



# WIIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

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## TWELVE RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT 2018 KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(Left to right), front row—Max Rivas, Andrew Kozich, Kathleen Smith, Denise Moschetto, Rebecca Gauthier, Carisa LaFerner, back row—Serene Smith, Betsey Leinonen, Joshua Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Bryan Welsh, and Jane Kahkonen.

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College held their 2018 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at the Niiwin Akeaa Facility in Baraga, Michigan. Another milestone achieved for KBOCC as they issued degrees to their largest graduating class of twelve students earning their associate degrees: Associate of Applied Science/Business Administration: Joshua Robinson (honors); Associate of Applied Science/Early Childhood Education: Rebecca Gauthier and Betsey Leinonen (honors); Associate of Arts/Liberal Studies: Denise Moschetto (honors); Associate of Anishinaabe Studies: Andrew Kozich (honors), Carisa LaFerner (honors), and Bryan Welsh (honors); Associate of Science/Environmental Science: Jane Kahkonen (honors), Max Rivas (honors), Michael Rodriguez (honors), Kathleen Smith (honors), and Serene Smith (honors).

KBOCC offers four certificate programs which are approved by the Higher Learning Commission for Business, Office Systems, Environmental Science, and Criminal Justice Corrections Certificate. Earning certificates were: Business Administration Certificate: Dawn Gauthier, Zena Huhta, and Robin Roe; Criminal Justice Certificate: James Fish, Tyler Funke, Ronald Hueckstaedt III, and Tammy Mantila; Environmental Science: Trey Loonsfoot.

Cherie Dakota, Interim President, gave the welcome and said, "How lucky we are to have KBOCC located right here in our own backyard. I'd like to thank the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the support they give to KBOCC, which is an investment to the county by offering an education to the residents of our community. A majority of the students continue to reside right here and take employment that strengthens the community in many different fields—Natural Resources and envi-

ronment, Early Childhood Education Programs, business offices, to name a few.

Miigwech to Debbie Parrish, who just retired this year. It was her vision and perseverance which brought us from the one-room classroom in the Ojibwa Senior Citizen Center to the myriad of programs and campus buildings we have today. Today we are graduating our largest class with Associate's Degrees, and we look forward to breaking that record over and over again."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Above (right) Cherie Dakota, Interim President, presented Billie Jo Krask (left) with the Zoongide'ewin Award. The Zoongide'ewin Award recognizes a student who has demonstrated the qualities of courage and persistence in overcoming obstacles to his or her educational goals.

KBIC Tribal Council Member Rodney Loonsfoot gave the Invocation and Council Address. Robin Chosa, Chairman KBOCC Board of Regents, served as Master of Ceremonies. Four Thunders conducted the Processional, and Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Honor Guard) posted the colors.

KBIC Tribal Council Treasurer/Ojibwa Housing Department Director Doreen Blaker gave the Commencement Address. Doreen

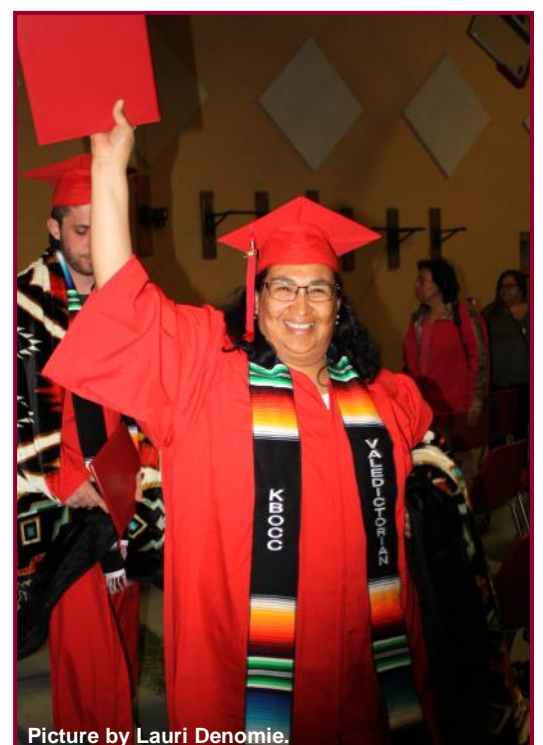
### Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Jennifer Misegan, Vice-President  
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary  
Toni J. Minton, Asst. Secretary  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Frederick Dakota  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Rodney Loonsfoot  
Elizabeth D. Mayo



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- KBOCC Commencement Ceremony Held
- Michigan Supreme Justice McCormack Visits KBIC
- KBIC Forest Habitat Improvements
- HeadStart Class of 2018
- KBIC-NRD Hosts Tours
- People's Garden Program
- New Employees, Who's Who
- Criminal Report
- Deepest Sympathy



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Above Kathleen Smith (Chosa), Valedictorian displays great achievement.

Blaker said, "We come together to honor and recognize the KBOCC graduates of 2018. As a Tribal Community, we gather for many occasions. In good times and bad, through

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## Graduation continued:

teardrops and laughter, we have shared our joys and supported one another in hard times; it is our unspoken bond and forms our identity as the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

We are guided by the philosophy of our ancestors — to make this world a better place for our future generations. A simple yet complicated teaching. It drives us into the unknown, to challenge the status quo, and to break down existing barriers for the betterment of our future. This college started as an idea and then a Council Resolution in 1975 to provide Tribal Members an opportunity for a college education on the reservation. Today, we see its success with each graduating class. A vision that became a reality.

Any decision to make a change or to start a new path is not an easy one. It is full of uncertainty and sometimes self-doubt, but there is a certain kind of excitement in knowing you are about to embark on a new adventure. Such as the day each of today's graduates decided to enroll in college. Your journey through college has given you many gifts and strengthened your character. You have gained knowledge; there is nothing more I like to hear than a college student tell me something they learned while researching for a paper they are writing or telling me something about our environment such as how bees play a crucial role in pollination.

You have learned to utilize different methods of modern technology, whether to verify your thesis for your capstone project or gather information from the community. I like the survey polls on Facebook, and I always think to myself, 'data gathering time for the KBOCC students.' You have learned time management as most of you are juggling jobs and families along with your college studies. You have become great multi-taskers. Another important value is you have strengthened your ability to overcome adversity and solve problems. College is not easy; it is a lot of academic blood, sweat, and tears. You improved on your ability to learn new concepts, how to accept constructive criticism, and you learned how to go an extra mile to bring your grade up. You have learned how to ask for help when where there was a class you were having problems, and we all know there is at least one class that will haunt you during a semester. So along with obtaining your degree or certificate, you have become a much stronger person.

Know that the ending of this chapter in your life starts the beginning of another one. As you go on in life, you'll find that you will have many ventures, some good, some bad. Enjoy the good and learn from the bad and move on as the challenging time has just left you moving in a different direction. So what will the next part of your journey encompass? Whatever you want to achieve, if you put the time and effort into it as you did into obtaining your degree or certificate, you will succeed.

Perhaps you want to continue your education. You now have a solid foundation to build upon. A new career path— you know what it takes; you have disciplined yourself to accomplish a long term objective. You will determine your journey, but remember you are here to better this world for our future generations. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has always had to deal with various issues challenging the tribe. We need you to take your education and teach our children to keep the culture and history of who we are as Anishinabe alive, protect our environment with your research, come up with new business ideas to build our tribal economy, and to become tomorrow's leaders. Live your dream, seek your vision, don't waste time trying to live as others want you to do, and don't let the opinion of others drown out your voice. Follow your heart and trust your instincts. Remember there is no set path in life. Go into the world and succeed in your goals but more importantly go into the world to do good."

~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor.

Honors—Fall 2017: Isaac Elmlad, Tyler Funke, Billie Jo Krask, Jacob Ketola, Kyle Menard, Max Rivas, Serene Smith, Melissa Treadeau, Ronald Tilson, and Bryan Welsh.

Honors—Spring 2018: Terri Curtis, Isaac Elmlad, Tyler Fish, Jacqueline Jossens, and Ethan Lee.

Deans—Fall 2017: Kristen Dean, Jolene DeCota, James Fish, Dawn Gauthier, Rebecca Gauthier, Ronald Hueckstaedt III, Jacqueline Jossens, Christopher Knight, Eva Lind, Alexis Mantta, Tammy Mantila, Timothy Raymond, Joshua Robinson, Wendy Rogers, Kathleen Smith, and Sydney Voakes.

Deans—Spring 2018: Lindsey Aleo, Kristen Dean, Jaycie Forcia, David Johfetson, Jane Kahkonen, Billie Jo Krosk, Eva Lind, Alexis Mantta, Joshua Robinson, Richard Tilson, Milissa Treadeau, Abigail Turpeinen, Sydney Voakes, and Bryan Welsh.

Special Awards — Art (Leadership in Art): Bryan Welsh; Anishinabe Department (Certificate of achievement): Eva Lind; Core Corrections (Excellence in Corrections): Sam Loonsfoot; and Liberal Studies (Certificate of Recognition): Peggy Barauskas and Jeremy Chapman.

Faculty Member of the Year: Andrew Kozich.

Student of the Year: Joshua Robinson.



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## An Honorable Guest Visits the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Justice Bridget Mary McCormack is the Michigan Supreme Court's liaison for Tribal Courts. Justice McCormack visited and toured four Upper Peninsula Tribal Courts recently. She visited the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Court on Thursday, April 26, 2018, sitting down to a late breakfast with Honorable Bradley T. Dakota, Chief Judge; Honorable Violet M. Friisvall Ayres, Associate Tribal Judge; and numerous Court staff. The three Justices then toured the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Following the Court's visit, Justice McCormack did an interview at KBIC's Eagle Radio. Justice McCormack said, "Efforts are being made to improve the relationships between tribal and state courts; visiting each other and working together we can learn from one another." Later that day, Justice McCormack tweeted, "And the tour of KBIC was stunning. Great team at the Court!" ~Submitted by Newsletter Editor.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(Left to right) Honorable Bradley T. Dakota, Chief Judge KBIC; Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, Michigan Supreme Court; and Honorable Violet M. Friisvall Ayres, Associate Judge KBIC.

## 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.

### **Jeremy Voakes, case #18-026, \$5.15b, Impaired driving – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

#### **Sentencing on 04/23/2018, #18-026, \$5.15b:**

1. Fine \$300.00.
2. Ninety days jail, credit for 15 days jail served, 75 days jail suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Three to six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs associated with the screening. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.

### **William "Manny" Brunk, case #17-229, \$3.1706, Controlled substance – possession (Marijuana) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

#### **Sentencing on 04/23/2018, #17-229, \$3.1706:**

1. Fine \$150.00.
2. Ten days jail; ten days jail suspended pending successful completion of Probation. The Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Restitution of \$5.45 for Court costs associated with Bench Trial.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening within two-weeks of sentencing and shall comply with the recommendations of the screening until successfully completed. Defendant shall sign a release of information with the provider to allow the Court to monitor compliance. The Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of screening and treatment, if any.
5. Three to six months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
6. Defendant shall call in to the Sentry call-in system seven days a week until admitted into inpatient treatment facility. Once released from the treatment center, Defendant shall report to the Probation Office within 24-hours; if released on the weekend, Defendant shall report Monday morning. Thereafter it shall be the discretion of the Probation Office for his required reporting, whether in person or use of the Sentry call-in system.
7. Defendant shall set up a payment plan with the Probation Office within the next two-weeks.

### **Allyson Denomie, case #18-036, \$8.901, Contempt of court – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense**

#### **Sentencing on 04/30/2018, #18-036, \$8.901:**

1. Fine \$2,000.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty days jail. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Case shall be transferred to the Healing To Wellness Court.

### **Allyson Denomie, case #18-037, \$8.901, Contempt of court – 3<sup>rd</sup> offense**

#### **Sentencing on 04/30/2018, #18-037, \$8.901:**

1. Fine \$2,000.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty days jail. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Case shall be transferred to the Healing To Wellness Court.



**Mark Emery, case #18-028, §5.61, Penalties, driver's license required – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 05/02/2018, #18-028, §5.61:**

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. One to three months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
3. Ninety days jail, 90 days suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

**Mark Emery, case #18-029, §16.503, No auto insurance – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 05/02/2018, #18-029, §16.503:**

1. Fine \$90.00.

**Michael Dowd, case #17-139, §5.61(a), License revoked – 6<sup>th</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 05/09/2018, #17-139, §5.61(a):**

1. Fine \$250.00.
2. Thirty days jail, credit for eight days jail served, 22 days jail shall be served. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is to meet with the Probation Officer once released to set up a payment plan to be paid-off within six months. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.

**Michael Dowd, case #17-173, §8.901, Contempt of court – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 05/09/2018, #17-173, §8.901:**

1. Ten days jail. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

**Rebecca Genschow, case #18-044, §5.15(b), Impaired driving – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentencing on 05/09/2018, #18-044, §5.15(b):**

1. Fine \$300.00.
2. Ninety days jail, credit for one-day jail served, 89 days jail suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. One to three months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs associated with the screening. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.


**MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**2018 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE**

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available (4) \$1,000 scholarships and (6) \$500 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to at least nine qualified students with the \$1,000 scholarships being awarded to top three qualified students, as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college or university or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS – the student:

- Must be an enrolled member (*copy of Tribal Card*) or a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands (*must be verified in writing by the Tribal Enrollment Department*).
- Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (G.E.D.) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a G.E.D. certificate; or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university, or trade school, must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.00.
- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university, or trade school on a full-time basis.
- Must complete the provided application form and submit it with required supporting documentation, and the mailing must be **RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR** postmarked no later than June 15, 2018. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

An application form can be downloaded by visiting <http://michiganindianelders.org/students.php> on the web. The application can also be obtained from the Tribal Education Department of each of the constituent Tribes/Bands (includes Keweenaw Bay Indian Community).



## KBIC HEAD START

(Two Centers, L'Anse and Baraga) For Children 3 to 5 years old

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## KBIC EARLY HEAD START

(One Center, Skanee Road, L'Anse) For Children birth to 3 years old

**Enroll Today...Because Every Child Deserves A Head Start!**  
**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS: JUNE 22, 2018**

- ✓ Structured Classes
  - ✓ Fun, educational activities
  - ✓ Small class sizes
  - ✓ High Scope Curriculum
  - ✓ Cultural language/activities
  - ✓ Nutritionist approved meals: Breakfast, lunch, snack

Call our office for more information or to pick up an application and enrollment packet for the 2018-2019 school year!

**Contact Terri, Robyn, or Rhonda at (906) 524-6626**



# SUMMER FITNESS

JUNE - AUG 2018 *Kbic Health System*

\*Week of Fourth of July off

<b>10:30AM TUES</b>	<b>SLOW FLOW MINDFULNESS</b> <small>June 5 - Aug 16   Senior Center   Light stretches, mindful breathing, coping skills through group support talking circles and reawaken the soul.</small>
<b>5:30PM TUES</b>	<b>EVERY BODY YOGA</b> <small>June 5 - Aug 16   Zeba Hall   Yoga for every body type, families encouraged. Enjoy views of Lake Superior and reawaken the soul. Mats provided.</small>
<b>5:30PM WED</b>	<b>MOVE TO THE BEAT</b> <small>June 13 - Aug 15   Powwow Grounds   Get your heart pumping in this native inspired dance class with Mother Earth at your feet. Powwow Dancers new or advanced invited! Open to all. *Week of Powwow class will be Monday!</small>
<b>6:00PM THUR</b>	<b>FOOTSTEPS IN THE FOREST</b> <small>June 7th @ Canyon Falls      July 19th @ Mount Arvon                  June 14th @ Little Mountain      *Monday July 30th @ Falls River in L'Anse                  June 21st @ L'Anse Twp Park      August 2nd @ Black Slate Falls                  June 28th @ Big Ericks Falls      9th @ Power House Falls                  July 12th @ Point Abbaye      16th @ Sturgeon Falls/Gorge</small> <small>If weather does not permit outdoor class, alternate class will be held at Intention Yoga and Wellness Center at 4 Meador street, same time. Please call Shanel @ 906-201-1272 for questions concerning classes.</small>
<b>10:00 &amp; 11:00AM SAT 4/27</b>	<b>GYMNASTICS</b> <small>TBA   Niiwin Akeaa Community Center   6 week sessions, Signups will be released soon @KBICYouth on Facebook. Ages 4 - 12.</small>
<b>8:30AM JULY 4th</b>	<b>FREE SPIRIT FITNESS</b> <small>Niiwin Akeaa Community Center   FREE for all KBIC Tribal Members!</small>
<b>8:30AM JULY 4th</b>	<b>5K LIBERTY RUN &amp; WALK</b> <small>July 4th   Downtown   Early Registration Deadline: June 27, 2018 Online at: <a href="http://rungsiup.com/LibertyRun2018">rungsiup.com/LibertyRun2018</a> For more information, please contact KBIC Youth Programs Phone: (906)353-4643 or (906)353-4646, Email: <a href="mailto:kbicyouth@kbic-nsn.gov">kbicyouth@kbic-nsn.gov</a> A FUNdraiser for the KBIC Youth Club</small>

A physical activity for every BODY! Every session is a great way to get moving, get fit and relieve stress! All Courses are drop-in style. We have started a continuing seasonal fitness calendar of courses in collaboration with the KBIC Youth Programs, Free Spirit Fitness, Seniors Elders Program, Intention Yoga and Wellness, the BALAC Grant and the REACH Grant. In case of weather cancellations, all courses will be updated on KBIC Health System Facebook. All courses require parent supervision for children under 12.

PosterMyWall.com

**kbichealth.org**

**Volunteer Transporters**

NorthCare seeks volunteers to transport individuals to their behavioral health appointments. This position is a volunteer one; however, mileage is reimbursed at the current federal rate. Volunteers must pass a criminal background check and have a valid license, current car insurance, and an operational vehicle. Volunteers will be provided training. To learn more, contact Lindsey at [LindseyL@upsail.com](mailto:LindseyL@upsail.com) or call 906-250-2448.





**Save the Date: September 8, 2018**

## Suicide Prevention **Warrior Walk** in Baraga County

Baraga County Community Members will be taking to the streets to fight suicide again in 2018. This is a walk for suicide prevention and awareness in support of those who struggle, in memory of loved ones lost, and for loved ones left behind. It is a struggle for those with depression, anxiety, mental illness, or for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Each day can be a struggle, and we fight...like Warriors. However, in this community, nobody fights alone!

According to the CDC, suicide is preventable and a disease that affects individuals, families, and the whole community. Family and friends, who are left behind from someone who completes suicide, can leave themselves at a higher risk of suicide and/or emotional problems.

Since 2014, the Baraga County Suicide Prevention Coalition Walks have raised nearly \$25,000 for suicide prevention and awareness. To date, these funds have helped provide our community with numerous educational resources which have been made available to groups, organizations, and businesses throughout Baraga County; support for our "Paint the Field Blue" suicide prevention events at high school sporting events; facilitator trainings for our Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group; and funding support for Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Trainings (ASIST), as well as the recent purchase of the Signs of Suicide Program for Baraga and L'Anse middle and high schools. With the funds raised this year, 100% will stay within our community to help promote awareness of suicide and prevention programs.

The 2018 Community Walk for suicide prevention will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018, at the L'Anse Waterfront Park. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with guest speaker, Rebecca Tervo, commencing at 10 a.m. followed by a memorial balloon release with the walk beginning at 11 a.m.

Look for more information to be posted, and the Baraga County Suicide Prevention Coalition or Baraga County Communities that Care Facebook pages will post additional information. If you have any further questions or want to volunteer, you may contact Pam Dove at pdove@bcmh.org or 906-524-3449 or Ann Marie Amsler at annmarie@kbic-nsn.gov or 906-353-4506.

Submitted by Ann Marie Amsler, MSW  
Clinical Social Worker

### Upcoming Events:

- Breastfeeding Support Group, 6th, 1 - 3 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, by appointment
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, 13th & 27th, by appointment
- Diabetes Personal Action Toward Health, 4th, 2-4 p.m.
- Father's Kickball Event, 16th, location to be announced
- Parent Circle, 4th, 5:30 p.m., please register
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, 5th, 5:30 p.m., BCMH
- Youth Coalition, 13th, 27th, 5-7 p.m.

For more information about these or other services and programs call Dawn at (906) 353-4521.

*Be sure to stop by our second floor waiting area and check out the monthly education table; the topic changes every month.*

## Hot Cars Can Quickly Become Deadly for Children

Safe Kids and KBIC Health System urges you to Help Protect Children from Heatstroke.

Hot summer days across the country contributed to 43 child deaths in 2017 from heatstroke when children were left unattended in vehicles. Safe Kids and KBIC Health System Maternal Child Health Programs reminds caregivers to never leave children alone in cars. As a determined advocate in preventing heatstroke, Safe Kids coalitions nationwide, are working to educate parents and caregivers with tips to avoid these tragedies.

These preventable tragedies are happening far too often – throughout the year and in nearly all 50 states. Safe Kids coalitions across the United States have worked diligently to host hundreds of "Never Leave Your Child Alone" events, which include ad campaigns, brochures, tip sheets, posters, and heavy engagement from the local community.

As these tragedies continue to occur, Safe Kids is intensifying efforts to get the message out that the inside of a vehicle is an extremely dangerous place for a child alone in hot weather. Even on a mild day, the inside of a car quickly becomes very hot. This is a place no child should be alone, and because children's bodies heat up three to five times faster than adults', they are much more susceptible to heatstroke.

Although most people assume this would never happen to them, there is no common description of the caregiver who has experienced this tragedy. It has happened to the rich, poor, educated, less educated, women, men, city dwellers, and suburbanites, and it has happened in all but one state.

Heatstroke can happen anytime, anywhere. We don't want to see this happen to any family. That's why Safe Kids is asking everyone to help protect kids from this very preventable tragedy by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute!

Together, we can cut down the number of deaths and near misses by remembering to ACT.

- Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. Make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it, so kids don't get in on their own.
- Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, purse, or cell phone that is needed at your final destination. This is especially important if you're not following your normal routine.
- Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.

The Never Leave Your Child Alone in a Car program is made possible through a grant from the GM Foundation. For more information on preventing child heatstroke deaths, please visit [www.ggweather.com/heat](http://www.ggweather.com/heat) and [www.safekids.org/heatstroke](http://www.safekids.org/heatstroke).

# Driving

**SEAT BELTS SAVED NEARLY 15,000 IN 2016. BUCKLE UP EVERY RIDE.**

**NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH 2018**  
nsc.org/nsm

**NO 1 Gets Hurt**

## Smoking and Type II Diabetes

Smoking is the most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States; it has negative effects on almost every part of your body and causes many types of cancer, not just lung cancer. Smoking also increases your risk for Type II Diabetes, and Native Americans are already at an increased risk for Type II Diabetes.

Are you ready to quit? Thinking about quitting? Or interested in more information on the effects of smoking and the benefits of quitting? Contact Mindy Lantz, Nicotine Dependence Treatment Specialist at the KBIC Health System at (906) 353-4548 for more information.



## KBIC Forest Habitat Improvements

On May 7 and 8, KBIC employees from Natural Resources and Forestry Departments planted almost 1900 tree seedlings on the Reservation. The trees were planted to improve wildlife habitat, forest health, and climate change resiliency. The wildlife habitat improvements included: providing deer wintering cover, nut and fruit producers for food, and riparian habitat improvements. Forest health and resiliency improvements include: increased species diversity, storm water mitigation, and ash loss mitigation.



Some of the planting crew is pictured above. Pictured from the top row, left: Kyle Seppanen, Steven Haataja, Shannon DesRochers, Mike Rodriguez, Karena Schmidt, Serene Smith, Jamiee Loonsfoot, Rachel McDonald, Erin Johnston, and Stephanie Kozich. (Photo/article submitted by Rachel McDonald, KBIC Forester.)

## 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 39 students were placed on the Honor Roll for the third marking period of the 2017-18 academic year:**

**Baraga** – Daniel Connor Jr., Robert Curtis, Ireland Chosa, Alexus DeCota, Allison Durant, Dhanya Ekdahl, Rylee Holm, Jayla Isaacson, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Angel Loonsfoot, Machai Loonsfoot, Nevaeh Loonsfoot, Steven Maki, Jenna Messer, Liliana Messer, Kylie Michaelson, Leeah Owens, Kylie Peterson, Presley Rasanen, and Alana Schofield.

**L'Anse** – Dysean Allen, Deija Dakota, Keira Dakota, Rion Fontaine, Ti'ia Friisvall, Robert Genschow III, Rayleah Jacobs, Dallas Moulden, Rowen Rexford, Mariana Teikari, Alicia Stein, Rachael Velmer, Cassandra Zasadnyj, and Paige Zasadnyj.

**Marquette** – Blake Chosa, Aden Hamalainen, Zoe Hamalainen, and Kayla Herron.

**The following 27 students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:**

**Baraga** – Cara Connor, Robert Curtis, Kruze Ekdahl, Jalisa Heath, Rylee Holm, Steele Jondreau, William Jondreau Jr., Adrianna Kyllonen, Machai Loonsfoot, Kylie Michaelson, Tyler Shalifoe, Deklin Swartz, and Bryton VanDyke.

**L'Anse** – Tokala Chosa, Kydan Dean, Autumn Durant, Kobe Forcia, Brendon Friisvall, Nathan Friisvall, Payton LeClaire, Zoey Spruce, and Cassandra Zasadnyj.

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

**Negaunee** – Brayden Velmer.

## 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

★ 2018 BARAGA LUMBERJACK DAYS ★

★ 7TH ANNUAL LIBERTY RUN ★

★ 5K RUN & WALK ★

★ YOUTH 1 MILE FUN RUN ★

★ "LET FREEDOM RUN" ★  
★ JULY 4, 2018 ★

Online registration: <https://www.runsignup.com/LibertyRun2018>

For more information visit the Liberty Run website or contact the KBIC Youth offices.  
Phone: (906)353-4643  
Email: [kbicyouth@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:kbicyouth@kbic-nsn.gov)  
A FUNdraiser for the KBIC Youth Club

## — NOTICE —

Sarah Woodruff's, M.S., C.R.C.L.L.P.C, School Based Counselor for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, office will be relocated to the Niiwin Akeaa (Youth Center) for the summer months instead of the Donald LaPointe Health Center.

Sarah will be working with youth and providing lessons to enhance social emotional learning in the Summer Day Camp and will be a part of the training for the summer youth workers as well. She will participate with the youth events and activities to be a resource for students during the summer.

Sarah is available to meet with anyone ages 8-24 and can provide counseling to individuals or families. Contact 353-4532 (Health Center) or 353-4643 (Youth Center) for more information.



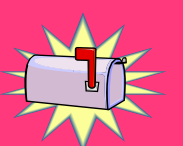
**Reward**  
**\$1,000.00**



For Information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft at Ojibwa BP.

Anyone with information concerning this crime will need to contact the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police at (906)353-6626.

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





## CLASS OF 2018 — KBIC HEAD START GRADUATES



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Twenty Head Start youth graduated as the Class of 2018 on Friday, May 18, 2018. KBIC Head Start held their Graduation Ceremony at the Zeba Community Hall in Zeba, Michigan. Terri Denomie, Center Director, welcomed all the young graduates, their parents, families, and community members who attended on the youngsters' big day. The graduates performed five songs for their audience: "Little Green Frog", "Ojibwa Number Song", "Asabikeshiinh (Itsy Bitsy Spider)", "Buckle My Shoe", and "I'm a Little Graduate". The young graduates received a diploma and backpack full of spe-

cial gifts from KBIC Tribal Council Representatives: Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., and Gary Loonsfoot, Jr.. The KBOCC PEAR/DEMO grant purchased each graduate an Amazon Fire 7. Graduates are pictured above in no specific order: Ilyza Blue, Dale Cote, Brady Curtis, Izaiah DeCota, DaeLynn Denomie, Kaylee Forcia, Terrent Fudala, Adrien Gutierrez, Antonio Gutierrez, Georgia Larson, Madison Lokers, Aaliyah Loonsfoot, Chance Pascoe, Leeland Roberts, Cade Roy, Molly Skoglund, Anthony Swartz, Zander Tammelin, Jailena Whiteman-Brunk, and Kyler Wilson. ~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor.

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



Neil Kromer was recently hired as the KBIC Community Outreach Coordinator for the Office of Child Support Services (replacing Laura Mayo, who was promoted as the new Child Support Specialist). "Boozhoo! I wanted to introduce myself and a few things I'd like to bring to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. For Community Outreach, my priority is the safety and security of our KBIC children. I look to increase awareness of the sacred role our fathers and mothers play in molding and modeling for their children; how nurturing positive behaviors in themselves and others will, in turn, improve life for everyone!

I grew up playing and loving the game of lacrosse | baaga'adowe; a medicine game that I hope will help this cause. I'm excited to work with the Niiwin Akeaa Youth Programs to assist in the creation of lacrosse workshops and games for community outreach. Also, my love and respect for water | nibi, and desire to swim | bagizo is prompting me to start looking for support to develop and build a community pool to increase the quality of life for both our youth and elders. The sacred waters of *Ojibwe Gichigami* | Lake Superior inspire me to help and [hopefully] improve the lives of the children, families, and community members I come in contact with every day. The Creator has provided us with so much, it is our duty to utilize what stands before us in order to go forward in a good way | gwayako-bimaadiziwin."

Neil can be contacted at Office of Child Support Services, (906) 353-4566.



Beth Fish was recently hired as Personnel Director. Beth said, "I grew up in Baraga. I attended Northern Michigan University earning a Bachelor's of Science. I am married and have two children, two step-children, and

three grandchildren who refer to me as 'Grannie'.

Throughout the years, I have held many positions with the KBIC Indian Community from a waitress at the Bears' Den to the Marketing Manager of the Ojibwa Casinos. I have also moved out of the area several times and always seem to return home. I am very happy to have this recent opportunity with KBIC as the Personnel Director. The job keeps me very busy, and I am learning a great deal. We have a lot of great job opportunities within our community. I would encourage anyone who is looking for work to check out our job listings either on line or stop by in person.

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### NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

The Constitution Committee will be holding a Community Meeting regarding the Amendment to the Constitution Article IX Judicial Branch. KBIC Members are encouraged to attend.

**June 18, 2018, 5:00 p.m. — Zeba  
Community Hall, Zeba, MI**

**Please watch your mail for the letter below to register for the Secretarial Election.**

United States Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
Michigan Agency  
2845 Adkisson Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783-3732  
(906) 632-6809 Phone (906) 632-6689 Fax  
877-659-5028 TOLL FREE

Dear Tribal Member:

At the request of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Council, by Resolution KB-009-2018, the Midwest Regional Director has authorized a Secretarial election to permit the qualified voters of the tribe to adopt or reject the proposed amendment to add Article IX, Judicial Branch, to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Constitution.

Your name is listed on the Eligible Voters List provided by the Tribe. Therefore, enclosed is your Secretarial Election Notice Packet. **IN ORDER TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IN THE UPCOMING SECRETARIAL ELECTION, YOU MUST REGISTER WITH THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD.** Your registration form must be received by the Election Board no later than June 26, 2018. You must submit your registration form to the Secretarial Election Board by U.S. Mail. No other form of delivery will be accepted.

The Secretarial election will be conducted entirely by Mailout Ballot. There will be no polling place. The election date is Tuesday, July 17, 2018. The ballot counting will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center in Baraga, Michigan. To be counted, hand delivered ballots must be received at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 17, 2018.

It is particularly important and is being emphasized and repeated that even if you are registered to vote in Tribal Council elections, you **must** register to vote with the Secretarial Election Board.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, they may be directed to Nicholas VanAhtine, Tribal Operations Specialist at 906-632-6809, extension 3128.

Sincerely,  
Joseph D. Oberle  
Election Board Chairman



"Boozhoo, I'm Serene Smith, a recent graduate from Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College with an Associate's Degree in Environmental Science. I'm the new Water Quality Technician, and excited to be part of the KBIC Natural Resources Department. I believe that surface water sampling is important to ensure our waters maintain pristine conditions for healthy habitat for fish, economy, and recreation. In my free time, I enjoy anything in the outdoors with my fiancé and two teenagers; our local area has so much to offer; we're steady in the woods finding new adventures."

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## KBIC Health Seeks Recipes!

Help create a cookbook celebrating our Great Lakes Area Tribal recipes. Good food is essential to healthy, strong tribal nations.

Supported by American Indian Health & Family Services, Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country.



# Share your Food Legacy

Submit Recipe at:

[goo.gl/forms/37helk6TQ2GUvEKg1](https://goo.gl/forms/37helk6TQ2GUvEKg1)

or find the link @KBICHealth on FB

[www.kbichealth.org](http://www.kbichealth.org)

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# SUMMER KBIC YOUTH

2018

SNAPCHAT @KBICYOUTH

Ages 11 - 18 years old

JUNE - AUGUST

Meets Bi-weekly as a health resource and to provide fun for Native youth, by Native youth. Earn Hours towards Summer Youth Trip 2018.

**OFFICIAL SCHEDULE WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA**

KBIC Teens - Snapchat @KBICYOUTH & FB @WeRiseKBICYOUTH

Youth Center FB @KBICYOUTH

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## Deepest Sympathy

**Steven Joseph Durant**  
(July 9, 1962—May 14, 2018)

Steven Joseph Durant, age 55, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Monday, May 14, 2018, at his home.

He was born July 9, 1962, in Milwaukee, WI, the son of Leo and LaRayne (Kishkitog) Durant. Steven grew up in Milwaukee. He lived in Marquette for 25-years prior to moving to Baraga in 2016. Steven worked with his father at M & M Logging and Durant Lawn Care. Steven enjoyed four-wheeling and working on cars. He was a member of KBIC and Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

Surviving are: his father, Leo Durant of Baraga; children: Jacob Durant and Abigail Durant both of Marquette; brothers: Lawrence Santangilo of Lacrosse, WI, Mitchell Durant of L'Anse; sisters: Amanda Durant and Kimberly Samon both of Milwaukee, and Amy Durant of Washington; and two grandchildren: Preslee and Mallory; several aunts; an uncle; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding him in death are: his mother, LaRayne; siblings: Leo Sam Durant Jr., and infants, Aaron Reese and Leone Samantha.

Visitation was held on Friday, May 18, 2018, from 3-4:00 p.m. at the Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Ceremonial Room in Baraga, MI. Service was held at 4 p.m. led by Paul Halverson. The family held a fellowship feast immediately following the service. Burial shall be in the Assinins Cemetery. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

## Loving Support makes breastfeeding work

### KBIC Breastfeeding Support Circle

- A public community-based monthly gathering for those that have breastfed, thinking about breastfeeding, or are currently breastfeeding
- Mother-to-Mother Support
- Social outlet for new and experienced mothers
- Evidenced-based information
- Transportation available
- Make & Take Craft
- Snacks

Baraga Park near  
St. Anne's Church,  
Michigan Ave. Baraga

June 6

July 11

August 1

September 5

1:00-3:00PM

Find us on:  
**facebook**

"KBIC Breastfeeding Support Circle" for updates and discussion



Live, Love, Latch!

Register with Dawn for reminder calls! 353-4521

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**FACT SHEET: Human Trafficking**

Human trafficking is a public health issue that impacts individuals, families, and communities. Traffickers disproportionately target at-risk populations including individuals who have experienced or been exposed to other forms of violence (child abuse and maltreatment, interpersonal violence and sexual assault, community and gang violence) and individuals disconnected from stable support networks (runaway and homeless youth, unaccompanied minors, persons displaced during natural disasters).

**Definition of Trafficking in Persons**

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7102), defines “severe forms of trafficking in persons” as:

- **Sex trafficking:** the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 13 years of age; (and)
- **Labor trafficking:** the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

**Human Trafficking versus Human Smuggling**

Human trafficking and human smuggling are two separate crimes under federal law:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING	vs.	HUMAN SMUGGLING
Victims are forced, defrauded, and coerced into trafficking. Even if victims initially offer consent, that consent is rendered meaningless by the actions of the traffickers to exploit them for labor, services, or commercial sex.		Individuals consent to being smuggled. The transaction is mutual and ends upon arrival at desired destination.
Human trafficking is a crime committed against an individual.		Smuggling is a crime committed against a country.
Trafficking does not need to involve the physical movement of a person. Trafficking victimization can be transnational or domestic.		Smuggling involves the illegal transport of an individual across a national border. Smuggling is always transnational.

**How Victims Are Trafficked**

Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to subject victims to engage in commercial sex or forced labor. Anyone can be a victim of trafficking anywhere, including in the United States.

ACTIONS	MEANS	PURPOSE
Does not need to be present in a situation of sex trafficking of minors		
<p><b>Recruiting includes</b> proactive targeting of vulnerability and grooming behaviors.</p> <p><b>Harboring</b> includes isolation, confinement, and monitoring.</p> <p><b>Transporting</b> includes movement and arranging travel.</p> <p><b>Providing</b> includes giving to another individual.</p> <p><b>Obtaining</b> includes forcibly taking, exchanging something for ability to control.</p> <p><b>*Soliciting</b> includes offering something of value.</p> <p><b>*Patronizing</b> includes receiving something of value.</p> <p>(* Only for sex trafficking.)</p>	<p><b>Force</b> includes physical restraint; physical harm; sexual assault; and beatings. Monitoring and confinement is often used to control victims, especially during early stages of victimization to break down the victim’s resistance.</p> <p><b>Fraud</b> includes false promises regarding employment, wages, working conditions, love, marriage, or better life. Over time, there may be unexpected changes in work conditions, compensation or debt agreements, or nature of relationship.</p> <p><b>Coercion</b> includes threats of serious harm to or physical restraint against any person, psychological manipulation, document confiscation, and shame and fear-inducing threats to share information or pictures with others or report to authorities.</p>	<p><b>Commercial Sex Act</b> is any sex act on account of anything of value given to or received by a person.</p> <p><b>Involuntary Servitude</b> is any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause a person to believe that, if the person did not enter into or continue in such condition, that person or another person would suffer serious harm or physical restraint, or the abuse or threatened abuse of the legal process.</p> <p><b>Debt Bondage</b> includes a pledge of services by the debtor or someone under debtor’s control to pay down known or unknown charges (e.g. fees for transportation, boarding, food, and other incidentals, interest, fines for missing quotas, and charges for bad behavior). The length and nature of those services are not respectively limited and defined, where an individual is trapped in a cycle of debt that he or she can never pay down.</p> <p><b>Peonage</b> is a status or condition of involuntary servitude based on real or alleged indebtedness.</p> <p><b>Slavery</b> is the state of being under the ownership or control of someone where a person is forced to work for another.</p>

**Help for Victims of Trafficking**

Get help, report a tip, find services, and learn more about your options. The National Human Trafficking Hotline provides assistance to victims in crisis through safety planning, emotional support, and connections to local resources.

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E-MAIL help@humantraffickinghotline.org

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**Social Media Resources for Native Youth**

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**KBIC-NRD hosts tours of Hatchery and Bio Dome**

The months of April and May provided plenty of opportunities for the staff at the Natural Resources Department (NRD) to share their passion and knowledge of fish and plants by hosting educational tours of the Bio Dome and Fish Hatchery. Over ten groups of young students from many local schools, including Baraga Head Start, BHK Pre-school, Little Eagles, C.J. Sullivan School and young adult students from Ke-weenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, Michigan Tech, and Northern Michigan University were welcomed to tour our facilities.

Younger students arrived bursting with enthusiasm to have their sense of wonder about the natural world expanded. They toured through the Fish Hatchery where they were able to view thousands of growing fish being raised in a series of large rectangular and circular tanks. Dave Kaup-pila, a Fisheries Technician at the NRD, guided the children through the hatchery, lifting the little ones up to peer into the hatchery tanks. Afterwards the children were able to toss small amounts of feed into the tanks and the fish surfaced to nibble on the nourishing pellets. A few fish were caught in nets and the children – some squeamish and others emboldened - were able to gently handle the giigoonh. Among the fish hatchery staff are David Seppanen, a Fisheries Technician, and several youth fishery technicians, Tiia Friis-vall, Bobby Genschow, Billy Genschow, Christian Hebert, and Brent Waranka, all students in the Baraga Area Schools, who work behind the scenes after school and on weekends, in the important work of keeping the fish cared for, tagged, and fed. Their contributions to help fulfill the mission of the Fish Hatchery Program are much valued. The Fish Hatchery Program has been rearing native fish and stocking waters in the western UP since 1993.

The tour excitement continued as the children walked over to the Bio Dome to learn a little something about the development of flowers. Kathleen Smith, Habitat Specialist, and Karena Schmidt, Ecologist, took the lead on conducting the tours with the fantastic support of this summer’s Plant Technicians including Sophia Michels, Jaimee Loonsfoot, Mike Rodriguez, Steven Haataja, and John Asher. The Plant techs engaged the children in an interactive activity where they learned about the needs of seeds to develop into healthy plants. Everything from healthy seed, good soil, nutrients, rain, sunshine, and good bugs are essential. The children also saw many sweetgrass plants and received a few tips on how to identify them by stroking the leaves up and down and feeling the smoothness in one direction and coarseness in the other. Potatoes for the community garden and bee balm for restoration projects are all thriving in the dome these

**Attention KBIC Tribal Members**  
**Job Bank Applications and Indian Owned Business’**




Several projects in or near Baraga are starting and skilled and unskilled workers are needed — also needed are Suppliers and Contractors for these projects:

**Casino Marquette and Baraga Projects; Power Plant Project — Baraga; Copperwood Mine — Wakefield area; and Enbridge Pipeline Repair/Upgrade — Ashland through Escanaba and west.**

Tribal Members are urged to apply for the Job Bank as TERO is referring people to contractors that are calling and looking for workers—we still need more **TRIBAL MEMBERS THAT ARE UNION MEMBERS** — we also need Businesses and Contractors who are Indian Owned.

**IF YOU OWN A BUSINESS GO TO THIS LINK TO REGISTER FOR THE POWER PLAN PROJECT:**  
<https://www.burnsmcd.com/suppliers/supplier-diversity>

**Site Security — Day and Night; Septic Services; Portable Water/Bottled Water; Snow Removal; Landscaping/Lawn Cutting/Pest Control/Site Maintenance; Catering; and Equipment Rentals...**

Please contact this office for an application.

Job Bank Applications are also available online at <http://www.ojibwa.com/content/tero>



Please stop by or contact Debbie Picciano @ (906) 353-4167 or E-mail — [TERO@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:TERO@kbic-nsn.gov)

**— TERO also has funds available for alternative training —**



days.

The Bio Dome, constructed in 2009, has served the Plants Program well over the past ten years. It functions as a greenhouse where native plants are started from seed, grown to maturity and then planted out in our several restoration sites. The restoration project at Sand Point over the contaminating stamps sands has received world-wide recognition for its success and lessons learned.

Following the tours of the Hatchery and Bio Dome all the children were given little spider plants to take home and care for, and perhaps encourage the next generation of caretakers of our natural resources.

In addition to the tours at the NRD, the Plants staff spent an active evening at the Baraga BHK Head Start with students and their parents doing some hands-on activities planting vegetable seeds for their gardens and learning about the significance of Three Sisters Gardening. Kathy, Karena and Sophia did a program role-playing Corn,

Bean, and Squash, to share teachings about these important food plants. The following week Karena and Sophia participated in Family Science Night and did a program for Baraga Area School students on Wildlife Tracking. This program is developed out of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum with the Science Outreach Center at Michigan Tech.

A new offering at the KBOCC and Michigan Tech this spring was a class taught by Val Gagnon on Native American Perspectives on the Environment. Evelyn Ravindran, the NRD’s Hatchery and Nursery Manager, and Karena, Ecologist, were invited guest speakers to share knowledge with these classes on indigenous cultural practices with plants of the Great Lakes region. The students expressed great interest in the subject and several asked about volunteer and employment opportunities at the NRD, especially after touring the hatchery and Bio Dome. University students enrolled



# The KBIC NRD Needs Your Help!



If you received a Wetland Community Survey from the KBIC NRD, please fill it out, place it in the pre-stamped return envelope that has been provided, and drop it in the mail at your convenience.

Your contributions are very important because we rely on our community members to provide us a richer foundation for decision making into the future.

This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

*Miigwech!*

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-nnsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic-nnsn.gov).

## HELP FIGHT DRUGS



### FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) FY 2018 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\* (Effective Oct. 1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2018)

\*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

Three Community Meetings will be held this June where Ryan Champagne will hear input from the community regarding the Halfway or Stepdown Facility. Updates on the Casino Project will also be presented by Larry Denomie, CEO. Call the Tribal Center for times, (906) 353-6623, "0".

- June 18, 2018, 5:00 p.m., at the Zeba Community Hall in Zeba, Michigan;
- June 19, 2018, at Bingo Hall, Baraga, Michigan; and
- June 20, 2018, at the Marquette Community Center, Harvey, Michigan.

## BROUGHT TO YOU BY: KBIC OVW—24/7 Crisis Line 353-4599

The Meaning Behind the Butterfly...

In the life of a Survivor, we go through stages, just like a butterfly.

First as a caterpillar, a Victim if you will.

In this stage, we are not yet who we can be. We have not yet reached our full potential. We are stuck in a body where we know we don't belong, yet we cannot escape it.

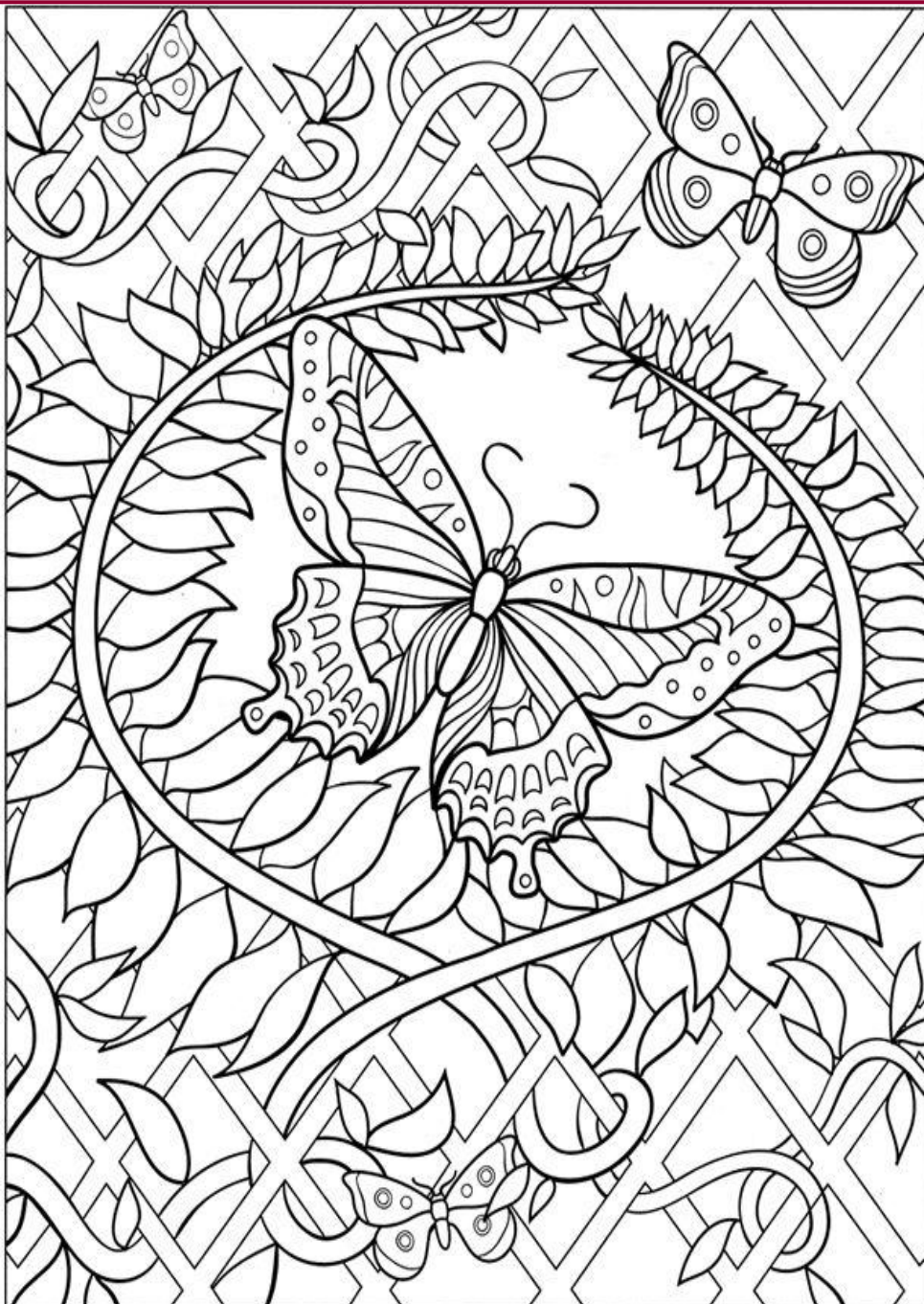
Then we reach our Chrysalis stage.

This is a stage of healing and transformation. We reach for freedom and obtain it, only to have many obstacles in our way. We must regroup and take a look inside ourselves for strength. Time is taken to heal ourselves, to start our transformation to who we really are, to reach towards our full potential.

Then finally, we get to spread our wings... A beautiful Butterfly is created.

We finally reach our goal as Survivors, and we get to glorify in our freedom. Know that we are no longer the caterpillar, no longer trapped in what we can accomplish, and no longer held back. There are no limits; the world is now open to us.

We get to soar to new heights, try new things, spread our wings, and truly fly!



### KBIC-NRD tours continues:

in the Native American Studies Program at Northern Michigan University visited the NRD for a day of presentations and tours. NMU instructors Violet Friisvall-Ayres and Jud Sojourn accompanied nearly 20 students who listened in on detailed presentations about the NRD fishery program by Gene Mensch and the Wildlife Stewardship program by Erin Johnston. Karena Schmidt spoke on the NRD Plants Restoration program, and Karen Anderson spoke about the Aquatic Invasive Species work being done. Such opportunities for education and outreach add substance to our work.

Please feel welcome to call for NRD offices if you are interested in arranging for a tour of the Hatchery and Bio Dome.

~ Submitted by Karena Schmidt, NRD



## Thank You

From the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department

After 15 years of providing a free event for area youth, the KBIC-NRD and Kids Fishing Derby is taking a time-out to re-evaluate aspects of this effort.

Keeping this a free event gets more and more difficult, and the generous support of the KBIC Council, local businesses, agencies, and volunteers has helped in so many ways! Miigwech!

Next year we will be striving to rekindle the spirit of the KBIC Kids Fishing Derby to make it, as always, FOR THE KIDS!





## Lunch and Learn Series – Mark Your Calendars

This year another exciting lineup of presentations are being offered to our community in a collaborative effort between the Natural Resources Department and Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. The Lunch and Learn events are held in the Chippewa Conference Room at the Ojibwa Resort from noon until 1:00 on the second Friday of every month, May through October. The purpose of these informative and informal luncheons is to heighten our awareness of issues relating to practicing Food Security and Indigenous Food Sovereignty. Joe Schutte, who teaches food preparation classes at KBOCC, prepares a menu for these lunches with the help of students enrolled in his classes. The lunches always include ingredients from locally grown indigenous foods such as wild rice, maple syrup, cranberries, blueberries, ramps, and Lake Superior fish. Lunch is guaranteed to be delicious!

With advance approval from your supervisor, all KBIC employees are welcome to attend the Lunch and Learn sessions.

Following is a tentative schedule of talks for this summer. Note: The sessions for September and October are still being developed with several topics under consideration.

May 11<sup>th</sup>- People's Garden, Natural Gardening, and Morel Mushroom gathering, presented by Kathy Smith, NRD Habitat Specialist, Eric Cadeau from Radicle Gardens, and Karena Schmidt, NRD Ecologist.

June 8<sup>th</sup>- Fishermen of the KBIC. We are honored to have a panel of local fishermen to share stories of their experiences fishing on Lake Superior. Stories will include tall tales of fishing areas, specialized gear, and the persistent and sometimes har-

rowing efforts that went into claiming our treaty rights.

July 13<sup>th</sup>- A presentation on Wetlands to celebrate Lake Superior Day. Tentatively, Erin Johnston, NRD Wildlife Biologist, and Stephanie Kozich, NRD Water Quality Specialist, will speak on the important role of wetlands to our food security. Wetlands are regarded by many as our medicine cabinets, as they are the habitat for so many of our medicine plants. Members from the community are also invited to give stories and teachings on their experiences gathering medicines from the wetlands.

August 10<sup>th</sup>- Dark fruits. Presented by NRD Ecologist Karena Schmidt. Unique growing on our tribal lands is the number of dark fruited plants – blueberries, blackberries, serviceberries, chokeberries, and more. Hear traditional knowledge on the health benefits of these fruits, our responsibilities to protect these precious resources, and stories shared by other community members.

September 14<sup>th</sup>- *Note: This session still being developed.*

October 12<sup>th</sup>- *Note: This session still being developed.* Possibly a presentation on food preservation; what to do with items harvested from our gardens such as pumpkin, potatoes, greens, etc.

If you have a particular topic you would be interested to learn more about or have knowledge you are willing to share, please contact any of the following: At KBOCC, contact Kit Laux, 524-8410, or DeAnna Hadden, 524-8209. At the NRD, please call 524-5757 to contact Evelyn Ravindran, ext. 11, Kathy Smith, ext. 19 or Karena Schmidt, ext. 21.

~ Submitted by Karena Schmidt, NRD

## People's Garden Plots Still Available



Now in its 5<sup>th</sup> season, the Natural Resources Department is sponsoring the People's Garden, a program to deepen our connection to the earth and further develop our Food Security and celebrate Food Sovereignty. The Garden is located in L'Anse along Brewery Road next to the New Day Treatment Center.

Community members are welcome to sign up to reserve a garden plot for the summer. It is a wonderful place for parents to share gardening knowledge with their children and for the community to gather. A \$15 fee helps offset the cost of vegetable seeds and plants, and the services of tilling and water supply that are made available to the gardeners. The garden plot size is 11 x 30 feet, ample room to cultivate an abundant crop of wholesome veggies for you, your family, and friends.

And a "Heads Up" – the Baraga and L'Anse Farmer's Market will have their opening days, Saturday, June 23, in L'Anse at the Waterfront, from 9 am until noon and in Baraga at the Historical Museum on Wednesday, June 27, from 3-6 pm. Then throughout the summer, every Saturday morning in L'Anse, and every Wednesday evening in Baraga. The Baraga and L'Anse Farmer's Market supports local produce growers and provides a wonderful opportunity to stock up on local wholesome produce grown naturally without the use of harmful chemicals.

To sign up for a garden plot or for more information about the People's Garden please contact Kathy Smith or Karena Schmidt at the Natural Resources Department offices, (906) 524-5757. Either one is happy to help answer your gardening questions.

~ Submitted by Karena Schmidt, NRD



## KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For complete job announcement and application requirements contact:  
KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908  
(906) 353-6623, ext. 4176 or 4140, or visit us at [www.kbic-nsn.gov](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov)

CURRENT POSITIONS	DEPARTMENT	CLOSING DATE
Payroll Clerk	Full-time ACCOUNTING	June 1, 2018, 4 pm.
Assistant Tribal Attorney	Full-time ATTORNEY	Open Until Filled
Summer College Intern	Temporary EDUCATION	Open Until Filled
Cleaning Person	Part-time PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	Open Until Filled
Community Health Nurse (RN)	Full-time DHHS	Open Until Filled
Accounting Clerk	Full-time ACCOUNTING	Open Until Filled
Physician	Full-time DHHS	Open Until Filled

ONGOING RECRUITMENT	DEPARTMENT	CLOSING DATE
Unit Manager (NewDay)	Part-time NEWDAY	Open Continuous
Account Executive/Sales	Full-time EAGLE RADIO	Open Continuous
Unit Manager (OVW)	On-call OVW	Open Continuous
Board Operator	On-call RADIO	Open Continuous
Cashier/Operator	Part-time CONVENIENCE CENTERS	Open Continuous
Internal Sales Specialist	Part-time RADIO	Open Continuous
Nurse Practitioner	On-call DHHS	Open Continuous
Pharmacist OR Pharmacy Technician	On-call DHHS	Open Continuous
Receptionist/Clerical Worker	On-call VARIOUS	Open Continuous
Cleaning Person (updated job description)	On-call PUBLIC WORKS/NIIWIN AKEAA/DHHS	Open Continuous
Facility Attendant	On-call NIIWIN AKEAA	Open Continuous
RN's and LPN's	On-call DHHS	Open Continuous
Van Driver OR Prep Cook	On-call ELDERLY NUTRITION	Open Continuous
Natural Resources Technician	On-call NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT.	Open Continuous
Laborer	On-call PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	Open Continuous

### KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

**Rodney Loonsfoot, Tribal Council/Tribal Veteran  
Service Officer**

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
16347 Ojibwa Industrial Park Rd, Baraga, Michigan 49908  
[veteranaffairs@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:veteranaffairs@kbic-nsn.gov)

(906) 353-VETS Office (906) 201-4448 Cell

OFFICE HOURS; Mon, Tues, Wed, 9 am —12 pm

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Ogichidaa Society  
Monthly upcoming  
meetings, held at  
6:00 pm — June  
20, July 18, Au-  
gust 15, and Sep-  
tember 19. Meet-  
ings are subject to  
change. Special  
meetings for Pow-  
wows/funerals will  
be announced.



## NEW DIAL HELP PROGRAM SERVING JUVENILE JUSTICE YOUTH



With funding from the MI Department of Health and Human Services, DIAL HELP has launched a new program for juvenile justice youth in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon Counties. The Juvenile Justice Response Team (JRT) provides face-to-face crisis intervention to youth age 10 to 21 who have had a Petition filed under the Probate Code. The goal of the program is to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline by providing safety and support to at-risk youth.

DIAL HELP worked closely with local law enforcement and court officials to develop a referral system for this program. Other community partners include Copper Country Mental Health, Communities That Care, and various school faculty including the truancy officer. Juvenile justice youth and their families can also request JRT services by contacting DIAL HELP directly at (906) 482-HELP (906-482-4357).





**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**

**Office of Child Support Services**

P.O. Box 490 Baraga, MI 49908

Phone : 906-353-4566

Fax : 906-353-8132

**"YOUR Children ... OUR Priority"**

**We provide the following services:**

- Paternity Establishment
- Establishment of Child Support
- Outreach Services
- Mediation

**June 2018 Calendar**

- **June 2:** Saturday Council Meeting at Big Bucks Bingo, Baraga, at 9 a.m.
- **June 17:** Happy Father's Day!

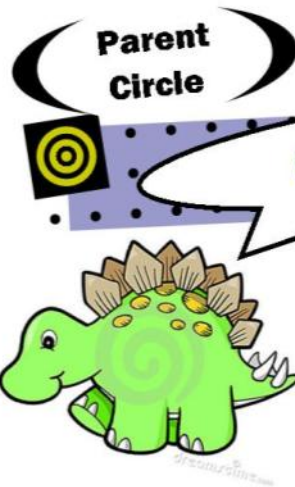


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