

# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

Onaabani Giizis - Crusty Moon - March 2016 Issue 140



## KBIC Holds 12th Annual Winter Traditional Powwow



Front row: Dispatcher Nancy Voakes, Officer Miranda Forcia, Captain William Seppanen, Sergeant Jennifer St. George, Officer Anthony Loonsfoot, Officer Marshall Thomas. Back row: Transporter Steven Denomie, Chief Duane Misegan, Commissioner Dale Dakota, Sergeant Dale Goodreau, Officer Timothy Tilson. Missing from photo: Officer Jacob Misegan (at training), Officer Shawn Seppanen (at training), SORNA Coordinator Charles Miller, Officer Anthony Carrick, Officer Mathew Shalifoe, Jr. (at training), Officer Stephen Mills, Corporal Everett Ekdahl, Jr. (at training). Photo compliments of Jennifer Misegan.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held its 12th Annual Winter Powwow on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, Michigan.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Cultural Committee hosted the event and honored the KBIC Law Enforcement at a ceremony beginning at 11:00 a.m. H. James St. Arnold, guest speaker, said, "Boozhoo Nigaanigiizhig indizhni-

kaaz, ma'ingan nidodem, Gakiwe'onaaning indoonzhibaa. Niwizhaaganashimowin. I want to thank the culture committee for asking me to speak at this occasion. I want to apologize if I seem to ramble sometimes. I am not a speech writer or speech giver. I was taught a long time ago that whenever I am asked to speak, I open my heart to the spirits and let them put those words in me that need to be said and heard.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Front (l to r) Junior Head Boy Dancer - Kydan Dean, Junior Head Girl Dancer - Charlotte Jondreau, Back (l to r) Head Veteran Dancer - Wes Martin, Youth Head Lady Dancer - Dana Thierry, Youth Head Man Dancer - Raistlin Awonohopay, Head Lady Dancer - Karlene Chosa, and Head Man Dancer - Donald Chosa, Jr.

### Tribal Council Members:

- Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
- Jennifer Misegan, Vice-President
- Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
- Toni J. Minton, Asst. Secretary
- Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
- Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
- Frederick Dakota
- Eddy Edwards
- Randall R. Haataja
- Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
- Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
- Donald Shalifoe, Sr.



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- February 6, 2016 Council Meeting
- 12th Annual Midwinter Traditional Powwow
- KBIC Holds Annual Healthy Heart Fair
- 3rd Annual Round Dance Held
- 2016 KBIC Forestry Scholarship Recipient Chosen
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News

Today we are here to honor our Tribal enforcement officers, but I would like to begin my talk with a short lesson about tribal rights and

Continues on page eight.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Miss Keweenaw Bay — Kayla Dakota

**February 6, 2016 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**

On February 9, 2016, the Michigan State Police seized 184 cases of cigarettes destined for retail sale by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC). The seized shipments were headed to KBIC businesses which are located on Indian lands. The cigarettes were transported in interstate commerce, manufactured in Indian Country and intended to be sold in Indian Country.

This wrongful seizure of tobacco products is a clear infringement of Tribal sovereignty, Nation-to-Nation trade, the Interstate Commerce Clause, other federal law, and Michigan's own statute. The State's lack of respect for KBIC's sovereignty and its violation of the Tribe's right to engage in interstate commerce is offensive and will not be tolerated by KBIC.

KBIC cannot be forced by the State of Michigan to enter into a tax agreement that would subject KBIC to one-sided, burdensome state processes, and KBIC will not be bullied by these illegal seizures. The State continually attempts to hold KBIC leadership, as well as KBIC members, captive by forcing State taxes and egregious mechanisms to collect those taxes upon us, ignoring the guarantees of the U.S. Constitution and federal law.

KBIC has a duty to provide for the welfare and economic needs of its membership. This duty is of the utmost importance to KBIC. The State's seizure hinders KBIC's ability to provide much needed services to its members and the local community.

KBIC values its customers in addition to its members. The State of Michigan has no problem granting big box stores, from out of the area, a competitive advantage but is unwilling to work with and has been persistently antagonistic to KBIC.

LAKE SUPERIOR BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS  
 "Home of the Midnight Two-Step Championship"

**Giipongishinowaad (They passed away)  
 KBIC Funeral Task Force Update**

Task Force Members: Larry Denomie III, Susan J. LaFernier, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Jennifer Misegan, and Debbie Williamson.

The newly formed funeral task force has been meeting since November, and we are researching options regarding funerals and burials. Usually a funeral refers to the casketed, below ground burial of the deceased in a cemetery preceded by a wake/visitation and a funeral ceremony. It also usually includes the temporary preservation of the deceased-particularly if an open casket visitation is desired by the family. We have learned that every year more than 90,000 tons of steel is used to make caskets in America. All metals are mined from the earth and are non-renewable resources. For many years, cremation has been the most common alternative. It is important to remember that funeral and burial traditions vary widely, depending upon numerous factors, such as personal and family preferences, religious and spiritual beliefs, customs, and financial concerns.

We hope to help everyone learn of choices they do not know they have and to provide teachings to help with those choices. Most recently, the concept of natural, back to earth "green burials" has become of interest because our natural world is truly sacred and we have great respect for Mother Earth. Green burial is a "new" practice that is really very old because it has been used for thousands of years. For people who want to continue to preserve and protect the environment in life can now consider green funerals and green burials to provide a way to make the end of life and death more meaningful.

~ Susan J. LaFernier

**KBIC ELDERS IS YOUR WILL IN PLACE?**



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be holding 30-minute intakes on March 30, 2016, for Tribal Elders to get a Will, Financial Power of Attorney, and Healthcare Power of Attorney. Please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at (906) 353-4107 to get details and schedule an appointment.

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on February 6, 2016, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. and Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page three). Susan reminded everyone of meetings occurring this month regarding the Secretarial Election that will be scheduled for amending the Constitution. The first is from KB-002-2015, Article VI, Section 1A, Appropriation of Funds to \$500,000.00 from \$10,000.00. The first meeting for information regarding this Secretarial Election will be on February 10, 2016, at the Ojibwa Senior Center at 12:15 p.m., and another meeting will be held on February 25, 2016, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room, at 6:00 p.m. The Election date has not been set but will be in the very near future. Council passed Department Head Reports for December 2015.

Under New Business: Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the February 2016 donations requests. 1) The Baraga Senior Class of 2016 is requesting a donation for their BASH LOCK-IN (non-alcohol event for Baraga Graduation). Council agreed to donate \$500.00. 2) A donation request to support Lon Johnson's campaign for U.S. Congress. Consensus of Council was to table his request and invite Mr. Johnson to attend a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Council Meeting. 3) Baraga Area School's PINK OUT BASKETBALL GAME for Breast Cancer and Marilyn Ross. Council agreed to donate \$250.00. 4) Lakeshore Museum Center/Michigan Heritage Park requested a donation for their Muskegon County Powwow in July of 2016. There was no action taken by Council on this request.

**Motion by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. to approve donations to the Baraga Senior Class BASH in the amount of \$500.00 and to the Baraga Area School's PINK OUT BASKETBALL GAME in the amount of \$250.00 for a total of \$750.00, supported by Jennifer Misegan. Eleven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Shalifoe), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.**

Council held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2015-03, an Amendment to Title Three to provide an exception to §3.1707, Controlled Substances Medical Marijuana Exception. Any person who is a qualifying patient or a primary caregiver under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act and possesses on his or her person a valid registry identification shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or penalty for possession of marijuana if that possession is in compliance with the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act.

**Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve Proposed Ordinance 2015-03 Title Three, supported by Eddy Edwards.** Discussion added an introduction by Susan J. LaFernier to amend §3.1708 Unauthorized Sale of Medical Marijuana to read as: No registered qualifying patient or registered primary caregiver may sell, (add – deliver, or transfer) marijuana to someone who is not (add – unless the person who is receiving marijuana is) a registered qualifying patient with a valid registry identification card. A conviction upon a violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute a conviction of a **Class D** (change to – Class C) misdemeanor and along with any other penalties for the sale, (add- deliver, or transfer) of marijuana. In addition, the Tribal Police and the Tribal Prosecutor may work with state law enforcement officials to revoke the person's registry identification card.

**Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to introduce amendment to Tribal Code related to §3.1708 Unauthorized Sale, Deliver, or Transfer of Medical Marijuana, supported by Jennifer Misegan. Eight supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFernier), three opposed (Edwards, Loonsfoot, Shalifoe), 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.** Since the amendment is approved for §3.1708, President Swartz called for the question on the original motion -

**Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve Proposed Ordinance 2015-03 Title Three and supported by Eddy Edwards. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), one opposed (Shalifoe), 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.**

Council held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2016-

## Tribal Council Secretary's Report for the month of January 2016

**ANIN! We honor the greatness in you.  
Remember: "Indian Country Counts"  
"Our People, Our Nations, Our Future"**

We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

*For all the Earth one prayer in this New Year: That all can live as one, and peace will reign everywhere. Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"*

In January 2016, the Tribal Council held one Regular Council meeting and five Special Council meetings. This report will be published in the KBIC "Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe" newsletter and the approved minutes can be found on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website. Actions taken were:

### January 7, 2016 Special Council Meeting:

- Approved the December 7, 10, 15, 17, 28, 2015 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the high school/GED requirement policy amendment to include a certificate of completion.
- Tabled the Superior National Bank ATM Reinstatement contract for more information.
- Approved the Aruze Gaming America, Inc. Gaming Lease Contract for the Shoot to Win craps electronic game at the Baraga Ojibwa Casino.
- Tabled the Everi Games TournEvent of Champions Gaming System Agreement for the Marquette Ojibwa Casino slot machine tournament contest pending further information.

### January 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting:

- Approved the November and December 2015 President Reports (Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr.).
- Approved the November and December 2015 Secretary Reports (Toni J. Minton).
- Approved the November and December 2015 Treasurer Reports (Doreen G. Blaker).
- Approved the November and December 2015 CEO Reports (Larry J. Denomie, III).
- Approved the October and November 2015 Department Head Reports.
- Approved a donation of \$300.00 to

Justin Gauthier for his professional boxing sponsorship.

- Approved donations to: Marquette Senior High School Class of 2016 \$500.00 and Marquette City Fire Department from the May 2016 2% funds \$4,000.00.
- Certified the December 12, 2015, General Election results and the two proposals regarding new casino development projects in Baraga and Marquette.
- Approved the depository of funds with Superior National Bank and Wells Fargo Bank.
- Approved that the check signers remain the same as last year and check signers by position related to the Tribal Court.

### January 14, 2016 Special Council Meeting:

- Tabled the MOA (Outpatient) with the Western U.P. Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency until further review by the Tribal Attorney.
- Approved Resolution KB 001-2016 Cultural Resource Fund Phase Two grant application in the amount of \$50,000.00 with no matching funds required (upgrades to the Pow-Wow grounds).
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser, R.D. PhD. for 2016 WIC consulting services.
- Approved a worker's compensation legal settlement
- Approved Resolution KB 003-2016 National Indian Gaming Association Membership Renewal for \$7,500.00.
- Approved Resolution KB 004-2016 Authorized Officials (Council Executive Board) to conduct business with the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians.

### January 21, 2016 Special Council Meeting:

- Approved the January 7, 9, 14, 2016 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the Pines Convenience Center and Smoke Shop license to purchase and sell tobacco products.
- Approved the Rez Stop license to purchase and sell tobacco products.
- Approved the Ojibwa Casino I in Baraga and the Ojibwa Casino II in Marquette licenses to purchase and sell tobacco products.

- Approved the Chief Executive Officer (Larry J. Denomie, III) Employment Agreement for January 10, 2016-January 7, 2017 and authorized the President to sign.
- Approved the Mutual Disclosure Agreement with GTS Enterprises.
- Approved the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center Tribal Sub-Award Agreement for \$100,000.00 for the purpose of increasing the physical activity of the Tribal members on the Reservation and authorized the President to sign.
- Waived the 1st Reading of the Proposed Waste Management Ordinance 2016-01 (2nd Reading February 18, 2016).
- Waived the 1st Reading of the Proposed Title Twenty Hazardous Substances Control Ordinance 2016-02 (2nd Reading February 18, 2016).
- Approved a donation of \$5,000.00 towards the Flint, Michigan water crisis.

### January 25, 2016 Special Council Meeting:

- Approved a donation of \$100.00 for the Spaghetti Dinner Benefit and a Basket for the raffle for the Stockton Family who lost their home in a fire January 21, 2016.

### January 28, 2016 Special Council Meeting:

- Approved the recommended bid from Fox Negaunee for a 2016 Ford utility police interceptor in the amount of \$28,214.00 from the COPS Grant.
- Approved the Cue Master business license renewals for billiards, lounge/food service, and an alcoholic beverage license.
- Appointed Diana Chaudier and Kim Klopstein to the three year terms on the Election Board and Susie Lawrence and Dawn Kempainen to the one year terms
- Approved 44 North (formerly Employee Benefits Agency who has had a business relationship with KBIC since 1987) as agent of record to replace M3 Insurance Solutions for the group life/short term, long term disability, and voluntary insurance offerings to our employees and retirees effective April 1, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan J. LaFernier



### Council Meeting Continued:

03 Title Four Juvenile Division §4.512(C). After Community discussion, Council scheduled the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2016-03 Title Four Juvenile Division §4.512(C) for Thursday, February 11, 2016.

Council adjourned with no further business on the agenda.

~ Submitted by Editor.

### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>



For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications, and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or visit: [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com).

- Lake Superior Program Coordinator, Natural Resources, (full-time), 3/8/2016
- Sales Associate/Project Estimator, Ojibwa Building Supply (part-time up to 37 hours), 3/4/2016
- Unit Manager at Office of Violence Against Women (full-time), 3/3/2016
- Teaching Assistant II, Pre-Primary (part-time), open until filled
- Youth Mentor, (youth position), Niiwin Akeaa (part-time), open until filled
- IT Help Desk Technician, (Marquette Casino), IT Dept., (full-time), open until filled
- IT Help Desk Technician, (Baraga), IT Dept., (full-time), open until filled
- Tribal Attorney (full-time), Office of the Attorney, open until filled

**On-call positions (open continuous):** Pharmacy Technician, Facility Attendant, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Internal Sales Specialist, Pharmacist, Receptionist/Clerical Worker, Fill-in Receptionist, Board Operator, Cashier, Account Executive/Sales, Community Service Supervisor, Unit Manager (Newday), Unit Manager (OVW), Van Driver, Cleaning Person, Natural Resources Technician.

## KBOCC Visits Washington DC

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College students recently traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium winter conference. The meeting was attended by Jolene DeCota, KBOCC student, Betti Szarolletta, Student Services Assistant and KBOCC Graduate, along with Clayton Ekdahl, Board of Regents member, and Debbie Parrish, President.

The four day session included a briefing session and advocacy workshop to prepare for effective Capitol Hill visits with senators and congressman from Michigan. Priorities for the Tribal Colleges and Universities were discussed with the representatives and students gave stories about their experiences and education at KBOCC. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters and Congressmen John Moolenaar and Dan Benishek met with the delegation.

The group also met with Robin Smith, Association for Community College Trustees, and attended the Senate on Indian Affairs Committee meeting. In addition, Narcisa Polonio, Ed.D., Governance Institute for Student Success, presented information on upcoming college board training which will be held in New Orleans this Fall.

Other activities provided students with the opportunity for a D.C. Night Tour, visits at the National Museum of the American Indian, Arlington Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, White House, and U.S. Capitol.

"While visiting with Senator Debbie Stabenow, not only did she show support for our educational needs, but she was very interested in hearing the concerns of the KBIC regarding the John H. Warden plant," said Debbie Parrish, KBOCC President. "As a token of our appreciation, she was presented with a dreamcatcher."



Above: KBOCC students and staff at a meeting with Senator Debbie Stabenow. Below: Meeting with Senate on Indian Affairs Committee.



### March 2016 Calendar Events

- **Mar. 5:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, Baraga;
- **Mar. 7:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Tribal Center Bldg, Council Chambers (downstairs conference room);
- **Mar. 24:** Ojibwa Senior Pasty Sale;
- **Mar. 25:** Tribal Gov't Offices closed — Good Friday.



~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact [newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov) to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. **For Youth events**, see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com), click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

## 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.



16429 Bear Town, Rd.  
Baraga, MI 49908

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.

## Hakola Retires After 22 Yrs of Service at Ojibwa Casino



Gail Hakola retired from the Baraga Ojibwa Casino on February 16, 2016, with 22 years of service. Casino Manager, Don Messer, presented Gail with a plaque in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Ojibwa Casino. Co-workers gathered at a retirement luncheon to extend their best wishes for a long and satisfying retirement.



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## KBIC HOLDS ANNUAL HEALTHY HEART FAIR

The KBIC Department of Health and Human Services sponsored the 2016 Healthy Heart Fair on Friday, February 12, 2016. The event was held at the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College's Gymnasium in Baraga, Michigan.

The 174 registered participants at the event visited 37 vendor tables which offered educational matters, screenings, and prizes.

## Who's Who—Who's New— and What Do We Do



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission booth staffed by (left to right) Owen Holly Maroney and Latisha Coffin, shared information with participants Valerie Voakes and Dawn Gauthier on Traditional Foods. Besides information, the table offered food samples, and if you completed a survey on your traditional food use, you were entered into a prize drawing.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Kris Gabe (right) participates in a blood screening offered by Dae Fawn Assinewe, RN (left) of the KBIC Medical Clinic.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Participant Treneice Marshall visits the Tribal Social Services booth staffed by Thurza Mathes (sitting) and Isabelle Welsh (standing), where information is available on a number of community needs and offered a chance to win a door prize.

I will be running an informational article in this issue and subsequent issues as room allows recognizing Tribal Government employees and duties they perform in an effort to allow the Community to know who to contact regarding specific needs and services. I ran the Accounting Department in January issue and will continue through the departments alphabetically as room allows. Keep watch for the numerous departments of KBIC. Employees are the key to our success.

**KBIC Attorney Office is located at the KBIC Tribal Center, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908, (906) 353-6623.**

**Geneva Brennan:** Legal Secretary. Geneva was hired April 22, 2015. She is the custodian of records pertaining to contracts, government issues, and prosecution, as well as all civil lawsuits that are filed. Come and see her to obtain business, alcoholic beverage, and tobacco license applications. Geneva services the community and Tribal Council under the direction of Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney/Prosecutor.

**Danielle Webb:** Tribal Attorney/Tribal Prosecutor. Danielle provides legal services and advice to the Tribal Council, departments, and enterprises of the Tribe. She is also responsible for criminal prosecution in Tribal Court.

**KBIC CEO Office is located at the KBIC Tribal Center, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908, (906) 353-6623.**

**Chalsea Smith:** Receptionist/Clerk. Chalsea is the person you see when making payments. She does the building permits and electrical permits. She handles the government vehicles and conference rooms. Chalsea can point you in the right direction, can fax documents for the community (\$0.25 a page), and make copies (\$0.10 a page).

**KBIC Child Support Services is located at the KBIC Tribal Court Building, 472 N. Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908, (906) 353-4556.**

**Suzanne Kahkonen:** Child Support Specialist. Suzanne is responsible for all aspects of case management after the case initiation phase and excluding the financial case management. Case management duties can include, but are not limited to: Regular monitoring and review of cases, customer correspondence, calculating child support obligations, and preparing child support cases for Court.

**Kristin Olsen:** Child Support Director. Kristin provides supervision to staff in ensuring customer needs are being met. She oversees all case management duties as well as the program's budget and policies and procedures. Kristin works closely with other agencies to provide services to our customers in a professional manner.

Employees not listed chose not to participate.

### Thank you to the following for making the 2016 KBIC Healthy Heart Fair a huge success!

Baraga County Shelter Home  
Baraga County Medical Equipment  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan  
HOSA  
It Works  
KBIC Child Support Services  
KBIC Diabetes Program  
KBIC Family Spirit Program  
KBIC Natural Resources  
KBIC Tribal Prep  
KBIC WIC  
New Day Treatment Center  
Ojibwa Library  
Ronda Dowd Massage Therapy  
Superior Family Chiropractic  
Tribal Social Services  
UP Kids  
Watch Me Grow  
KBIC Youth Program

Baraga County Home Care & Hospice  
Bay Ambulance, Inc.  
GLIFWC  
Intention Yoga & Wellness Center  
KBIC BCCNP  
KBIC Dental  
KBIC Healthy Start  
KBIC Medical Clinic  
KBIC OVW  
KBIC VOCA  
MSU Extension  
Ojibwa Housing Authority  
REACH – Journey to Wellness  
KBIC SORNA  
Tribal Police  
True North  
Upper Great Lakes Family Center  
Young Living Essential Oils  
Ojibwa Senior Citizens



# Seeking Foster Parents



Make a difference. Open your heart and home to a foster child.



Our Community. Our kids.  
KBIC Tribal Social Services

Contact us for a foster care informational pack. 906-353-4201

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



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

# POW WOW

You are invited to the 23rd annual "Learning to Walk Together" traditional pow wow

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

VANDAMENT ARENA - NMU CAMPUS - MARQUETTE, MICH.

Head Veteran Dancer - Glen Bressette, Sr.  
Honor Guard - KBIC Veterans  
Head Female Dancer - Julie Whitepigeon  
Head Male Dancer - Ray Cadotte  
Host Drum - Bahweting Singers  
Invited Drums - Crazy Boy, Mukwaa Gitzik, Sturgeon Bay Singers, Woodland Singers  
Arena Director - Robert Blackdeer  
Fire Keeper - Sam Doyle  
Emcee - Stanley Spruce  
Co-Emcee - Mitch Bolo

**FREE Concert**

Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

Keith Secola



Vandament Arena

Funding provided by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Multicultural Education and Resource Center, President's Committee on Diversity, and the Student Disciplinary Activity Fee.

**Pow wow admission - \$5**

Free to NMU students w/NMU ID

Doors open to the Public at 11 a.m.

**Grand Entries - Noon and 6 p.m. EST**

**Feast & Hand Drum Contest - 4 p.m.**

Vendors by invitation only

The powwow is hosted by the NMU Native American Student Association with support from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and three NMU departments: Academic Affairs/Office of the Provost, Academic Information Services, President U.P. Heritage Center, Center for Native American Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, Engineering Technology, Multicultural Education and Resource Center, Office of the President, and School of Education. Thank you to our local business: Globe Printing, Star Line Mackinac Island Ferry, and 7MGA of Marquette County. Special thanks to L.E. and Christine Swadley NAG 489 Native American Service Learning Project, NMU American Indian Science and Engineering Society, the NMU Native American Language and Culture Club, Chris Klotz and the NMU Hospitality Management Program, Chris Rauch and the PSE staff, and all of our volunteers.

Need more information?

Can you volunteer?

906-227-1397 [nasa@nmuedu](mailto:nasa@nmuedu)

[nmuedu/enas](mailto:nmuedu/enas)

Like our event on Facebook!



## Are you concerned about your preschooler?

Sometimes children require additional support while they learn the skills that they will need for kindergarten.

If your child is having difficulty speaking, understanding or getting along with others, buddy up with Build Up. It's a free, statewide service of the Michigan Department of Education that helps children ages 3 to 5 who may need extra support.

Visit [BuildUpMi.org](http://BuildUpMi.org) for more information.



Loving  support  
makes breastfeeding work

## KBIC Breastfeeding Support Circle

- A 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
- Meal will be provided



Live, Love, Latch!

First Wednesday  
of every Month!!

February 3  
April 6

5-7PM

Niiwin Akeaa  
Center Atrium,  
111 Beartown Rd. Baraga

March 2  
May 4

1-3PM

KBIC Health Center,  
2nd floor Conference  
Room

Register with Dawn for reminder calls and meal  
numbers! 353-4521



Sponsored by WIC, Family Spirit, and Healthy Start Programs

WIC is an equal opportunity provider

# Walk And Talk

**WHAT:** An indoor walking program.

**WHEN:** Beginning Monday, December 7, 2015, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm on weekdays (excluding holidays or snow days) through Friday, April 8, 2016. Only work day activity will count toward earning prizes.

**WHERE:** The KBOCC Gymnasium.

**WHO:** Anyone who would like to stay active through the winter months.

**WHY:** Everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity 5 times a week to stay fit.

Earn prizes for every ten times you walk.  
Contact Popcorn at 353-4531 or  
popcorn@kbic-nsn.gov for a log  
information or to redeem your prize.



Grab a buddy and walk during your lunch break, be sure to bring a sack lunch and leave a few minutes to eat!

This is a tobacco free event.

Program sponsored by CDC/REACH Journey to wellness, and KBIC Youth.

## LANTZ HIRED AS COMMUNITY PUBLIC NURSE



Mindy Lantz, has recently been hired as the new Public Health Nurse for our community. Mindy graduated with her ADN-RN degree with honors from Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, WI, in May 2015. She worked as an LPN for the past nine years maximizing her nursing skills and experience. Mindy said, "Many of you know me as Elvera Lantz's daughter. I have a passion for diabetes and skin care. My daughter was diagnosed with diabetes at the age of two, so I have an abundance of diabetes experience and knowledge, and I look forward to sharing it with you. I also have a Public Health Certificate in Diabetes Research and Prevention, Aesthetics (skin care) License, Advanced Wound Care Training, Licensed EMT, AAS in Early Childhood, Certified Massage Therapist, Career Diploma in Fitness and Nutrition, Certified Medical Weight Loss Consultant, and I am currently working on becoming a Wellness Coach.

As your Public Health Nurse, I am able to help with: medication set ups, home visits, assessments, wound care, catheter care, ostomy care, diabetes education, blood glucose meter set ups, injection therapy education, diabetic foot care, immunizations, TB testing, referrals, scheduling, tobacco cessation, screening for cancer, and other services on a case by case basis. If you have a need for a service, please call me directly to discuss. I will do my best to meet your needs or direct you to the right person."

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## Childbirth Education

Free to Participants

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

**When: Thursday, March 17, 2016  
1:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Open to Pregnant Women and Birth Partners**

**Father of Baby Encouraged to attend!!!**

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

**Registration is Required**  
**Call Dawn at 353-4521**

Sponsored by: KBIC Healthy Start – Family Spirit & WIC Programs  
WIC is an equal opportunity services and programs provider.



## 12th Traditional Powwow continued:

sovereignty. Tribal Sovereignty are just two words, but they are two words that are very powerful and meaningful to our communities and people. Tribal Sovereignty are words used to refer to the right of the tribes to govern themselves and decide their own future and destiny. Prior to the 1970's, Tribal Sovereignty were just two words that many tribes heard, and many Tribal leaders felt were important and should be part of their communities. Prior to the 70's, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), controlled the communities to the extent that, at one point, Tribal members had to get permission from the Indian agents to leave the communities and even spend their own money.

I remember hearing a joke one time about the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Seems that George Armstrong Custer was head of the BIA at one time. Well, as George Custer was heading west to fight those Indians, he turned to the people in the BIA and said "Don't do anything until I get back." Somebody forgot to tell the BIA what happened to ole' George out at the Little Big Horn, so they are still waiting for him to come back before they can do anything.

Though the BIA had ultimate authority on the reservations prior to 1970, law enforcement issues were usually handled by the state and other non-tribal enforcement people. This was despite the fact that Michigan was a non-280 state. Public Law 280 was enacted by the US Congress in 1953 and gave criminal and civil jurisdiction on the reservations to states. PL 280 affected Tribal Self-Governance. Six states, including Wisconsin and Minnesota, were PL 280 states. Other states were allowed to elect similar transfers of power if the Indian tribes affected gave their consent. Nevada, South Dakota, Washington, Florida, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Arizona, Iowa, and Utah have also assumed some jurisdiction over crimes committed by Tribal members on tribal land. Michigan did not.

I remember Helene Welsh telling me one time that Keweenaw Bay leaders were key in preventing PL 280 in Michigan. Despite the jurisdiction issues or lack of proper jurisdiction, state and local non-tribal police were patrolling and enforcing their laws on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Often Tribal members would say that the only time they really saw any enforcement was when the State Police would drive through the rez. Some community members felt that if an emergency did occur, they couldn't rely on the state or local police officers to help.

In the early 1970's, the Tribal Council working with Garfield Hood, our tribal attorney at that time, began to develop Tribal laws and codes for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Council members: Fred Dakota, Jim Cardinal, Helene Welsh, Barb and Clyde Swartz, Myrtle Tolonen, and others were taking those first steps towards Tribal Sovereignty. As the codes and Tribal laws were being developed they knew that they also needed to look at other areas. Who were going to enforce the laws and codes they were passing? What was going to be their judicial system? The

Tribal Council knew that they didn't want to give authority to the State of Michigan. The leaders at that time were always firm about their own autonomy, as were many Tribal members.

In 1972, after I got out of the Marines, I sat in on many council meetings and listened to the council discuss the future of our tribe. I listened to them talk about the need for our own laws, the need to be independent and not rely on the State of Michigan and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I listened to many elders in our community talk about the need and wish to be able to govern ourselves without Baraga County, the State of Michigan, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs looking over our respective shoulders.

I remember in the winter of 1972, I was in a single car accident. As I was going to work that morning, I hit some black ice on Mission Road when I was pulling out by the stop sign on, what is now Linderman Road, by the big turn. I put my car in the ditch. Being the somewhat radical person that I was, I guess you could say that I am a bit more conservative now, but being the person that I am, I believed that the state had no jurisdiction on the reservation. This was after listening at many Tribal Council meetings and talking to a lot of elders in the community.

Well, after the accident, I proceeded to walk down to the Tribal Center, which was the old orphanage/friary at that time. I had decided that I wasn't going to report it to the State Police because I didn't recognize their jurisdiction. However, I knew that I needed to report it to someone. We didn't have a Tribal Police force at that time, so I reported the accident to the only person I felt might have the authority, our Tribal Chairman. I remember talking to Fred about why I was reporting the accident to him. I knew I needed to report that accident to someone in authority, and he was the only one I felt had the proper authority on our reservation, so I gave him all my information. When I got back from work later that day, I was told by Fred and Gar Hood that the State Police were looking for me and were going to issue me a couple of citations for leaving the scene and failure to report an accident. I don't know what Gar told the State Police, but I told Gar that I did report the accident to our Tribal Chairman. It was my understanding that the State of Michigan had no jurisdiction on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, so I reported it to my proper authority. As I said, I don't know what Gar told the police, but he called me later that day and told me that the State Police had decided not to pursue the charges.

I can imagine that about the same time that the Tribal Council was placing those first Tribal codes and laws onto the books, they decided to establish a Tribal Court system and talked about Tribal enforcement officers. They established our court system and placed Ted Holappa as the first Tribal Justice. I can also imagine that our Tribal Chairman, Fred, after discussions with the Tribal Council, met with Matty Joe Shalifoe. He most likely discussed what the council was doing regarding developing Tribal laws and a court system. He then probably discussed with Matty the need for enforcement. Around 1973 or 1974,

maybe late summer, early fall, the first Tribal Police Officer was introduced to the community. No big formal community meeting was held, no welcoming community feast was put on, but he was there; Matthew Shalifoe, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Officer, our first Tribal Police Officer. A major step for our community.

After a few trials and tribulations, the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Department became recognized with everyone inside and outside the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Tribal and non-tribal. Today, the Keweenaw Bay Tribal enforcement consists of 17 staff that includes 14 enforcement officers. Not only do they patrol the reservation and assist other officers as needed, but they are also seen as people who are there to serve.

In the past 40 years or so, I have seen the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police answer a call for help when a boat tipped over in Keweenaw Bay, be the first to provide aid at an automobile accident, provide safety to community members in a domestic disturbance, and be a presence that helps the community when needed without being asked.

Fortunately, I have not, first hand, seen them give out a speeding ticket. Though I am sure many have.

In closing, I would like to say, an elder once told me that in order for a group of people to be recognized as a government, they need to act as a government. As I said earlier, Tribal Sovereignty are just two words, but the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Enforcement Office is part of the embodiment that is Tribal Sovereignty. The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Enforcement Office is part of our government and is one of the things that make us strong as a government and as a people.

There is an Ojibwe word Ogitchidaa that means warrior. It's a word that is used mainly for veterans and those in the military. As a veteran, I am an Ogitchidaa. But the word means more, it also refers to those who protect and guard. The staff of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Enforcement office are also Ogitchidaa, Ogitchidaa-inini, Ogitchidaaque. Warrior men and warrior women. They are our protectors and guardians.

I want to be one of many to say 'Miigwech - Thank You' to the officers and staff of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Enforcement Office. Miigwech for all you have done. Miigwech for doing a good job. But most of all, miigwech for being there when the community needs you. Miigwech."

Grand Entries were held at 1 pm and 6 pm with Wes Martin, Head Veteran Dancer, leading the KBIC Veteran Honor Guard into the arena. Stanley Spruce served as Master of Ceremonies, George Gauthier as Arena Director, and LeRoy Gauthier as Assistant Arena Director. Woodland Singers were this year's Host Drum, and invited drums were: Beartown Singers, Four Thunders, Summer Cloud and Old Style Ojibwe. Also honored were Miss Keweenaw Bay, Kayla Dakota, and Tribal Elders: Gretchen L. Emery and William E. Emery. A Pink Shawl Honor Dance was held honoring Debbie LaPointe. A grand feast was held between grand entries.

## RECOGNIZED HONORED ELDERS



**William E. “Gene” Emery** was born in L’Anse, Michigan (Zeba), to Margaret and William I. Emery. He married Gretchen on July 19, 1975. Gene has two daughters: Tracy Emery who resides in Zeba and Colleen DeRoche (deceased). He has seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Gene is a 1954 graduate of the Flandreau Indian High School (South Dakota). He is a veteran of the United States Air Force where he served for four years, one of which was in Korea. He received a G.I. Bill after Korea and attended Coyne Electrical School in Chicago and Gaeer Tech. for welding and machine shop. Gene worked at the Celotex Corporation for 21 years, Autogroup Corp. for eight years, Chicago General Foreman, KBIC Construction Company for 17 years, and owned and operated his general contract business—Emery Construction for ten years. Gene retired at age 68. He is a member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion (Baraga Post), AARP, Baraga County Department of Veterans Affairs, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corp., and the Zeba Methodist Church. In his spare time he enjoys his wood working shop in his garage.

## 2016 KBIC Forestry Scholarship Recipient Chosen



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Waba Alakayak, a Michigan Technological University junior from Baraga, has been selected as the third recipient of the Tribe’s KBIC Forestry Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee reviewed the applicants and selected Alakayak to receive the scholarship.

Waba graduated from Baraga High School in 2004, and from Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College in 2015, with an Associate of Science degree in Environmental Science. She is currently majoring in Ecology and Environmental Science at Michigan Tech.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. It has been a longstanding wish of the tribe to employ Tribal members to oversee the environmental interests of the community.

The scholarship amount is \$2,500 per semester and is renewable depending upon the availability of funds. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member, attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student, pursue a degree in Forestry or related field as documented by their college, and be a resident of Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota. For more information on this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director at (906) 353-6623, ext. 4117.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL KBIC ROUND DANCE HELD



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their 2016 Round Dance on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, Michigan. The Round Dance was a social event put on by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s (KBIC) Powwow Committee. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate, regardless of nationality, at KBIC’s Round Dances. This year’s 3rd Annual Round Dance was another success. It is an event that brings, not just our community, but people from all over Indian country, together. The event began with a grand feast at 4 p.m., followed by hand drumming and dancing. The Stickman was Mark Kingbird for the event, and Emcees were: Brian Moore and Pete Gahbo. Invited singers were: Michael Needham, Wes Jourdain, Frankie Graves, Kino Pywasit, Delvin Cloud, John Teller, Jr., Hokie Clairmont, Bernie Lemieux, Johnny Morrow, and Kenny Merrick, Jr. There were also ten more singers who registered at the door. Darrell Kingbird served as spiritual advisor.

The winners of the adult hand drum contest were: 1st place — Hokie Clairmont, 2nd place — Gabe Gahbow, 3rd place — Kino Pywasit, 4th place — JT Teller, 5th place — Frankie Graves, and 6th place — Bernie Lemieux. The winners of the youth hand drum contest were: 1st — Many Teller, 2nd — Anthony Wapoose, 3rd — Shamia Teller, 4th — Tyrell Stillday, and 5th — Robert Orielly.

# Scholarship Program and Student Incentives



## Scholarship Program

### MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2016 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE:

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available three (3) \$1000 scholarships and six (6) \$500 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to at least nine qualified students with the \$1000 scholarships being awarded to top three (3) 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, university, or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

#### QUALIFICATIONS – the student:

- Must be an enrolled member (*copy of tribal card*) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands (*must be verified in writing by your 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** not later than **June 15, 2016**. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

An application form can be downloaded from the website at (and clicking student):

<http://www.michiganindianelders.org/>

The application can also be obtained from the Tribal Education Department of each of the constituent Tribes/Bands.

#### Current constituent Tribes/Bands are:

- Grand Traverse Band Of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Hannahville Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior

- Chippewa Indians
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
- Match-E-Be-Nash-She -Wish: Band of Potawatomi Indians, Gun Lake Tribe
- Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

## STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2015/16

A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. \$25 will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the Program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery.

#### Here are the conditions to qualify:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the M.I.E.A. constituent tribes/bands.
- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. (home schooling not eligible).
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award. (A-, A, A+).
- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight "A's" will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.
- Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute perfect attendance.
- The first two marking periods of this 2015/2016 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight "A's" for both marking periods. For example, straight "A's" and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.
- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify

for an award.

A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "A's" and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April, 2016 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Hannahville Band of Potawatomi Indians in Wilson, MI.

VERY IMPORTANT - NECESSARY!!! You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form (this is a different document than this notice), a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator and copy of student's or parent's tribal identification card must be must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2016.

Leann Stindt  
103 Big Bear Rd.  
Iron River, MI 49935

An application form can be downloaded from the website at (and clicking student):

<http://www.michiganindianelders.org/>

The application can also be obtained from the Tribal Education Department of each of the constituent Tribes/Bands.

**KBIC SOLID WASTE FACILITY**  
16278 Ojibwa Industrial Park Road  
Baraga, MI 49908  
(906) 353-8024

**Hours of Operation:**  
Wednesday—Friday, 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

**Rates:**  
\$2.50 per 33 gallon bag  
Minimum Scale fee of \$15.00  
\$95.00 per ton  
\$6.00 mattress  
\$8.00 couch  
\$4.00 chair  
\$10.00 white goods (stove, fridge, washer, etc.)

**We DO NOT ACCEPT any tires at this time.**

**Phone: (906) 353-8024 Fax: (906) 353-8027**

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

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

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

## Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

### Niimigimiwang

Office of Violence against Women

24-hour Helpline  
(906) 353-4599

~Qualities of a Healthy Relationship~

A healthy relationship allows for both partners to feel connected and supported while maintaining independence and ability to make decisions. If you want a happy relationship, look for healthy qualities in a partner – avoid unhealthy qualities:

Healthy	Unhealthy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect</li> <li>Trust</li> <li>Honesty</li> <li>Equality</li> <li>Separate Identities</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Compromise</li> <li>Together = Fun and Love</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Belittling</li> <li>Lying</li> <li>Tells you your "role"</li> <li>Makes all the decisions</li> <li>"Smothering" – can't be away from each other</li> <li>Manipulative</li> <li>Together = Stress or Fear</li> </ul>

Got relationship questions? Call the KBIC OVW 24-hour helpline at (906) 353-4599. Calls are confidential.

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## Sheltering



**THE GOAL:** Know how to respond safely when instructions are given to evacuate or take shelter

*In a disaster you may be asked to either evacuate or shelter-in-place. In the excitement of an emergency, it can be difficult to focus on what you are doing. Know what to do to keep your family safe. Practice your tornado and fire safety plans. If your family has practiced, they will be more comfortable doing it when the emergency actually happens.*

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

### Identify the best storm shelter in your home and practice getting to the shelter with your family.

Choosing the best place in your home or workplace to shelter from a tornado isn't always easy. Many newer buildings don't have a really good shelter area. Use these rules of thumb to find the best tornado shelter possible:

- Stay away from windows and skylights
- Shelter "down and in"—Put as many walls between yourself and the outside as you can (think of the ceiling as a wall)
- Avoid rooms with large ceiling expanses
- Find an area large enough for everyone to stay comfortably for at least 45 minutes

If you live in an area prone to hurricanes, be prepared to protect your family and your property. Cover windows with plywood or hurricane shutters when a hurricane warning is issued—don't use tape. If you are advised to evacuate, do so. Otherwise, stay inside and away from windows until the storm has completely passed.

### Learn how to safely shelter in place.

In an emergency like a chemical spill, you may be told to "shelter in place". This means to make the place where you are a safe place to stay until the danger has passed. Shelter in place orders are given when it would be dangerous for you to go outside.

**Notification**—Warning sirens may be used to warn people that it is not safe to be outside. Emergency responders may go door to door in the affected area. They may also use loudspeakers from police or fire vehicles to give instructions. Information will also be given over television and radio using the Emergency Alert System.

**What to do in a hazardous materials incident**—The first thing to do when a chemical spill or similar event occurs is to get information. Turn on the television or radio to find out if your area is affected and what steps to take. Never call 911 to get information about an emergency. Only call 911 if you are injured or need assistance.

If you are told to shelter in place you should close all doors and windows and shut off fans and air conditioners. Take your family to a room with as few doors and windows as possible. You may be told to put towels or tape around the cracks of the windows and doors. Follow emergency instructions carefully. Make sure you take a battery-powered radio with you so that you will know when the danger has passed. Power in your area may be shut off during the incident.

### Make a Go Bag for emergency sheltering.

Emergency shelters will be opened when people are displaced from their homes. In most areas emergency shelters are operated by the American Red Cross. At the Red Cross Shelter:

RED CROSS WILL PROVIDE	YOU MAY NEED TO BRING	NOT ALLOWED AT THE SHELTER
• A cot to sleep on	• Pillow and blanket	• Weapons or alcohol
• Meals and bottled water	• Identification	• Pets (except for service animals)
• A nurse for basic medical care	• Change of clothes	
• Information about the disaster from public officials	• Cards or magazines	
	• Comfort items	
	• Your medication and medical supplies (or a list of what you are taking, dosage, and Dr's names)	



*The Red Cross will never provide information about you to anyone without your permission. There is never any charge for emergency sheltering.*

## Bear River Health Offers Tribal Addiction & Recovery Program

Boyer Falls, Michigan - February 16th, 2016 - Bear River Health of Walloon Lake today proudly announced its acceptance into the "Access to Recovery Program (ATR)" co-labeled "Anishnaabek Healing Circle". Bear River Health at Walloon Lake's goal is to provide additional options and support for Native Americans who struggle with drug and alcohol addiction. The Anishnaabek Healing Circle/Access to Recovery Program (ATR) has allocated funding to promote addiction healing and recovery specifically targeting the Michigan Tribal population. "The program allows for Tribal members and their family members to get ap-

proved for clinical treatment and recovery support services at no cost to the member, increasing the chances for success in recovery." said Jason DeBeck, Executive Director of Bear River Health at Walloon Lake. "We are grateful to be part of a grant specifically for Tribal members seeking recovery from a substance use disorder."

The mission of Bear River Health at Walloon Lake is to help strengthen the heritage and traditions by providing amazing care while supporting the healing process. Improving a patient's quality of life and maintaining wellness is achieved through encouraging, educating, and empowering clients throughout the discovery process of the 12 step Wellbriety program. "We understand the difficulties families and friends may experience when addiction enters their home. Our program focuses on a combination of Native American traditions and other non-traditional clinical methods to ensure a strong foundation to start their recovery," said Jason DeBeck, Executive Director of Bear River Health at Walloon Lake.

Bear River Health at Walloon Lake is now accepting new clients who meet eligibility criteria. Under the Anishnaabek Access to Recovery grant program, Tribal members and their families can apply for services at no cost to the member. Bear River Health at Walloon Lake will direct members who inquire within the facility to the appropriate access center to start the eligibility process and will provide support every step of the way. They will work directly with friends and family to ensure the most comfortable transition to a full recovery. Bear River Health at Walloon Lake understands recovery is a process and having a strong support system is a key pathway needed to get a person back on the road to wellness. "Our team at Bear River Health is dedicated to raising awareness, seeing addiction as a treatable disease and providing the very highest level of care," said Bear River Health Detox Intake Coordinator, Anna Eggebrecht.

Contact Bear River Health at Walloon Lake and they will coordinate care directly with the appropriate tribal access center, and assist in preparing you for admission into the recovery program at Bear River Health at Walloon Lake. "We make it simple...a one stop shop for any Tribal member and their families to receive addiction support at no cost to the member," said Executive Director Jason DeBeck. Call the office, and the friendly care team will walk you step by step through the admission process. This program and the caring staff provide long term support for anyone looking for help in surrendering their addiction.

"Today's announcement is another example of our concentrated efforts to reduce the impact of addictions within the Tribal community," said Executive Jason DeBeck. "We're grateful to partner with the Anishnaabek Healing Circle at the grassroots level to provide treatment and hope to Tribal members and their families."

Contact Bear River Health: Tribal members (or family members) - for more information on Tribal access to Bear River Health at Walloon Lake's Recovery Healing Services:

Website: <http://www.bearriverhealth.com/>

The Bear River Care Team : 231-535-2822

Address: 2594 Springvale Rd. Boyne Falls, Michigan 49713

**About Bear River Health:** Bear River Health at Walloon Lake is Northern Michigan's premier center for drug and alcohol detoxification and addiction treatment services. Bear River Health at Walloon Lake creates an atmosphere perfect for addressing our patients' individual addiction needs. Bear River Health at Walloon Lake acknowledges that each person has a uniqueness all their own and provides treatment personalized to meet those unique needs. We believe that addressing all angles of addiction will help our patients achieve long lasting recovery.

Our program is not only based on the 12-steps, but it also provides exposure to multiple pathways to recovery that nourish the mind, body and spirit ensuring long-term recovery. Our compassionate, empathetic and caring professionals have years of experience assisting in detoxifying individuals from drugs and alcohol. We treat drug and alcohol addiction as a chronic and progressive medical disease that affects the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of individuals and their families.

At Bear River Health at Walloon Lake, we offer a medically supervised detoxification program that safely manages the painful symptoms that accompany withdrawal. Since withdrawal symptoms can vary from person to person, our twenty-four-hour medical staff utilizes the Evidence Based Practice Protocols established by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) to help each person with their symptoms.

Our inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs offer several different, well established, individualized treatment modalities aimed at improving compliance and reducing the risk of relapse. We feel that changing a person's lifestyle and re-adjusting back into the world after rehab can be difficult, so we also focus on nutrition, health, and overall wellness to help with this process. At Bear River Health at Walloon Lake, we offer meditation, yoga, holistic counseling, and exercise amongst many other treatments. Guests can also enjoy one of the most beautiful lakes in Northern Michigan.

**About ATR (Access to Recovery Program):** ATR is derived from The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, in partnership with twelve federally recognized tribes and one urban Indian Center, as well as four limited Access Centers across service area that was successful in competing for an Access to Recovery (ATR IV) grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Anishnaabek Healing Circle Access to Recovery initiative provides vouchers to eligible people, struggling with substance abuse problems, to pay for clinical treatment and recovery support services.





**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

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We provide the follow-

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- Paternity Establishment
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- Community Education



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**NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA  
SENIOR CITIZENS**

**March:**

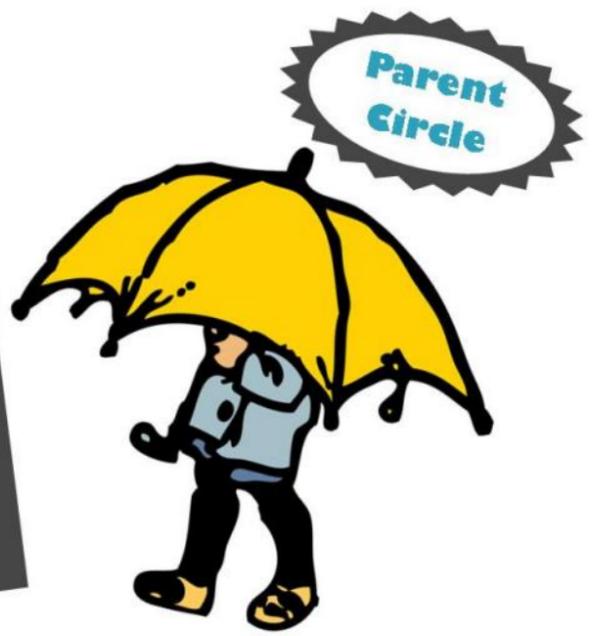
- Mar. 9, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting.
- Mar. 23, Pasty prep starts at 12:15 p.m. until approx. 3:00 p.m.
- Mar. 24, Pasty Sale at 5:00 a.m. All volunteers are needed as early as possible. Clean up immediately follows the baking of the pasties—please plan to stay for clean up; were usually done by 11:00 a.m.

**April:**

- Apr. 13, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting.
- Apr. 27, Pasty prep.
- Apr. 28, Pasty Sale.

Senior Elections will be discussed at the April meeting. MIEA meeting is in April. More information will be available at the Senior Center, see Beth Koski, Nutrition Director.

Please mark your calendars with these dates!



Always the **SECOND MONDAY** of every month!  
Come celebrate National Umbrella Month with our community's public Parent Circle!  
Informal gathering with an opportunity for family bonding while doing an activity.  
Wear clothing that can get dirty!

- Children 0-5 and siblings of all ages
- Make & Take
- Family Engagement—Children must be supervised
- Snacks

**Meeting in the commons area at the Niiwin Akeaa's Youth Center on 111 Beartown Rd. Baraga**

**Time: 5-6:30PM**

**Date: March 14, 2016**

**Register with Dawn to ensure enough supplies: 353-4521**

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The following Committees/Boards have vacant seats:

- Constitution (2) alternate seats
- Enrollment (7) seats (2) **Elder seats (must be at least 60 yrs. of age)**
- Pow-Wow (3) seats
- Indian Child Welfare (2) seats (**Must be able to obtain a satisfactory clearance in accordance with the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act Background Investigations Policy to apply for this committee.**)



Please submit an application (located at the Tribal Center in Kim Klopstein's or in Peggy Loonsfoot's office) by 4:00 p.m. on March 24, 2016, to:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President,  
16429 Beartown Rd., Baraga, MI 49908

**Beading ~ Regalia ~ Traditional Crafting Group ~**

**Location: Zeba Hall Every Sunday 1-6 p.m.**  
Everyone In Our Community Is Welcome  
Children 0-18 Must Be Accompanied By A Parent  
Refreshments and Snacks Offered  
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REGISTRATION AND PLAY BEGIN AT 5PM  
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1ST - \$500 CASH | 2ND - \$250  
3RD - \$100 CASH | 4TH - \$50 CASH  
5TH / 8TH - \$25 FREE PLAY

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IN MARCH

WIN UP TO \$150 FREE PLAY

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