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Delegates of Twelve Michigan Tribes Meet

Delegates from the Twelve federally-recognized Michigan Tribes met at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways on October 6th for a Tribal summit hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. The event focused on issues regarding Tribal sovereignty, economic development and coordinating efforts to further awareness of Native American issues affecting Tribal interests in Michigan. Councilman Fred Dakota and Jesse Luttenton, KB Economic Developer also attended the meeting along with President LaFernier.

HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK 2005: WE END IT HERE. WE END IT NOW.

From the Office of Tribal Council President LaFernier, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community: Homelessness…

Governor Granholm has proclaimed that November 13-19, 2005 will be designated as Homeless Awareness Week for the State of Michigan. This year's theme, "We End It Here. We End It Now.", sends a strong call to action to all Michigan residents.

Homeless Awareness Week is a statewide campaign to educate the public about the many reasons people are homeless, the shortage of affordable housing for low income people, and the diligent work that homeless assistance providers are doing to bring relief to those most in need. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), in association with the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, are spearheading the drive. On a year-round basis, MSHDA administers federal money as well as its own funds to finance a variety of programs designed to expand the supply of housing services for the homeless.

"We have a commitment to our homeless families and children. We must work together as a state to help them find affordable, safe and clean housing. I have confidence in our communities, lenders and faith based organizations to become the driving force in our fight to end homelessness. Let's end homelessness here. Let's end homelessness now," said Governor Granholm.

Homelessness affects every community in Michigan - all age groups, all racial and ethnic groups, and families with children as well as individuals. The truth about homelessness contradicts the stereotypical chronic alco-

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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 E. Emery
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Shawanung
Toni Minton

Special points of interest:

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- Constitutional Convention Delegation Meeting
- KBIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) Receives Federal Recognition
- Ojibwa Library News
- Karate Class Offered to KBIC Youth
- Professional Gymnastic Classes at KBIC
- A Letter To All Parents

KBIC TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (THPO) RECEIVES FEDERAL RECOGNITION

In 1992 the U.S. Congress adopted amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 102-575) that allow Federally-recognized Indian Tribes to take on more formal responsibility for the preservation of significant historic properties on Tribal lands. Specifically, Section 101(d)(2) allows Tribes to assume any or all of the functions of a State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with respect to Tribal lands. The decision to participate or not participate in the program rests with each individual Tribe whether to

assume those responsibilities or not.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council, out of concerns for ground-disturbing activities on and within Tribal lands, created the KBIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office (KBIC THPO) in 2003, designating a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer to develop a historic preservation plan for KBIC and administer the program through Tribal Resolution.

KBIC made the decision to participate in the National Park Service directed program for Federal recognition of the KBIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office and has completed the recognition process. The process involved researching the National Historic Preservation Act, and the requirements for recognition, submitting a plan to assume certain historic preservation activities within the KBIC Reservation boundaries to the National Park Service for review, negotiating terms and finally signing a Memorandum Of Understanding between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the National Park Service for Federal recognition of KBIC's Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

As a formal participant in the National Historic Preservation Program, KBIC may assume official responsibility for a number of functions aimed at the preservation of significant historic properties on Tribal and Reservation lands, as well as within ceded territory. The newly recognized KBIC THPO will assume numerous responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act, in place of the State Historic Preservation Office, on Tribal lands identified by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Some of the responsibilities the KBIC THPO will assume include the development and administration of KBIC's Tribal Historic Preservation Plan for Tribal lands, conducting and maintaining historic property surveys and inventories, advising Federal, State and local agencies in addressing historic preservation responsibilities, Section 106 Reviews, and providing public information where appropriate, including education, training and technical assistance in historic preservation initiatives.

With the signing of the MOU with the National Park Service, KBIC THPO has sole jurisdiction over the protection of "historic" properties, and Traditional Cultural Properties within the boundaries of the Reservation, which includes the entire L'Anse Indian Reservation in Baraga County, the Ontonagon Reservation in Ontonagon County, and the KBIC Trust lands in Marquette County. KBIC is the second Federally-recognized Indian Tribe within the State of Michigan to assume historic preservation responsibilities for the SHPO. Lac Vieux Desert Tribe of Lake Superior Chippewa, located in Watersmeet, Michigan, was the first Indian Tribe in Michigan to establish a Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

The KBIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office is located in Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Office of Planning & Development, located 807 US Highway 41, Baraga, Michigan. For more information, please contact, Summer Cohen, KBIC's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, at 906-353-6272.

Tribal Council Meeting—October 1, 2005

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on October 1, 2005, at the Marquette Community Center. Susan LaFernier presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton and Shawanung present.

President LaFernier shared a few items of 'For Your Information' with those who were present, including a request by NIGA asking for continued support to Hurricane Victims. Motion by Mike LaFernier Sr. to donate $2,000 to NIGA, supported by William E. Emery, and carried.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFernier indicated that she gave a welcome for the U.P. Economic Development Alliance Meeting which was held at our Resort on September 8th. The alliance enhances, links and promotes the unique aspects of Michigan's Upper Peninsula as the superior location in which to invest and conduct business. On September 10th, our Eagle Radio station hosted the 9-1-1 Aaron Tippin Concert in Houghton, Michigan. It was a great concert, the veteran program was wonderful, and you'd have to see the fireworks to believe it! A big thank you to Ed Janisse, everyone at the station, and all the volunteers who made this concert a success. $5.00 of every ticket sold will be sent to our troops for supplies and $1700 was also raised for the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. President LaFernier also stated that she gave a welcome for the week long "Wildland Fire Investigation and Determination Training" held at the Sr. Citizens Center. She attended a training on the Tribe's proposed CDFI (Community Development Financial Institute) Board Development roles and responsibilities and Market Analysis. The LacVieux Desert economic developers also attended along with Mr. Baker, Jesse Luttenton and Sarah Smith. On September 24th, President LaFernier attended the 1st Annual Firefighters Festival held in L'Anse with Tom Chosa, Pauline Knapp Spruce and family. Keys to the old CHICO I Fire truck, which the Tribe helped purchase many years ago in memory of Chico Knapp was presented to us for use by our Beartown Firefighters. The CHICO II (which we also helped fund) was made available for viewing. President LaFernier has been working with Keith Tourttillott, CEO, overseeing the bidding on our liability (property, auto, other) insurance. This has not been done in the past, and we all have learned a great deal from the process. It has taken a great deal of time. The Tribal Council passed Resolution KB-1422-2005 on September 10, 2005, which calls for a Secretarial Election to ratify or reject the changes to Article IV Section 6 of our constitution which states: Any member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community who is eighteen years of age or older and maintains residence on the Reservation shall be entitled to vote in the district in which he or she resides. She added that the Constitutional Task Force is holding a meeting on Saturday October 8th. President LaFernier stated she was happy to announce that we are the second Tribe in Michigan to be recognized with THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Officer) status, and on Thursday, we approved an agreement with the National Park Service, Department of Interior to assume the functions of the State Historic Preservation Officer and assume the responsibilities on our tribal lands under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act. President LaFernier stated that she was pleased to announce that on Thursday, September 29th, the Council approved the 2006 budgets. There was a great amount of work done in preparation and she'd like to thank everyone in this process, especially the work group that spent an enormous amount of hours working on the budgets. Last month, President LaFernier reported on our Cigarette Case Summary Judgment Hearing that was held in Grand Rapids before Judge Bell. The judge did issue an order, judgment, and opinion on September 12, 2005, which stated that the motion for partial summary judgment filed by KB and counts IV-IX were denied. On September 26, 2005, the Tribal Council did make a motion to appeal at the Sixth Circuit Court, but at this time we have not determined on which counts. President LaFernier reported that the information for the two-part application for the transfer of the Marquette Casino was sent to the Statson firm, and they have completed a first draft. We are continuing to proceed with additional information that was requested. In case you aren't aware, we as Native Americans should be proud to know that included in the first deployment of Emergency Management Assistance to the devastation in Louisiana included four members of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department. We are also proud of Keweenaw Bay's Beartown Firefighters who have spent the last few weeks in Texas who are providing assistance with the Hurricanes. Please continue to pray for our people and all those in need. President LaFernier added that it has been a very busy month with department head and employee meetings, Council grievances hearings, Gaming Commission meetings/hearings, and job interviews. She ended her report with a reminder that the Harvest Feast will be held on October 23rd.

The Secretary report was not available. Larry Denomie III indicated that a two-month Secretary report (September and October) would be available at the November 5th meeting.

Jennifer Misegan gave the Treasurer's Report for September 2005. She was happy to announce that the budget-team was able to balance the budget for FY 2006 and did so without affecting any tribal programs. Employees, both governmental and enterprise, will be receiving a four-percent raise on their anniversary dates. An increase was made for the student sovereignty fund (higher education support) and the Youth allocation (extracurricular expenses per tribal policy) was increased from $100 to $125 per child. Treasurer Misegan apologized for not submitting the FY 2005 Financial Summary report at today's meeting, stating that time was a factor in that the FY 2006 budget requests were not finalized until September 29th. She plans on submitting the FY 2005 Financial Summary at next month's meeting.

Keith Tourtillott Sr., CEO, indicated in the CEO Report that his desk conducted 119 contacts which focused primarily on budgetary issues, insurance bid processing, training development, grant/application review, personnel relations, and acting as the General Manager for the Enterprises in his absence. Acting GM was performed September 8th through the 16th, where he reviewed all the incident reports generated up to the 15th. He approved the regular day to day transactions, approved three employee transfers, two new hires, one interim slot supervisor, and one employee termination. Insurance bids are being reviewed by the team made up of President LaFernier; Francis LaPointe Jr., CFO; John Baker, Attorney; Jim Nardi, HR Director; Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO; and Keith Tourtillott Sr., CEO. After reviewing the bids, the team decided that all the quotes needed to be re-examined utilizing a matrix system to ensure that all of the property, values, inventory and other sensitive exposures are properly covered. This decision required us to request an extension from Garceau (current insurance carrier) for 30 days since our policies ended on the 30th, which was granted. Our present cost for insurance is approximately $380,000. The bids received varied over $100,000 between the highest to the lowest, and over $150,000 from our present cost. Each bid appears to be lacking something and after we finish assessing what is missing, each will be requested to resubmit or present a quote to ensure coverage of our exposures. Mr. Tourtillott wished they had more time and a different schedule. It was impossible to respond to all the inquiries and he felt somehow that we did not get the best response because of it. He suggested that in the future that this process be started earlier and a staff person be dedicated to nothing but this activity. Our Fire Fighters have been dispatched to help with the hurricane relief effort stationed in Texas and elsewhere within the region. This call of duty has once again changed how our team is managed when deployed. Originally, upon their return we would issue a paycheck for their service and be reimbursed through the BIA Fire Management Agreement. That had been changed to being financially responsible for them from the point of departure until they were actually engaged in a given incident. All would be reimbursed through the same agreement. Now, under the new arrangement, we have to keep the team financially solvent throughout their entire engagement. He has been assured that all of the expenses will be reimbursed. We can be proud of our team's service and of their efforts to help the nation recover from both catastrophic events. Given their new experience, we will need to debrief the engagement upon their return, scheduled October 4th, to assess the strengths and weaknesses during their term, and to better design methods to respond to the needs of the Community's heroic men and women when they are once again called to ser-

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vice.

The CEO closed his report with the fact that we have completed the budget process and entered the new fiscal year with an approved balance without impacting the services needed by the members of the community.

Charlie West presented a plaque for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to President LaFernier on behalf of the Cedar Tree Institute, thanking KBIC for their support against the Proposed Sulfide Mining in Marquette County. He offered a short presentation on the possible environmental impacts that could effect the community from sulfide mining.

George Madosh addressed the Council with a request for a Council seat for a Marquette resident. The KBIC Constitution stipulates that the Council be comprised of six members from the L'Anse District and six members from the Baraga District. Any type of move in this direction would involve a change to the Constitution. Madosh was advised to bring this matter before the Constitutional Convention Task Force, which is meeting next Saturday, October 8th. In another matter, Madosh addressed his concerns regarding the fact that Council members are holding more than one position. He stated that they were spreading themselves too thin by wearing too many hats, and possibly are not doing justice to the people, as they are unable to give adequate time to all things they were involved in. The Council replied that not enough of the community had responded to committee vacancies, which they are obligated to fill.

Candice Kemppainen requested funding to finish payment for the Language Conference Immersion Program that she attended. Motion by Warren C. Swartz to authorize payment of $290 to finish paying for the Immersion class that Candice Kemppainen is taking, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, opposed by Shawanung, and carried.

Keith Tourtillott Sr. brought for Council attention, the new Cell Phone Policy. Tourtillott stated that he will meet with department heads for their input before requesting Council approval. In another matter, Tourtillott requested the need to renew the Newsletter Editor Service Agreement. The matter was tabled until both parties could be present.

The first reading of the Introduction of the Gaming Commission occurred. Separation of the Commission from the Tribal Council would occur if the ordinance is approved. Five KBIC members would be appointed by Tribal Council for staggered terms under the ordinance. Jennifer Misegan moved to waive the reading of the 45-page document at today's meeting, supported by Warren C. Swartz, Elizabeth Mayo opposed, and carried. A second reading is scheduled as a public hearing on October 20th at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Building.

The department head monthly reports for August were approved prior to adjournment.

ATTENTION

Please contact the Enrollment Office if you have moved or your address has changed within the past year. You will be require to submit proof of your residency, i.e. a copy of your Driver's License, a utility bill, copy of your lease, etc. to verify the new address. They may be reached at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4111 or 4113 or by mail to: Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center Attn: Enrollment Dept., 107 Beartown Rd., Baraga, MI 49908.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Verna Mae Shelafoe-Baltes

(December 16, 1936-October 1, 2005)

Verna Mae Shelafoe-Baltes, age 68, of Santa Barbara, CA, formerly of Baraga, passed away on Saturday, October 1, 2005, at her home.

She was born December 16, 1936, in Baraga, Michigan, a daughter of the late Charles and Alice (Chosa) Shelafoe. Verna was a 1954 graduate of Baraga High School and received a L.P.N. degree from Santa Barbara City College. While studying for her degree, she also interned with Dr. Sartorious, a renowned cancer specialist. On October 12, 1957, she married James Baltes in St. Paul, Minnesota. Verna had been a resident of Santa Barbara since 1968.

She enjoyed cooking, jazz music, old movies and collected recipes for a book she had hoped to write. She is survived by three children, Valerie (Dennis) Stuart of Shoreview, MN, Jerry (Weiling) Bales of Buellton, CA and Alan Baltes of Santa Barbara, CA, three grandchildren, Scott, Jim and Angie Stuart; a sister, Shirley (Anthony) McKasy of Baraga, MI; and nieces & nephews. Besides her parents; a sister, Alice M. Shelafoe; brother, Harold Shelafoe and niece, Lynn Sokolik preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, October 8, 2005 at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins, MI with Rev. Augustine George officiating.

Douglas E. Blaker

(October 7, 1939-September 26, 2005)

Douglas E. Blaker, beloved father of Russ and Doug Blaker, dear brother of Betty Meroni, Gilbert and Bob Blaker, loving grandfather of Stephanie and Russell Blaker, is also survived many friends, fellow co-workers at Magna Machine and his church family. Doug was a Native American born in Michigan, October 7, 1939. He was an active member of the Vineyard Community Church, as well as a "faithful" leader for many of their out reach programs. He died suddenly September 26, 2005, at the age of 65 in his Reading home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 4, 2005, at the Vineyard Community Church, 11340 Century Circle East, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246. Memorials may be made in his name to the Vineyard Community Church.

Gary Meroni (Blaker)

(1965 -September 30, 2005)

Gary Meroni, 40, of Long Branch, died Friday, September 30th, at home. He was born in Hoboken and lived in Port Monmouth, Middletown, before moving to Long Branch in 1980. He was a night manager in the deli department at ShopRite, West Long Branch, for the past 18 years. Gary was a Navy veteran and an avid sports fan.

Surviving are his wife of seven years, Debra Sproat Meroni; his parents, Bernard and Betty Meroni; two sisters, Denise Moschetto, and Betty & her husband Mike Nielson, all of Arizona; a brother, Bernard & his wife Grace Meroni of Long Beach; four nieces, Angela, Rebecca, Tatum and Rachel; a nephew, Johnny; and a great-niece Jayde.

Visitation was held on October 6, 2005, at the Flore Funeral Home, 882 Broadway, West Long Branch. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be emailed to fiorefh@aol.com and will be received by the family.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATION MEETING

With eleven individuals present, the first of many constitutional convention delegation meetings was held on Saturday, October 8th, 2005. Eddy Edwards facilitated the group who met to discuss the concerns of the KBIC members with regards to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Constitution. The purpose of the delegation meetings are to organize the community's wants, decide how to proceed with the requested changes, make a recommendation to the Tribal Council, who in turn forwards the people's requests to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The group began with a discussion of how and in what fashion would be the best way to change the Constitution, i.e. by topics or a whole complete revision of the constitution at one time. When there is only one concern in general that does not effect any other section of the Constitution, such as in the voting age from 21 to 18, an amendment can be implemented through Tribal Council Resolution requesting a Secretarial Election be held regarding the requested change. When the change will effect various sections throughout the Constitution, a revision is necessary.

The group reviewed the recent KBIC Constitutional Task Force Survey results and comments. The survey indicates the people have the highest concern for Separation of Powers. A round table discussion occurred with voting rights definitely being the center of the discussion. Concerns were whether to change voting opportunities beyond reservation resident boundaries and if so, to what limitation, i.e. within Baraga County, within home territory of the ceded territory, within the ceded territory of Michigan, within all of the ceded territory, or with no limitation of residency; and should these individuals be allowed absentee ballots or need to present themselves at the polls. A short survey with these questions will be conducted near the voting polls this December, but are in no means to be considered a part of the ballot. The purpose of the survey will be to gather more information on the direction our people wish to proceed.

Mr. Edwards indicated that, hopefully more people will come to these delegation meetings; we need our community to become involved in this matter. The group plans on scheduling regular meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12th, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ojibwa Motel's Chippewa Room. KBIC members are strongly encouraged to attend!

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATION MEETING

OJIBWA MOTEL, CHIPPEWA ROOM, BARAGA, MI

SATURDAY, Nov. 12th, 2005 @ 9:00 a.m.

ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND, YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

Please note -

The garbage dumpster located at the Ojibwa Senior Center Building is strictly for the Senior Citizen Building and is not for community/public use. Miigwech.

~ Ojibwa Seniors Citizens

OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS

On September 27, 2005, residents from the Skilled Nursing Unit visited the Ojibwa Community Library. The residents were very impressed with the collections in the library. They now have a library card and will visit once a month.

Reading Buddies is still available. The dates in November are 11/2, 11/16, and 11/30. Time is 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

November 14-20 is CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK. Bring your children to the library, every visit entitles them to put their name in for a drawing of various prizes at the end of the week. The prizes will be donated by various businesses in Baraga. The drawing will be on November 21st.

A reminder of our winter hours: Monday 12-5, Tuesday 10-8, Wednesday 10-8, Thursday 10-8, Friday 12-5. The library offers laminating for 50¢/foot.

Monday, November 8th is "Turn Off Your TV Night!" These nights are becoming popular throughout the nation. This will give you a chance to read to your children, play games, or take a trip to the library.

The library now has some children's videos that can be checked out of the library. We have on DVD or VHS, Harry Potter, Dora, Sponge Bob, etc. Stop in a visit your community library.

NEW EMPLOYEE

Mike LaPointe has been hired by KBIC as a Natural Resource Technician.

KARATE

KBIC Youth Club has recently added Karate classes to their list of activities available to the community.

Eddy Edwards, is teaching the class the curriculum he learned—Kenpo Style Karate, on Tuesday evenings, 6:00 p.m. at the Niiwin Akeaa Center. The class is offered to youth of all ages. Currently there are approximately 23 youth participating in the class, which will run throughout the winter until school lets out for the summer next year.

Mr. Edwards began learning Kenpo Karate in California back in 1991. He progressed through the ranks to his current rank of red/black belt. He has completed all the requirements for black belt but moved to Baraga before being able to take the test. He has competed in many karate fighting tournaments on the west coast. His best performance was second place in the 1994 Western United States Karate Championship in Las Vegas.

Mr. Edwards plans on teaching his class the curriculum he learned and will test the kids through the ranks as they progress. The first level for them is yellow belt, which he is currently teaching the requirements. Mr. Edwards states that the kids are all very enthusiastic about learning Karate, and he hopes they will all continue with their training.

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Meet Ella Barnhart, born 09/16/05 to Steve and Rachel (Gerard) Barnhart. She weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches in length.

Meet Kaylee Lahti, born 10/03/05 to Jessie Lahti & Melissa Fish. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19½ inches in length.

Meet Ross Joseph Jaukkuri II, born 06/27/05 to Ross Jaukkuri & Bobbi Loonsfoot. He weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. and was 18 inches in length.

Meet Kylie Ann Marie Peterson, born 10/10/05 to Daniel Peterson & Brandi Gauthier. She weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19½ inches in length.

Meet Easton Rees Clements, born 10/08/05 to Sean Clements & Cheryne LaPointe. He weighed 10 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 inches in length.

Recipe Of The Month

Roast Loin of Venison with Cranberries

2 thick slices of lemon
2 thick slices of orange
2 slices of peeled fresh ginger
1½ cups sugar
1 small bay leaf
2 cups fresh cranberries
4 pounds boneless loin of venison, at room temperature
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
1¼ teaspoons freshly ground pepper
¾ teaspoon finely chopped juniper berries
2 cups dry red wine
2 cups beef or venison stock
2 tablespoons cold butter, cut into pieces
Fresh thyme sprigs, for garnish

In a medium nonreactive saucepan, combine the lemon, orange, ginger, sugar and bay leaf with 1 cup of cold water. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Reduce the heat to mediate and boil, uncovered, until syrupy, ten to 15 minutes. Stir in the cranberries, then remove from heat and cool. Transfer the mixture to a glass container, cover and refrigerate for one to two days, stirring once or twice during that time.

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Rub the venison with the olive oil. ¾ teaspoon of the salt, 1 teaspoon of the pepper and ½ teaspoon of the chopped juniper berries, pressing the seasonings into the meat. Set the loin on the rack in a roasting pan and roast, basting frequently with the pan juices, until medium-rare (about 135°F on a meat thermometer), 25 to 30 minutes. Cover the venison loosely with foil and set aside for 10 to 15 minutes before carving.

Meanwhile, remove and discard the bay leaf an the lemon, orange and ginger slices from the cranberries. In a food processor or blender, puree half the cranberries and half the liquid until smooth. In a medium nonreactive saucepan, boil the wine over half heat until reduced to ½ cup, about five minutes. Add the stock and bring to a boil. Add the cranberry puree, reduce the heat to low and simmer, uncovered, until slightly thickened, about ten minutes. Remove from heat.

Strain the remaining whole cranberries and add them to the sauce with the remaining ¼ teaspoon each of salt, pepper and chopped juniper berries. Swirl in the cold butter.

Slice the venison thinly (stir any juices into the sauce) and serve with the sauce, reheating if necessary.

~ submitted by JoAnne Racette

PROFESSIONAL GYMNASTIC CLASSES AT KBIC

The KBIC Youth Club and Ojibwa Community College are contributing to the Baraga County Gymnastics Association by providing gym space and organizing the scheduling for Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Youth ranging in age from toddler to teen are receiving exceptional coaching from professional gymnastics instructor Jeanie Schneider, recently hired by the Baraga County Gymnastics Association. Schneider went to college for physical education to become a gymnastics coach and has recently moved to the U.P. Classes began September 26th with each class running for an 8-week duration. Schneider plans on entering achievers in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) competition in Wisconsin (April 2006), with plans to move up to USAG. Sandy Fish, Tammy Clisch and Geleah Dowler are assisting Schneider with coaching the classes—each coach is limited to eight students. Classes are open to native and non-native youth. For more information contact the KBIC Youth Office at 353-4643.

"MANY PATHS FOR OUR YOUTH TO FOLLOW" QUILT

(Left to right) (front row) elders are Florence Uusitalo, Evelyn Holappa (back row) Don Carlson, Shirley Clisch, Beverly Lussier, Dorothy Stephens and Virgil Loonsfoot.

Elders of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community made a quilt entitled, "Many Paths For Our Youth To Follow." Each square represents a good intention that the elders have for our youth and their future. The quilt can be seen in the medical clinic, where it provides brightness and inspiration. The project was coordinated by elders Dorothy Stephens and Beverly Lussier.

BIG BUCKS NIGHT

Big Buck Night was held at the Niiwin Akeaa Center on October 20th, 2005. "Promoting Healthy Hunters," was the focus of the event. Dr. Dale Schmeisser opened the session with a humorous reading of a deer hunter's diary. Dr. Craig Vickstrom, Baraga County's newest medical doctor, offered information regarding fitness in the field. He spoke at length of the #1 killer - exposure and how to avoid it. Dr. Rob Aho was available for those wishing information on health precautions in game handling. The group sampled venison jerky and chili samples, and had the opportunity to win some nice prizes. Fred Gauthier was the top winner of the smoker.

HONOR THE CIRCLE - HONOR YOUR FAMILY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October), Wanda Seppanen, VOCA Coordinator at KBIC, constructed a bulletin board with a message from a tribal perspective. The message on the bulletin board is taken from a poster in a Native American resources catalog. It states, "Honor the Circle. Honor Your Family… We have a heritage to be proud of. An important part of that heritage is creating a peaceful home through care, respect and honor. If you have problems with abuse, reach out for help."

Violence against women or men is not a Native tradition. It was not tolerated and in the rare event that it occurred, it was taken seriously. Abuse wasn't considered a private family matter.

Now we must deal with the reality that we are hurting each other. We must begin to responsibly address these issues as Native peoples. It is not our fault that we are where we are today. To blame each other is not productive - that would be acting out the internalized oppression that we experience as a People.

The external oppression (the unjust exercise of authority or power by a group over another) of our people has now become an internal oppressor. When oppression is internalized, we behave and think in ways that keep us divided as individuals and as a group. (Remember the story about the Indian crabs - when one tries to get out of the bucket, the others reach up and pull it back down).

As Native people we're taught, often through violence, to despise and fear our own cultural and spiritual ways. For example, many of our people were taught that being Native was bad; anything Native was bad. Today we see this when some of our people frown on others who speak Native languages, wear long hair, don't work 9 to 5 jobs, go to ceremonies, powwows, etc. Some families thought the best thing to do to survive was to give up our cultural ways and traditions. Some people who did not give up language and traditions may be critical of those who did. We end up being critical of each other and divided. Then Western mainstream society can say, "See, Indians can't get along, and they can't get anything done."

Even though many of our children have not experienced boarding school, we see them continue this attitude that being Indian or Native is not something good or something to feel proud of. Or we try to "out-Indian" each other. We seek status, control, and feel spiritually and culturally superior over other Native people, rather than supporting each other as relatives.

When we act this way with each other, we keep ourselves and others around us down. This is the way the oppressor keeps the oppressed group under control. After a while the control does not have to come from the outside because we keep ourselves down. The violence in our families, communities and government mirrors the oppression we experienced.

We used to see violence between men and/or male violence directed towards women. However, as our self-hate (internalized oppression) has increased, we see violence, in general, increasing. Now, in addition to violence between men against women, we also see increased violence between women and violence against and between children/elders.

Divide and conquer works - keeping us fighting each other - whether that's through vicious gossip, holding grudges and resentment, domestic violence, alcoholism, child abuse, or responding to violence with more violence. Our Circle doesn't grow and get stronger, but serves to keep us down.

One way that many Tribes are attempting to deal with how we are hurting each other is through domestic violence, violence against women, family violence or spouse abuse laws. In the tradition of our ancestors, and to ensure that our Nations survive, we are saying that abusive behavior will not be tolerated. Every individual was, and is now again, expected to be responsible for his/her own behavior.

It is important we examine our past and know where we were, understand how we got to be where we are today, and celebrate that the solutions to the problems of today can be found in our Traditions.

Our ancestors showed great fortitude and courage. They resisted oppression. We must show the same courage by resisting internalized oppression and relearning how to live respectfully and harmoniously together - WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

The above article, in part, was referenced from Sacred Circle and may be obtained on-line at *www.sacred-circle.com*. Wanda Seppanen can be reached at *kbicvoca@hotmail.com* or 353-4533.

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holic and street person suffering from mental illness. Studies show that between 35-40 percent of people experiencing homelessness are families and children. Children are the fastest growing group of people experiencing homelessness. Today, the average age of a homelessness person in this country is nine years old.

Statewide, more than 750 providers of shelter and services bring help to homeless families and individuals. Tens of thousands of people sleep in emergency shelters in Michigan each night, and many others take refuge in cars, campsites, abandoned buildings, and other places unsuitable for humans to reside. As a result, an accurate number of homeless people in Michigan is hard to obtain.

"The reality is that we have the technology, we have the resources, and we have the know how. We simply haven't shown the public will to make the words a reality," said Christina Riddle, executive director of the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness.

Michigan citizens from all walks of life are encouraged to volunteer or make a donation to one of the local programs working to help solve the problems faced by homeless people, while at the same time our leaders are working toward a long-term solution. For more information visit mi-homeless.org.

OUR YOUTH MATTERS... The purpose of the following text is to educate parents on a terrible addiction occurring within all communities, including the neighborhoods we live in.

A LETTER TO ALL PARENTS, submitted by Ruth Bussey, KBIC Health Director. [This letter has been spreading through emails and has recently been published by GTB editors. We would like to share this information with our readers in an effort to inform our community of this dangerous activity.]

First I'm going to tell you a little about me and my family. My name is Jeff. I am a Police Officer for a city which is known nationwide for its crime rate. We have a lot of gangs and drugs. At one point we were #2 in the nation in homicides per capita.

I also have a police K-9 named Thor. He was a certified in drugs and general duty. He retired at 3 years old because he was shot in the line of duty. He lives with us now, and I still train with him because he likes it. I always liked the fact that there was no way to bring drugs into my house. Thor wouldn't allow it. He would tell on you.

The reason I say this is so you understand that I know about drugs. I have taught in schools about drugs. My wife asks all our kids at least once a week if they used any drugs. Makes them promise they won't.

I like building computers occasionally and started building a new one in February 2005. I also was working on some of my older computers. They were full of dust so on one of my trips to the computer store I bought a three-pack of DUST OFF. Dust Off is a can of compressed air to blow dust off a computer. A few weeks later when I went to use one of them they were all used. I talked to my kids and my two sons both said they had used them on their computer and messing around with them. I yelled at them for wasting the ten dollars I paid for them. On February 28, I went back to the computer store. They didn't have the three-pack which I had bought on sale so I bought a single jumbo can of Dust Off. I went home and set it down besides my computer.

On March 1st, I left for work at 10 p.m. Just before midnight my wife went down and kissed Kyle goodnight. At 5:30 a.m. the next morning Kathy went downstairs to wake Kyle up for school, before she left for work. He was propped up in bed with his legs crossed and his head leaning over. She called to him a few times to get up. He didn't move. He would sometimes tease her like this and pretend he fell back asleep. He was never easy to get up. She went in and shook his arm. He fell over. He was pale white and had the straw from the Dust Off can coming out of his mouth. He had the new can of Dust Off in his hands. Kyle was dead.

I am a police officer, and I had never heard of this. My wife is a nurse, and she had never heard of this. We later found out from the coroner, after the autopsy, that only the propellant from the can of Dust Off was in his system. No other drugs. Kyle had died between midnight and 1 a.m.

I found out that using Dust Off is being done mostly by kids ages nine through 15. They even have a name for it. It's called dusting. A take off from the Dust Off name. It gives them a slight high for about ten seconds. It makes them dizzy. A boy who lives down the street from us showed Kyle how to do this about a month before. Kyle showed his best friend. Told him it was cool, and it couldn't hurt you. It's just compressed air. It can't hurt you. His best friend said no.

Kyle was wrong. It's not just compressed air. It also contains a propellant called R2. It's a refrigerant like what is used in your refrigerator. It is a heavy gas. Heavier than air. When you inhale it, it fills your lungs and keeps the good air, with oxygen, out. That's why you feel dizzy, buzzed. It decreases the oxygen to your brain, to your heart. Kyle was right. It can't hurt you. IT KILLS YOU. The horrible part about this is there is no warning. There is no level that kills you. It's not cumulative or an overdose; it can just go randomly, terribly wrong. Roll the dice, and if your number comes up, you die. IT'S NOT AN OVERDOSE. It's Russian Roulette. You don't die later. Or not feel good and say I've had too much. You usually die as you're breathing it in. If not, you die within two seconds of finishing "the hit." That's why the straw was still in Kyle's mouth when he died. Why his eyes were still open.

The experts want to call this huffing. The kids don't believe it's huffing. As adults we tend to lump many things together. But it doesn't fit here. And that's why it's more accepted. There is no chemical reaction. No strong odor. It doesn't follow the huffing signals. Kyle complained a few days before he died of his tongue hurting. It probably did. The propellant causes frostbite. If I had only known. It's easy to say hey, it's my life and I'll do what I want. But is isn't. Others are always affected. This has forever changed our family's life.

I have a hole in my heart and soul that can never be fixed. The pain is so immense I can't describe it. There's nowhere to run from it. I cry all the time, and I don't ever cry. I do what I'm supposed to do, but I don't really care. My kids are messed up. One won't talk about it. The other will only sleep in our room at night. And my wife, I can't even describe how bad she is taking this. I thought we were safe because of Thor. I thought we were safe because we knew about drugs and talked to our kids about them.

After Kyle died another story came out. A Probation Officer went to the school system next to ours to speak with a student. While there he found a student using Dust Off in the bathroom. This student told him about another student who also had some in his locker. This is a rather affluent School system. They will tell you they don't have a drug problem there. They don't even have a dare or plus program there. So rather than tell everyone about this "new" way of getting high they found, they hid it. The probation officer told the media after Kyle's death and they, the school, then admitted to it. I know that if they would have told the media and I had heard, it wouldn't have been in my house. We need to get this out of our homes and school computer labs. Using Dust Off isn't new and some "professionals" do know about it. It just isn't talked about much, except by the kids. They all seem to know about it.

April 2nd was one month since Kyle died. April 5th would have been his 15th birthday. And every weekday I catch myself sitting on the living room couch at 2:30 in the afternoon and waiting to see him get off the bus. I know Kyle is in heaven, but I can't help but wonder if I died and went to Hell.

~ Jeff

HOW ARE INHALANTS ABUSED?

Inhalants are breathed in through the nose or mouth in a variety of ways. Abusers begin by inhaling deeply; they then take several more breaths. Abusers may inhale, by sniffing or snorting, chemical vapors directly from open containers or by huffing fumes from rags that are soaked in a chemical substance and then held to the face or stuffed in the mouth. Other methods include spraying aerosols directly into the nose or mouth or pouring inhalants onto the user's collar, sleeves, or cuffs and sniffing them over a period of time (such as during a class in school). In a practice known as bagging, fumes are inhaled from substances sprayed or deposited inside a paper or plastic bag. Alternatively, the fumes may be discharged into small containers such as soda cans and then inhaled from the can. Users may also inhale from balloons filled with nitrous oxide or other devices such as snappers and poppers in which inhalants are sold.

Signs of Abuse:

- Drunk or disoriented appearance
- Paint or other stain on face, hands, or clothing
- Hidden empty spray paint or solvent containers and chemical-soaked rages or clothing
- Slurred speech
- Strong chemical odors on breath or clothing
- Nausea or loss of appetite
- Red or runny nose
- Sores or rash around the nose or mouth

Inhalant Use Health Risks:

Long-term Inhalant use can produce strong cravings and compulsive huffing. Withdrawal symptoms may develop when Inhalants use is interrupted. Other health concerns associated with long-term huffing and inhalant use include:

- apathy and stupor
- attention problems
- brain and nervous system damage
- confusion
- damage to the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys
- death by choking (from inhaling vomit)
- death by suffocation (from bagging or huffing)
- delirium

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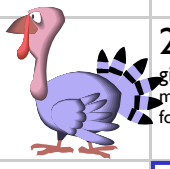
Community Calendar - November 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12 noon smoking cessation; Reading Buddies 5:30 pm	3 12 noon—6 pm, Harvest Health & Safety Fair	4	5 9 am Tribal Council Meeting
6	7	8	9 12 noon smoking cessation	10	11 Veteran's Day - Tribal Government Businesses closed for the holiday.	12 9am Constitutional Convention Delegation Meeting
13	14	15	16 12 noon smoking cessation; Reading Buddies 5:30 pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 	24 Happy Thanksgiving - Tribal Government Businesses closed for the holiday.	25 Tribal Government Businesses closed for the holiday.	26
27	28	29	30 Reading Buddies 5:30 pm			

Events listed in calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.

Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov

The Ojibwa Community Library offers a reading program for children ages 3-5. Reading Buddies is held twice monthly on Wednesday, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. An adult must stay with the child. Not only do we read to the children, we also have age appropriate art projects, plus activities for pre-cutting, alphabet, numbers and shapes.

Seize Your Power & Kick Nicotine Out of Your Life! Tobacco Cessation program, Baraga Best Western Lakeside, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm with lunch provided. [Wednesdays, Sept 28, Oct 5, Oct 12, Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16.] Call Deb Arens 353-4559 or Ruth Keller 353-4543 to register. Gail Ploe, UP Western District Health Dept. is facilitator.

FLU VACCINE

Now available at the KBIC Medical Clinic

If you are interested or have any questions please contact the clinic at 353-8700.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the influenza vaccine for:

- Patients over 50 years of age
- Residents of a long-term care facility
- Patients with chronic health problems such as a heart disease, asthma or diabetes
- Patients with weakened immune system, such as those caused by medications and HIV/AIDS
- Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season
- Children six to 23 months of age
- Healthcare workers who come in direct contact with patients
- Household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than six months old

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be hosting public hearings concerning the rules of the new State legislation regulating metallic sulfide mining.

Tuesday, November 29th in Escanaba
Wednesday, December 7th in Lansing
(and one in Marquette)

Stay tuned for more information on place/times. It is important that we have many people attend to show our opposition and to protect mama aki and our future generations!

Elementary School Children's Powwow

Organized by Candy Kemppainen, Ojibwa Bilingual Teacher.

Wednesday, November 16 @ 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm
in the L'Anse High School gym.

Thursday, November 17 @ 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm
in the Baraga High School gym.

Parents, grandparents, high school students, and public are welcome to attend.

MC - Stanley Spruce
Drum - Four Thunders

POTTERY CLASSES

Pottery classes are now offered at the Niiwin Akeaa Center through the KBIC Youth Program. These classes are being taught by Shawanung (Joe Dowd), who has decades of experience with the potter's wheel. The first class was held on October 20th, with the class beginning to get the feel of the clay on the Whisper's Potter's wheel and learning the proper technique for cleaning the wheel. Shawanung predicts the children will be able to make and design nicely crafted pots by the end of winter, even a few by Christmas. Room is available in the pottery class which is held on Thursdays, 4-6 p.m.

HARVEST HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

NOVEMBER 3, 2005
12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

@ the Ojibwa Community College
111 Beartown Road
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FREE screenings, demonstrations, health & safety information and prizes!
This event is sponsored by: KBOCC and KBIC/DHHS, grant funding from CDC.

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or
Kathleen Mayo @ 353-4519 or email kathleenmayo@hotmail.com

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- dementia
- depression
- fatal accidents
- fetal developmental problems if the inhalant user is pregnant
- hearing and vision problems
- impaired cognitive function
- impaired judgment
- loss of coordination
- muscle weakness
- nausea and vomiting
- spasticity
- weight loss

Inhalant Use Warning Signs:

Educating children about the dangers of inhalant use and clear parental disapproval of such acts remain the best methods for preventing huffing. However, inhalant use can affect any family, so parents should learn to identify signs of huffing and other inhalant use. Warning signs include:

- apparent drunkenness
- chemical odors from breath, clothing or child's room
- clothes soaked with chemicals
- hidden empty spray paint or solvent containers
- hidden rags soaked with chemicals
- irritability, social withdrawal and depression
- loss of appetite
- nausea and vomiting
- paint stains on the hands, face and clothes
- red or runny nose
- sores and rashes around the mouth and nose.

If you suspect inhalant use within your family, please contact KB Outpatient Substance Abuse Counseling for immediate help and for more information at 353-8121.

HARVEST FEAST

This year's Harvest Feast was held on Sunday, October 23, 2005, at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. Mary Campioni organized the event with the help of numerous community members. The community had the opportunity to enjoy songs from two drums, Loon Travelers and Four Thunders. Virgil Loonsfoot offered a blessing for the feast. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit with family and friends, as well as enjoying the delicious cultural meal. Job well done.

ANISHINAABEMOWIN

Gashkadino Giizis
Freezing Moon - November

Vocabulary

Dedagwaagi	It is fall
Giiyosewinini(wag)	Hunter
Giiyose	He hunts
Wawaashkeshi wiias	Deer meat
Migwetch	Thank you
Mizise	Turkey
Okosimaan(an)	Pumpkin, squash
Bedagiingweigaazod	Pie
Opin	Potato
Onaagoshi-wissini	He eats supper

Word Search

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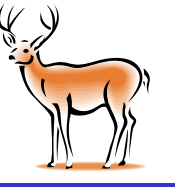

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KBIC YOUTH CLUB ELECTION RESULTS

The KBIC Youth Club held their annual elections on Thursday, October 20, 2005. Newly elected officers are:

President - Robert Voakes
Vice President - Rebecca Gauthier
Secretary - Jennifer DeCota
Trustee 1 - Caroline Picard
Trustee 2 - Brittanee Gauthier
Trustee 3 - Mariah Furaitor
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Alternate Trusteee 2 - LeRoy Gauthier

Congratulations to the new officers, and best of luck throughout the year.

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