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Pictured above during a men's traditional exhibition is Kyle Dowd, age five, dancing alongside Lester Drift Jr. (Boise Fort), Head Male Dancer.

The Second Winter Traditional Pow-Wow was held at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga on Saturday, January 28, 2006. "Honoring Our Tribal Council," was this year's theme. The event was organized by the KBIC Cultural Committee.

The day began at 10:30 a.m. with a special program "Honoring Our Tribal Council." Geraldine Mantila, of the KBIC Cultural Committee, presented the Welcome and Introductions followed by a prayer offered by Dorothy Sam of Mille Lacs. Earl Otchingwanigan offered a Traditional Teaching, followed by a fiddle solo by his son, Keenan Quaderer.

Earl Otchingwanigan, guest speaker, currently resides in Crystal Falls. He was a Professor Emeritus, at the Minnesota University at Bemidji. He retired after 30 years of teaching Ojibwe language. A fluent speaker, he grew up in the Ojibwe language and culture. As a youngster, he learned many traditional Ojibwe skills including: birch bark canoe making, wigwam building, snowshoe making, birch bark basket making, hunting, fishing and trapping skills. He has been a speaker at many colleges and high schools in the Midwest. He was twice the recipient of the Outstanding Native Teacher Award in Minnesota and a recipient of a Smithsonian Institution Cultural Award. He has been a consultant and presenter for the Smithsonian since 1975, and has been featured in a number of books and several films.

Keenan Quaderer is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Forest Park Schools in Crystal Falls. He has been playing the fiddle for two years and taking music lessons from Barbara Sherman of

Tribal Council Members:

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



Special points of interest:

- Sulfide Mining in the U.P.
- KBIC Receives Buffalo
- February 4, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC/DHHS Healthy Heart Program
- 2nd Annual Winter Pow-wow (more pictures, page ningod-waaswi)
- KBIC New Hires
- Birch Tree, a legend retold
- Aabinoojiyens
- Community Calendar

Caspian and Laurel Premo of Amasa. He has played at a number of schools. This past summer he participated at the Native Fiddle Festival in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He is helping keep alive the Native Fiddle Tradition—a long part of Native culture for over two hundred years since the fur trade era.

The Cultural Committee honored present Tribal Council Members (Susan J. LaFernier—President, Warren C. Swartz—Vice-President, Larry J. Denomie III—Secretary, Doreen G. Blaker—Asst. Secretary, Toni Minton—Treasurer, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth C. Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung) along with thirteen past KBIC Tribal Council members (Leonard Bill Cardinal, William C. Chosa, Terri L. Denomie, Rosemary Haataja, William W. Jon-dreau, Beverly A. Lussier, James A. LaPointe, Isadore G. Misegan, Jennifer Misegan, Amy D. St. Arnold, Richard J. Shalfoe II, Pauline

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FEBRUARY 4, 2006 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on February 4, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Doreen Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and Shawanung present.

Numerous 'Thank You' correspondences were recognized. In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner announced that at the January 12, 2006, Special Tribal Council Meeting, the Council made a motion to combine the Tribal President and CEO positions. It was a surprise to her, and since that time, we have had a very busy few weeks. She will be calling a staff meeting in the near future. We will continue our goals for the new Marquette Casino and the two-part application, which has been much more of a challenge because of the possibility of new Off-Reservation Gaming changes. We intend to implement our Comprehensive Plan, continue with the protection of our rights/sovereignty/land, health of our people, relationships with local governments and other tribes, finalize our Personnel Policies revisions for our Government/Businesses/Enterprises, revise a number of Ordinances, and implement one personal goal of President LaFerner's—Adopt-A-Road Program. President LaFerner announced that she is honored to be able to serve as the CEO of our Tribe and asks for your prayers and patience as we adjust to this change. Please keep everyone in your prayers who are ill and have lost loved ones, continue your prayers for all of our men and women in the service and for peace on earth. President LaFerner thanked Ed Janisse and the staff of Eagle Radio for all of their hard work with the great coverage and ads for the return of the 107th Engineering Battalion to our hometowns. Also thank you to all who welcomed them home. It was exciting to see everyone on the streets and at the Armory.

In January, Ruth Bussey, our Health Director, was appointed to the County 9-1-1 Board. On January 6, 2006, President LaFerner offered the prayer at JoAnn Pennock's Retirement Party and presented her a check from KBIC. JoAnn's retirement party was planned by Brad Dakota and Tribal Court staff. On January 20, 2006, President LaFerner participated in a conference call meeting with I.T.C. Executive Board of Directors. This was the second meeting within the last few months. Council will receive a copy of the minutes when she receives them from I.T.C. She also participated in another conference call meeting with Bemidji I.H.S. Tribal Advisory Board on January 24, 2006. President LaFerner also met with the Hiring Committee to discuss hiring procedures. The 2nd Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Winter Traditional Pow-wow held on Saturday, January 28, 2006, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center was a wonderful success. A big thank you to the Cultural Committee for all their hard work with the Pow-wow and also in the honoring of thirteen past Council Members as well as our present Council. President LaFerner gave the welcome at Grand Entry and had the privilege of honoring our Elders—Rosemary Shulstad and Elzior "Bucky" Collins, and Miss Keweenaw Bay, Brittanee Gauthier.

President LaFerner informed the Community that our Tribe was not involved with the Lobbyist Jack Abramoff scandal. Mr. Abramoff pleaded guilty to numerous federal crimes dealing with conspiracy, fraud and tax evasion in Florida and Washington D.C. He admitted to conspiring with Michael Scanlon, his former colleague, in defrauding several of his tribal clients by directing them to pay millions in consulting and media relations fees to Scanlon, without disclosing that he would be receiving millions in kickbacks from Scanlon. This has led to more investigations with other lobbyists, lawmakers, their aides and other officials. It is probable that there will be changes to federal election and lobbying reforms and possible changes to the IGRA. (See following article, information from NIGA.)

On February 3, 2006 James E. Zorn began employment as the new Executive Administrator for the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission. He succeeds the late James H. Schlender who died unexpectedly on August 30, 2005.

President LaFerner sadly announced that the State Joint Committee on Administrative Rules finalized the mining rules on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, and raised no objections. We will be responding as soon as she discusses the issue with our KBIC specialists and attorney.

Toni Minton offered the Treasurer's report in which she stated that she met with the previous Treasurer, Jennifer Misegan, and also met with Dawn Richards, Interim Comptroller, to begin reviewing the tribal budgets. She would like to feel more comfortable with the budget report and meet with the CFO before she gives financial reports.

Larry Denomie III, reported on Council meetings held during the month of January 2006, in the Secretary's report. Items of importance noted were approval of an amendment to Resolution KB1444-2006 to include an in-kind match; approved having the President serve as the CEO; tabled a request to advertise for KBIC Gaming Commissioners until after the Gaming Ordinances are passed; approved additional funds for the KBIC Veteran's van so a storage compartment could be included; approved issuing a letter of support for the L'Anse Township water main extension; approved funding for three elders to attend the Indigenous Farming Conference; tabled a request for the AIHEC Student Conference; tabled a request for sponsorship for the Lake Trout Festival fireworks show until more information becomes available; approved a special deer tag request for the mid-winter

Pow-wow; approved use of the community building for the Baraga Schools prom; approved returning 22 hours of annual leave for case #001-06 and to uphold the CEO's decision and send a letter regarding case #002-06; approved \$5000 for the 2006 Annual AIHEC Conference and \$75 for registration; approved budget modifications in the amount of \$40,000 for the OCC Student Fund; approved \$7400 for the purchase of a snow mobile for the Natural Resources Dept.; approved Resolution KB1448-2006 for the Tribal Wildlife Grant; approved \$17,500 for the purchase of a copier for the Harvey Casino; tabled a donation request from Pete Morin for the Fourth of July fireworks show until he meets with the Lumberjack Committee; approved \$10,179.17 in funding for the OCC Library; approved Resolution KB1446-2006 approving authorized signers for MDOT contracts with Tribal Construction; approved \$500 for the Baraga Elementary Basketball Tournaments; approved \$230 for Pete Chosa; tabled Resolution KB1447-2006 Adoption of the Baraga County Hazard Mitigation Plan; approved the Comprehensive All-Hazard Health Response Plan; approved Jennifer Misegan, Bob Genschow, Larry Denomie III and Kim Klopstein to serve on the Secretarial Election Board for the upcoming election on 18-21 year olds having the ability to vote; tabled a funding request for the Native American Rights Fund until additional information is received; approved business licenses for KBOCC Children's Indoor Play Center, KBIC Daycare and John Hebert Construction; approved gaming vendor licenses for Bally Gaming and Shuffle Master; approved to not revoke gaming license badge #R003 and to rehire the individual for 90 days and to have the General Manager draft a policy regarding the rehiring of terminated employees (to be completed in 30 days); approved not sending 1099's for the vehicle tax reimbursements; approved not sending 1099's regarding the Christmas Gift Checks pending legal consultation; approved engagement of services for lobbyist firms Wilmer Hale and Gardner Carton and Douglas; approved the Dorsey Contract; approved a policy to issue \$1000 per family for fires involving their primary residence to be paid other than the \$250 emergency funding; approved promoting three employees at New Day from on-call temporary status to regular part-time effective January 23, 2006; approved a 50/50 raffle license for the Pressbox with the proceeds to go to the Baraga County Shelter Home; approved sending 1099's for the Christmas Gift Checks and not to send them for the Senior Assistance Program.

On January 30, 2006, Larry Denomie, Doreen Blaker and John Baker traveled to Washington D.C., to attend the National Indian Gaming Association Winter legislative Summit. The two main topics were potential legislation on amending the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and campaign finance. The major concern with campaign finance was how Tribes are being blamed for the Abramhoff scandal. The second issue is the proposed amendments to IGRA. Senator McCain has introduced Senate Bill 2078, which if approved could affect our move from Harvey to Negaunee. They attended a Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing on Off-Reservation Gaming—The Process of Considering Gaming Applications. George Skabine from the Dept. of Interior gave testimony, as well as Penny Coleman, Acting General Counsel for the NIGC. Larry Denomie indicated it is pretty clear to him that after listening to the witnesses and the questions from those on the committee that some form of amendment to the act is possible. We do have our lobbyists working on this issue. We have also met with Congressman Stupak's Legislative Director and Senator Levin's Legislative Assistant. We have provided them with the history and an update on our process as well as our position on the proposed IGRA amendments. We asked for their support and help on the issue. During the hearing, Senatore McCain did ask that the BIA's proposed regulations for Section 20 be out in 30 days and that consultation with Tribes take place. He did state that additional hearings would take place soon. At the end of the month, the National Congress of American Indians is hosting the 2006 Tribal nations Legislative Summit in Washington D.C., and it would be a great opportunity to meet with other members of our delegation as we must make not only our presence but our position known.

Eddy Edwards, Director of Ojibwa Housing Authority, requested the creation of the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBHCDC), a non-profit corporation. OHA has been awarded a ROSS RSDM-Family grant from HUD in the amount of \$165,913. The grant will specifically help OHA residents increase economic self-sufficiency. The grant will allow OHA to create a \$45,000 Individual Development Account (IDA) program, assist 50 tribal member residents with free tax preparation, \$12,000 toward childcare and transportation needs for tribal members going to school, and to provide tribal member residents with group and individual financial/business/education counseling via a partnership with our OHA Homeownership and Financial Counseling Program. The corporation status is needed to administer the grant and pursue additional funding through sources OHA is currently ineligible for. KBIC is one of two tribes nationally that has been awarded this grant. Usual candidates receiving this grant are cities such as Detroit. Motion by Michael LaFerner Sr. to table until more information is available (a pending corporation ordinance, which Doreen Blaker will work on with Ed Edwards), supported by Elizabeth Mayo, and carried.

Youngsters William and Steel Jondreau and Jessica Wickstrom presented a gift to the

Tribal Council as their appreciation for the new Head Start bus. William Jondreau and Marianne Wickstrom are representatives of the Head Start Parent Committee. Each Council member received a coffee mug that states, "I've made a difference in a child's life."



Duane Smith presented the Baraga County Hazard Mitigation Plan and requested support through Resolution. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to authorize Resolution KB1447-2006, supported by William E. Emery, opposed by Swartz, and carried.

Warren C. Swartz requesting a donation for the Native American Rights Fund. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to donate \$5000 to the Native American Rights Fund, supported by Warren C. Swartz, and carried.

Susan LaFerner presented a service agreement for Princess (Harriet) Pine regarding tax help for the seniors and other community members. KBIC will pay for our senior citizens forms, and other community members can utilize the tax service with payment of \$10 per form. Motion by William E. Emery to authorize senior citizen finance for tax forms, authorize a motel room for three nights and pay Princess Pine mileage, supported by Michael LaFerner Sr., and carried.

Susan LaFerner presented a request from Jay Loonsfoot, who is seeking permission to photocopy the publication, *The Chippewa Land of Keweenaw Bay*. He wishes to utilize the publication for a class that he is teaching at Ojibwa Community College. Motion by Doreen Blaker to grant permission for Jay Loonsfoot to photocopy the publication for use in his teachings, supported by Elizabeth Matthews, and carried.

Susan LaFerner presented a request from Rose Kariainen for a donation for the Alcohol Free Valentine's Dinner and Dance. Proceeds will be donated to the Kyle Gauthier Medical Fund. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to donate \$500 for the Alcohol Free Valentine's Dinner and Dance, supported by Toni Minton, and carried.

Ty Curtis, a Baraga High Senior, requested financial assistance for himself and eight other students to participate in a Physics field trip. The nine students (seven from Baraga and two from L'Anse) will travel to Chicago and conduct experiments while on rollercoasters. He requested the amount of \$1610, which will be used for van rental, motel expenses and entry fees. Each student will be responsible for their own meals. Motion by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. to authorize \$1610 for the Physics trip, supported by Michael LaFerner Sr., and carried.

A request by the Marquette Junior Hockey Association was forwarded to the Marquette Casino Marketing staff.

Department Head Reports were approved. Prior to adjournment, Council went into closed session with Attorney John Baker and President LaFerner as per the agenda.

Information distributed by National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA):

MYTHS AND FACTS: INDIAN TRIBES & CAMPAIGN FINANCE

In an attempt to deflect attention caused by the Jack Abramoff scandal, some may seek to make scapegoats of Indian Tribes. Criminal defense attorneys use this tactic to avoid prosecution for their clients' wrongdoings.

FACT: Jack Abramoff's defrauded, lied to, and personally disparaged his tribal clients. Abramoff violated the trust of not only Indian tribes, but also politicians, banks, major corporations, charitable organizations, a Federal territory, his own law firm and the public.

As a result of Abramoff's actions, the American public has called on Congress to reform the way that Capitol Hill does business. **BLAMING INDIAN TRIBES FOR ABRAMOFF'S ACTIONS IS NOT REFORM! KNOW THE FACTS....**

MYTH: "Federal law [provides a loophole of] Indian tribes to contribute to an unlimited number of candidates—unlike other individual donors, who are subject to limits."

FACT: Federal election law, provides for an aggregate limit of \$101640/election cycle for individuals—a.k.a. single human beings. This provision was an attempt to prevent what

Mitchell calls the "Million Dollar Donor" from single handedly influencing an election.

However, under federal election law the aggregate limit does not apply to unincorporated entities. Examples of such entities under FECA and BCRA are Indian Tribes, State and local governments (which represent large communities), and Political Action Committees (PACs) LLCs, LLPs, cooperatives, law firms, lobbying firms, and others (which represent large groups of individuals).

MYTH: "Indian Tribes have no spending limits and unduly influence elections?"

FACT: Tribal contributions made up one-third of one percent of nationwide contributions in the 2004 election cycle. Indian Tribes contributed \$7.2 million in the 2004 cycle, which accounted for 0.36% of the more than \$2 billion in contributions made nationwide. In comparison, the oil and gas and energy sectors contributed \$50.6 million to federal campaigns in the 2004 election cycle. The securities and investment industry contributed \$89.9 million to federal candidates and parties in the 2004 cycle to push for private accounts in Social Security, and the pharmaceutical and health products industry spent more than \$800 million in federal lobbying and campaign donations at the federal and state levels in the past seven years.

MYTH: "An Indian tribe **does not have any reporting obligations under the law**, [which] represents a massive and inexplicable loophole in federal law."

FACT: Tribal contributions are disclosed in the same way that most contributions are disclosed—by the political committee and entities that receive them. As with contributions received from any source, Federal laws require recipients of tribal contributions to disclose the source of those contributions. These disclosures are a matter of public record available to any and all interested parties.

Federal election laws single out PACs for disclosure requirements to shed additional light on the sources of PAC funds. PACs are entities created by corporations, unions, and other organizations for the **express and sole purpose** of contributing to Federal campaigns.

FACT: Native Americans were the last to be granted the right to participate in American politics. Prior to 1924, when Tribes had no voice, the U.S. imposed policies that caused the taking of hundreds of millions of acres of tribal homelands, the murder of millions of American Indians, and suppression of tribal culture and religion. Today, Tribes are beginning to participate and beginning to rebuild their once forgotten communities. Now is *not* the time to reverse this progress.

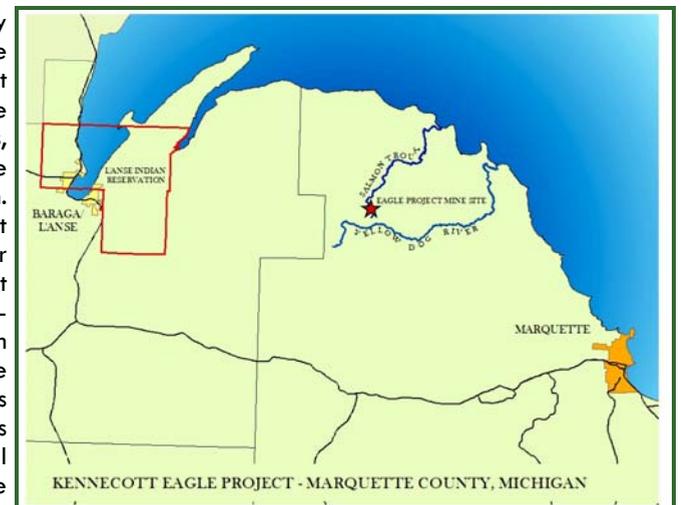
It would only serve to compound the injustices done by Jack Abramoff for Congress to blame the targets of his criminal conduct. **BLAMING INDIAN TRIBES IS NOT REFORM!**

The real problem is Jack Abramoff, a lawyer and lobbyist. Abramoff was a member of a major national law firm, and his clients, both Indian and non-Indian, were entitled to the highest standard of professional conduct. The conduct of Abramoff and his colleagues are the gaps in federal law that Congress should focus on.

SULFIDE MINING IN THE U.P.

As many Keweenaw Bay Tribal members know, there has been a lot of talk about sulfide mining. It has been the subject of newspaper articles, editorials and public debate at meetings and on television. Many have a feeling that sulfide mining is not good for the Community but may not know much about sulfide mining and how it applies to us in the central U.P. This is the first of a series of articles related to mineral deposits and mining in the U.P. that will appear in this newsletter, the GIIKENDAAM CHIWIK-WEGAMAG.

A mine has been proposed by Kennecott Minerals Company. The target of this mining is an ore deposit beneath the Yellow Dog Plains located in Michigamme Township in north-west Marquette County. The mine site is not far from the Baraga County line and the eastern L'Anse Reservation boundary.

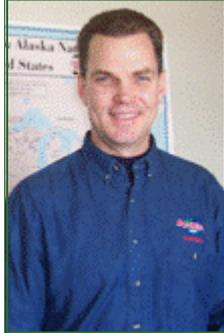


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NEW HIRES at KBIC



Grant Specialist— Dave Goode

Dave Goode was born and raised in Flint, Michigan, where he was formerly employed as an Education Coordinator for the Genesee Indian Center. He also attended college in his hometown and earned a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Michigan-Flint. After graduating, Dave worked overseas and in Washington D.C. as an English Instructor and editor-writer.

Dave is a single father of a 32-month-old son who enjoys spending time with his grandfather in Calumet.



Water Resources Technician— Catherine Racette

Catherine "Kit" Racette has been hired as a Water Resources Technician. Kit, a KBIC member was born and raised in the area. She has been enrolled at

Ojibwa Community College since 2001. She currently is taking classes. She completed a four-week Internship through the college this summer with the Natural Resources Department. Kit began her new employment at the end of January and is enjoying her job.



Program Director— Tim Shannahan

Tim Shanahan has been hired as the Business Counselor of the Anishinaabe Anoki Small Business Center. He is a life long resident of the reservation and is married with three children, all living here. Tim previously worked a number of years for the Tribe in Enrollment, Business Development and was the first Realty Officer. He was an active participant in the development of the Motel Complex, Health Center and Marquette Casino. Tim will be assisting tribal members entering business, and those in existing businesses become more successful. He is a State Licensed Real Estate Appraiser and a former motel owner. Tim knows the challenges of being in business first hand and is eager to help those interested. The center will be located at the old CNB building on U.S. 41 in L'Anse, the phone # is 524-2222.



Program Assistant— Tina Durant

Tina Durant was hired on January 25, 2006, as the new Program Assistant for the Anishinaabe Anokii—First People's Work Center. This small business center is set up by

the KBIC to support existing and develop new tribal member—owned businesses. Tina's position is to assist the Program Director. She will help schedule financial training and business classes, set up meetings with a credit counselor, and assist anyone who comes into the center. The center will have computers available for the public to use, as well as a copier, a fax machine and resource materials.

Tina was born and raised in Baraga. She has two beautiful children, Austin and Allison. Tina states that she "loves this area and hopes our community continues to grow and prosper so that my children will want to stay here too."



Deputy Court Clerk— Jennifer Westman

Jennifer Westman began working as the Deputy Court Clerk on February 16, 2006. She was previously been employed as a Human Resources Clerk for the Ojibwa Casino. She worked in the Human Resources Department for almost five years. She has taken various classes through Gogebic Community College and Ojibwa Community College.

Jennifer lives in Baraga with her husband, John. They have been married for over five years and are in the process of adopting a baby from Guatemala. Jennifer states, "I am looking forward to serving the tribe as the Deputy Court Clerk."

KBIC TRIBAL HEALTH PATIENTS! If you use an after hours emergency service and want to access Contract Health Service for payment, you must notify Elvera Lantz, Contract Health Specialist, **within 72 hours!** (Patients 65 and older must notify Elvera Lantz within 30 days.) Elvera can be reached at 353-4537. You can leave a message at Elvera's phone, even if the Health Building is closed. Please be advised that payment of health related bills is determined by the Indian Health Service priority system. CHS Booklets, which explain the priority system, are available at the Tribal Health Clinic. Miigwetch!

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Meet Aundrea Loonsfoot, born 01/12/06 to Teri Loonsfoot. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 18 inches in length.



Meet Christian Tyler Kelly, born 02/08/06 to Angela and Chris Kelly. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches in length.



Meet Kayan Goodbird, born 01/27/06 to Tamara Kent and Corey Goodbird. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 inches in length.



"Akiimadizwin" Women's Retreat

3rd Annual Women's Retreat, is April 8-9, 2006. Registration is required. For registration form and/or information contact: Peggy Minton at the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility, 353-4510 or email plminton@hotmail.com



Meet Dhanya Grace Ekdahl, born 02/07/06 to Sheila Ekdahl. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 inches in length.



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The term *sulfide mining* implies that sulfur is being mined. While some sulfur is mined, the purpose of sulfide mining is the removal of metals. When the rock formed over a billion years ago, relatively high concentrations of several metals and sulfur were present in the magma. The metals and sulfur combined to form metallic sulfur were present in the magma. The metals and sulfur combined to form metallic sulfide minerals. Nickel and copper are the primary metals but minor amounts of several other metals are also present.

The ore deposit is comprised of approximately five million tons of rock containing 3.7 percent nickel and 3.1 percent copper. As you can see from these percentages, there is considerable barren rock that must be mined in order to remove the rock that contains the economic concentrations of nickel or copper. This is the "waste rock" which may still contain metals and sulfur, but not enough to ship all the way to Canada for smelting. The waste rock is a by product of the mining process and remains on the mining site.

The waste rock produced by the mining of metallic sulfide minerals is different from that of the copper and iron ores we are familiar with because it is chemically reactive. When sulfide minerals are exposed to air and water, a chemical reactions occurs and the product of this reaction is often sulfuric acid, more familiar to most of us as battery acid. The acid and lower pH water dissolves and carries toxic metals into the surrounding environment.

Sulfide mineral mines around the world, going back as long ago as Roman times, have and still are creating environmental damage as the sulfuric acid and metal metals seep out of the mines and leach out of the waste rock piles into nearby streams, rivers and groundwater aquifers. The terms Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) or Acid Rock Drainage (ARD) are often used to describe this process.

Mining in sulfide mineral ore bodies in Michigan's Upper Peninsula presents a potential threat to native wildlife, particularly trout and other aquatic species. Mining can turn world-class trout streams into dead zones in which fish and other aquatic wildlife cannot survive. Other potential threats to the environment from the proposed mine include subsidence of the surface after mining, effects of dust and ore transportation, sedimentation of the rivers, the effect dewatering the mine could have on the water table level and water quality impacts to the aquifer due to waste water disposal.

And as if to mock the wilderness they are disturbing and industrializing, Kennecott has named this project the Eagle Mine.

- Charles Brumleve, Environmental Mining Specialist, KBIC

HEALTHY HEART PROGRAM



Dr. Dale Schmeisser demonstrates how easy it is to prepare a healthy heart Chocolate-Pumpkin Cake recipe.

February 14th— The Community Health at KBIC/DHHS organized a Healthy Heart Program for the community. A presentation was given by Dr. Oh on what is CVD (Cardio Vascular Disease). He included advice on how to reduce the risks associated with CVD. A demonstration on how easy it is to prepare a healthy heart dessert was given by Dr. Dale Schmeiser, who also included information on how to cut fat without losing taste. Dr. Marianne Brady spoke of how anger and depression is bad for the heart. She demonstrated with the audience how to open their hearts by making a mental list of what they are grateful for and seeing how it made them feel after thinking about the list.

A delicious lunch was prepared by Roeper's consisting of chicken, salmon, wild rice, noodle salad, and a Chocolate-Pumpkin Cake cupcake. Snyder Drug Store, Western U.P. District Health Department, and KBIC Medical Clinic had booths available for information and sampling items. All ladies received a carnation as it was Valentine's Day.

KBIC RECEIVES BUFFALO

The buffalo meant a lot of different things to many of America's Native Peoples. As long as there were wild herds of buffalo, there would be food and clothing, tools and utensils, among many other uses. A few weeks ago, KBIC Cultural Committee and Tribal Historic Preservation Office were notified by Michigan State University Extension, American Indian Liaison, Nick Reo, of an opportunity to receive the gift of a wild buffalo. We were told that 70-80 buffalo had been captured outside of Yellowstone Park and were being slaughtered in Rigby, Idaho, and the meat, hides and horns would be distributed to Indian Tribes. The KBIC Cultural Committee and New Day Treatment Center decided to work together to bring a buffalo to KBIC, and agreed to share the cost of shipping and processing. On Wednesday, February 8, 2006, the buffalo along with four others were delivered to Manistee, Michigan, home of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Once there, Bay Mills Indian Community Chief of Police, Terry Carrick, made the trip from the Upper Peninsula to Manistee to pick up three of the buffalo. KBIC Tribal Conservation Officers then met Chief Carrick, to transport the KBIC buffalo to the reservation. Gerry Mantila, Tribal Cultural Committee Member, indicates that the buffalo meat will be utilized in a community feast, which will be announced at a later date.

There is a lot of controversial information on the buffalo slaughter. Basically what happened, according to Summer Cohen, Tribal Historical Prevention Officer, is the bison that inhabit the Yellowstone region are the last wild, genetically pure, unfenced bison left in the country. They are the only bison to have continuously occupied their native range and they are the last bison to follow their natural instinct to migrate. Like other wild ungulates, the region's harsh winters force necessary migration onto lower elevation lands where available forage is found. Yet, unlike other wild ungulates, wild bison are not allowed to leave the confines of Yellowstone National Park and face a zero-tolerance policy when they enter Montana. The reason for this policy is due to what's called brucellosis eradication. Park officials and ranchers believe that if the buffalo leave the park and mix with the cattle herds, the buffalo will infect the herds with brucellosis. There are a lot of mixed opinions on this subject. For more information on why the Yellowstone National Park bison are being slaughtered—go to www.yellowstone.net.



ANNOUNCEMENT—BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WATER RESOURCES TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM
 JUNE 4 TO JUNE 30, 2006 @ New Mexico State University—Las Cruces, NM
 For **AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES**

Applications are now being accepted. Deadline for applications is March 10, 2006. Please send all applications to Mr. Mo Baloch, BIA, Br. Of Water Resources, Mail Stop-4655, 1849 C St., NW, Washington D.C. 20240. At this time, NO internet access is available for the BIA. For additional information regarding applications and qualifications, please contact Mo Baloch (202) 208-6042 or Toni Village Center at (202) 208-3956.

For a listing of requirements to be considered for the training program, please see Debra Williamson at the TERO office, or call 353-4167.

*** NOTICE OF ELECTION***

March 3, 2006

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

At the request of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Council, the Midwest Regional Director has authorized a Secretarial Election to permit the qualified voters of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to either adopt or reject a proposed amendment of Article IV- Nominations and Elections, Section 6, of the Tribal Constitution.

THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION DATE IS: May 2, 2006

The election will be conducted in accordance with the regulations set forth in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 81 (25 CFR § 81) and Pub. L. 100-420, as amended by Pub. L. 101-301.

Adult members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community who are 18 years or older on May 2, 2006, who physically reside on the reservation and who register to vote, may vote in the election.

Voter registration packets are being mailed March 3, 2006. An adult tribal member, who physically resides on the reservation and does not receive a voter registration packet in the mail, should request one from the Chairman of the Election Board or contact an Election Board member. **The voter registration form must be completed and returned to the Election Board Chairman no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on March 31, 2006.**

It should be returned in the manner directed in the registration packet. If necessary, the voter registration form can be telefaxed or hand delivered to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency by 4:30 p.m. Eastern time on March 31, 2006. The address and telefax number are given below. Voter registration forms received after that date and time will not be accepted.

The Registered Voters List will be posted April 7, 2006, in all tribal offices and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency.

There will be 1 polling place. It will be at the: Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center
 Baraga, Michigan
 Time: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Registered voters may cast their ballot in person at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center or by requesting that an absentee ballot be mailed to them by indicating in the space provided on the registration form. An adult member who is qualified to vote but who will be absent from the reservation on election day, or who because of illness or physical disability will be unable to vote at the designated polling place shall be entitled to vote by absentee ballot. Those requesting absentee ballots will be provided instructions on completing and mailing their ballot.

A copy of the proposed amendment is included in each voter registration packet and is also available for review in all tribal offices and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency.

The ballots will be counted on May 2, 2006, after 7 p.m. Immediately after the ballots are counted the election results will be posted in all tribal offices and at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency.

The Election Board appointed to conduct the election is composed of the following people:

Gerald F. Parish, Election Board Chairman
 Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency
 2901.5 I-75 Business Spur
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Toll free: 877-659-5028 ext. 3111 / **Fax Number: (906) 632-0689**

Larry Denomie III, Member
 Robert Genschow, Member

Kim Klopstein, Member
 Jennifer Misegan, Member

EVEN IF YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS, YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE WITH THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD.

FUND DRIVE — Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College— Student Chapter of American Indian Business Leaders (KBCC-AIBL) is having a can drive throughout the March and April. The profits from this can drive will go towards funding the AIBL students on their trip to the National Conference in Arizona this April. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Cans may be dropped off in the Admissions Office at KBOCC Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



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GRAND ENTRY



President LaFernier visits with honored elders while their family and community members danced an honor song in their recognition. (left to right) Rose M. Shulstad, Elzior W. Collins, President Susan LaFernier.



Head Female Dancer—Lori Sherman and Head Male Dancer—Lester Drift Jr.



Pictured above—Traditional Speaker, Earl Otchingwanigan with members of the KBIC Cultural Committee. Pictured to the right—Keenan Quaderer performs a fiddle solo.



Knapp Spruce, and Wayne J. Swartz), each of whom received a gift from the KBIC Cultural Committee. Plans are to honor prior to 1995 Council members at next year's event.

Grand Entry began at 1:00 p.m., followed by KBIC Tribal President's (Susan LaFernier) Welcome. The Invocation was offered by Dorothy Sam and the KBIC Color Guard conducted the posting of the colors. Honored Elders Rose M. Shulstad and Elzior W. Collins were recognized and presented with honorium gifts.

Rosemary Shulstad was born to Rosalie and Peter Magnant on May 22, 1914. She had seven siblings: Pauline, Edward, Cecile, Peter, Kathleen, Jeanne and John. She graduated from the Baraga Township School system in 1931. After graduation, she moved to Detroit with her family and worked in housekeeping and clerical. In August of 1935, she was united in marriage to Herbert Shulstad of Baraga at the Church of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Michigan, and she returned to Baraga with her husband to make their home. Rosemary has three daughters, Pauline (Albert) Goodreau, Rosalie (Stanley) Waara, and Kathleen (Robert) Acton. She also has 14 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Rosemary was a "stay at home" mom until her children were out of elementary school. During her "stay at home" years, she worked

as a seamstress doing alterations for Kohl's Store in Baraga and individuals. She also would get orders from the Square D Company in Detroit for tooling bags made of white flannel which were measured, cut and sewn in the dining room of her home. In 1955, she went to work for the Baraga School system where she worked as secretary/bookkeeper until her retirement. At that time her dining room returned to normal. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting and doing craft projects. Today she enjoys cards, reading and watching sports on television.

Elzior W. Collins—Bucky, is a 1940 L'Anse High School graduate. He was a gunners mate, in World War II, and a L'Anse Village Police Officer for 12 years. He worked at the Cleveland Cliffs Mine for 16 years and was a former owner of the Nite Owl Café in L'Anse for many years—where he learned to make homemade white bread. He has continued to make bread for his family and friends for over 30 years. He is a widowed father of seven children with 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also a lifelong member of the Sacred Heart Church in L'Anse, a 50 year member of the L'Anse V.F.W. and a 25 year American Legion member. He is an avid hunter, trapper and fisherman.

A special recognition to honor Miss Keweenaw Bay, Brittanee Gauthier occurred, who offered a sincere speech to the public. Host Drum was the Woodland Singers of Keweenaw Bay, who provided a day full of beautiful songs, with the help of Invited Drums — 4 Thunders (LVD/KBIC), Pipestone (Odanah) and Loon Travelers (Keshena). Erick Awonohopay did a terrific job as Emcee. Arena Director, Stan Spruce and Assistant Arena Director, Robert Rajacic are to be commended for a job well done. Head Veteran Dancer for the event was Chris Swartz—Keweenaw Bay, Head Male Dancer was Lester Drift Jr.—Boise Fort, Head Female Dancer was Lori Sherman—Keweenaw Bay, Head Male Youth Dancer was LeRoy Gauthier—Keweenaw Bay and Head Female Youth Dancer was Tiana Drift—Keweenaw Bay/Boise Fort.

At 3:30 p.m. a Honor Song for the Pink Shawl Project occurred. A delicious feast was held at 5:00 p.m. Chi Miigwetch to the cooks, you did a fantastic job. Second Grand Entry occurred at 6:00 p.m.



Summer Cohen (left) with her sister Michelle Reed (of Crestview, Florida). Michelle is visiting KBIC while her husband is away in Iraq.



Miss Keweenaw Bay—Brittanee Gauthier. Brittanee is the daughter of Diana Carlson and Charlie Gauthier of Zeba.

Donovin Awonohopay dances with little brother Naethin Awonohopay.



“Learning to Walk Together” Traditional PowWow will be held on March 18-19, 2006.

The 14th Annual “Learning to Walk Together” Traditional PowWow is sponsored by the NMU Native American Student Association (NASA). Grand entries are Saturday 3/18 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm, and Sunday 3/19 at 1:00 pm. Location will be the Vandament Arena. This is a drug and alcohol free event. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Steve Knauf @ 227-1397 or email sknauf@nmu.edu.



Celebrating with our Friends, Family and Community—16th Annual Native American Competition Pow-wow will be held on Saturday, April 1st (11 am—9 pm) and Sunday, April 2nd (11 am—6 pm) at the University Arena, Campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI. Event is open to the public. Opportunities for volunteer positions and vendor space are available. Contact 269-321-0760 or email xochiltosi@yahoo.com.



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March 26th
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 GRAND ENTRY: 12:00 P.M.

Host Drum: Midnite Express, Minnesota/Co-Host Drum: High Spirit, Michigan
 Master of Ceremonies: Wallace Coffey, Oklahoma

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [HTTP://www.umich.edu/~powwow/](http://www.umich.edu/~powwow/)
 OR CALL (734) 647-6999

EVEN START PROGRAM -

The KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Program utilizes a family-centered education model that improves the academic achievement of young children, and the literacy skills of their parents. The main goal of the program is to teach parents the necessary skills to be the primary educator for their children while completing their own education. The program focuses upon family literacy which ultimately leads to economic self-sufficiency. The elementary teachers will provide age-appropriate educational strategies to prepare children for success in school and in life. The adult/secondary teacher will work to prepare the parent to earn his or her diploma or GED. All three Even Start teachers work together as a team with each participating family.



Jacalyn Salloum—Literacy Teacher. Jacalyn attended Soumi College's extension program at the original Tribal Center and graduated with Honors with an Associate Degree in Business Administration. She continued her education at Northern Michigan University and received her Bachelors Degree in Applied Science with a Major in English. She pursued a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Phoenix and is certified to teach in both Michigan and Arizona. She also holds Paralegal certification, but teaching is her heart's desire! Jacalyn has resided in the area since 1989, and has taught at Baraga and L'Anse schools as a substitute teacher since 1997.

"I am so elated and honored to be offered this teaching position within the KBIC community! The new KBIC Even Start Program is an excellent opportunity for parents who qualify for the service, to pursue their high school diploma or GED. I am looking forward to assisting some of my past students once again in the pursuit of their education. We have a wonderful program which is designed to be flexible with a parent's schedule and family's needs. We are here as teachers to work with both mothers and fathers, and the children as a family unit. Our program offers various services to make your educational dream a reality. If you are a parent of a child ages 0-8, and are a Baraga County resident who hasn't earned your high school diploma or GED, please stop in at 325 Superior Avenue or give us a call at 353-8161. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!"



Edie Taylor-Literacy Teacher. Edie graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelors of Arts Degree. She is certified in K-12 Music and Psychology with Early Childhood and Development Psychology focus. She is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Special Education. Edie has taught for seven years in Sanilac and Gogebic County (past two years at Wakefield-Marenisco School District). She lives in Ironwood with her husband Ron Taylor. Together they have six children and six grandchildren. Edie is a Native American descendent traced to Baraga.

"I love living in the UP and love its natural beauty in all kinds of weather. I am an outdoor sports enthusiast (hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, swimming, camping). I love nature and respect its delicate balance. I teach my grandchildren to respect it, as well. I am very excited about the Even Start Program, its focus on family literacy and parent as primary educator. There have been many positive changes in Baraga County, and I'm thrilled to be a part of the newest beneficial program."



John DeLine—Literacy Teacher. John is a 1994 graduate of L'Anse High School. He attended Northland College and graduated with a degree. He has four years adult education experience and has taught in Newberry, MI, and Baraboo, WI. Along with being involved in the Even Start program, John is also a part-time instructor at the L'Anse-Baraga Community Alternative School in L'Anse, MI. John is happy to be back in Baraga County and is very excited about the Even Start Program.

Ojibwa Community Library—

The library has obtained some new books: 1) *Indian Clothing of the Great Lakes (1740-1840)*, 2) *Traditional Dress, Knowledge and Methods of Old-Time Clothing*, 3) *Brain Tanning the Sioux Way*, 4) *The Pill Book* (a guide to the most prescribed drugs), 5) *Love Finds A Home* by Janette Oke, 6) *The Want Ad Killer* by Ann Rule, 7) *Among the Brave* by Margaret Peterson Haddix, a *Shadow Children* Book, 8) *Chicken Soup for the Grieving Soul*, 9) *First Person, First Peoples, Native American College Graduates Tell their Life Stories*, 10) *Class Action*, a story about a single mother who was among the first women hired to work at a northern Minnesota Iron Mine more than 30 years ago. The library just received several copies of Elie Wiesel's book *Night*. These were donated by the American Library Association. We are very appreciative of this donation.

A reminder to all patrons who have overdue books, please drop them into the book bin by the entrance to the college if you cannot get to the library. Reading Buddies dates are February 21, March 7 and March 21.



~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

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DONALD A. LAPOINTE HEALTH CENTER

PRESCRIPTION ABUSE POLICY



Due to the alarming rate of prescription abuse of Scheduled Medications, it has become necessary for the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center ("Health Center") to adopt the following policy for the purpose of closely managing patient's use of prescription medication. For the purposes of this policy, Scheduled Medications include, but are not limited to, the following: narcotics, amphetamines, dronabinol, barbiturates, sedatives, stimulants, antianxiety agents, nonnarcotic analgesics.

The Prescription Abuse Policy of the Health Center is as follows:

1. The Health Center utilizes the Michigan Automated Prescription System ("MAPS") and may request and receive information from this system for each patient.
2. All Scheduled Medications taken by a patient of the Health Center must only be prescribed by a Primary Care Physician of the Health Center.
3. Patients shall take Scheduled Medications only as prescribed by a physician.
4. Scheduled Medications for acute pain shall be discontinued when the cause of the pain is expected to cease.
5. Scheduled Medications for chronic non-malignant pain will be considered only after all reasonable attempts at pain relief by alternative methods have failed. "Chronic non-malignant pain" is defined as a pain which does not have a defined end.
6. Patients who receive a prescription for Scheduled Medications are advised of the risks associated with their use, including dependency and withdrawal problems, which are the sole responsibility of the patient.
7. Patients who are treated for pain at the Health Center shall be seen by the Primary Care Physician at a regularly scheduled appointment at the Health Center. There shall be no last minute refills for Scheduled Medications. Furthermore, one business day advance notice shall be required for such refills.
8. Scheduled Medications will not be replaced for any reasons attributed to the negligence of the patient, including lost or destroyed medications. An exception may be made if the medication has been stolen and the patient completes a police report regarding the theft, or if, in the discretion of the prescribing physician, the individual case or a case pattern warrants an exception.
9. If a patient uses a month's supply of Scheduled Medications prematurely, the rest of the month has to be endured without medication. Early refills may be issued only under special circumstances.
10. Random urine and/or serum toxicology screens may be requested at any time documenting the proper use of medications as well as compliance with the prescription. These screens may be requested by the Primary Care Physician or any other physician involved in the patient's care.
11. For purposes of minimizing the possibility of dependency, the Primary Care Physician may impose "drug holidays" or periods of time where the Scheduled Medications are not prescribed or to be used by the patient.
12. If the Health Center receives notification, from any source, that a patient is receiving Scheduled Medications from more than one physician, the prescriptions from the Health Center may, in the Primary Care Physician's discretion, not be renewed.
13. If the Health Center discovers prescription abuse patterns for any patient, the patient's Scheduled Medications shall be immediately terminated. Prescription abuse may include, but is not limited to, medication hoarding, acquisition of Scheduled Medications from other physicians, patient requests for dose escalation without change in physical condition, or dramatic change in patient character or demeanor.
14. The patient may be asked to bring Scheduled Medications into the Health Center at any given time to determine if the number of tablets remaining coincides with the written prescription.

KBNRD Waterfowl Indexing

The Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource Department (KBNRD) has recently been conducting their annual Waterfowl Indexing throughout certain areas of the 1842 Ceded Territory waters.

During these assessments, KBNRD staff visits numerous index sites to observe and record the different species of birds in the index site area. The indexing starts in early/mid September and continues until there is ice covering the lakes. This year index sites included Menge Creek/Head of Keweenaw Bay, Roubillard Creek, Sand Point, Mud Lakes and the Pinery Lakes. All of these sites are visited weekly, except Roubillard Creek, which is visited bi-weekly.

The assessments have shown that in recent years, sightings of waterfowl species have decreased to some extent. The largest waterfowl populations observed were at the Menge Creek/Head of Keweenaw Bay indexing sight. Some species that were observed include various diving ducks (coots and mergansers), puddle ducks (woodducks and mallards) Canada geese, and loons.

KBNRD has been conducting Waterfowl Indexing assessments for over ten years. These assessments are a great way to keep track of Waterfowl use of wetland habitats on the Keweenaw Bay Reservation. The program is funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Circle of Flight (COF) program. If you would like more information on the COF program, please contact the KBNRD at 906-524-5757.



Male Woodduck- Drake



Female Merganser-Hen

AWESOME JOB!



Kaylee Brunk, Student of the Week (Baraga Area Schools), January 25, 2006.

Kaylee Brunk, daughter of Brenda Brunk, is a senior at Baraga High School. She participates in family and cultural activities. Her interests include reading,

creative writing, photography and playing the guitar.

Kaylee quietly does a great job in the classroom. She is courteous, polite, and respectful. She leads by example and is a pleasure to have in class. Kaylee did an outstanding job on her senior project presentation. She spoke to the audience and judges about her Ojibwa culture and displayed a shawl she made. The shawl was made for presentation at the Pink Shawl Project. The project promotes breast cancer awareness.



Davina Denomie, Student of the Week (Baraga Area Schools), February 8, 2006.

Davina Denomie, daughter of Melinda Roberts and David Denomie, is an eighth grade student at Baraga Junior High. She enjoys basketball, volleyball and spending time with friends.

ing time with friends.

Davina has come into Art with a positive attitude, has worked hard on her assignments, and has been a pleasant student to work with in class. Her art work and creative thinking is what makes her stand out in class.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Dolores RoseMarie LeMaire

(March 16, 1929—February 14, 2006)

Dolores RoseMarie LeMaire, 76, of Marquette, Michigan, and formerly of Baraga, Michigan, entered eternal life Tuesday afternoon, February 14, 2006.

Delores was born March 16, 1929, in Pequaming, Michigan, a daughter of Wilfred J. "Togo" and Cecelia "Sylvia" (Connors) Gauthier. She was a graduate of Northern Michigan University's Nursing program, receiving her certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse. From 1968 to 1988, Dolores was employed with NMU's Auxiliary Services in their food service operation. Dolores was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and in her leisure was an avid BINGO participant, enjoyed sewing and had a special love, patience, and talent for doing beadwork. Dolores was very devoted and passionate concerning the activities of the Ojibwa Senior Center and it became a part of her daily routine.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Edward D. LeMaire of Marquette, Michigan, four daughters, Carmen (Mike) Stoffregan of Fond du Lac, WI, Theda (Robert) Ritari of Marquette, MI, JoAnn (Kenny) Anderson of Fond du Lac, WI, and Shirl (John) Keating of Marquette, MI; two sons, George LeMaire and friend Candy DesJardins of Marquette, MI, and Daryl LeMaire of Green Bay, WI, nine grandchildren, David Schwamin, Ed Brooks, Lena Verbanic, Shain LeMaire, Brent LeMaire, Bobby Dagenais, Aaron Burbey, Ashley LeMaire, and Damian LeMaire, eight great-grandchildren, two brothers, Allen Gauthier of Baraga and Merie Haen of Green Bay, WI, several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Dolores was preceded in death by a grandson, Bernie Dagenais and a brother Eugene Gauthier.

Visitation and a Service of Remembrance were held on Friday, February 17, 2006 with Rev. Leon Jarvis officiating.

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Introducing...the New OjibwaCasino.com

The Ojibwa Casino is pleased to announce the launch of a completely redesigned website, OjibwaCasino.com. The site was designed with a fresh new interface and is streamlined to make it faster, easier and user friendly. The new site went live Wednesday, January 18, 2006.

The purpose of our site redesign was to improve the visitor's navigation experience, provide an enhanced point of contact, and to incorporate technologies that improve our ability to update content and expand the functionality of the site.

The newly designed website incorporates information for both the Baraga and Marquette casinos. Tabs for each amenity are clearly labeled allowing visitors to easily navigate through the site. Visitors will find updated information for gaming, promotions, lodging, dining, entertainment, and other areas of interest.

Web design and development was completed by OpusWeb.com from Houghton. The site's content was completed by Michele Schjoth.

~ Check it out!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.		Events listed in calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.	1 Smoking Cessation, 5:00 pm call 353-4543 to register	2	3	4 9 am Tribal Council meeting
5	6	7 Reading Buddies, 5:30 @ OCC Library, Healthy Start Parenting class, 11:30 am—call 353-4543	8 Smoking Cessation, 5:00 pm call 353-4543 to register	9	10	11
12	13	14 Healthy Start Parenting class, 11:30 am—call 353-4543	15 Smoking Cessation, 5:00 pm call 353-4543 to register	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 NMU Traditional Pow-wow
19 NMU Traditional Pow-wow	20	21 1st Step Counselor appts, call 353-4115; Reading Buddies 5:30 @ OCC Library; Healthy Start 11:30 am, call 353-4543	22 Smoking Cessation, 5:00 pm call 353-4543 to register	23	24	25 Ann Arbor Pow-Wow
26 Ann Arbor Pow-wow	27	28 American Diabetes Alert Day, Healthy Start 11:30 am, call 353-4543	29 Smoking Cessation, 5:00 pm call 353-4543 to register	30	31	

Before long it will be looking like spring around Keweenaw Bay—new leaves and flowers, new baby birds and fawns—so let's make it our season to think about some new things, too, like new eating habits. One thing to consider is how *much* fat, and *what kind* of fat, we're eating, and cut back in order to protect our hearts, arteries and waistlines.

Fats from animal sources (meat fat, milk/butter fat) are high in saturated fatty acids, which raise blood cholesterol levels. High cholesterol poses a risk for developing heart disease and stroke, both of which occur all too often here at KBIC. Using more lean meats, eliminating fatty and processed meats and cutting back on portion sizes of all meats (size of a deck of card is about right) will lower cholesterol in most people, and will also cut calories to help keep weight under control.

Liquid vegetable oils do not raise cholesterol, so they are better choices for baking, frying and "dressing up" food. But all fats, whether they are vegetable or animal, are high in calories, and it's a good idea to cut back on cooking oils, regular mayonnaise, salad dressings and margarines, as well if you're keeping your calories down to lose weight.

The new buzzword is "trans" fat, and you may have started noticing trans fat listed on nutrition facts labels. Trans fat results from processing vegetable oils into shortening and margarine. The hardening of the fat makes it more suitable for baking and spreading, but unfortunately it also makes it more like saturated fats in that it raises cholesterol level. You find the highest amounts in bakery goods such as store cookies, pies and pastries, high fat snack crackers and the things made with shortening and stick margarine at home. Cutting back on bakery and stick margarine, and substituting low fat versions of crackers, cookies, etc can help reduce trans fat in your diet.

National Nutrition Month® is sponsored by the American Dietetic Association to help remind Americans of the importance of eating well. At the KBIC Health Clinic, we have many staff who can help you with improving your nutrition, including the staff of the Diabetes Program, WIC and Healthy Start. Stop in for information about diet and health. Dale Schmeisser, PhD, RD (RD stands for registered dietitian) is available several days per month for individual and group consults, as well as presentations on nutrition topics. **Call Debbie Arens, LPN at 353-4559 to make an appointment with Dale. Reliable resources on the Web include www.eatright.org, www.americanheart.org and www.diabetes.org.**



Diabetes Boot Camp
Basic training I
For Those Newly Diagnosed With Diabetes
February 21, 23, 28, and March 2
May 2, 4, 9, 11
July 11, 13, 18, 20
September 12, 14, 19, 21

Basic Training II
For Those Who Have Had Previous Diabetes Education
April 4, 6, 11, 13
June 6, 8, 13, 15
August 22, 24, 29, 31
October 10, 12, 17, 19
December 5, 7, 12, 14

KBIC HEALTH DEPT.
102 SUPERIOR AVENUE/BARAGA, MI. 49908

**To Enroll In Any Of These Class Sessions,
Please Call 353-4559**

Beartown Firefighters

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC), in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, manages a Type 2 Wildland Firefighting handcrew. The crew is based out of Baraga, Michigan and is available for dispatch locally as well as nation-wide. KBIC is reaching out to neighboring tribes and communities to recruit firefighters for the upcoming 2005 fire season. Our crew provides an excellent opportunity for summer time employment, training, and experience.

Recruiting Wildland Firefighters:

The 2006 Fire Season is soon coming upon us. We are currently taking new applications. Application can be picked up at the Tribal Center's TERO/EEO Office. For assistance with your applications ask for Debi Williamson or Sharon Brunk.

Basis Information

Minimum requirements:

- Be 18 Years of age or older
- Must pass medical examination
- Must pass the Arduous **Work Capacity Test**
- Must have or complete Basic firefighter training

Work requirements typically include:

- 12-16 hour work days in steep, rugged terrain
- Hot, smoky, dusty work environments
- 2 week deployments not including travel time

Interested applicants may contact the following individuals for further information:

George DeCota, Crew Boss
Phone: (906)250-2334 or (906)524-4142
E-mail: kbfire@up.net
Sharon Brunk, Dispatcher
Phone: (906) 353-4190
E-mail: sbrunk@kbic-nsn.gov
Tom Chosa, Crew Boss
Phone: (906)353-4170
E-mail: thomas@kbic-nsn.gov



Training Schedule

New Trainee's: Basic Firefighter Training (S-130/S-190) - April 1,2,8,9
Pack Test for Current Firefighters
Tentative Date - April 15

Current Firefighters Annual Refresher Training
April 22nd.

All dates are subject to change. To confirm, please check our website listed below or call for updates.

To apply please contact the Office of Tribal Employment Rights

Debi Williamson, TERO/EEO Director
107 Beartown Road
Baraga, Michigan 49908
Phone: (906) 353-4167 or Cell: (906) 395-0276
E-mail: tero@kbic-nsn.gov

Applications are available on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Communities website :

http://www.ojbwa.com/fire/beartown_ff.htm



OJIBWA HOUSING AUTHORITY (OHA) — is willing to assist OHA staff and tenants with tax preparation at a low cost. Costs are based upon your income, free to \$30 per return. Tax is electronically filed. If you are interested, call Sally Snyder at 353-7117 to schedule an appointment.
OJIBWA BUILDING SUPPLIES (OBS) has started selling office supplies from Office Depot. See salesman, Dan Connor at OBS or call 353-8850.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXERCISE CERTIFICATE TRAINING. Scholarships are available for the Exercise Instruction Certificate Program being held on March 25th & 26th at the Tribal College. Interested persons must be 18 years or older, a KBIC Tribal member and willing to provide 8 hours of group exercise instruction after certification. Interested persons should contact Kathy Mayo at 353-4519 or pick up an application from the Diabetes Program located in the Tribal Health Department.

OFFICE OF TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

RECRUITING NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR POSITIONS WITH KBIC EMPLOYERS (APPLICANTS MUST BE 55 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER, AND MEET LOW INCOME GUIDELINES TO QUALIFY. ALL POSITIONS ARE PART-TIME 20 HOURS PER WEEK AND PAY \$5.15 PER HOUR):

CUSTOMER GREETER: Provide assistance to customers entering or leaving the building.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS AIDE: Provide assistance to patrons at hotel with personal services, take messages, arrange or give advice on transportation, business services or entertainment, or monitor guest requests for housekeeping and maintenance.

INVOICE CONTROL AIDE: Compile, compute, and record billing, accounting, statistical, and other numerical data for billing purposes. Prepare billing invoices.

OFFICE AIDE: Answer inquiries and obtain information for general public, customer, visitors, and other interested parties. Provide basic clerical support.

LIBRARY AIDE: Must have public relations and interpersonal skills; be able to sort and shelve books, issue and receive library materials and file according to identification number and title. Register patrons to permit them to borrow books, periodicals, and other library materials.

NATURAL RESOURCES AIDE: Perform routine ground and building maintenance such as picking up litter, emptying trash containers and routine maintenance.

FOOD & NUTRITION AIDE: Perform a variety of food services duties.

RECRUITING IRON WORKERS TRAINEES

The National Ironworker Training Program for American Indians conducts twelve week training sessions and is fully funded to qualified applicants which include lodging and weekly stipends. You must provide your own transportation to and from school and to training locations.

APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

U.P. PLUMBERS' & PIPE FITTERS', U.A. LOCAL 506 are taking applications.

For more information, contact Debra Williamson—TERO/EEO Director at the Office of Tribal Employment Rights at (906) 353-4167, tero@kbic-nsn.gov

The Birch Tree, a legend, as retold by Jay Loonsfoot

One day Wenabojoo was trying desperately to escape the awful anger of the thunderbirds. He had killed some baby thunderbirds and stolen their feathers, for he wanted to make a very powerful arrow.

The birds, with their thunderous voices and lightening-bright eyes, were chasing him. Wenabojoo ran and ran; he tried to find a safe place to hide away from the anger of the birds.

He crawled into a fallen, hollow birch tree. When the birds reached him, they knew they could not harm him, for the birch tree, which was their child, protected him.

After the great birds left, Wenabojoo promised the birch tree that its bark would protect whatever it held.

The Ojibwa used birch bark for homes, for canoes and to make storage containers.



REGIONAL SPELLING COMPETITION



L'Anse Area Schools and Baraga Area School previously held spelling bees in their schools for each grade 5th-8th, with each school forwarding two winners per grade to the Regional Spelling Bee. The Regional Spelling Bee

was held on Friday, January 27, 2006, at the Baraga Area Schools. Two winners from each section (grade) were advanced to the District Level, which was held on February 9th, in Houghton. Two top spellers from each section (grade) during the District Level advanced to the U.P. spelling bee to be held in Ishpeming later in the year. Unfortunately none of the regional winners advanced this year.

Regional (local) Spelling Bee winners are:

5th grade—Olivia Ingram and Jordan Sterbenz

6th grade—Savannah Dakota and Rachel Sutherland

7th grade—Rebecca Augustine and Robert Janisse

8th grade—Erick Bedner and Ariel Gougeon



Vocabulary

Anin - Hello, greetings.

Anish ejaiaian - Come here.

Nin mino aia - I am good/fine.

Kid Ojibwem na? - Do you speak Ojibwe?

Pangi et ago - Just a little.

Nin bakade - I am hungry.

Nin gishkabagwe - I am thirsty.

Nin wissin - I am eating.

Nin minikwe - I am drinking.

Nind anoki - I am working.

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For Your Information:

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KICKBOXING WORKSHOP on Saturday, March 25, 2006, @ 8:00 a.m. NETA's Kickboxing Certification will train you to execute, choreograph and perform typical kickboxing moves safely and effectively. Experience the fitness craze for yourself and your students. Get certified with NETA!

Event Location: Ojibwa Community College—Niiwin Akeaa Center, 111 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908. Local contact: Rachelle Bachran (906)353-4608. To register: Call 800-AEROBIC or register online at www.netafit.org.



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First People's Work Center



The KBIC is proud to announce the opening of its new small business resource center. It is focused on the support and development of Tribal member-owned businesses. The KBIC would like to assist Tribal members in becoming more successful business owners.

Some of the many services that will be provided:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services
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8:00 am-4:30 pm

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