Veteran Dancer; Jaycie Forcia, Miss 2017 Keweenaw Bay; Starr Dunleavy, Miss 2017 Jr. Keweenaw Bay; Tina Connor, Head Female Dancer; and Rodney Loonsfoot, Head Male Dancer.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The Powwow Committee honored Ralph Eckerberg and Agatha Cardinal as this year's Honored Elders.

Ralph Eckerberg

"I was born in Iron County Michigan. I graduated from Stambaugh High School in 1955. I joined the Coast Guard when I was 18 and served for 23 years from 1955 through 1978 and retired as an E9 Master Chief. I then enrolled at Michigan Technological University and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1981. I went to work at Honeywell Defense Systems in Minnesota and retired from there in 1991. I then moved to Crystal Falls, Michigan, in 1992, and have now lived in Baraga for the last four years. I was married to Jean in 1956, and we have two living children. I am a member of the Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Veterans) and belong to the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. I own one worthless share in the Packers Franchise, and I am a Packer Backer."

Agatha Cardinal

"I am one of six daughters of James E. and Marcella Loonsfoot (Shelifoe), and I have three brothers. So you can see just by the sur names, I am related to a whole lot of the natives here on the KBIC Rez. I was born and raised here, and I lived most of my life here in this area. I am the mother of five daughters and the grandmother of twelve grandchildren. I also have thirteen great-grandchildren. I am married to an awesome man, my hubby, Michael Cardinal. I worked as a KBIC home school coordinator at the Baraga Area Schools for 15 years, and I am currently retired from that position. Most of my time was spent as a stay at home mother raising my family."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Jingle Dress Winners: (l to r) 1st place – Jamie Awonohopay, 2nd place – Lisa Hill, and 3rd place – Delina White.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Youth Two-Step Winners: Starr Dunleavy and Preston Oja.

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.



They're all princesses to KBIC. Back row, (left to right): Jailyn Shelifoe, 2016 Miss Keweenaw Bay; Jaycie Forcia, 2017 Miss Keweenaw Bay; Jeani Aho, Runner-up; Aleeha Gauthier-Moulden, candidate; Alexandria Chosa Simmons, candidate; Deija Dakota, candidate; Hannah Harvala, 2016 Miss Jr. Keweenaw Bay; (front) Payton LeClaire, candidate; Adyson Moulden, candidate; and Kiera Dakota, candidate. Missing from photo is Lily Messer, Runner-up Junior category. Photo compliments of Stanley Spruce.

Wiikwedong Ogichidaa (KBIC Veterans) Meeting

The Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 1900 hours**, at the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Building, KBIC Industrial Park (off M-38), Baraga, MI.

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
(906) 353-4222

Dream Kitchen Makeover

DESIGN THE KITCHEN OF YOUR DREAMS!
August 1st – 26th
Receive one entry in our Grand Prize drawing for every 100 points earned.
Saturday, August 5th – 26th
Hourly drawings from 6PM – 10PM for **kitchen appliances** with \$50 – \$100 in Free Play or CASH attached.
Grand Prize drawing | August 26th at 11PM
One lucky Guest will take home a **Menards® gift card worth \$8,000!**
Actual prizes may differ from what is shown.



ADD SOME U.P. PRIDE TO YOUR FRIDGE!




Tuesdays, August 15th & 22nd

Earn 10 points on your Players Club card to receive a **FREE** magnet.

Earn 10 additional points to collect all 3 magnet designs.

Magnets will be given on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Must earn points on the same day between 8AM – 11:59PM.

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Must be present to win, at least 18 years old, and a Players Club member to be eligible for all deals & promotions. Management reserves the right to change or cancel any promotion at any time.



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

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"Your Children...Our Priority"

We provide the following services:

- Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
- Paternity Establishment
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Community Education





August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Breastfeeding Information for You!

Here are some basics:

After your baby is born, place your baby skin to skin, delay baths, weights, etc. until after your baby has had the first feed. It's important to have the baby latch and nurse at breast. They are much more efficient at removing milk than any pump.

Babies need to nurse often. Usually every one to two hours, and the stimulation at breast helps you to make more milk and more prolactin. I like to have moms keep it simple, nurse your baby whenever your baby is hungry. Pick up on the feeding cues when they start to wake up, smack their lips, or give other signs they're getting ready to eat. Put them to breast in a timely manner; a fussy baby will not latch. You have to calm them down before they will latch.

Nurse, nurse, nurse—It takes about three to four weeks to get your milk established, so try not to interrupt that. After the first month, you can pump if you want. Pump some milk and start storing for when you're back to work or away from baby.

Dads can be involved with baby by doing other things than feeding like hold the baby, changing diapers, or keeping Mom awake while breastfeeding.

Remember it's supply and demand; if your baby is in a growth spurt they will nurse like crazy and not seem very satisfied, keep them close and nurse often, by the next day your milk supply will have increased, and baby will be more satisfied. You can tell your baby is getting enough milk by how many poops they have in a day. Yellow seedy stools at first and lots, it will seem like whenever you change a diaper there's poop. Poops mean they're getting enough.

Submitted by: Laura Cladas, RN, IBCLC-WIC Coordinator

Join us for Health Center Week

Something different everyday

Participation incentives

Taste testing

Fun

August 14 - 18



Purchased Referred Care: Purpose of the Program

The Purchase Referred Care Program purchases health services that cannot be provided at KBIC Health System. It is neither an insurance nor an entitlement program.

Payment for services under this program is dependent upon the availability of federal funding and medical priority. Do not rely on Purchase Referred Care funds as your only medical/dental insurance coverage. The program provides emergency room care of emergency conditions, urgent medical conditions, surgical condition or acute injury, renal replacement therapy acute and chronic, emergency psychiatric care involving suicidal persons or those who are a serious threat to themselves or others, obstetrical deliveries, prenatal care and acute pre-natal care, routine and medically indicated eye examinations, eye glasses, diagnostic testing, and physical therapy.

Services are covered if they are considered within priority 1 guidelines from Indian Health Service. Priority 1 services would result in immediate death, loss of limb or senses, or serious impairment to the health of the individual. All PRC services require a written referral from a KBIC Health System physician. The referral does not ensure payment; please call the PRC office at 353-4537 with questions or for more information. Patient will sign acknowledgment at time of referral insurance.

Submitted by: Joslyn Haataja, PRC Clerk

What is Public Health?

Public health connects us all. It's the science of protecting and improving the health of families and communities through promotion of healthy lifestyles, research for disease and injury prevention, and detection and control of diseases.

Overall, public health is concerned with protecting the health of an entire populations. These populations can be as small as a local neighborhood, or as big as an entire country or region of the world.

Public health professionals try to prevent problems from happening or recurring through implementing educational programs, recommending policies, administering services, and conducting research; in contrast to clinical professionals like doctors and nurses, who focus primarily on treating individuals after they become sick or injured. Public health also works to limit health disparities. A large part of public health is promoting healthcare equity, quality, and accessibility.

Who is the Typical Public Health Professional?

There is no "typical" public health professional. The public health workforce in the United States consists of about 500,000 individuals with diverse professional training and experience; they are nurses, physicians, or laboratory technicians by training, educators, nutritionists, or social workers by training, biostatisticians, epidemiologists, economists, lawyers, or community-based workers who might include concerned parents, or civic leaders who volunteer their time.

How do all of these people with a unified purpose but different skills work together successfully to carry out the mission of public health? They have a logic model to consult.

The 10 Essential Public Health Services describe public health activities that all communities should undertake. It serves as the framework foundation for any public health activity, describes public health, and used as a foundation for National Public Health performance standards; which provide a description of the essential service at an optimal level that public health systems can use to assess their performance, and provide structure for national accreditations.



Public health systems should:

1. Monitor health status to identify and solve health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. Assure competent public and personal healthcare workforce.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Research for new insights and solutions to health problems.

Submitted by: Kathy Mayo, BSN, Assistant Health Director
Information sourced: CDC

Deepest Sympathy

Janet Marie Walker

(October 22, 1943—June 23, 2017)

Janet Marie Walker, age 73 of L'Anse, MI, passed away on Friday, June 23, 2017, at Bayside Village in L'Anse.

She was born October 22, 1943, in Detroit, MI, daughter to Roy and Mary (Morin) Walker. At the age of two, Janet suffered an accident that left her severely mentally and physically disabled.

Despite her handicap, Janet retained a positive outlook, an infectious sense of humor, and an iron will. Ice cream, puppies, stuffed animals (especially chipmunks), and visits from her brother always generated a huge smile.

For the past 20 years Janet lived at Aurora House in L'Anse, and the staff took care of Janet as though she was family. In a sense, I suppose she was. We greatly appreciate their kindness and love for Janet.

Janet is survived by her brother Bill (Ruthanne); nephews: Chris and Benjamin (Jessica); and niece: Erin (Pete).

A private traditional burial ceremony for family was held. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

James L. "Jimmy J" Emery

(April 25, 1962—June 25, 2017)

James L. "Jimmy J" Emery, age 55, of L'Anse passed away unexpectedly Sunday, June 25, 2017, at his home. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 25, 1962, the son of the late James and Amelia (Maki) Emery. Jimmy J attended school in L'Anse. He began fishing at a young age and made a career commercial fishing. He loved being on his tugboats "Dough Boy" and "West Bay". Jimmy J was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Baraga County Couple Pool League for the Side Track Bar. The team were champs in 2016 and 2017. He enjoyed playing cribbage, walking, helping people, carpentry, yard work, teasing kids, and was an avid Bears fan, but his true love was fishing.

Jimmy J is survived by his loving children: Daron Emery of Escanaba, Shawnee Tolonen (Henry Smith) of Watersmeet, and Kristyn Emery (Trevor Berger) of Escanaba; grandchildren: Darryn, Joslyn, and Madelyn; brothers: Joseph Emery and Mark Emery both of Escanaba; sisters: Annette Emery (Ron DeCota) of Baraga and Aimee Emery (Jeff Owens) of L'Anse. Numerous other family members also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and great nephew Jaden Forcia.

Visitation and services were held on Saturday, July 1, 2017, at the Zeba Community Hall, Zeba, MI. A fellowship luncheon feast immediately followed services, concluding with an Interment in the Pinery Cemetery. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel of L'Anse assisted the family.

Rudolph Eino Haataja, Jr.

(October 10, 1964—June 26, 2017)

Rudolph Eino Haataja Jr., age 52, of L'Anse, MI, passed away on Monday, June 26, 2017, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital.

He was born October 10, 1964, in L'Anse, the son of Rudolph and Joyce (Springsteen) Haataja. Rudy attended L'Anse schools, was in the Army National Guard for 10 years. He married the former Debra Larson on August 12, 1995, in L'Anse.

At a young age Rudy began working for Local Roofing and Tribal Construction, along with other odd jobs. He was with the Baraga County Road Commission for 15 years. In 2002, he started his own com-

pany, Haataja Truck'n. Work was his passion; it brought him great joy. Rudy also enjoyed snowmobiling with his girls, boating, and ice fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Debra; daughters: Katelyn and Autumn (Kyle Ahola); mother, Joyce (Jim) Grgurich; brothers: Brian and Jeff Haataja; and sisters: Cindy (Elwood) Niemi and Kim LeClaire all of L'Anse. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and his special dog Lilly. Rudy is also expecting his first grandchild, Ryker Rudy.

He is preceded in death by his father, Rudolph; and grandparents: Mary and Bill Hannila, and Rose and Eino Haataja.

A celebration of Rudy's life was held on Thursday, June 29, 2017, at the Zeba Community Hall, Zeba, MI, for sharing of memories. A fellowship luncheon was held throughout the celebration. Burial followed at the Pinery Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Baraga County Area Veterans under the direction of the American Legion Post 444. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.



Chalsea Smith and Laniceya Eagle at Radicle Gardens.

the KBIC Health Systems (Donald A. La-Pointe Medical Center) in Baraga, MI, and returned late afternoon. Their destinations included: 1) Baraga County Farmers Market -- L'Anse Location. The group got to enjoy the park and meet with local vendors. 2) Radicle Gardens -- A local farm producing organic foods. The group loved meeting this little family who are making big moves! Seeing their home and meeting their family proves how amazing our community can be! Radicle Gardens gave an amazing story and shared an incredible story with the group of participants. 3) Bovine Food Stand -- It's always a great time making a stop at the Bovine Food Stand! 4) Marquette Farmers Marquette -- People always appreciate the diverse vendors and their day couldn't be better for walking through and visiting each table. 5) Marquette Co-op Kitchen & Café -- The group was impressed by the fabulous work they are doing, the beautiful facility, the tour, and the class session. This was definitely very informative!

KBIC Enjoys a Farmer Market Tour



Marquette Food Co-op Kitchen and Café.

A Saturday morning of fun! KBIC Health invited all to tour our local farmers markets and gardens. Tashina Emery, BALAC Coordinator, said, "We met farmers from all over the U.P., learned something new at each stop, which crops were in season, why they choose to farm the way they do, and eating healthy on a budget. We also got to know our local artisans, bakers, and food purveyors. Snacking throughout the day, we were excited about making healthy food choices by building a sense of connection to the people who grow our food."

The group of participants boarded a bus on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at 8:45 a.m. at



Marquette Food Co-op class and tour.

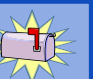


Shani Shelifoe and Mikah Pallas shops at Marquette Food Co-op.



Vada Veker at Radicle Gardens.

To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Holds Government Employee Picnic and Employee Incentives



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Bean Bag Toss Tournament — 1st place winners: (left to right), Bradley Dakota and Steven Denomie.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Employees recognized for ten years of services received \$50.00 Pines Gift Card. Pictured (l to r), Steven Denomie, Edward Bourdage, Robert Mayo, Jr., and Joseph Schutte. Missing from picture are: Mark Fuller, Jean Jokinen, and Katherine Kruse.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



Fishing Tournament — 1st place winners: (left to right), Mary Dee Shannahan, Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo, Michelle Maki, Heather Wood-Paquet.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Employees recognized for fifteen years of services received a \$100.00 bonus. Pictured (l to r), Jennifer Heath, Jerry Lee Curtis, Kim Klopstein, John Davis. Missing from picture are: Gregory Loonsfoot, Sarah Maki, and Deborah Vizina.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their Annual Government Employee Picnic in combination with an Employee Recognition Event on Friday, June 30, 2017, at the Sandpoint Campground in Baraga, Michigan.

The day began early morning with registered teams in a fishing tournament. Team *Thirty Sea Gals* took first place. While the fishing boats were out on Lake Superior, on shore teams competed in a bean bag toss competition. Steven Denomie and Bradley Dakota took first place in the event. Meanwhile other employees and their guest participated in Bingo, Cribbage, and Yard Yahtzee and won some really nice prizes.

Lucky 7's catered Tacos and picnic foods for the event. Strawberry shortcake was served as well.

CEO, Larry Denomie III, thanked all KBIC's employees for everything they do in their job which makes the government of-

fices run smooth and efficient, and each and every position is an important. Employee incentives were presented as described under the pictures.

~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor.

KBIC Government Employee Team





Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Employees recognized for twenty years of services received a \$250.00 bonus. Pictured (l to r), George DeCota, Jennifer St. George, Peggy Loonsfoot, and Carole LaPointe. Missing from picture are: Christine Beauchamp, Laura Cladas, Dale Goodreau, R. Brent Johnson, and Suzan Olila.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Employees recognized for twenty-five years of services received a \$500.00 bonus. Pictured (l to r), Ruth Scott, Larry Denomie III, Jeanne Hirzel, Dale Dakota, Michelle St. George, and Doreen Blaker.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Employees recognized for thirty years of services received a \$750.00 bonus. Pictured (l to r), Duane Misen and Arlan Friisvall. Missing from picture: Brenda Brunk.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Employees recognized for forty years of services received a \$1,250.00 bonus. Pictured (l to r), Amy St. Arnold and Susan J. LaFernier.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDIR) FY 2017 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* (Effective Oct. 1, 2016 to Sept. 30, 2017)

*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:				<u>Use this amount</u>
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$ 990 +	\$157 =		\$1,147
2	\$1,335 +	\$157 =		\$1,492
3	\$1,680 +	\$157 =		\$1,837
4	\$2,025 +	\$168 =		\$2,193
5	\$2,370 +	\$197 =		\$2,567
6	\$2,715 +	\$226 =		\$2,941
7	\$3,061 +	\$226 =		\$3,287
8	\$3,408 +	\$226 =		\$3,634
Each additional member				+ \$347
Alaska:				<u>Use this amount</u>
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,237 +	\$268 =		\$1,505
2	\$1,669 +	\$268 =		\$1,937
3	\$2,100 +	\$268 =		\$2,368
4	\$2,532 +	\$268 =		\$2,800
5	\$2,964 +	\$268 =		\$3,232
6	\$3,395 +	\$282 =		\$3,677
7	\$3,827 +	\$282 =		\$4,109
8	\$4,260 +	\$282 =		\$4,542
Each additional member				+ \$434



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Bean Bag Toss Tournament participants: (left to right) Nancy Voakes, Lynelle Bolo, and Valerie Voakes.

August 2017 Calendar

- **Aug. 5:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, Baraga;
- ~ submitted by newsletter editor



Tribal Council's July 2017 Donations

As the KBIC Tribal Council did not hold a Saturday meeting during the month of July, it is believed September's issues will outline the two-month reports. However, donations were reviewed at the Thursday, July 13, 2017 meeting. The unapproved motion follows: **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve the July 2017 donations as: \$1,000.00 to Calvin Hartwig for the Anishinaabe Short Film Project, \$250.00 to the Life Outreach Center, \$500.00 to the Baraga County Fair, \$380.00 to the Baraga County Community Foundation for the Tony Selkey Memorial Golf Scramble, and \$500.00 to Nancy Pawlowski's Baraga County Relay For Life Team for a total of \$2,630.00, supported by Randall R. Haataja. Seven supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (Misegan, Dakota, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), motion carried.**



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

At the June 9, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Council meeting, Joe DeRocha visited with Tribal Council, requesting support as he announced he was running for the state representative seat of the 109th District of the Michigan Legislature as a passionate Democrat. Right to left, (sitting) Treasurer Doreen Blaker, Vice President Jennifer Misegan, Assistant Secretary Toni Minton, Secretary Susan J. LaFernier, (standing) Councilor Rodney Loonsfoot, Councilor Robert "R.D." Curtis, Jr., President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Councilor Frederick Dakota, Joe DeRocha, Councilor Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, and Michael F. LaFernier.



Strong + Resilient, We Rise Youth Coalition

A health resource to provide fun for Native youth, by Native youth, ages 11-18 years old.

**MEETS BI-WEEKLY,
TUESDAYS 5 P.M.**

Ages 13-18, Meets bi-weekly as a health resource and to provide fun for Native youth, by Native youth.

We have created Strong + Resilient, We Rise to:

- Provide holistic adolescent health information,
- Promotes positive youth development,
- Share youth-friendly health media and current events,
- Encourage healthy behaviors,
- Reinforce positive messages, and
- Increase cultural identity and pride.

Sponsored by KBIC Health and KBIC Youth, striving to promote holistic health and positive growth in our local community. Sharing the tools you need to get started shaping your community in positive ways. By rising together, with one another, we can teach each other lessons about self-confidence, self-respect, pride, courage, and spirituality.

Strong + Resilient, We Rise youth members:

1. Learn tips and tools to be an effective leader and change agent;
2. Make a positive difference in the community;
3. Amplify their voice and concerns through KBIC's media channels;
4. Are the first to hear about opportunities for Native youth;
5. Travel to represent KBIC;
6. Generate ideas and provide feedback on new concepts for KBIC;
7. Boost their resume; and
8. Create a place where Native youth feel comfortable, empowered, and connected to other Native youth.

Any questions or for more information, contact Tashina Emery at (906) 353-4515 or e-mail temery@kbic-nsn.gov.

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August 2-3, 2017
Wild Rice Camp

August 5-8, 2017
Cultural Camp

Meeting August 8, 2017,
5 p.m. Hiking River Walk

August 18, 2017
KBIC Youth Dance Fund-raiser, Back to School

Meeting August 22, 2017,
5 p.m. Designing Your Health, Back2School Party

September 1-3, 2017,
Summer Youth Trip, Bloomington, MN.

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