

# WIIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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Happy Thanksgiving



## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AND DEDICATION HELD



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(left to right) KBIC'S CEO Larry Denomie III, Health Board Chairman Wayne Swartz, Health Director Carole LaPointe, and Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Department of Health and Human Services celebrated the Community's newly refurbished and expanded Health Center and the opening of their newest service, a pharmacy, on Friday, September 30, 2011. After nearly a year of construction, the Community is now enjoying a beautifully expanded health facility which includes a much needed service for all Tribal members, a fully staffed 340B pharmacy.

Carole LaPointe, Health Director, spoke after the opening. She began with a history of Indian Health Services (IHS), a 90-year timeline, "The appropriation to IHS by Congress to provide medical services and health care programs to Native Americans was made available through the Snyder Act of 1921. In 1955, the Transfer Act moved health care from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, establishing the IHS. When I first came on as the Health Director, I had the opportunity to attend an IHS conference regarding Contract Health Services (CHS). I attended the 'CHS 101' Workshop where they went on to explain what a Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA) was and how CHSDA's became determined. I learned that a meeting was hosted by the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Health Center where area Tribal leaders and health care persons came together to influence legislation that would benefit all of us. The Indian Self-Determination and Educa-

tion Assistance Act of 1975 authorized the Secretaries of the Department of Interior, Health, Education and Welfare, and some other agencies to enter into contracts with and make grants directly to federally recognized Indian tribes. This Act gave tribes the authority on how they administered the

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Dedication Held
- Breaking the Silence and Cycle of Violence—3rd Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk
- KBIC Hires Third Physician
- KBNRD Offers Prize Drawing For Hunter Participation With CWD Surveillance
- Drug Conviction Report
- New Employees
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funds and which gave a greater control over their own welfare. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) of 1976 implemented federal responsibility for the care and education of the Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal Indian health programs. The Indian Self-Determination Act Amendments of 1988 authorized the BIA to negotiate compacts. Under a Self-Governance Compact, an Indian tribe can administer and manage programs, activities, functions, and services previously managed by the BIA. It acknowledges tribal authority to redesign those programs and services to meet the needs of their communities, within the flexibility of allocating funds based on tribal priorities. In 1992, amendments to the IHCIA extended the Title III self-governance demonstration to the IHS and its programs. In 1994, Congress passed the Tribal Self-Governance Act, making Self-Governance a permanent authority of the Department Of Interior. In 2002, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community received a Self Governance Compact. The 2010 Health Reform Law was passed by current administration

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## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony continues:

instituting the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Affordable Care Act included permanent reauthorization of the IHCIA."

Ms. LaPointe added, "I came upon a letter dated October 23, 1997, written to Wayne Swartz, who was the Tribal President at the time, authored by Charlotte Hewitt of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC). The letter was in regards to the Tribal Health Center dedication which was held on October 24, 1997. Ms. Hewitt was unable to attend this dedication, but four other staff members were able to attend on behalf of ITC. She sent her regrets for not being able to attend but offered some historical information which she thought makes the Keweenaw Bay Health and Human Services System unique. In the 1970's the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was the first tribe nationally to establish a tribally operated Health Center outside of the Indian Health Services. It was done with very little, if any, IHS resources. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community recruited their own physician without the help of IHS; Dr. Nanavanti, a physician, who stayed with the Community for many years. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community prepared a proposal for the hiring of the first Community Health Nutritionist hired by any Michigan Tribe. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was one of maybe two or three tribally operated W.I.C. (Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program) sites nationally. This was a major accomplishment and a difficult feat to accomplish. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was the first Tribe in Michigan to establish a tribally operated Dental Clinic. In the early to mid 1970's, the Keweenaw Bay Tribe initiated the establishment of the one and only Native American Substance Abuse Inpatient Treatment Center, which is still functioning and one of the very few in the nation. In the late 1970's -early 1980's, the Keweenaw Bay Tribe was awarded a grant to conduct a major 'Native American Adolescent Careers Recruitment' project. There were only three projects funded nationally. This was a statewide effort."

LaPointe closed with, "Today our services are a result of the IHCIA and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Highlights of the recommendations incorporated into the Affordable Care Act include: Exemption from cost sharing; payer of last resort; and increased workforce opportunities. Our building was dedicated to the spirit and memory of my father, Donald A. LaPointe, on October 24, 1997. Throughout his life, he advocated for access to healthcare for all Native Americans. He wrote the original grant for the KBIC Health Center in the early 1970's. It was his dream to plan for a building that would provide wraparound healthcare for the members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community."

In addition to Carole LaPointe's historical outline, the ceremony included a welcome by Wayne Swartz, Health Board Chairman; opening remarks by Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Tribal President; Introduction of Honored Guest by Susan LaFernier, Health Board Member

and Tribal Council Member; and a speech by Honored Guest Amy Berglund of Michigan's U.S. Senator Carl Levin's Escanaba Office. Courtney Clisch performed a selected solo, 'America the Beautiful' and a blessing was offered by Dale Shalifoe and Debra Williamson. Lawrence Denomie III, KBIC CEO, gave closing remarks prior to a ribbon cutting ceremony for both the new facility and the pharmacy and guided tours by staff of the facility.

### **Mission Statement of the KBIC Dept. of Health and Human Services FY 2012**

*Our mission is to be a leader in Tribal Health and Human Services Programming and innovative strategies that contribute to building strong, healthy families and patient-centered care.*

Our motto is: *"Promoting and Enhancing the Healthcare of the Community."*

### **Goal — the Tribal Healthcare Facility has expanded to meet the needs of our Community.**

Our facility expansion is complete and we have added much needed dental hygiene bays and chairs for preventative dental cares. We have centralized reception and billing staff, and now have the convenience of an in-house pharmacy for direct patient care. We continue to implement the electronic health record to meet our goal of becoming fully electronic by March of 2012. We continue to work toward achieving designation as a "Patient Centered Medical Home" through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and in conjunction with Indian Health Services "Improving Patient Care" program (IPC-4). PCMH designation will increase reimbursement from Blue Cross Blue Shield by 20% and promote our continuing effort in increasing quality of care for our community.

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 or ideas on possible articles contact: Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263, or e-mail [newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov).

### **Goal — To offer and implement a wide variety of Prevention and Educational Health Programs for members of the KBIC.**

Supplemental grant funding will allow us to offer quality prevention and education Health Programs, in areas such as: Diabetes Prevention, Cancer Awareness, Obesity Prevention in Adults and Children, Domestic Violence prevention, Psychological services for Fathers and Children, Community Emergency Preparedness, Immunization, Women/Men Health Care, Tobacco Cessation, Healthy Eating, and Physical Activity.

### **Goal — Quality, Affordable Healthcare is available to all tribal members.**

With implementation of meaningful use in the electronic health record, we will obtain status as a Patient-Centered Medical Home to increase the quality of healthcare provided to our community members. We will constantly review and assess services to increase patient satisfaction and improve customer service. We will continue to educate our community on CHS and other health benefits to maximize funding streams designed to enhance and improve the healthcare of our people. We will begin to organize the KBIC Health Care Foundation to meet the unmet health needs of our community.

## **KBIC TRIBAL PHARMACY NOW A REALITY**



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The KBIC Pharmacy opened for business on Wednesday, September 7, 2011. Pharmacist James Vollmar (pictured above), was brought on as a consultant to organize and implement the opening of the new pharmaceutical services offered at the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility. He will remain contracted for his services. Cindy Anderson, Pharmacist Technician (pictured above), was recently hired in a full-time position. Plans are to hire an additional full-time Pharmacist and a second Pharmacist Assistant in the near future.

All Tribal members and descendants are eligible for prescription services, however, you MUST be a patient of our Tribal physicians to have your medications filled by the KBIC Pharmacy.

Please bring all medical cards, insurance cards, and other prescription coverage cards you may have available to add to your patient record. There will be no co-pay required from patients who are using the KBIC pharmacy. Hours of Service will be from 8:00 - 4:30 p.m., M-F. Phone number to the Pharmacy is 906-353-4555.

## KEWEENAW BAY TRIBAL MEMBER DOCTOR WORKS FOR KBIC



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBIC member, Dr. Dan St. Arnold is the son of Samuel St. Arnold, nephew of Lori Rasanen (St. Arnold), and cousin of Jim St. Arnold. His parents, Samuel and Audrey live in Maryland and raised their children there.

Dr. St. Arnold, resides in Albuquerque, NM. He stopped in last summer and said he was visiting the area and wouldn't mind filling in sometime for our physicians while they are on summer vacation. Dr. St. Arnold stated, "I knew Donald LaPointe, and he was instrumental in getting me a recommendation for a scholarship which helped me to attend medical school." Carole LaPointe, Health Director, said, "We were very happy to have Dr. St. Arnold fill-in for us for three-weeks last September. He has informed us that he would come again but would prefer to come when the weather is warmer and would like to have notice at least a year in advance, if and when this does occur."

Carole LaPointe added, "At a good-bye luncheon held by the department for Dr. St. Arnold, he told us that Dr. Zobro and he attended the same residency program, only five-seven years apart, at Michigan State University."

Dr. St. Arnold and his wife, a Physician's Assistant, are both retired from the Indian Health Service. They have been married since 1984, and have three sons and one daughter. His daughter is looking into becoming a physician in the future.

Daniel St. Arnold received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the George Washington School of Medicine in Washington DC in 1983. He received a Bachelor of Science in Pre-Medicine from Pennsylvania State University in 1979. His post-graduate training was from July 1983 to June 1986 in the Family Residence Program at St. Lawrence Hospital through Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan.

His professional certifications include: American Board of Family Practice, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Life Support, and Pediatric Life Support Certifications. Dr. St. Arnold is a member of the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) since 1986. He serves as volunteer faculty at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

Dr. St. Arnold added, "My brother, Dale, worked in the accounting department at one time for the Tribe."

## THIRD PHYSICIAN HIRED FOR KBIC DR. BRIDGET REIDY RETURNS TO KBIC MEDICAL CLINIC

(Pictured below) Dr. Bridget Reidy, MD, Board certified physician in family Practice and Hospice and Palliative Medicine, returned to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community on October 20, 2011, with her regular clinic business hours beginning on Monday, October 24, 2011.



Dr. Reidy worked for the Tribal Health Clinic in the early 90s when out of residency school in Marquette. Dr. Reidy states, "My forte is diabetes." For the last nineteen years she has held positions in house call practice, part-time Hospice Medical Director for *Hospice of Michigan*, and family practice and urgent care assignments through Vista Staffing Solutions. She also worked at Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, New Mexico.

"We envision a women's health clinic and continued dedication to a comprehensive patient-centered medical care approach for diabetics and other chronic illnesses. Home visits will be an option in the future on a scheduled basis," stated Carole LaPointe, Health Director. "I hope Dr. Reidy will be with us for a long time. We have seen an increased need for another physician since the pharmacy opened in early September. We are working to meet the needs of our increasingly growing caseload." You can make an appointment with Dr. Bridget Reidy by calling 353-8700.

# New Employees



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Dawn Kemppainen has been hired as the Dental Receptionist at the Donald LaPointe Health Center. Dawn is a KBIC member, the daughter of Dorothy and Bob "Red" Mayo. Dawn states, "I was born and raised in Baraga, and I now reside in Zeba with my husband of 28 years, Robert Kemppainen. Robert has worked at the Baraga Maximum Prison for the past 23 years. We have two adult children and one granddaughter, Kaylee, the apple of my eye."

To make dental appointments, contact Dawn at 353-8787.

New Employees continues page four.

## CANDIDATES APPROVED FOR TRIBAL PRIMARY ELECTION

At a Tribal Council meeting held on October 10, 2011, Council approved the L'Anse and Baraga District candidates for the 2011 Primary Election.

Baraga District candidates are: Robin Lee Chosa, Robert D. Curtis, Jr., John F. Davis, Janice M. Halverson, Carole LaPointe, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Dominic Picciano, and Isabelle Helene Welsh. L'Anse District candidates are: Lyndon Ekdahl, William E. Emery, Jean "Halverson" Jokinen, and Elizabeth C. Matthews.

A primary election will NOT be held in the L'Anse District for Tribal Council. It is not necessary as the number of candidates did not exceed twice the number of offices to be filled. These positions will appear on the Ballot during the General Election on December 17, 2011.

**All Tribal Veterans' Meeting at the Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!**



## Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

A Primary Election will be held in the **BARAGA DISTRICT** on Saturday, November 5, 2011

Baraga District voters will go to the Polls at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Building.

The Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE  
(As per the Election Ordinance)

A Primary Election will NOT be held in the L'Anse District for Tribal Council. It is not necessary as the number of candidates did not exceed twice the number of offices to be filled. These positions will appear on the Ballot during the General Election on December 17, 2011.

### - REWARD -

I am offering a reward for the return of my camera's SD card which was in my wallet that was taken out of my office on August 19th. There are very important pictures on this SD card to me, and they won't mean anything to anybody else. Please return this SD card, and there will be no questions asked.

Elvera Lantz, CHS Clerk KBIC Dept. of Health and Human Services/Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center, 102 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI. 49908. 906-353-4537.

## New Employees continues:



Three newly hired employees join the Tribal Court staff. (left to right) Emily Evans, Tyler Larsen, and Beth Fish.

### **Emily Evans**

Emily Evans has been hired as a Deputy Court Clerk. Emily is the daughter of Mathew and Nancy Shalifoe. Emily said, "I live in Baraga with my husband and two children. I have lived here most of my life with the exception of living in Albuquerque for four years. My husband, Aaron, my son, Noah, and I moved back to the area two-and-a-half years ago. We also have an eleven-month-old daughter, Madyson. I enjoy spending my free time with my family."

I have worked for the community in different positions, most recently the Pre-Primary Program. I am honored to work for the Tribal Court. I am enjoying my new position here at the court office."

### **Beth Fish**

Beth Fish has been hired as a Deputy Court Clerk. Beth says, "I live in Baraga with my husband, two kids, and two step kids. I am a 2002 graduate of NMU with a Bachelor's Degree in Business/Marketing. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, cooking, and gardening. I am very excited to be back at work for the KBIC Tribal Court. Since my last hire with them in 1997-2001,

WOW! Things have changed. Many of these duties were non-existent or duties performed by the clerks. Now there is a department for Child Support, Drug Court, two Probation Officers, a Court Advocate, a Court Clerk, and two Deputy Clerks. I am looking forward to working hard and being part of the team here at the Court."

### **Tyler Larson**

Tyler Larson has been hired as a Probation Officer at the KBIC Tribal Court. Tyler, a KBIC member, previously worked as the Weed & Seed Coordinator. Tyler said, "Unfortunately, the Weed & Seed program is at the ending stages of the grant life, but I am happy to be able to move into a more permanent position. Probation was something I was interested in doing when completing my Criminal Justice Degree at NMU, and now an opportunity has come up. I have work experience with all the partners involved, and I'm excited to continue working to help strengthen our Justice system."

"When I'm not working, I like to spend time with my daughter and fiancée and as well as watching the Packers dominate on Sundays."

Thurza Mathes was hired on September 15, 2011, as the new Prevention Worker at KBIC Tribal Social Services. Thurza will be providing prevention services to families with children and adults. Thurza previously worked in Hancock at Teaching Family Homes, as a Families First worker. Prior to that she worked in the Metro Detroit area at Vista Maria as a residential worker and in Specialized Foster Care. Thurza obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work through Michigan State University in 1989. Thurza said, "I am very happy to work for KBIC Tribal Social Services and be given the opportunity to help families in the local area."

Thurza comes from an Air Force family

and until the age of 16, has lived in many different states and as well as three years in Germany. Thurza's father is from the Calumet area, and she states that she always visited the Calumet area to see her grandmother every year. Thurza is currently engaged and has an eight-year-old daughter. She says, "I enjoy quilting, camping, being a Girl Scout Leader, and going to Bingo with my sister and parents."

Isabelle Welsh, the previous Prevention Worker, recently accepted the Foster Care Coordinator position with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

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## **FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)**

### **NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\***

**(Effective October 1, 2011)**

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

<b>48 Contiguous United States:</b>					<b>Use this amount</b>
<b>Household Size</b>	<b>SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>SNAP Standard Deduction</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard</b>
1	\$ 908	+	\$147	=	\$1,055
2	\$1,226	+	\$147	=	\$1,373
3	\$1,545	+	\$147	=	\$1,692
4	\$1,863	+	\$155	=	\$2,018
5	\$2,181	+	\$181	=	\$2,362
6	\$2,500	+	\$208	=	\$2,708
7	\$2,818	+	\$208	=	\$3,026
8	\$3,136	+	\$208	=	\$3,344
Each additional member					+ \$319

### **Alaska:**

<b>Alaska:</b>					<b>Use this amount</b>
<b>Household Size</b>	<b>SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>SNAP Standard Deduction</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard</b>
1	\$1,134	+	\$252	=	\$1,386
2	\$1,532	+	\$252	=	\$1,784
3	\$1,930	+	\$252	=	\$2,182
4	\$2,329	+	\$252	=	\$2,581
5	\$2,727	+	\$252	=	\$2,979
6	\$3,125	+	\$260	=	\$3,385
7	\$3,524	+	\$260	=	\$3,784
8	\$3,922	+	\$260	=	\$4,182
Each additional member					+ \$399

### **FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)**

**Earned Income Deduction** — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

**Dependant Care Deduction** — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

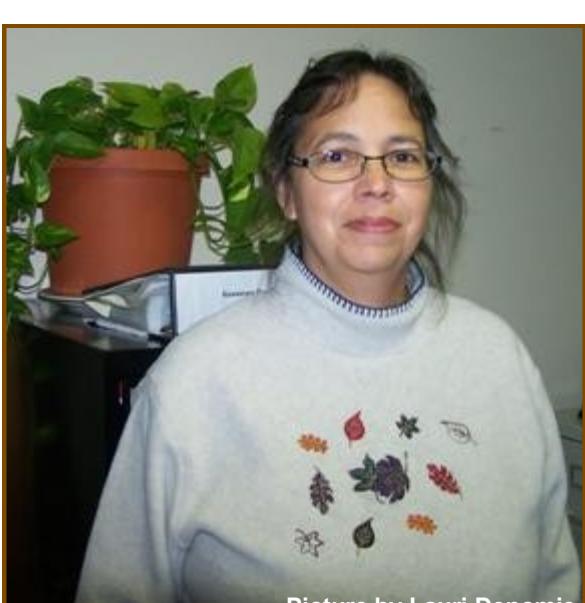
**Child Support Deduction** — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

**Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums** — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

### **FDPIR Resource Standards—see 7 CFR 253.6(d)**

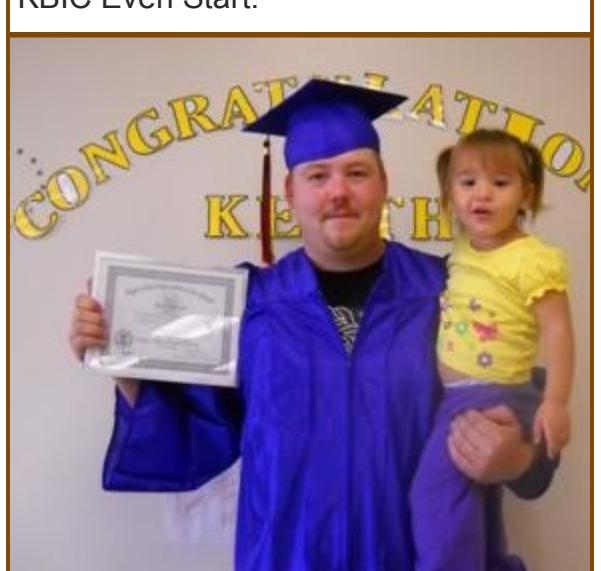
\$3,250 for households with at least one elderly or disabled member.

\$2,000 for households without any elderly or disabled members.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Congratulations to Keith Lofquist on receiving his G.E.D. Best of Luck in the future, from the staff and students at KBIC Even Start.



## **NCAI Statement on Passing of Elouise Cobell**

*Organization calls Indian Country to honor tireless leader's advocacy work with continued action on rights protection and cancer awareness*

Washington, DC - The President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Jefferson Keel, has released a statement on the passing of Elouise Cobell, calling for Indian Country to honor the legacy of one of Indian Country's most influential advocates by continuing to protect the rights of American Indian and Alaska Native people everywhere. NCAI also called for Indian Country to honor her life by confronting the quiet but devastating force of cancer which took the life of Elouise Cobell and is the second leading cause of death among American Indian women and Natives older than 45.

"Elouise Cobell represented the indelible will and strength of Indian Country, and her influence and energy will be greatly missed. Her passing on from this world must be honored by reaffirming our resolute commitment as Indigenous peoples to protect the rights of our citizens and our sovereign nations," said Keel, President of NCAI, the nation's oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native advocacy organization. "NCAI joins all who mourn the loss of this great individual. She committed her life to strengthening Indian Country, and she contributed greatly."

Elouise Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Tribe in Montana and lead plaintiff in the historic *Cobell v. Salazar* litigation, was presented with NCAI's Indian Country Leadership Award soon after the *Cobell* Settlement was finalized in 2010. The award recognized her years of work as the spokesperson and moral force behind the effort to restore justice to American Indian account holders. NCAI has also passed resolutions strongly supporting the *Cobell* settlement.

"From her life, we have lessons of resilience and commitment, and in her passing, we have lessons that will inspire us to continue improving the health of Native people," continued Keel. "Just like Elouise taught us, we must not shy away from taking on what seems impossible. We must acknowledge cancer's vicious assault on Indian Country's most valuable resource, our people. We will honor her with a promise to the future generation of leaders that follow in Elouise Cobell's footsteps, to continue the fight for the health of our people."

According to Native American Cancer Research (NACR), cancer is the second leading cause of death among American Indian women and among American Indians older than 45 years of age. In 2008 the American Cancer Society released the first large-scale national study about cancer rates of American Indians and Alaska Natives. The report stated "For all cancers combined: Incidence rates among American Indians in the Southwest, the Plains, and for Alaska Natives were 50 percent higher than the rates for non-Hispanic whites."



## **KBOCC News Update**

Ojibwa Community College was recently awarded two \$500,000 grants from the U.S. Department of Education under the Tribal College and University Title III programs. The first grant will focus on four areas: program development, acquisition of a student information system, expansion of student services, and establishment of an Office of Sponsored Programs, while the second grant will be used for construction.

Under the first activity, three new programs will be developed: Associate of Applied Science degree in Business; Associate of Arts degree in Native American Studies; and Associate of Fine Arts in Art.

The second activity to be funded is acquisition of a digitized student information system. The Student Information System will serve as a single storage point for all student information. The system will enable better data driven decision making to improve student achievement by facilitating the institutional assessment process and by providing informational access to stakeholders important in directing student learning. The system will improve all areas of the College including admissions, enrollment, financial aid, billing, grants, reporting requirements, student services, donor relations, and other planning.

The third activity funded for expansion of student services will be provided through career guidance, counseling, and placement efforts that will increase student success and retention. Support staff will be hired to better serve students in these areas. Counseling will be available to students for identifying career opportunities, developing portfolios, enhancing communication skills, perfecting interviewing skills and techniques, and performing an aggressive job search.

The final activity funded under this project is the establishment of an Office of Sponsored Programs to serve as a central resource to support externally funded educational endeavors.

The second grant will be used for facility expansion which may be used for new construction or renovation of an existing facility. Plans for renovation of the former Baraga County Memorial Hospital have been put on hold until the county and hospital board reach a decision. Meanwhile, the College is working with Gundlach Champion to develop plans for an addition to the main campus building on Beartown Road. The expansion will include additional classrooms, office space, and storage.

# **Deepest Sympathy**

WARREN C."JERRY" SWARTZ, SR.  
(March 5, 1939—October 3, 2011)

Warren C. "Jerry" Swartz, Sr., age 72, of L'Anse, passed away suddenly, October 3, 2011, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. He was born in L'Anse, MI on March 5, 1939, the son of the late John and Clara (Knapp) Swartz. Jerry graduated from L'Anse High School in 1957 and served in the US Army. He married the former Sandra Curtis in Zeba on April 21, 1962. He had worked for the Celotex Corp. Jerry then was supervisor for the Tribal Construction Company, Baraga. He worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Construction Company as manager and trainer. Jerry then owned his own construction company, Swartz Construction Company from 1989 until his retirement in 2001. He was a member of Zeba Indian Mission United Methodist Church, Ojibwa Senior Citizens, the L'Anse American Legion Post #144, and he was a lifetime member of the Covington AMVETS. Jerry also was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community where he had served on the KBIC Council from 1968 until 1970, and in 1970 he was the KBIC Vice President. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cribbage, and distributing candy to the children and was known as the "Candy Man" in the Zeba area.

Mr. Swartz is survived by his loving wife Sandy; son Warren "Chris" (Jacqueline) Swartz, Jr. of Baraga; daughters: Joanne (Gregory) Clement of Chassell, Jeanette "Jean" Swartz (Greg Tinsdale) of Granite City, IL, and Robin Roe of Baraga; grandchildren: Brandon, Chrystal, Stuart, Nicole, Cody, Keith, Stacey, Logan, and Grayson "Trouble"; brothers: Wayne (Ann) Swartz, Ward (Nancy) Swartz, Roland (Cheryl) Swartz, and William (Anne) Swartz; sisters: Pearl Thoresen of L'Anse, and Amelia "Dolly" Sapcut of Baraga. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his brother Clyde and his trusty dog "Rusty".

Funeral services for Mr. Swartz were held Thursday, October 6, 2011, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse with Pastor Steve Rhoades officiating. Baraga County area veterans, under the direction of the Baraga American Legion Post #444, conducted military honors at the funeral chapel. The Reid Funeral Home assisted the family.



**The PWPL Literacy Project  
Starting Immediately!  
The Peter White Public Library  
217 N. Front Street, Marquette**

### **The PWPL Literacy Project wants you!**

Do you sometimes struggle to read the newspaper, puzzle over written instructions, or mistake directions on medicine bottles? If so, the PWPL Literacy Project has ten trained literacy tutors ready to help you, or someone you know, become a better reader.

Call 226-4311 today to sign up for confidential, one-on-one tutoring at the Peter White Public Library. The PWPL Literacy Project is seeking adult students over the age of 18, and no fee is charged to participants.

The PWPL Literacy Project is supported by the Peter White Public Library and the Friends of the Peter White Public Library.

Call 226-4311 for more information. Ask for Lisa.

**"BREAKING THE SILENCE AND CYCLE OF VIOLENCE"  
3RD ANNUAL CHELSEY LAFERNIER MEMORIAL WALK**



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(Above) The family of Chelsey LaFernier are joined by the Community in the 3rd Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community recognizes October as Domestic Awareness Month, and in doing so held their 3rd Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk on October 7, 2011. With over 400 registered for the day's events, the attendees began their day participating in four breakout sessions: "Dynamics and History of Violence" and "Advocacy for Native Women" by Ruth Oja, a Victim's Advocate from the Hannahville Indian Community, and "Impacts of Violence on Children" and "Safety Planning" by Beatrice Jackson and Anita Sherman of the United Three Fires Against Violence.

Walkers gathered for the 1.8 mile walk on the corner of Lyons and McGillian Street, in Baraga, Michigan, near the home where Chelsey LaFernier, a KBIC member, was murdered by her domestic partner. Chelsey's life was taken on January 22, 2009, through a devastating act of domestic violence. The group proceeded through the tribal neighborhoods onto M-38 to Beartown Road where participants gathered at the Niiwin Akeaa Center in the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. Participants received purple shirts to wear on their journey. Purple is not only the color which represents domestic abuse awareness, it was also Chelsey's favorite. The evening's events began with Chelsey's sister, Lily Leinonen, citing a poem she wrote for Chelsey, followed by a release of balloons to signify and acknowledge survivors of domestic violence. Proceeding a Feast, Four Thunders Drum presented the Honor Song for the occasion, followed by an opening prayer by elder, Myrtle Tolonen. Tribal Council Secretary Susan LaFernier gave the welcome, opening remarks, and introduced the keynote speaker, Mildred Muhammad.

Mildred Muhammad, is the ex-wife of John Allen Muhammad, the DC Sniper. A powerful speaker, Mildred Muhammad told her story of how she was the intended target. "John told me, 'I don't mind because you don't matter.' At one point, he told me, 'You have become my enemy and as my enemy, I will kill you.'" John Allen Muhammad, the DC Sniper was sentenced to death in September 2003. He took part in the Washington sniper attacks during a three-week period in October 2002. On November 10, 2009, Muhammad was executed by lethal injection. Investigators also believed Muhammad intended to kill his ex-wife Mildred, who had estranged him from his children. According to this theory, she would appear to be just another random victim of the snipers. Muhammad frequented the neighborhood where she lived during the attacks, and some of the incidents occurred nearby.

This year's event were planned by the KBIC Ojibwa Women Survivor Advisory Committee, the OVW (Office of Violence Against Women) Programs and Services, and the Baraga County Shelter Home. They received assistance from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's: Tribal Council, Language Program, Weed and Seed Program, Tribal Social Services, Youth Programs, New Day, and Cultural Committee, and the Ojibwa Casino and Resort.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(Above) The family of Chelsey LaFernier are shown with the event's keynote speaker. (left to right), Lily Leinonen, Mildred Muhammad, Roberta (Birdie) Sheldon, and Harry LaFernier.

**"Gone But Not Forgotten,"**  
written by Kelsy Y. Sheppard, cited by Lily Leinonen

You were so full of life,  
Always smiling and carefree,  
Life loved you being a part of it,  
And I loved you being a part of me.  
You could make anyone laugh,  
If they were having a bad day,  
No matter how sad I was,  
You could take the hurt away.  
Nothing could ever stop you,

Or even make you fall,  
You were ready to take on the world,

Ready to do it all.  
But god decided he needed you,  
So from this world you left,  
But you took a piece of all of us,  
Our hearts are what you kept.

Your seat is now empty,  
And it's hard not to see your face,  
But please always know this,  
No one will ever take your place,  
You left without a warning,  
Not even saying good-bye,  
And I can't seem to stop,  
Asking the question why?

Nothing will ever be the same,  
The halls are empty without your laughter,

But I know you're in Heaven,  
Watching over us and looking after.

I didn't see this coming,  
It hit me by surprise,  
And when you left this world,  
A small part of me died.

Your smile could brighten anyone's day,  
No matter what they were going through,  
And I know everyday for the rest of my life,  
I'll be missing you.

**Don Burnstick Returns to KBIC**

**"Empowering Our Youth,  
Dealing With The Bullying Issue"**

**Prizes**  
Awesome Prizes  
will be offered  
in both sessions!

**Prizes**

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KBIC SAP  
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- Open to all members of Baraga County in 7th—12th Grades, Saturday — November 5th, 2011, 1:00 — 3:30 p.m. at the KBOCC Gymnasium
- Open to all members of Baraga County in 3rd—6th Grades, Sunday — November 6th, 2011, 1:00 — 2:00 p.m. at the KBOCC Gymnasium



**Topics include :**  
**Diabetes & Cancer Awareness & Prevention**

**Saturday, December 3rd**

Learn about some types of cancer, how to prevent it, and the screening you should get to help detect it. As well as how to reduce your risk for developing diabetes and preventing complications.

**Agenda**

- 8:30 a.m. - Depart KBIC Health Dept.
- 10:00 a.m. - TV6 Winter Craft Show
- 12:00 noon - Lunch Provided
- 1:30 p.m. - Westwood Mall
- 3:30 p.m. - Depart Marquette

**Registration is Required,  
seating is limited!**

To register contact Heather at 353-4546.

This is a Smoke Free event.

Sponsored by: KBIC Diabetes Programs, ACS Wal-Mart Grant Award, BCCCP

## NOVEMBER 2011 Calendars Events

- Nov. 4:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- Nov. 5:** Baraga District Primary Elections; Don Burnstick Show—Empowering Our Youth;
- Nov. 6:** Don Burnstick Show—Empowering Our Youth;
- Nov. 11:** Veteran's Day—Gov't offices closed;
- Nov. 12:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 10 am, Harvey Community Building;
- Nov. 16:** Veteran's meeting 7 pm;
- Nov. 24:** Thanksgiving—Gov't offices closed;
- Nov. 25:** Native American Heritage Day—Gov't offices closed;

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact 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.



**Happy Thanksgiving**

**November is Native American Heritage Month**

**SPEAKER: Jim St. Arnold, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission**

**Wednesday, November 2 at 6 p.m.**

Mead Auditorium, West Science Building

**11th annual First Nations Food Taster**

**Friday, November 4 from 5 - 7 p.m.**

D.J. Jacobetti Center

the NMU Native American Student Association.

**FILM: "Barking Water"**

**Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m.**

Jamrich Hall 102

**MUSIC WORKSHOP: with guest, Digging Roots**

**Friday, November 11 at 10 a.m.**

Reynolds Recital Hall

**WORKSHOP: Making Wild Rice Sticks with guest, Roger LaBine**

**Saturday, November 12 at 8:30 a.m.**

Beaumier Heritage Center, First Floor Cohodas

Contact the Beaumier Heritage Center at 227-3212 to sign up for this workshop.

**CONCERT: Digging Roots-Anishinaabeg Blues**

**Friday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m.**

Peterson Auditorium, 39 East Division Street, Ishpeming

**FILM: "Older Than America"**

**Wednesday, November 16 at 7 p.m.**

Jamrich Hall 102

**INFORMATIONAL GATHERING: Decolonizing Diet Project**

Learn about an Indigenous foods research project. We are seeking participants!

**Friday, November 18 at 11 a.m. - Mead Auditorium, West Science Building**

**Monday, November 21 at 5:30 p.m. - Marquette Commons, Third St. Marquette**

**PUBLIC READING: Voice on the Water: Great Lakes Native America Now**

**Wednesday, November 30 at 7 p.m.**

Jamrich Hall 105

For more information about these programs call the NMU Center for Native American Studies at 906-227-1397 or visit us at [www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans](http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans).

## Ojibwa Community Library

409 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908

**353-8163** [www.oclib.up.net](http://www.oclib.up.net)

**Hours:** **Funded by:**

Monday—Thursday 11am-7pm

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Saturday—10am—3pm

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### **PRIZE DRAWING FOR HUNTER PARTICIPATION WITH CWD SURVEILLANCE**

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department will be monitoring deer harvested in the 2011 hunting season for Chronic Wasting Disease. Deer heads from hunter harvested deer are sought for sample collection. Our goal is to reach 100 heads again this year. We successfully collected 103 heads last year (all tested negative), and we'd like to offer a big "thank you" to all who participated!

Funding for collection and processing is provided by Animal Plant Health Inspection Service through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A **prize drawing** will take place for all participants again this year thanks to funds provided through the KBIC Natural Resource Committee. Winners of last year's prizes were: Freddy Dakota (deer blind), Dan Hochstein (ladder stand), Joe Spruce (GPS unit), Tommy Ross (binoculars), Kyle Seppanen (snow shoes), and Marlene LaPlante (Backpack). One prize ticket is given for each head donated, and up to two entries are allowed per participant. Prizes this year are: pop-up deer blind, snowshoes, portable heater, spotting scope, cold weather sleeping bag, and a high quality thermos.

A staff member from KBIC Natural Resource Department is available to collect heads from Tribal Members at your camp location or place of residence, if you provide detailed directions (call 524-5757 x 18 for pick up). If you prefer to deliver the head yourself, drop off receptacles are located at: the back door of Indian Country Sports on Front Street in L'Anse and KBIC Natural Resource Department (Fish Hatchery) in Pequaming (note: we can age your deer at the NRD on Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm). If you drop off a head after hours, be sure to include your name/address/phone so that we can enter a prize ticket for you.

We appreciate your assistance to protect the health of our deer population. In the past four years, about 300 heads have been tested and none were positive. Thank you for your continued support and participation. Prize drawings will take place in early January. If you have any questions, please call the KBIC Natural Resource Department at 524-5757 x18.

~ submitted by Pam Nankervis,  
Wildlife Biologist

### **Prizes - Chronic Wasting Disease Collection - Prizes We all win with healthy wildlife!**

We're monitoring the deer for Chronic Wasting Disease again this year, and our goal is to reach 100 samples. PLEASE donate your deer heads. Thanks to the KBIC Natural Resource Committee, prize drawings are set for January: deer blind, snowshoes, portable heater, spotting scope, cold weather sleeping bag, and a high quality thermos. Call us and we'll pick it up! 524-5757 x18 or drop it off at KBIC Natural Resource Department in Pequaming or at the back door of Indian Country Sports in L'Anse.

**DONATE -- WIN -- DONATE -- WIN -- DONATE -- WIN -- DONATE -- WIN**

### **KBNRD STAFF COLLECT ASH SEED**



Chris Chosa climbing an ash tree to collect seed .

Early fall is prime time to collect seed for propagation and preservation of native species in our area. Of particular interest for collection by KBNRD staff is seed from ash trees. Ash is culturally significant to the Anishinaabe people and is used to make many items including bows, sleds, snowshoes, and baskets. Collection of ash seed is ongoing in an effort to preserve and protect the ash resource in our area from the emerald ash borer, a small green exotic beetle that has already killed tens of millions of ash trees throughout the Eastern U.S. (including Michigan) and parts of Canada. KBNRD is part of a cooperative effort with BIA Forestry and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for collecting ash seed. Collections have been completed from scattered sites on approximately 96 acres of tribal land. This year, seed was collected from over 30 individual trees at nine sites.

To collect the seed, which is typically at the very top of the tree, requires climbing the tree or using extended reach branch trimmers. Collection occurs during the fall after the leaves of the ash tree have fallen and seeds are exposed. "It's a good thing we went out when we did," remarks Plant Technician Karen Andersen, "with this recent wind much of the seed is probably gone now." Although there are 65 members of the ash family in North America, we are concerned with black and green



Ash tree with seed at top.



Ash tree marked with numbered tag after collection.



ash, which both occur on the reservation. Black ash is often more difficult to locate and more difficult to collect from as the seeds are often out of reach, even for a climber. This year we were lucky to find several stands of black ash with seed in reach.

The USDA Agricultural Research Service in Colorado will hold ash seed collected from tribal lands in long-term storage. There is a memorandum of understanding between the Tribe and USDA that the seeds will not be genetically tampered with or given away without KBIC approval. The Department of

Agriculture continues to monitor for the presence of emerald ash borer in our area. One of the ways we can help reduce the spread of emerald ash borer is to stop the transportation of firewood onto or out of tribal lands. For further information please contact KBIC Natural Resources Department at (906) 524-5757.

~ submitted by Erin Johnston,  
Lake Superior Program Coordinator

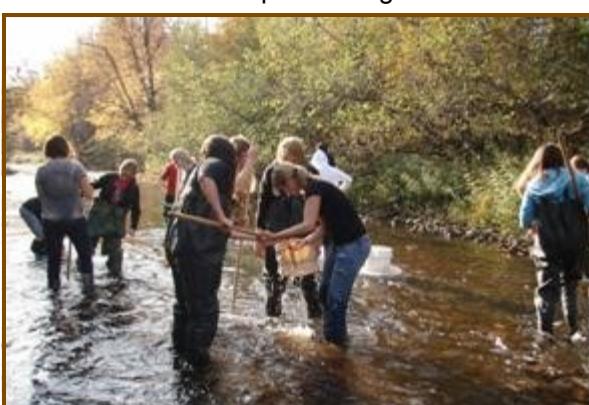
### KBNRD Staff Assist Local High School Students with Macroinvertebrate Sampling on the Huron River

On Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> KBNRD staff assisted local volunteers Dave and Marcy Cella and Baraga and L'Anse high school students in collection and identification of macroinvertebrates (aquatic insects, insect larva, crawfish, clams, snails, etc.) in the Huron River. These efforts are part of the broader MiCorps Volunteer Stream Monitoring program that takes place annually in the spring and fall.

Why macroinvertebrates? As it turns out, macroinvertebrates are excellent indicators of water quality. Identifying macroinvertebrates present in a water system can help determine the health and quality of the water body for larger organisms such as brook trout. In addition to looking at the macroinvertebrate community, volunteers also collect information on stream depth, substrate, and fish and wildlife. "We had a great time with the students and you could tell they were having fun and learning too! We would be happy to help out again in the future," remarked KBNRD Water Resources Technician, Kit Laux.

KBNRD water and fisheries staff collects similar data on rivers and streams throughout the reservation in order to monitor water and habitat quality for fish and wildlife. This information also helps protect reservation waters from any contamination or disturbance. For further information please contact the KBIC Natural Resources Department at (906) 524-5757.

~ submitted by Erin Johnston,  
Lake Superior Program Coordinator



Students from Ben Johnston's Advanced Biology class at Baraga High School using kick-nets to collect macroinvertebrates

### KBNRD Staff Assist in Contaminated Soil Clean-up on Indian Cemetery Road

Last November KBNRD staff responded to a call about a front-end loader that had overturned at the sand pit on Indian Cemetery Road. The machine was leaking fuel, coolant, hydraulic oil, and transmission fluid into the soil. KBNRD staff quickly responded by



# Attention KBIC Pre-Primary Education Openings

If you have a child aged 6 weeks through Kindergarten and need quality child care while you attend work or school, give KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program a call. They currently have child care openings available.

The KBIC Pre-Primary Program is conveniently located near the Tribal Offices in Baraga.

Child care grants and/or free tuition for qualified children are also available.

**CALL TODAY  
353-KIDS (5437) or stop by the  
NEWLY OPENED CENTER across the parking  
lot of the Niiwin Akeaa Recreation Center.**



### KBIC Partners in Adult Tobacco Survey

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in partnership with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. is conducting a survey of the knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to commercial and traditional tobacco use. The Adult Tobacco Survey (ATS) is being done among KBIC members, 18 years and older living in Baraga, Houghton, and Ontonagon Counties. The goal is to recruit 275 randomly selected people to participate in the survey. Those selected have been sent a letter asking if they would like to participate in the survey. If they chose to participate they will be contacted to arrange a time and date to conduct the face-to-face interview. The survey interview takes about 20-30 minutes. The information collected is combined to help develop a profile of com-

munity smoking/health behaviors and attitudes. Results from the survey will help us to identify tobacco use problems and needs specific to our community. It will also help to improve services and programs aimed at preventing or decreasing commercial tobacco use.

Community members who have been trained to conduct survey interviews are Debbie Arens, Michelle Wood, Ruth Keller, Heather Wood, and Kathy Mayo. If you would like more information about the Adult Tobacco Survey, please contact either Kathy Mayo (353-4519) or Heather Wood (353-4546) at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center, or Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan ATS contact person Lisa Abramson at 906-632-6896.



### DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

**Amanda Strong, case #11-092, controlled substance (use – morphine) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense  
Sentenced on 09/15/2011 to:**

1. The Court will refer the Defendant to the Drug Court.

**Helene Shalifoe, case #11-156, controlled substance (use – marijuana) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense  
Sentenced on 09/19/2011 to:**

1. \$150 fine.
2. 180 days jail, suspended upon successful completion of Drug Court Program. Credit for two days served.
3. Defendant is responsible for all lodging, drug, and alcohol costs and fees.
4. Probation 12 to 18 months with a \$10 per month fee.
5. Standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with random PBT and drug tests.

**Cheryl Denomie, case #11-143, controlled substance (possession – Hydrocodone) – 3<sup>rd</sup> offense  
Sentenced on 09/19/2011 to:**

1. \$1500 fine.

2. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendation of that screening until successfully discharged.
3. Jail 180 days. Credit for ten days served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. (Concurrent with Case # 11-144)
4. After successfully completing the Drug Court Program, the Court may entertain a motion to reduce fines up to half.
5. 12-18 months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.

**Cheryl Denomie, case # 11-144, controlled substance (altering – prescription) – 4<sup>th</sup> offense  
Sentenced on 09/19/2011 to:**

1. \$2000 fine.
2. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendation of that screening until successfully discharged.
3. Jail 180 days. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. After successfully completing the Drug Court Program, the Court may entertain a motion to reduce fines up to half.
5. 12-18 months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.



# Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

website: [www.kboa.com](http://www.kboa.com)

**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

## Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  2. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.



## KBIC Even Start Family Learning Center

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
AE ECE	Adult Education Early Childhood Education	1 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	2 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	3 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	4	5
PACT	Parent and Child Time	PACT / PE 1pm-2pm	PACT / PE 1pm-2pm	PACT / PE 1pm-2pm	AE 9am—4pm	
PE	Parent Education					
 <b>FALL BACK</b> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Set clocks back one hour	7 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	8 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	9 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	10 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	11 Veteran's Day  <b>CLOSED</b>	12
13	14 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	15 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	16 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	17 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	18 AE 9am—4pm	19
20	21 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	22 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	23 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	24 Thanksgiving Day  <b>CLOSED</b>	25 <b>CLOSED</b>	26
27	28 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	29 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	30 AE / ECE 9am-4pm <b>Home Visits</b> 9am-12pm	<b>NEW SERVICE AVAILABLE</b> Enrolled KBIC Members, not eligible for Even Start Services, can enroll in the Adult Education program to receive assistance in obtaining their GED. If you, or anyone you know need a GED, please call us at 353-8161		

### KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS...

**MeL. What is it?** It's the Michigan e Library, the "e" is for electronic.

**What will it do for me?** It has data bases on every subject imaginable, such as full text magazines and newspapers, GED and ACT, careers, etc. tests and tutorials, Job and Career Acceleration to name just a few. You can start a genealogy project, find information to fix your car, truck, etc... There is legal information, health and wellness, business and jobs, and sites for kids and teens. The possibilities are endless.

**Is there a cost?** There is no cost for using

MeL. There is no cost to print from your home computer. The site will ask you for your Michigan Driver's License number, this is for them to keep track of usage.

**How do I find MeL?** It's easy. Go to mel.org, no "www" is necessary.

**What if I don't have a computer and internet?** Visit the Ojibwa Community Library. We can assist you. If you need to print, we charge \$.10 a page.

~ Mary Bergerson, Ojibwa Community Library Director

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Native American Indian Heritage Month November

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### NATIVE AMERICAN ART SHOW

Gallery 325, located at 315 McGillan Street in Baraga, Michigan, will open their third annual Native American Art Show with a reception on November 4, 2011, 7-9 pm.

Artwork for the Native American show can be dropped off at the Gallery on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 12-4 pm, and Friday Nov. 4, 1-3 pm.

The public is welcome and urged to attend the reception, or view the art for a number of weeks (Wed 12-4 pm, Sat 10-12 noon).

September 6, 2011

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN::

Greetings! I am writing to share information about two programs of great importance to Tribal communities and Native households — Lifeline and Link Up. These programs help to provide telephone service to low-income consumers living on Tribal lands for as little as \$1 a month. Lifeline and Link Up, run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), help eligible low-income consumers establish and maintain telephone service by discounting services provided to them by wireline and wireless providers. These programs are part of the Federal Universal Service Fund, or USF. I would like to share some important news and new developments about these programs with you.

The Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) is your official, one-stop point of contact at the FCC for all of your questions about communications services, including traditional wireline telephone service, wireless telephone service, broadband service, and radio and television licensing. The FCC established ONAP in August of 2010 to promote the deployment and adoption of communications services and technologies throughout Tribal lands and Native communities. My staff and I are available to help you with all of your questions.

**Background on the Lifeline and Link Up Programs**

There are additional Lifeline and Link Up discounts available to low-income consumers living on Tribal lands. That is, enhanced Lifeline and Link Up benefits are provided to low-income consumers who live on a Federally recognized Indian Tribe's reservation, pueblo, or colony; on a former reservation in Oklahoma; within an Indian allotment; or within an Alaskan Native region established by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

***Enhanced Lifeline for Tribal Lands*** provides qualified telephone subscribers living on Tribal lands with discounts of up to \$35 per month on basic monthly telephone charges. As a result, qualified subscribers on Tribal lands may receive basic local phone service for a little as \$1 per month. ***Enhanced Link Up for Tribal Lands*** provides qualified low-income subscribers living on Tribal lands with a one-time discount of up to \$100 on the initial installation or activation of a wireline or wireless telephone for the primary residence.

**Eligibility for Enhanced Lifeline and Link Up for Tribal Lands**

There are two ways to qualify for Enhanced Lifeline and Link Up for Tribal Lands — based either on household income or on participation in one of a number of income assistance programs. A low-income consumer living on Tribal lands wishing to qualify based on household income must have an income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The 2011 Federal Poverty Guideline information appears below.

135% of the 2011 Federal Poverty Guidelines<sup>1</sup>

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$14,702	\$18,360	\$16,929
2	\$19,859	\$24,813	\$22,856
3	\$25,016	\$31,266	\$28,782
4	\$30,173	\$37,719	\$34,709
5	\$35,330	\$44,172	\$40,635
6	\$40,486	\$50,625	\$46,562
7	\$45,644	\$57,078	\$52,488
8	\$50,801	\$63,531	\$58,415
For each additional person, add	\$ 5,157	\$ 6,453	\$ 5,927

A low-income consumer living on Tribal lands wishing to qualify for Lifeline and Link Up based on programs must participate in one of the following income assistance programs:

- Medicaid;
- Food Stamps;
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8);
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF);
- The National School Lunch Program's free lunch Program;
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance;
- Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF);
- Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or

- State assistance programs (if applicable).

**Restrictions on the Lifeline and Link Up Programs**

Qualifying low-income consumers, whether living on Tribal or non-Tribal lands, may receive a Lifeline and Link Up discount on ***either wireline or wireless phone service, but they may not receive discounts on both kinds of service at one time.*** That is, Federal government rules prohibit qualifying low-income consumers from receiving more than one Lifeline and Link Up discount at that same time.

This has been the rule for a long time, but the FCC is just starting to launch a new initiative to eliminate duplicates going to the same person. I wanted to make you aware of this new initiative, and I am asking for your help in getting the word out to your community. Here is how the new initiative is going to work:

- The FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company, or USAC, are working together to implement this new initiative. USAC is the non-profit company that administers the Universal Service Fund, of which Lifeline and Link Up are a part. USAC works for the FCC.
- The FCC and USAC have identified 12 states in which many customers appear to be receiving duplicate Lifeline discounts. Those 12 states are: Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.
- The FCC has put USAC in charge of notifying consumers who are found to have more than one Lifeline discount and making sure that they receive only the one discount they are allowed to receive. Here is how the process will work if a consumer is found to have more than one Lifeline discount:
  - USAC will send a letter to the consumer, who will be given 35 days to select one of their current carriers to be their only Lifeline provider.
  - USAC will send a postcard reminder ten days later, and the consumer may also receive a phone call if they fail to make a selection.
  - If the consumer still does not make a selection, USAC randomly assign the consumer to one of their current carriers. The consumer will then be de-enrolled from the Lifeline program of their other carrier. ***This means that the consumer will continue receiving a Lifeline discount from one carrier only and will stop receiving a Lifeline discount from any other carrier.***

Even if your Tribe is not located within one of the 12 states targeted for this new initiative, it is still very important for the members of your community to understand the Lifeline and Link Up rules. These important programs are critical to communications services in Indian Country. Every eligible consumer needs to be aware of them. ***And everyone needs to understand that they may receive only one Lifeline and Link Up discount at the same time.***

Again, ONAP is here to ensure that your voices are heard and your concerns are addressed. Please feel free to contact me and my staff at 202-418-2930 or [native@fcc.gov](mailto:native@fcc.gov).

Thank you and best regards,  
Geoffrey C. Blackwell  
Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy  
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission

<sup>1</sup> Source: [www.usac.org/\\_res/documents/li/pdf/Income\\_Requirements.pdf](http://www.usac.org/_res/documents/li/pdf/Income_Requirements.pdf)

**Contaminated Soil Clean-up continues:**

using a spill kit and absorbent pads to absorb as much of the pooling liquid as possible and contain fluid that was still leaking from the overturned machine.

After the machine was turned upright and remaining pools of fluids were cleaned up, the contaminated soil was excavated to about one foot below the surface. KBIC Tribal Response Program provides for emergency response by KBIC staff in situations like this one. Testing after the initial excavation indicated that the soil was still contaminated and a second excavation took place in December 2010. Following completion of the second excavation, soil testing indicated that contaminants had been cleaned up and remaining soil was clean. A total 30 tons of contaminated soil were excavated and recently disposed of at the K & W Landfill. For further informa-

## **Contaminated Soil Clean-up continues:**

tion please contact KBIC Natural Resources Department at (906) 524-5757.

~ submitted by Erin Johnston,  
Lake Superior Program Coordinator



Excavation of contaminated soil at the sand pit on Indian Cemetery Road.

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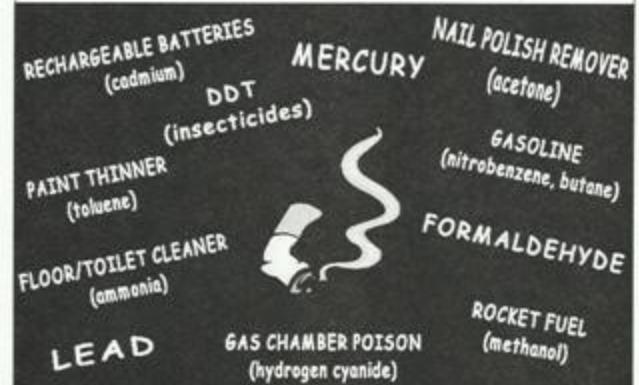
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(12) Ashi Niizh



**ATTENTION: Information on the Marquette Senior Citizen's Christmas Party will be made available when Tribal Christmas checks are distributed, or for more information contact Patricia Brown at 273-0318.**

### TAYLOR DRIFT, CYNTHIA THIERRY, AND APRIL NIEMI AWARDED CHILD CARE CREDENTIAL

Taylor Drift, Cynthia Thierry, and April Niemi of KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start, L'Anse, have been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The Council for Professional Recognition ([www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org)) in Washington DC awards credentials to early childhood educators who demonstrate the ability to constructively work with young children in group settings.

"It takes special knowledge, skills, and expertise to be an effective teacher of young children," says Valora Washington, CEO of the Council. "It's a great honor to earn a CDA and it shows a commitment to quality early childhood education."

The CDA is a nationally recognized credential for excellence in early childhood education. Each CDA candidate is observed working with young children and is assessed on his/her ability to develop the physical, emotional, and intellectual capabilities of young children.

The CDA community nationwide is having a positive effect on the quality of early childhood education by helping preschools, day care centers, and family child care programs hire qualified and competent professionals who ensure the best care for our nation's youngest.

Child care staff and parents wanting more information on CDA should visit [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org).