

# ODAWA TRAILS

## TIMING WAS EVERYTHING FOR LAURA, ADRIENNE AND HALEY ESFORD IN ESTABLISHING LAH LAH'S PRE-LOVED BOUTIQUE IN PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN



Left to right are Adrienne Esford, Haley Esford and Amanda Gearhart.

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

LTBB Tribal Citizen Laura Esford and her daughters, Adrienne and Haley Esford, knew the timing was perfect. After working in the clothing retail industry all their lives, they were waiting for the right time and the right place to open their own clothing business. That moment came when Kit Carson Paint & Wallpaper in Petoskey, MI, went out of business in July 2011, and the store front next to Kilwin's became available. They secured the space and opened Lah Lah's Pre-Loved Boutique in early September 2011 at 1070 Bay View Rd. in Petoskey. Lah Lah's, a combination of the first letter of their first

names, received financial assistance from Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. (NSLF), which provided funding for equipment, inventory and working capital. NSLF is incorporated under the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Lah Lah's hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"We looked all over town for two months, and we just happened to go to Kilwin's with our grandma who was in the area visiting us," Haley said. "We knew right away, it was the perfect location being next to Kilwin's. Who doesn't love chocolate? Kilwin's was already attracting customers, and we knew it would drive customers to our store."

"We had a good fall season, so we're excited to be here during the summer this year."

Adrienne said they had high hopes for the boutique, but it is going better than expected.

"I think just knowing so many people in town from working in clothing stores and this location have really helped," she said.

They all share a love for clothes along with their cousin, Amanda Gearhart, who works at Lah Lah's. However, Lah Lah's offers more than



just clothing. It offers bath products, paintings, jewelry, home décor, bags, accessories and more.

"We have a little of everything, and it's all in good condition," Adrienne said. "It ranges from high end to more affordable items. We want anyone to be able to come here and to afford something cute and pretty."

The most popular items are women's clothing and shoes and jewelry.

"We have dresses for homecoming and prom," Adrienne said. "You're only going to wear it once, so come here and get a nice dress for an affordable price. We also have accessories to go with the dress."

Once a month, Lah Lah's holds an after hours party, offering fun, food and beverages.

"It's a fun way to interact with and meet new people," Adrienne said. "We had a duct tape party where we made different

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Laura Esford

## SPRING PROGRAM'S EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE, VERTICAL TRIBAL ID PROGRAM IN CONSIDERATION FOR NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The SPRING Program submitted its idea of LTBB establishing an evidence-based practice, vertical tribal ID program to

the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for consideration in its National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP).

NREPP is a searchable online registry of more than 220 interventions supporting mental health promotion, substance abuse prevention and mental health and substance abuse treatment. It connects members of the public to intervention developers so they can learn how to implement these approaches in their communities.

In February 2012, SPRING Program Coordinator Angie Woodin received a letter inviting her and the SPRING Program's grant evaluator to attend the conference of the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices and the Native American Center for Excellence to be held April 11-12, 2012 in Santa Fe, NM.

The evidence-based practice, vertical tribal ID program would involve LTBB issuing vertical tribal IDs to all tribal citizens 18 and under. The SPRING Program is currently working on a proposal which it will present to the Executive for approval to move forward with the program. Approximately 20 tribes have vertical tribal IDs, but none are evidence-based practice.

According to Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia, evidence-based practice (EBP) is an interdisciplinary approach gaining ground after 1992. It started in medicine as evidence-based medicine (EBM) and spread to other fields such as nursing, psychol-

ogy, education, library and information science and other fields. Its basic principles are all practical decisions made should be based on research studies, and these research studies are selected and interpreted according to some specific norms characteristic for EBP. Typically, such norms disregard theoretical studies and qualitative studies and consider quantitative studies according to a narrow set of criteria of what counts as evidence.

"I'm extremely proud of Angie and the team for achieving this," Substance Abuse Manger/SPRING Program Director Dr. Cheryl Samuels said of developing the program and being invited to the conference. "Being invited to the conference is the next level of consideration (for being in NREPP). The idea of vertical tribal IDs could be successful in conjunction with our other evidence-based practices to help reduce underage drinking in our community. If it becomes listed in NREPP, it could be replicated in other communities on a broad scale."

A vertical tribal ID would immediately alert a store clerk at LTBB-owned Biindigen Gas Station and Convenience Store in Petoskey, MI, the individual is not old enough to purchase alcohol or tobacco and alert a security guard at LTBB-owned Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, the individual is not old enough to gamble there. It is illegal to sell alcohol to individuals under 21 and illegal in

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### Being Odawa is all about Freedom

The freedom to be a part of a people, who with integrity and pride, still have and speak our language. The freedom in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the tribe forward.

### Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'aana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naaknewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadziwinan echipiiten-daakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

Contact **ODAWA TRAILS** Information

**THE PAPER DOLLS!**

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COORDINATOR  
231-242-1427

WENDY CONGDON  
PRE-PRESS GRAPHIC  
SPECIALIST  
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The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

The deadline for the May 2012 issue of *Odawa Trails* is April 2, 2012.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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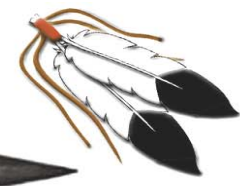
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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



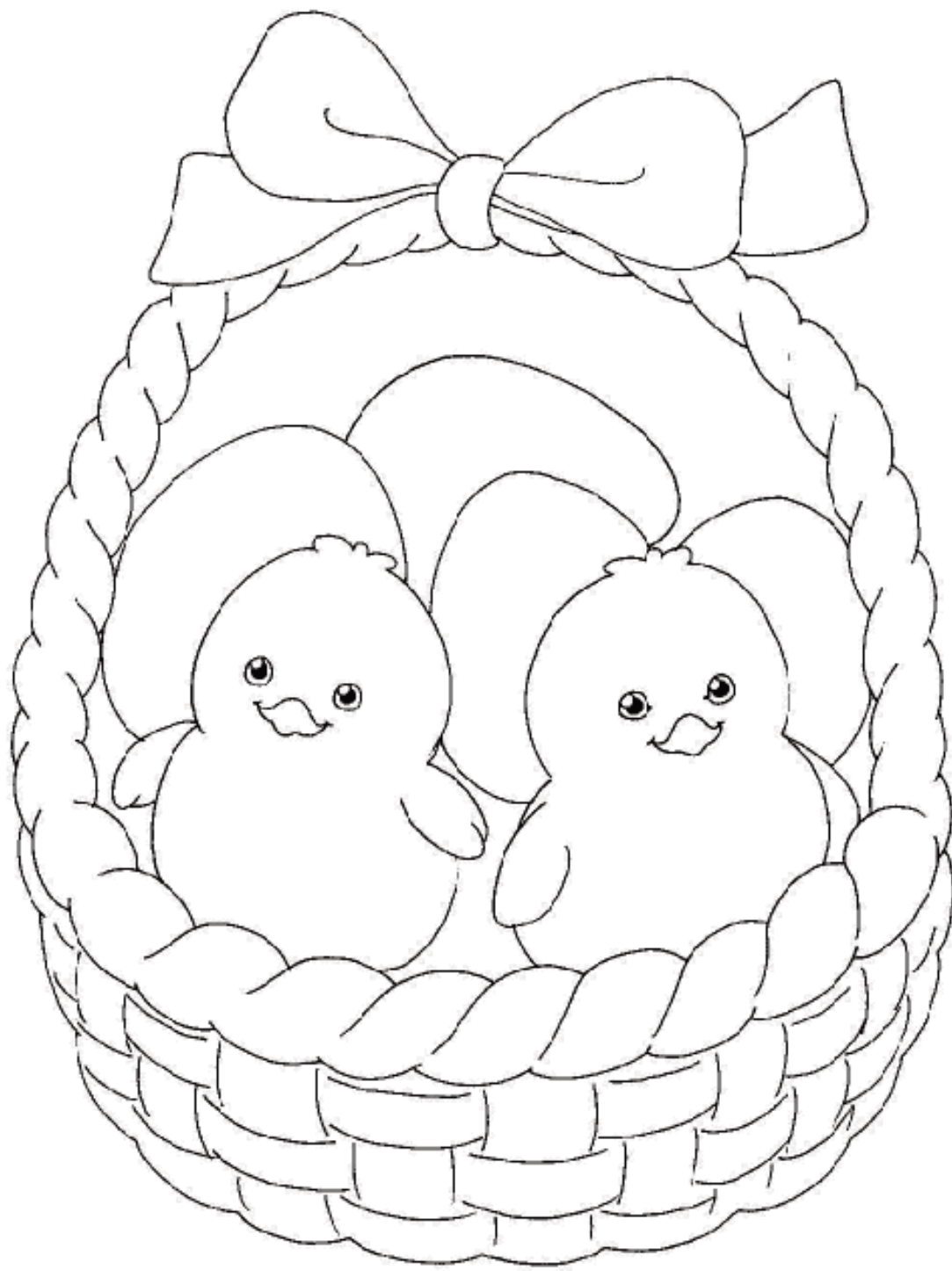
## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

KIDS! DECORATE THE EASTER BASKET AND YOU COULD WIN A \$20 TOYS "R" US GIFT CARD!

### Easter Basket Decorating Contest rules

- You may use colored pencils, crayons, markers, paint, and glitter on the picture.
  - Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No exceptions!
  - All entries must be the original size.
  - All mailed entries must be postmarked by April 9, 2012. No exceptions!
  - Limit one submission per child.
  - Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
  - **Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.**
- Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category.

Mailing Address:  
**Easter Basket Decorating Contest**  
**Attn: LTBB Communications Department**  
**7500 Odawa Circle**  
**Harbor Springs, MI 49740**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### LTBB HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ODAWA CASINO RESORT TEAM UP!

By Shanna Wemigwase, Human Services Program Specialist

On January 20, 2012, the LTBB Human Services Department teamed up with Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, to benefit LTBB Tribal Citizens and Native Americans from federally recognized tribes by setting up office hours in a casino suite.

Office hours were 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. to ensure each casino shift had an op-



portunity to stop in. LTBB Human Services Program Specialist Shanna Wemigwase, LTBB Human Services Program Generalist Julie Janiskee and Odawa Casino Resort Human Resource Director Melissa Richards coordinated the event to reach out to local tribal members in need.

The Human Services Department staff educated people inquiring about the USDA Food Distribution Program and the Childcare Assistance Program. Human Services Department staff was also onsite to assist with filling out applications and to

begin the application process.

The USDA Food Distribution Program is a majority grant funded program which allows LTBB to serve any federally recognized Native Americans in our 27-county service area. The Food Distribution Program is a supplemental food program which distributes perishable and non-perishable items. The Childcare Assistance Program is a supplemental program which is also parcel grant funded and only available to LTBB Tribal Citizens residing in the Michigan counties of Emmet, Cheboygan and Charlevoix. Both programs are income based and determined on a case by case basis.

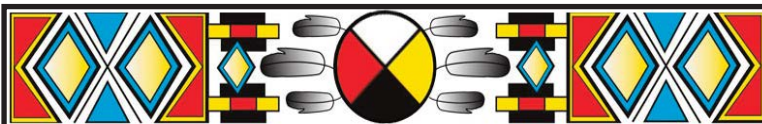
The collaboration between the LTBB Human Services Department and Odawa Casino Resort was a great success as tribal citizens and community members received the help they needed and learned of the resources offered through the Human Services Department on a personal basis.

If you would like more information on either of these programs, please call the LTBB Human Services Department at 231-242-1620 or please visit our website at [www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov) and click on Human Services.

*Courtesy photo and courtesy graphic.*



Pictured from left to right are Program Generalist Julie Janiskee and Program Specialist Shanna Wemigwase.



2012 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

**Annual Meeting - June 2, 2012**

Odawa Casino Resort - Petoskey, MI

Time to be determined

Planning meeting dates:

LTBB Governmental Center

7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI

April 13 - 6pm

May 11 - 6pm

May 24 - 6pm

Contact Information:

2012 General Membership Speaker

Cathy Portman Bradley ~ 231-330-5130

E-mail: [cathybradley@yahoo.com](mailto:cathybradley@yahoo.com)

For the most updated information, please refer to our Facebook page - "Community of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians"



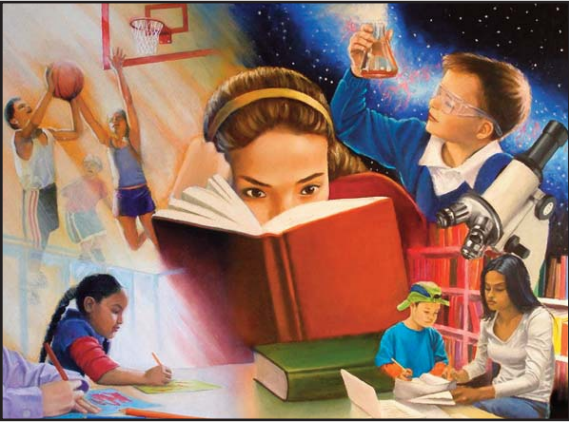
## LOST



Silver necklace with Madonna medal. There is an inscription in French on the back. Lost at the LTBB Pow Wow Grounds in Harbor Springs, MI, on February 3, 2012 during the bald eagle release. If found, please contact Mike Kilpatrick at 231-622-4773.

# GIJIGOWI BIPSKAABIIMI

## KEEPING YOUR CHILD MOTIVATED AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR



(Tips from ehow.com)

- Ask how their school day went. Spend at least 15 minutes talking to your child about their school day; make an effort to REALLY listen.
- Keep your kids involved in activities outside of school. Sports, clubs and youth groups are wonderful activities for your child.
- Go through the school work your child brings

home. This can be a real eye-opener and will give you more insight into not only what your child is learning in school, but also how they are doing in school. Praise your child for jobs well done.


- Help your child keep track of homework or report deadlines.
- Don't do their homework for them, but do help your child with homework. If your child is becoming frustrated, take a short break.
- Offer incentives and rewards for jobs well done. This could be reading an extra book at bedtime, playing a game with you or having a friend over. Positive reinforcement builds confidence and self-esteem.
- Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher for any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child.
- Have a school day bedtime and stick to it. Kids need at least a full eight hours of sleep, some kids need more.

Courtesy graphic.


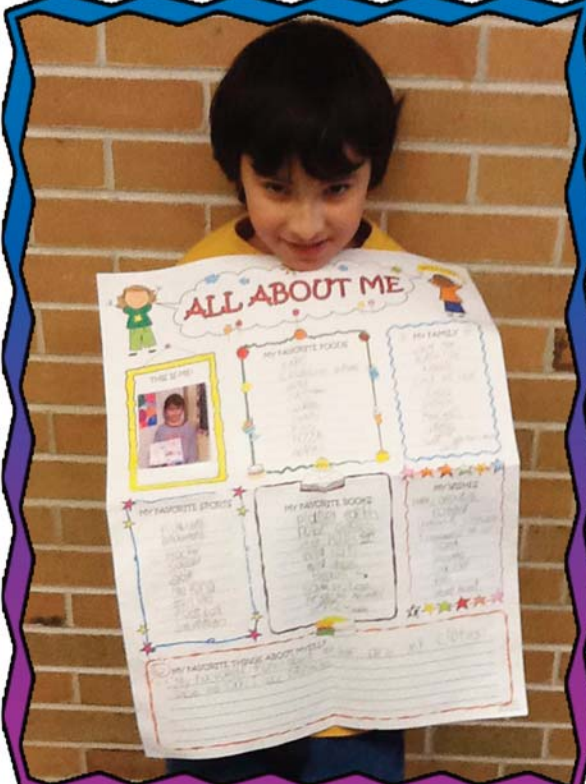
## CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Submitted by the Academic Team

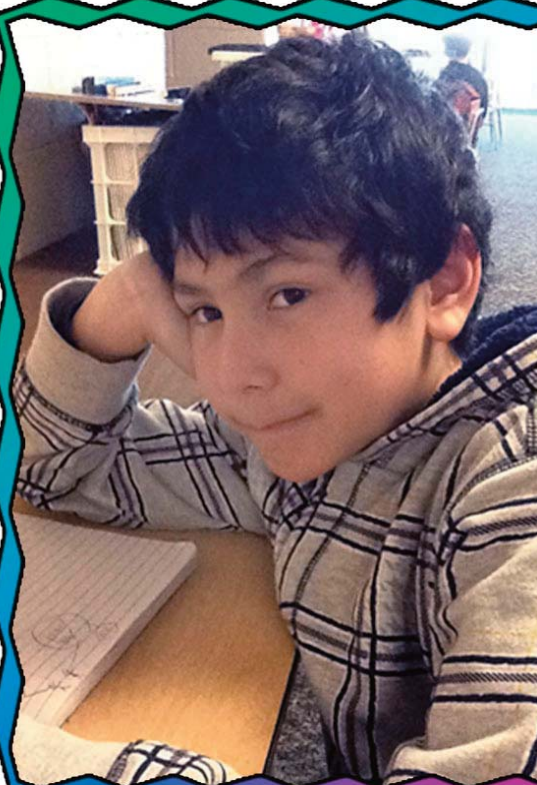
The Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department features "student success" articles in the *Odawa Trails*. We encourage parents, families and friends to submit stories, poems and articles written by our youth, including artwork. This is open to ages Pre-school through 12th grade. Please e-mail submissions to [dperry@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dperry@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or feel free to drop them off at the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.



**Domitien Boda**  
Third grade, Mrs. McKee  
Blackbird Elementary School  
in Harbor Springs, MI

**ALL ABOUT ME**



**Jordan Bussey**  
Third grade, Mrs. Hunt  
Shay Elementary School  
in Harbor Springs, MI



**ART LIFE**

I see the world in ways. I like art the most. Art is the best. I hope art will be in the world when I'm old. I hope the world and more. I hope my kids will like it too. I hope life will be good for them.

my favorite thing to do is draw. when I am on a road trip with my mom what I see goes on my paper. Art is my favorite subject in life. I enjoy projects that have good texture and lots of color.



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We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details!  
If you are interested, please contact the Human Services Department at  
**231-242-1620**



**We Need Your Help**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Services Department is in need of foster parents!!!

Our Native children need Native foster families to care for them, ensuring that they embrace our culture and are given a chance to grow in our community.


If you have the time and desire to be a foster parent for our youth, please contact Human Services at 231-242-1620.

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Anishinaabemowin-Teg Conference**

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<b>April 2</b> Evelyn Andrews Vicki Emery Kathleen Guzinski Marilyn Hume Betty Peacock Mark Wabanimkee	<b>April 13</b> Janice Grooms Magdalene Kosequat Vernon Lasley Willie Rawls, Jr.	<b>April 23</b> Michele LaCount Roy Miron
<b>April 3</b> William Denemy, Sr.	<b>April 14</b> Kevin Barry	<b>April 24</b> Mary Bowers William Denemy, Jr. Jacqueline Scheidler Sarah VanDeCar
<b>April 6</b> Ricky Reiter Steven Shenoskey	<b>April 15</b> Sharon Duffey Karl Kilborn Jacqueline Myers	<b>April 25</b> Gary Kaestner
<b>April 7</b> Larry Cartwright Thomas Nongueskwa Ivan Taylor	<b>April 16</b> Laura Morche'	<b>April 26</b> James Gasco
<b>April 8</b> Mitchell Baker, Sr. Rose Newman	<b>April 17</b> Michael Crossett Susan Grech Merle Hansen	<b>April 27</b> Nellie Harmon
<b>April 9</b> Evangeline Badgero Mary Quick Wayne Stine Sharon Tracey	<b>April 18</b> Thomas Kiogima, Sr.	<b>April 28</b> Christina Chrysler Donald Houghton Margaret Rodriquez Alfred Sprague
<b>April 10</b> Lauretta Eidt Sadi Synn	<b>April 19</b> Michael Cherette Frank Ettawageshik Thelma Fisher Mary Niswander	<b>April 29</b> Michael Anthony Carmalene Baker Edna Caron Elsie Carson Cynthia Daley
<b>April 11</b> Robin Barney-Lees Lauretta Gilbert Christine Haines	<b>April 20</b> Catherine Laba Linda Steinman	<b>April 30</b> Donnie Case Robert Kaestner James Keway Judith Smith Pauline Walker Catherine Wright
	<b>April 21</b> Richard Hays	

## ATTENTION MICHELLE CHINGWA RECIPIENTS

Please remember in order to receive the second installment of your winter/spring semester award, the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department needs to receive your Enrollment Verification Form before the last day of the semester. Please remember faxed Enrollment Verification Forms will not be accepted, and it is the student's responsibility to follow up to make sure the form has been received. Also, please note the summer deadline for the Michelle Chingwa Scholarship is June 15, 2012, and students must have a complete file by this date, including schedule and previous semester grades to be eligible. Late applications will not be accepted. For more information or help with higher education, please contact Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at [aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

**Avoid the headache!**

UPCOMING DEADLINE FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP

**Summer**  
(May - August)

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

For more information, contact the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Academic Services at 231-242-1480

**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**

YOU NEED TO SUBMIT NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR THAT STARTS ON AUGUST 1, 2011

**\*\*Please Note\*\***  
Applications WILL NOT be automatically mailed to students

Applications are available online and can be downloaded from the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department's web-page at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or may be requested from the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Academic Services at 231-242-1480

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## Book Review

By **Ashley Ellis**, Sheridan Elementary School in Petoskey, MI, Second Grade

**Book Title:** Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus  
**Author:** Barbara Park

Junie B. Jones is going to kindergarten. She is going to ride the bus home. She thinks that it is going to be scary.

Junie B. Jones is my favorite character because she is silly!

I liked the book because it is funny. I would tell other people to read this book. I think when my little brother gets older, he would like to read it. Moms would like to read this book because they would think it is funny.

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CONTACT THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY AT 231-242-1480 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

## BOOK IT!

**Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid (Maj-tog Minowb-maude-zid)**  
Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid means "A Start of a Healthy Life."

We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach any woman who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both mom and newborn up to the age of two years.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, not replace prenatal, postpartum and pediatric medical care. In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and between pregnancies. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information, please call:  
Mina Mskiki Gumik ~ Tina Shawano or Kay Rogers at 231-242-1614

# NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PROGRAM PLANS EARTH WEEK EVENTS, APRIL 16-20, 2012



Submitted by the Environmental Services Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) started celebrating Earth Month in April 1970. Spring is a fitting time to reflect on Ishkaki-mikwe (Mother Earth), and the things we can do to better our environment. This year, Earth Day is on April 22, 2012. The Environmental Services Program will be hosting fun events at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, throughout Earth Week (April 16-20, 2012) with a special event and prize giveaway to celebrate Earth Day on April 20, 2012. In the meantime, here are a few ways to reduce your carbon footprint and make Earth Day, everyday:

- **Stop drinking bottled water:** Try a sturdy refillable water bottle instead.
- **Save energy and fuel:** Disposable plastic water bottles (the kind you might buy in a vending machine or at the grocery store) are made using oil, and a lot of energy goes into their production and distribution. In fact, bottled water production takes 2000 times the amount of energy as tap water.
- **Decrease trash and recyclables:** Three-quarters of plastic water bottles end up in a landfill.
- **Save money:** Refillable water bottles are a one-time investment, and you'll never have to scramble for coins for a vending machine again. Tap water is only \$0.002 to \$0.003 per gallon while buying the same amount in typical 16 oz. plastic bottles would cost you approximately \$8—more than twice the price of a gallon of gas!
- **Drink safer water:** Tap water is under more stringent water quality regulations than bottled water.

Some studies say bottled water can contain fertilizers, industrial solvents and endocrine disruptors from the plastic itself. Refillable water bottles are usually made out of BPA-free plastic or stainless steel, which keeps them from leaking chemicals into your drinking water.

- **Preserve cultural identity:** Odawa culture is intricately interwoven with water. Using water wisely will continue the long tradition of prospering alongside water and respecting the efforts of those who have worked to protect the Odawa's rights to hunt and fish.
- **Breathe easy: Reduce your impact while saving money.**
- **Carpool:** The EPA estimates by carpooling in a group of two or more, each individual can reduce their monthly emissions by 10% each. The EPA also estimates a party of four can expect to save between 50-75% a year in gasoline costs or between \$1,100 and \$1,600 per year!
- **Ride your bike:** The easiest way to reduce your gas costs is to ride your bike! As an added incentive, the average person can expect to burn 750-1,000 calories in a one-hour bike ride. An average daily commute of 15 miles round-trip can take between 45-75 minutes and can help reduce the risk of obesity, heart disease, diabetes and depression. As an added benefit, the federal government even offers a \$20 a month tax-free reimbursement plan through the Bicycle Commuter Act for those who ride their bikes to work, should your employer choose to participate. Imagine getting paid to ride to work every day instead of spending money on gas!
- **Buy Local:** Locally grown products require less travel to get to the marketplace, which reduces emissions and transport costs.
- **Reduce electricity costs:** Even when your TV is turned off, it's still burning up electricity. Carbonfund.com suggests 5-10% of your monthly electricity bill is burnt up by appliances not even turned on. What's more, compact florescent light bulbs can use up to 66% less energy than the standard incandescent light bulb, saving you up to \$40 per light bulb during the course of the bulb's life.
- **Reduce heating costs:** Weatherizing your home can reduce your monthly heating bills by as much as 30%, saving the average family \$218 per year in heating costs.
- **Plant a tree:** The average tree in North America can eliminate approximately 145 pounds of carbon dioxide per year!

*Courtesy graphic.*

## MEET GREAT LAKES FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT TECHNICIAN NICHOLAS BERNDT



Nicholas Berndt started as the Great Lakes Fisheries Enhancement Technician in the Natural Resource Department on February 13, 2012.

As the Great Lakes Fisheries Enhancement Technician, he works on fish assessments and does both field and lab work.

"It's very similar to the work I've done in the past; that's why it's such a good fit for me," Berndt said. "I

like how things change so much in my work. It's dynamic and fun. You never know what will happen once you get on the lake."

Berndt, originally from Wisconsin, earned a Bachelor's degree in Fisheries and Limnology from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Prior to accepting his current position, he worked for a private environmental consulting company in Wisconsin, as a Native Fish Biologist with Arizona Game and Fish Department, as a Biological Aide for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Utah and as an Aquatic Technician for the Utah Division of Wildlife.

Berndt is a lifelong fisherman and enjoys outdoor activities such as bird watching, biking, hiking, camping, competitive running and kayaking. He also enjoys photography and playing the guitar.

"If I'm near water, I'm happy," Berndt said. "I'm very happy to be here and to be closer to my family in Wisconsin."

He has brother, Matt, 29, a sister, Jessica, 24, and a nephew, Cameron, 2.

*Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GREAT LAKES ISSUES?

**NOW AVAILABLE:**

### LTBB GREAT LAKES POLICY REPORT NEWSLETTER

This is a quarterly newsletter released in January, April, July and October 2012.

Look for it on the table next to the receptionist desk at the LTBB Governmental Center and online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/lbbgreatlakes>

For more information, contact Lucas Evans, Great Lakes Policy Specialist  
levans@lbbodawa-nsn.gov  
231-242-1570



### The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Commission

Is looking for LTBB tribal citizens with an interest in

Great Lakes Commercial Gill Net Fishing

#### The LTBB Commercial Small Boat Apprentice Program

is designed to provide eligible LTBB tribal citizens with an opportunity to learn the trade of commercial fishing from an experienced LTBB Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Captain

For more information on eligibility and requirements,

please stop in or contact the

LTBB Natural Resources Department

7845 Odawa Circle

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

231-242-1670

dbrowne@lbbodawa-nsn.gov



## 2012 Hunter Safety and IBEP Certification Class

The class is a combo class. Upon successful completion of the class, you will receive a Hunter Safety Certificate as well as International Bow Education Program Certification.

The following classes will be held at the LTBB Governmental Center

Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM

Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 AM to 4 PM

Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM

The final class will be held at the Harbor Springs Outdoors Club

Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 4 PM

For more information, Contact

Roger Willis at

231-242-1674

or e-mail

[rwillis@lbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:rwillis@lbbodawa-nsn.gov)



## HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

# 1-855-NRD-TIPS

TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477

Please provide any information related to the tip which may include date, time, subject or vehicle description, nature of the incident, and location (Example: nearest crossroad). It is ok if you wish to remain anonymous. All tips are investigated in a timely manner.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### LTBB Natural Resource Commission Annual Hunting / Fishing Meeting Holiday Inn - Grand Rapids, MI

Please come and join us for the LTBB Natural Resource Department Annual Meeting.

Hear what the Natural Resource Commission/ Department has accomplished in the last year and plans for the future. We would like to hear tribal citizens' opinions and suggestions.

Meeting will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the **Holiday Inn, 310 Pearl Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI** - dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and door prizes will be given away throughout the meeting.

**Wednesday, May 9, 2012**  
5 p.m.—9 p.m.

**Holiday Inn**  
310 Pearl Street NW  
Grand Rapids, MI

**Contact Information:**  
LTBB NRD  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
231-242-1670  
Or e-mail—  
[dbrowne@lbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dbrowne@lbbodawa-nsn.gov)



## TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind the tribal membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement.

First of all, I cannot express enough how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department. This must be done in writing and as soon as possible.

The DOC cannot and will not change the estimated beginning date (EBD) (which is always the first in any given month) of a member's tax exempt status (see example below).

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax

Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

In addition, being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt.

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

If you plan on purchasing any of these items, please contact me FIRST, and I will be happy to get you the form via e-mail or fax. I am also able to fax the TCEs to the dealership you are doing business with.

Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Util-

ity Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

Also, another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA), your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month.

**Example:** I move to Petoskey, MI, (inside the TAA) on September 5, 2010. My RTM (EBD) status begins October 1, 2010. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at:

<http://www.michigan.gov/trea>  
sury/0,1607,7-121-1748\_23287---,00.html

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I can be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at [tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

Cross Village (all)	Readmond (all)
Friendship (all)	West Traverse (all)
Little Traverse (all)	City of Harbor Springs (all)
Resort (partial)	Bay (partial)
Hayes (partial)	Bear Creek (all)
City of Petoskey (all)	
City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge)	

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (currently, 36.5 cents per gallon unleaded and 32.6 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

\* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.

\*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.

\*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

**Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THEIR CARDS OUT TO ANYONE.**

The current limit on tobacco purchases is four cartons per week per tribal citizen age 18 and over. The same applies to all other tobacco products (OTP) packaged in similar fashion.

## Temporary Help Wanted

**Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:**

Gain valuable work experience?

Work in the tribal community?

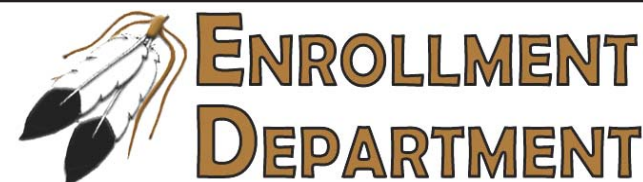
Make a little extra money?

Gain experience in several fields?

**Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!**

Temporary assignments can last one day or as long as a month or more. Contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Resources Department today!

**Call: 231-242-1563**



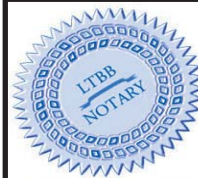
## ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS DUE OCTOBER 31, 2012

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTOBER 31, 2012. No faxed or electronic versions are accepted because all forms require original signatures. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship or custodial issues, please contact the En-

rollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

Minors who turn 18 by OCTOBER 31, 2012 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form must be returned by OCTOBER 31, 2012.

Address verification forms can be downloaded at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm) or you may call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 to have a form mailed to you.



### TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

The tribal notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless he/she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number
Theresa C. Keshick	Active	2/18/2009	February 18, 2015	01-09
Rebecca R. Atkinson	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	02-09
Lisa Flynn	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	03-09
Beatrice A. Law	Active	5/11/2009	May 11, 2015	04-09
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	6/7/2011	June 7, 2017	05-09

### THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Branch of Service

This information will be used by the Grants Department. Megwetch,  
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

### ENROLLMENT OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE

If you have any questions regarding the service and fee schedule, please contact the LTBB Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521, Linda Gokee, Administrative Assistant, or 231-242-1520, Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer.

Fees:	Tribal Citizens
<b>Replacement Cards</b> A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to elders.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory</b> Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/1/2009. Published every 4 years.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory Labels</b> Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
<b>LTBB List</b> The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
<b>Photocopies of Enrollment file</b> \$1 first copy page, 25 cents for each page thereafter.	\$1 each
<b>Marriage License Application</b> Certified Copies: \$10 Photo Copies: \$5	\$15
<b>Tribal Notary Application</b> If approved Surety Bond: \$125	\$10

### Services:

- > Enrollment Applications.
- > Address Change Forms.
  - o Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
  - o Minors require notarization annually.
- > Tribal Identification Cards.
- > Tribal Directory.
- > Marriage License Application.
- > Tribal Notary Application.
- > Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.
- > BIA - 4432 Indian Preference Form.
- > Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
- > Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.

## ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)

If you are planning to purchase a vehicle, ORV or plan on doing any home improvements to your principal place of residence, **YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME FIRST** before making the actual purchase(s). You must fill out the "Request for TCE" form located on the LTBB website or by contacting my office. I will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the Refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you. ~ Theresa Keshick

### LTBB Tribal Directories

The Enrollment Office has LTBB Tribal Directories for sale. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled prior to February 1, 2009, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

#### Qualifications:

- Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
- A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

#### Mail to:

LTBB of Odawa Indians  
Attn: Enrollment Office  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

### TAX AGREEMENT REMINDER

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.

## LTBB ID CARDS

The Enrollment Office has new picture identification cards. YOU DO NOT NEED A NEW PICTURE IDENTIFICATION CARD UNLESS:

- Your tribal identification card has expired
- Your tribal identification card has no magnetic strip
- Your tribal identification card has a post office box and not a physical address

If you have an address change and you want the address change to reflect on your card, there is a \$5 fee. Please keep in mind there is a \$5 replacement fee for the card. Free to elders.

Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee 231-242-1521  
Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520



# ELDERS PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOOD AND UTILITY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Aanii Tribal Elder,

This notice is to provide you with information about the Food and Utility Reimbursement program. An Elder is defined as 55 years of age or older by December 31, 2012. If *all* requested documents are turned in to the Elders Program by the deadline, you may be able to receive a check up to \$400. The deadline to submit your application and receipts is December 31, 2012. Please read this notice all the way through before sending receipts.

**Step One.** Application materials:

1. Fill out 2012 application included with this letter.
  2. Send in 2012 grocery receipts adding up to \$200.
- items allowed:* groceries, household supplies

*items not allowed:* pet supplies, tobacco products or alcohol.

3. Send in 2012 paid utility bill(s) adding up to \$200.  
*utility bills allowed;* heating, electric, water, and trash removal  
*utility bills not allowed;* cell phone, cable, satellite, Internet

4. **Hand written receipts, cancelled checks or money order receipts will NOT be accepted.**

**Step two:** How to complete application:

1. Complete and sign the application.
2. Double check your 2012 grocery receipts add up to \$200.
3. Double check your 2012 utility bills add up to \$200.
4. Mail to above address or drop off at

the office.

**Step three:** How your application is processed:

*\* Please note this process takes about two weeks.*

1. When we receive your application, it is stamped with the date it arrives.
2. We review the application to make sure it's complete with signature and add up the grocery receipts and utility receipts.
3. If application and receipts are complete, a check request will be submitted to LTBB Accounting Department.
4. LTBB Accounting Department will mail your check.

Miigwech,  
Kathy McGraw , Elder Outreach Assistant 231-242-1423

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Elders Program  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Ph: 231-242-1423**



### Food & Utility Reimbursement Application

January 26, 2012

Please **print** the following information:

**Tribal Enrollment Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please remember to include original utility & grocery receipts for current calendar year**

**For office use only, please do not write in this section.**

**Utility Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grocery Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

## GRANTS & DONATIONS PROGRAM

Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. Donations are available for both Native and non-Native organizations. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420. The deadline for submitting an application is August 31, 2012. Please note that the Grants and Donations program is NOT intended for small business purposes.

## In Need of A Ride?



**Medical Transportation**  
Is available to tribal households who have no alternate means of transport. For LTBB household members residing in the LTBB service delivery area. For medical appointments/purposes only. Transport must be arranged 72 hours in advance. Contact Community Outreach at the LTBB Health Department at 231-242-1601

## The LTBB Cultural Library is just a click away!

- Go to [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)
- Select "Cultural Library Online" directly from the left menu on our LTBB homepage
- Browse over 2,300 books, movies, CDs, DVDs etc.
- You can search by title, author, subject or keyword

Don't remember the title or author? You'll find cover images to help you find the information you need.

Visit the library from home!  
Our catalog is online and easy to use.



## ATTENTION LTBB CONTRACTORS

If you would like to be considered for future LTBB projects, please contact Purchasing Technician/Contracts Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or e-mail at [mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)





# EXECUTIVE BRANCH



## FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN DEXTER MCNAMARA

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES – MIDWEST ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN TRIBES TRIBAL CONSULTATION

On February 16 and February 17, 2012, our tribe was the host of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) - Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes. Attendees from our tribe included Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr., Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski, Human Services Director Denneen Smith, Assistant Health Director Jody Werner, Tribal Councilor Regina Gasco-Bentley and yours truly. Ray Kiogima, tribal elder, was invited by the Executive to do the opening prayer.

The consultation panel consisted of Kenneth Munson, Regional Director- Region 5, Human Health Services; Michele Stanley, President of Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) who is also on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Tribal Council; and Scott Vele, Executive Director of MAST. There was testimony and comments on national issues, and the biggest issues were, of course, a lack of funding.

HHS is the federal government's lead agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. The department has more than 300 programs, covering a wide spectrum of activities, including public health, health care, financing, family support, social services, emergency preparedness and food and drug safety. Munson establishes and maintains working relationships with governors, mayors, other key state, local and tribal officials and community leaders and seeks opportunities to build effective partnerships. Munson serves tribes in a good way.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is committed to working with tribes at the highest levels to build healthy communities and to offer Americans the opportunity to live healthy lives.

During the last two years, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has taken a number of steps to strengthen its partnership with American Indians. Our vision and our future lies within ourselves.

Please contact any of the aforementioned Health Department staff with questions.



### TRIBAL-STATE FORUM

On February 21, 2012, I sat in on a Tribal-State Forum conference call with Dave Murley, Deputy Counsel to Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, in which the 12 federally recognized tribes participated. We will try to have at least quarterly phone discussions and within the next couple of weeks, we will be setting up an on-reservation meeting, hopefully in Petoskey, MI, in May. I am very much interested in being the host of this meeting if at all possible. The phone conference calls along with the upcoming Tribal-State Forum are held to establish a relationship, talking points and hopefully, stay on a normal format. The issues discussed on this particular phone conference call was the review of the 2011 Tribal-State Forum, proposals for 2012, Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act and as always, improving Tribal-State relations.

### NOMINATIONS

I sent nominations to the Legislative Branch for a Natural Resource Commissioner and two Waganakising Odawak Development Commissioners in which Tribal Council will accept or reject. If accepted, Tribal Council will interview and possibly appoint. If Tribal Council rejects, then, I go back and find a different candidate(s), and the process starts over.

### UNITED TRIBES OF MICHIGAN

I attended the United Tribes of Michigan meeting in East Lansing, MI, on February 28 and 29, 2012. This meeting was also attended by Tribal Councilors Bill A. Denemy, John Bott and Kevin Gasco. Attendees for the meeting included the Honorable Del Laverdure, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Department of the Interior and Bryan Newland, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.

Highlights of this meeting were two resolutions, one supporting Miranda Washinawatok, the Menomi-

nee seventh-grader who was disciplined for speaking her Indian language in school, and the second resolution was to support passage of the Federal Transportation funding bill containing a fair and equitable funding formula.

Melissa Claramunt of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights gave an update on the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. Of the 2,195 applications processed, 2,053 were awarded. As mentioned in my past articles, there are two legislative efforts by Michigan State Representatives Dave Agema and Ken Goike to repeal the MICHIGAN INDIAN TUITION WAIVER. We will continue to fight the fight ... and we will be heard.

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Stacey Tadjerson distributed handout material. She submitted graphs of American Indian Foster Care Children by county and tribe. She also handed out the strategic plan of the Indian Child Welfare Act, and its primary goal is to support staff and improve internal efficiency and strengthen the child welfare system to achieve better outcomes for children and youth.

### KELLOGG FOUNDATION

David Cournoyer gave a presentation in regards to Native American children in Michigan. The foundation has targeted Michigan as one of three states nationally in which to focus resources in support of its mission to support "vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to society." The foundation's Michigan team is interested in learning about issues relative to Native American children ages 0 - 8 in Michigan. More than 40 stakeholders are seeking to learn more about current needs and services relative to Native children age 0 - 8 and their families.

### ASIAN CARP

The U.S. Supreme Court recently denied an injunction to close the Chicago Sanitary and Shipping Canal. This closure was asked for by Michigan and other Great Lakes states to prevent the Asian Carp coming up the Mississippi River. This, similar to the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, is going to be a tough battle, but we will continue to fight the fight ...we will be heard.

### PRESERVING THE NIGHT SKY

Our former Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik sent a report on the Headlands Park in Emmet County, MI, being designated as an International Dark Sky Park, the sixth in the U.S. and only the ninth in the world. Preserving the view of the night sky is a matter of cultural preservation for Indian country. Many of our cultural teachings and stories are based in viewing the night sky. The disorientation which comes from having the sky obscured at night by random light pollution is harmful to humans, but it is also harmful to plants and animals with who we share this world. Since the original designation for the Headlands, there has been a movement in Northern Michigan to enlarge this area to other lands in the region.

This effort has culminated with the introduction of House Bill 5414 in the Michigan House of Representatives by Representative Frank Foster from Emmet County. This bill, if passed, would expand the area designated to protect the night sky to several thousands of acres of state park lands and state forest lands on the Lake Michigan side of the tip of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan.

### CHARLEVOIX AREA HOSPITAL TOUR

Our visit to Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix, MI, was to renegotiate our preferred provider agreement. We met with Bill Jackson, President, and Joe Schodde, VP Financial Services. Charlevoix Area Hospital is a "critical access hospital, which is a Medicare designation for hospitals which provide rural access to healthcare."

During our visit and tour of the hospital, we learned what services are available and discussed how these services could benefit tribal citizens, especially those living in the surrounding counties. Charlevoix Area Hospital is interested in increasing services to tribal citizens, and we are working on an agreement. More details will be shared when the agreement is finalized. One detail I can share is Charlevoix Area Hospital has an urgent care clinic which operates in conjunction with its emergency room, and tribal citizens will be able to seek medical services at the urgent care and emergency room during hours when the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed. Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr., Health

Director Sharon Sierzputowski, Assistant Health Director Jody Werner and yours truly attended the meeting.

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN WALLOPED

On March 2, 2012, we were blessed with one of Michigan's finest storms, and hopefully, the last one of this year. It brought two feet of snow, caused downed trees and utility lines, thousands were without electricity, and there were many shelters open in the area. The funny thing about this particular storm is it was not one of our typical storms. The majority of our snow comes from lake effect, but this storm brought impacts of 12 to 15 inches of continuous snowfall, which was very heavy from wetness. On March 3 and 4, 2012, Tribal Council was scheduled to hold a work session on March 3, 2012 and a Tribal Council meeting on March 4, 2012, however, the storm was so great that we did not have power at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, until mid-morning on March 6, 2012, with the majority of the employees at the governmental center reporting back to work on March 7, 2012. Because of the power outage, Tribal Council did not have its scheduled work session and meeting that weekend. The governmental employees at the other LTBB buildings worked as scheduled on March 5 and 6, 2012. At the governmental center, we experienced heat problems, a water coil had to be replaced in the heat exchanger, and a few other minor issues. The biggest problem was the power outage. There were thousands of people here without power with some not seeing power restored until March 9, 2012. Sometimes, storms such as this provide us with a learning experience on how to prepare for the future, and we will use this experience to be better prepared the next time we're faced with a storm. We have one generator at the old Victories Casino in Petoskey, MI, which will be looked at to bring over to the government side and put into action, provided it will serve the purpose. If there are any Great Lakes Energy employees and Consumers Energy employees who read this, I want to say chi-migwech (thank you) for all of your hard work, fighting the cold and around the clock work.

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# YOUTH SERVICES

## WAGANAKISING ESHKINIIGIJK UNITY COUNCIL ATTENDS MID-YEAR UNITY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Submitted by the Waganakising Eshkiniigijik Unity Council



The Waganakising Eshkiniigijik UNITY Council (WEUC) attended the Mid-Year Unity Conference in Washington, D.C. February 6-12, 2012. UNITY stands for United National Indian Tribal Youth.

Each year, UNITY hosts two conferences: National held in July in various places around the U.S., and Mid-Year held in February and always in Washington, D.C. The last two years, our Youth Council has been fortunate to attend the National Conferences in San Diego, CA, and Minneapolis, MN. This is the first year the WEUC was able to attend the Mid-Year Conference thanks to funding from the TYP PEACE Grant through OJJDP.

While in Washington, D.C., our WEUC representatives, Sarah Schilling, the WEUC President, and Alec Guerrero, the Secretary, visited Capitol Hill. At Capitol Hill, we had a meeting with Marie Alexander, a Legislative Correspondent for U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow of Michigan. We voiced our concerns about such topics as the Great Lakes Water Shed Council, the Asian Carp and Hydrofracking.

We received exclusive tours of the U.S. Secret Service. At the Secret Service, we had presentations about the different aspects of the jobs of the Secret Service. We found it very interesting and more informational and fun than we thought it would be. The presenters were very open to answering most questions and were also enthusiastic and interactive. All in all, it was a wonderful experience!

We were invited to the National Indian Health Board for lunch and then took a tour of the National Museum of

the American Indian. It was amazing to see the museum and the history of tribes all over the world. Although we weren't able to get through the entire museum, we were very impressed with the beauty and history it gave.

### Youth Highlights

**Sarah Schilling** – “The highlight of my Mid-Year experience would have to be meeting Skye Bass. Skye is the Public Health Advisor for Indian Health Service (IHS). Skye is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, who now lives in Washington, D.C. She really inspired me to seek higher education and to go for my dreams. Skye presented videos and information about suicide and bullying prevention in Indian country, an issue I feel passionate about. I loved seeing D.C. and learning hands on about the U.S. government and history. As always, I met a ton of inspiring youth making a difference. I got a lot of new ideas. It was cool to see some of my friends from across the country and to make some new ones. I'm so grateful to have had this opportunity.”

**Alec Guerrero** – “The highlight of my trip to the Mid-



Year UNITY Conference is knowing that there are other Native youth making change in their communities. Getting to know the kids inspired me to take a bigger leadership role in our community. Now, I have a lot of friends who I can look up to thanks to UNITY. This trip truly changed my life. One day, I hope people new to UNITY and people back home look up to me in the same way. We would like to thank the OJJDP TYP PEACE Grant for funding this life-changing opportunity for the both of us!”

*Courtesy photos.*



# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## MEET HEALTH INFORMATION COORDINATOR ANDRIA BRONSON-JOHN



Andria Bronson-John, a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, started as the Health Information Coordinator in the Health Department on February 27, 2012.

Bronson-John, who grew up northeast of Grand Rapids, MI, worked at the GTB Health Clinic for 7 ½ years, working as the RPMS (Resource Patient Management System) Site Manager and Clinical Applications Coordinator. She has 21 years of experience working in the medical field and grew up around it because her adoptive Mom, Megan Bronson, and aunts are all nurses.

“The MIS part of this job is new to me, but I'm really enjoying it because I like expanding my horizons and learning new things,” Bronson-John said. “Other than that, this is the same type of job I was doing at the GTB Health Clinic. There was no further room for advancement in my previous position, so I'm very excited to have this opportunity.”

Bronson-John, who was adopted, found her birth parents, Eddie John (and wife, Cindi, who are GTB Fishermen) and Robin (Bradfield) Oatley, in 2004 and moved to Peshawbestown, MI, to be with her father's family. She is the great-granddaughter of Alice Wasayquom (LTBB) and Amos John (GTB), and the grandchild of the Reverend Harry Hazen John and Ida Mae Anderson.

She is currently commuting from Peshawbestown, MI, but plans to move with her family to the Northern Michigan area after her children finish the school year. She and her fiancé, Bill Dunleavy, have six children, Benjamin, 21, Cheyenne, 19, Dakota, 17 ½, Nokomis, 12, Saoirse, 5, and Waasnoday, 18 months. Benjamin, a GTB Fisherman, has a fiancé, Krystal. Cheyenne is attending Grand Valley State University. Andria's sister, Ruby John, is a fiddler, who plays once a month in Pellston, MI, and frequently in the Traverse City, MI, area.

“I feel just as at home here in Petoskey as I do in Peshawbestown; I think because of our family tie to LTBB,” Bronson-John said. “I'm looking forward to getting to know my cousins, community and roots here. I'm also excited to take advantage of the opportunity to learn Anishinaabemowin and to enroll in immersion classes.”

Andria would also like to thank all of her new LTBB co-workers for the warm and gracious welcome she has received in her new position.

She is a traditional dancer, a bead worker, makes regalia for her children and makes jewelry with porcupine quills and stones. She enjoys spending time with her family, reading Sci-Fi fantasy novels, learning anything new, listening to her sister, Ruby, play the fiddle and playing Bejeweled Blitz and Bubble Witch Saga on Facebook. Andria is also a newly avid fan of the local band, Arbitrator.

*Courtesy photo.*

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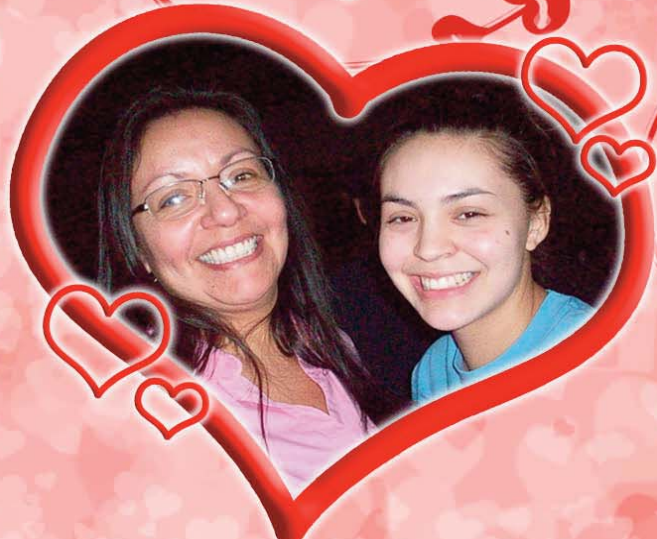
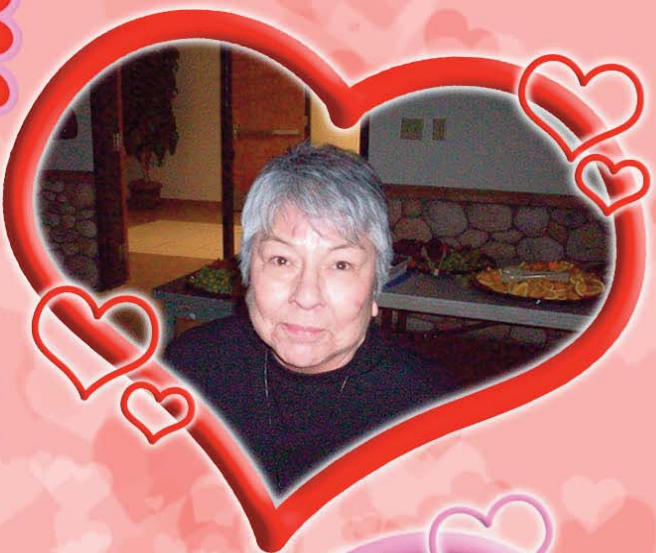
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# On the PowWow Trail



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Student Development Complex  
Michigan Tech campus  
Houghton, MI  
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**May 26-27**  
Heritage of Healing May Dayz  
Ypsilanti, MI  
Contact Information: Heritage of Healing at 734-550-7094, info@heritageofhealing.com or http://www.nativeyouthalliance.blogspot.com/

**May 26-27**  
Oshke-Kno-Kewewen Pow Wow  
Rodgers Lake  
Dowagiac, MI  
Contact Information: 1-800-517-0777

**June 9-10**  
6th Annual Gathering of the Clans Pow Wow  
Manistique Tribal Community  
Center next to the Kewadin Casino  
Manistique, MI  
Contact Information: Viola Neadow at 906-341-6993 or 1-800-347-7137

**June 15-17**  
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Wilson, MI  
Contact Information: Molly Meshigaud at 906-723-2270

**June 29-July 1**  
21st Annual Bay Mills Pow Wow  
Brimley, MI  
Contact Information: Justin Teeple at 906-437-4372 or justin\_teeple@yahoo.com

## Minnesota

**March 31**  
22nd Annual Washington University in St. Louis Pow Wow  
Washington University Field House  
St. Louis, MN  
Contact Information: Ashley Ryerse

at 517-304-2377, ryerseashley@wustl.edu or http://buder.wustl.edu/Events/Page s/PowWow.aspx

**March 31**  
Augsburg College Pow Wow  
Si Melby Gymnasium  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact Information: Jennifer Simon at 612-330-1144

**April 13**  
American Indian Family Center Pow Wow & Early Learning Fair  
Harding High School  
St. Paul, MN  
Contact Information: Sommer or Lisa at 651-793-3803

**April 13-15**  
Council of Indian Students 39th Annual Bemidji State University Pow Wow  
John Glas Fieldhouse  
Bemidji, MN  
Contact Information: Vincent Graves at 218-755-2032 or CouncilofIndianStudent@Gmail.com

**April 14**  
St. Cloud State University Annual Spring Pow Wow  
Halenbeck Hall  
St. Cloud State University  
St. Cloud, MN  
Contact Information: Jim Knutson-Kolodzne at 320-308-5447, jkolodzne@stcloudstate.edu or www.stcloudstate.edu/aic/

**April 28**  
17th Annual Indian Education Day & Wacipi  
Osseo Junior High School  
Osseo, MN  
Contact Information: http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=137205236336483

**April 28**  
American Indian Cancer Foundation Pow Wow for Hope  
YWCA  
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Contact Information: 612-584-0428

**May 5**  
Fond du Lac Ojibwe School Pow

Wow  
Cloquet, MN  
Contact Information: Joe Bruce at 218-878-7271

**May 11**  
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Pow Wow  
The American Indian Magnet  
St. Paul, MN  
Contact Information: 651-293-5191

**May 12-13**  
13th Annual Mother's Day Pow Wow  
Cedar Field Park  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact Information: Julie Ortiz and Millie Hernandez at 612-232-2975 or 612-481-4876

**May 25-27**  
Leech Lake Spring Pow Wow  
Leech Lake Veterans Grounds  
Cass Lake, MN  
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**May 25-27**  
8th Annual Seven Clans Casino Contest Pow Wow  
Seven Clans Casino  
Thief River Falls, MN  
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## Wisconsin

**April 14**  
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay 15th Annual Pow Wow  
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay  
Kress Event Center  
Green Bay, WI  
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**May 18-20**  
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12 PM Lunch  
1:15 - 5 PM Presentations/Workshops  
5 PM Dinner  
7 PM Talent night

**Saturday, July 28**  
Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise ceremony)  
9:15 AM - 12 PM Presentations/Workshops  
12 PM Lunch  
1:15 - 5 PM Presentations/Workshops  
5 PM Dinner  
7 PM Jingtamok (Pow Wow)

**Sunday, July 29**  
Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise ceremony)  
9:15 AM - 12 PM Presentations/Workshops  
12 PM Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

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# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



**The Little Traverse Bay Bands  
of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Tribal Court Room  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
February 5, 2012**

ship Winter 2012 Tax Bill of \$1,625.54; Property #012-900-000-031-00 Mackinaw Township Summer Tax Bill of \$793.62; and Mackinaw Township Winter Tax Bill of \$145.52 with funding to come from Prior Period Funds and any and all prior motions in regards to the matter are rescinded.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Keshick), 1 - Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Elder Comments: no comments at this time.

9:37 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Bott to rescind the following motion made on November 20, 2011, "to acknowledge the receipt of the nomination of Jim Genia for Associate Judge". For the reason being that the Executive Office has not submitted all documentation that verifies that the applicant is qualified based on the LTBB Constitutionally mandated requirements.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 5 - No (Councilor Keshick, Councilor Bardwell, Legislative Leader Kiogima, Councilor Denemy, Secretary Gasco Bentley), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion failed.

10:55 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to go into closed session for confidential Business Matters-Casino.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 0 - Absent Motion carried.

11:28 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Denemy to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

11:33 a.m. Recess called.

11:47 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

11:47 a.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

11:48 a.m. Public Comment closed.

11:50 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Bott to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

12:08 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Otto to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Bardwell to acknowledge receipt of the Executive report for January 22, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated January 18, 2012 for a total of 2.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary

Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve Enrollment List B - Declination Ineligible for Citizenship dated January 18, 2012 for a total of 2.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Enrollment List C - Voluntary Relinquishment of Citizenship dated January 26, 2012 for total of 1.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept Legislative Leader Kiogima's verbal report for February 5, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott

**Tribal Council Meeting Dates**

**March 31 Work Session**  
**April 1 Council Meeting**  
**April 21 Work Session**  
**April 22 Council Meeting**

**May 5 Work Session**  
**May 6 Council Meeting**  
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John Keshick III, Councilor  
Bill A. Denemy, Councilor  
Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor  
Kevin Gasco, Councilor

and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley verbal report for February 5, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

12:33 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:00 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

1:01p.m. Motion made by and supported by to go into closed session for Confidential Business matters.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

2:40 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

2:41p.m. Recess called.

2:51 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

2:52 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco closed session for Personnel.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

3:18 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

3:18 p.m. Public Comment opened. No comments.

3:19 p.m. Public comment

closed.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Treasurer Bott's report for February 5, 2011.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve supplemental funding request for Enrollment Department Server in the amount of \$9,400 for fiscal year 2012 to come from prior period funds.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve supplemental funding request for the Facilities Department for a Waste Water Technician in the amount of \$86,650 for fiscal year 2012 to come from prior period funds.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 2 - No (Secretary Gasco Bentley, Councilor Wemigwase), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve and authorize the Appropriations and Finance Committee Chair/Tribal Treasurer to sign the proposal with Executive Recruiter Mary Mode to recruit candidates for the position of Director of Treasury.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept the Land and Reservation verbal report as presented by Legislative Leader Kiogima Committee Chairperson.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Legislative Leader Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Bott that Tribal Council authorize and approve the survey to be done on the Pond Street property with costs to come from the Enjinakneng budget.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's report for February 5, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the action item contained within the Confidential Memo #020512-01 submitted from Legislative Services Attorney Budnick.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the action item contained within the confidential memo #020512-02 submitted from Legislative Services Attorney Budnick.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the signing on to the NCAI amicus brief regarding Patchak v. Salazar and Match-E-Be-

Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians being argued before the United States Supreme Court, and authorize the Tribal Chair to submit same to National Congress of American Indians.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Treasurer Bott to pass the Tribal Ambassadorial Capacity and Tribal Representative Statute.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-no, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept the receipt of the Natural Resource Commission Nomination of Jannan Cornstalk from the Executive.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Otto), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve purchase of land parcel #48, in the amount of \$200,000 to come from prior period funds for a day care and Head-start program contingent upon the Executive obtaining operation funding through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Keshick to reject the recommendation by the Executive submitted to Tribal Council regarding the Commission, Committee and Boards dated December 2, 2011, to eliminate the Child Welfare Commission.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to reject the recommendation by the Executive submitted to Tribal Council regarding the Commission, Committee and Boards dated December 2, 2011, to eliminate the Trust Fund Board.

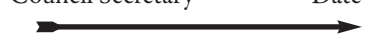
Vote: 7 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Bardwell, Treasurer Bott), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

5:01 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adjourn.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date



**Editor's note:** Tribal Council's work session and meeting scheduled for March 3 and 4, 2012 were cancelled due to a power outage at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, which was caused by a winter storm on March 2, 2012. For more information about the power outage and its impact on governmental operations, please refer to the "From the Desk of the Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara" article on page nine of this newsletter.

# NATIVE NEWS



## MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2011/2012

A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. \$25 will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery.

Here are the conditions to qualify:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent tribes/bands.
- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. (homeschooling not eligible)
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award. (A-, A, A+)
- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight "A's" will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.

• Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute



perfect attendance.

- The first two marking periods of this 2011/2012 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight "A's" for both marking periods. For example: Straight "A's" and perfect

attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.

• A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.

• A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "A's" and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April 2012 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomini Indians.

**VERY IMPORTANT - NECESSARY!!!**

You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form, a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator and a copy of the student's or parent's tribal identification card must be received no later than 5 p.m. on April 10, 2012. Go to [www.odawatrails.com](http://www.odawatrails.com) for the application.

*Courtesy graphic.*

### Michigan Indian Elders Association 2011/2012 Student Incentive Program Application Form

Student's Name:		Age:	Grade:
Address:		City:	
State:	Zip:	Phone:	Email:
School Name:		School Address:	
School Phone and Fax:		Principal's Name:	
Student's Social Security Number(voluntary):		All A's Number of marking periods	Perfect Attendance number of marking periods

**VERY IMPORTANT - Please attach the following documents to this completed application in order for your student to qualify and be considered:**

1. A copy of the student's report card signed by his/her parent and/or a letter from an administrator in his/her school stating the marking periods for which he/she have had all A's or perfect attendance; (note: student must be in grades 4 through 12 to qualify for all A's and K through 12 for perfect attendance)
2. A copy of the student's tribal membership card; (if the student doesn't have a card please include a copy of a parent's tribal card)
3. NOT REQUIRED, however, if a photograph of the student is available which could be used in promotion of the program please enclose with the completed application. Please write the student's name on the back of the picture.

I certify that all the information given is true and correct. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of funds and the Michigan Indian Elders Association program coordinator may verify the information on the application with my child's school. I further give consent for the use of my child's name and/or likeness for the promotion of this program.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the preceding information to: Leah Fodor C/O MIEA PO BOX 218, Dorr MI 49323

All information **Must Be Received** by **5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2012** to be eligible for the program.

### Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



**Housing Department**  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
231-242-1540  
Fax: 231-242-1550



**WAH-WAHS-NOO DA KE**  
Elder Housing Development

### Application Availability Notification

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Housing Department is accepting applications for our Elder Housing Development located in Harbor Springs, MI. The Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development consists of twelve, two (2) bedroom units nestled in a peaceful, country setting north of Harbor Springs, MI. Applicants must meet the following guidelines:

- MUST BE A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE
- MUST BE 55-YEARS OF AGE, HANDICAP AND/OR DISABLED OF ANY AGE
- MUST BE INCOME QUALIFIED - RENT BASED ON INCOME

Please note that Tribal identification and ALL household income/asset information must accompany your application.

Please contact the Housing Department for more information at 231-242-1540.



**Barrier Free Units Available**  
**Equal Housing Opportunity**  
**TDD: 800-649-3777**

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. An application packet must be completed and returned to the Housing Dept. for processing to determine qualification. To obtain an application, please contact the Housing Dept. at 231-242-1540.

**Short Term Rental Assistance:** This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used ONE TIME ONLY and the rent requested must be affordable and can NOT exceed 35% of the household gross monthly income. Please note the application packet must be received and approved in advance of your moving into the rental in order to qualify for this program.

**Home Improvement Program:** This program offers up to \$2,500 for non-cosmetic home repairs and may be utilized once every five years.

**Down Payment Assistance:** This program offers up to \$2,500 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home. In order for you to receive any grant dollars, you must be able to match the grant amount with your own guaranteed funds.

**Foreclosure Prevention Program:** This program offers up to \$3,000 to assist in foreclosure prevention.

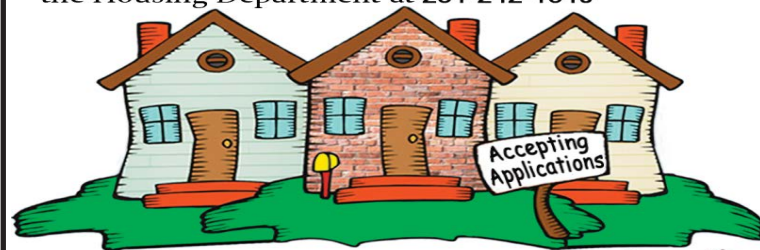
**Well & Septic Assistance Program:** Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault Ste. Marie, MI this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation of a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

**Credit Counseling:** We provide confidential advice and referrals to assist tribal citizens in regaining their financial stability and credibility.

**Tribal Rental Housing Program:** The LTBB Housing Department offers 29 rental units in the Northern Michigan area. These units are available to rent to Tribal Citizens and most rents are based on a family's monthly income. Any Tribal Citizen interested in renting a unit from the LTBB Housing Department should contact our offices for an application. Currently, there is a waiting list for available units.

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

For the Mtigwaakiis housing development. Tribal Preference applies. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540



Equal Housing Opportunity TDD: 800-649-3777



## Moving?

If you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an address verification form.

Forms are also available at [www.lttbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.lttbbodawa-nsn.gov). Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address verification form.

If you are a custodial parent, please provide proof by documentation.

Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark you as undeliverable.

If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.

Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of the per capita payment.

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

**Contact Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520.**

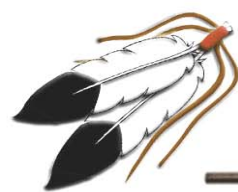
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RAINY DAY FUN

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<b>1</b> Tribal Council Meeting 9 am Tribal Courtroom LTBB Govt. Center	<b>2</b> Housing Commission Meeting 3:30 pm Rm. 312 Govt. Center	<b>3</b> Elders Luncheon at Noon	<b>4</b> Gaming Regulatory Meeting 5:30 pm 911 Spring St.	<b>5</b> Elders Luncheon at Noon	<b>6</b> Good Friday LTBB Governmental Offices Closed	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Easter</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Elders Luncheon at Noon	<b>11</b> Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting 10 am-4 pm Rm. 312 Govt. Center  NRC Meeting 6 pm Natural Resource Building	<b>12</b> Elders Luncheon at Noon	<b>13</b> CWC Meeting 1 pm Govt. Center Rm 312  Community Meeting / Planning Meeting 6 pm Rm. 312 Govt. Center	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Election Board Meeting 4:30 pm 911 Spring St.	<b>16</b> Citizenship Commission Meeting 5:30 pm Rm 118 Govt. Center	<b>17</b> Elders Luncheon at Noon	<b>18</b> Gaming Regulatory Meeting 5:30 pm 911 Spring St.	<b>19</b> Elders Luncheon at Noon	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Tribal Council Work Session 9 am Tribal Courtroom LTBB Govt. Center  Gaming Authority Mtg 9 am-12 pm Tribal Court Rm
<b>22</b> Tribal Council Meeting 9 am Tribal Courtroom LTBB Govt. Center  <b>Earth Day</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Elders Luncheon at Noon	<b>25</b> NRC Meeting 6 pm Natural Resource Building	<b>26</b> Elders Luncheon at Noon	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Election Board Meeting 9:30 am 911 Spring St.
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					<b>Elders Open Swim</b> Odawa Hotel Pool, Petoskey, MI Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm Call 231-242-1423 for details



# LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



## Birthdays

Happy belated birthday wishes for **Zack Feathers** on March 1 and his dad, **Derek Feathers**, on March 10. From family.

Wishing a belated happy birthday to my sisters, **Lou Beauchamp** and **Cherryl Sagataw**, and my brother-in-law, **Chris Beauchamp**. From your family in the U.P.



Happy birthday to our "big stinker" **Marty VanDeCar** on April 18. It's been said you fly under the radar and always come out smelling like a rose. Well, let's hope you smell like a rose on your special day! Love, the General, the Brassy Lady, the Old Man, Kathy and General Junior.

Happy belated birthday to our "Nana" and Happy 10th birthday to our special little guy – **Andrew**, from your loving family, Dad, Mom and little sister **Joselyn!!!**

Happy birthday to my little brother, **Braden Sutton**, who will be 1 year old on April 14th. I love you lots, your big brother, **Collin**.



Happy birthday to our bathing beauty, **Marie Newman**, who celebrates on April 8. You may not have gone to Florida this year, but there's still plenty of opportunities to wear your thong. This is, however, a family newsletter, so we had to put you in your bikini here or it would have been scandalous! Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

Birthday blessings to a great sister, **Laverne Bottoms**, from your brothers and sisters. We love you and wish you a great day and year.

Happy birthday to **Michael Wayne Shomin** on April 10. Love, your family.

**Damek Brill**  
Dami love... my Dami love...  
I need you, oh how I need you...  
Happy 8th birthday to my Dami love!  
I love you!  
Mom

## Birthdays

Wishing a very happy birthday to my daughter, **Lisa Young**. Have a great day with the kids and know you all are loved and missed. The years have flown by, and yet, I can still see my little girl running around putting food in the VCR! I am so proud of what you have accomplished in your life, and what a great Mommy you are!!! All my love, Mom.

Happy birthday **Krystina Peariso** on April 3, enjoy your week. ☺

Happy birthday **Sandi Wemigwase** on April 25, we love you! From Michigan family and fans.

Happy birthday **Mother!** Chi Miigwetch for everything! I wouldn't know what to do without you! We Love You so much! **Chrissy, Joe** and the kids.



Happy 4th birthday on April 5th to **Waaseyaban** aka **Waasey Wemigwase!** Was, you are the Wemigwase princess, and we love you dearly. Even though you may be a "big girl" now- you are still our bebe. Love, Mommy, Daddy, Anna, Gia-Butt and Baby.

Happy 1st birthday to **Braden**. Hope your day is as special as you are. Love, Grandma & Grandpa Sutton.



Happy birthday to **Melissa Wiatrolik** on April 3. I promise to be all rainbows and sunshine on your birthday, so mom doesn't have to separate us or ask you to talk about your feelings. From the Wicked Witch.

## Birthdays



Happy 11th birthday on April 18th to **Anamekwan** aka **Anna Wemigwase!** Our family is so blessed to have you in our lives. You make us so proud- Love, Mommy, Dad, Wassey and Bebe Gia- and Pow-wow, the Ndn dog.

Big happy birthday to **Marilyn Hume, Jessi Boda, Josie Laughlin, Lily Bott, Matt Miller, John Naganashe, Shannon Hume, Brayden King, Jean Boda, Vivian Pelcher, Karen Shananaquet** and **Beth Shananaquet**. You all have a great day! From Don and Dorothy Boda.

I would like to wish a belated "Happy Birthday" to **Marlene** on March 31 and **Jeff** on March 7, also "Happy Birthday" to **Maggie** on April 19, and **Tammy** on April 14. From your forgetful mom.



Happy 75th birthday to the **General** on April 24. You have always taken care of everyone else, but now, it's time for us to take care of you. We admire your strength, courage and determination. Love, the Brassy Lady, the Old Man, General Junior, Sonny Boy and Kathy.

MnoDibishkaan to **Michael "Mukwah" Keshick** on April 27th! Even though you'll be 19 years old this year, in my heart, you will always be my baby, my first born. I love you more than words can say. With all my heart ..... love Mom.

Happy birthday **Grandma Peep (Michele LaCount)** on April 23rd! Love, Avery and Alivia.

Happy birthday to **Shanna Wemigwase** from PaPa, Beverly J., Nee and the campers.

Happy 4th birthday to **Waasey Wemigwase**. We have so much fun when you spend the night! Love you "Baby", PaPa Bear and Gramma Bear.

## Birthdays

**Braden**, you light up our days with joy as we watch you grow. Hope your 1st birthday is as special as you are. Love, Great Grandma & Grandpa Petoskey.

Happy 11th birthday to **Anna Bear**. We've enjoyed watching you grow into such a beautiful young lady. PaPa Bear and Grammie Bear.

Wishing **Mamma Jamma** a happy birthday on April 26th! ☺

Happy birthday to my father, **Thomas Sutton**, who celebrates on April 17th! ~Love, Tina.

Sending birthday wishes out to **Brittany Norma**, who celebrates her day on April 12! Hope you enjoy your day Duckie, miss you bunches! ~Tina & Jason.



Happy birthday **Santa's Helper**, Deciding to be naughty or nice on your birthday??

It's your birthday. Make a wish

☺  
Bubbles

Happy birthday to **Braden Joseph Sutton** on April 14! We love you Peanut! ~Aunt Tina & Uncle Jason.

Happy birthday to **Brandon Smith** on April 16th! Welcome to the Great North, and we expect great things from you! "Team 915"

Happy 55th birthday **Sadi Synn** on the 10th. From your family.

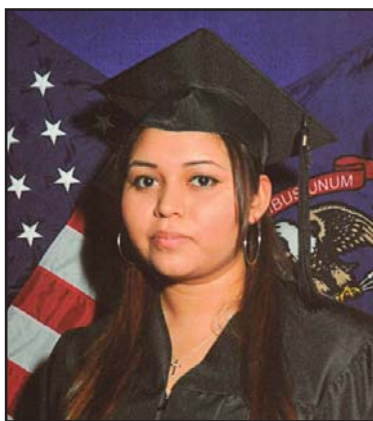
Happy birthday **Keno**, our April Fool's baby. Have a great day and a great year! Love, your family and the Good Hart gang.

Happy, happy birthday to our Spring Beauties!! Our granddaughters, **Waasey Wemigwase**, on April 5, who turns 4 years old, **Anna Wemigwase** on April 18, who turns 11 years old, and our daughter, **Shanna Wemigwase** on April 29!! Love you all, Mom, Matthew, Jenna and Kiana.

You is kind,  
You is smart,  
You is important,  
You is my bestest fellow Aries!  
Happy birthday **Marci Reyes!**  
Love, Fellow Aries, Melissa Wiatrolik, and kids.

Happy birthday **Mother Moses!**  
Love, your favorite daughter. ☺

## Congratulations



Congratulations to **Sunese Lucerito Granados** for receiving your Associates in Business. You make me so proud. Good luck with the Bachelor's degree program, I know you can do it. Love, cousin, **Pauline Boulton**.

## Anniversary

Happy anniversary to my grandparents, **Roland and Irene Petoskey**, on April 19th! Wishing you many more years of happiness together. We love you lots! ~Tina & Jason.

## Walking On...



**Jerome Edward Kiogima, 66**  
Jerome Edward Kiogima walked on January 8, 2012. He was in a warehouse fire and was badly burned. He was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital where he died from his burns. Jerry was born on June 1, 1945 in Petoskey, MI. He is the son of Charles Kiogima and Beatrice M. Peters. He married Sandra Lawler, and they had one child, Sean Edward. They divorced in 1978. He is survived by his son, Sean, of Pontiac, MI; a brother, James of Eureka, CA; two sisters, Elisabeth of Charlevoix, MI; and Marian A. (Wayne) Sedlak of Roscommon, MI. Preceding him in death were his parents; brothers, John and Robert; sisters, Carolyn and Charlene Kiogima; and half-sister, Shirley Wheeler. Cremation and burial have already taken place in Pontiac, MI.

**Barbara Jean Meshekey seeks family members.**

Contact information:  
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Cell: 386-623-3663  
E-mail:  
jjm2643@aol.com





# News Release

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Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012

## NMU RECEIVES NEA GRANT TO REVITALIZE ANISHINAABE ARTS

MARQUETTE— Northern Michigan University's Center for Native American Studies has been awarded a \$22,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The center will partner with the tribal historic preservation office at the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to launch "Creating and Learning Art in Native Settings," or the CLANS project.

The goal of the project is to revitalize traditional Anishinaabe dances, songs and art through an intensive week-long summer program featuring 11 recognized American Indian artists. The program will be held at the Old Indian Village in Watersmeet, Mich. American Indian middle school or high school youth from Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota are invited to apply.

"This arts education project is designed to teach traditional arts to American Indian youth in a Native community," said April Lindala, director of the NMU center. "We will combine active learning within a cultural context and cultural environment. Youth will learn not only how to make items such as black ash baskets and cattail mats, but they will learn how to seek out and collect the materials. This will give us a vehicle to discuss with youth the cultural significance of respecting the natural environment, as well as how treaties can serve as a guide for gathering natural resources."

Youth participants will also learn Anishinaabe songs, dances and regalia-making during the project. Lindala said many American Indian youth have not been taught the origins and stories of traditional social

songs and dances.

"Even the most traveled powwow dancer may only see, for example, the 'fish dance' or the 'buck and doe dance' performed once or twice a year," she said. "Tribal community leaders are eager to see our young people learn how to do these dances so the cultural significance will not be lost. We want youth to learn these songs and dances with the objective of being able to share them at an event such as a community powwow or with their friends in their own communities."

The name of the project comes from the term clan, or dodem, which is defined as one's extended family within the tribe. Lindala said many tribal nations have multiple clans—for example, bear, crane, loon or turtle—and traditionally, each group has a responsibility to the tribe as a whole.

"The CLANS project is about sharing these cultural teachings with the message that our youth will then have the responsibility to share what they learned with others, just as clans have a responsibility to their tribes," she added.

The Center for Native American Studies is receiving additional support for this project from the NMU College of Arts and Sciences. Other project partners include the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Youth Program, the Hannahville Indian School, the Hannahville Indian Community's Youth Program and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, which represents eleven tribes in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

For more information about the CLANS project, contact the NMU Center for Native American Studies at 906-227-1397 or visit [www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans](http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans).

Prepared by Kristi Evans/April Lindala.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Commission, Board and Committee Vacancies

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies
Citizenship	4 yr. term	5
Economic Development	3 yr. term	2
Housing	4 yr term	4
Natural Resources	4 yr. term	1
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	4
Election Board	4 yr. term	2
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.	3 yr. term	2
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.	5 yr term	2
Odawa Fishery, Inc.	3 yr term	2

The following information is provided for Tribal Members who are seeking nominations for an appointment to an LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee. Those interested, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume to:

**Tribal Chairman**  
LTBB of Odawa Indians  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49770  
Phone (231) 242-1418 Fax (231) 242-1411  
Email: [chairman@lbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:chairman@lbbodawa-nsn.gov)

The Executive Office notifies applicants when letter and resume are received. The Chairman's nominations are forwarded to Tribal Council. Thereafter, the Legislative Office handles all interview scheduling and correspondence for the Commissions or Boards, for the position vacancies.

The Executive Office is also accepting resumes for nominations for the appointed positions of:

**Judicial Postings:**

**Appellate Judge, 6 year term, expiring May 2017**

Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians. Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.

**Appellate Judge, 6 year term, expiring February 2018**

Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians. Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.

**Special Prosecutor, 2 year term**

Refer to WOS 2011-006 Tribal Prosecutor Statute, Sec. IX for qualifications, limited purpose and duty.

**YOGA**  
MONDAY & THURSDAY  
8 AM TO 9 AM

**BOXING**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
7:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

**JIU JITSU**  
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

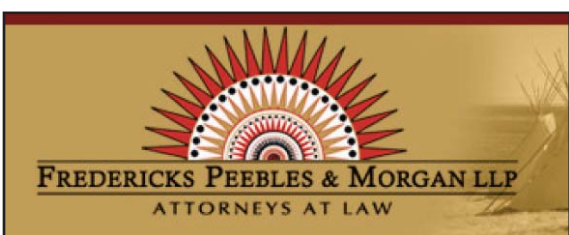
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**ADVANCED TAE KWON DO**  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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## FREDERICKS PEEBLES & MORGAN LLP SECURES LANDMARK COURT RULING ON TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

Editor's note: The following is a press release dated February 20, 2012.



Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP has successfully garnered a landmark ruling in suits brought by the State of Colorado against two tribally-owned online businesses. Those suits threatened tribal sovereignty and the ability of the tribes to operate businesses for the purpose of economic development. The two businesses are separately owned and operated by the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and by the Santee Sioux Nation, both federally-recognized Indian tribes. The Denver District Court ruling, captioned State of Colorado v. Cash Advance, is expected to have a major impact on the ability of other tribes and their economic development entities to do business both in Indian Country and over the internet.

The ruling also outlawed state-issued subpoenas that would have required the two tribal companies to provide documents and other proprietary information, which the Tribes claimed that the State had no right to demand. Contempt citations and bench warrants aimed at the tribal entities and their officers for failing to comply with the subpoenas were also discharged under the ruling.

Lead attorneys for Fredericks Peebles & Morgan were Conly Schulte and Shilee Mullin. Firm attorneys argued that the suits brought by the State of Colorado had no merit because the companies are wholly-owned arms of federally-recognized Indian tribes, and they are therefore immune from the subpoenas and enforcement orders under the doctrine of tribal sovereign immunity. The Colorado Attorney General had argued that the tribally-owned businesses were not immune from suit on the ground that they engaged non-tribal members in some of their operations. The Denver District Court disagreed, holding, "The Miami and Santee people are

the ones we must trust . . . to know what kinds of business relationships are in their best interests. They do not need the guidance of the State of Colorado, through either its law enforcement officials or its courts."

"The Court's decision is groundbreaking for its application of the principles of tribal sovereignty to modern day tribal economic development activities," said Conly Schulte, an attorney with Fredericks Peebles & Morgan, who argued the cases before the Colorado courts. "It stands for the proposition that State officials have no right to impose their paternalistic values upon Tribes' business decisions."

The original suit brought by the State suggested that the two businesses were in violation of Colorado law for doing business with Colorado consumers over the internet without having a license from the State. After several years of wrangling over whether the tribal entities could be forced to comply with the State's subpoenas, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled that tribal immunity applies to businesses that are arms of their respective Indian tribes, regardless of whether the activities are commercial or governmental in nature, or whether the activities take place on or off tribal lands. The Supreme Court sent the case back to the District Court for a determination of whether the tribal businesses were arms of their respective Tribes, and the District Court ruled in favor of the Tribes.

"This decision will have a monumental positive effect in Indian Country and on tribes who are trying to build their economies and improve the lives of their people through many diverse business opportunities," said Shilee Mullin, an attorney with Fredericks Peebles and Morgan. "The firm is pleased to have had an important role in securing this ruling that helps protect and preserve tribal sovereign immunity which has been threatened by a variety of organizations."

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Michigan to sell tobacco to individuals under 18. The gambling age at Odawa Casino is 19.

"Doing this would make us stand out from the other tribes who have vertical IDs because we'd be facilitating an evidence-based practice with our vertical IDs," Woodin said. "It directly relates to the SPRING Program's primary goal of reducing under-age substance abuse in the LTBB service area. We've talked to Biindigen employees, and they said it'd be a big help. I know, just from personal experience, it takes three or four minutes for casino employees to check IDs.

"Right now, they're looking at the laws and policy changes that would be necessary to implement the program. If we get the OK from the Executive, the timeline for implementing it is May of this year."

The SPRING Program staff includes Director Dr. Cheryl Samuels, Coordinator Angie Woodin, Health Educator Arlene Naganashe, Outreach Workers Deleta Smith and Yvonne Goudreau and Clerical Assistant Ronda Ellis. The Community Organizer position is currently vacant, but it looks to be filled in the near future. Woodin started in October 2011, Naganashe in December 2011, Smith in February 2012, Goudreau in November 2009 and Ellis in April 2010.

SPRING stands for Significant Prevention Resulting in New Generations, and the SPRING Program is funded by a federal grant which started in July 2009 and ends in July 2014. The SPRING Program is under the umbrella of the Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department, and the SPRING Program is located at the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey, MI.

An article detailing current SPRING Program services and programs will appear in the May issue of the *Odawa Trails*.

*Pictured from left to right in the photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar are SPRING Outreach Worker Yvonne Goudreau, SPRING Coordinator Angie Woodin, SPRING Outreach Worker Deleta Smith, Pellston Public Schools Title VII Indian Education Coordinator Laura Chaney and SPRING Health Educator Arlene Naganashe.*

"Lah Lah's" continued from front page.

things out of duct tape. We're always looking for fun things to do."

Lah Lah's does consignment with artists only. There is no charge for the artists to have items there, and Lah Lah's receives a portion of the sales. They are always willing to meet with artists to discuss consignment or to look at items people are selling. They encourage people to stop by or contact the store to schedule an appointment. You can reach them at 231-347-4930 or at Lah.Lahs10@gmail.com. They also accept donations. Lah Lah's is working on a website, but has its own Facebook page.

"We buy everything outright and pay in cash,"

Adrienne said. "We don't want to say we only take certain things. Bring it in, and we'll take a look at it. We like being able to support local artists."

Haley said it's like a home away from home.

"It's fun working together," she said. "We're all very committed to making this a success. It could have been intimidating to do it because it was unknown territory, and we didn't know what would happen, but we all had each other."

Adrienne said she never dreads coming to work.

"I've always confided in them and considered them my best friends," she said. "I trust them completely."

Laura and her husband, Thomas, have four

children, Adrienne, 27, Haley, 20, Tom, 21, and Luke, 16.

Thomas had worked in auto body shops, and he makes things out of metal in his shop at home. Some of the metal trains he has made are for sale at Lah Lah's, and he made several of the sales racks there.

Laura, Adrienne and Haley wanted to thank Amanda Gearhart, Stormy Dickinson, Helen Esford and Marie Michels for all their help with their business.

*Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar except for the head shot of Laura Esford, which was taken by Lisa McComb.*



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# NATIVE NEWS BRIEFS

## Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Revenue Sharing Check Presentation

Odawa Casino Resort, owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, presented Emmet County Treasurer Marilyn May with a two percent revenue sharing check for \$606,897.55 on March 19, 2012 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.



The revenue sharing amount is based on two percent of the casino's electronic gaming proceeds for the second half of 2011. The funding is used to support the education and public safety of Emmet County, MI.

Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara, Vice Chairman Julie Shananaquet, Odawa Casino Resort Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin and Odawa Casino Resort Community Development Manager Marty VanDeCar made the check presentation to May.

*Pictured from left to right in the photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar are Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara, Vice Chairman Julie Shananaquet, Emmet County Treasurer Marilyn May and Odawa Casino Resort Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin.*

## Odawa Casino Honored as Business of the Month

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce selected Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, as its March 2012 Business of the Month. The Business of the Month is a business that goes above and beyond business as usual, positively impacting the community. This business is selected by the Chamber Ambassador Committee and will be a contender for the Chamber's Business of the Year Award. This prestigious award is presented at the Chamber's Annual Awards Reception.



Owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Odawa Casino will celebrate its fifth anniversary this June. Odawa Casino features nearly 1,300 slot machines, dozens of table games and a poker room, three dining venues, two retail outlets, a nightclub, a lounge, a multi-purpose events center and an offsite 137-room hotel.

Odawa Casino employs more than 550 great team members year-round with an increase during the summer season to approximately 650 team members. Odawa

Casino appreciates the recognition extended to us by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, please visit [www.odawacasino.com](http://www.odawacasino.com).

Odawa Casino is a proud member of eight Chambers of Commerce in Northern Michigan: Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce, Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Indian River Chamber of Commerce and Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce.

*Courtesy photo.*

## LTBB Tribal Citizen Wins Second Conference Championship

Central Michigan University (CMU) sophomore distance runner Tecumseh Adams, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, captured the Mid-American Conference (MAC) title in the 3,000-meter run at the MAC Indoor Track and Field Championships held February 24 and 25, 2012 and helped his team finish third there. He won the race in 8:36.56, pulling away from Eastern Michigan University's Terefe Ejigu in the final lap. Adams also finished second there in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:22.58. He is CMU's indoor track and field record holder in both the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs, setting school records for the events in 2012. It was his second MAC title after winning the 2011 MAC Cross Country title.



Adams, a Harbor Springs High School graduate, is the son of John Adams and Anahid Adams and the grandson of the late Lewis Adams, Sr. and the late Doris (Kishigo) Adams. He is majoring in anthropology at CMU.

*Courtesy photo.*

## Attention Native College Journalism Students

The 2012 Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) Scholarship applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2012.

Each year, NAJA offers scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$3,000 to Native American students pursuing journalism degrees at a higher learning institution. To apply, students must be current paid members. Annual memberships cost \$10 for high school students and \$20 for college students. For more information and to download an application, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/NAJAScholarship>.

*Courtesy graphic.*



## MICHIGAN INDIAN LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION UPDATE

Submitted by the Trust Fund Board

It has been more than a decade since the original Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement certificates were issued.

All adults have been paid or they have deferred payment to a later date, however, tribal children who were enrolled before December 16, 1997 but had not yet turned 18 are still in the process of redeeming their certificates.

The following steps are intended to aid in this process. Redeeming certificates from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 105-143, are as follows:

1. Determine your eligibility: Tribal citizens who were enrolled, but had not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon reaching the age of 18.
2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his or her certificates must have a notarized signature.
3. Copy two pieces of identification: One piece of identification (e.g. Driver's license) must have a picture, and the second piece needs at least your signature.
4. Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

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