GIIKENDAAM CHIWIIKWEGAMAG

You All Know About the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Binaakwe Giizis - Falling Leaves Moon - October 2005 Issue 16

KBIC PARTICIPATES IN PARADE OF THE NATIONS

Thirty-Five KBIC dancers, drummers along with MTU AISES students participated in the Parade of the Nations held in Houghton/Hancock on Saturday, September 17, 2005. Four Thunders sang numerous songs as the group danced for the 2 mile parade route. An exhibition dance session immediately followed the parade at the Dee Stadium in downtown Houghton.

The Parade of Nations and Ethnic Food Festival is an annual event held in conjunction with MTU's Open House. Students, faculty and community members from 71 countries march under their national flags. An Ethnic Food Festival is held for a fantastic variety of ethnic food, entertainment, and artifact displays. [more pictures on page seven]

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

UPDATE ON MINING - SUSAN J. LAFERNIER,TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

On July 17, 2004, after Kennecott Exploration Company announced its intention to mine for nickel, copper and other minerals in the headwaters of the Yellow Dog River and Salmon Trout River, the Tribal Council passed Resolution KB-1301-2004. In that Resolution the Tribal Council found that the mining proposed by Kennecott deeply offends the traditional and cultural values of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; that, although the Tribe recognizes the temporary gains that may be produced by the proposed activities of Kennecott, those gains are far outweighed by the potential for permanent and severe damage to the environment in and around the Tribe's territory. In addition, the Tribal Council found that Kennecott had not shown any satisfactory evidence that it can undertake the mining activity without polluting ground or surface water and that Kennecott has made no showing that, after it undertakes such activities, it can protect the ground and surface waters from acid drainage which will result from sulfide mining. Based upon those and other findings set forth in the Resolution, the Tribal Council prohibited any mining activities, and all activities related thereto, within the boundaries of the L'Anse Reservation unless and until substantial evidence can be produced to satisfy the concerns expressed by the Tribal Council in the Resolution.

In November 2004, the Tribe issued a press release that opposed the adoption of the sulfide mining legislation which was introduced in the Michigan legislature last fall. The press release raised twelve issues of concern to the Tribe and stated that the proposed legislation did not adequately protect the environment from the effects of sulfide mining operations. Without giving significant considerations to the concerns expressed by the Tribe in the press release and in testimony before the House and Senate committees that held hearings on the proposed legislation, the Michigan legislature adopted the mining legislation which is referred to as the Sulfide Mining Act.

Continued on page 2

Special points of interest:

- Coming Soon - Anishinaabe Anokii Center
- Judge Bell dismissed KBIC lawsuit
- Tribal Council Meeting - Sept. 10, 2005
- Kinomaage: The Earth Shows Us The Way
- Children's Powwow at Assinins
- KBIC Natural Resources Dept. Studying Lake Sturgeon
- Lake Trout transfer between KBIC and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)

ANISHINAABE ANOKII CENTER - COMING SOON TO THE L'ANSE INDIAN RESERVATION!

Through KBIC's Office of Planning & Development, with the approval and support of the KBIC Tribal Council, a grant application was submitted to the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) – a Federal Program in the Department of Health & Human Services. Through an initiative titled Strategies for Social & Economic Development, one of ANA's grant programs for Tribal communities, KBIC is expected to be the recipient of grant funding for a project titled the *Anishinaabe Anokii: Strengthening the Economy of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community*. The proposed project will create a small business development center for Tribal members – the *Anishinaabe Anokii,* or "First People's Work Center," located here on the L'Anse Indian Reservation. The planned project will be implemented in late 2005, with an expectation of doors to open in early 2006. The actual location of the Center has not yet been determined.

Services and programs of the Center will be developed in five focus areas. Primarily, the *Anishinaabe Anokii* will offer comprehensive and culturally appropriate business development and expansion services for start-up, new and existing business for Tribal members – replacing the current First Step business counseling program. Development services will include individual, confidential and culturally appropriate business plan development and counseling services, and a variety of educational and training programs for Tribal business owners and 'owners-to-be,' scheduled frequently throughout the year. The center will also provide Tribal business owners with cooperative and support services, including a resource room and a small conference room for meeting with clients, along with fax, copier, computer and Internet services, a Tribal member business directory, cooperative advertising and Internet presence. Finally, the *Anishinaabe Anokii* will also offer financial literacy education and credit counseling services, as well as focus on organizing development and support services for a youth entrepreneurial program and cooperative opportunities for Traditional and Native artists, artisans and craftsman.

The grant application was developed by Liana Loonsfoot, KBIC's Grant Specialist, in conjunction with Jesse Luttenton, Community Economic Developer for KBIC. Luttenton will act as the Project Director. Through the grant funded project, two new positions will be created – including the Program Director who will primarily offer business plan counseling and coordinate the educational and training programs provided through the *Anishinaabe Anokii*. A Program Assistant will provide support services and coordinate the day-to-day activities of the Center, including the cooperative services and scheduling appointments for business counseling, financial literacy, as well as the youth entrepreneurship and Traditional artists, artisans and craftsman activities.

The *Anishinaabe Anokii* is the first step in providing programs and services that will diversify and strengthen the economy of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community here on the Reservation. The Center will provide the development services and programs of a much larger project planned for future development – the *Anishinaabe Anokii* Fund. A related project – the *Anishinaabe Anokii* Fund – is an additional effort to develop loan funds for Tribal member business development. Small businesses and entrepreneurial initiatives are the backbone of a local economy, providing jobs and services to the Community, which not only employ Tribal members but also serve to improve the quality and quantity of life on the Reservation. The planned development of the *Anishinaabe Anokii* Fund will provide the capital for small business development, along with the development programs and services that will insure the success of Tribal member business owners. Tribal staff and the Tribal Council are working together to bring the *Anishinaabe Anokii* Fund to reality as a Community Development Financial Institute, known as a CDFI, a secure financial initiative that provides Tribal members with alternative opportunities for financing for small business and entrepreneurial efforts that have positive economic potential to the Community. More news will be provided to the Tribal membership as the CDFI initiative unfolds. For more information and/or questions, contact Jesse Luttenton at KBIC's Office of Planning & Development at 906.353.4133, or by email at jlutten@kbic-nsn.gov.

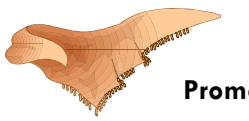
UPDATE ON MINING, continued

One of the requirements of the Sulfide Mining Act is that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality adopt rules and regulations to implement the Act. During the winter and spring of this year, Todd Warner, from our Natural Resources Department and representatives of environmental groups and local units of governments, together with privates citizens, from throughout the Upper Peninsula, expressed various concerns, including the concerns originally raised in the Tribal Council's Resolution, about the proposed sulfide mining activities with the Michigan DEQ in discussion sessions regarding the proposed rules and regulations.

Some of our concerns were addressed in the process of revising the proposed rule, but many were not and we continue to have concerns with the current version of the proposed rules and regulations which are now in the final stages of adoption by the Michigan DEQ. When I attended the Tribal /State Annual Summit meeting, on May 13, 2005, with the Governor present, I expressed the Tribe's concerns about proposed sulfide mining activities and regarding the DEQ's proposed rules and regulations. I am pleased to report that other Tribes and agencies have also adopted their own resolutions opposing these mining activities. In addition, on behalf of the Tribe, I sent a letter to Governor Granholm, in June 2004, which also expressed the Tribe's concerns with the proposed rules and regulations. In that letter, I requested that the Governor remember the May 13, 2004, Intergovernmental Water Accord, which was entered into by the Federally recognized Indian tribes of the State of Michigan and the Governor, at the May summit meeting and reminded the Governor that the Accord recognized the essential role of the Great Lakes and Michigan's inland lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater in the past, present, and future destiny of both the State of Michigan and Tribal Nations within the state.

As everyone is also probably aware, last year we posted signs on our land near where exploratory drilling was taking place. These postings stated: "This Property Owned By The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community" "No Entrance Without Permission". We continue to monitor the exploratory drilling operations in our area on an ongoing basis.

Our goals for the coming year are to adopt a Mining Ordinance, possibly hiring a Mining Coordinator, obtaining federal assistance and funding, inviting speakers to community meetings and developing partnerships with local governments, agencies, and groups which are also concerned about sulfide mining activities. The Tribal Council's position on the mining issue has not changed since the adoption of the Resolution in July 2004, which is to continue to preserve our Homelands and Ceded Territory for the next seven generations.



The Pink Shawl Project

Promoting Breast Health Awareness among Anishinaabe Kwe

Shawls are representative of the warmth and security of the Anishnaabeg mother to their children. The shawl Project began as a way to promote and educate the Native community about the importance of breast care. Breast cancer is the second cause of cancer death in Anishinaabe kwe, but it does not have to be this way. Breast cancer is one of the most treatable forms of cancer when it is detected early. As pink is the nationally recognized color for breast cancer awareness, a group of native women and other health care professionals have developed the idea of to have our women make shawls with this color. With these shawls, they have entered the dance circle during an honor song for breast cancer survivors, not only to honor them but also to increase Breast Health awareness within Native Communities. Please join us by making your own pink shawl—spread the word to your sewing circle and other Anishinaabe kwe, or start a circle. By participating in this project and being visible at the Pow-Wows, together, we can bring Breast Health awareness to all! Miigwech!

For more information contact:
Geraldine Mantila, 353-6623 ext 4134, Cindy Curtis 353-6008, or Doreen Blaker, 353-4565.

This Project has been made possible through a grant provided by the AVON BREAST CARE FUND, the KBIC DHHS, the KBIC Cultural Committee, and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

JUDGE RULED AGAINST KBIC'S TOBACCO CASE

On September 12, 2005, Judge Robert Holmes Bell dismissed KBIC's lawsuit, which alleges that the State had no authority to seize tobacco products en-route to businesses within the reservation. The suit also alleges that the State has no authority to impose its tax on the product or force the Tribe and businesses within the reservation to collect the tax on sales made to non-tribal customers. Judge Bell said the tribe can seek refunds for taxes paid to the State, although this system could be open to review.

The Council is definitely disappointed with Judge Bell's decision. "We weren't totally surprised, but we were hoping that on some of the counts, Judge Bell would rule in our favor, but that did not happen. After listening to our attorneys in a recent Council meeting, we still have many issues that Council needs to discuss before we make any kind of decision on appeal," President Susan LaFernier stated. Additional information will be related to Tribal membership when decisions are made.

Tribal Council Meeting—September 10, 2005

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on September 10, 2005. Susan LaFernier presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen Blaker, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo and Toni Minton present.

President LaFernier shared a number of Thank You letters with those who were present. A request has been received from Saginaw Tribal Chief Audrey Falcon requesting a list of our delegates who will be attending the October 6, 2005 Tribal Summit. We also received a letter from ITC informing us that KB will not be receiving Family First services from them. This is sad news. Families First services have been offered to KB for the past 18 years. The Constitutional Survey results have been tabulated and provided for Council. They will be posted. There were 600 distributed surveys with 151 responses. 'Separation of Powers' was the top concern gathered in the tabulation. Prizes for this survey were randomly drawn - Thomas Chosa Sr. awarded $100, Leslie Haataja awarded $75 and Shirley McKasey awarded $50.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFernier indicated that she would like to thank Doreen Blaker, our youth and drum who attended the opening ceremony and parade on August 9th for the Grand Finn Festivities. They did a great job representing our community. Mrs. LaFernier also indicated that she had spoken with a Finnish journalist, Yoko, who was quite interested in the Tribe and the Finnish/Indian relationships. On August 14th, she attend the Open House ceremony for the Omega House in Houghton, which the tribe has supported for three years. Mrs. LaFernier noted, "It is a beautiful facility and it certainly will serve their purpose." Susan LaFernier also met with 15 Ojibwa Senior Citizens who will be going on their trip September 28th through October 2nd. August 22nd, President LaFernier, along with Jesse Luttenton, members of the Economic Development Committee, Fred Dakota, Sarah Smith, Attorney John Baker and our area bankers met with Bill Dorsey who presented information on the Tribe's proposed CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution). The Tribe also has a grant for a small business center that would partner with this CDFI. In another matter, President LaFernier, Jason Ayres, and Lynn Ketola met with Doug Mills of the Baraga County Road Commission. He gave an update on the area road projects and they also discussed the need for various new signs and when they would be put up. President LaFernier indicated, "I would like to thank the Road Commission for helping to clear the sides of the road by the Pinery Cemetery in order to extend the electricity down that road." She added, "I am excited to ask for your assistance with a new program which would be similar to the 'Adopt A Highway' program where volunteers clean designated roadsides. Mr. Mills states that this program could begin in the Spring for the Reservation and the County. We will need names of volunteers who would clean the designated roadway and a sign would indicate the miles and if you were doing the cleaning in memory of someone or the name of your group. I will keep you informed more about this program in the next few months. We are also participating in a program to collect old cell phones/phones for the Special Olympics. Bins are at the entranceway at the Tribal Center." Mike and Susan LaFernier attended the Marquette Casino picnic. President LaFernier indicated that she gave the welcome at the Tribal Center Government picnic, which was held at Sand Point this year. She thanked Kim Klopstein and her committee for all of their hard work in organizing the events that everyone enjoyed - games, great food and prizes. President LaFernier also gave a special thank you directed to everyone at the health clinic for the beautiful "Farewell Tribute" for Denise Marth, which was held on August 30th. She added, "Please remember to keep the family of James Schlender, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, who passed away on August 30th, in your prayers." President LaFernier indicated, "Last month I reported on our Cigarette Case Summary Judgment Hearing that was held in Grand Rapids before Judge Bell and at this time he still has not made a decision, but we believe he will decide next week, and the trial that is scheduled for September 19th in Grand Rapids may be rescheduled. Also last month I reported that the information to begin the 2-part application for the transfer of the Marquette Casino was sent to the Stetson firm. They have completed a first draft which requires additional information. President LaFernier stated that she has received an email from Matthew Wesaw, which states "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 includes four members of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department. A deployment of about 100 Michigan law enforcement officers, under the jurisdiction of the State Police, were dispatched Sunday to assist. Continue to pray for our people and all those in need." In closing she indicated, "It has been a very busy month with department head and employee meetings, Council grievance hearings, Gaming Commission meeting/hearings, job interviews, telephone calls, and of course Council meetings that Larry will report on. We also held five days of budget/finance meetings in preparation for next year. A reminder that next month's Saturday meeting will be held on October 1, 2005 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Marquette Community Center."

Larry J. Denomie III reported on the Tribal Council meetings held throughout the month of August in the Secretary's report. Items of importance noted that the Council approved the filling of two committee vacancies; amending the Personnel Policy regarding the temporary on-call/part-time classification; approved minutes from September 13, 15, 18, 23, 24, 30, October 1, 2, 7, 19, 28, November 6, 11, 22, and 29, 2004 meetings; approved an additional $32,418.13 in operational funding for the Ojibwa Community College; approved Resolution KB1423-2005 for the IRR Co-op Project; approved Resolution KB1418-2005 for a residential lease modification for Bruce Banuchie; approved a timeline and process for the development of a separate Gaming Commission; approved Imminent Threat funding for the Baraga Sewer Project; scheduled September 29th for a review of the final draft of the Communities Comprehensive Plan; approved the Annual Kid's Fishing Derby to be held in memory of Denise Marth; approved senior's remaining pension fund to be applied toward their outstanding funeral expenses; approved Tribal Construction to complete the Slot Department expansion at $26,000.00; approved Jim Cote's family to have his allocated Senior Assistance funding applied toward his funeral expenses; tabled a funding request for a radio tower project until after the budget review process; approved Resolution KB 1424-2005 - the 638 Contract to fund Forestry Programs; approved a Services Agreement for the Building Inspector at a rate of $20 per hour; motioned to offer the position of Associate Director for the Health Center to Cheri Dakota; motioned to have all information/court documents (filings) regarding the Todd Chosa case and the Cigarette Tax case to Council members by 4:30 pm on August 22nd; a roll call vote regarding a motion made by Fred Dakota and supported by Elizabeth Mayo to have Mr. Baker released/fired and reported to the MI Bar Association and to have damages to our cases with the State of MI investigated resulted in three in favor (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth Mayo, and Shawanung), one not present (Gary Loonsfoot Sr.) and the remaining seven opposed - the motion was defeated; approved a revision to the Emergency Fund Policy; approved residential leases for Collette Gemignani; Deloris LeMaire and Robin Roe; approved a modification to a recreation lease for Floyd Forcia; authorized the Headstart Program to do in-house position transfers; approved inviting the ITC employees to the Tribe's parties; approved Resolution KB1429-2005 for the Office of Child Enforcement; approved a raffle license of KBOCC; approved changes to the Written Internal Control Systems; and budget reviews.

Jennifer Misegan gave the Treasurer's Report. Budgets requests were submitted by the Business Managers and Department Heads, for Council reviews. These requests are quite extensive and include items such as additions to existing buildings, on-line equipment and casino equipment. The total of these requests are 3.5 million over our allocated income projections. Keith Tourtillott Sr. - CEO, Sarah Smith - CEO Assistant, Francois LaPointe - CFO, Dawn Richards - Interim Comptroller, Susan LaFernier - Tribal Council President, and Jennifer Misegan - Tribal Council Treasurer have been assigned to the budget-team to aid in balancing the budget for FY2006.

Keith Tourtillott Sr. indicated in the CEO Report that his office had handled 175 contacts. His desk conducted 97 sessions focusing primarily on budgetary issues, legal structure and associations, training development and personnel relations. The majority of their focus this month has been on the budget process. Another major area for the CEO office this month has been collecting data and responses to inquires made from insurance companies who are preparing to submit a quote on the Communities insurance needs.

Lori Sherman of MTU requested a donation to help with AISES travel expenses and the 10th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow. There are stricter food policies to follow this year, which increased the budget dramatically. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to donate $8,882 to assist with the 10th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow and AISES Travel, supported by Elizabeth Mayo, and carried.

Elizabeth Mayo requested a donation of $1000 to bring the Pink Shawl Dancers from Gun Lake for the Harvest Powwow. Motioned by Gary Loonsfoot to donate $1000 to bring the Pink Shawl Dancers here, supported by Mike LaFernier Sr., and carried.

Terri Denomie made a request for Council to purchase a school bus for the KBIC Headstart program. Various bids were provided and Dave Zeramba of the Zeramba Bus company was present to assist with questions. An International bus from this company was also made available for Council to view. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to purchase the larger bus at the cost of $64,472 for the KBIC Early Headstart Program and for one of the (current) Headstart buses to be utilized by KBIC Youth for the purpose of transporting children to and from Zeba to the Community Center, supported by Larry Denomie, and carried.

Charlotte Loonsfoot made a request for funding 15 women to attend the Georgianna Maynard-Native Women's Gathering September 22nd - 25th. This gathering is on Mackinaw Island. Motion by Warren C. Swartz Jr. to donate $2500 to the women's group to attend the native Women's Gathering September 22nd - 25th, supported by Toni Minton, and carried.

Tom Chosa, Rhea Koski and Dan Koski requested sponsorship to assist with their three vehicles at the Mud Drag Races which are held throughout the U.P. Motion by Mike

Continued on page 11

AABINOOJIIYENS

Greg and Lindsey (center) Loonsfoot would like you to meet their twin sons, (left) Darious Wayne Loonsfoot and (right) O'Dell William Loonsfoot, born 08/16/2005.

Darious weighed 4 lbs, 3 oz, and was 16 inches in length. O'Dell weighed 4 lbs, 7 oz, and was 16 ¼ inches in length.

Meet Cassandra Lynn Zasadnyj. She was born 08/17/2005 and weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz, and was 20 ¼ inches in length. She is the daughter of David and Lisa Zasadnyj.

Meet Aidan Thomas James, born July 19, 2005 at 10:55 a.m. to Waba Sandman Shelifoe and Thomas Alakayak. He weighed 9 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21 inches

KINOMAAGE: THE EARTH SHOWS US THE WAY, by Aimee Dunn

What mental image do you have when you think of the Northwoods? Pines towering over blueberries? Waves rocking wild rice? Trout swimming in the shade of cool waters? The Great Lakes? Chances are your mental image does not include smokestacks belching pollution, mines draining sulfuric acid into wild streams, or large power lines webbing their way through field and wood.

Sadly enough, these latter images are also a part of the northern Great Lakes area. Worse still, they threaten the more beautiful, healthful images of birch stands, cattails, and the sun rising pink on the mists of a small inland lake. But this is not merely a threat to beauty – it is also a threat to the cultures, health, and subsistence lifestyles of the Northwoods.

A recent course at Northern Michigan University, offered through the Center for Native American Studies, focused on learning about the ways in which this northern land provides for its human inhabitants. Called "Kinomaage," (which translates from Anishinaabemowin into English most literally as "the earth shows us the way"), the course took students out into the field and engaged them in classroom discussions to learn about the traditional ecological knowledge of the Anishinaabeg, knowledge that has been acquired through centuries of intergenerational residency in the Northwoods. The course also asked students to pay attention to the plant community as an indicator of ecological stress, to be aware of what it means to have a respectful relationship with the land, and to develop a consciousness of how cultural values shape people's attitudes toward the earth. As part of this, students looked at the way in which the Northwoods, and the people's ability to harvest healthy food, has been affected by industrialization.

Far from being an untouched forest prior to European settlement, the Anishinaabeg thoroughly utilized the northland by farming, harvesting, hunting and fishing. In fact, it could be argued that the Anishinaabeg made more thorough use of the land prior to the advent of Western society than anyone does today. This concept is important to recognize for it shows that it is possible to utilize the land while also respecting it and keeping it whole.

Some have a difficult time understanding this perspective. As discussed in "Kinomaage," this difficulty often comes from the anthropocentric worldview of the majority society that humans are separate from this vague, often menacing, concept called "nature." Today this worldview has gone to such an extent that many believe eating directly from the earth is unsanitary and dangerous. Things must be sprayed with insecticide and packaged in cellophane before they are "safe" to eat. "Kinomaage" contradicts this worldview by offering an introduction to the idea that such things as wiinisiibag (wintergreen), apakweshkway (cattail), mazaanaatig (stinging nettle), baakwaanaak (sumac), wiigwaasag (birch), and miinan (blueberry) are harvestable and edible or usable. Indeed, the harvest is more than a functional utilization of the earth; it is also heavily spiritual.

This idea that the earth provides us with what we need often comes as a surprise to those who are immersed in the Western paradigm. For example, at a recent DEQ hearing on Kennecott's proposed metallic sulfide mine on the Yellow Dog Plains in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, one of the few citizens who spoke in favor of the mine told his fellow Yoopers that he was tired of hearing how we needed to protect the "pristine" landscape of the Yellow Dog Plains. "You can't eat landscape," he said. Raised in a culture that denigrates the earth and sees no value in "uncultivated" or "undeveloped" land, this man was able to say, without embarrassment, that the landscape was inedible. However, there were others at the hearing who were aware of how inaccurate his comment was. One woman from Keweenaw Bay Indian Community "wanted to tell them about the blueberries 'up there' being important for our food and feasts."

Although many of the students in "Kinomaage" are well experienced in the area of wild edibles, one of the goals of "Kinomaage" is to help those who don't know realize how deliciously edible the landscape is. Bagaanag (hazelnuts) go well with wild rice dishes, as demonstrated by a dish offered by Don Chosa at the end of the semester "Kinomaage" feast. Parts of apakweshkway (cattail) taste like tender corn. Syrup made from ininaatig (sugar maple) is delicious over popped manoomin (wild rice). Sap from spruce trees offer chewing gum. The new growth ends of various conifers provide a tender snack. Ode'iminan (wild strawberries), odatagaagominag (blackberries), and miskominag (raspberries) are well known, abundant northern berries. Not only do they taste good, but, according to Karen Danielson of Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC), berries such as miinan (blueberries) provide "important nutrients such as vitamin C, iron, calcium, and phosphorus." And these plants are only an introduction to how edible our landscape is.

As discussed in "Kinomaage," these plants and numerous others are not only important for sustenance, they are important culturally as well. The sugar bush, while hard work, is much looked forward to in late March as the sun warms up the woods. Gathering bagwaji-zhiig (wild leeks) soaks one in the quiet beauty of the spring woods. July and August are known as miini-giizis (blueberry moon) "illustrating the importance of this harvest," according to Danielson. The harvesting of manoomin (wild rice) is a much anticipated, sacred part of the year. In fact, harvesting rights were seen as so important that they were reserved for the coming generations in various treaties the Anishinaabeg made with the United States government.

It is worth noting that, according to Kennecott, the area for the proposed metallic sulfide mine site on the Yellow Dog Plains has no "cultural resources." On the contrary, while the area may not harbor manoomin (wild rice), it certainly grows an abundance of miinan (blueberries). This is not to mention that the area is also home to a variety of animals, including waawaashkeshi (white-tail deer) and various giigoonyag (fish), particularly trout, important to both the Anishinaabeg and the Yooper cultures.

Like the man who saw the landscape as inedible, Kennecott reflects the anthropocentric worldview. As discussed in "Kinomaage," this worldview feels that where humans exist, humans should dominate. Not surprisingly, such a perception of the earth tends to lead to ecological imbalance and disrupted lives for all concerned.

Kennecott, with its proposed sulfuric acid mine drainage, is the most recent in a line of industrial exploiters who have sought to make a fortune off the wealth of the northland and its inhabitants. This industrial exploitation, while lining the pockets of outsiders such as the Rockefellers, undermined the subsistence lifestyle of the Northwoods.

In the mid-1800s, around the time the Anishinaabeg were pressured into ceding vast areas of mineral- and timber-rich land to the U.S., the Big Cut began in the northern Great Lakes area. The area soon led the nation in timber-production with the result that by 1910, the forests of the Great Lakes were mostly depleted. By 1929, both as a direct result of industrial-scale logging and as an indirect effect (such as forest fires caused by logging),

Continued on page 5

92% of Michigan's forests were destroyed. Prior to the Big Cut, trees tended to grow over 150 feet tall and were so large in diameter that three men could not reach around them. Today, only 1% of that pre-Cut forest remains. What this has meant to the Anishinaabeg culture, a forest culture, has not yet been fully introduced into public discourse. As Anishinaabe activist, Walt Bresette, once said, "We have not yet taken the time to mourn our pines."

Industrial-scale mining was brought to the Northwoods a little over 150 years ago. Unfortunately for the northern Great Lakes area, mining has devastating effects. According to an EPA report to Congress during the Reagan era, mining wastes may contain everything from cyanide to asbestos to heavy metals. As one example of this, the White Pine mine in Michigan's U.P. was recently sued by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the National Wildlife Federation for emissions of lead, arsenic and mercury over Lake Superior – these emissions were 500% higher than the established legal limit. In addition, Kennecott's proposed metallic sulfide mine is at high-risk to leak sulfuric acid into the surrounding area (which includes an important trout stream, a wetland, an aquifer, and, as it flows down the trout stream, Lake Superior). This risk is as good as a certainty, for every metallic sulfide mine in North America has contaminated its surroundings within ten years of closing. Such contamination certainly affects the quality of healthy food available for harvest in those areas.

Sociologist and environmental activist, Al Gedicks, tells us that the Anishinaabeg of northern Wisconsin "suffer a disproportionate environmental risk of illness and other health problems from eating fish, deer, and other wildlife contaminated with industrial pollutants like airborne polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), mercury and other toxins deposited on land and water." All lakes in Michigan have a fish consumption advisory due to the mercury and PCB contamination. Wisconsin and Minnesota waterways face similar dire straits as do the Great Lakes themselves. The presence of heavy metals has been found in manoomin (wild rice) as well. A study done by GLIFWC in 2001 found concentrations of "arsenic, lead, mercury, cadmium, copper, zinc, selenium, magnesium, and chromium in the seeds and roots of wild rice." These concentrations were "relatively low but detectable."

Acid rain, created from the pollution of a variety of industries, is also affecting the forests of the northland, particularly the white birch trees. According to Marquette environmental group, "Witness for the Earth," "acid rain disrupts photosynthesis and healthy soil processes, thus causing plants to become malnourished. Such malnourished plants grow slowly and are much more susceptible to pests and diseases." Once abundant in the Upper Peninsula, particularly in the eastern portion, the beautiful and useful birch tree has greatly declined in number. Various Anishinaabeg talk of how difficult it is now to find a birch tree suitable for various projects, particularly canoe-making.

While much of this is depressing news, all is not hopeless. There are ways to heal and protect the land in the long-term while also fighting today to stop the industrial projects that currently threaten our area. One very important way is to help the Euro-American culture finds its way to minobimaadiziiwin or "the good life." Minobimaadiziiwin is an Anishinaabeg and Cree concept that, on one level, involves living in awareness of the land and of how the different forms of life interact with each other. According to Winona LaDuke, minobimaadiziiwin is based on "spiritual-cultural instructions from 'time immemorial' and on generations of careful observation within an ecosystem of continuous residence."

Courses like "Kinomaage" are intended to introduce people to and encourage them in their acquisition of this traditional ecological knowledge. By listening to those cultures that have lived mindfully, for generations, with the land, we can maintain a healthy, well-balanced habitat. As Anishinaabeg, Yoopers, Wisconsinites, and Minnesotans, it is our duty and our privilege to nurture the land we love. We must protect this beautiful and bountiful northland that we call home. *References are available by emailing adunn@nmu.edu*

-

PINK SHAWL PROJECT BEGINS AT KBIC - WOMEN WANTED

The Pink Shawl Project is being initiated within a KB Women's Circle who recently met for an organizational meeting on Wednesday, August 24th at the Ojibwa Motel Conference Room. With the assistance of the BCCCP facilitator, Becky Tussing, who is the Lead RN at KBIC Medical Clinic, the group began discussing how they plan on getting the word out - "Get an annual mammogram and pap exam." The group of ladies will begin meeting regularly at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens to make shawls for our survivors. There is a Powwow being planned for January within the community, and the group plans to request an honor song for our survivors of Breast and Cervical cancer, with others joining in.

The Pink Shawl Project is an effort to promote Breast Health Awareness among Anishinaabe kwe. Shawls are representative of warmth and security of the Anishnaabeg mother to their children. The shawl project began as a way to promote and educate the Native community about the importance of breast care. Breast cancer is the second cause of cancer death in Anishinaabe kwe, but it does not have to be this way. Breast cancer is one of the most treatable forms of cancer when it is detected early. As pink is the nationally recognized color for breast cancer awareness, a group of native women and other health care professionals have developed the idea of having our women make shawls with this color. With these shawls, they have entered the dance circle during an honor song for breast cancer survivors, not only to honor them but also to increase Breast Health awareness within Native communities. Please join us by making your own pink shawl - spread the word to your sewing circle and other Anishinaabe kwe, or start a circle. By participating in this project and being visible at the Powwows, together, we can bring Breast Health awareness to all! Miigwech!

Ruth Bussey, KBIC DHHS Health Director, spoke with the group as a survivor of Breast cancer. When speaking of the BCCCP program, she stated, "I never dreamt I'd be a recipient of the program. After receiving 28 radiation treatments, I am now 6 years cancer free now."

For more information and to join the group, contact Becky Tussing, Avon Grant Administrator at 353-4516 or Monica Kohn, KBIC's BCCCP Coordinator at 353-4580. This project is being made possible through a grant provided by the AVON BREAST CARE FUND, and KBIC DHHS.

(Left to right) Monica Kohn - KBIC BCCCP Coordinator, Ruth Bussey - KBIC DHHS Health Director, and Becky Tussing - Lead RN at Medical Clinic. Ruth Bussey is a recipient of a pink shawl, presented to her by Grand Traverse Band.

PINK SHAWL DANCERS TO PERFORM AT HARVEST POWWOW

The 'Pink Shawl Dancers' will be displaying an exhibition to Honor Breast/ Cervical Cancer survivors on Saturday, October 29th, 2005 @ 2:00 p.m., at the 10th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow, MTU Gates Tennis Center, Houghton, MI.

A large group of women met at the Grand Valley State University in the Spring of 2003. They wanted to produce a way to raise awareness for breast cancer screening in Native American women within a cultural manner. Mother-to-daughter teachings were initiated and the idea to create traditional Native shawls in the color of pink to symbolize breast cancer awareness. This group of women have been dancing in their shawls at local Powwows and the idea is spreading to other tribal communities in Michigan.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATION MEETING

OJIBWA MOTEL, CHIPPEWA ROOM BARAGA, MI

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2005 10:00 A.M.

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

Recipe Of The Month

Wild Rice Salad

~ submitted by Gerry Mantila

1 cup wild rice
1 cup walnuts
1 can water chestnuts
1 cup grapes
Mayonnaise
3 skinless chicken breasts (cooked)

Cook and drain wild rice. Chop & dice chicken, walnuts and water chestnuts. Mix all ingredients together. Add mayonnaise. Serve cold.

MichiganTech

10th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Pow Wow

Special Guest Performance
Lowery Begay (Navajo)
Hoop dance exhibition
3:00 pm

Special Guest Performance
Red Feather Woman
(Sioux / Assiniboine)
Singer / Storyteller
3:45 pm

10th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Pow Wow

Saturday, October 29, 2005
MTU Gates Tennis Center, Houghton, MI
All Events are Free & Open to the Public
Grand Entries at 1 & 7 pm

Head Veteran - Shawanung
Joe Dowd (KBIC)
Head Female Dancer
Francie Wyers (Sault Ste. Marie)
Head Male Dancer
Rodney Loonsfoot (KBIC)
Head Female Teen Dancer
Britanee Gauthier (KBIC)
Head Male Teen Dancer
Donald Chosa III (KBIC)
Head Female Youth Dancer
Vanessa Beaver (KBIC)

Head Male Youth Dancer
Leon Chosa (KBIC)
Host Drum
Four Thunders
(Baraga & Watersmeet)
Invited Drums
Co-Host *Ditibasin*
(Hannahville)
LCO Eagles (La Courte Oreilles)
Loon Travelers
Grindstone Lake (LCO)
Woodland (Baraga)
Treetown

Color Guard
Lac Du Flambeau
(Ojibwe Veterans)
KBIC Color Guard
(Ojibwe Veterans)
Emcee
Stanley Spruce (KBIC)
Arena Directors
Paul Pouttu (KBIC)
Antonio Cerroni (Six Nations)
For more information contact
Lori Sherman at 487-2920 or
lasherma@mtu.edu

Michigan Technological University is an equal opportunity educational institution/equal opportunity employer.
This event is sponsored by the Department of Educational Opportunity, MTU/American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Ford Motor Company and the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund.

10th Annual Native American Speakers' Forum

Friday, October 28, 2005
MTU MUB Ballroom A

10:00~10:10 a.m.
Opening Drum

10:00~10:15 am.
Welcome Admissions

10:15~11:00 am.
Earl's Wigwam

11:00~11:15 a.m.
Keenan Quarderer
Fiddle Player

11:20~12:00 p.m.
Red Feather Woman
Storyteller/Singer/Songwriter

12:00~1:00 p.m.
lunch by invitation

1:00~1:50 p.m.
Lowery Begay
World Champion Hoop Dancer

1:50 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Closing Drum

Speakers' Forum & Powwow are sponsored in part by the following:

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Indigenous Insights

Children & Youth Initiative Grant - Indian Health Services

Ford Motor Company Fund

General Motors Corporation

Daimler Chrysler Corp Fund

Presidential Commission on Diversity

Educational Opportunity Department

Kimberly-Clark Tribal Technical Assistance Program

MTU/AISES

Miigwech

KBIC @ PARADE OF THE NATIONS continued

CHILDREN'S POWWOW @ ASSININS

The 9th Annual Children's Powwow was held at Assinins on September 24, 2005. Eddy and Christine Edwards have been organizing the event for many of these years. Mr. Edwards states, "The children have a real good time. You should see their eyes when it comes time for the give-away. Each child leaves for home with quite a loot of presents. There are spot dances, where they might receive ten bucks; and there are snow-cones, popcorn, hotdogs and water available free of charge for the children." It was a beautiful afternoon for many families and friends to visit as well.

Woodland drum provided the music and KBIC Color Guard lead grand entry. Robert Voakes was this year's Head Youth Male Dancer, with Tashina Emery as Head Youth Female Dancer. MTU AISES group had a fry-bread concession stand, which also included raffles throughout the afternoon where a child could win a pumpkin. A feast followed the afternoon events.

Ojibwa Housing Authority, Beartown Road Home, Lot #5

- *1404 square feet of living space, two story;*
- *3 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms;*
- *Master bedroom with walk-in closet;*
- *1-car insulated garage;*
- *Tribal leased lot 150' x 200'*
- *Basement built with Insulated Concrete Forms;*
- *House built with Structural Insulated Panels for super insulation;*
- *Gas forced air furnace, water heater and air-air exchanger.*

No appliances or finish flooring are included in the sale.

The Ojibwa Housing is selling this home for a minimum of $95,000.00. Offers may be made to Eddy Edwards or Natalie Mleko at the Zeba office.

KBIC TRIBAL EMPLOYEES PICNIC

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council rewards their employees every year with an Annual KBIC Employee Picnic. This year the event was held at the Sand Point Campground on Friday, August 26, 2005. Keweenaw Bay Tribal Government Offices closed their doors for an afternoon of fun. Approximately 145 employees gathered at the Sand Point Campground for an afternoon of relaxation and fun. Many participated in Bingo while others tried their hand at horseshoes, miniature golfing, water balloon toss and, the brave at heart dared in the egg toss as well. A delicious lunch was enjoyed; catered by Kentucky Fried Chicken of Houghton.

This year Marty Curtis won the grand prize - a gift certificate for the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Many other great prizes were awarded.

NEWS RELEASE - Michigan, September 8, 2005:

USDA Rural Development has federally subsidized housing available for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Rural Development has 1,700 vacant apartment units and 15 houses available throughout the state that are available rent free for up to six months to victims of Hurricane Katrina who have relocated to Michigan.

Food stamps will soon be available for these families, and we are also seeking partnerships with local community and faith-based organizations to provide social services to dislocated families.

We have already placed families in northern Michigan and are seeking your help to identify and assist others affected by this disaster. Together we can make a difference.

Please contact Jason Church at: (800) 944-8119 or (517) 324-5217. If Jason is not available, please leave a message and you will be contacted shortly. Or fax your request to (517) 324-5224, and you will be contacted shortly.

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY ASSINIIS!!

~ love,
Mom & Dad

PRESS RELEASE- September 21, 2005:

"The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority (KBOHA) has just recently been awarded a $400,000 Rural Housing and Economic Development Innovative grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant will be used in a comprehensive approach to increase efficiency between existing programs which will strengthen KBOHA capacity, increase financial literacy, increase assets, increase the number of available affordable housing units, increase job skills, and encourage job growth.

More specifically, the grant will allow the KBOHA to update our computers and file server, provide home buyer/financial counseling, provide youth financial forums, provide down payment assistance to low-income community members, provide matched funds for Individual Development Accounts to low and moderate-income community members, provide home rehabilitation assistance, extend utility lines through a housing subdivision, and to construct two innovative and energy efficient SIP homes using an KBOHA crew, local college interns, and high school students from the advanced construction trades class at Baraga High School.

GROUP HIKES LITTLE MOUNTAIN - FAMILY ORIENTED HEALTH ACTIVITIES

DHHS staff conducted their third planned hike of three in their "Feet In The Forest" series. On Wednesday, August 24th, a group of 21 participants hiked up Little Mountain. One hiker stated, "It sure was beautiful hiking up the trail, and it was very aerobic also. It's fun socializing and meeting with different people, it kind of helps make the exercising more pleasurable." The participants received a belt water bottle holder, water and trail mix on their hiking adventure. The events are very family oriented. The second planned hike was canceled due to rain. If anyone would like to hike the Pinery Trail—maps are available by request - contact Deb Arens @ 353-4559 or Kathy Mayo @ 353-4519. This event was sponsored by KBIC Diabetes Program, STEPS, and KBOCC Honoring Youth Health.

HIKING GROUP "FOOTSTEPS IN THE FOREST" CRAFT WALKING STICKS

Participants who hiked with the "Footsteps In the Forest" Series were invited to attend a craft session on Thursday, September 1, 2005 at the Ojibwa Senior Center to make their own walking stick. This event was sponsored by KBIC Diabetes Program, STEPS, and KBOCC Honoring Youth Health. Watch for future flyers/ads when the hikes begin a new series.

KBIC NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT STUDYING LAKE STURGEON

Ogimaa giigoonh, or sturgeon, the king of fish, inhabits Keweenaw Bay and connecting waters. It was once very abundant in the near shore waters of Lake Superior, but over fishing and habitat degradation nearly led to its extinction in the early to mid 1900's. Protective measures have since resulted in a slow recovery of this prehistoric fish, but the population is still Federally protected due to concerningly low numbers.

The cultural, economic and ecological importance of the lake sturgeon has prompted a great amount of attention and research from several entities, including Federal, State, Tribal and University professionals. In 2004, KBIC received monies from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to increase efforts to understand lake sturgeon population dynamics in western Lake Superior.

KBIC Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) has conducted surveys in 2004-2005 with the goal of capturing, tagging and releasing adult lake sturgeon in Keweenaw Bay near South Portage Entry and other areas. Over 30 adult sturgeon have been assessed through August, with some of these fish measuring over 5 feet in length and estimated to be over 80 years old! Most of the fish have appeared to be very healthy and untouched by humans (a single fish captured had been previously tagged by researchers from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources).

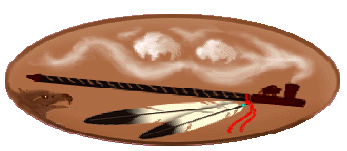
As more fish are captured and important information is gained, KBNRD will contribute to increasing understanding of lake sturgeon distribution, movement, and survival in Keweenaw Bay. For more information, feel free to contact KBNRD at (906) 524-5757.

NEW KBIC EMPLOYEES

Meet Cherie Dakota, Administrative Associate Director, Dept. of Health & Human Services

Hello. My name is Cherie Dakota, and I've recently been hired as the Associate Director for the Department of Health & Human Services. I bring 19 years of human services experience to this position, ranging from working in acute care settings to home visiting. I worked for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in the past and am enjoying working once again in my own community.

On a personal note, I enjoy being "Mom" to my two children and "Auntie Cherie" to nieces and nephews.



Meet Timothy Tilson, KB Tribal Conservation

Timothy Tilson has recently been hired by the KBIC Tribal Conservation Department. Tilson has previous game warden experience - he was previously employed with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. (GLIFWC).

Due to scheduled training, Officer Tilson was unavailable for comment.

Meet Angie Pearson, KB Tribal Police Secretary/Dispatcher

Hi, my name is Angie Pearson. I'm the daughter of Pat and Jay Loonsfoot and returned to my tribe from beautiful Vail Valley, Colorado this past March. I brought with me my "four" children: son Brendon and his fiancé Lauren, who both work at the Casino, son Bret and daughter Breanna, both students at Baraga Sr. and Jr. High Schools.

I am very excited to be the new Secretary/Dispatcher for the Tribal Police Department. I bring to the position over 9 years experience as a Legal Assistant/ Researcher and Officer Manager as well as prior medical training including EMT Basic. I look forward to using my experience to assist the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and it's officers.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE CONTIGUOUS UNITIED STATES

[EFFECTIVE OCT. 1, 2005]

Household size	Income Limits
1	$ 932
2	1,204
3	1,475
4	1,747
5	2,042
6	2,335
7	2,607
8	2,879
Each additional member + $272	

Computation of Income Eligibility Standards - The income eligibility limits for each household size are based on the sum of the Food Stamp Program net monthly income limits and the food stamp standard deduction amounts used for the contiguous United States.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 2.53.6(f)

Dependent Care Deduction—The current maximum allowable dependent care deduction is $200 for dependent children under 2 years of age, and $175 for all other dependents. **Earned Income Deductions**—Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income. **Medicare Part B Medical Insurance Premium Deductions**—Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premium. **Child Support Deductions**—Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

CALL FOR DANCERS!

MTU will be hosting a drum/dance exhibition Thursday, October 6th, 3:30—4:30 p.m. at the Rozsa Center in conjunction with the Fifth Biennial Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference.

We are looking for dancers from the L'Anse/Baraga area who would like to participate in this event. Transportation will be provided and a small honorarium for each dancer. Contact Lori Sherman at (906) 487-3692 if you are interested in attending or see Zena at the Youth Center for a sign-up sheet.

LAKE TROUT TRANSFER BETWEEN KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY AND THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE (USFWS)

On Thursday, July 28, 2005, the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource Department released thousands of Lake Trout to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. There were approximately 3,000 Lake Trout taken to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service fish hatchery in Iron River, Wisconsin. The Lake Trout that were taken are around two years of age and will be used to produce around 700,000 offspring each year. These offspring will be planted in Lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior. There were 1300 "backup" Lake Trout and a portion of these were released into Keweenaw Bay, with the remaining fish being given to the Michigan DNR.

Gene Mensch, the KBIC Fish and Wildlife Biologist stated, "We raise the Lake Trout on behalf of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at our quarantine facility in Pequaming to certify that they are disease free and raise additional brood stock as a backup." As of July 2005, Lake Trout in our facility are certified "disease free" by both the Michigan DNR and USFWS.

Many people were present during the transfer. Included were the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource Department staff and John Leornard, regional Native American Liaison from the USFWS. What topped off the transfer were two young boys who enjoyed helping carry the Lake Trout in nets from the isolation building to the holding tanks where they would be riding for the next three hours.

As part of the most recent isolation agreement, the USFWS has stocked over 180,000 yearling Lake Trout into Keweenaw Bay on behalf of KBIC, and have also provided Coaster Brook Trout for stocking in local streams.

Community Calendar - October 2005

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Home buyer Information & Training Session - October 17th & 24th, 6pm Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga On the first evening of the session, professionals from a number of agencies will provide information on different types of loans and the home buying process. The second evening will be the training session put on by Christine LaPointe and Natalie Mleko. Both sessions are required for anyone receiving Down Payment funds through the Ojibwa Housing Authority. For information or to sign up, call Christine or Natalie at 524-5514!						1 10 am Tribal Council Meeting @ Marquette Community Center
2	3	4 Growing Healthy Families series begins, 11:30 am Lakeside, register info	5 Reading Buddies @ OCC Library, 5:30 pm (Childbirth class - 6:30)	6 Walking In Balance @ NMU 9am, Dance exhibition 3:30pm MTU	7	8 Constitutional Convention Meeting 10:00 am, Chip Rm
9	10	11	12 (Childbirth class-6:30 pm)	13	14	15
16	17 6 pm Home buyer Training @ OSC	18 Lunch & Learn, 12 noon DHHS	19 Reading Buddies @ OCC Library 5:30 pm (Childbirth class - 6:30 pm)	20 Big Buck Night, 7pm @ OCC; Senior Pasty Sale 353-6096	21	22
23 Annual Harvest Feast @ Ojibwa Senior Citizens, 1pm	24 6 pm Home buyer Training @ OSC	25	26 (Childbirth Class - 6:30 pm)	27	28 Halloween Dance 9-12 midnite, ages 13-18 (still in school)	29 10th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow, 1pm MTU
30 KBIC youth 0-12 years Halloween Party	31 Happy Halloween					

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.

KBIC YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY (AGES 0-12 YEARS), SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2005 1pm - 4 pm @ THE NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER.

TEEN HALLOWEEN DANCE (AGES 13 - 18 [STILL IN SCHOOL], FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2005, 9pm - 12 midnight, @ THE NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER.

ANNUAL KBIC HARVEST FEAST

October 23, 2005 - 1:00 p.m.
@ Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center,
Mission Road, Baraga, MI 49908

Please bring a dish.

HARVEST HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

NOVEMBER 3, 2005
12:00 noon - 6:00 pm
@ the Ojibwa Community College
111 Beartown Road
Baraga, MI 49908

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FREE screenings, demonstrations, health & safety information and prizes!
This event is sponsored by: KBOCC and KBIC/DHHS, grant funding from CDC.
Call Rachelle Bachran @ 353-4628 or email rachelle123@charter.net
or
Kathleen Mayo @ 353-4519 or email kathleenmayo@hotmail.com

QUIT & WIN

Smoking Cessation Campaign - with a chance to win 1 of 5 $100 drawings.

Contest rules - must sign up and participate in the Tobacco Quit Line program. Register by October 31st @ 1-800-480-QUIT (7848).

This program provides you with: Free Quit Smoking Coaching Program you can do anywhere by phone! One-on-one help to quit smoking at your own pace. 5 phone call sessions over 12 months with your health coach. FREE PATCHES for eligible participants.

Benefits of Quitting: Decrease your change of getting lunch cancer and heart disease. Improved health of your children. Secondhand smoke can lead to an increase in asthma, ear infections, and bronchitis. Savings of over $1600 dollars a year… the cost of smoking one pack a day for a year.

THERES MORE - A $500 drawing will be held at the end of the contest for those who have successfully quit! (6-month follow-up) Call Today!

Sponsored by: Michigan Department of Community Health, Leade Health, Western U.P. District Health Department and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of MI.

"Growing Healthy Families," an eight-week series facilitated by Mr. Michael Beiring, CAC2, CDVD2. Many issues facing families today can be addressed through improved communication, consistency, and examination of personal values and goals. Please come and join with us as we address topics designed to help parents and individuals make positive changes that promote "Growing Healthy Families".

Beginning October 4th, 2005 at the Baraga Lakeside Inn, 11:30 am—2:00 pm, lunch is provided. The event is sponsored by KBIC DHHS Healthy Start Program. Registration is required and space is limited. Contact Ruth Keller at 353-4543 to register.

The Ojibwa Community Library offers a reading program for children ages 3-5. Reading Buddies is held twice monthly on a 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.

Wiidoktaaadwin "Walking In Balance"

Thursday, October 6, 2005, 9 am
@NMU University Center

- Culturally Responsive Treatment Practices
- Engaging Youth through Anishinaabe Culture
- Recovery vs. Discovery
- Tribal Justice

$15 registration fee, pre-registration necessary, space limited. Call the Center for Native American Studies @ (906) 227-1397

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASS, presented by: Laura Cladas, RN. Baraga Lakeside Inn, October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Classes are free and are open to any pregnant person & their birth partner. Funded with a grant by March of Dimes. Sponsored by: KBIC-DHHS, WIC & Healthy Start.

KBIC Constitutional Task Force Survey Results - August 2005

Surveys mailed 600/Responses 151 0.251667

Age	#	%
18-30	20	0.13245
31-40	28	0.18543
41-50	33	0.218543
51-60	27	0.178808
61 & older	43	0.284768
Total	151	

Gender		
Male	70	0.463576
Female	81	0.536424
Total	151	

Changes needed?		
Yes	98	0.649007
No	11	0.072848
Maybe	42	0.278146
Total	151	

Voting age		
Important	106	0.701987
Not important	25	0.165563
No opinion	20	0.13245
Total	151	

Nominations and elections		
Important	115	0.761589
Not important	18	0.119205
No opinion	18	0.119205
Total	151	

Separation of Business and Politics		
Important	115	0.761589
Not important	21	0.139073
No opinion	15	0.099338
Total	151	

Separation of powers		
Important	117	0.774834
Not important	19	0.125828
No opinion	15	0.099338
Total	151	

Removal of Secretary approval		
Important	78	0.516556
Not important	33	0.218534
No opinion	40	0.264901
Total	151	

Change or address the $10,000 limit		
Important	93	0.615894
Not important	14	0.092715
No opinion	44	0.291391
Total	151	

Tribal Council Meeting - September 10, 2005 - continued

Continued from page 3

LaFernier Sr. to donate $500 to each of these three individuals with a tribal business emblem to be placed on each vehicle, supported by Warren C. Swartz Jr., and carried.

Virginia Jermac requested information on eligible voter lists and a list of voters who participated in the last election being given to an individual. Kim Klopstein, Election Chairperson, informed Ms. Jermac that there was no rule that it could not be given out as requested, therefore it was made available to Fred Dakota. Eligible voter lists have always been available to candidates running for offices. The lists indicating who voted in the last election are now available to any Tribal member.

Resolution KB1422-2005, requesting a Secretarial Election on the proposal to change the voting age from 21 to 18, was presented by Larry Denomie. The recent constitution survey results indicated 70% believed that we should be addressing the voting age change. Moved by Larry Denomie to approve the Resolution KB1422-2005, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr., and carried.

Doreen Blaker requested a donation to assist with the Children's Powwow to be held on September 26th in Assinins. Moved by Toni Minton to donate $500 to assist with the Children's Powwow, supported by Mike LaFernier Sr., and carried.

Doreen Blaker indicated that Newday has volunteered to oversee the Harvest Feast, which will be held October 23rd this year. Jerry Lee Curtis and Paul Halverson have volunteered to provide the venison. She is requesting two deer tags for this feast. Moved by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. for two deer tags for the Harvest Feast, supported by William E. Emery, and carried.

Susan LaFernier read a request from NMU for assistance with their "Sweetgrass Cinema" Native American Film Festival. Moved by Toni to donate $500 to NMU for the "Sweetgrass Cinema," supported by Mike LaFernier Sr., Larry Denomie abstained, and carried.

Susan LaFernier read a request for donation by Project WEAVE for assistance with their Seminar "Walking In Balance." Moved by Doreen Blaker to donate $500 to assist Project WEAVE, supported by Mike LaFernier Sr., Opposed by Warren C. Swartz Jr., Elizabeth Mayo, Fred Dakota, and carried.

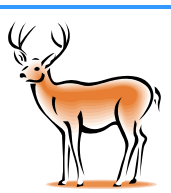
Debi Williamson requested Resolution KB1431-2005 be approved for EPA Brownsfield Job Training Grant application. This is a second attempt on this grant, it is for $200,000 with no matching funds. The purpose of the grant is to prepare individuals for future employment in the environmental cleanup field and facilitate cleanup of Brownfield sites contaminated with hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants and petroleum. Moved by Doreen Blaker to approve Resolution KB1431-2005, supported by Toni Minton, and carried.

Attorney John Baker submitted a business license request for a car dealership for KBO (Gerald Magnant and Keri Varline). Moved by Doreen Blaker to approve a car dealership license for Gerald Magnant and Keri Varline, supported by Warren C. Swartz, opposed by Jennifer Misegan, Mike LaFernier Sr., and carried.

Letter from Ojibwa Senior Citizens requesting approval for Loretta Hugo as a voting delegate for a two-year period, Virginia Jermac as a voting delegate for a two-year period, and Margaret Dunn as an alternate voting delegate for a two-year period for the MIEA (Michigan Indian Elders Association). Moved by Larry Denomie to approve these three individuals as voting delegates as requested for the MIEA, supported by Jennifer Misegan, and carried.

Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve Department Head Reports for July 2005, supported by William E. Emery, and carried.

Council went into closed session prior to adjournment.



October 20, 2005 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
111 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908

BIG BUCK NIGHT

Promoting Healthy Hunters
Hunter Training Camp

Fitness In The Field
And More!!!

Drawings to win a Smoker and other prizes.

BRING YOUR HUNTING BUDDY.

This event is sponsored by the KBOCC Honoring Our Health Grant, the KBIC Diabetes Program and STEPS. For more information contact Rachelle Bachran at 353-4628 or email: rachelle123@charter.net

ANISHINAABEMOWIN

Binaakwe Giizis

Falling Leaves Moon-October

Vocabulary

Four Sacred Herbs	Nookwezigan
Tobacco	Asemaa
Sweet grass	Wiingashk
Cedar (small boughs)	Giizhikaandagoons
Sage	Bashkodejiibik
Smudge (someone)	Nookwezo
Fall/Autumn	Dagwaagin
He/she smells good	Minomaagozi
He/she smells bad	Maazhimaagozi
He/she combs hair	Binaakwe'o

Binaakwe Giizis Word Find

L	X	C	K	S	D	L	I	C	X	Q	Q	A	A	A	P	W	F	C	K
N	E	W	O	V	H	S	O	N	I	I	X	N	U	Y	N	F	C	U	B
G	I	I	Z	H	I	K	A	A	N	D	A	G	O	O	N	S	U	R	D
B	A	K	Z	I	Q	T	W	T	O	N	C	C	O	L	J	B	U	T	K
D	A	S	H	L	T	X	N	E	A	A	G	K	Y	G	A	P	J	B	K
C	C	S	E	S	M	W	W	E	A	L	W	W	L	M	N	I	H	E	F
H	D	Z	H	M	A	K	F	X	O	E	A	Z	Q	A	I	Y	O	L	I
Y	P	L	B	K	A	G	Q	X	Z	Q	N	K	L	A	G	V	X	Y	C
E	C	U	L	A	O	A	N	I	W	H	V	T	S	Z	A	M	H	N	H
O	W	T	N	D	M	D	G	I	Z	C	H	R	P	H	A	S	B	U	D
R	A	I	S	I	N	A	E	H	I	P	Y	E	A	I	W	L	G	X	H
V	B	Y	Q	X	N	T	G	J	S	W	U	X	L	M	G	N	P	C	H
R	F	B	C	J	B	G	V	U	I	D	B	K	E	A	A	S	K	M	T
X	J	F	B	W	B	L	O	Z	Z	I	D	N	J	A	D	I	X	Z	Q
N	O	O	K	W	E	Z	O	T	D	E	B	Z	J	G	T	B	H	X	A
I	Z	O	G	A	A	M	O	N	I	M	C	I	W	O	C	W	N	B	N
X	L	G	M	R	M	G	E	U	T	R	E	V	K	Z	T	X	G	Y	U
U	A	J	L	G	N	M	P	P	J	P	J	H	R	I	V	K	A	W	G
Q	B	V	H	X	O	Q	G	E	M	Y	K	U	O	C	Z	D	P	I	Q
H	X	F	B	K	D	G	T	R	H	C	M	E	A	K	I	P	B	O	N

Anishinaabemowin page created by
Donald Chosa, Jr.
Anishinaabemowin Instructor/
Professor
Northern Michigan University

Word Find Word List

ASEMAA	MAAZHIMAAGOZI
BASHKODEJIIBIK	MINOMAAGOZI
BINAAKWEO	NOOKWEZIGAN
DAGWAAGIN	NOOKWEZO
GIIZHIKAANDAGOONS	WIINGASHK

Lunch & Learn - Vegetarian Style

Another "Free Lunch" was held on Thursday, September 8th at the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility. Dr. Dale Schmeisser, Ph.D. prepared a vegetarian style lunch, which consisted of Bocca burgers and Strawberry Spinach Salad. Dr. Dale is employed as a Nutritionist for the KBIC/DHHS. With the assistance of the Diabetes staff, Debbie Arens, LPN and Kathy Mayo, RN, Dr. Dale has been teaching KBIC employees how to eat more healthy. The *employee wellness* series is sponsored by the Diabetes Program and STEPS, and is held monthly. The food served is most *delicious*! The next *free lunch employee wellness* session is planned for October 18th @ 12:00 noon. Dr. Dale plans on preparing a meal from South Africa, as he has recently attended a conference there in late September. During the September 8th session, the participants learned it was Dr. Dale's birthday and sang "Happy Birthday" to him. They presented him with a 'no buttons' jacket. Pre-registration is required for each session, sign up be calling Deb Arens @ 353-4559.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community/Employment Opportunities

Assistant Tribal Attorney - open until filled

On Call positions: LPN - RN - Unit Manager - Account Executive/Sales
Child Care Provider - Cashier - Receptionist/Clerical Worker
For complete job announcement, application and closing dates contact:
KBIC Personnel Department
107 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140
Or visit http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
107 Beartown Rd-Baraga, Mi 49908

PRESORTED STD
U.S Postage
PAID
Calumet, MI
Permit No. 5

PRESS RELEASE

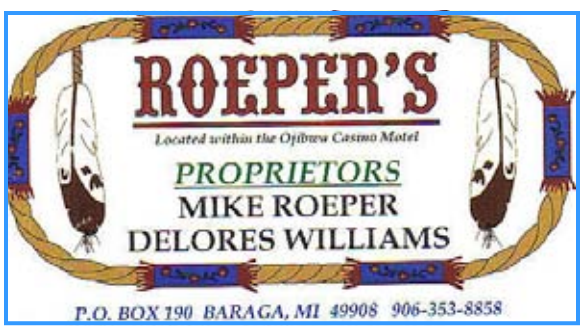
FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS TO PURCHASE A HOME

L'Anse, MI, September 13, 2005: Funds have become available for low-income members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to become home owners through a joint project between Superior National Bank and the Ojibwa Housing Authority. Awards are in the form of a three-to-one matched grant in which the recipient can receive up to $5,000 in down payment assistance. Recipients must be able to secure a fixed– or variable-rate home loan through Superior National Bank. Income limits apply (for example, a household of four must have an annual income less than $38,920). Anyone desiring mo e information may contact Paul Lampinen at Superior National at 353-6695 or Natalie Mleko at Ojibwa Housing at 524-5514. Time and funds are limited so interested parties are encouraged to inquire as soon as possible.

1st STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next…

Call Donna Sackett @ (906) 353-4115 at the Office of Planning & Development.

She can also set you up an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.

To place an ad, contact
Donald Chosa, Jr., or
Lauri Denomie at
newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.