

# GIKENDAAM CHIWIKWEGAMAG



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## KBIC PARTICIPATES IN 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS



(left to right) KB community members, Alicia Jacker, Rebecca Gauthier and Margarita Nieskes, marched with the Baraga High Band in the parade.



(left to right) KB community members, Donald Carlson, John (Jackie) Jacker, and Jay Loonsfoot marched with the veterans.

### Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFernier, President  
Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President  
Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary  
Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Asst. Secretary  
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer  
Doreen Blaker  
Fred Dakota  
William G. Emery  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Elizabeth D. Mayo  
Shawanung  
Toni Minton



Paul Halverson walks the family dog in the kid's parade. He stated, "That's what the kids wanted, so that's what we did".



(left to right) Matt Shalfoe Sr. and Virgil Loonsfoot march in the parade - Virgil carries the KBIC flag.



Top left - Ojibwa Casino registered a float; throwing candy to youngsters watching the parade.

Top right - DySean Allen rides in the kid's parade with the help of his mother, Sheila Ekdahl. Auntie Catherine Ekdahl to his right, ready to offer assistance.

Bottom left - Daughter of Susan Lawrence, Madeline Ruuspakka, rides in her decorated buggy - pushed by dad - Kyle Ruuspakka.

### Special points of interest:

- Tribe Replaces Spirit Houses
- July 9th Council Meeting
- Ojibwa Housing Announces - Down Payment Assistance Available
- KBIC Summer Science Camp 2005
- Youth Institute Camp 2005
- 27th Keweenaw Bay Maawan-ji'iding (Powwow)
- KBIC High School Graduates

## KBIC/DHHS ANNOUNCES AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE TOBACCO SURVEY

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Department of Health and Human Services is announcing the American Indian/Alaska Native Adult Tobacco Survey to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Members! The purpose of the Adult Tobacco Survey is to assist our Tribe in obtaining information needed to measure tobacco abuse in our community, and to help with tobacco program planning and evaluation. The information collected through the survey will be useful to the Support Center and to the tribe in raising awareness about smoking as a health issue, in understanding attitudes toward smoking, and in deciding where efforts to prevent and decrease smoking should be directed.

In order to participate in the survey tribal members will be randomly sampled and contacted by mail and/or a phone call after the participant list has been created. The tribal members sampled to complete a survey will receive a \$25 value incentive. Our goal is to complete 225 interviews

within a participating tribal community. So 225 tribal members will receive \$25 for completing the survey!

If you are selected to participate you will be mailed a letter indicating your selection. If you are selected, you can expect to receive a letter or phone call by the end of July. In order for us to know that you would like to participate you must send back your name and phone number so we can contact you to schedule a time to meet. A tribal member hired as a survey interviewer will contact you shortly after the receipt of your letter to set up a time to meet with you. The survey process takes about 25 minutes and can be done at a place and time that is convenient for you! You can be a smoker or a non-smoker to participate in the survey. How about that! Twenty-five minutes for \$25.00!

If you have any questions about the survey please contact Denise Marth @ (906) 353-4536!

## HALF OF CANCER DEATHS PREVENTABLE



More than 60 percent of all cancer deaths could be prevented if Americans stopped smoking, exercised more, ate healthier food and got recommended cancer screenings, the American Cancer Society recently reported.

The report states that 1368 million Americans will learn they have cancer and 563,700 will die of it. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2005, more than 168,140 cancer deaths will be caused by tobacco use alone. In addition, Scientists estimate that approximately one-third (190,090) of the 570,280 cancer deaths expected to occur in 2005 will be related to poor nutrition, physical inactivity, overweight, obesity and other lifestyle factors. That totals 358,230 or 62 percent of all cancer deaths.

"If one could eliminate tobacco use, you would eliminate about half of the cancer deaths. If you could help people maintain a healthy body weight and get more physical activity, that would be another 10 percent," Dr. Michael Thun said in a recent interview with the American Cancer Society. He added, "Increased colorectal screening and high quality mammography and Pap (smears for cervical cancer) would contribute another fraction. It is very plausible that one could get a 50 percent reduction."

For instance, breast cancer, which kills 40,000 women and men in the United States every year, is easily treated if caught before it spreads. In February, a team at Harvard Medical School calculated that if every woman aged between 50 and 79 got a mammogram every year, it would reduce deaths from breast cancer by 37 percent. Colon cancer and prostate cancer, two other top cancer killers, as also easily caught early with proper screening.

But the single easiest way to prevent cancer would be to stop all tobacco use, the report says. "What we have learned from tobacco is that in addition to education, measures that make a huge difference are things like increasing excise taxes on cigarettes and the clean air laws that have been enacted to protect non-smokers from secondhand smoke." Dr. Thun said. He added, "Just from a common sense point of view, anything which increases physical activity, makes healthy food more available, limits access to, and marketing of unhealthy foods is likely to be a step in the right direction.

Thun said the report was not meant to make cancer patients feel they caused their own disease. "This says just the opposite. The reality is things like smoking and obesity and physical inactivity are often described as voluntary, but the choices we make are made in a social context. In designing our communities and our lives, we inadvertently have made a lot of choices that work against health," he said.



**Please help this young man:** Kyle Gauthier is a 10-year old Keweenaw Bay member. He is the son of George Gauthier and Kathy LaBeau of Baraga, Michigan. Kyle has recently been diagnosed with Lymphoma Cancer and has traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for many tests and chemotherapy. Kyle needs your help for medical and travel expenses. Donations can be made in person or by mail to: Superior National Bank, 201 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908 (Donations are being made in the name of the Kyle Gauthier Medical Fund.) Any amount of assistance will be greatly appreciated. The KBIC Youth Club have also initiated a canister campaign for him. Can-

isters are placed in many businesses throughout the community. Please toss in your coins or donations - they will sure add up and help to assist his needs. ~ Miigwech.

## TRIBE REPLACES/REPAIRS SPIRIT HOUSES



Pictured above - Robert Rajacic (left) with Paul Ekdahl (right).

At a June 11th Tribal Council meeting, Dorothy Stephens (Spokesperson on behalf of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens) requested labor/material funding for gravesite spirit houses at the Pinery Cemetery. Council-member Mike LaFernier indicated that he would prepare a cost estimate and that the summer youth workers could provide the labor. At the June 23rd Tribal Council meeting, up to \$4500 was made available for replacement of spirit houses

at the cemeteries. The houses are being replaced at both the Pinery Cemetery and the Mission Cemetery in Assissins. Robert Rajacic, Tribal Construction employee, along with Paul Ekdahl, KBIC Summer Youth employee have been fulfilling the labor end of the project. These young men are the builders and the deliverymen. Nice job guys.

## Tribal Council Meeting—July 9th, 2005

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on July 9, 2005. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen Blaker, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton and Shawanung present.

Susan LaFerner shared a number of Thank You letters with those who were present. She also informed everyone of an announcement she received - 'Mikwendaagoziway Memorial Annual Ceremony (Sandy Lake) will be held in McGregor, MN on July 27th. Council also received a memo from the election committee regarding an update on how the 2-year seat will be worked into the next election. In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner spoke of numerous activities that she encountered throughout the month of June. On June 1st, she attended the Senior Banquet, sponsored by the Keweenaw Bay Educational Committee and presented gift checks to twelve graduating high school students. June 8th, LaFerner met with Gale Eilola. Eilola will be doing an update in August on the status of the Baraga Airport. Susan and Mike LaFerner attended the Heavy Equipment Class Graduation on June 9th held at the Baraga Lakeside. On June 21st, Ruth Bussey, Denise LaPointe, Keith Tourtilott, Mary Campioni and Susan LaFerner met at the Donald LaPointe Medical and Educational Facility for the final negotiation on the I.H.S. 2006 Self Governance Funding Agreement, which she officially signed. President LaFerner attended a meeting at the Planning and Development Office on June 22nd with the Michigan Department of Transportation concerning our Section 106 Consultation on the planning of a new passing lane on US41 between Kelsey Creek and the Keweenaw Road. The meeting was held to hear any concerns we had regarding any known traditional cultural and religious places that may be impacted by this construction, which will be done in 2006. They also met with David Ruggles, Coordinator for State's Tribal Affairs for the Environmental Section. Mr. Ruggles provided us with the Michigan Federally Recognized Tribes Michigan Department of Transportation Department's operating guidelines, which implements Governor Granholm's Executive Direction No. 2004-5 that reaffirms recognition and fully supports the government-to-government relationship. Susan LaFerner, also attended a ground breaking ceremony for the new sewer construction with the Baraga Village and Wastewater Authority Board after the MOU was signed. President LaFerner stated that she has sent letters to Honorable Bart Stupak and Kildee on behalf of Ojibwa Housing Authority, requesting that they support an amendment to the NAH Block Grant to restore funding to previous levels for housing and community development and return separate funding to the Indian Community Block Grant. She also sent letters to the Honorable Tom George and Martha Scott requesting that they oppose the elimination of the Native American Family First Program that is under FIA as a sole source contract for Michigan Tribes that has been in existence for seventeen years. Susan LaFerner stated that she also sent letters to Hal Fitch, Stanley Pruss and Governor Granholm on our many concerns about the proposed sulfide mining Part 632 rules. Susan LaFerner stated that the Council met with Joseph O'Leary, Mike Koskinen of the Baraga County Board of Commissioners and Jeff Sturgell, Baraga Village Manager regarding the property taxes. They will be meeting again in the near future to discuss further planning regarding services. There is currently vacancies on the Alcohol Advisory Board, the Health Board and an alternate is needed for the Ojibwa Housing Authority Board. These vacancies will be advertised. President LaFerner read a portion of a press release from June 27th issued by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians where they announced that four Michigan Indian Tribes, which are Grand Traverse, Keweenaw Bay, Hannahville and LacVieux Desert, have agreed to move forward with an off-reservation gaming project in Romulus, Michigan (home to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport) by the implementation of an Inter-Tribal Agreement signed in 1994. Phase I of the Casino project would involve the publication of a request for proposals and qualifications document to qualified public and private companies wishing to contract with the Tribal entity for development of the project. Each Tribe will have an interest in the operation and all decisions will be made by a majority vote of the seven Tribal chairpersons acting as the management of the Tribal entity. The project was approved by the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council by Resolution on February 23, 2005. She will report on the progress of this project in the near future. The Tribal Council would like to wish Agnes (Totsie) Hueckstaedt and Denise LaPointe a happy retirement and best wishes for a happy future.

Larry J. Denomie III reported on the Tribal Council meetings held throughout the month of June in the Secretary's report. Items of importance noted that the Council revoked five gaming licenses and temporarily suspended another, ordered an investigation and scheduled a show cause hearing; approved \$2100 to purchase 700# of green rice seed; approved Resolution KB1408-2005 re-application for the ICDBG grant; approved 4 deer tags for the powwow feast; approved Resolution KB1409-2005, which makes the Associate Judge position full-time; approved a service agreement for Bonnie Koski; approved an amendment to the KBIC procurement policy; approved \$7429 for landscaping of the KBIC Industrial Park entrance, which was awarded to Tribal Construction; approved the KBIC

Youth Handbook changes; approved KBOCC Land Use Plan to include current leased area up to proposed road for a learning and children's center; approved \$1855.25 for the Ojibwa Senior's to attend a Living Well with Chronic Illness Conference; discussed the OCC Student Fund; approved SDS list for I.H.S.; approved a request for the Education Dept. Task Force to look into a Tribal Charter School; approved the annual MTU Agreement for 2005; denied renting of the Community Center for any use; approved project revisions to the Terminal Building at the former airport property; approved a request from UP Whitetails to allow State of Michigan Inspectors to inspect their events at the Bingo Hall as long as our people are with them; scheduled the review of the Casino Handbook for July 7th; approved four gaming vendor licenses; approved Resolution KB1410-2005 authorizing Keith L. Tourtilott, Sr., CEO to screen and obtain GSA property on behalf of KBIC; received a beautiful handcrafted rug from those serving in Iraq presented by Rick Geroux Sr.; met with Joseph O'Leary and Mike Koskinen regarding the recent property tax case outcome; met with John Baker and Fred Dakota regarding the Delene property sale; met with Gary Loonsfoot for an employee request; Jennifer Misegan for a funding request; authorized taking Leonard Cardinal's name off of the GSA access; approved up to \$4500 for replacement of the Spirit Houses at the cemeteries; authorized the transfer of annual leave; authorized Tribal Construction to purchase the Delene property up to \$200,000; authorized a second Federal Tax ID# for the Ojibwa Housing Authority; denied funding request presented by Jennifer Misegan; approved a draft MOU and work plan for a Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreement Pilot Project, which would help train and license Tribal Natural Resources staff as Federal Clean Water Act - Storm Compliance Inspectors; approved a Brownfield Assessment - Release of Information to EPA with Council approval; approved a cost share agreement with the Ottawa National Forest; approved \$700 for the 9th Annual Kids Day held at the Baraga Marina; approved \$1200 for Margarita Nieskes to attend an Educational Tour in Germany in 2006; authorized the CEO to obtain a credit card in the name of George DeCota and Thomas Chosa for firefighting; authorized promotion of Chris Chosa to full-time Unit Manager at New Day; authorized Doreen Smith to full-time cook at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens; approved Resolution KB1412-2005 adoption of Minimum Internal Control Standards; approved \$15,309.80 for the purchase of a new fingerprinting machine; approved with changes a Background Investigation Procedure for gaming licensing; met with Jeff Sturgell, Baraga Village Manager, regarding the recent property tax case outcome; approved Resolution KB1412-2005 formally recognizing the Cultural Committee; approved by-laws for the Cultural Committee; approved the WUPPDR agreement in allocation of funding for the Emergency Preparedness Plan; approved \$2046.85 for 14 Ojibwa Seniors to attend the Annual Michigan Indian Elders Association Conference in Bay Mills; approved \$7500 to Hubert Lerve for cutting of 200 trees deemed possible hazards in the Ojibwa Campground; approved posting of the Associate Director position at the Health Center replacing retiring Denise LaPointe; approved annual lease term rates for the old Tubcraft building; held an Attorney interview; met with John Baker on Dr. Zobro's and Dr. Oh's contract amendments, which were approved; BCMH ER urgent care agreement and special consult contracts; promoted Amber Houston to full-time daycare provider; and accepted a Tribal Seal carved out of Walnut by Jim Loman of Covington, presented by Brad Dakota.

Cody Blue, thanked the Council for all the opportunities that she was able to participate in throughout the past year as she held the title of KB Princess. President LaFerner assured her that she had represented Keweenaw Bay respectfully and we are proud of her.

Stacy VanBuren, Dr. Julia Fry and Ruth Bussey represented the March of Dimes. They spoke of the intensive care unit at MGH and how many premature babies are helped with transports to the unit throughout the UP. Moved by Doreen Blaker to donate \$5000 to the sponsorship of the March of Dimes, supported by Elizabeth Mayo, and carried.

Marci Cella on behalf of the Huron River Restoration Project made a request of the Council for a letter of support and an appointment of a board member from the tribe. Marci suggested Todd Warner be appointed. Moved by William G. Emery to appoint Todd Warner to their board, if he is available, and also to provide the organization a letter of support, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr., and carried.

Don Carlson requested \$2452.20 for travel expenses to allow three individuals to attend a Western Mining Conference in Idaho to help them write a wilderness and back country plan. Doug Cornett spoke with the Council regarding the sulfide mining issues. President LaFerner informed all present that the Tribe has taken a position opposing the sulfide mining and have made strives towards that position.

Robert Genschow Sr. addressed the Council regarding the Constitutional Re-convention process. It has been sometime since a meeting has been held, approximately 10 months, and he requested that the Council lower the voting age to 18 from 21, via Resolution to ask for a Secretarial Election. No motions were made, however Secretary Larry Denomie III stated that he would look toward working on a Resolution.

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## DOWN PAYMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE/SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK

Superior National Bank of Baraga, Michigan and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis are working with the Ojibwa Housing Authority in providing Down Payment Funds to Tribal Members through a Homeownership Opportunities Program (HOP). Following is a list of requirements:

- Must be a first-time homebuyer. In order to be considered a first-time homebuyer, a homebuyer must be in one or more of the following categories.
  - An individual and his or her spouse who has had no ownership in a principal residence during a three-year period ending on the date of the purchase of the property.
  - An individual who is a displaced homemaker and has only owned a home with a spouse.
  - A single parent who has only owned a home with a former spouse while married.
  - An individual who has only owned a principal residence not permanently affixed to a permanent foundation in accordance with applicable regulations.
  - An individual who has only owned a property that was not in compliance with state, local, or model building codes, or other applicable codes, and cannot be brought into compliance with such codes for less than the cost of constructing a permanent structure.

Family Size	80% of AMI
1	\$27,244
2	\$31,136
3	\$35,028
4	\$38,920
5	\$42,034
6	\$45,147
7	\$48,261
8	\$51,374

- Complete a counseling/education program prior to receiving HOP funds. (Sessions available through the Ojibwa Housing Homeowner Program)
- Cannot receive, for the same property, more than one FHLBI grant of any kind, or more than one grant from any Federal Home Loan bank.
- Have household income that is equal to or less than 80% of the area median income adjusted for family size as published by HUD. The area median income for Baraga County is as follows (SEE TABLE):
- Applicant must contribute a minimum of \$500.00 of their own cash funds towards the purchase of the home.
- Must be owner-occupants of the home to be purchased (must be primary residence.) Duplexes are eligible under certain circumstances.
- Provide all documentation to Superior National Bank as required for participation in the program.

For more information or to apply, contact Natalie Mleko at 906-524-5514 or Paul Lampinen at Superior National Bank at 906-353-6695.

## AABINOOJIIYENS



Meet Caleb Kinnunen, born 06/26/2005 to Vicki and Todd Kinnunen. He weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 17 3/4 inches in length. Maternal grandmother is Dorothy Juutilainen.



Notice of appreciation—The KBIC Youth club would like to say “Chi miigwech” to all of our family and friends who donated bakery and items for our Rummage/Bake Sale. It was a very successful fundraiser. We are making progress towards our goal—a summer youth trip. Miigwech to all who attended the sale and got their cars washed.

### Recipe Of The Month - Venison/Wildrice Casserole

- 1 1/2 pound venison cut into small cubes
- 1 large onion (chopped)
- 2 stalks celery (chopped)
- 1 large can of mushrooms (chopped)
- 3 cups wild rice
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 Tbsp. Kitchen Bouquet browning sauce
- 1 tsp. celery salt
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp garlic powder



Brown venison, onion, Kitchen Bouquet and celery together. Turn down the heat and simmer for 1 hour. During this time, cook the wild rice. Then in a large pan combine venison mixture, cream soups, 2 cans water and the cooked wild rice. Enjoy!

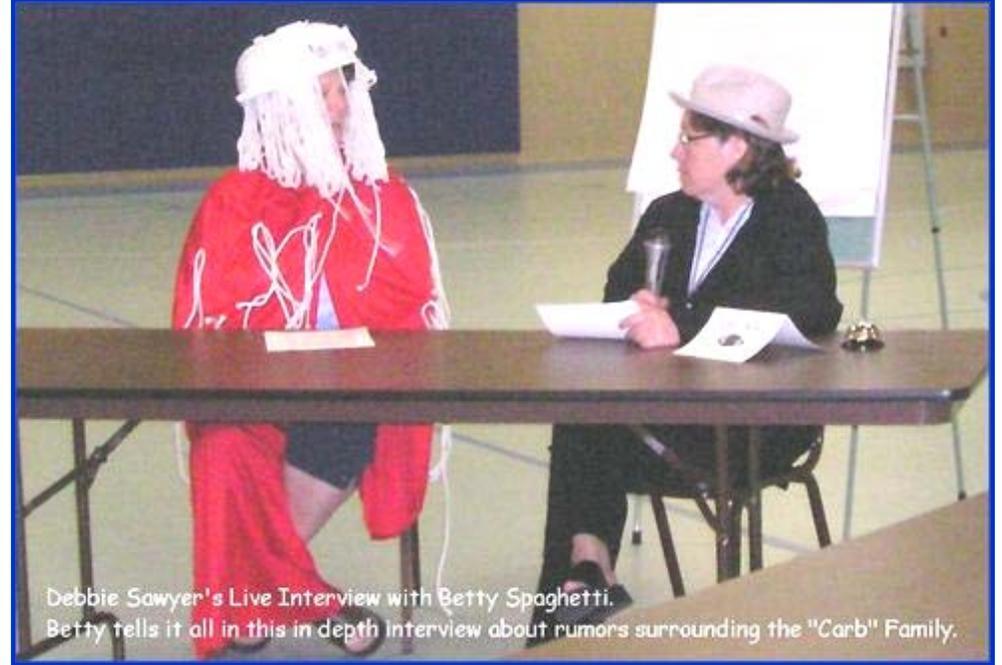
~ Submitted by C. Chosa

# KBIC Summer Science Camp 2005



Family Feud Fitness—Just one of the many learning scenarios KBIC youth engaged in throughout the month long Summer Science Camp. Left to right - Nick Mayo, Mindy Lantz, Kathy Mayo (AKA Harry Harriston), Ginger Shelifoe, Gabriella Picciano, Tashina Emery and Shani Shelifoe.

Sixty students, grades 1-7, were enrolled in a month long Summer Science Camp 2005. Students, parents, speakers and support staff enjoyed a Celebration Picnic on July 12, 2005 held at the powwow grounds. A delicious feast of traditional healthy food was provided by KBOCC-AISES. Participating youth received a student designed tee-shirt, gift certificate, certificates of attendance and bookmarks reflecting their experience. Youth helped with the planning for next year by filling out a survey reflecting their opinions about this year's programming. This was a collaborative project between KBOCC and the DHHS/KBIC as well as dozens of community partners. Students benefited from preventive health information, physical activity, healthy snacks, field trips, cultural education, craft work, team work building and more during their sessions. Career development and diabetes prevention are major components of this program. Youth were very eager to learn, shared their acquired knowledge and sense of humor with peers, staff and speakers. The KBOCC setting was excellent in meeting our needs. Special thanks to our bus driver Dennis Myllyla for keeping us on time each day and making the field trips possible. Youth and their parents/guardians deserve praise for their commitment to learning and preventive health practices.



Debbie Sawyer's Live Interview with Betty Spaghetti. Betty tells it all in this in depth interview about rumors surrounding the "Carb" Family.

Left to right, Kathy Mayo, RN—AKA Betty Spaghetti, Deb Arens, LPN—AKA Debbie Sawyer. These two nurses are employed by KBIC/DHHS with the Diabetes Grant and they definitely do an excellent job at educating the people of the community, young & old. Remember laughter is good medicine.

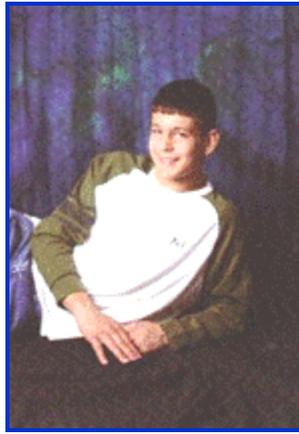




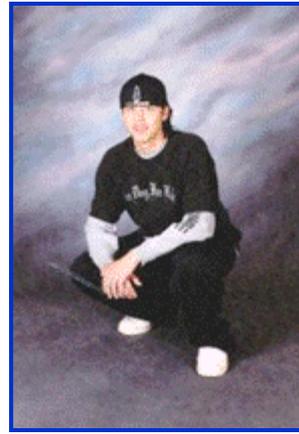
Baraga H.S. Graduate - Clifford Andersen - is the son of Karen and the late Robert Andersen. He has been on the Honor Roll and his Senior Project was an anti-smoking campaign, which included having students participate in the "Great American Smoke-out." His project also included a billboard which you may have seen in L'Anse, which featured 5 local students. The picture from the billboard was made into 1300 bookmarks which were distributed throughout the local counties. Cliff's interests include computers and playing the guitar. He plans on attending Northern Michigan University majoring in computer science and later attending ITT for video game design.



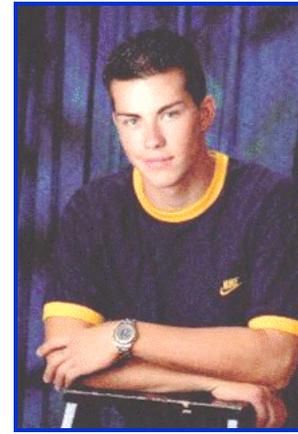
Baraga H.S. Graduate - Ashley Chosa - is the daughter of Clara and Don Chosa. Her high school activities included Band, SADD, the high school play, Bioatholon, volleyball, cheerleading and chorus. She has been on the Honor Roll many times and received an Academic Letter this year. Her Senior Project was on Drunk Driving Awareness, which had a great impact on the community. She has also been a candidate for KBIC Princess. She attended the Career and College Expo in Mt. Pleasant, which helped her choose her college major. Ashley will be attending Northern Michigan University pursuing a degree in counseling and her later plans include a Ph.D. in Child Psychiatry.



Baraga H.S. Graduate - Brett Degenauer - is the son of Ann and Patrick Degenauer. While in high school he participated in football for 4 years, hockey for 3 years, also golf, track and student council. He received the Jason Bianco memorial scholarship and was selected for All-conference football and All-U.P. football. His Senior Project involved working at the KBIC fisheries and gaining hands-on experience there. His interests include hunting, fishing and sports. He plans on entering the Air Force this fall, with his training to begin in Texas.



Baraga H.S. Graduate - Derek Heath - is the son of Christine and Patrick LaPointe. He has received the Perfect Attendance incentive and attended the Career and College Expo in Mt. Pleasant. He was a member of the local history class that visited a local sugarbush and participated in the making of maple syrup. His Senior Project was designing a Native American calendar that used all native language. His interests include hunting, fishing, basketball and other sports. He plans on attending college to learn more about the Ojibwa language and culture.



Baraga H.S. Graduate - Robert Rajacic - is the son of Darlene Genschow and Alan Rajacic. While in high school he participated in football for 4 years and spent 2 years in the Vocational builder's class, which built the homes on Beartown Road. He was a student mentor for Families in Action and was the student representative on the Title VII committee. His Senior Project was to learn Native American drumming and songs with the local drummers. His interests include football, fishing, hunting, racing, baseball and art. He plans on entering the U.S. Marine Corps. and later attending college to study art. He also plans on continuing to participate in Native American drumming.



L'Anse H.S. Graduate - Jolene DeCota - is the daughter of Lynn Velmer and Mike DeCota. Her school activities included Youth in government, Leadership Program, yearbook, Art Club, High Five Mentoring Program, SADD, Cheerleading, Teacher Aide, Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Her interests are working with children, beading, Native culture, painting and traveling. She was an Assistant Basketball Coach for the Rez Runners and has been a candidate for KBIC Princess. Jolene will be attending Ojibwa Community College in the fall and will later transfer to Michigan Tech or Northern.

## CONGRATULATIONS KBIC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



L'Anse H.S. Graduate - Jordanne Gauthier - is the daughter of Kelly Carlson and the late Daniel Gauthier. While in high school, she was an office aide for 2 years, worked with the elementary students as a mentor and volunteered for peer tutoring in the KBIC tutoring room. She has been on the Honor Roll many times. Her interests are softball and outdoor activities. She plans on attending Northern Michigan University and later Central Michigan University. She plans on majoring in Human Services.



L'Anse H.S. Graduate - Jennifer Picard - is the daughter of Lori Picard and Allen DeCota. Her school activities included being a teacher aid for 2 years, Art Club, High Five Mentoring Program, S.T.A.R. group, and has earned Honor Roll status many times. She also played basketball in middle school. She worked for the tribe's Summer Youth Program for 3 years and is currently a dealer at the Casino. She will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall, majoring in Human Services.



L'Anse H.S. Graduate - Kyle Stein - is the son of Amy and James Stein. While he was in high school he was an office assistant and he consistently earned Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance status. His interests include making wood & metal objects and repairing things. He will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in Industrial Technology, Secondary Education.



L'Anse/Baraga Community School Graduate - Michael Denomie - is the son of Terri and Mike Denomie. During high school he participated in football, hockey and golf. He attended the Auto Tech Program in Hancock and he enjoys working on cars. His interests include snowboarding, snowmobiling and installing sound systems. He plans to work for a year before attending college.

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L'Anse/Baraga Community School Graduate - Derek Gauthier - is the son of Deanna Foucault and the late Dan Gauthier. His school activities included playing football and he is interested in working on cars. He is currently employed as a Home Health Care worker.

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L'Anse/Baraga Community School Graduate - Angela Loonsfoot - is the mother of 4 children - Christopher, Carla, Alden and Adrian. She has been employed as a dealer at the Ojibwa Casino for approximately 9 years. Working full-time and taking care of her family keeps her very busy.



# 27TH KEWEENAW BAY MAAWANJ'IDING



Fifteen year old Brit-t a n e e Gauthier, of Zeba, MI was crowned "Miss Keweenaw Bay 2005". Brittanee is the daughter of Charlie Gauthier and Diana Carlson. She is of the Wolf Clan and is a fancy shawl dancer. She is a honor roll student and will be entering the ninth grade this fall. She enjoys basketball, regalia making, snowmobiling, four-wheeling, swimming, snowboarding, shopping, camping, softball, and being with friends. (Above - is Cody Blue, Miss Keweenaw Bay 2004, assisting with the crowning of Brittanee. [top picture by Stan Spruce])



Youth Two Step Winners—Megan Tucker (age 10) and Racelyn Awonohopay (age 7). They registered with the team name - "Menom's from Zeba." [picture by Stan Spruce]



Adult Two Step Winners—Danika Strong (L'Anse) and Chris Loonsfoot (Baraga). They registered with the team name - "Brrrrraataa," which was given to them by Danika's cousin, Cody Blue. [picture by Stan Spruce]



Fry Bread judging was conducted by a panel of 5 judges. Entries were judged on roundness, appearance, taste, texture and oil control.



Thirteen year old Solomon Collins, of Holland, MI was awarded the Fry Bread Championship in the youth category (up to age 15). Solomon has been making fry bread since he was 3 years old; his Grandma Beta showed him how. Solomon has won this award twice in three years at KB.



An astonishing special performance by Aazhenii Big-John, 2005 World Youth Hoop Dance Champion, was given early Saturday evening, before grand entry. [picture by Stan Spruce]



Head Youth Dancers (above) Dalene Chosa and (below) Robert Voakes Jr.



Four candidates for Miss KBIC (left to right) Brittanee Gauthier, Carla Connor, Danika Strong, Jolene DeCota. [picture by Stan Spruce]



Tom Marshall, of White Hall, MI was awarded the Fry Bread Championship in the adult category (age 16 and above). Tom has won this award four times out of five years at KB. There were 7 entries.



Ten year old Hope Minton came up with the idea of making necklaces, bracelets and ankle bracelets to sell to raise money for her friend Kyle Gauthier, who recently became ill. She worked for numerous hours, stringing beads together for a total of 46 of them. She then sold them at the powwow for one dollar each. With the help of the MC's and extra donations, she made \$100 for Kyle's medical fund. [picture by Stan Spruce]



The 27th KBIC Maawanj'iding gathered 2700+ dancers, drummers, and spectators throughout the weekend (July 22, 23, 24, 2005). Jennifer Misenigan, registration supervisor, indicates that 471 dancers were registered and fourteen drum groups. Home Drum - Woodland Drum Group (Drum Keeper, George Gauthier) won the Drum competition this year. More pictures are also available on page 12. There will be more pictures and information published in our next issue. [Many untitled pictures, compliments of Stan Spruce.]

**KBIC YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE**  
 1st place - Patrice Mayo  
 2nd place - Mary Geroux  
 3rd place - Allen DeCota  
 4th place - Effie Messer  
 Chi miigwech to all who purchased raffle tickets in this fundraiser. Chi miigwech to all our parents who donated supplies for the Powwow Youth Booth and our customers.

## 9th Annual Kid's Day - at Baraga Marina



Many Keweenaw Bay members enjoyed the 9th Annual Kid's Day on July 9th, held at the Baraga Marina. The Coast Guard's "Portage" and GLIFWC (Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission) boats were available and offered boat rides to youth and parents around Keweenaw Bay waters. Complimentary hotdogs & pop were available for youth and parents. Children participated in games for a slew of fabulous prizes. The event is organized and sponsored by Mary and Tom Disney of Disney Bait & Tackle. Donations were provided by KBIC, Village of Baraga and numerous village businesses.



## HO-CHUNK NATION'S 8TH ANNUAL ALL NATIONS CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday through Sunday, September 2-4, 2005  
Jackson County Fairgrounds, Black River Falls, WI

Held in conjunction with Labor Day Contest Powwow

16  
Team  
Limit

Double Elimination  
\$275.00 Entry Fee

16  
Team  
Limit

**First Place \$3,500.00**

**Second \$2,500.00**

**Third \$1,500.00**

**Fourth-Sixth Place Based On Registration**

Team Traveling the Furthest Distance \$500.00  
Second Furthest \$275.00

All Entry Fees Must Be Received by August 26, 2005  
Schedule Will Be Randomly Drawn on August 29, 2005

For Rules and Information Contact:  
Todd R. Matha at 1-800-434-4070  
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### Schedule of Events

- Youth open gym—M,T,W,F 4-9pm, TH 6-9 pm, Sat 1-6 pm [open gym will be replaced by 3-on-3 basketball starting ???]
- Boxing—M,T,W,Th, 6-8 pm
- Weightlifting—M,T,W,Th,F, 3:30-5 pm & Sat 2-3 pm
- Crafts—Tues 5-6 pm
- Moccasins—Tues 6:30-8 pm
- Regalia—Thurs 6:30-8 pm
- Karate—Thurs 5-6 pm
- Teen aerobics—M,W,F 8-9 pm
- Adult open gym—M,T,W,Th,F 8-10 pm
- Art class—Wed 6:30-8 pm



## August 2005

For more information, contact Zena or Cory at Youth Office, 353-4643.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Youth trip returns 6-7 am	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The KBIC Tribal Council and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community would like to send their sincere condolences to the family of James Arthur "Big Thunder" Cote, 77, of Zeba, who "walked-on" Monday morning, July 18th, 2005 at his home.

Jim was born October 11, 1927, in Escanaba, a son of the late William and Elizabeth (Head) Madosh. Jim was raised in Baraga County and lived here most of his life. In 1972 he married the former Jacquelin Emery in L'Anse and she preceded him in death in December 1983. He was employed for 17 years as an operator with the Michigan Dept. of Transportation and he retired in 1989. Jim was a Veteran of the Army, a member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens and enjoyed spending time at the L'Anse VFW.

He is survived by 6 children, Cathy Cote of Ishpeming, James (Kim Gauthier) Cote Jr. of L'Anse, Tim Cote of Marquette, Tammy (Michael) Seymour of Harvey, Patti Cote of Zeba and Danielle (Jeff Owens) Cote of Zeba, 16 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. A daughter, Lillian (Cede) Voakes, sisters Helen Shannon, Harriet Geroux and Peggy Chosa, brothers George "McGee" Madosh, Clifford Madosh, and Hubert "Jug" Madosh preceded him in death. Visitation was held on Thursday, July 21, 2005 at Most Holy Name of Jesus Church with Military rights at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, July 22, 2005. Rev. Augustine officiating. Interment conducted at the Pinery Cemetery.

The KBIC Tribal Council and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community would like to send their sincere condolences to the family of George W. Selden, 24, of Monroe, Michigan, formerly of Zeba, who died unexpectedly Monday July 18th, 2005.

George was born September 15, 1980, in L'Anse, a son of Warren Selden and Gladys Rantanen. He was raised in L'Anse, moving to Monroe, Michigan in 1999. He was employed as a contractor with Bulldog Enterprises in Monroe. George was an outgoing, caring man who enjoyed children and helping others. He liked to work on cars and to give his mother rides in his dune buggy.

He is survived by his mother, Gladys Rantanen of Zeba, father, Warren Selden of Pelkie, sisters Laurie (Wayne) Champagne of Monroe, MI, and Tracy (Charles) Pirkola of Herman, brothers John Selden of Monroe, MI, David Selden of Zeba, and Todd Selden of Keweenaw Bay, aunts, Paula Rantanen of Zeba and Mary (Wayne) Kostamo of Pelkie, uncles, Dave (Chris) Rantanen of Manistique and Walter (Avis) Leinonen of Zeba, 6 nieces, 3 nephews and numerous cousins. His grandparents, George and Betty (Barbano) Rantanen and an uncle, Randy Rantanen preceded him in death. Visitation was held on Thursday, July 21, 2005 at Jacobson Funeral Home at 5 p.m. and on Friday, July 22, 2005 in the Zeba Indian Mission United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. A memorial mass was held at 11 a.m. in the church with Rev. John Henry officiating. Interment conducted at the Pinery Cemetery.

The KBIC Tribal Council and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community would like to send their sincere condolences to the family of Thomas Clark Westman, infant son of John and Jennifer (Mayo) Westman, of Baraga, who died shortly after birth on June 7, 2005.

Thomas is survived by his paternal grandparents, Patricia and Clark Westman of L'Anse; maternal grandparents, Patrice Mayo of Baraga and John T. (Judy) Mayo of Baraga; paternal great-grandmother, Helvie Westman of L'Anse, maternal great-grandmother, Gloria Tahtinen of Baraga, aunts, Kristin (Pat) Newland of L'Anse and Tracey (Greg) Alessandrini of L'Anse, uncle Josh Mayo of Baraga. He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Oscar Westman, John and Helene McGinty, Norman Tahtinen, Richard and Alma Mayo. A private service was held in the Baraga Cemetery.

## OJIBWA SENIORS - DELICIOUS PASTIES



The Ojibwa Citizens are busy with pasty sales on the third Thursday of every month. Call 353-6096 to order early as they sell out quite frequently.



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Lauri Denomie at  
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## NEW HIRE - Doreen Smith, Senior's Cook



Aaniin - My name is Doreen Smith, the new head cook @ OSC since Totsie Hueckstaedt's retirement on July 1, 2005. I have plenty of cooking experience from raising my 7 children, and being a grandmother of 9. I moved up here from metro Detroit area in 1991 and I am a member of KBIC. My favorite hobbies are making regalia and playing bingo. I really enjoy cooking for the Ojibwa Seniors, and being there for them. They are all a wonderful bunch.

## Agnes Hueckstaedt Retires



Jay Loonsfoot (left) with Agnes (Totsie) Hueckstaedt (right).

Agnes Hueckstaedt (Totsie) entered retirement on July 1, 2005. A retirement luncheon was held at the Senior Citizen's Center in her honor. Totsie stated "she is quietly retiring." Totsie has been employed as the Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Cook for the past five years and she has definitely lived up the center. Jay Loonsfoot, President of the Ojibwa Senior Citizen's gave an address on behalf of KBIC and Ojibwa Senior's appreciation for the years of dedication that Totsie has given the community. She's been a fine employee and we'll

miss her. Prior to working for KBIC, Totsie was full-time caregiver for her brother, Henry Crebassa. Her plans are for rest and relaxation, and to spend time with her friends, family and grandchildren.

## Community Calendar - August 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed in calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.	1	2	3	4	5	6 9am, Tribal Council Meeting, Ojibwa Resort
7	8	9	10 7 pm, Feet in the Forest Hike	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Senior Citizens Pasty Sale 353-6096	19 Senior Picnic, Ojibwa Campgrounds	20
21	22	23	24	25 Diabetes Celebration Program @ 5:30 pm	26	27
28	29 Fall Semester @ OCC begins	30	31	Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov		

**ANNUAL SENIOR PICNIC** - August 19, 2005 @ Ojibwa Campgrounds. Bingo, crafts, prizes and great food! Call 353-6096 to sign up. This event is sponsored by KBIC Diabetes Program, STEPS, KBOCC Honoring Your Health, and the Seniors. For more information call Deb Arens at 353-4559 or Kathy Mayo at 353-4519.

**FEET IN THE FOREST** – A series of 3 hikes. First session is scheduled for August 10, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m. This is a family oriented event, so bring your kids with you. The first session is tentatively scheduled for Canyon Falls. You must provide your own transportation. The last session, everyone will make their own walking stick. This event is sponsored by KBIC Diabetes Program, STEPS, KBOCC Honoring Your Health. For more information call Deb Arens at 353-4559 or Kathy Mayo at 353-4519.

### HONORING OUR HEALTH SUMMER YOUTH INSTITUTE



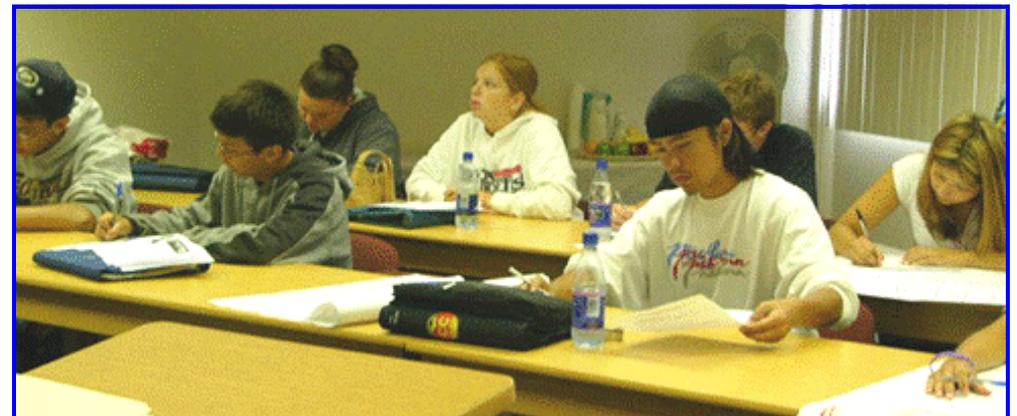
Students from the KBIC Summer Youth Employment program took part in an institute on science and health in our community June 27 through July 1. The program was supported by Honoring Our Health (HOH) and led by HOH Coordinator Rachelle Bachran. Dr. Carolee Dodge Francis was the main teacher assisted by KBOCC student DeAnna Hadden. Participants learned about nutrition and health science from films, speakers and readings, as well as sampling healthy snacks. The youth received Nalgene bottles to help keep in the habit of drinking plenty of water. They were impressed by the film *Supersize Me*, which the students said gave them new information about what's in fast foods and

made them re-think some of their eating choices. The idea of making their own healthy choices was supported by presentations from Cathy Elmlad on how advertising influences consumers and Marie Harju on the power of choice.

Youth Institute participants conducted their own brief research project on health in our community. Small groups of students interviewed community members about their experiences with diabetes, compiled the results, and reported the results to the whole group. One of the student groups reported that they found these community beliefs about diabetes:

- How we eat now can affect us when we are older
  - Eating small portions and even a little exercise helps
  - A lot of people in the community have diabetes and more and more young people are dying from it.
- ....many people in the community feel the same about diabetes. It is depressing and a terrible thing to have to live with.

The speakers and instructors hope that they will take more hopeful understandings of diabetes into the community: that people can often prevent type 2 diabetes by making healthy choices, and that people can take action to maintain their health even if they have diabetes.



**DIABETES CELEBRATION** – August 25, 2005 @ 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Portage Health Systems in Hancock, MI. Diabetics and their families (all who are touched by Diabetes) are encouraged to attend this free program. There will be a light buffet available and prizes. There will be inspiration and support for all who choose to come. You may go on your own or transportation will be available, contact Kathy Mayo 353-4519 or Rachelle A. Bachran at 353-4628 for more details.

## Tribal Council Meeting - July 9th, 2005

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Robert Genschow Sr. also questioned some financial concerns regarding loans to and from SNB. It was explained that the two line items he was referring to were actually loans made by previous Council and were secured by CDs as collateral. Treasurer Misegan informed all present that a July 28th finance meeting is scheduled for Council and that the annual audit is public and posted at the Tribal Center.

Fred Dakota spoke of the land claims and informed individuals present that Sault Tribe and Bay Mills were originally part of the off-reservation gaming project in Romulus, Michigan - that Grand Traverse, Keweenaw Bay, Hannahville and LacVieux Desert are parties in (which President LaFerner spoke of earlier). Dakota stated that Sault and Bay Mills backed out of the project and introduced a bill in Congress regarding the same canal lands, which they have not successfully completed but continue to work on. Attorney John Baker stated that Dorsey is working on changes in the resolution regarding our Tribe's Land Claims issue.

Larry Denomie III spoke of committee members attendance policies. There has been some conflicts with employees who work for the Tribe's businesses, being able to attend meetings. The policy is scheduled to be reviewed in the near future.

Gerald Magnant spoke of the possibility of exploring other law firms for our special legal Counsel contracts made with KBIC. He made a suggestion of Blue dog, Olson and Small.

Debra Parrish spoke of the need to obtain a letter of designation that authorizes the College to be the local council regarding the Children's Indoor Play Center grant. Moved by Doreen Blaker to provide the letter of designation authorizing the College to be the local council for the Children's Indoor Play Center grant as long as it does not interfere with other departments, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr., and carried.

Debra Parrish also requested the amount of \$700 for travel expenses so she could attend a training at Harvard Institute as OCC's President. Other travel reimbursements have not yet been received, and if they are received could reduce the amount requested. Moved by Fred Dakota to provide up to \$700 if necessary for Debra Parrish's travel to Harvard Institute, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr., and carried.

Debra Parrish also requested a 50/50 raffle for OCC to be held during the powwow later this month. Moved by Elizabeth Mayo to approve the request for OCC to hold a 50/50 raffle during the powwow, supported by Doreen Blaker, and carried.

In addition, Debra Parrish informed the Council that the American Indian College Fund Committee would be visiting and that they would like to host a cultural meal for the event. She requested a deer tag for venison. Moved by Elizabeth Mayo to approve one deer tag for venison for the event, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr., and carried.

Hog Wild Cook Off 2005 - proceeds will go to "UP Camp for Kids with Diabetes" requested funding. Discussion - the City of Iron Mountain hosts this event. The camp is for 2-days at NMU. The tribe has possible dollars available through grant funding at DHHS if needy youth would request to attend the UP Camp. Moved by Elizabeth Mayo to deny the request for donation, supported by Fred Dakota, Doreen Blaker and Mike LaFerner opposed, and carried.

Resolution KB413-2005 IRR Long Range Transportation and Resolution KB1414-2005 IRR Inventory to include MOU with the County of Baraga was requested for approval. Moved by Fred Dakota to approve KB413-2005 IRR Long Range Transportation and Resolution KB1414-2005 IRR Inventory with MOU, supported by William E. Emery, and carried.

Renewal of KBIC's WIC program Dietician Contract at Hannahville Indian Community was requested. Moved by William E. Emery to accept the contract, supported by Jennifer Misegan, and carried.

Elizabeth Mayo requested a rider for the location of sales of tobacco for the Keweenaw Fisheries concessions trailer during the powwow. The business address is stated on the license. Moved by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. to approve the rider request for tobacco sales as requested, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth Mayo abstains, and carried.

Moved by Doreen Blaker to approve the Department Head Reports for April and May 2005, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr., and carried.

Council went into closed session to meet with "Tribal Membership Only" regarding Special Attorney Contracts prior to adjournment.

# ANISHINAABEMOWIN



Miinike Giizis  
Blueberry Moon  
August



## Vocabulary

Mawinzo	He/She picks berries
Miin (an)	Blueberry (s)
Makade miskomin (an)	Blackberry (s)
Mandaamin	Corn
Okaadaak (oog)	Carrot (s)
Opin (iig)	Potato (s)
Ogin (iig)	Tomato (s)
Bikwaakoombens (ag)	Cucumber (s)
Gichi-niibish	Lettuce
Zhigaagomish (ag)	Onion (s)
Mashkodesimin (ag)	Bean (s)
Mandaaminaboo	Corn soup
Naboob	Soup
Gitige	He/She gardens
Gitigaan	Farm
Gitigewinini (wag)	Farmer (s)
Bakiteshka'ige	He/She harvests crops
Awakaanigamig	Barn

## Miinike Giizis Word Scramble

Mishgogaazhi	Oonbab
Dakaokaa	Nimi
Woznima	Minadabomanao
Anigakamigawa	Gaziaghohmis

## Sentences

1. Giga-gitigemin gitigaaning mandaamin, okaadaakoog, opiniig, bikwaakoombensag, zhigaagomishag, geya. We are going to grow on our farm, corn, carrots, potatoes, cucumbers, and onions.
2. Ninbakiteshka'igeyaan, gigawiikongemin. When I harvest the crops, we shall feast.
3. Giga-mawinzomin miinan miinawa makade-miskomin Miinike Giizisong. We are going to pick blueberries and blackberries during August.
4. Nimama atoon mandaamin akiking mii dash jibaakwe mandaaminaboo. My mom put corn in the kettle and cooked corn soup.

Anishinaabemowin page created by Donald Chosa, Jr. Anishinaabemowin Instructor

Northern Michigan University



**ATTENTION OUT OF TOWN MEMBERS - For Your Information - Toll free # 800-323-8045, rings to the Ojibwa Casino/Baraga - then ask to be transferred to the Tribal Center switchboard or a known ext. of your choice.**



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Commercial Trucks,  
Skidders, etc...

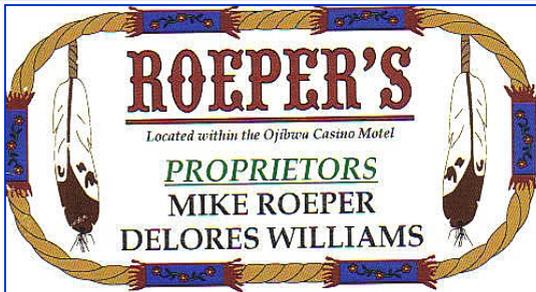
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## YOUTH ACTIVITY TENT



Maawanji'idina - Thursday July 21st, activities included lighting of the Sacred Fire at daybreak, grounds blessing feast at noon, traditional teachings which began at 9 am and again at 1 pm, and the Kid's Activity Tent kept the children busy mid-morning and early afternoon. Marc Sils (shown above) was one of the volunteers with the Kid's activities. Lori Sherman with her rescue dog "Ani" (shown below) did demonstrations for the children.



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