

# ODAWA TRAILS

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## PAINTER AND ILLUSTRATOR DAVID SHANANAQUET'S TALENT IS UNLIMITED

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Painter and illustrator David Shananaquet is not one to limit himself.

During his successful career, Shananaquet has created everything from paintings, murals, business lo-

gos, tribal flags, cartoon characters or caricatures and roccasins (Shananaquet uses a certain type of rock he finds in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and paints on it to make it look like a moccasin).

"I can paint and draw almost anything," said Shananaquet, a LTBB Tribal Citizen. "I am not afraid to try different things."

"I get a lot of satisfaction from doing something I've never done before."

One of Shananaquet's more unique paintings hangs in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Nation's Ziibwing Center in Mt. Pleasant, MI. It features car bingo from the 1960s.

"If I am commissioned to do a piece, I do what they ask," Shananaquet said. "They wanted period cars from the 1960s, so I researched them to do the painting."

One of Shananaquet's larger works is an eight feet by 16 feet mural commissioned by the Notawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians.

"The mural had to do with the firekeeper's," Shananaquet said. "I did a past, present and future piece. I do paintings of all sizes."

Six museums display Shananaquet's work as well as a number of universities, tribal casinos and schools.

"What amazes me is he is so humble and laid-back," said Julie Shananaquet, David's sister. "He is so soft-spoken. He amazes the rest of the family."

"Maybe it makes his heart smile inside, but he never wears it on his sleeve."

David Shananaquet signs all of his work with his trademark feather that appears as part of the "q" in his last name. But even if he didn't sign his work, you would know it was his.

"He has never gone with the trends like some artists have," Julie Shananaquet said. "His art has a distinctive style. He believes in the circle of life. A lot of his work expresses his spirituality and spiritual beliefs. He prays to and gets his inspiration from the Creator."

Although David Shananaquet's

work has varied themes, one of his favorite themes is children. His late grandmother, Angeline Shomin, instilled in him the importance of taking care of the children. He has two children of his own: Paul, 24, and Carly, 22.

"I want the kids to be inspired by looking at other Indian children," David Shananaquet said. "I want to give them a sense of pride. I would like to teach Indian art."

"I want to convey they go to the ceremonies, so they know what they are painting. I want them to understand what I am painting. It would make my message a lot clearer to them."

Julie Shananaquet said their grandmother always stressed the importance of guarding and protecting your children because she lived in the boarding school era.

"Our grandmother was the matriarch of our family," Julie Shananaquet said. "He (David) associates a lot with his grandma because he is a lot like her. He has his grandma's personality. She had a lot of the same traditional beliefs he has."

One of David Shananaquet's favorite paintings is the wolf clan painting that hangs in the Tribal Courtroom at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. It is one of seven clan paintings that hang in the courtroom. He was originally commissioned to do only the wolf painting, but the person who wanted the painting was unable to purchase it.

"When the person reneged on buying it (the wolf painting), I kept going with the series," David Shananaquet said. "They had mentioned they wanted artwork in the courtroom and had talked about doing a clan series. They liked the paintings when they saw them."

David Shananaquet's painting of an Indian mother and an Indian child hangs in the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, and his painting of an Indian man paddling in a canoe hangs on the second floor of the LTBB Governmental Center.

"I am proud of the fact they are in our tribal buildings," David

Shananaquet said. "My favorite is painting children. I always keep my grandmother in the back of my mind."

David Shananaquet, 51, has been painting and drawing as long as he can remember. As an artist, he has evolved a lot over the years.

"The main thing is I am doing a lot more detailed work now," David Shananaquet said. "I have worked under a magnifying glass for the past 10 years. It makes it easier to paint details."

David Shananaquet is basically a self-taught artist although he learned some techniques from professional artists. He has done art instruction with grade school children.

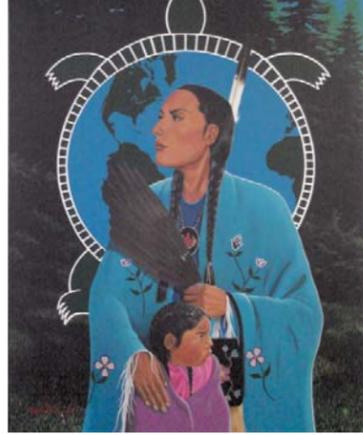
"I've been doing artwork my whole life," David Shananaquet said. "I sold my first piece at 13. I started doing it to entertain myself. We didn't have much back then. We were poor. Poverty was my inspiration. My mom (Marie Shananaquet) always told me I was drawing and painting on walls and anything else I could get my hands on in the house. It was nice to be recognized as one of the best at something I did."

"Mom said, 'Do your best, and you will be one of the best.'"

David Shananaquet worked 15 years as an artist at Baker Furniture Factory, but is a full-time artist now, working at his Hopkins, MI, home. He averages 50-60 paintings a year.

"I wanted to try and make it on my own as an artist," David Shananaquet said. "I do all right between selling my art and being an arena director at pow wows."

His children, Paul and Carly, are both painters, and his wife of 25 years, Lorraine "Punkin" (Martin) Shananaquet does beadwork. Punkin Shananaquet, a member of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis, works as a Community Health Representative for her tribe and is a traditional dancer. Paul Shananaquet works part-time as a cultural instructor for Grand Rapids Public Schools and is a grass dancer. Carly Shananaquet is a student at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is a jingle dress dancer.



David Lee Shananaquet  
Saagima (One Who Can Travel The Water and The Sky Realms)  
Name' Indodem - Sturgeon Clan  
Bidaasige Ndoonjiba  
Waboozho seppi aking endayaan  
Mide Anishinabe inini



### Artist Statement

I believe my mission to become a full-time artist has been realized. My art and my vision are of the most personal and valuable tools that I rely on. My art speaks for itself, and many of my pieces are untitled. I do not rely on labels nor do I try to title a work of art. I believe since my artwork is from the heart, it speaks for itself. My inspiration comes from within, and the spirit of expression is a gift. I try to focus my spirituality that comes from traditional teachings; the gifts of the seven grandfathers and the respect for life and Mother Earth. I will always dedicate my work to the young people and the Seven Generations yet to follow.

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The freedom to be a part of a people who, with integrity and pride, still have and speak our own language. The freedom to share 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.

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The deadline for the May issue of *Odawa Trails* is March 26. You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in. Please e-mail submissions to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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# DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

## LANGUAGE PROGRAM

### LANGUAGE GAME DAY SERVES AS A TOOL FOR LEARNING ANISHINAABEMOWIN

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On February 24 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, the LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program sponsored a Language Game Day.

People of all ages enjoyed playing Uno, Sorry, Crazy Eights, Sardines, War, Go Fish, Animals, Verb-O, Clue, Guess-O, Twister, Scattergories, Yahtzee, Snake and Jeopardy.

Winners received prizes.

Language Program Coordinator Carla McFall, Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick, Language Curriculum Specialist Anne Stander, Language Program Assistant Crystal Greensky, and Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase assisted participants.

Playing games is a very effective tool for learning Anishi-

naabemowin. Language learners focus on playing the game and having fun. They are less concerned about remembering words, definitions or grammar. Players are motivated to use words and phrases associated with the game, and of course, in the spirit of friendly competition, winning the game. The vocabulary learned is not limited to game play, but can be useful in everyday situations. The games provide

an excellent opportunity for multi-generational interaction and good old-fashioned family time.

Bryce Carver and Regina Brubacker prepared lunch and dinner for the participants.

The Language Game Day scheduled for March 24 at the governmental center is canceled. Instead, the Language Program sponsored Aambe Odaminidaa (Come on, Let's Play) on March 20 from 5-8 p.m. at the govern-

mental center. It was a pizza (and salad) party for Binoojiinhak (children) and Shkiniigik (youth and teens) miinwa Nitaawgik and Kikaajik (adults, elders and families). People played cards, and board, guessing and team games.

Language Program Coordinator Carla McFall contributed to this article.

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(Left to Right) Tribal Elder Dean Samuels and Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick.

Language Program Assistant Crystal Greensky with several of the games available to people at the event.

(L to R) Winnay Wemigwase, Crystal Greensky and Brittany Bentley, 11, set up the Guess Who? game.

(L to R) Elders Theresa MacIntyre, Glenn Kimball and Dean Samuels play Crazy Eights together.

Thomas Hill and Language Curriculum Specialist Anne Stander play Gnebig (snake). Stander won the game.

Clarence King (in the maroon shirt), Carrie Lereaux (in the red shirt) and George Tiudau (in the blue jacket) play Sorry.

(L to R) Language Program Assistant Crystal Greensky and Harriet Kishigo-Booth set up a Guess Who? game.

(L to R) Alex Boulton, 8, Zhaawon Smith, 3, and Miigwaans Smith, 8, play Twister as Netawn Kiogima and Robert "R.J." Smith assist them.

(L to R) Alex Boulton, 8, and Miigwaans Smith, 8, enjoy a game of Twister at Language Game Day.

(L to R) Mkoohns "Little Bear" Gasco, 4, Alex Boulton, 8, and Miigwaans Smith, 8, in the front row. Zhaawon Smith, 3, in the back row.

(Front to Back) Alex Boulton, 8, Miigwaans Smith, 8, and Regina Gasco play a friendly game of Twister.

Rebecca Andrews, 5, plays Uno with her father, Thomas Andrews II, at Language Game Day.

(L to R) Brittany Bentley, 11, and Winnay Wemigwase work to solve the whodunit, playing Clue at the event.

(L to R) Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Brittany Bentley, 11, and Winnay Wemigwase play Guess Who? together.

Alex Boulton, 8, played a friendly game of War with his grandmother, Grace Zerbe, at the event.

Miigwaans Smith, 8, plays Sorry with her father, Robert "R.J." Smith. Smith is the Youth Services Coordinator.

## ZIISBAAKDAKI GIIZIS

By Isabelle Osawamick, Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor

Mmmmm aapiji mnopgwad ni-naatigwa ziiwaagmide. Gitchi nooki-iwin gwa maanda wiizhichigaadek. Kina gwaya giinaadimaage gwa zhaazhigo pii ziiwaagmide zhichigaadek. Ninaatig aabidek tam gi-ibikwanejiigaaza miidash miinwa kik giigoojigaazad zheye mtigoon. Aabidek gwa wiiksina naakshik miinwa wiigzhinaamde giizhigak maanda wiimwejoong zisabaakadaaboo. Noonj dash nishin giizis gzaashged, aapijijoon maanda zisabaakadaaboo.

Baatiina maanda pii enb-waachwed. Kina gwaya gichinendam geyaabi zookpoosnok. Wiitaawsak biinaa'aan ndobinoojiinwan paayaa'aad. Binoojiinhak wiidookidaadok, kwewok ka'aam-

daanaa'aa shkode miinwa niniwok gewiinwa aadoonaa'aa zisabaakadaaboo. Kaawii geyaabi maanda naasaap zhiwebsino. Kina gwaya nangwa damtaa. Miisawigwa geyaabi gikendaanaa wiibnaajtooying maanda pii mnookimig. Bi-maadziik geyaabi maawnjidiwok wi-maantowaad ninaatigwa ziiwaagmide. Kina gmaamwi wisinimi miinwa gminendaagwazimi pii nkweh-daadiing.

### Translation

Mmmmm, maple syrup really tastes good. It is hard work to make this. Long ago, everybody used to help when the syrup was made. They needed to first make a hole on the maple tree; then, a pail was hung from

the tree. The nights have to be cold, and the days warmer in order for the maple sap to flow. It is even better if the sun shines; the sap flows continuously.

There are many who visit at this time. Everybody is happy it is not snowing anymore. Relatives bring their children when they come by. The children play with each other; the women watch the fire and the men carry the sap. It does not happen the same way anymore. Everybody is too busy. However, we still know to acknowledge this during springtime. The people still gather together to honor maple syrup. We eat together, and we have fun when we meet at this time.

## FIRST INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE PH.D. PROGRAM IN U.S.

Submitted by the Language Program

In an article that appeared in *Indian Country Today* on February 7, 2007, the *Associated Press* reported on a new program, a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Hawaiian and Indigenous Language and Culture Revitalization, offered by the University of Hawaii at Hilo. It is the first doctorate program in the United States presented in the indigenous language. It is also the first Ph.D. program in the world dedicated to language and culture revitalization. There are

currently five students in the program. Like many cultures, Hawaiian natives are diligently working to revitalize their native language. Their immersion schools now run from pre-school through the Ph.D. level, and they are paving the way for many other Native communities to follow in their successes.

For more information on the program, please visit [www.uhh.hawaii.edu/academics/graduate/](http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/academics/graduate/).

# ELDERS CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY AT ANISHINAABEMOWIN ETA W KIKAAJIK

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Tribal Elder Mary Keshick posed with the Valentine Day's cake made by Language Program Coordinator Carla McFall.



Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick (in the center) speaks to the elders at Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik.



Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick speaks Anishinaabemowin to the elders in attendance.



(L to R) Thomas Hill and Glenna Kimball share a laugh during Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik on February 13.



Harriet Kishigo-Booth speaks Anishinaabemowin during Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik on February 13.



Thomas Hill (left) speaks to Glenna Kimball (center) and Ed Shenoskey (right) during Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik on February 13.

At Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik on February 13, Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick celebrated Valentine's Day with the group of elders in attendance at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Osawamick brought a heart-shaped cake with white frosting and strawberries on top with her. Language Program Coordinator Carla McFall made the cake. Elders in attendance at the class were Mary Keshick, Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Glenna Kimball, Thomas Hill, Sam Shenoskey, Ed Shenoskey and Theresa MacIntyre. Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### NEW ARRIVALS TO THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

#### **Sacred Smoke: The Ancient Art of Smudging for Modern Times**

This book was published in 2002, and it was written by Harvest McCampbell.

The following is a description of the book from the Amazon.com website:

"Learn how to make smudge sticks and to identify, collect and grow a wide range of sacred plants for smudging. It includes research techniques, sources of potent smudging herbs, information on the use of sacred plants and valuable advice on how to reclaim lost traditions and find personal healing rituals."

McCampbell is a Native American herbalist, author, and educator. She is also a gifted artist and storyteller and promotes literacy for children.

#### **Ojibway Heritage**

This book was published in 1976, and it was written by Basil Johnston.

The following is a description of the book from the Amazon.com

website:

"Rarely accessible beyond the limits of its people, Ojibway mythology is as rich in meaning and mystery, as broad, as deep, and as innately appealing as the mythologies of Greece, Rome, Egypt, and other civilizations. In *Ojibway Heritage*, Basil Johnston sets forth the broad spectrum of his people's life, legends, and beliefs. Stories to be read, enjoyed, dwelt on, and freely interpreted, their authorship is perhaps most properly attributed to the tribal storytellers who have carried on the oral tradition which Basil Johnston records and preserves in this book."

#### **Keewaydinoquay, Stories from my Youth**

This book was published in 2006, and it was written by Keewaydinoquay Peschel.

The following is a description of the book from the University of Michigan press website:

"In the captivating art of the oral tradition, told in the author's

own voice, *Keewaydinoquay, Stories from My Youth* brings to life the childhood years of a Michigan woman of both Native American and white descent. Presented here with the clarity and charm of a master storyteller, the words of Keewaydinoquay contain layers of understanding, conveyed by both what is said and how it is said. The values of the worldview she shares with us are ones that resonate on far more than just an intellectual level. The stories span generations and cultures and shed a rare light on the living conditions of Native Americans in Michigan in the early 1990s. They recount Keewaydinoquay's education in the public schools, illuminate the role Christianity played in Native American culture and reveal the importance of maintaining traditional customs. Keewaydinoquay was one of the very few Native American women who was steeped both in the ancient folkways of her people as well as erudite in the American university sys-

tem. Ultimately, she wove her native tradition and university learning together into a unique perspective that helps people understand the importance of nature and the human spirit."

Peschel was Lecturer of Ethnobotany and Philosophy of the Western Great Lakes Indians at the University of Wisconsin. She wrote several books before she passed away in 1999.

#### **Song of the Seven Herbs**

This book was published in 1987, and it was written by Walking Night Bear.

The following is a description of the book from the Amazon.com website:

"This collection of captivating and original stories for children and adults alike tell how the Creator gave us seven common herbs. Spiritual allegories are used to teach us to be caretakers of Mother Earth. Good for young readers."

#### **Chippewa Customs**

This book was published in

1929, and it was written by Frances Densmore.

The following is the description of the book from the Amazon.com website:

"Frances Densmore, born in 1867, was one of the first ethnologists to specialize in the study of American Indian music and culture. Her book, first published in 1929, remains an authoritative source for the tribal history, customs, legends, traditions, art, music, economy, and leisure activities of the Chippewa Indians of the United States and Canada."

LTBB Tribal Citizens can visit the Cultural Library located in the Education Department at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, and check out any of these new arrivals for three weeks.

Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### ROBERTS ASSISTS IN SENATOR MCCAIN'S SECURITY DETAIL

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Law Enforcement Officer Ryan Roberts, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, served in Senator John McCain's security detail when he visited Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, MI, on June 10, 2006.

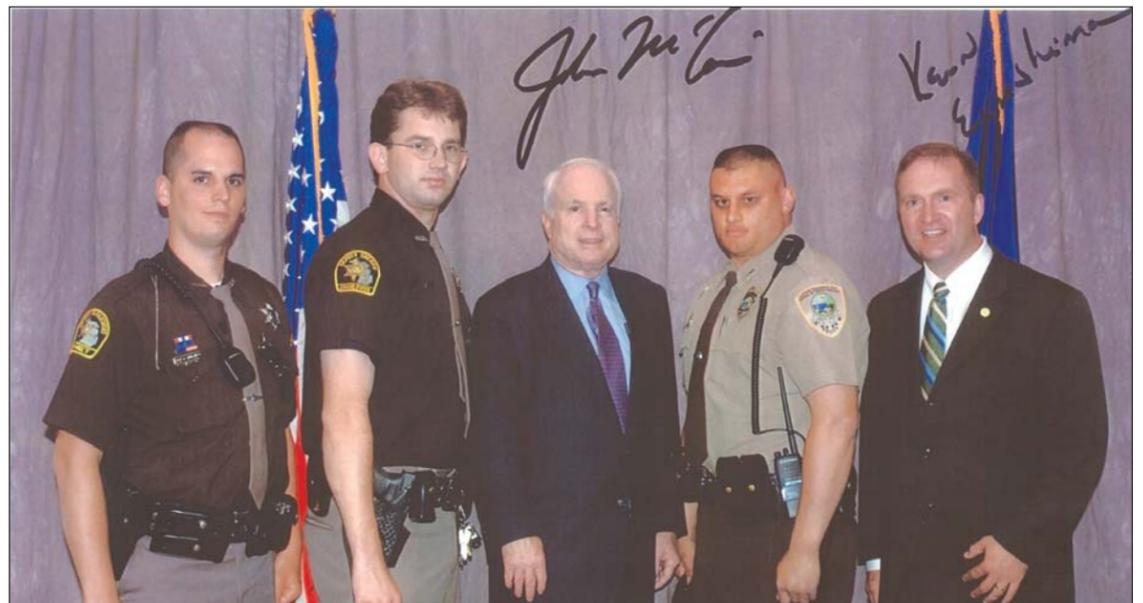
The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office asked Chief Law Enforcement Officer Jeff Cobe for assistance. Tribal police officers became cross deputized with the Emmet County Sheriff's Office in 2000 and with the Charlevoix

County Sheriff's Office in 2004.

An article about Roberts' experience appeared in the August issue of *Odawa Trails*.

Roberts has also worked security detail for parades, concerts and for Governor Jennifer Granholm in her past visits to the tribe. Roberts attended Kirtland Community College Police Academy in Roscommon, MI.

The photo appears courtesy of Ryan Roberts.



Law Enforcement Officer Ryan Roberts (the fourth from the left) served in Senator John McCain's security detail during McCain's visit to Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, MI, on June 10, 2006.

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## LTBB'S GENEROSITY BENEFITS TWO NORTHERN MICHIGAN AREA SCHOOLS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians strives to make a positive impact on the tribal and non-tribal communities.

By providing two Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) packages to Sheridan Elementary School in Petoskey, MI, and Harbor Springs Middle School in Harbor Springs, MI, LTBB hopes to help combat childhood obesity.

"Our goal is to reach out to and impact the entire community," Health Educator Regina Brubacker said. "We're committed to finding ways to get children more active."

"If enough things like DDR accumulate as the children grow up, it can make an impact. Childhood

obesity is a serious problem, and this is one thing that helps to combat it."

The DDR packages include play stations, cobalt pads, DDR software, additional student practice pads, vaults to store equipment and curriculum with suggestions for use.

"The kids enjoy doing it so much, they don't think of it as exercise," Brubacker said. "It's a good aerobic workout for anyone."

LTBB received the DDR packages from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC) who received 10 of them from Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of Michigan.

ITC gave the 10 DDR packages to the eight Michigan tribes partici-

pating in its Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe program.

"To the children, it is just a fun video game," Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski said. "But to health educators, it is a way to get children more active."

West Virginia University (WVU) researchers conducted the West Virginia Games for Health research project to determine if DDR resulted in any health benefits for children who played the popular game. The nine-month study involved 85 children ages seven through 12 who were either overweight or at risk of becoming overweight. Because the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) funded the

study, it was restricted to children whose parents were enrolled in PEIA primary health plans.

The clinical study required participants to play the game five days a week for at least 30 minutes and to record their activity while WVU researchers monitored several health indicators over the course of the study including weight, blood pressure, body mass index, arterial function, fitness levels and attitudes toward exercise.

The study found the children, all above the 85th percentile for body mass according to gender and age, improved their general health and reduced their risks for lifestyle-related diseases. Although not all of

the children in the study lost weight, the majority did not gain weight and experienced improvements in their aerobic capacity, blood vessel function and overall fitness level.

Last year, West Virginia announced it would place DDR in all 765 of its public schools by the 2006-07 school year. West Virginia has one of the highest childhood obesity rates in the country.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar. They were taken on March 7 at Sheridan Elementary School in Petoskey, MI, at an afternoon gym class.



## IMPORTANT FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE

I.H.S. - CHS coverage is not automatic. You must be registered with CHS. Should you have an emergency situation requiring you to obtain care at a non-I.H.S. facility such as urgent care or the emergency room, you must notify the CHS office at 231-242-1600 within 72 hours of that visit. If you fail to do so, you will be held responsible for the bill.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- You must reside in the Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA).
- Be an enrolled member or descendent of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians or be able to prove social or economic ties to the community.
- A Native American claiming eligibility for CHS has the responsibility to furnish the tribal program with documentation to substantiate the claim.
- You must have an ac-

tive and complete file with Contract Health before a reference number can be given.

### Remember!!!!

Indian Health Service Contract Health is not an entitlement program - not everyone is eligible. Know your status before obtaining services.

### Referrals:

Physicians write referrals when patients need medical care that is not available in the Tribal Clinic. A referral is not an implication the care will be paid by CHS. A patient must meet eligibility criteria, medical priorities and use all alternate resources available.

If a referral is denied for CHS payment, the patient may elect to obtain medical services at his or her own expense. In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one medical appointment. Please call Contract Health Services at 231-242-1600 prior to any follow-up appointments for approval to make sure your coverage is still in effect.

### Alternate Resources:

Contract Health Service is the payer of last resort. When a patient has Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Assistance, Workman's compensation, private insurance or any other coverage, it is considered the primary carrier.

### Priority system:

Medical referrals are approved for payment by a priority system.

The system has highest priority to approve conditions related to life saving or potential death threatening situations, then we approve by severity of condition.

The amount of funding we receive for CHS services is limited. When we run out of money toward the end of the year, then we have to be very strict on referral approvals and may only have the funds to pay for emergency conditions.

### Free Rabies Shot Clinic

April 5  
2 p.m.-6 p.m.

Bring your cats and dogs.  
Your pet needs to have a rabies booster every three years!

LTBB Health DepartmentLocated at LTBB Health Park

### Middle School Homework Lab

Where: Little Traverse Bay Bands' Governmental Center  
When: Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Drop off: Harbor Springs Public School Bus or parent drop off  
Pick up: Parent pick up at 5 p.m. at the Governmental Center

For More Information and Sign Up,  
Call Cheryl Halfacer, Harbor Springs Title VII Coordinator  
231-526-4835  
Or Dorothy Perry, K-12 Student Services Coordinator  
LTBB Education Department  
231-242-1482

SNACKS ARE PROVIDED

# LTBB HEALTH DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton has her blood pressure checked by Health Educator Regina Brubacker.



MIS Technician Roger Emery listens as Health Educator Regina Brubacker discusses heart disease at the event.



(L to R) Health Educator Regina Brubacker and Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski worked at the event.



Human Resources Generalist Sue Gasco has her blood pressure checked by Health Educator Regina Brubacker.



Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik took time out of his busy day to have his blood pressure checked at the event.



Facilities Manager Steve Clausen has his blood pressure checked by Health Educator Regina Brubacker.

Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's nationwide movement that encourages women to improve their heart health while taking action to fight women's heart disease, the No. 1 killer of American women.

To stimulate heart disease awareness and help women live heart healthy lifestyles, Go Red for Women organized activities such as the National Wear Red Day on February 2.

By wearing red on February 2, people showed their support

for women and the fight against heart disease. From 8 a.m. to noon that day, the Health Department sponsored a Go Red for Women event at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

Health Educator Regina Brubacker and Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski educated people of their risk of heart disease, checked their blood pressure, entered people into a prize drawing and gave away Go Red for Women pins.

Approximately 50 people had

their blood pressure checked.

Executive Assistant Rebecca Fisher, Appellate Justice Rita Gasco-Shepard, Elders Program Coordinator Marie "Tootsie" Keshick and I won the prizes from the drawing. Fisher won a Red Dress bracelet, Gasco-Shepard won a black Rhinestone cap, I won a Rhinestone Red Dress tote and Keshick won a red Rhinestone cap.

To purchase those and other Go Red items, visit [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org), click on Go Red in Your Own Fashion and click on

Shop Go Red.

Go Red for Women began in 2004 with a goal to raise awareness of the risks associated with heart disease. It gives women tips and information on healthy eating, exercise and risk factor reduction such as smoking cessation, weight maintenance, blood pressure control and blood cholesterol management.

Several factors raise your risk of heart disease and stroke. Risk factors you can't control include increasing age, gender, heredity and race, and previous stroke or

heart attack. Risk factors you can control include high blood pressure, tobacco smoke, high blood cholesterol, physical inactivity, obesity or overweight and diabetes.

For more information on Go Red for Women, visit [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org).

For more information on heart disease, visit the American Heart Association's website at [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

## TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

### FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR ALBERT COLBY, JR.

Aanii tribal citizens.

The Executive Branch is busy on several fronts including developing the infrastructure for a future housing development on the Murray Road property which is located a few miles west of Bayshore, MI, a rework of the LTBB Community Building, "Circle of Life" professional development training for governmental staff, Renewable Energy Workgroup, Long Term Care and Assisted Living Task Force and assisting with the Annual Citizenship Meeting to be held on May 12 in Petoskey, MI.

The tribe received grant funding to build the infrastructure on the 80-acre Murray Road property. The work group is meeting on an aggressive schedule to finalize a site plan with two phases: The first is to construct multi-family housing and the second is to construct elder duplexes on the property. The infrastructure work will include the development of an access road, how to run the electricity determined by if natural gas or propane will be the service of choice (dependent on natural gas tie in site) and proper storm water runoff provisions. The task force will be utilizing Green Community concepts designed to minimize the effect on the natural surroundings. This proj-

ect includes the services of several governmental programs including Geographic Information Systems, Housing Department and Housing Commission, Executive Branch representatives, Planning, Zoning and Building Department, Grants Department and the Environmental Services Department.

The next project in progress is the rework of the LTBB Community Building to be constructed on the present housing site north of Harbor Springs, MI, on Heynig Road. The present work group developed a preliminary plan for the Legislative Branch to review. The plan was determined to be more costly than the funding amount approved in a past Legislative Branch meeting. The Legislative Branch approved \$141,000 in additional funding and provided direction to scale back the preliminary plan to meet the new funding level. The work group will meet regularly to discuss proposed changes and report regularly to the Executive and Legislative Branches on the progress.

Our "Circle of Life" professional development training will provide instruction on Black Ash Basket Making to participating governmental staff members. The sessions are April 9, April 11 and April 13 at the LTBB Governmental Cen-

ter in Harbor Springs. Ms. Renee Wasson Dillard is a Native Cultural Arts Instructor who specializes in Natural Fiber Art. The informational sessions will be a hands-on experience for participants with Dillard taking each group through the complete basket making process.

The LTBB Energy Workgroup continues to meet monthly. With the recent release of evidence citing global warming, the group feels it is on track. The tribe has submitted a proposal for funding to complete a feasibility study to identify what energy source would be beneficial to the tribe. A wind turbine, solar power and methods of increasing energy efficiency will be the focus of the study.

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik established a task force to develop a plan to address the Assisted Living and Elder Care needs of the tribe. The task force met on February 21 and identified areas requiring evaluation, reviewed past surveys conducted with the assistance of tribal elders and discussed the individual philosophy of each work group member. I will be reporting on the progress in future newsletter articles.

My hope is this article finds you all in good health and spirit.

**HEALTHY EATING**

**American Indian and Alaska Native Women**  
Keepers of Wisdom  
To Strengthen the Hearts

**Treat your heart to a healthy celebration!**

Strength, wisdom, and good health are American Indian birthrights. Our elders taught us many healthy ways that were practiced for many generations. Over time, some healthy traditions have been traded for unhealthy ways that increase the chances of getting some diseases.

**Heart disease is the leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Natives today.** We can do something to prevent heart disease. Healthy eating is one way to help your heart stay healthy.

Native foods and traditional ways can help us stay healthy. Native foods can still be found in many places today. We can also grow traditional plants such as beans, corn, pumpkin, squash, and melons. Berries, nuts, plants, fish, caribou, deer, rabbit, duck, and other native foods can be included in healthy eating. Traditional ways of preparing food like drying, baking, stewing, and boiling are good and healthy for the heart, too.

Today, many American Indian families choose foods that are high in fat, sugar, and salt. We also eat more than we used to. Many of today's eating habits can lead to disease.

Here are tips for making healthy food choices:

- ◆ Choose fish, fowl, deer, and caribou.
- ◆ Eat lean cuts of beef, pork, and mutton.
- ◆ Trim the fat from fresh meat. Take off the skin of chicken and other fowl, too!
- ◆ Remove fat from canned meat.
- ◆ Eat rice, corn, oats, and beans. Use brown rice and whole wheat flour.
- ◆ Eat salads and sandwiches with little or no dressing.
- ◆ Eat fruits and vegetables.
- ◆ Drink low-fat or skim milk and choose low-fat cheese.
- ◆ Bake, boil, broil, steam, or roast! Fry foods less often, and use vegetable oil instead of lard or shortening.
- ◆ Drain the liquid from canned vegetables and the syrup from canned fruits.

Let us treat our family to healthy eating every day!

**Celebrate good health! Healthy traditions prepare the hearts of tomorrow. Share this wisdom with your family and others.**

National Institutes of Health  
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute  
Bethesda, Maryland

Indian Health Service  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Washington, D.C.



# A P R I L

# S U G A R M O O N

Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntam-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niivo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naano-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Elders Swim Class 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Victories Hotel pool Petoskey, MI  Gaming Board of Directors Meeting 911 Spring St. Petoskey, MI 11 a.m.	<b>3</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik Room 312 LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>4</b> Elders Swim Class 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Victories Hotel pool Petoskey, MI  Language Class Mshkikigamik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>5</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Election Board Meeting 1345 U.S. 31 North Petoskey, MI 6 p.m.	<b>6</b> Good Friday  LTBB Governmental Offices Closed.  Education Board Meeting 1345 U.S. 31 North Petoskey, MI 6 p.m.	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Elders Swim Class 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Victories Hotel pool Petoskey, MI  Health Commission Meeting LTBB Health Park Petoskey, MI 6:30 p.m.  Immersion Class Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik Room 312 LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>11</b> Elders Swim Class 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Victories Hotel pool Petoskey, MI  Natural Resource Commission Meeting NRD Building Harbor Springs, MI 6 p.m.  Language Class Mshkikigamik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>12</b> Elders Luncheon at noon with Language Bingo following it.  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 911 Spring St. Petoskey, MI 5:30 p.m.  Immersion Class Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	<b>13</b> Education Commission Work Session Education Department LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 6 p.m.  Bay Mills Community College Pane Immersion	<b>14</b> Tribal Council Work Session 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  Education Commission Meeting 9 a.m.  Economic Development Commission Meeting 9:30 a.m.  Indian Child Welfare Commission Meeting 9:30 a.m.  Gaming Board of Directors 10 a.m.  Bay Mills Community College Pane Immersion
<b>15</b> Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  Economic Development Commission Work Session Room 312 LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 9:30 a.m.  LTBB Immersion Mshkiki Gamik Petoskey, MI	<b>16</b> Elders Swim Class 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Victories Hotel pool Petoskey, MI  Citizenship Commission Meeting 5 p.m.  Housing Commission Meeting Room 312 in the LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 3:30 p.m.  Immersion Class Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	<b>17</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik Room 312 LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>18</b> Elders Swim Class 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Victories Hotel pool Petoskey, MI  Language Class Mshkikigamik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>19</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Immersion Class Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	<b>20</b> Election Board Meeting Soaring Eagle Resort Mt. Pleasant, MI 6 p.m.  Election Board at the Meet the Candidates Forum Soaring Eagle Resort Mt. Pleasant, MI 1 p.m.	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Elders Swim Class 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Victories Hotel pool Petoskey, MI  Immersion Class Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	<b>24</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik Room 312 LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>25</b> Elders Swim Class 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Victories Hotel pool Petoskey, MI  Natural Resource Commission Meeting NRD Building Harbor Springs, MI 6 p.m.  Language Class Mshkikigamik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>26</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 911 Spring St. Petoskey, MI 5:30 p.m.  Immersion Class Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	<b>27</b> LTBB Immersion Week- end MshkikiGamik Petoskey, MI	<b>28</b> Tribal Council Work Ses- sion Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  LTBB Immersion Weekend MshkikiGamik Petoskey, MI
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# Z I I S B A A K D A K I G I I Z I S

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce would like to remind the membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement. First of all, I cannot express 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 located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. This must be done in writing.

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, Tribal Form 3996, which is available at our office located at 1345 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI; and for those RTM's with Internet access, on the State of Michigan website noted at the end of this article. These are mailed out on a quarterly basis to the State of Michigan during the first week of January, April, July and October. 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 **Utility Provider Survey**, please contact our office and we will be happy to get one to you. These are available on LTBB's P-Drive, so any Tribal Government

Department of Commerce

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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|---|------------------|
| Cross Village (all)                           | Bear Creek (all) |
| Readmond (all)                                | Resort (partial) |
| Friendship (all)                              | Bay (partial)    |
| West Traverse (all)                           | Hayes (partial)  |
| Little Traverse (all)                         |                  |
| City of Harbor Springs (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 (6% of retail price)
2. Use Tax (6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Single Business Tax (1.9 % of the applicable tax base)
5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (32 cents per gallon unleaded and 28 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (\$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!

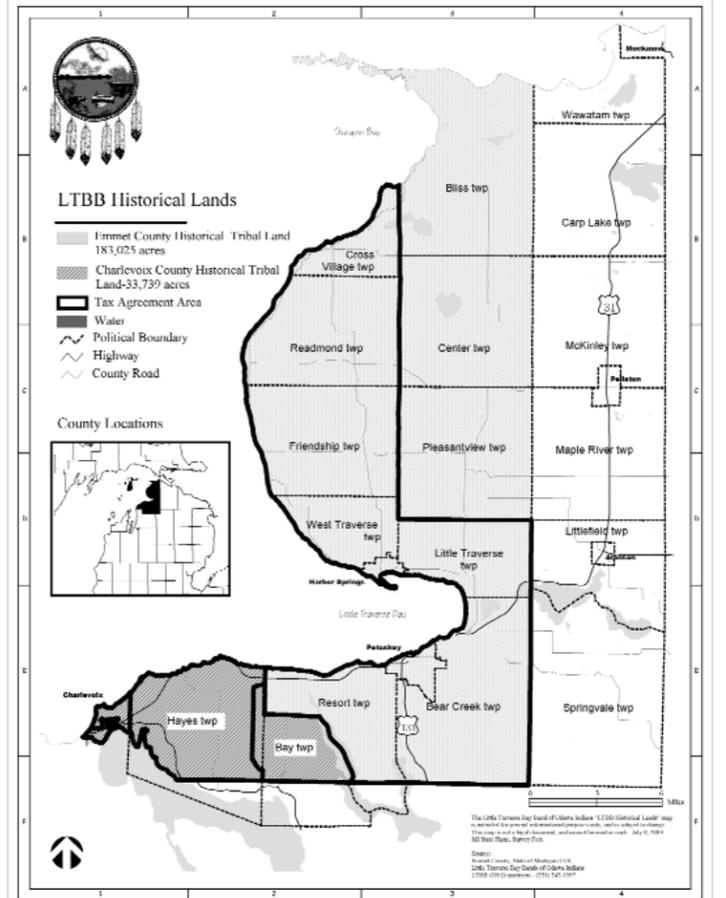
**IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THE SWIPE CARD OUT TO ANYONE.**

Employee can print one for you.

Another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area, your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month. **Example:** I moved to Petoskey, MI, which is in the Tax Agreement Area, on September 5,

2006. My RTM status began October 1, 2006. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible. If you plan to purchase a vehicle or remodel, please wait until after the first of the following month in which you moved. Otherwise, your refund will be denied

**Business Registration Certificate (DBA) Filed**  
During the month of February, the following tribal citizen filed a DBA through the Department of Commerce: Pipigwa Pottery, located in Harbor Springs, MI, filed by Frank Ettawageshik.



by the State.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at: [http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1748\\_23287--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1748_23287--,00.html)

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agree-

ment, I may be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or at [tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

The Tax Agreement Area map appears courtesy of GIS Director Alan Proctor.

**Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion Course Summer Semester 2007**

Accredited courses offered by Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians through Bay Mills Community College Nishnaabemowin Pane Immersion Program

**Basic Immersion: Six Credits**  
Mondays & Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.  
May 14 - August 16

**Weekend Immersion: Eight Credits**  
Five Weekends; May 11, June 15, July 6, August 3, & August 24

TIMES: Fridays 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. (dinner provided),  
Saturdays 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. (lunch & dinner provided),  
Sundays 8 a.m. - Noon

LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program  
231-242-1454, 231-242-1456, 1-888-309-5822

**Register Now**

Elders and potential class participants are all welcome to attend the last immersion weekend of winter semester on April 27, 28 and 29 at LTBB Mskiki Gumik Health Park, 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI.

**2008 Elders Calendar**

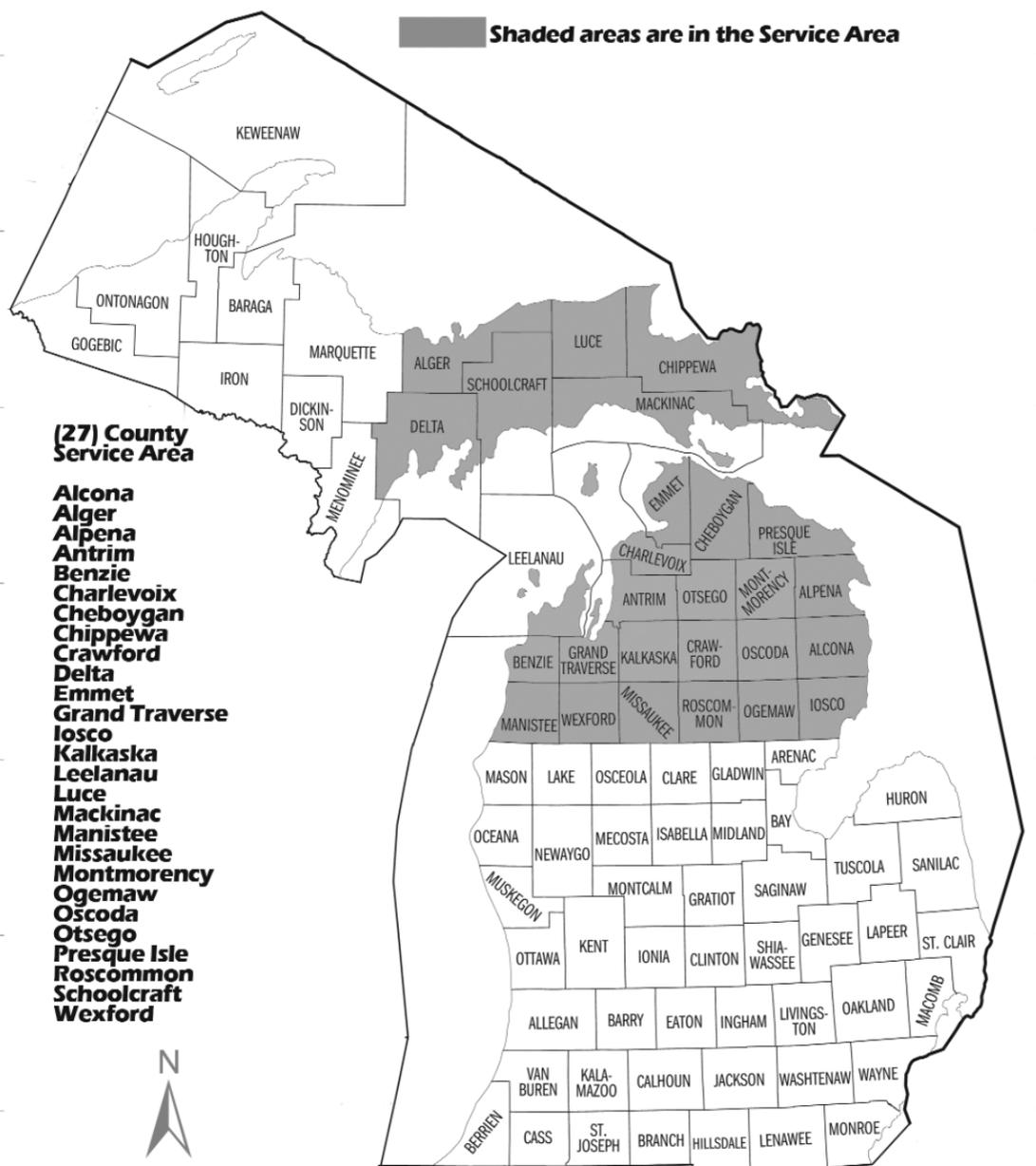
Deadline for accepting pictures is May 1.  
**Original Pictures of Veterans in Uniform Wanted**

The Elders Association is making a Veterans Calendar for 2008. The calendar will include all veterans and any elder veterans not included in the 2007 calendar. If you are interested in submitting a picture, please send it with the following information: **Name, Dates of Service, Branch of Service and Return Address.**

Send to: Elders Association  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

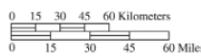
For more information, call 231-242-1610.

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area**



(27) County Service Area

- Alcona
- Alger
- Alpena
- Antrim
- Benzie
- Charlevoix
- Cheboygan
- Chippewa
- Crawford
- Delta
- Emmet
- Grand Traverse
- Iosco
- Kalkaska
- Leelanau
- Luce
- Mackinac
- Manistee
- Missaukee
- Montmorency
- Ogemaw
- Oscoda
- Otsego
- Presque Isle
- Roscommon
- Schoolcraft
- Wexford



Programs receiving funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and some Indian Health Services (IHS) are limited to serving members within a 27 county service area.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Election Board presents the 2007 Election

**Meet the Candidates Forum**



**April 21**  
**1 p.m.-4 p.m.**  
**Soaring Eagle Resort**  
**Mt. Pleasant, MI**  
 No Primary Election Needed  
 General Election June 25

**2007 Tribal Council Candidates**

- Marvin Mulholland
- Regina Gasco-Bentley
- Gerald Chingwa
- Patty Dyer-Deckrow
- Mary Roberts
- Shirley Oldman
- Theresa Boda
- Judy Pierzynowski



Meet the Candidates Forum in Harbor Springs, MI on June 9

**Housing Department Programs**

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. For more details on the service area, please refer to the map on page 8.

**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 may not exceed 30% of the household's monthly income.

**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 \$5,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and **Can Be Used to Purchase or Re-finance a Home.**

**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 St. Marie, MI; this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation on a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

**Credit Counseling:** Our counseling provides tribal citizens the knowledge it takes to gain financial stability and credibility.

**Transitional Housing Program:** This program is designed to assist families, for a limited time, until permanent housing can be found. **(Limited Availability).** Please submit a Letter of Interest and your name will be placed on our Waiting List.

**Elders Housing Development:** Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development consists of 12 units and is designed to meet the needs of very low to moderate income level elderly tribal citizens, age 55 and older. Please complete application and your name will be placed on our Waiting List.

**LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)**

If you live in Michigan and need assistance with Fuel Oil, Propane, Electric, Natural Gas or Wood/Coal and are Low Income, please stop by Human Services at 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application. You may also call 1-888-309-5822 and ask for Human Services.

You can apply once during October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007 for each type of assistance available:

1. **Direct:** Any assistance not an emergency
2. **Emergency:** Will help with Shut-off or tank less than 10%
3. **Weatherization:** Insulation, storm door, etc.

Applications for all programs are accepted until funds run out.

A limited supply of heaters, window plastic kits and weather-stripping is available for pickup at the Human Services Building during regular business hours.

**TEMPORARY HELP WANTED**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO:**

Gain experience?

Work in an office?

Make a little extra money?

Work in the tribal community?

Are you a tribal citizen?

**TEMPORARY POSITIONS**  
**NOW AVAILABLE!**

WORK AS LITTLE AS ONE DAY OR AS LONG AS A MONTH!!!  
 CONTACT THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BAND OF ODAWA INDIANS' HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TODAY!

**CALL: 231-242-1555**

**NORTHERN CELLULAR & PAGING**

Is offering special discounts to LTBB Citizens and Employees

- Up to 15% OFF CELLULAR ONE Monthly Access Charges
- Discounted Phone Prices
- 25% OFF Accessories
- GSM Statewide and National Plans available
- \$9.99 Partners on Select Plans
- Most plans include free long distance, unlimited nights & weekends and free mobile-to-mobile calling plus call waiting, caller ID and voicemail
- Unlimited smart phone and wireless internet services available

*(Certain terms and conditions apply)*

**For more information, contact Sheldon Slicker at:  
 Cellular 231-620-1260 Toll Free 1-800-366-9166**

**CELLULAR ONE - AHAD Request Form**

**For LTBB Employees & Citizens**

*(Account Hierarchy/Business Advantage Discount)*

**Date Submitted:**

**Root Account:** LTBB Odawa Indians - ACCT # 0170110714

**Cycle:** 22

**Attached Accounts**

**ACCT#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cycle:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Liable**  **X**

*Your account number and cycle can be found in the upper right hand corner of your Cellular One billing statement. For example, if the billing date is May 22, 2006, your cycle is 22.*

**Requested by / Sales Representative:** Sheldon Slicker / Northern Cellular & Paging - N3

**Contact Number:** 231-620-1260

**Customer / Account Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer Contact #:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(please include proof of employment)*

Fax To: 231-938-4949

**Honor Roll 2006-2007**

**First Semester**

**Petoskey High School**

- Kevin Cranick
- Haley Esford
- Stacey Ettawageshik
- Jay Field
- Lukas Foltz
- Roemarie Goodman
- Trisha Herron
- Tiffany Honson
- Steven Kahgee
- Jacob Kisro
- Eli Olson
- Krystina Peariso
- Calvin Schemanski
- Sara Shawano

**Petoskey Middle School**

- Megan Austin
- Marissa Chartier
- Chynna Cone
- Johnathan Harrington
- Robert Kiogima
- Jordan McClellan
- Sean Miller
- Jenny Nanegos
- Brienna North
- Andrea Reese

**Charlevoix High School**

- Amelia Meier
- Shauna Spencley
- Brooke Whittaker
- Sasha Spencley (all A)

**Charlevoix Middle School**

- Nataleigh Musser
- Joshua Hogan
- Amber Schmidt
- Mersadz Schmidt
- Bethany Whittaker
- Addison Amstutz
- Veronica Fyan
- Brittany Musser
- Jeffery Musser
- Danielle Schmidt

**IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION**

**YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE 2007 TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**

TO CHECK IF YOU ARE REGISTERED OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE FORMS TO REGISTER, CALL DENISE PETOSKEY AT 231-881-2994 OR CAROL QUINONES AT 616-774-9534.

**COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**BREAKING NEWS FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Communications Department recently became a department of two.

Communications Assistant Sara Wilson resigned effective February 28 due to family obligations. We wish her the best, and thank her for her contributions to *Odawa Trails*.

With her departure, the department hired Aaron Wayne Otto full-time as a Pre-Press Graphics Specialist. Otto, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started working full-time on March 5. He had been working in the department part-time as a Communications Assistant. He first started working in the department on a contractual basis in January 2005.

Otto will continue to design and layout the newsletter, create graphics and ads and ensure the

newsletter gets to the printer and to our tribal website every month.

If you would like to view the newsletter online, visit [www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov), click on newsletter and click on the month you would like to view.

As a department, we will continue to produce a newsletter that is informative and timely.

On another note, I am pleased with the switch to the *Petoskey News-Review* as our printer and mailer. We made the switch effective January 1, 2007 with the *News-Review* first printing our newsletter starting with the February issue.

We look forward to a long and prosperous working relationship with the *News-Review*.

**GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM**

THE GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING AGAIN. THE DEADLINES TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUESTS ARE MARCH 31 AND AUGUST 31. IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN APPLICATION, CONTACT MELISSA WIATROLIK AT 231-242-1420. THERE ARE THREE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE. SMALL GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRIBAL CITIZENS AND TRIBAL COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR EVENTS. BUSINESS GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS TO HELP WITH AN EXISTING OR NEW BUSINESS ENDEAVOR. DONATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR NATIVE OR NON-NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS.

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Linda Woods, Substance Abuse Director

Is it possible spring is almost here? Time just keeps marching on. The seasons come and the seasons go. I had been wondering what topic to write about this month. I discussed it with my staff. We thought since we had recently attended a training session about communicable diseases that I could write about those.

One might think now, why does the Substance Abuse Department have to have a training about that? Due to the nature of what happens when someone is under the influence of sub-

stances, whether alcohol or drugs, many things happen to people such as accidents, drunk driving, domestic violence, pregnancy and communicable diseases such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis viruses, tuberculosis (TB) and sexually transmitted infections.

Of course, this is not a pleasant topic to mention, but it is critical people know what can happen to anyone while under the influence.

### HIV/AIDS

Globally, there are approximately 42 million cases throughout the world, five million new cases erupt every year and approximately three million have died from this disease with 500,000 of them children. Nationally, we have about one million cases with 40,000 new cases every year. Here are some other statistics: 30% of the cases are women, 75% of the women acquired it heterosexually and one in 300 Americans is infected with it.

In Michigan, there are 16,200 persons living with

HIV/AIDS and approximately 900 new cases every year. Of those numbers, 58% are black, 36% are white, 4% are Hispanic, 77% are male and 25% are from injected drug users. When we inquired about the Native American statistics, it was estimated 2% are living with HIV/AIDS. I thought this was pretty high considering our overall population is a little more than 1% of the general population. Another statistic is 1/3 of persons with HIV do not know they are infected, and almost 50% of newly diagnosed persons already have AIDS.

HIV is not a gay disease. Women are at risk. People over 50 are at risk. HIV is in northern Michigan. It is transmitted through blood, sexual fluids, maternal transmission and breast milk and not from the air, food, water, insects, animals, dishes, toilet seats or touching. HIV enters the body through sex and sharing needles, needle sticks, sharing a toothbrush or razor, breaks in the skin (open sores, cuts, scrapes or oozing rashes and mucus membranes), eyes, nose or mouth. It is a virus. People who drink or use drugs are at higher risk than others as are people with mental illness, people who have multiple sexual partners, people who share needles and straws (drug users), people who have unprotected sex including anal sex, receiving blood products prior to 1985 and people who have a Hepatitis B or a Hepatitis C infection. There are tests to determine if someone has HIV, so consult a physician or the Public Health Department if you would like to be tested. Learning about this disease is a way to protect yourself. There are drugs effective in treating this disease; it is not necessarily a death sentence anymore.

There are psychosocial issues when one is dealing with HIV/AIDS: Shame, secrecy, fear, isolation, dealing with life-threatening illness, depression, anger, stress, discrimination and multiple losses to mention a few.

The important thing to remember is this disease is completely preventable.

### Hepatitis A Virus (HAV)

A third of all Americans have evidence of having this disease either in the past or currently. Transmission of this disease comes from contaminated food and waste, infected stool, fecal matter digested orally and anal sex. There is a blood test for this disease. Signs and symptoms of this disease are jaundice, fatigue, abdominal pain, decrease in appetite, fever, nausea/vomiting and diarrhea. While there is no cure for this disease, there is a treatment protocol. Like with HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis A is preventable with an immunization shot.

### Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)

There are an estimated

1.25 million chronically infected Americans, 20-30% acquired in childhood. Six to 10% of adults become chronic carriers. HBV is second only to tobacco as the leading cause of cancer: 90% of the cases occur in adolescents and young adults and 15-25% of the infected die from chronic HBV. This disease is transmitted through blood, sex (especially with multiple partners) and maternal. There are blood tests to diagnose HBV. Signs and symptoms occur 90-120 days after being infected. Some are fever, jaundice, rash, malaise, arthritis and similar symptoms to HAV. Some people may be asymptomatic, meaning they have no idea they are infected. There is no cure for acute HBV except for symptom management. There are some fairly new treatment medicines for HBV, so ask your physician. As for prevention, there is a three-shot immunization, infants can be immunized within 12 hours of birth to an infected mother, abstain from sex or use safer sex practices, limit the number of sexual partners and use standard precautions in dealing with blood.

### Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)

Four million Americans are infected with HCV with three million chronically infected and 75% impacts the liver which may lead to liver cancer. Transmission is through blood, transfusions prior to July 1992, snorting cocaine, sharing straws, sex (especially having multiple partners), and maternal transmission. It is higher if the mother has HIV also. Diagnosis is through a blood test and symptoms are similar to HBV plus extreme fatigue, joint pain, skin itching, headaches, depression, anxiety and irritability, mental "fuzziness" and weight loss or gain. People with high alcohol intake are at risk or co-infected with HIV or HBV or already have inflammation and fibrosis of the liver. Some may have liver damage by the time of the diagnosis. Symptoms may take many years to develop.

Ways to prevent infection are to stop intravenous drug use, clean works or don't share works, abstain from sex or use safer sex practices, do not share razors and toothbrushes, use standard precautions in dealing with blood, avoid body piercing or tattoos and check precautions used by the piercer or artist. There is no vaccine available.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call your physician for testing for any of these diseases.

Finally, please come to potlucks before the Waganakising Anishinaabek Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on the last Wednesday of every month to celebrate the accomplishments of sobriety. The potlucks are at 5:30 p.m., and the meetings are at 7 p.m.

## ELDERS PROGRAM

### Elder Birthdays

**April 1**  
Loretta Cook  
John Kenoshmeg, Sr.

**April 2**  
Evelyn Andrews  
Vicki Emery  
Kathleen Guzinski  
Marilyn Hume  
Betty Peacock  
Mark Wabanimkee

**April 3**  
William Denemy, Sr.  
George Nedeau

**April 6**  
Ricky Reiter  
Steven Shenoskey

**April 7**  
Larry Cartwright  
Thomas Nonqueskwa  
James Tepakeyah

**April 8**  
Mitchell Baker, Sr.  
Marie Newman

**April 9**  
Evangeline Badgero  
Mary Quick  
Wayne Stine  
Sharon Tracey

**April 11**

Christine Haines  
Marion Perry

**April 12**  
LaVerne Bottoms  
Richard Kilborn  
Norman Rittenhouse, Sr.

**April 13**  
Janice Grooms  
Magdalene Kosequat  
Vernon Lasley  
Willie Rawls, Jr.

**April 14**  
Kevin Barry

**April 15**  
Sharon Duffey  
Karl Kilborn

**April 17**  
Merle Hansen

**April 19**  
John Boursaw  
Frank Ettawageshik  
Thelma Fisher

**April 20**  
Catherine Laba  
Linda Steinman

**April 22**  
Wanda Carr

**April 23**

Jean Boda  
Roy Miron

Elmer Shananaquet  
Albert Shomin

**April 24**  
Mary Bowers  
Sarah VanDeCar

**April 25**  
Gary Kaestner

**April 27**  
Nellie Harmon

**April 28**  
Christina Chrysler  
Alfred Sprague

**April 29**  
Edna Caron  
Elsie Carson

**April 30**  
Donnie Case  
Robert Kaestner  
James Keway  
Larry LaCroix  
Pauline Walker

## JUDICIAL BRANCH

# LTBB ASSOCIATE JUDGE SELECTED FOR LSSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On February 20, Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed Jenny Lee Kronk, Associate Judge of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, to the Lake Superior State University (LSSU) Board of Trustees.

Kronk, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring January 27, 2014.

The LSSU Board of Trustees is the governing body for Lake Superior State University. It oversees the conduct of the university's affairs, has control of the university's property, and has the ability to fix tuition and other fees, appoint and remove personnel, and determine compensation to be paid for services and property.

Kronk, who lives in Petoskey, MI, graduated from Newberry High

School in Newberry, MI, and earned a Bachelors degree in Secondary Education from Northern Michigan University. She graduated from Cooley Law School. She has taught at the high school and college level, she was an Administrative Law Judge for the Michigan Secretary of State, and she was a Tribal Judge for the Hannahville Indian Community before starting as LTBB Associate Judge in February 2006.

Kronk also serves as the Treasurer of Michigan Indian Legal Services.

Her late husband, Thomas Kronk, was an attorney for many years and was the former Luce County Prosecuting Attorney. They were married for 28 years, and they had a daughter, Elizabeth Kronk. Elizabeth Kronk is an Assistant Professor of Law at the



Jenny Lee Kronk, Associate Judge

University of Montana School of Law, and teaches Indian Law and Environmental Law. Elizabeth Kronk previously worked as an attorney specializing in Indian Law and Environmental Law for Latham & Watkins in Washington, D.C.

Photo by Court Clerk Linda Harper.

## PEACEMAKING PROGRAM

# TRIBAL COURT ENCOURAGES CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN NEW PEACEMAKING PROGRAM

By **Dave Keller**, Peacemaking Coordinator

LTBB Tribal Court is asking Tribal Citizens to consider volunteering in the oversight and functioning of the new Peacemaking Program.

Peacemaking Circles is an alternative to the typical adversarial justice processes that produce winners and losers. Unlike the formal court process, the peacemaking program is community-based. Circle participation by community members is essential for discussing a problem and finding a solution that heals and restores harmony. Initially, the program is accepting situations involving juveniles. Civil disputes and other case types will be added at a later date.

As a community-based program, the circles are facilitated by trained community members. Additionally, the program is guided

by an advisory committee composed of community members. While healing and harmony are expected results of the peacemaking circles, additional help is sometimes needed. In these cases, community healing circles can come together.

The healing circles are not a function of Tribal Court. Instead, the healing circles are a true community response with no judicial interference.

Tribal Court supports the volunteers who are involved in ad-

vising the program and participating in circles. This includes providing training opportunities on a monthly basis.

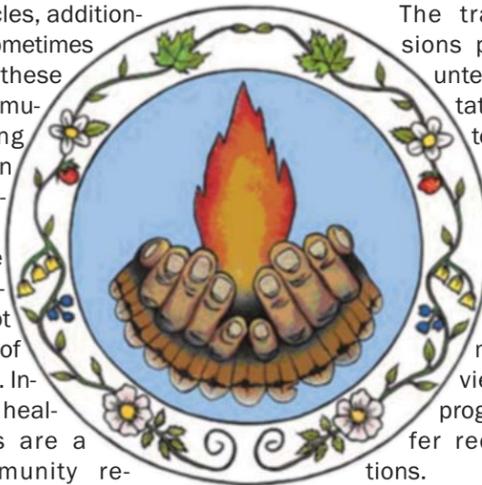
The training sessions prepare volunteers to facilitate circles or to be community participants. The Peacemaking Advisory Committee meets monthly to review program progress and offer recommendations.

The only requirement for volunteers is a heartfelt desire to help your relatives and neighbors. Tribal Citizens of all ages are

welcome, and the involvement of additional elders and young people will be especially appreciated.

For more information on the program and volunteer opportunities, visit the Tribal Court located at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, or call Peacemaking Coordinator Dave Keller at 231-242-1464.

**Editor's note:** Although the healing circles are not a function of Tribal Court, the funding for the Peacemaking Program comes from the Tribal Court's budget. A Tribal Court Enhancement Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Assistance funded the program from October 2003 to December 31, 2006. As of January 1, 2007, the funding came from the Tribal Court's budget.



## NATIVE NEWS

# ALICIA NOWELL ONE OF 10 WINNERS OF A NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Reconnecting the Circle selected Alicia Nowell, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, as one of 10 winners of its 2006 National High School Essay Contest.

The winners received \$2,500 each, and their essays will be posted on the Reconnecting the Circle website, <http://www.reconnectingthecircle.com>.

Reconnecting the Circle selected 49 finalists from 166 students who entered the contest.

The contest was open to all U.S. residents enrolled full-time and in good standing in a tribal, public or state-accredited private or parochial high school.

### "RECONNECTING THE CIRCLE"

by **Alicia Nowell** is reprinted here with permission from Reconnecting the Circle, Inc.

It is so easy to take for granted what our ancestors, elders, and other people have fought so hard for: tribal sovereignty. Sometimes it is hard to realize that many of the freedoms modern Native Americans have were not just handed to us. Blood and tears were shed as nations were killed, land was taken and traditional practices were banned by European settlers. Despite the hardships of our ancestors, Native American brothers and sisters have stood strong through cultural depression, and won back some of the land and traditions that were almost lost. It is now crucial that this country's original people come together to "reconnect the circle".

Get the youth involved. The importance of youth involvement is vital to the development of a strong future. It is true. The youth are the leaders of the future. They need to be educated on current issues facing Indian Country, so they will be passionate enough to help when their time comes. Children should be taught leadership qualities from a young age, so that by the time they're in high school they are not in training to become leaders, but they are leaders! Organizations like National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is a perfect example of a group that has an obvious passion for educating kids and young adults on pressing issues facing this nation. I hardly cared about governmental issues in Indian Country until I attended NCAI, but after only one weeklong session of workshops and hands on involvement with pressing issues that our nation is facing, I realize first hand how important it is to care. Young adults should stop waiting around for someone to tell them what to do, and take matters into their own hands; let their voices be heard.

Keep traditions alive. Not only do the youth need to be informed, but all ages need to care in order to keep traditions from dying. It may be hard to keep some of the traditional crafts, languages and customs alive, but it is es-

Nowell, a senior at Harbor Springs High School in Harbor Springs, MI, wrote on the topic, "Why is reconnecting the circle with Native Americans important today?"

*Native Peoples* magazine selected Nowell's essay for publication in its July/August issue.

Nowell is the daughter of Ellie Payton and Richard Nowell and the granddaughter of Harriet Kishigo-Booth and the late Jacob Booth. She will attend Baker College in Muskegon, MI, this coming fall and study business there.

Alicia Nowell has written articles and taken photographs that

have appeared in past issues of *Odawa Trails*. She is the editor of the Harbor Springs High School newspaper, *Echoes*, where she writes articles and takes photographs.

The 2006 Reconnecting the Circle judges were Dave Anderson (Choctaw/Chippewa), Entrepreneur and Founder of *The Life Skills Center for Leadership*, Jacqueline Gant (Oneida Nation of the Thames), Executive Director of Native American Business Alliance, and Robin Butterfield (Winnebago/Chippewa) from the Minority Community Outreach Office. They selected the winners based

on originality, creativity, eloquence of writing style, structure (how well thought out the essay was) and relevance to the topic.

The Reconnecting the Circle National High School Essay Contest will be an ongoing program for the next several years.

Reconnecting the Circle is about realizing the accurate history of Indian Country, elevating the issues which caused a disconnect and reconnecting our cultures on common ground. It is a way for all of us to reconnect with Native American people and cultures we may know very little about. It's also a way for us to rec-

ognize and celebrate our similarities. Its mission is to encourage people to learn about contemporary Native American people and cultures and to provide a more, positive, meaningful, and complete perspective on Indian Country.

**April 10 Peacemaking**  
Advisory  
Committee Meeting  
3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in  
the Courtroom

**April 24 Peacemaking**  
Training  
Session  
3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in  
the Courtroom

For more information, call  
Dave Keller at 231-242-1464

For more information on Reconnecting the Circle National High School Essay Contest or to read the 2006 winning essays, please visit <http://www.reconnectingthecircle.com>.

*Ellie Payton contributed to this article. The photo below appears courtesy of Ellie Payton.*

essential to the survival of Native American heritage. Each person can help keep customs going by taking part in local language classes, learning traditional crafts, or studying the history of their people. It is amazing in my community that not only is my Tribe teaching the language, but the local high school is starting a Native Language Class to help get everyone involved in reviving the language. When elders and youth connect, stories and traditions can be shared through means of vocal and physical interaction. It is up to all ages to help keep the old ways thriving. Do not let them fizzle out, or cultural identities will be in jeopardy.

Break down stereotypes. There are so many preconceived notions of who/what a Native American is. Some think that modern Native Americans are lazy alcoholics who care about nothing but their per capita checks and casinos, while others still think of the war-hungry hunters who run around with war bonnets on their heads. I know Native American people who are successful lawyers and businessmen, I know Native Americans people who have a healthy family that they can support and provide a healthy environment for their children. Many Native Americans do not fit the stereotype of what an "Indian" is. It is up to individuals within the tribes to stand up and prove those people wrong. Bring an uninformed neighbor to a powwow, or teach them a craft of your ancestors. Show them that the old ways are still alive, and being Native American is about more than getting money from the government. Successful tribes work hard to gain their success; it is not just handed to them. We need to show those who don't know the facts, what life as a Native American living in today's society is all about.

The circle is being mended, and to continue reconnecting the circle is the responsibility of all individuals who care. People need to first be proud of their heritage as a Native American, or appreciate the cultural diversity

brought to the community by Native Americans. Once an appreciation and pride is established, everyone can share together and learn from each other.

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Alicia Nowell

## On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Sutton



### Michigan

March 31-April 1

Dance for Mother Earth Contest Pow Wow

Crisler Arena

Ann Arbor, MI

Contact Information:

Angela Munoz at 734-763-9044

April 14-15

Central Michigan University and the Saginaw Chippewa

Tribal Nation's Celebrating Life Contest Pow Wow

Rose Arena

Mt. Pleasant, MI

Contact Information:

Micky Magnuson at 989-774-2508 or  
magnu1mi@cmich.edu

### Minnesota

April 13

St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Traditional

Pow Wow

Harding Senior High School

1540 E. Sixth St.

St. Paul, MN

This monthly winter pow wow is 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Contact Information:

651-293-5191 or www.indianeducation.spps.org

April 14

All Tribes Council 14th Annual Pow Wow

Hallenbeck Hall

720 Fourth Ave. South

St. Cloud, MN

Contact Information:

Patrick Tom at 320-308-6424

April 14

14th Annual St. Cloud State University Traditional Pow

Wow

SCSU Halenbeck Hall

St. Cloud, MN

Contact Information:

320-308-5449, 320-308-6424 or atc@stcloud-  
state.edu

April 27-29

Council of Indian Students Traditional Pow Wow

Birchmont Drive

Bemidji, MN

Contact Information:

Beemus Goodsky at 218-755-2032

April 28

Minneapolis Traditional Pow Wow

Indian Center

1530 East Franklin Ave.

Minneapolis, MN

Contact Information:

Windy Downwind at 612-455-2837

May 5

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Honoring

Our Graduates Traditional Pow Wow

Fond du Lac Ojibwe School gym

Cloquet, MN

Esther Humphrey at 218-879-0745 or  
my3gsc@yahoo.com.

May 25-27

Third Annual Seven Clans Contest Pow Wow

Seven Clans Casino

Thief River Falls, MN

Host drum: Bear Creek and Blackfoot Crossing

Contact Information:

1-800-881-0712, ext. 6095, 218-681-4062,  
www.sevenclanscasino.com or ralussier@sevenclan-  
scasino.com

May 25-27

Leech Lake Spring Traditional Pow Wow

Veteran's Memorial Gardens

Cass Lake, MN

Contact Information:

218-335-7034 or 218-335-7400

May 28

Veterans Memorial Day Traditional Pow Wow

Mille Lacs Indian Museum

Mille Lacs, MN

Contact Information:

320-532-3632 or www.mnhs.org

### Wisconsin

April 14

15th Annual Green Bay Traditional Pow Wow

Phoenix Sports Center

Green Bay, WI

Contact Information:

920-465-2720, 920-465-2021, www.uwgb.edu or  
sprim116@uwgb.edu

April 21

14th Annual Menominee Sturgeon Traditional Pow Wow

Menominee High School

Keshena, WI

Contact Information:

715-799-5928 or mah2@frontier.net

April 28

Honoring Education Traditional Pow Wow

Zorn Arena

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Eau Claire, WI

Contact Information:

715-836-5840, www.uwec.edu/multicultural or  
whiteol@hotmail.com

April 28-29

25th Annual LaCrosse Traditional Pow Wow

Mitchell Hall gym

LaCrosse, WI

Contact Information:

608-386-4884 or Marykm\_1@hotmail.com

May 18

End of the School Year Celebration Pow Wow

Woodland Bowl

Keshena, WI

Contact Information:

715-756-2354

May 26-28

Ho-Chunk Wazijaci Memorial Contest Pow Wow

Red Cloud Memorial Park

Black River Falls, WI

Contact Information:

1-800-294-9343 ext. 1123 or 608-847-5694

## ANDI GASCO SELECTED FOR NORTH AMERICAN SELECT TEAM

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Petoskey High School sophomore Andi Gasco has the unique opportunity to showcase her softball skills on an international stage.

Gasco, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, was selected to be on one of the 2008 North American Select Teams (NAST) by kfastpitch.com.

In mid-January 2008, Gasco will travel to Schiedam (Rotterdam), Holland to participate in Cup 2008. Holland is the site of the competition because Holland is the heart of fast pitch softball in Europe. Holland and Italy are the two European countries who usually have the highest world rankings.

The competitive field includes the Dutch National team. In past years there, teams from Poland, Italy, Russia, Switzerland, Germany, France and England have participated.

Six American/Canadian mixed teams are expected to compete at Cup 2008 with each team consisting of 10 players. Players are selected based on recommendations by coaches and others involved with fast pitch softball in the United States and Canada. Wally King, the coach of Gasco's USA Fastball travel team based in Grand Rapids, MI, recommended her.

Every year, approximately 350 girls from the U.S. and Canada apply.

The players are coached by former pro fast pitch softball players, high profile travel team coaches, high profile instructors and college coaches. U.S. Olympic team coaches have also been on the staff for past teams.

For 2008, it costs \$2,675 per player to participate. Gasco and her family are considering possible fundraisers to help offset the cost.

Gasco, 15, set Petoskey

High School single-season records in home runs (five), strikeouts (326), earned run average (0.74), innings pitched (207) and pitching victories (23) as a freshman last season. Her pitching record was 23-8, and she hit .410 with 33 runs batted in. She earned All-Big North Conference first team and *Traverse City Record-Eagle* All-Region softball "Dream Team" honors last season. She was also her team's most valuable player, and she won her team's best hitter award. Gasco was only the third freshman to be on the Petoskey High School varsity softball team since 1992.

Gasco played for Community Bank in the Petoskey Women's League last summer. She finished with a 10-0 record with 47 strikeouts in 59 2/3 innings on the mound. Gasco hit .406, ranking her third in the league. Her team finished first in the league at 14-0.

Gasco, who has already attracted the interests of Division I, II and III colleges, wants to play in college and on the U.S. Olympic Team someday. When she is not pitching, Gasco can play any position in the field. Her fastball has been clocked at 63 miles per hour.

Gasco is the daughter of Sue Gasco and Randy Searles and the granddaughter of the late Vernon Gasco and Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco.

Andi Gasco works and trains with her parents year-round. Their softball experience has been instrumental in her progression. Her USA Fastball teammates, mostly high school seniors, have been instrumental as well.

For more information on NAST and Cup 2008, please visit [www.kfastpitch.com](http://www.kfastpitch.com).

*Sue Gasco contributed to this article. The photos appear courtesy of Sue Gasco.*



### Language Survey

The LTBB Archives and Records Department will conduct a survey as a part of the ANA (Administration for Native Americans) Language Project within the Waganakising Odawa community. We will first survey all LTBB Governmental and Enterprise Employees, and then, we will call all tribal citizens for a phone survey. This survey seeks attitudes about the language, and hopes to discover what barriers exist that would make it harder for tribal citizens to learn the language. This will hopefully allow us to design language programs to reach tribal citizens who have some interest, but who might not otherwise directly seek language classes. Your cooperation in this survey project is greatly appreciated. Miigwech!

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
January 28, 2007  
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle  
9:15 a.m. Smudging  
9:30 a.m.

10:40 a.m. Recess called.  
10:50 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution # 012807-01: Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Recovery Community Services Program (RCSP), Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians In collaboration with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Peer Recovery Support Services Grant.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution # 012807-02: Request for continuation funding from: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Fiscal Year 2007 Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution # 012807-03: Request for Funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Support Agency Cooperative Agreement (SACA) Grant.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Secretary Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution # 012807-04: Request for funding from the United States Department of Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions Program, Technical Assistance Component, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2007 Application for Technical Assistance.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-

yes, Councilor Harrington-no, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution # 012807-05: Land Purchase Authorization for Parcel # 21 in the amount of \$400,000 to come from prior year funds.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-abstain, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-abstain, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Roberts to accept Councilor Harrington's verbal report.  
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion carried.

11:47 a.m. Public Comment: no comment.  
11:48 a.m. Public Comment closed.

11:52 a.m. Lunch recess called.  
1:39 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Tribal Resolution # 012807-06: Authorization for Michigan Department of Transportation, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and Bureau of Indian Affairs Memorandum of Agreement.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-abstain, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-abstain, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report including CONFIDENTIAL items.  
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley for Tribal Council attendance at the Title 31 Training Seminar at Victories Hotel in March 2007.  
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Ab-

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2007

April 14 Work Session  
April 15 Council Meeting  
April 28 Work Session  
April 29 Council Meeting

May 5 Work Session  
May 6 Council Meeting  
May 19 Work Session  
May 20 Council Meeting

ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE TRIBAL COURTROOM LOCATED AT 7500 ODAWA CIRCLE, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK, TRIBAL CHAIRMAN  
WILLIAM DENEMY, VICE CHAIRMAN

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ALICE YELLOWBANK, COUNCILOR  
DEXTER MCNAMARA, COUNCILOR

sent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion carried.

1:58 p.m. Councilor Harrington leaves.

3:35 p.m. Recess called.  
3:40 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

4:02 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.  
4:03 p.m. Public Comment closed.

4:13 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adjourn.  
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Harrington)  
Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:  
Approved:  
Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary

Closed Session: None  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.

Absent: Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Executive Office Present: Rebecca Fisher-Executive Assistant

Legal Staff Present: None

Staff Present: Michael Smith-Legislative Office Administrative Assistant

Commission, Boards, and Committees: None

Guests: Marie (Tootsie) Miller

Opening Ceremony: Secretary Kiogima

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt the agenda for January 28, 2007, as amended, in honor of WWII Veteran Jay Harrington and all those other veterans who sacrificed their time away from their families to provide us with freedoms we enjoy.

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

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to approve the minutes of January 14, 2007, as presented.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve the contract of Office of the Legislative Services Attorney and to offer the position of Legislative Services Attorney to Donna Budnick.

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

10:27 a.m. Recess called.  
10:37 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

**Tae Kwon Do Gear Recall**  
The Waganakising Martial Arts Club would like to thank all past and present participants in the Tae Kwon Do club for their interest and support. At this time we want to do an inventory of our available gear. If you have been a member, and have uniforms or sparring gear at home (with the exception of mouth guards) you are not using or have outgrown, and you don't plan to rejoin the club, please return them to the Community Health Department so we can reassign them to a current member. The Community Health Department is located at 1080 Hager Drive in Petoskey, MI. If you have any questions about this, please contact me at 231-242-1601.  
**Migwech! Regina Erubacker, LTBB Health Educator.**



**2007 LTBB Youth Basketball Tournament**  
Petoskey High School, 1500 Hill Street, Petoskey, MI  
May 12 & 13, Saturday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m. - ??  
Divisions: Girls & Boys 13 & Under, Girls & Boys 14-18 years old (18 year olds must be in high school), 12-14 year old coed (\*\*12 players per team maximum\*\*)  
Awards for All Divisions: First Place, Second Place, Third Place, Most Valuable Player in all divisions  
Entry Fees: \$150 per team  
Sponsored by Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Not responsible for injury or lost or stolen property.  
Contact Person: Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601 or e-mail: cgibson@lbbodawa-usa.gov or Youth Services Director Robert "R.J." Smith, 231-242-1593 or e-mail: rsmith@lbbodawa-usa.gov

# LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP...

## Birthdays

Happy belated birthday to **Bryce Patrick Kiogima** who celebrated on January 28. Happy 21st son. Love, Dad.

Happy birthday to **Feather (Kiogima) Cook** who celebrates on March 30. Love, Dad.

Happy belated birthday to myself, **Fred Kiogima**, on March 17. Happy 40th to me.

Happy birthday to **Keno** on April 1. Love, your Big Sis.

Happy birthday to **Sarah VanDeCar** on April 24. We know. Remember the 11th Commandment: Mother is always right. If Mother is wrong, please refer to the 11th Commandment. From your loving children and kiddies.

Happy birthday greetings to our oldest sister, **Sarah VanDeCar**. We appreciate all you have done for us over the years - even including the scoldings from time to time we tend to deserve!!!! Hope you have a great day on April 24. From your brothers, Frank and Dennis, and your sister, Rose Ann.

Happy birthday to **Elizabeth Pinabo Sagataw** on March 27. Love, Aunt Lila and family.

Happy 35th birthday to **Eddie Sagataw** on April 3. Love and miss you, big brother. Love, your sister.

Happy 43rd birthday to **Marty VanDeCar** on April 18. Bet you can't be nice for the whole day. From the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy birthday to my big brother, **Marty VanDeCar**, on April 18. Thanks for always taking care of your baby sister. Love, Annette.

Happy birthday to **Shane McNamara** on April 7. Have a great day bub, and a great year. Love, Dad, Mom, Derek, Billy, Gunnar and Grandma.

Happy birthday to **Aunt Evelyn Andrews** on April 2. Love, Dexter, Debbie, Derek and Shane.

Happy birthday to **Uncle Duane Lasley** on April 13. Love, Dexter, Debbie, Derek and Shane.

Happy birthday to **Aunt Mary Lou Bowers** on April 24. Love Dexter, Debbie, Derek and Shane.

Happy 12th birthday to **Brittany Bentley** on April 12. We love you, Mom, Dad, Matt, Max and Dinah.

## Birthdays

I want to wish my big sister, **Tina**, a very happy birthday on April 10. I am thinking of you, and I hope you have a very good day. From your sister, Maggie.

I want to wish my baby sister, **Tammy**, a very happy birthday on April 14. From your sister, Maggie.

Happy birthday to **Michael Smith** on April 10. Thanks for all you do! From Tribal Council and Michele.

MinoDibishkaak niingonis **Archie Kiogima IV**, niinwin Minwa niijkiwenh **Isabelle Osawamick**. Gzaaginim!

Birthday wishes to my niece and nephews, **Megan Keshick** on April 26, **Michael Keshick** on April 27 and **Hunter Keshick** on April 20. May your day be special and wonderful! Love, Aunt Linda and kids.

Happy birthday to **Krystina Peariso** on April 3. To the funniest Bean ever. Love you, Rach, San and Mom.

Happy birthday to **Sandi Wemigwase** on April 26. To the wonderful sister and daughter. Love you, Rach, Bean and Mom.

Happy birthday wishes go out to my sista **Maggie "May,"** who celebrates her special day on April 19. Hope your day is filled with love and lots of fun. From Emma Do and your family.

Happy birthday to **Michael Keshick** on April 27!!! You've been through quite a bit this past year, but you made it through!! You truly are a blessing! We love you very, very much. All our love, Mom and "brudder" Jordan.

Happy birthday to **Chunky** on April 15. Love, Auntie Meel and Auntie Tootsie.

You are the best **Daddy (and hubby)** in all the land!!!! Happy birthday on April 15. We love you, Gavin, Mia and Momma.

Happy birthday wishes to my darlin' daughter, **Ajanette Lynn**, on April 16. I hope you have a grand year each and every day. Lots of love, Mommy Dearest.

Many good wishes to my niece, **Anjanette**, on her birthday. From your Auntie Amelia.

Happy birthday to **Krystina Peariso** on April 3. She is 17. Time sure does fly by! We love you, Mom, Sandi and Rachel.

## Birthdays

We would like to wish our little "Love" a happy birthday on April 12. Happy third birthday to **Damek Brill!!** Love, Mumma and Dada.

Happy birthday **Damek Brill**. From Uncle Chief and Aunt Beca.

Happy birthday to my god-daughter, **Brittany Bentley**, on April 12. Auntie M.

Happy birthday to my niece, **Julia Lent**, who celebrates her birthday on April 11. I hope your day is a special one. Aunt Marcia.

Happy birthday to **Marci Reyes** on April 5. From the girls in the Run Club.

Happy birthday to **Bill Denemy, Sr.** on April 3. From the Denemy family.

Happy birthday to **Bill Denemy, Jr.** on April 24. From the Denemy family.

Happy birthday to **Judy Denemy Smith** on April 30. From the Denemy family.

Happy birthday to my little sister, **Marci Reyes**, on April 5. Hope your day is a wonderful one. Love, your big sister, Vicki, and Izzy and Eli.

Happy birthday to **Shanna Wemigwase** on April 29. We hope you have a stupendous day and an even better year! We love you, Mom, Matthew and your sisters.

Happy birthday to our granddaughter/niece **Anna Wemigwase** on April 18. May all your wishes come true. We love you, Grammie, Matthew and your aunts.

Happy birthday **Mar-tay VanDeCar** on April 18. Another year older or is it another year younger? When are you gonna grow up? We hope you have a great day and year!! Love, Cheryl, Matthew and family.

Happy birthday to our circle of life, **Josephine Laughlin**, on April 11. We love you very much. Love, Nana and Papa.

Happy belated birthday greetings to my **Little Weezer (Lisa)** down in sunny Orlando, FL. Take the day off from teaching and rest and relax. Love and miss everyone and will be seeing you soon!!!! All my love, Mom.

Happy birthday to my daughter, **Julia Lent**, on April 11. May your day be as special as you are. Love, your Dad.

## Announcements

### GEAR UP/ College Day Program

Northern Michigan University's GEAR UP/College Day Program is sponsoring a Summer Leadership Program for Michigan students entering the sixth, seventh and eighth grades from June 24-30. This program is designed to give students, who are traditionally underrepresented in higher educational settings, an opportunity to stay on a college campus, experience college classes and learn about career choices. College students provide chaperoning and lead the students in games and field trips which stress teamwork and problem solving. A shared dorm room, all meals and snacks are provided. Campers are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the NMU campus in Marquette, MI. Application forms are available from school guidance counselors and Title VII personnel. Campers will be notified of their acceptance by June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Camp Director Shirley Brozzo at 906-227-1554. Submitted by Youth Services Coordinator Robert "R.J." Smith.

### American Indian Workshop

Michigan Technological University's American Indian Workshop (AIW) introduces young (12-15 year old) Native American students to the excitement of a college education through investigation of biology, computers and mathematics. The workshop is June 19-23. Students can gain confidence and learn to solve problems in science and computer-related activities as well as look at careers, meet role models, develop new skills, gain an awareness of their environments, investigate college life and celebrate American Indian culture. Students will also meet young people from other tribes and have plenty of time to enjoy recreational activities like swimming, movies and sports. Students who are selected to attend the program and are residents of Michigan will be awarded a full scholarship including tuition, meals, housing and lab fees. Students who are selected to attend the program and are non-Michigan residents must pay a \$575 fee. Financial support for out-of-state applicants may be available through schools or tribal governments. This workshop is sponsored by Michigan Technological University and the King-Chavez-Parks College Day Initiative. To apply for the workshop, please visit <http://youthprograms.mtu.edu/aiw/index.html>. Submitted by Youth Services Coordinator Robert "R.J." Smith.

## Correction

In an article that appeared in the March issue of *Odawa Trails*, it should have said the Woodland Singers are Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Vicki Lynn, Jannan Cornstalk, Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Andrea Otto, Virginia Schansemma, Jenny Kronk and Veronica Medicine. Vicki Lynn was mistakenly written as Vicki Olson. The LTBB Communications Department regrets the error.

## Birth Announcement



**Cameron Xavier Henry** was born on March 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix, MI. He weighed eight pounds and five ounces, and he was 21.5 inches long. His parents are Meredith and Kenroy Henry of Petoskey, MI, and Oracebessa, Jamaica. His big sister is Sophia Henry of Petoskey and Oracebessa, Jamaica. His grandparents are James and Cloenda Fisher of Harbor Springs, MI, Derrick and Carmen Henry of St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, and Annette and Mike Schliffer of Brown Towns, Jamaica. His great-grandparents are Louis and Thelma Fisher of Harbor Springs, Greta Scott of Petoskey, Agatha Cameron of Clarendon, Jamaica, and Alfonso Henry of St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica.

## Congratulations

Congratulations **Keno** on your retirement after 30 years of service at Harbor Springs Public Schools. Love, your Big Sis.

Congratulations to **Frank Kequom**, who received his service awards after 64 years. Kequom, a World War II Veteran, received a Bronze Star, a Combat Infantryman Badge, first award, a Good Conduct Medal, an American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with a star, a World War II Victory Medal, and an Honorable Discharge Service Lapel Button for World War II. Kequom, an 85-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen who lives in Mt. Pleasant, MI, was drafted into the U.S. Army after Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941. He served overseas for 23 months in the South Pacific. After the war, he married Phyllis Jean Pego, and they raised six children. Now retired, Kequom and his wife travel in their motor home and spend the winter months in Texas and the southwest.

Congratulations to **Claus Nowell** on his wrestling victory on February 24. He captured the gold medal in his weight class at a Mancelona Invitational, winning two rounds with a pin in the second round. Nowell, a sixth-grader, wrestles for Harbor Springs Middle School in Harbor Springs, MI. Nowell is the son of Ellie Payton and Richard Nowell and the grandson of Harriet Kishigo-Booth and the late Jacob Booth.

Congratulations to **Theresa Keshick** whose photographs appear on the cover of and throughout *Indian Country Today's* 2007 Powwow Magazine. You can order the 2007 Powwow Magazine online at [www.indian-country.com](http://www.indian-country.com). Way to go Theresa! Love always, your sister, Lin.

Congratulations to **Meredith and Kenroy Henry** on the birth of their new baby boy, Cameron Xavier Henry. Love, Auntie B.

Congratulations to big sister, **Sophia Henry**, on the birth of your little brother, Cameron Xavier Henry. Love, Auntie B.

# LTBB AND THE GREATER COMMUNITY

## BIG READ PROJECT 2007

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Education Director Melissa Claramunt spoke about the Big Read project to the Rotary Club of Petoskey at Stafford's Bayview Inn on March 7.



Education Director Melissa Claramunt spoke about the Big Read project to the elders in attendance at the Elders Luncheon on February 20.



Aaron Wayne Otto makes promotional buttons. Otto, who works as a Pre-Press Graphics Specialist, designed all of the logos for the project.



Melissa Wiatrolik works on promotional buttons for the LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007.

After months of planning, tribal citizens of all ages are invited to participate in the LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 activities.

A kickoff event is scheduled for April 21 in conjunction with the Annual Family Resource Fair to be held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. A complimentary copy of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee along with other resources and giveaways will be distributed to each family in attendance at the fair. Activities, games and refreshments will also be a part of this fun family event.

Before the kickoff event, Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik will be the keynote speaker at the North Central Michigan College Luncheon and Lecture Series on April 13 in Petoskey, MI. Ettawageshik will talk about *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the cultural and socioeconomic implications and

the role of the tribe.

Mary Badham, the actress who played Scout in the 1962 movie "To Kill a Mockingbird," is scheduled to speak at the Elders Luncheon at the LTBB Governmental Center on April 26 and do a staged reading at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey the same day. She is also scheduled to appear at the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra performances on June 16 at St. Francis Church in Petoskey and on June 17 at the National Shrine of the Cross in the Woods in Indian River, MI. The performance at St. Francis Church is at 7 p.m., and the performance at the National Shrine of the Cross of the Woods is at 4:30 p.m.

James Grant is currently composing an original piece of work titled *Scout*, and it will premiere on June 16. It will be performed by mezzo soprano Martha Hart and the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. It is a song cycle based on the narration from Scout's point of

view.

The Stratford Festival of Canada will be presenting a theatrical play of "To Kill a Mockingbird" in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. The LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 has purchased tickets to the play on May 26 which will be given away as prizes.

A closing event is scheduled for late June.

Area public libraries have scheduled several events for April, May and June.

To view a complete calendar of events, visit [www.ne-abigread.org](http://www.ne-abigread.org), click on Community Calendar of Events and click on Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Times and dates are subject to change.

*Education Director Melissa Claramunt contributed to this article.*

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

## GREETINGS FROM THE LTBB

### ENERGY WORKGROUP

By Albert Colby, Jr., Tribal Administrator

The LTBB Energy Workgroup continues to meet on a monthly basis to develop a future plan for educating tribal citizens on energy efficiency within their places of residence, research renewable energy sources capable of reducing the tribe's dependency on public utilities and research implementation of renewable energy sources within future tribal development projects.

The tribe recently submitted a proposal designed to conduct a feasibility study on potential renewable energy sources to determine which could benefit the tribe and provide savings on our tribal utility bills.

The workgroup will provide information to assist homeowners in reducing

their energy costs by recommending installing programmable thermostats on heating systems, replacing old light bulbs with energy efficient bulbs, proper weatherization of windows and checking for proper installation of insulation in walls, roof soffits and home attics.

The news channels have been filled with reports on global warming, but global warming seldom receives enough attention from the viewers. Networks do not allot adequate time to carry the message to the viewers. If you haven't seen the Al Gore documentary titled, "An Inconvenient Truth," I encourage you to put it on your list of things to do. It provides the necessary

facts, and a person needs to draw his or her own conclusion on the level of action this world must take to protect Mother Earth. The documentary is easily understood, and the information is presented in many forms such as graphs, photo comparisons, live film footage and interviews. It identifies the undisputable wrongdoing by those who would not benefit from fixing this environmental problem.

The LTBB Energy Workgroup will view the documentary at its next meeting and will discuss holding a public viewing of the documentary for interested tribal citizens in the near future. "An Inconvenient Truth" is rated PG.

**Traditional Healer**  
**Jake Pine**

**is available for appointments on the following dates:**

**February 26 and 27**  
**March 26 and 27**  
**April 23 and 24**  
**May 28 and 29**  
**June 25 and 26**  
**July 23 and 24**  
**August 27 and 28**  
**September 24 and 25**  
**October 22 and 23**  
**November 26 and 27**

**All appointments at the LTBB Community Health Department located at 1080 Hager Drive in Petoskey, MI. For more details or to schedule appointments, call 231-242-1601.**

**Day Care Assistance**

Applications for the 2006-2007 Day Care Assistance Program are now available.

If you live in Emmet, Charlevoix or Cheboygan County and would like more information, please stop in at Human Services, 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application. You may also call 1-888-309-5822 and ask for Human Services.

**This is an income based program.**

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**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT A JOB AT VICTORIES CASINO & HOTEL?**

**DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN A CASINO PROFESSION?**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN OUR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES?**



Human Resources is accepting applications and creating a database of all interested Tribal Citizens who have a desire to become a part of the Victories Casino & Hotel team.

If you have access to the Internet, check out Victories Casino & Hotel's website at [www.victories-casino.com](http://www.victories-casino.com) for all current jobs or call 1-877-4-GAMING and ask for Mary Roberts, Employment Manager.

**LTBB of Odawa Indians' Food Distribution Program Warehouse Schedule**

**Days for Distribution**

<b>1st Saturday</b>	<b>1 &amp; 2 person households</b>
<b>2nd Saturday</b>	<b>3 &amp; 4 person households</b>
<b>3rd Saturday</b>	<b>5+ person households</b>

**Hours of Distribution**

<b>Open</b>	<b>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.</b>
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If you missed your pickup, please call 231-242-1627 to make alternative arrangements.

# VICTORIES CASINO AND HOTEL EMPLOYEES SHOW THEIR GENEROSITY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

For the Victories Casino and Hotel employees who volunteered their time at the Great Lakes Burn Camp Luncheon, it was their way of giving back to the community.

The luncheon, catered and served by Victories Casino and Hotel staff along with a few of their relatives, put a smile on the faces of the children in attendance at the camp. It was held February 10 at Challenge Mountain in Walloon Lake, MI.

Victories Casino and Hotel Public Relations and Communications Manager Diane Bott has asked her co-workers to volunteer one Saturday a year to put on a luncheon for either the Great Lakes Burn Camp, the Michigan Parents of Children with Visual Impairments Camp or a Special Olympics Michigan Camp.

The menu at this particular luncheon included fried chicken, spaghetti with meatballs, corn, biscuits, au gratin potatoes, fruit salad, chocolate cupcakes with white frosting and refreshments. The luncheon fed approximately 100 children plus their adult chaperones.

"I've always had a great passion for helping special needs children," said Bott, who was on Challenge Mountain's Board of Directors for four years and continues to be involved with the organization. "For the children at the camp, it is a big deal to come up north for a long weekend and spend time at Challenge Mountain.

"It is hard because of the circumstances (all the children at the Great Lakes Burn Camp are burn survivors and many are wards of the state of Michigan). I hope the children enjoy themselves at the camp, and I hope they enjoy the food we prepared for them."

The Great Lakes Burn Camp based in Jackson, MI, is a special place for kids ages 7-17 to meet, heal, grow and support other burn survivors. Kids share their stories and bond with other kids in a comfortable, relaxed environment. Unconditional love and acceptance is only a part of what each camper receives at Great Lakes Burn Camp.

Campers from all over Michigan and northern Indiana come together to enjoy cross country and downhill skiing, snowmobiling, sledding, tobogganing, ice skating, snow cat riding and other outdoor activities at Challenge Mountain.

"We work with people with special needs," Challenge Mountain Executive Director Sue Moody said. "At Challenge Mountain, we offer year-round activities like cross country skiing, snowshoeing, sailing, wilderness camping and downhill skiing. Any special needs child is welcome to use the facility free of charge.

"We were looking for sponsors (Challenge Mountain is a non-profit organization), and I contacted Diane Bott to see if Victories was interested. We have had a great relationship with Victories. We are very thankful for Victories' involvement over the years."

In addition to catering and serving the luncheon, Victories Casino and Hotel staff handed out goodie bags to the children. Bott accepted a plaque on behalf of Victories from the Great Lakes Burn Camp. The plaque read, "The Great Lakes Burn Camp would like to express its sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Victories Casino and Hotel for your outstanding support and generosity towards our campers and staff 2006/2007."

The Victories Casino and Hotel staff received Great Lakes Burn Camp t-shirts from camp organizers, and they received rides on the snow cat from Challenge Mountain volunteers.

Challenge Mountain began as the dream of Darla Evans whose daughter, Christi, was confined to a wheelchair due to numerous birth defects. Evans took her daughter to the National Sports Center for Disabled in Winter Park, CO, where her daughter learned how to ski using adaptive equipment. The experience gave her daughter self-confidence and self-esteem. Hal O'Leary, founder and recreation program director of the Winter Park facility, refused to accept payment from Evans. He instead elicited a promise from



A Challenge Mountain volunteer closes the door on the snow cat before Victories Casino and Hotel employees embark on a ride.



The Victories Casino and Hotel employees who volunteered their time. Also pictured is Samantha Ward, 12.



Mary Kilmer (center) shows off one of the cupcakes made for dessert. Her parents also volunteered their time at the luncheon.



Victories Casino and Hotel employees prepared and served lunch at the Great Lakes Burn Camp.



A child at the Great Lakes Burn Camp enjoys skiing down the hill at Challenge Mountain.



Children at the Great Lakes Burn Camp enjoy the meal provided by Victories Casino and Hotel.



Victories Casino and Hotel prepared and served the meal at Challenge Mountain in Walloon Lake, MI.



Challenge Mountain volunteer Chase Lepird, 9, in the front row. Challenge Mountain volunteer Kristi Lepird (left) and Challenge Mountain Executive Director Sue Moody (right) in the second row. Challenge Mountain volunteer Terry Baker in the back row.

Evans that she would go back to Michigan and work to begin a similar program.

When she returned to Michigan, Evans approached northern Michigan area ski resorts with the idea of allowing her to recruit volunteers to help the physically challenged and mentally im-

paired learn to ski on their hills. Everett Kircher, founder of Boyne USA, let Evans try her ideas at Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, MI. In 1984, Challenge Mountain became a non-profit organization, and Boyne USA gave the organization the old Walloon Hills Ski Area that included 160 acres

of land and an existing ski lodge.

For more information on Challenge Mountain, visit [www.challengemtn.org](http://www.challengemtn.org). For more information on the Great Lakes Burn Camp, visit [www.greatlakesburncamp.com](http://www.greatlakesburncamp.com).

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

## TWO PERCENT REVENUE SHARING CHECK PRESENTATION



On February 28 at the Emmet County Building in Petoskey, MI, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians presented the Emmet County Treasurer's Office with a two percent revenue sharing check for \$638,431.05.

On hand for the presentation were Victories Casino and Hotel General Manager Barry Milligan, Emmet County Treasurer Marilyn May and Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. Pictured from left to right are Milligan, May and Denemy, Sr.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



## Three Fires Road to Wellness Health Fair

When: May 5, 10 a.m.-3p.m.  
Where: Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Tribe's Luella Collins Community Center, Bradley, MI

### Health Fair Activities

- Sports Physicals
- Health Screenings
- Nutritional Information
- Plenty of Health Stations
- Tons of Health Information
- Poster Walk!
- Fire Safety
- Diabetic Bingo
- Monitor Your Mood
- Premiere of Manjiida "Let's Move" Video (By Little River Band of Odawas)
- Authentic Mexican Food

Children's Activities, Piñata & Dance Dance Revolution

Location: 419 125th Ave. Shelbyville, MI 49344-9704  
For more information call: Gun Lake HHS 616-681-0360

Or  
NHBP Health Dept Northern office at 616-249-0159 or NHBP Southern Office 616-269-966-1101

\* In partnership with: Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Little River Band of Odawa, Saginaw Chippewa Band of Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Indians, and Grand River Ottawa Tribe.

# UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE NEW EMPLOYEES SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



Blayne Bott

Blayne Bott started his position as a Gaming Inspector in the Regulatory Department on February 19.

Previously, Bott worked at Victories Casino as a Slot Attendant since 2000, where he filled machines, paid out jackpots and performed customer service.

Bott, who grew up in Remus, MI, graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Mt. Pleasant, MI. He attended Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI, for two years, and

then transferred to Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, MI, where he double majored in Social Studies and History. Bott earned a Bachelors degree and his teaching certification from Eastern Michigan. His teaching certification allows him to teach economics, history, geography and political science to students in grades seven through 12.

Both of Bott's parents work for Victories Casino and Hotel. His mother, Diane Bott, is the Public Relations and Communications Manager. His father, John Bott, works in Promotions in the Marketing Department. Bott's grandmother is Catherine (Petoskey) Emmons.

In his free time, Bott likes to play the guitar, anything from classical to contemporary. He also enjoys reading about economics, history, geography and political science.

Bott and his wife, Sara, are

expecting their first child, a girl, in April.

Bott enjoys working for LTBB because he takes pride in the casino and really enjoys the northern Michigan area.



Eric Hemenway

Eric Hemenway started as a Research and Repatriation Assistant in the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department on February 19. In the winter months, he performs research and gathers information for repatriation claims. In the warmer

months, he assists with cemetery, grave and cross maintenance at northern Michigan cemeteries.

Prior to accepting his current position, he worked part-time in the department starting in April 2006. He also worked for James M. McClurken and Associates Ethnohistorical Consultants, Inc. in Lansing, MI, for three years. After working for McClurken and Associates, he traveled extensively and taught English abroad.

"I've always had an interest in history," Hemenway said. "My mother (LTBB Tribal Citizen Peggy Hemenway) was heavily involved with the reaffirmation process.

"Without the existence of documents and archival materials, the reaffirmation process would not have been successful, and the tribe wouldn't be where it is today."

Hemenway grew up in Cross Village, MI, and graduated from Harbor Springs High School in

Harbor Springs, MI. He attended Bay Mills Community College in Brimley, MI, for two years. He has either lived in or visited Central America, Asia, Laos, Taiwan, Thailand, Costa Rico, Mexico, Hong Kong and Canada.

"I've traveled a lot the last eight years, but I like what I'm doing now, and it is my intent to stay here," Hemenway said. "My interest in history is an identity issue. If people know their history, they know their identity. It gives people a clearer sense of who they are."

In his free time, Hemenway enjoys working out at the gym, reading, traveling and spending time with his family and friends.

His mother is Peggy Hemenway, and his grandmother was the late Leona Hemenway.

## LTBB HOSTS MACPRA QUARTERLY MEETING IN HARBOR SPRINGS, MI

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On February 22, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hosted the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) Quarterly Meeting at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

MACPRA consists of all the federally recognized Indian tribes in Michigan and the two state historic tribes of Michigan. Each tribe has a designee who represents it and is the voice of the tribe. The main concern and charge of this alliance is the protection and preservation of all tribal resources, past, present and future. This includes, but is not limited to former habitation areas, ancestral burials, associated and unassociated grave goods, and all

other traditional cultural properties of sacred and cultural importance.

MACPRA's mission statement is, "We, the nations represented by the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance Committee, thankful to our Creator for our sovereign freedom, in order to rebury ancestors who have been removed from their resting places and are known to us, to bring home to rest all remaining ancestors who have been taken out of their aboriginal homelands and lands known today within the state of Michigan, to defend and protect all Indigenous graves; to protect and defend all traditional cultural properties and to unify ourselves in the pursuit of these goals."

MACPRA's goals include:

- Facilitating the repatriation of ancestral remains removed from their original burial sites.
- The protection and preservation of all cultural resources on lands within our tribal ancestral and historic territories.
- Education of the public as to land conservation and protection for future generations.
- Education of private landowners so they have the knowledge to make informed decisions concerning the discovery of burial sites, funerary objects and artifacts on their private land.

- Providing information to private landowners on the proper way to protect burial sites on their land.
- Providing information to financial programs that are available to protect historic sites.
- Providing information to private landowners on how to respectfully return Native ancestors to the tribes.

MACPRA officers are President Summer Cohen, Vice President Winnay Wemigwase, Secretary Alina McGiishick and Treasurer giiwegiishigookway Martin.

Wemigwase is the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Director. Along with Wemigwase,

Cultural Preservation Coordinator Leonard "Joe" Mitchell and Research and Repatriation Assistant Eric Hemenway attended the meeting.

Geographic Information Systems Director Alan Proctor gave a presentation on a project he is working on with the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department.

For more information on MACPRA, please visit the MACPRA website at <http://www.saulttribe-nsn.gov/MACPRA/repatriation>.

Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase contributed to this article.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Cultural Preservation Coordinator Leonard "Joe" Mitchell speaks during the meeting.



GIS Director Alan Proctor spoke at the meeting about a project he is working on.



(L to R) Donna Budnick and Summer Cohen participated in the meeting.



(L to R) Winnay Wemigwase and Eric Hemenway listen intently at the meeting.

## Headstart Children Entertain Elders



On February 27, children from the LTBB Headstart Program made another visit to the elders in attendance at the Elders Luncheon held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. The children sang three songs to the elders. They periodically visit the elders at the Elders Luncheon. Their last visit was January 30 when they sang songs. Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

### LTBB ID CARDS

If you live out of state and would like a picture identification card, send us a recent picture of yourself and your signature on white paper with no lines. Please include your date of birth or enrollment number so we can identify you. The identification cards are used at the Biindigen Gas Station for a discount on gas and other products. The identification cards are also used for secondary proof of identification when applying for a Michigan Driver's license.

If you have any questions, please give us a call.  
Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee 231-242-1521  
Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520

### 2007 PROJECTED ELECTION SCHEDULE

- FRIDAY MAY 11, PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**
- MAY 25** GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
- JUNE 9** GENERAL ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI.
- MONDAY JUNE 25, GENERAL ELECTION DAY**
- JULY 10** GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED

**NEW TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING**



## Tribal Citizens

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

They are also available at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-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.

## FOSTER CARE HELP NEEDED

Foster parents, individuals or families, are urgently needed to provide permanent and temporary foster care for our tribal children.

If you can:

- Provide love and guidance
- Help maintain our native cultural values and teachings for a foster child.

And you are willing to:

- Obtain background check clearances.

Please contact the LTBB Social Services Program, Human Services Department, at 231-242-1623 for more information.

## Are You Interested in Working for the LTBB Government?

If you would like to be included in the LTBB Human Resources database, please send resumé and cover letter to:

[jwerner@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:jwerner@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
(send as Microsoft Word or as a PDF)

or LTBB Human Resources  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

(IMPORTANT: We need an e-mail address to notify you when a position that meets your interests becomes available.)

Please check our website, [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov), for current openings or call our toll free job hotline at 1-866-582-2562. Job postings are updated every Friday.



## 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.

## "SHANANAQUET" CONTINUED FROM COVER

times help me on my bigger projects."

Punkin Shananaquet founded the Pink Shawl Project in 2003 in honor of her mother-in-law's battle with breast cancer. The project was designed to raise awareness of the disease which is the leading cause of death among Native American women. The *Associated Press* wrote an article about the Pink Shawl Project in 2005.

David Shananaquet's father is Larry Shananaquet, a LTBB Tribal Citizen. His father taught him to play the guitar, and David Shananaquet plays mostly folk music.

"My dad plays anything with strings," David Shananaquet said.

David Shananaquet wanted to thank all of his family for always supporting him and his art.

**Editor's note:** David Shananaquet's artwork will be featured at the Native Skate "All Nations Skate Event" in Albuquerque, NM, the last weekend of April following the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar except for the photo of David Shananaquet. It appears courtesy of David Shananaquet.



Grindstone Lake Singers, LCO WI 2006

Photo by Netawn Kiogma

## DRUM (DEWE'GAN) PRACTICE

INTERTRIBAL POW WOW DRUM PRACTICE IS BEING HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY IN APRIL FROM 5:30 P.M.-7 P.M. AT THE LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER IN THE TRIBAL COURTROOM. EVERYONE INTERESTED IN SHARING AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT WOODLAND STYLE DRUMMING AND SINGING, AND THOSE WHO JUST WANT TO GET TOGETHER AND SING, ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS NOT NECESSARY. PRACTICE IS FREE AND BEING FACILITATED BY YOUTH SERVICES.

COORDINATOR R.J. SMITH.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL YOUTH SERVICES AT 231-242-1593 OR 231-838-5473.

## Indian Hills Gallery



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## COME MEET THE FIRE KEEPERS

### WHO ARE THE FIRE KEEPERS?

A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ASSIST WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A FIRE TO HELP OUR LOVED ONES' SPIRITS TO WALK ON.

### WHEN WOULD YOU CALL ON THE FIRE KEEPERS?

YOU CAN CALL ON US WHEN YOU NEED HELP WITH:  
PROPER PROCEDURE  
ASSISTANCE WITH WOOD  
ABILITY TO KEEP WATCH  
MEDICINES

### WHY ARE WE HERE?

TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY.  
TO LEARN AND TO TEACH THE WAYS OF OUR ANCESTORS.  
MOST OF ALL, TO HELP THE ONES WHO NEED US OR WOULD LIKE OUR HELP.

### HOW ARE THE FIRE KEEPERS FUNDED?

THERE WILL BE A SPAGHETTI DINNER AT THE LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER IN HARBOR SPRINGS, MI. THE DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM THIS DINNER WILL HELP FUND THE FIRE KEEPERS.

WHEN: APRIL 10  
TIME: 6:30 P.M. - 10 P.M.  
PLEASE JOIN US.

# LTBB Hosts CORA MEETING AT VICTORIES HOTEL IN PETOSKEY, MI

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On February 15, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hosted a Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) meeting at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI.

The CORA member tribes are Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, LTBB and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The CORA governing body consists of each member tribe's chairman and the natural resource entity chairman of each member tribe.

Two committees were established under the CORA charter, the Great Lakes Resource Committee (GLRC) and the Inland

Lands and Waters Resources Committee (ILWRC). GLRC serves as the intertribal management body for the treaty fishery in 1836 treaty waters invested with broad powers to carry out its charge. ILWRC oversees inland resource matters.

CORA provides biological services to ensure proper regulation of tribal fisheries and cooperative management with federal and state agencies. The Inter-Tribal Fisheries Assessment Program (ITFAP) maintains a commercial harvest database, conducts fish contaminant sampling, recommends harvest levels and carries out population research and studies. Each member tribe is represented on the

Technical Fishery Committee (TFC). The tribal, state and federal biologists who comprise TFC are responsible for gathering data and establishing total harvest limits.

Nunns Creek Fish Hatchery located near Hessel, MI, raises walleye, salmon and other species to stock Great Lakes waters. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians purchased the hatchery in 1987 on behalf of CORA. Since opening in 1989, it serves as the center for monitoring and management of salmon harvested by tribal commercial fishermen. Member tribes fishery staff work cooperatively with CORA Fishery Enhancement and operate their own programs.

Tribal fishermen of the 1836 Treaty Fishery are subject to tribal fishing regulations, U.S. Coast Guard vessel safety regulations and federal seafood safety regulations (HACCP). The CORA tribes use conservation officers to enforce recreational, commercial, subsistence and vessel safety regulations in the treaty waters of the Great Lakes. Officers perform all conservation enforcements investigations and services in treaty waters and work cooperatively with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Coast Guard. They are trained at federal or state police academies, and receive mandatory police, firearm and first aid instruction. The 2000 Consent Decree estab-

lished a Law Enforcement Committee to be responsible for resolving multi-jurisdictional enforcement fishery issues. It is made up of tribal, federal and state conservation officers.

The Chippewa Ottawa Treaty Fishery Resource Authority (COTFMA) was established in 1981, and COTFMA became CORA in August 2000.

LTBB joined CORA in August 2000.

For more information on CORA, please visit [www.1836cora.org](http://www.1836cora.org).

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Erik Olsen, GTB Fishery Biologist, addressed the people in attendance at the CORA meeting.

(L to R) Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik and Natural Resource Director Doug Craven.

(L to R) Bill Denemy, Sr., Beatrice A. Law and Doug Craven in the front row. Randy Seymour, Steve Lenart, Frank Ettawageshik, John Keshick III and Jim Bransky in the back row.

(L to R) Jason Grondin, Aaron Schlehuber, Charlie Matson, Aaron Payment, Jimmie Mitchell and Virgil Johnson.

## Family Sledding Party



Photo courtesy of Robert "R.J." Smith.

Photo courtesy of Robert "R.J." Smith.

The Youth Services Department and the Steps to a Healthier Anishnaabe, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Grant sponsored a Family Sledding Party on February 14 at the Kiwanis Club in Harbor Springs, MI. The sledding party lasted from 5-7 p.m. Photos courtesy of Gwen Gasco unless otherwise noted.

## Walking Challenge 2007

The Grand Traverse Band Steps to a Healthier Anishnaabe have issued a walking challenge to all other Michigan tribes. Beginning March 21 and running until July 13, we are asking our mightiest walkers and other strong competitors to put on a pedometer and keep track of your activities for 16 weeks. If you do not enjoy walking, we have conversion sheets that can tell you how many steps your chosen activity would equal. At the end of the 16 weeks, a winner will be determined and announced at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics. For more information or to sign up, please call Cathy Gibson or Regina Brubacker at 231-242-1601 or contact Brubacker at [rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). You may sign up until June. Let's show them what we're made of LTBB!

## "CAUGHT READING" PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN



The LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 encourages all tribal citizens to read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* and participate in the upcoming activities. As part of a promotional "Caught Reading" campaign, these two photographs were recently taken by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

One shows Executive Assistant Rebecca Fisher looking over Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik's shoulder to read the book. One shows Tribal Council members and Legislative Office employees reading the book while on lunch break at the March 11 Tribal Council meeting. Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law and Legislative Attorney Donna Budnick are left to right in the front row. Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Mary Roberts and Councilor Regina Gasco-Bentley are left to right in the back row.

# ODAWA CASINO RESORT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

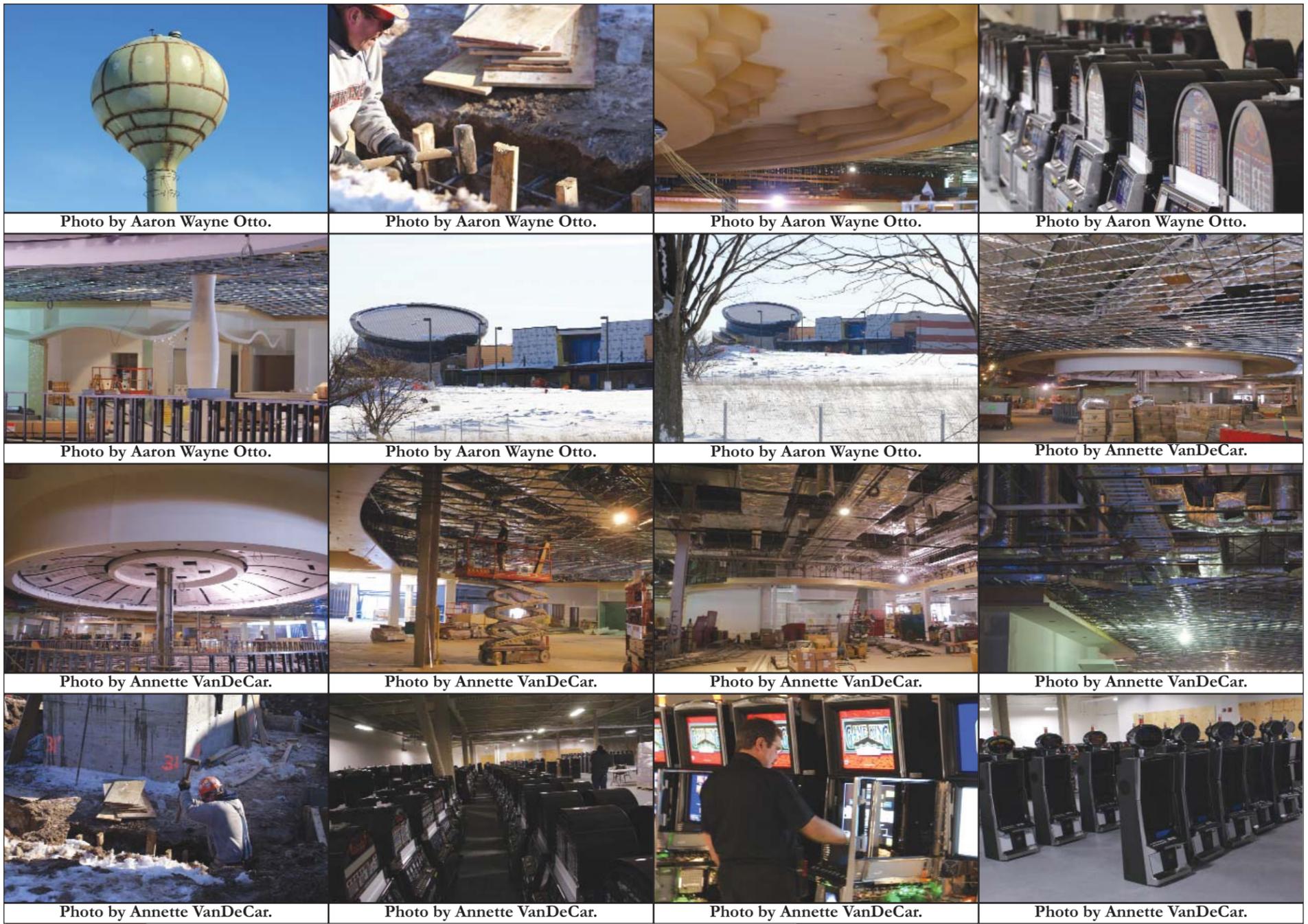


Photo by Aaron Wayne Otto.

Photo by Annette VanDeCar.

*Naming Award-Winning  
Yolanda Martinez  
in Concert*

Yolanda Martinez is an Apache/Hispanic Indian born and raised in New Mexico. She grew up connected to Earth Mother, always living close to nature and animals and away from towns. This is just part of what gives this Artist her creativity and also part of why Spirit called her to make DRUMS. Her drums are known to have their own special resonance and ring. They are tied in a special way that is her own design and helps them to hold their tone and voice. She signs, dates and writes inside each drum and they are sought all over the U.S. And Europe.

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Appearing May 26  
at Petoskey Middle School  
7:00 p.m.  
Tickets: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door  
Tickets available at the S.A.G.E Center  
(One child under 12 admitted free with the purchase of an adult ticket)

May 26 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Drum Making Workshop  
\$175 to make a 16" Drum (price includes concert ticket)  
Everything is provided for the workshop. The price includes your hide, hoop, sinew, leather and beater to play your drum.

May 27 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. "Drumming & Feast"  
Everyone is invited to a musical celebration including a potluck luncheon. Bring your drums and musical instruments to join the fun.

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3890 Charlevoix Ave.  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
Phone: 231-348-3334  
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S.A.G.E. Center

Little Traverse Bay Bands  
of Odawa Indians

**Annual Citizenship Meeting**  
Date: May 12  
Time: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.\*  
Lunch served at 1 p.m.

Place: Petoskey Middle School  
Auditorium/Cafeteria in Petoskey, MI  
Presiding Member:  
Ken Harrington

\*Agenda for the annual meeting will be included in a tribal mailing.

The 16th Annual  
**Greensky Hill Church  
Benefit Golf Scramble**  
May 20 at noon  
Antrim Dells Golf Course Atwood, MI

- Four-Player Teams-no handicap scramble.
- \$70 per player-includes Skins and Mullies (cash or check only)
- Cash Prizes in three divisions: Men's Ladies, and Mixed Play
- Many contests holes for skill levels
- All U.S.G.A. rules apply
- Awards, Prizes, and dinner buffet immediately following the tournament
- Deadline to register is May 13
- All entries are secured by advanced reservations only!

For more information or to register your team, please call Mike McCreery at 231-487-9146.  
All proceeds support Greensky Hill Native American Methodist Church in Charlevoix, MI