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BNAKWII GIIZIS (FALLING LEAVES MOON)

FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDS INDIAN COUNTRY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AT LTBB

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Before his September 17 resignation, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales held an Indian Country Roundtable Discussion on August 14 with the leaders of Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

Gonzales visited with tribal leaders to discuss the importance of a sustained commitment to cooperation among tribal, state and federal law enforcement agencies. He participated in a roundtable discussion, focusing on the challenges each tribe faces, their law enforcement successes, and identifying ways the Department of Justice (DOJ) can better assist tribes in enforcing the law.

"I wanted to visit with the tribes to discuss issues that permeate throughout Indian Country," Gonzales said in a press conference after the meeting.

"We discussed important issues like domestic violence. Violence against women and children will not be tolerated. We (at the DOJ) will assist the tribes in any way we can to stop it."

Other issues discussed included funding for tribal law enforcement, training and certification for police officers who work in Indian Country, implementation of the Adam Walsh Act for sex offender registration and the protection of treaty rights. Tribal delegations included elected officials, police chiefs, prosecutors and attorneys.

During the roundtable discussion, Gonzales announced new DOJ grant awards totaling more than \$3 million that will help Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes, emphasizing the department's commitment to fighting crime in tribal regions. The awards, administered through the DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Justice Programs (OJP), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), are primarily used for crime prevention efforts, increased resources for



Representatives from Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes discussed common issues during the Indian Country Roundtable Discussion with former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik sits to the left of Gonzales.

law enforcement and improvements to victim assistance services in tribal regions in Michigan.

"The Department of Justice is committed to improving law enforcement and criminal justice in Indian Country, and to ensuring that federally recognized tribes are full partners

in this effort," Gonzales said. "These funds further this commitment and respond to specific needs of tribal communities.

"Tribes are in a legally unique situation because of their status as sovereigns. Each tribe has a unique culture that must be considered. In-

deed, the Department of Justice always seeks to strike that careful balance of the needs of the individuals living in Indian Country versus the imperative to respect tribal sovereignty and self-determination."

LTBB received a COPS grant for fiscal year 2007. The funds are



Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales fields questions from the media during a press conference following the Indian Country Roundtable Discussion held on August 14. Gonzales later announced his resignation on August 27, effective September 17.

aimed at supporting tribal law enforcement agencies with the purchase of equipment, technology and training. The grant was awarded to the Natural Resource Department, and was part of the COPS' Tribal Resource Grants Program.

LTBB also received a OJP grant for fiscal year 2007. It supports the development, implementation, enhancement and continuing operation of the Tribal Court.

During the roundtable discussion, LTBB proposed having all tribes sign on to the Adam Walsh sex offender registration act, a tribal-wide sex offender registry that will be linked to the state and federal registries.

After the roundtable discussion, Gonzales met with the tribal media assembled in Room 312 and then held a press conference for mainstream media in the Tribal Courtroom. The tribal media included journalists from the *Tribal Observer* (the newspaper of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe), *Win Awenen*

Nisitotung/Sault Tribe News (the newspaper of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians), *GTB News* (the newspaper of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians) and *Odawa Trails*. The mainstream media included the *Petoskey News-Review*, WWTW9/WWUP10, WPBN 7&4, WFQZ Fox 33 and two other daily newspapers.

When asked why the DOJ selected LTBB as the site for the roundtable discussion, Gonzales said, "Because it was centrally located for the tribes and because LTBB has a great facility." He went on to say "LTBB was a great host."

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik called the event "unprecedented."

"It was our privilege to host such a momentous event," Ettawageshik said. "We discussed some important issues that affect all the tribes. We had meaningful dialogue on a variety of issues common to all of us."

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Being Odawa is all about Freedom

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

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'aana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaaga'ing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniwinan, maadiziwin miinwa mndooaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiiten-daakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazi-naa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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The deadline for the November issue of *Odawa Trails* is September 24. You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions to newsletter@ltb-bodawa-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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13 inches	1 col. x 13 in. \$52	\$44.20 \$41.60 \$39.00	2 col. x 13 in. \$104	\$88.40 \$83.20 \$78.00	3 col. x 13 in. \$156	\$132.60 \$124.80 \$117.00	4 col. x 13 in. \$179	\$152.15 \$143.20 \$134.25	5 col. x 13 in. \$224	\$190.40 \$179.20 \$168.00
14 inches	1 col. x 14 in. \$56	\$47.60 \$44.80 \$42.00	2 col. x 14 in. \$112	\$95.20 \$89.60 \$84.00	3 col. x 14 in. \$168	\$142.80 \$134.40 \$126.00	4 col. x 14 in. \$193	\$164.05 \$154.40 \$144.75	5 col. x 14 in. \$242	\$205.70 \$193.60 \$168.00
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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.

THE ELDERS PROGRAM IS IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OCTOBER MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION (MIEA) MEETING. THE DATES ARE OCTOBER 10-12. IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE CONTACT TINA PETERSON AT 231-242-1423, SO YOUR NAME MAY BE PUT ON THE LIST. THE ELDERS PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WE MAY TAKE. THE SELECTION PROCESS IS FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE, SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The LTBB Elders Program seeks a snow plow contractor to plow elders' driveways during the winter of 2007 - 2008.

Interested individuals should submit an application to the Accounting Department located at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, or call Kristina Baller at 231-242-1443.

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.

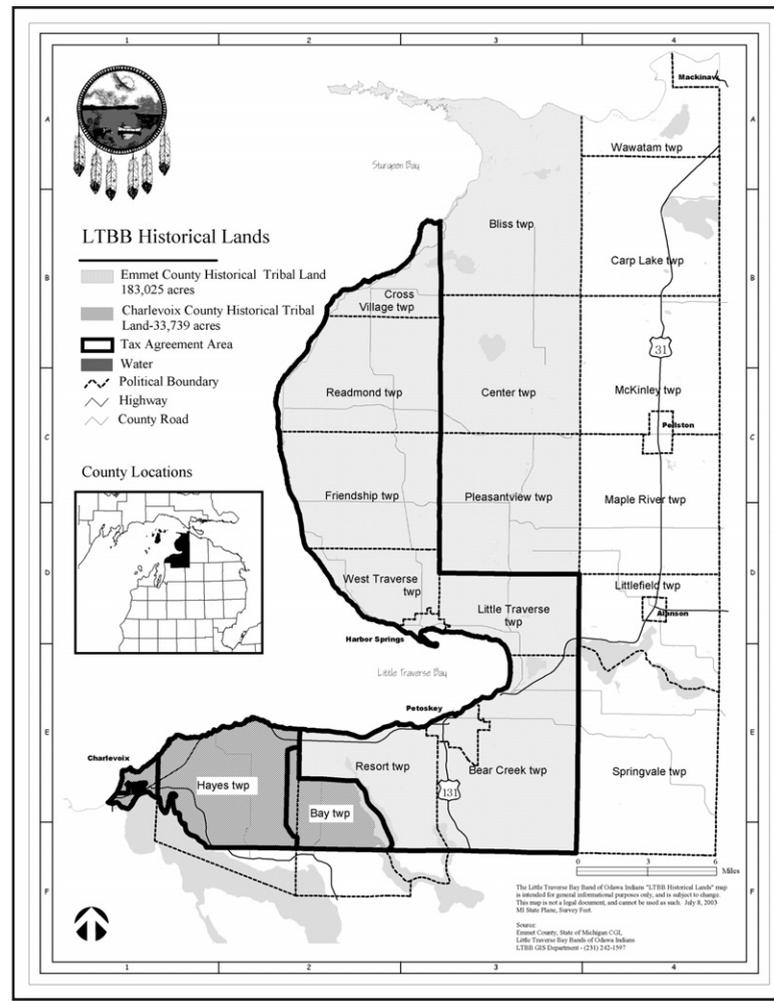
Tax Agreement Information

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 LTBB 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 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 by the State.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable in PDF format on the LTBB website at www.ltbבודawa-nsn.gov. Click on Office, Government Center and Department of Commerce.

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



October Elder Birthdays

October 1
Daniel Boda, Jr.
Peter Compo, Sr.
Roberta Williamson

October 2
Francis Burch, Sr.
Mary Gillespie

October 3
Bruce Hoy
Christine Miscovich

October 4
Lance Kilborn
Shirley McCallister

October 5
Arlene Brilley
Mark Lovay

October 6
Virgil Sharkey

October 7
Delores Pierzynowski

October 9
Margaret Boatright
Mabel Shomin

October 10
Rose Fauvel
Joanne Schnurer
Melvin Thompson

October 11
Ralph Bartlett
Lorraine LaCroix

October 12
Joseph Casey
Marcella Keller
Charles Kiogima
Gary Shomin

October 15
Judith Feathers
Joseph Potter
Beverly Robinson
Dorothy Wolf

October 16
Clara Charvez
Mary Gasco
Richard Shomin

October 18
Kenneth Gablow, Sr.
Joseph Kishego
Peter Nadeau

October 19
Ethel Benzenberg
Frank Bernard
Jane Bogart-Smith
Gail Fiorino
Floyd Harrington, Sr.
Leona Honson
Edward Shenoskey
Yvonne Walker-Keshick

October 20
Carol Atherton
Eleanor Gemuenden

October 21
William Mattick
Marvin Mulholland

October 22
Barbara Howard
Paul Nyberg
Frances Roossien
Elisa Shawanese
Mona Vertz

October 23
Pauline Kullik
Lyle Martell

October 24
Kathleen Criminger

October 26
Lucius Cabinaw
Colleen Himelright
Dorothy VonDestinon

October 27
Daniel Romer
Janet Shomin

October 28
Shirley Wheeler

October 29
Joseph High

October 30
Violet Montez
Marlene Morse

Language Program

Falling Leaves Moon

Submitted by the Language Program

Bnaakwii Giizis

Mii maanda pii kina gego ni-
i'andaandek. Miigwa dgwaagik mi-
dash gwa aandaadek ninda
niibiishenhsan. Miigegwa kina
jimgisiing. Daamaajii tikeyaa. Mi-
igegwa jina tasewang. Mii gwa zhigwa
kina wesihsak zgakinaagewok wiib-
boonzhewaad. Binoojiinhak baabi-
itooaa'aa wiipaatasewaad. Kina
gwaya bashigendaan maanda pii gwa-
jiiing paayaad zaam kaawiin mshi
gitchiksinaasno.

Translation

This is when everything changes
color. It is now fall, and those leaves
are changing colors. They also will be
all falling down. It will start to get
cold. Halloween will also be coming
up. All the animals will store their
food for the winter. The children are
waiting to go trick or treating. Every-
body likes to be outside at this time
because it is not very cold yet.

Anishinaabemowin Resources



Featured Website:
<http://home.hetnet.nl/~cvkolmes/ojibwe/Siff/SiffFr2.htm>

Great source for studying language, shows language structure and correlation

Catechism For The Anishinaabe
Text transcription and translations.
Rt. Rev. Frederic Baraga
Bishop of Sault Saint Marie, MI
1964

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AAMBE ANISHNAABEMDAA!



Gojiing
noodin....

Gojiing
gimiwan....



Gojiing
zoogpo....



Gojiing
aawan....



Gojiing
nimkiikaa....



Gojiing
nichiiwad....

Gojiing
niiskaadad....



Gojiing minogiizhigad!



PHONETIC TABLE

Vowel	Sounds Like
a	bus
aa	father
e	bed
i	sit
ii	see
o	phone
oo	book
nh	(nasal sound)

LANGUAGE PROGRAM STAFF ATTEND ANISHINAABE FAMILY LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CAMP IN MANISTEE, MI



Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick (in the jean jacket) shuffles the Uno cards.

By **Carla McFall**, Language Program Coordinator

The 14th Annual Anishinaabe Family Language and Culture Camp, held July 27-29 in Manistee, MI, was another successful gathering.

The event is hosted by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRB) and coordinated by Kenny Pheasant, the LRB Language Program Coordinator. Several of the LRB departments and employees pitch in to help with the camp, including volunteering for cooking and serving meals.

sadness from touching moments. A jiiingtamok (pow wow) was held on Saturday evening (July 28) after dinner. Some were dressed in full regalia, and others just had a good time dancing in their jeans and t-shirt.

Entertainment was the final scheduled event on both Friday and Saturday evenings. This year's headliner was Helen Roy, singing pop songs in Anishinaabemowin and being the comedian that she naturally is.

One of the most awesome things about the camp is the tribal



Language Program Assistant Janelle Smith assists youth playing the game of Sorry.

More than 600 people came from throughout Michigan, and other places including Wisconsin, Ontario, Canada, Minnesota and Illinois. Some came from as far away as California, Oklahoma and Massachusetts.

The purpose of the camp is to bring people together to celebrate, learn and teach each other about our Anishinaabe culture and language. Most of the presenters are fluent Native speakers.

Almost 60 different workshops were offered, and the presentations were very interactive. Topics included language learning activities, language bingo, beadwork, shakers and drums, Native medicine, hand drum singing, children's songs, oral history and storytelling. The LTBB Language Program presented workshops on "Games You Can Play at Home." There was a youth track, which included Anishinaabe baseball and Anishinaabe football.

A talent show was held on Friday evening (July 27). It had people in tears, tears of laughter and tears of

flags. Anishinaabe from various communities bring their tribal flags and post them together for the weekend. With the Canadian flag, American flag, Prisoners Of War flag and other flags representing Native nations posted, the bright colors are beautiful.

On Sunday (July 29), camp winds down with lunch followed by a giveaway and closing ceremony. Some people say their "baamaapiis" until next year. It's a good feeling to have spent the time there with each other.

The camp takes place every year on the last weekend of July and runs Friday through Sunday. It is held at the Little River Band's campground on U.S. 31, right across from the Little River Casino Resort. The camp is free, and there is no cost for registration. LRB provides free camping and three meals each day. Next year, the camp is scheduled for July 25, 26 and 27. We hope to see you there next year with your family for the weekend or just the afternoon.

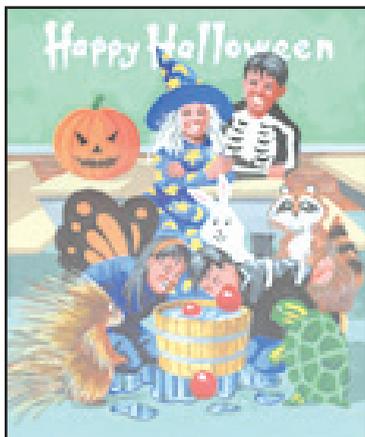
Photos by Tina Peterson.

October 2007 Peacemaking Advisory Committee and Peacemaking Training Session

October 9 Peacemaking Advisory Committee Meeting 3:30 p.m. in the courtroom

October 23 Peacemaking Training Session 3:30 p.m. in the courtroom.

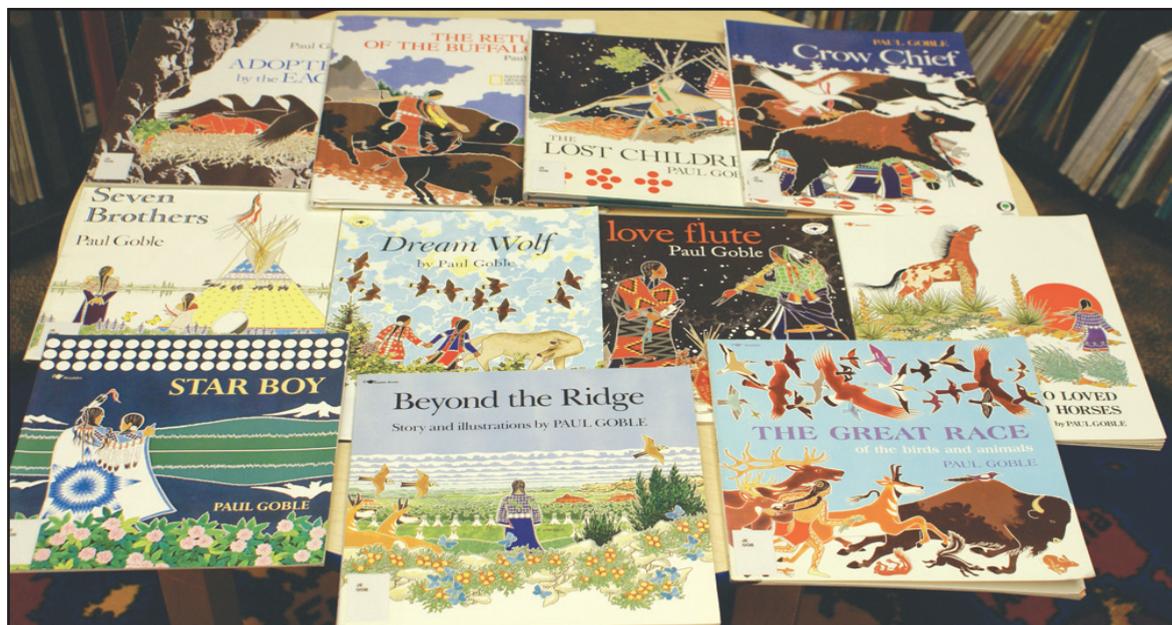
For more information, call Dave Keller at 231-242-1464.



Language Instructor Doreen Peltier reads the instructions for the Uno card game.

Education Department

EXPLORE PAUL GOBLE'S ENCHANTING CHILDREN'S BOOKS IN THE CULTURAL LIBRARY



By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

About the Author

Paul Goble is an award-winning author and illustrator of children's books. Goble, a native of England, studied at the Central School of Art in London and later worked in London as a furniture designer, industrial consultant and art instructor.

He moved to the United States in 1977 and became a U.S. Citizen in 1984. His lifelong fascination with Native Americans of the Plains began during his childhood. Goble became intrigued with their spirituality and culture.

He has said, "I particularly write and paint to encourage Indian children to be proud of their culture."

In the Caku Ota - A Newsletter Celebrating Native America website, he is quoted as saying, "I feel that I have seen and learned many wonderful things from Indian people which most people would never have the opportunity to experience. I simply wanted to express and to share these things which I love so much."

Goble has received numerous awards for his books, including the prestigious Caldecott Medal presented each year to the most distinguished children's picture book. He won the award for *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses* (1978).

His books have won praise from the American Library Association, the National Council of Social Studies, the International Reading Association and the Children's Book Council.

Goble's books have also been chosen for the Library of Congress' Children's Book of the Year award and as a Reading Rainbow selection by Public Broadcasting.

About the Books

Adopted by the Eagles: A Plains Indian Story of Friendship and Treachery

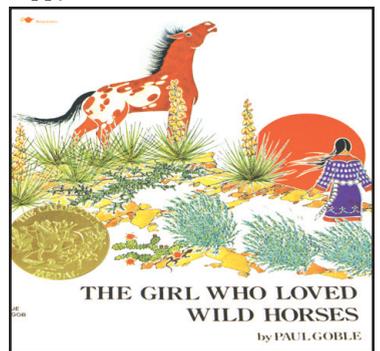
The following is a brief synopsis of the book: Two friends go out hunting, but only one returns in this story based in the Lakota Indian tradition.

Dream Wolf

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: When two Plains Indian children become lost, they are cared for and guided safely home by a friendly wolf.

The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: Though she is fond of her people, a girl prefers to live among the wild horses where she is truly happy and free.



The Great Race

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: A retelling of the Cheyenne and Sioux myth about the Great Race, a contest called by the Creator to settle the question of whether man or buffalo should have supremacy and thus become the guardians of Creation.

Death of the Iron Horse

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: In an act of bravery and defiance against the white men encroaching on their territory in 1867, a group of young Cheyenne braves derail and raid a freight train.

Love Flute

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: A gift to a shy young man from the birds and animals helps him to express his love to a beautiful girl.

Star Boy

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: Relates the Blackfoot Indian legend in which Star Boy gains the Sun's forgiveness for his mother's disobedience and is allowed to return to the Sky World.

Crow Chief: A Plains Indian Story

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: Crow Chief always warns the buffalo when hunters are

coming until Falling Star, a savior, comes to camp, tricks Crow Chief, and teaches him all must share and live like relatives together.

Buffalo Woman

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: A young hunter marries a female buffalo in the form of a beautiful maiden, but when his people reject her, he must pass several tests before being allowed to join the buffalo nation.

Beyond the Ridge

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: At her death, an elderly Plains Indian woman experiences the afterlife believed in by her people while the surviving family members prepare her body according to their customs.

Her Seven Brothers

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: Retells the Cheyenne legend in which a girl and her seven chosen brothers become the Big Dipper.

The Lost Children

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: In this retelling of a Blackfoot Indian legend, six neglected orphans become stars.

The Return of the Buffaloes

The following is a brief synopsis of the book: Based on a Lakota myth in which a mysterious woman returns the buffalo and the other animals to the Indian people.

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

The Cultural Library now has its own website linked to the LTBB website, www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov.

For more information on the Cultural Library, please call 231-242-1480.

Librarian Francine Thuston and Pre-Press Graphics Specialist David K. Burks contributed to this article.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Health Department

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 active 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.

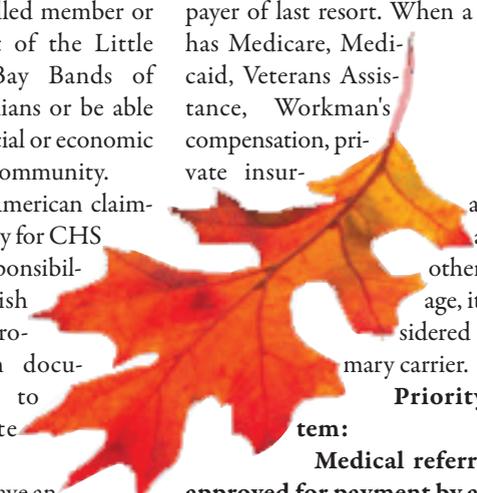
Alternate Resources:

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.



COMMUNITY HEALTH OFFERS SIX-WEEK MANAGING CHRONIC CONDITIONS CLASS IN PETOSKEY, MI

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

The Community Health Department will offer a Mnozhiyaadaa (Living Well) Personal Action Towards Health (PATH) Managing Chronic Conditions class.

The class starts on October 16 and runs for six weeks. It will be held at the LTBB Mina Mskiki Gumik conference room in Petoskey, MI, from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday from October 16 to November 20. It is limited to 15 participants, and it is free. For the class to be successful, it is imperative the participants attend all six weeks.

"It'll be an interactive class; it's not going to be a traditional lecture to students class," Community Health Director Michele Keshick said. "We'll teach people the tools to help them manage chronic conditions, but participants will also form a support group where they will share

their experiences, work together on problems and brainstorm solutions."

Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions will be used as a reference book for the class. The management skills taught include pain management, fatigue management, breathing techniques, relaxation and managing emotions, nutrition, exercise and medications.

"I expect we'll get people with a wide variety of chronic conditions," Keshick said. "Almost everyone would benefit from taking the class because either they or someone they love has a chronic condition."

It will be led by Keshick and Community Health Outreach Representative Carol Kiogima. Keshick and Kiogima completed PATH Training in Marquette, MI, last September.

For more information on the class or to sign up, please call Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.



Legislative Branch

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH HOSTS PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE



(L to R) Donna L. Budnick, Beatrice A. Law, Michele LaCount and Mike Smith.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

The Legislative Branch of Government held a public open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on August 10 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The "Journey to Sovereignty" video was played throughout the open house in the Commons Area. Tribal Council members were on hand to answer questions. There were handouts such as the LTBB Constitution available. There were games for kids and adults. Food and refreshments were provided.



Donna L. Budnick (left) helps Anna Wemigwase (in the middle) and Kiana Wood (right) during a game.

One game involved throwing kiosk balls into three buckets representing the three branches of government: Executive, Legislative and Judicial.

Another game involved picking one of the 24 duties of the Tribal Council out of a bucket and finding the sign with the corresponding number. Signs with the 24 duties were placed around the Commons Area. Once you found the appropriate sign,



Melvin L. Kiogima plays one of the games.

you tore off one of the strips on it and returned it to claim your prize.

Prizes for both games were candy bars, licorice and miniature LTBB flags.

The duties of the Tribal Council in a condensed form include make laws; approve policies, resolutions and regulations; provide for domestic relations jurisdiction; charter Indian corporations; ban persons



(L to R) Rita Shananaquet and Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky.

from tribal lands; govern tribal government conduct; provide for open records; encumber lands and dispose assets; purchase land and assets; place land into trust; approve land use; approve leases; approve sales of land; employ legal counsel; approve law-



Guests partake of the food at the public open house.

suits; establish committees, commissions and boards; establish and maintain government offices; appropriate funds; raise revenue; receive grants, donations and funding; establish lower courts; create and dissolve executive divisions or departments; approve negotiations and manage economic affairs and enterprises.

Eighty-five people attended the event.

Photos by Communications Coordinator *Annette VanDeCar*.

Environmental Services

AIR QUALITY PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING

Submitted by the **Environmental Services Department**

Aaniin. The LTBB Air Quality Program is progressing.

For the past few months, we have been working on an emissions inventory for the tribe's 1855 treaty-designated reservation. This inventory will provide an essential understanding of the types and amounts of pollutants being released into our air (emissions).

The inventory documents emissions from factories, cars and trucks, boats, residential fireplaces, gas stations and countless other activities on and around the reservation. So far, we know carbon monoxide (CO), particulate matter (PM), nitrogen dioxide (NOx), sulfur dioxide (SOx), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and other potentially harmful pollutants are being released into our air.

We will calculate the amounts of these pollutants released into our air and then identify potential air

quality problems and risks to the reservation community (including people, plants, animals and other living things). The ultimate goal of this effort is to better protect the quality of our air and the health of the reservation community.

Even with the emissions inventory, we need your help to identify potential air quality problems on the reservation. Do you have any concerns about the air?

Have you noticed any changes over the years in air quality? While riding on the Beaver Island ferry to Charlevoix, MI, back in August, we noticed a brown haze in the sky. Have you noticed this or any other haze around the reservation?

Please help us protect our air. Share any concerns or ideas with Air Quality Specialist Robin Clark. You may call her at 231-242-1425 or e-mail her at rclark@ltbbodawansn.gov.
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LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Aanii. We would like to congratulate two newly elected Tribal Council Members —Marvin Mulholland and Gerald Chingwa — and two returning Council Members—Shirley Oldman and Regina Gasco-Bentley.

Recently, Tribal Council placed the "Office of the Commissioner" on its legislative calendar. We, the Tribal Council, are looking for some feedback on this newly proposed legislation. Basically, what this legislation would do is establish the Office of the Commissioner to review Executive Branch governmental administrative decisions and/or the failure to make a timely decision. The Office of the Commissioner will be responsible for the fair enforcement of laws that maintain the quality of life within the

tribal community and allows for tribal citizens to challenge administrative decisions to ensure certain government programs and benefits are not wrongly denied to those entitled to them.

The primary function of the office is to hold administrative appeal hearings related to administrative decisions in the following areas: Decisions related to eligibility for assistance, benefits, services, licenses, permits and/or applications under Health, Human Services, Natural Resources, Child Welfare, Education, Trust Fund, Tribal Enrollment and/or Housing, and all other administrative decisions by the LTBB Executive Branch governmental departments, commissions, boards, committees, agencies, entities and

sub-entities.

If you have been denied a service or felt you did not get a timely decision when trying to access a program or service, please let us know if having this Office of the Commissioner would have assisted you in resolving your issue or matter and whether you think creating this office would be helpful to the tribal citizens. The full text of the legislation can be found on our website at www.ltbbodawansn.gov.

If you would like to comment on this legislation or any other pending legislation, please feel free to use our direct toll-free number, 1-866-927-0077.

Miigwetch, Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law and Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick.

Temporary Help Wanted

Would you like to:

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- Work in an office?
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- Work in the tribal community?
- Are you a tribal citizen?

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Call: 231-242-1563

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting
June 24, 2007
Tribal Court Room
7500 Odawa Circle

nities available at the Odawa Casino Resort.

9:52 a.m. Councilor Shananaquet arrived.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to accept the Elders comments as presented by Eleanor Barber.

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

10:19 a.m. Recess called.
 10:31 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

The Commission, Boards, and Committees and subsequent statutes were tabled until the end of the meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Election Board to Negotiate a Contract and Approval to Employ Legal Counsel and not to Exceed Eight-Thousand Dollars.

Roll call vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-no, Legislative Leader Law-yes
 Motion carried.

The Odawa Labor Management Relations Act was not presented at this meeting and will be brought back on the next Tribal Council regular meeting agenda.

Brief discussion held on the proposed changes to the Citizenship Statute Regulations.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Harvey Gibson expressed concern that land purchases were held in a Closed Session. Brief discussion held. Harvey Gibson also advised Tribal Council/Executive that he had not yet received reimbursement from the State of Michigan pursuant to the 'tax agreement'. It was recommended that he contact LTBB's Dept. of Commerce. Patrick Wemigwase inquired about 'space costs'. Explanation given by Legislative Leader Law and Chairman Ettawageshik. Richard Wemigwase inquired about the hiring of Tribal Members during the construction of the Community Center at Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke. Discussion held; contract not yet signed.

12:08 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:08 p.m. Lunch recess called.
 1:49 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization for Execution of Amendments to Tax Agreement.

Roll call vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-no, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
 Motion carried.

Proposed attorney contract for Enjinaaknegeng was discussed. It was decided to return it to the Executive for the position to be posted.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Oldman to accept the Legislative Leader's written and verbal report for June 24, 2007.

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

2:53 p.m. Recess called.
 3:03 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

3:09 p.m. Public Comment opened: Sarah VanDeCar spoke in favor of the Powwow Committee's request for additional funding for the 2007 Odawa Homecoming Jiingtaamok.

3:11 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing an Additional Appropriation of \$15,000 to the 2007 Odawa Homecoming Jiingtaamok Pow-Wow Committee to come from prior period funds.

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

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Tribal Treasurer's verbal and written report for June 24, 2007.

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

3:43 p.m. Recess called.
 3:49 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Councilor Gasco Bentley led discussion on the Tribal Preference Statute. A Tribal Resolution will be drawn up for consideration at the next Tribal Council Regular Meeting. A revision of the statute may be brought forth for placement on the Legislative Calendar.

Councilor Shananaquet led discussion concerning additional Tribal Citizen distribution. A financial impact statement has been requested of LTBB CFO Val Tweedie.

Councilor McNamara led discussion about Housing and Short Term Rental Assistance for Tribal Citizens wishing to return to the area for jobs.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Roberts to accept the verbal and written reports from Councilor Gasco Bentley, Councilor McNamara, and Councilor Shananaquet.

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

4:49 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to go into closed session for 'land' purposes.

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

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor McNamara to go out of closed session.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Yellowbank for Tribal Council attendance at the August 10, 2007, Legislative Office open house.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank for Tribal Council attendance at the Grand Traverse Band Tribute to Veterans on July 15, 2007.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Law) 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2007

October 6 Work Session
October 7 Council Meeting
October 20 Work Session
October 21 Council Meeting

November 3 Work Session
November 4 Council Meeting
November 17 Work Session
November 18 Council Meeting

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

Legislative

Tribal Council Members

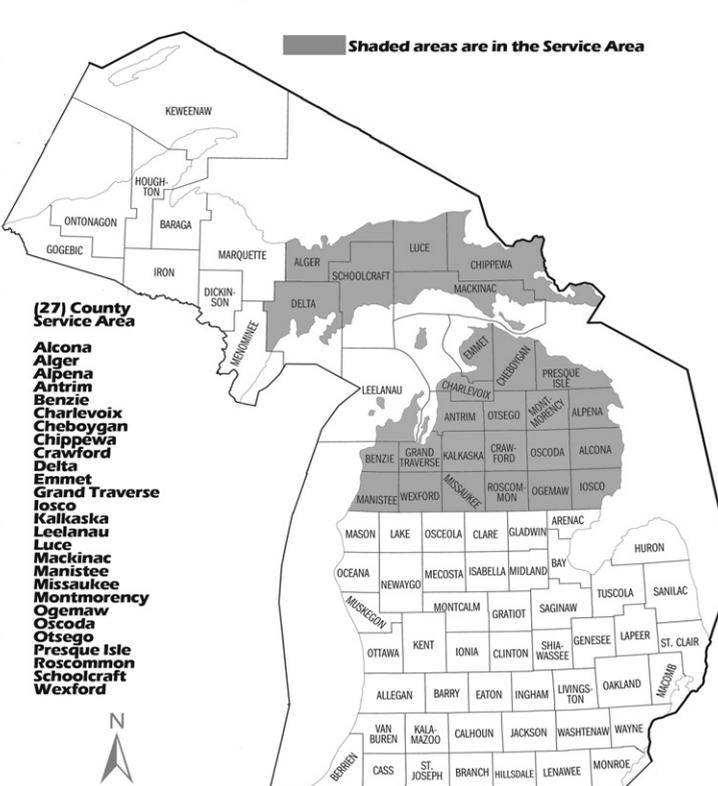
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Shirley Oldman, Councilor
Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor
Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor
Alice Yellowbank, Councilor
Dexter McNamara, Councilor
Marvin Mulholland, Councilor

5:00 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adjourn.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington)
 Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:
 Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary
 Date

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area



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.

Housing Department Programs

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area.

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 lower) and can be used to purchase or refinance 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.

Department of Commerce

Tax Agreement Update

By **Theresa Keshick**, Department Of Commerce Assistant

There have been some changes to the Tax Agreement between the State of Michigan and LTBB produced in the format of Amendments. The Amendments were signed by Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik on August 20. They are available on the Department of Commerce's web-page on the LTBB website at www.lttbbodawa-nsn.gov. Click on the Offices link on the left-hand side of the page, click on Government Center and click on Department of Commerce.

On July 8, Tribal Council passed Resolution #070807-04, which allows for the use of *Tribal Certificates of Exemption* (TCE's) for Resident Tribal Members (RTM's). Previously, only LTBB was allowed to use this form. Currently, RTM's fill out a Tribal 3996, which allows

them to apply for a refund on exempt purchases. The Department of Commerce is in the process of setting up policies and procedures for the upcoming conversion. The target date for implementation of TCE is January 1, 2008. More details on this process will follow in upcoming editions of *Odawa Trails*.

BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (DBA) FILED

By **Theresa Keshick**, Department of Commerce Assistant

During the month of August 2007, the following Tribal Citizen(s) filed a DBA through the Department of Commerce: Barry's Total Home Maintenance & Repairs, located in Petoskey, MI, filed by Angela Lambert.

MICHIGAN INDIAN DAY EVENT 2007 Seven Generations (Niizhwaaswi): Planning for the Future of Anishinaabe in the 21st Century

The focus is on the belief that seven generations ago our ancestors were planning for the present generation; that is why indigenous people still have language, culture, and land. We are the ancestors of the next seven generations, therefore, we must plan for their future. So they too can say, "Look how our ancestors cared for us; we are strong and loved because we have our language, culture, and land." All sessions will be culturally grounded with this as a primary goal, incorporated with the seven traditional teachings of humility, love, honesty, wisdom, truth, bravery, and respect.

Friday, September 28, 2007
8:15 AM-5:00 PM

Kellogg Center - Auditorium - Michigan State University

Morning Keynote Address:

"What Does It Take to Raise Healthy American Indian (Anishinaabe) Children?"

Priscilla A. Day, MSW, EdD (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe)
Full Professor, Department of Social Work, University of Minnesota - Duluth

Afternoon Keynote Address:

"Do Mascots Really Impact American Indian People?" (Origins, Perceptions, and Actions for Future Generations)

Don Day, EdD (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe)
President, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College

Dance Exhibit and Give-Away

Additional Sessions:

- The Seven Teachings of Traditional Cultural Values
- Clients' Perceptions of Mental Health Practitioners
- Collaborative Examination of Social Work Practice with Indigenous Populations
- Developing Tribal Courts in Harmony with Culture and Traditions
- The Impact of Substance Abuse, Child Abuse, and Foster Care Programs
- American Indian Social Work Students' Reflections of Field Placements with Tribal Nations
- Contemporary Issues of American Indian Youth
- Tribal Nation Elders' Forum

Cost of Registration (luncheon and parking included):

Professionals - \$40 per person

Students and Retirees - \$15 per person

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MSU School of Social Work is approved by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) Program: www.aswb.org; 1-800-225-6880. MSU School of Social Work maintains responsibility for this conference. ASWB ACE-approved programs are recognized in Michigan, in addition, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana recognize ACE-approved providers. Social workers should verify recognition of ACE-approval in their state boards. Participants who attend the full program will receive 9 Social Work Continuing Education Contact Hours.

For More Information and a Registration Form, Contact:

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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 MUTYBL Basketball Schedule

LTBB Hawks Home & UP United Away

Games will be played at GTB Community Center, Charlevoix, MI

9/8	SCIT	@	UP United	Bay Mills
9/8	GTB	@	LTBB	Charlevoix
9/15	UP United	@	LTBB	Charlevoix
9/15	SCIT	@	GTB	Peshawbestown
9/29	LTBB	@	SCIT	Mt. Pleasant
9/29	UP United	@	GTB	Charlevoix
10/6	UP United	@	SCIT	Charlevoix
10/6	LTBB	@	GTB	Peshawbestown
10/20	LTBB	@	UP United	Bay Mills
10/20	GTB	@	SCIT	Mt. Pleasant
10/27	SCIT	@	LTBB	Charlevoix
10/27	GTB	@	UP United	Bay Mills

All Game Start Times are 12 p.m.

Please contact Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601 if you would like to play for the LTBB Hawks team. Age divisions are boys and girls 13 and under and 14-18 years of age. Must be actively enrolled or pursuing an education.



GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

The Grants and Donations Program is up and running again. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiartolik 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.



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS HOUSING DEPARTMENT

7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231) 242-1540
Fax: (231) 242-1550

WAH-WAHS-NOO DA KE ELDER HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATION AVAILABILITY NOTIFICATION

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

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

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

Please contact Stephanie Howell, Housing Programs Coordinator, for more information at: (231) 242-1545.

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



Public Meeting

October 25

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

LTBB Governmental Center Commons Area

7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI
49740

New LTBB Tribal Housing Development

LTBB Tribal Citizens—**Your** input is greatly needed—let the project team know your thoughts on this important housing project to be located between Petoskey, MI, and Charlevoix, MI, just south of U.S. 31.

Indian Taco Dinner Provided

For additional information, please contact Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr. at 231-242-1400.

Mental Health/ Substance Abuse

OCTOBER IS TIME FOR PUMPKINS

By **Linda Woods**, Substance Abuse Director

October is the “official” month when fall begins, and we see the leaves turning color. But as I write this, I can see some of the trees are already beginning to turn color. Where is the time going?

I cannot tell you yet how the Sobriety Feast we had in September to honor those who have achieved sobriety turned out because I don't know at this point. **Editor's note:** Due to deadline constraints, the Sobriety Feast held on September 14 will be included in the November



issue of *Odawa Trails*.

October is time for our Family Fall Gathering, which will be held October 20 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Just-A-Plain Farm in Carp Lake, MI. Please refer to the flyer included in this issue of *Odawa Trails* on page 10. Rain or shine, we will have a wonderful time to gather pumpkins! Please call our office at 231-242-1640 or 231-242-1642 to RSVP.

I just received some information about October being “Domestic Violence Awareness Month,” so I am going to write a little about how substance abuse and mental health is impacted by domestic violence. There is a national movement across Indian Country saying, “Women are sacred, Violence against Native women is not traditional!” and “Even in thought, respect women.” In Family Violence Prevention Fund news, it says, “Partner violence is largely a crime against women, often a serious crime, and its incidence varies significantly by age and ethnicity with young American Indian and Alaskan Native women at greatest risk.” These findings came from a report issued by the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics. Native women are the targets of violent crime – battering, rape, assault and homicide – at a much higher rate than any other group of women or men. According to the Department of Justice “American Indians and Crime Report 1992-1996,” Native women are victimized at a rate of 50% higher than black males; Native women are raped at a rate double that of all other races; and at least 70% of violence experienced by Native Americans is committed by persons of a different race.”

I will be referring to the *Violence Against Native Women is not Traditional* handbook, available from the Sacred Circle National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women, for a lot of the information I am sharing with you. **Note:** We are aware men can be abused in a relationship as well, but for the purpose of this article and because of the reference to the handbook, the article is primarily about women being the victims. If any men have concerns about being abused, please call our de-

partment to receive help.

Violence against women is not a Native tradition. It was not tolerated in the family system and on the rare occasion it occurred, it was taken very seriously. Today, we must begin to deal with the reality we are hurting each other and must begin to responsibly address these issues as Native people. It is not our fault we are where we are today. However, we can become aware of who we are, look at our behaviors and begin to heal and help each other. In the tradition of our ancestors and to ensure our Nations survive, we are saying abusive behavior will not be tolerated. Every tribal citizen was and now again is expected to be responsible for his or her own behavior.

This handbook provides important guidelines and information about how we can turn this behavior around and begin to lead a life to *Mno-Biimaadziwin*, the Good Life. That is what we all want. How we veer off the path varies, but there is a way to find the Red Road again and follow the teachings of our ancestors. Seek our people of good character in our community and visit with them about your history and culture. Sometimes, this is a difficult thing to do, but “ending violence against Native women is integrally tied to reclaiming our traditional, natural life ways.”

Historically, our people lived together peacefully and violence within the family system was rare. Sometimes, an abuser was banished, ostracized or retaliation was left to the male relatives of the victim. A violent man was not seen as capable of any leadership capabilities or responsibilities. He did not demonstrate he had self-discipline, respect, caring or spiritual understanding to effectively lead the people.

Abuse of Native women and children can be traced to the colonization and especially, the introduction of alcohol into our culture. Some of our people learned about violence in the boarding schools. Boarding schools distorted our ability to act as parents, sons, daughters, wives, husbands and relatives. Our traditional parenting was non-violent and nurtured the spirit of the child. This knowledge was replaced with experiences of corporal punishment reflecting the teachings of the dominant culture.

Alcohol contributes to the violence, making it more unpredictable and severe. This was passed down from parent to child after the establishment of the boarding schools. While some may say their boarding school experience was positive, for many, it was not. What occurred in my circumstance is an example of

inter-generational trauma. My parents went to a government run boarding school in Mt. Pleasant, MI. I had one parent, who was in boarding school from

the time she was about seven years old until she was an adult, but she said, “It was good because she learned a lot and liked the education.” She was smart and learned easily. My dad on the other hand, was sent to boarding school at about the same age, but he did not like it, so he ran away several times. They would come after him, and he had to go back. I asked him one time what happened to him when he was returned to the school, he sort of laughed and said, “They beat me up.” Both of my parents were alcoholics, and my relationship with them was not a good one. I had a strained relationship with my mother for many years and was raised by my grandmother for the first six years. My mother did not know how to parent me nor did my dad. Now, this is not about *blaming* them.

This is clearly stating how my situation was, and sadly, this occurred to many families. I learned in my own recovery from alcoholism, I have to assume responsibility for my healing. As time went along and I was open for the healing process to occur, eventually, healing and forgiveness occurred between my parents and me before they passed on. I am grateful for that. That healing process does not always occur, but it can. That's the hope we try to instill here in our department.

“The reservation era diminished the traditional male role of protector and provider. The government assumed this role and consequently, some Native men have experienced a loss of identity. This loss was replaced by the dominant society's negative attitudes, beliefs and behaviors toward women.”

Ownership attitude prevailed and since women (and children) were considered “property,” many men believed it was their “privilege” to control women. For example, we may hear statements like, “She's my old lady, and she'll do what I tell her to do or else.” On the other hand, women were also influenced by the “reservation era.” Prior to the reservation era, our ancestors held women in high esteem and treated them with respect because of their role as life givers and nurturers. After colonization, Native women were defined by Western mainstream standards. Sitting Bull, in 1881, expressed his concern for the future of women, “*Pity my women. We men owe what we have to them. They have worked for us... but in the new life, their work is taken away. For my men, I see a future; for my women, I see nothing.*” With colonization, women of indigenous cultures were disempowered.

Prior to colonization, women were valued and honored in most Native cultures. Many creation stories have women being made first. Examples are the Lakota speaking of White Buffalo Calf Pipe Woman, who brought the sacred pipe to the people; the Dine (Navajo) speaking of the First Woman, Spider Woman, and, Ever Changing Woman, as significant to their creation and lives; the Iroquois telling about Celestial Woman in the creation of their tribes; and the Mik'

Maq carrying stories of Nogami, grandmother and wise woman. Most tribes have teachings about the balance between men and women. Certainly, our teaching about our connection to Mother Earth demonstrates honoring of the female.

Courtship practices reflected respect and value toward women. Our male ancestors demonstrated their ability to protect and provide for the woman through courtship rituals. In marriage, the woman was not “property” of the man and did not take the man's last name. Everyone had their own names, acknowledging

personal sovereignty. They lived together as equals. There was no battle of the sexes, and neither one was considered inferior or superior. They respected and balanced each other.

It was our belief all Native men, women and children were responsible for their own behavior. Because we are all interconnected, everyone must behave in a respectful way if the tribe was to survive and live in harmony. Everyone was free to “walk their path,” and spirituality was a part of everyday life with all in the universe.

The heart of our nation lies in the feminine. The recognition of the life-giving power of women is essential to all Native peoples as we work to reclaim the knowledge that will lead us to non-violence within our families. Our connection to Mother Earth teaches us all things are independent yet related. Life is not about competition and violence. Life is about cooperation and helping each other as relatives.

None of this happens when alcohol and/or drugs reside in our family systems. The alcohol allows the inhibitions to occur, and violence occurs on many levels. For some, it is more devastating than with others, but, nonetheless, it is very harmful when it does occur. As a child, I witnessed violence and suffered abuse as a result of alcohol residing in my family. The behavior continues when one grows into adulthood. When a boy sees his mother being hurt and injured at the hand of his father or another male person in the family, he is at a higher risk than most for becoming like his father or treating women in a violent manner when he is an adult. If a girl witnesses her mother being treated with disrespect, she is at risk of choosing a male partner, who will treat her in the same manner, as her mother was treated.

Domestic violence is any act occurring between adults, who live together or have lived together, which causes harm or puts one in fear the intention is to cause physical harm. This includes battering, beatings, hitting, punching, slapping, hair pulling, pinching, biting, etc. in addition to the verbal abuse, tactics and behaviors

used to obtain and maintain power and control in the relationship. Physical violence reinforces or makes the use of other tactics stronger. For example, he doesn't have to hit her because he can get what he wants with a look or a gesture. The woman lives in terror of what he can do or what he does to her. Battering usually begins with angry words, a shove or a slap. As women, we are taught to “overlook” many behaviors, which are

really “red flags” for violence. Women really want to believe the one, who professes to love them, does not want to hurt them. Add alcohol to the situation, and the relationship begins to explode. For a child to see this type of behavior in the home is devastating, not to mention to the victim. The only way to break this cycle of violence in the home is to seek help. Most often, this occurs when one of the couple gets arrested, and the perpetrator is “court ordered” to get anger management counseling. What happens to the victim and the children? Who helps them?

There are resources available: There is the Women's Resource Center at 231-347-0067 if you need a shelter. You can call our office for mental health services for yourself and for your children to help overcome the trauma of what you have been through. Often, a woman, who has been in an abusive relationship, becomes traumatized and suffers from post-traumatic stress syndrome and the children do also. This does not go away “magically” just because the male is out of the home. Please come in for counseling and therapy. The woman may feel depression, anxiety, panic attacks, shame and guilt for being in a relationship like this and hyper vigilant for a long time after being in an abusive relationship. We can help by being supportive of you and your circumstance and help you overcome the trauma.

Return to *Mno-Biimaadziwin*, the Good Life. If you want to change your life and be on the Red Road, *the Anishinaabe Way*, please call and we will schedule an appointment for you. Our number is 231-242-1640 or 231-242-1642. Remember, you have a powerful mind and are a sacred being. It is our privilege to serve you. Also, remember: *Violence against Native women is not traditional.*

Reminder: We would like volunteers to help us with the Wednesday night AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meeting. We would like volunteers to chair it. A minimum of six months sobriety is required. If interested, please contact Anthony Davis at 231-242-1645. Normally, the last Wednesday of the month is potluck night at the meeting, so please join us on October 31, Halloween! Potluck starts around 5:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.



Natural Resource Department

NRD Hosts Annual Hunter Safety and IBEP Classes



Fiona Banfield holds one of the firearms during range day, the third day of the Hunter Safety Class. Conservation Officer Mike McCreery looks on in the background.

Submitted by the **Natural Resource Department**

The Natural Resource Department (NRD) hosted the Third Annual Hunter Safety Class along with its Second Annual International Bow Education Program (IBEP) Class.

Both classes were in August and were very successful.

Our Hunter Safety Class this year consisted of three days of instructions. The first two sessions were primarily book work with three field stations worked in. These sessions were at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on August 28 and 29. The third day, August 30, was our range day where students took the test and participated in live fire exercises.

There are a lot of new and beneficial aspects that have been added to the Hunter Safety Course. I can remember when I took the class back in the early 90s and back then, the majority of the class took place indoors behind a desk. The class has expanded



Tanner Keller demonstrates one of the proper ways to safety hold a firearm.

to give the students more field activities. We teach the students the proper safety methods when hunting from an elevated platform and then, we go out in the field showing them these safety methods. We have incorporated more archery shooting. We simulate a blood trail and have the students track and recover their game. We still shoot 22-caliber rifles and shotguns. If time permits, we have demonstrated proper trap setting and safety methods for



Chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis was one of the instructors for the class.

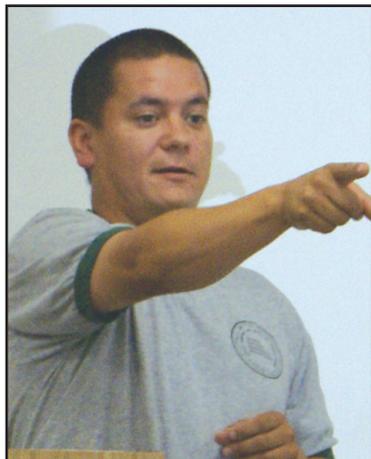
the students, who are interested in getting into trapping animals. Those are just a few of the new aspects of today's Hunter Safety Class. We encourage both our youth and adults to come out and join us for a class. You will be pleasantly surprised because

this class is beneficial to all who attend.

The International Bow Hunter Education Program and the State of Michigan have come together to offer a class that is exclusively for bow hunting. Currently, the numbers of hunters picking up a bow and heading out into the woods each fall are steadily increasing. The challenge bow hunting offers draws a lot of the new hunters.

You really have to know the animal, and its habits to get close enough to make a safe, ethical shot. It's a step back in time to hunt using the same method of harvest our ancestors used. Bow hunting is about how close you can get to the animal, not about how far your shot was. With the growing number of hunters, we are offering a specialty class for those interested in starting and improving their bow hunting skills.

Although this class currently is not required by the State of Michigan or by LTBB, a number of states along with several Canadian provinces have made this class a requirement for hunters to successfully pass before they head out to bow hunt. Our current hunter safety class due to the amount of necessary topics we have to cover doesn't spend a lot of time on bow hunting. The IBEP class is an eight-hour class that really dives into the nuts and bolts every bow hunter should be aware of. We cover a large number of topics, which include, but are not limited to the history of bow



Conservation Officer Roger Willis calls on a student during classroom instruction.



Conservation Officer Mike McCreery (in the background) instructs Tanner Keller (in the foreground) during one of the drills at range day.

hunting, wildlife conservation, responsibilities, safety, equipment, how to practice, methods, tree stands, anatomy, shot placement, recovery and care of game, basic first aid, survival and much more.

We have several field stations, which encompass tree stand safety, shooting and practicing techniques, range estimation, ground blind safety and techniques, deer habitat and much more. This year's class was August 18 at the NRD Building. Both veteran and beginners, who are interested in bow hunting, are strongly encouraged to come out and take the class. It is a great way to get the most updated information about safety and techniques as well as a great way to meet and interact with other bow hunters, who are within our community.

Once again, we are glad to report we had an outstanding staff of instructors for our Hunter Safety Class.

Chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis, Conservation Officer Roger Willis and Conservation Officer Mike McCreery along with Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Con-

servation Officers Mark Szynski, Bob Robles and Mike Brown all contributed to this year's successful Hunter Safety Class. Conservation Officer Roger Willis successfully instructed our IBEP Class this year. This year, 28 students attended and successfully passed our bow safety and hunter safety classes.

We will offer the classes to our membership and general community again next season. The LTBB NRD will post the dates for its Hunters Safety Class and IBEP Class early next year.

If you would like more information on the classes, please contact Conservation Officer Roger Willis at

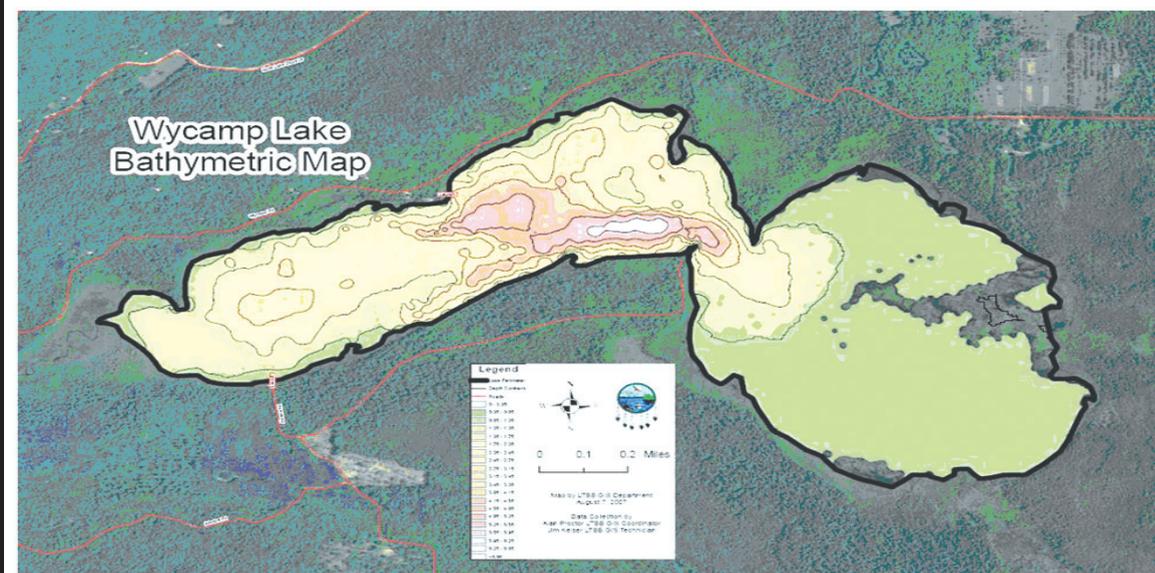


Jacob Sloan inspects the firearm to determine what type it is.

231-242-1674.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

NRD Welcomes Tribal Citizens to Attend Wycamp Lake Management Planning Meeting



Submitted by the **Natural Resource Department**

The Natural Resource Department will hold a Wycamp Lake Management Planning meeting on October 17 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Topics will include camping at Wycamp, lake water levels, general management of Wycamp and general citizenship input.

Light refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact the Natural Resource Department at 231-242-1670.

LTBB FAMILY FALL GATHERING

(Doode Dgwaagi Maawjidaak)



•JUST-A-PLAIN FARM•

5055 GILL ROAD/CARP LAKE, MICHIGAN

HAYRIDE CORN MAZE PUMPKIN/Gourd PICKING FEAST

October 20

Time: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

R.S.V.P.: 731.747.1640, 731.747.1647, or 731.747.1646

MEMBERSHIP BY LITTLE TRIBE BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT-DIABETES PROGRAM

TRICK 'R TREAT

Bring your little ghosts or goblins to the LTBB Governmental Center for:

Trick 'r Treating on Halloween from 3-5 p.m.!

A safe and warm place to trick-or-treat!

October 31 3-5 p.m.

LTBB Governmental Center

Health Department

REGALIA MAKING CLASS SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT A SUCCESS



Cathy Gibson hangs up a jingle dress with the rest of the regalia. Tribal community citizens of all ages made regalia for the LTBB Head Start program children.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Through the Healthy Anishnaabe Women's Health Grant Project, the Community Health Department sponsored regalia mak-



Fiona Banfield shows off a shawl she was working on during the class.

ing classes in August and September. The classes were held at the Community Health Department located in the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey, MI.

The classes brought together tribal community members of all ages to make different styles of regalia for the LTBB Head Start chil-



Tina Shawano works on a moccasin during the August 28 regalia making class.



(L to R) Elana Naganashe and Arlene Naganashe work diligently.

Sedlak, Michele Keshick, Kacie Gokee, Laura Lonchar, Fiona Banfield, Stella Kay, Carla McFall, Rita Gasco-Shepard, Shannon



Harriet Kishigo-Booth holds up a dress she was working on during the class.

Wemigwase, Regina Brubacker, Theresa Boda, Natalie Sova and Virginia Lewis. Tina Shawano's mother volunteered to make the moccasins for the regalia.

During the classes, Community Health Coordinator Michele Keshick and STEPS Health Educator Regina Brubacker provided health education on healthy lifestyle topics.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar. They were taken at the August 29 class.



Fiona Banfield works on a shawl.

Books For Schools and Libraries!!

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McLean and Eakin Booksellers
307 East Lake Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
231-347-1180
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Day Care Assistance

Applications for the 2007-2008 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.**

Anishinaabemowin Community Language Classes

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Mshkikigamik (LTBB Health Park)
1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI

Everyone Welcome

Sponsored by the Odawa Institute & Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Anishinaabemowin Language Program
For more information, contact the Language Program at 231-242-1454, 231-242-1456, 1-888-309-5822.

Language Classes for College Credit.

BMCC Nishnaabemowin Pane Immersion Program courses accredited through Bay Mills Community College. Fall semester classes begin September 21. Call 231-242-1454 for more information or to register.



Elders Program

ELDERS PROGRAM REPORT

By Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Elders Program Coordinator

Aanii Kikaajik!

The LTBB Elders Program is committed to utilize resources available to provide a permanent accessible tribal support system for all LTBB Tribal Elders. Currently, we have 791 eligible elders listed with the tribe.

When you read this, we will be enjoying the lovely fall colors or waiting for our first snowfall! We've watched an awesome summer turn into an early fall!

From July 10-13, 12 elders at-



(L to R) Sam Shenoskey, Ed Shenoskey and Richard Smith attended the MIEA meeting.

attended the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting in Watersmeet, MI, hosted by Lac Vieux Desert. There was a wide array of presenters to discuss the scholarships



available for students. Our monetary contributions, auction, dues and anonymous donors help make these education gifts available. Our next MIEA meeting will be hosted by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) in Peshawbestown, MI, from October 10-12.

The Anishinaabe Family Language and Culture Camp was July 26-29 in Manistee, MI, hosted by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



(LRB). Thirteen tribal citizens attended the event and had a variety of activities to participate in. The next language and culture camp will be in July 2008.

The community center at Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Housing Development is making great strides. It is awesome to see the building take shape. We should see the end product by mid-November. It is a nice way to commemorate all of our people and those elders, who have passed and those of the future. We are excited about completing this facility, and we

will keep you posted of the progress!

The LTBB Head Start program is now the proud recipient of regalia, and these regalia will be kept in the school to be used year after year. Many elders spent a great deal of time helping sew or put together these "mini" works of art. Miigwetch to all those elders, who worked tirelessly.

We hosted approximately 25 GTB Elders for the Elders Luncheon on August 30. After a great traditional lunch, Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick provided some fun with Language Bingo in the Native language, complete with prizes.

Burial request program regulations have been delegated to the



Human Services Department. Burial assistance funds are limited to \$8,000 per deceased tribal citizen. Human Services staff will verify any items submitted are allowable under the Burial Program Statute WOS 2006-017 before processing a burial fund request. If you have any questions, please call Kristi Houghton at 231-242-1632.

As you can see, it has been a busy few months, and we welcome all the changes fall is bringing.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 231-242-1423 or 231-242-1422.

Photos by Annette VanDeCar except for the one on the upper left. It is by Marie "Tootsie" Miller.

MNOZIIYAADAA PATII CLASS
MANAGING CHRONIC CONDITIONS

FREE CLASS

SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 16
OCTOBER 23
OCTOBER 30

NOVEMBER 6
NOVEMBER 13
NOVEMBER 20

ALL CLASS RUN TIMES ARE 10 A.M. - NOON.

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 15 PEOPLE. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT. CLASS LOCATED AT THE LTBB MINA MSKIKI GUMIK.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP, CALL CATHY GIBSON AT 231-242-1601.

SILENCE ISN'T GOLDEN. IT'S PERMISSION.

It's probably not just "going to come up," but a conversation about the risks of use has to occur between you and your teen. And since you are the parent, it begins with you. The good news is that with a little practice and little preparation, you will find it's a conversation that not only gets easier and easier over time, but one that can also save lives.

TALK EARLY AND OFTEN
Kids are tempted to use alcohol, illicit drugs, and intentionally misuse prescription drugs at much younger ages than you would like to believe. The key is to discuss and agree on boundaries like curfews and choice of friends before negative influences can grab hold. Also, monitor your teens' activities by checking in and checking up on them. If the rules and restrictions are put in place early, they will be easier to enforce later on.

GET OFF TO A GOOD START
It's also important to remember that it's not just whether you talk to your kids about drugs, but how you talk to them about it. It's a lot easier to break through if you:

- Try to set a positive tone
- Start with the facts, not judgments
- Avoid using accusatory language, and
- Never call them names or label them

ASK THEN TALK SOME MORE
It's not going to be a one-time conversation. The key is to keep discussing, keep asking and keep monitoring your teen as they grow up and encounter different situations. And while it might get repetitive and frustrating it will also get easier, more comfortable and inevitably give you and your teen a better understanding of each other. The truth is that kids who learn a lot about the risks of drugs from their parents are up to 50 percent less likely to use drugs.¹ Unfortunately, less than one third of teens actually do get their drug education from their parents and that needs to change.²

YOU MATTER
Parents are the most powerful influence on their teens when it comes to drug use. Not friends. Not school. You. And it's up to you to be proactive and use that influence early and often. It's a conversation that needs to happen so that your teenager knows where you stand on this critical issue. For more information, including sample conversation starters, and to sign up for a Parenting Tips e-newsletter, visit www.TheAntiDrug.com or call 1-800-788-2800.

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Office of National Drug Control Policy

On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Peterson

Michigan

October 20-21

14th Annual Land of Falling Waters Traditional Pow Wow

2400 Fourth St. in Jackson, MI

Contact Information:

Linda L. Cypret-Kilbourne at 269-781-6409 or landoffallingwaters@hotmail.com

October 20

Anishnabek Nodin Traditional Pow Wow

150 West Eighth St. in Holland, MI

Contact Information:

Daniel Cornelissen at 616-403-6577 or d.cornelissen@yahoo.com

November 9-11

South Eastern Michigan Indians, Inc. Annual Fall Festival

237 North River Road in Mt. Clemens, MI

Contact Information:

Piper Locklear at 586-756-1350

Minnesota

October 12-14

Miigwetch Manomin Traditional Pow Wow

Elementary School Gym in Nett Lake, MN

Contact Information:

218-757-3261, www.powwow-time.bravehost.com or bf_powwow@yahoo.com

Wisconsin

October 27

Three Sisters Traditional Pow Wow

Oneida Turtle School in Oneida, WI

Contact Information:

920-496-7897, 1-800-261-2163, www.oneidanation.org or lpowless@oneidanation.org

November 2-4

Hunting Moon Contest Pow Wow

Wisconsin Exposition Center in West Allis, WI

Contact Information:

Kaye Garcia at 414-847-7720 or kayg@paysbig.com or www.paysbig.com

November 11

LCO Veterans Traditional Pow Wow

LCO High School gym in Hayward, WI

Host Drum: L.C.O. Soldiers Drum and Pipestone

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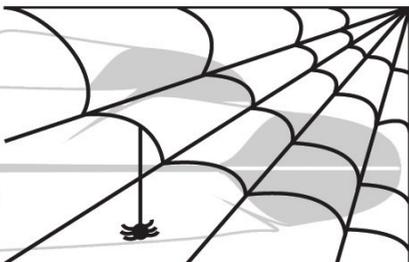
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14 Election Board meeting Alan's Northside Restaurant Petoskey, MI 1 p.m. LTBB Immersion Mshkikigamik	15 Elders Swim class Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Citizenship Commission meeting 5 p.m. Immersion class Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	16 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 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	17 Elders Swim class Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Language class Mshkikigamik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	18 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. Immersion class Mshkikigamik Petoskey, MI 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	19 Education Commission Work Session 6 p.m. Bay Mills Community College Pane Language Game Day	20 Tribal Council Work Session Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Education Commission meeting 9 a.m. Bay Mills Community College Pane
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LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to **Brian Harmon**, who turns 29 on September 27. From all of your family, especially your brand new nephew, Peyton James.

Happy birthday to my big sis, **Andrea Pierce**, on October 7! Hope you have a great birthday! Love, Ken

Happy birthday to my "little" brother **Aaron Otto**! Have a great birthday on October 11! Love you Bro!

Happy birthday to **Loretta Singel** on October 12! We love you. Love, Wenona, Matthew, Owen, Jim, Pete and Christina.

Happy birthday **Pooh (Elizabeth Wesaw)**!! We love you, Uncle Woody and TT Carla.

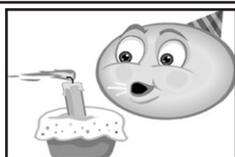
Happy birthday to my wonderful mom, **Andrea Pierce**. Love, Brandi.

MinoDibishkaan Noshenh **Nangwegan Osawamick** minwa Niingoniskwe **Miranda "Randy" McFall**! Gzaagigo, Gdozigozis miidash Gookomis, Carla.

Happy 17th birthday to **Dr. Poopenstein, Erwin Burks**, on October 10. Love, Unc.

A very happy birthday to our **Mammie, Mary Louise Gasco**, whose special day is October 16. We would also like to announce our favorite **DB's** birthday. She celebrates on October 28. Happy birthday to you both. We love you a long time! From the Gasco family and Tom Teuthorn.

Happy birthday to my first baby, **Andrea Pierce** on October 7. Love, mama, Mary Burks.



Happy belated birthday to **Roxanne Marie Wemigwase**. Hope you had a good one. From your bestest friend in the whole wide world, Pauline Boulton (HA, HA).

Happy fourth birthday to a super little boy, **Aidan James Carver**, on October 10. Love, Papa and Gina.

Happy birthday to **Prettyboy** on October 10. Love, Mama. See? I could've put your real name.

Happy birthday to **Brenda Bailey** on October 20. Chi-Megwitch for all you have done for Mom and me. Wish things would have worked out better. With love from your sister, Deb.

Happy birthday to **Terri Thomasma** on October 1. From Pete and Donnevon Thomasma and the entire Willis family.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to my grandson, **Erwin Burks** who turns 17 on October 10! Love, Grandma, Mary Burks.

Belated birthday wishes for **Norma Anthony** (August 14), **Mary Schneider** (September 17) and **Shari Swadling** (July 8).

Happy birthday to **Ashley Dominic**, who turns 15 on October 7! Love, Mom (Jen Wilson).

Happy birthday to **Melissa Colby** on October 5. Love, Dad and Kathy.

I would like to wish **myself (Aaron Otto)** a very happy 29th birthday. I will be celebrating my birthday on October 11. Happy birthday to me. Love, myself.

Happy birthday to my dad, **Richard Shomin**, on October 16. You are 65 years young and still going strong. Love, your baby girl, Thresa.

Happy birthday to my sweet little girl, **Kaley Clark**, on October 6. You are turning nine and growing up so fast. I love you! Love, Mommy.

Happy 29th birthday to **Rebecca Atkinson** (also known as O.H.L.) on October 9. Good job keeping them restrained this past year. From the Wicked Witch and the Flying Monkeys.

Happy birthday to my cuz, **Chris Shrader**, on October 2! From your cousins next door.

CONGRATULATIONS



Laura Skippergosh and **Alvin Searles** were united in marriage at Greensky Hill Church on August 11 in the presence of close family members and friends. A beautiful ceremony was performed by the bride's uncle, Sam McClellan, of Traverse City, MI. Family and friends traveled from Chicago, IL, Bay City, MI, Frankfort, MI, Grand Haven, MI, Lansing, MI, Traverse City, MI, Naples, FL, and Orlando, FL. Laura is the daughter of Judy Field of Petoskey, MI, and Lawrence Skippergosh of Charlevoix, MI. Alvin is the son of Sharon Searles of Petoskey and Alvin Searles of Pellston. Welcome to your new extended family Alvin. Love, Mom.

Belated anniversary wishes for **Harvey and Mary Gibson**, who celebrated on September 17.

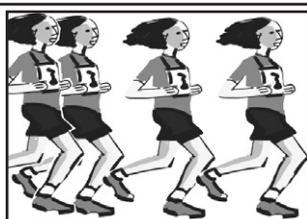
Congratulations to **Tina Sutton** and **Jason Peterson**, who were married in Tribal Court on August 31. Love, Mom and Dad.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Andi Gasco**, who recently competed in the 2007 USSA World Series Nationals in Overland Park, KS. Her Gillies team, based in Midland, MI, placed seventh out of 60 teams in the 16 and under Division A. Gasco's pitching record was 4-1 with an impressive 0.84 earned run average. She struck out 40 batters. Gasco pitched a no-hitter in her first game, striking out 19 and walking only one. She hit a team-high .423 with four home runs. We are very proud of you, and we are looking forward to a great junior season in volleyball at Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI. Keep up the good work! Love, Mom, Dad and lil' sis.

Congratulations to **Andi Gasco, Sue Gasco, Marlene Gasco** and **Carly Searles** for helping First Community Bank go undefeated (14-0) in the Petoskey Women's Fast Pitch League this past season. Andi Gasco won the 2007 batting title with an impressive .537 average. Mom, Sue Gasco, was a close second in batting with .533. Andi Gasco's pitching record was 10-0 with 100 strikeouts in 60 innings. Marlene Gasco was a great catcher for her niece, Andi Gasco. Carly Searles was outstanding, playing in any fielding position she was placed. Andi Gasco also joined an elite rank of women, who have hit an out of the park homer at Waterfront Park in Petoskey, MI. Way to complete your second undefeated season, First Community Bank. Good luck to next year's Three Musketeers.



Congratulations to **Denise Petoskey, Vicki Olson, Marci Reyes, Tammy Bowers** and **Jeanie Norris** for successfully completing the Seventh Annual Rock 'N' Roll Half Marathon in Virginia Beach, VA, on August 31. More than 17,000 people finished the 13.1-mile race. Petoskey finished in 2:26.40 in 10,368th place, Olson finished in 2:32.22 in 11,344th place, Reyes finished in 2:33.58 in 11,592nd place, Bowers finished in 2:44.33 in 13,070th place and Norris finished in 3:03.21 in 14,857th place.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Andrew Kilmer was born on August 2 at Central Michigan Community Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, MI. He weighed seven pounds and four ounces and was 19.75 inches long. His parents are John and NaiYun Kilmer of Mt. Pleasant. His grandparents are Gary and Ruth Kilmer of Sanford, MI. His great-grandparent is Geraldine Kilmer of Bay City, MI.



Olivia Anne-Withany Petoskey was born on June 26. She was seven pounds and 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her parents are William and Celestine Petoskey of L'Anse. Her grandparents are Warren and Barbara Petoskey of L'Anse and Forrest (Bubba) and Candace Worthington of Harbor Springs, MI.



Emily Elizabeth was born on July 9 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI, to Theresa Stead and Clarence Abram-Craig. She joins her siblings, Asia, 11, Isaac, 5, and Olivia, 3. Her maternal grandparents are Glenn and Kathy (Richardson) Stead of Petoskey and Ferndale, MI. Her paternal grandparents are Dorothy Craig of Royal Oak, MI, and Clarence Abram of St. Clair Shores, MI. She is blessed to have her maternal great-grandparents, Ann and Francis Stead, of Petoskey and Marge Richardson of Harbor Springs. Her uncles include Daniel Stead, Timothy Stead, John Craig and Mason Nassar. Her aunts include Cheryl Stead and Aunt Tracee. Cousins include Michaela and Kyle Nassar. She is blessed to have so many aunts, uncles and cousins in our families.



Jesse Thomas Leach was born September 5 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. He was eight pounds and 19.5 inches long. His parents are Holly Ann Anthony, and Brad Leach of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Daneen Ann Anthony and Hubert Juday of Petoskey and the late Kenneth Siproth. His great-grandmother is Alvina Sarah Napont.

WALKING ON . . .

Samuel (Gerald) Shananaquet, 72, of Brutus, MI, walked on in peace on September 6 at his home in Brutus, surrounded by his loving wife, Nancy, and his children.

He was born January 29, 1935, in Cheboygan, MI, the son of Samuel and Ida (Cabinaw) Shananaquet.

On November 24, 1956, he married his soul mate, Nancy (Naganashe) Shananaquet, and their lives were filled with 10 children. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He served his country during the Korean War in the United States Army. Before and after he served his country, he worked as a carpenter and was a great craftsman. He worked for General Motors, was a cook and worked as a mechanic. He also did many other tasks and was a master of them all. His greatest work was creating a legacy within his children that will carry on for generations to come. Anyone who knew or had the pleasure of meeting him was blessed with a friend, who would help in any way, with the knowledge you would never leave hungry or in need of anything. He was a true friend.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Shananaquet; daughter, Marilyn Hume; son Paul (Beth) Shananaquet; daughter, Mary (Gary) Powell; son, Justin (Christine) Shananaquet; son, Sam (Karen) Shananaquet, Jr., daughter, Sherry (Rueben) Cojo; daughter-in-law, Ophelia Nez; son, Norman (Karen) Shananaquet; daughter, Virginia (Ron) Schansema; daughter, Ronda (Charles) Ellis; sister, Rita Shananaquet (Jaun Villegas); brother, Larry (Jean) Shananaquet; brother, Bill (Mary) Shananaquet; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws; and Nancy's family, extended family and friends.

He was loved by all and will be missed by all.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, Sam and Ida Shananaquet; son, Albert Shananaquet; son-in-law, Pat Hume; sister, Julia Shananaquet; and brothers, Francis Shananaquet and Mervin Shananaquet.

CORRECTION

In the September issue of *Odawa Trails*, the June 25 General Election results incorrectly stated there were 467 total ballots cast. It should have stated there were 567 total ballots cast.

The LTBB Communications Department regrets the error.



Native News

LTBB ELDERS ASSOCIATION SPONSORS FLEA MARKET



Rita Shananaquet (on the left) looks at some of the baked goods for sale at Virginia Lewis' booth.

On August 25 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, the LTBB Elders Association sponsored a Flea Market.

Eight vendors sold items, and the LTBB Head Start program sold books. Paul "Bo" Booth sold fry bread, chili and drinks. Proceeds from

the space rent and book sale go toward the LTBB Head Start program.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



(L to R) Tom Naganashe and Nicole Laughlin.



Collin Sutton plays with a truck bought there.



Sarah VanDeCar looks at a book on sale there.

BIG ROCK HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILED

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Representatives from Consumers Energy, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Michigan Historical Commission officials unveiled a state historical marker recognizing Big Rock at the G. Roberts Adams Roadside Park east of Charlevoix, MI, on August 25.

The marker honors the achievements of the Big Rock Nuclear Plant, which closed on August 29, 1997 after more than 30 years of operation, and the significance of the area to the Odawa people.

Kchiniing (big rock) was important to the tribe because it was a navigational landmark. When people traveled by jimon (canoe) during their migrations up and down the coast, they could see the large rock and know it was a place where they could stop and camp inland for the night. After landing onshore, people traveled inland where they knew there were Anishnaabek, who could give them lodging and food, camped.

During the migration, it was not logical to camp onshore because they were traveling in the fall and spring, times when the winds could be bitter cold. Often times during the migration, some of the elders could not make the journey and would decide

to stay at the camps inland. An adult would stay at the camp caring for the elder, and the rest of the family would continue on their journey.

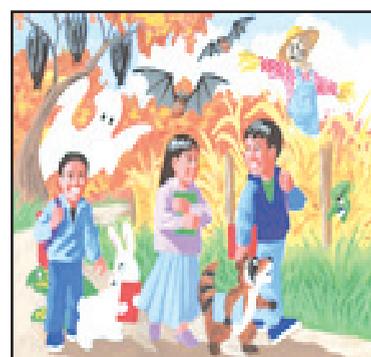
Indian camps were located at the areas we now know as Old U.S. 31, Burgess, Pincherry Road, Horton Bay Road, Susan Lake, Sumner Road, the Horton Bay area and along the shoreline where U.S. 31 goes through.

By staying in this area, the Anishnaabek could hunt, trap and fish in the inland lake, Chingwak zaagigan, now known today as Lake Charlevoix.

Big Rock Nuclear Plant became the longest-running plant in the United States, and the American Nuclear Society named it a Nuclear Historic Landmark.

The Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department contributed to this article.

For the complete text of the historical marker, please see page 18.



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CAREER FAIR SCHEDULE

Meet Recruiter Lynn Trozzo at:

November 2: EMU Michigan Collegiate Job Fair
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9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fee: \$20.

November 5: MIHEA Career Fair
L.V. Eberhard Center,
301 W. Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fee: No Charge.

November 6: MSU Hospitality Career Fair,
Campus of MSU
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
East Lansing, MI
9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Fee: No Charge

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



Chris LePage

Chris LePage started as a Mental Health Therapist in the Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department on August 20. Prior to accepting his current position, he worked for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) as a Mental Health Therapist. With the exception of his time working for GTB, LePage has lived in the Petoskey-Harbor Springs area since 1989. He previously worked for Northern Michigan Hospital (NMH) in Petoskey, MI, and Mitchell Graphics in Petoskey. At NMH, he worked as the Public Relations Coordinator and in Human Resources. At Mitchell Graphics, he worked as a press proofreader and did marketing.

"It was a hard decision to leave GTB because I liked it there, but this area is home to me," said LePage, whose parents own a log cabin on Crooked Lake. "I have a lot of good friends in town. I am excited to be back here."

"I like that we can go to the clients here (at LTBB). We couldn't do that at GTB."

LePage, who was born near Flint, MI, graduated from Grand Blanc High School in Grand Blanc, MI. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University's College of Business in Hotel/Restaurant Management. LePage earned a Master's degree in Social Work from Grand Valley State University and earned a Master's degree in Psychology from Wheaton College. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in Clinical Psychology.

"I like to talk with and listen to

people," LePage said. "It is rewarding to help people."

"I enjoy working with men because it is a population that does not usually seek mental health. I enjoy working with young men on identity formation. I am writing my doctoral dissertation on that subject."

LePage also taught Sociology and Social Work at Wheaton College and Judson College, both located in Illinois.

He has a 17-month-old son, Jack, two younger brothers and many nieces and nephews.

LePage enjoys gardening, fixing up stuff people throw out, kayaking, biking, downhill skiing and snowshoeing.



Joe Lucier

Joe Lucier, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as the Youth Services Coordinator on August 27. He previously worked as the Compensation Analyst for Odawa Casino Resort and as a Personal Financial Advisor for Advisory Group, a financial planning firm in Ohio. With the exception of working in Ohio, Lucier has lived in this area all of his life. He grew up in Oden, MI, and graduated from Alanson High School.

His wife, Cassy, is from the northern Michigan area. They were married last July.

"I feel blessed to be in this position (as Youth Services Coordinator)," Lucier said. "I see it as a way to give back to the tribal community that helped and supported me all my life. I'm excited to be here. I'm ready for a challenge."

The Youth Services Department is a fairly new department having been established in late 2006.

"I want to make things happen," Lucier said. "We'll do some projects right now and at the same time, lay the foundation for bigger projects in the future. Helping youth reach their potential is an important job."

Lucier has an open door policy. You can e-mail him at jlucier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or call him at 231-242-1593.

He encourages tribal youth to step forward and take on leadership roles, and seeks tribal community members willing to assist him as volunteers.

"I want and need input from everyone," Lucier said. "I need to know what people want, so we can work together."

Lucier has volunteered at Boys and Girls Clubs, tutored students and coached youth sports.

"I've always worked with kids," Lucier said. "I love kids. I'm grateful for the opportunity to help tribal youth."

Lucier graduated from Bay Mills Community College (BMCC) with an Associates degree in Social Sciences and graduated from Lake Superior State University (LSSU) with a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Economics.

His grandmother is Rita Gasco-Shepard, an Appellate Justice, and his mother is Vicki Lynn. His sister, Sara Lucier, works as a Tribal Police Dispatcher. His godson and nephew, Tavien Lucier, turned one in May. His aunt, Regina Brubacker-Carver, works as the Health Educator, his cousin, Kathy McGraw, works as an Accounting Assistant and his cousin, Al McGraw, works for Odawa Casino Resort.

In his free time, Lucier enjoys playing basketball, running, reading and spending time with family and friends.

Articles and photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

ODAWA INSTITUTE SPONSORS FIRST ANNUAL THREE FIRES MESSAGE RUN AND MARATHON



(L to R) Julie Harrington, Fred Harrington, Jr. and Maria Sargent.

Submitted by **Fred Harrington, Jr.**

The Odawa Institute celebrates the Anishinaabe language and culture through a variety of events.

Anishinaabemowin, our language, is experiencing a resurgence among all ages across our land. This is a message worth sending out to the villages around the Little Traverse Bay in the old way with message runners!

What's a message run?

Long ago when messengers were sent, they carried a small stick from village to village. These messengers carried the stick from one village to the next passing the message and the stick along to the next messenger. We chose a stick made by our friend Amik (the beaver). Amik works all year preparing food for the winter.

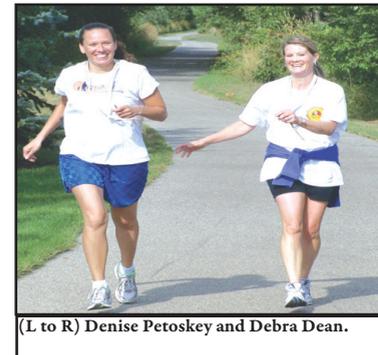
During the winter, he eats the inner layers of bark off sticks and casts them out of his lodge. When the ice melts, all of these sticks float up and drift down the rivers marking his territory. We used these sticks to send our message across our land. Each participant received a piece of a Amik Tigaanhs (beaver stick) and passed on one of three messages: Geyaabe Anishnaabemowin Maadziimgat (Our language is still alive!), Women and Children are Sacred and Holy Childhood is Worth Saving. Sixteen runners participated on two teams, and they ran our messages from Charlevoix, MI, to Harbor Springs, MI!



Vicki Olson (right) nears the end of her run as a Charlevoix County police officer looks on.

Debra Dean of North Central Michigan College described her experience at the run, "I saw them (sisters Marci Reyes and Vicki Olson), gliding up the path along Lake Michigan, their dark hair swinging in the morning breeze. I knew this was

where I wanted to be on August 19, 2007: The Three Fires Message Run and Marathon sponsored by the Odawa Institute of northern Michigan. After attending pow wows over the years, endeavoring to introduce the Native American culture to our children and having had the opportunity of teaching a course at the



(L to R) Denise Petoskey and Debra Dean.

LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs this last winter, I now had the privilege of participating on

one of two relay teams on this 26.2 mile run. Goosebumps rippled as Fred Harrington, Jr. explained the significance of the name, the Message Run. Years ago, messages were sent on sticks, carried by runners from village to village sometimes as far away as the Rocky Mountains. And so, when Marci (Reyes), one of those two graceful sisters, placed our team's message stick in my hands, "Women and Children are Sacred," I saw cultural pride in her eyes and the others in this first-year group of 16 runners and walkers. I felt a part of something much bigger than me, than northern Michigan. I felt connected to a part of history. I had the privilege of participating as Native Americans connected with their ancestors. Maybe next year, you'd like to share in this,



(L to R) Trish Kishigo, Hope Reines and Fred Harrington, Jr. participated in the Message Run.

too?"

For more details and pictures, check out www.marathon.odawa.info.

The photos appear courtesy of Fred Harrington, Jr.

2007 Ghost Supper Schedule

November 2

Shananaquets
3207 Indian Road
Brutus, MI
Start: 4 p.m.

November 3

Greensky Hill Church Community
Susan Hall, Greensky Hill Church
County Road 630 in Hayes Township
(Charlevoix County)
Start: 3 p.m.

Shomin/Shananaquet/Naganashe
6241 State Road
Cross Village, MI
Start: 5 p.m.

November 10

Harrington/Fisher
1111 Howard Street
Petoskey, MI
Start: 5 p.m.

Kishigo/Adams/Young

6735 Maple Drive
Pellston, MI
Start: 4 p.m.

Laughlin/Wemigwase

431 Pine Street
Harbor Springs, MI
Start: 5 p.m.

Naganashes

2440 North Lake Shore Drive
Good Hart, MI

November 24

LTBB Community
LTBB Community Center
Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Housing,
Heynig Road
Harbor Springs, MI

November 25

Carver/Gasco
8091 North Conway Road
Conway, MI
Start: 11 a.m.

Note: The Walker/Keshick/Worthington Ghost Supper normally held in the fall will be held in spring 2008. Look for a spring feast notice next year.



TWO PERCENT REVENUE SHARING CHECK PRESENTATION



(L to R) Barry Milligan, Marty Krupa, Diane Bott and Barry Crowell.

On August 31 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 \$590,156.04. It was a nine percent increase over the September 2006 two-percent revenue sharing check.

On hand for the check presentation were Odawa Casino Resort

General Manager Barry Milligan, Odawa Casino Resort Director of Finance/Accounting Barry Crowell, Odawa Casino Resort Community Relations Coordinator Diane Bott and Assistant County Controller Marty Krupa.

Pictured from left to right are Milligan, Krupa, Bott and Crowell.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

PETOSKEY ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION

Submitted by the **Petoskey family**

It was a beautiful day for the annual Petoskey family reunion held at Harrison City Park in Harrison, MI, on August 18.

Family members from as far away as California, Wisconsin and Florida were in attendance. Family members in attendance from Michigan came from Baraga, Detroit, Clare, Petoskey, Three Rivers, Tustin and Temple.

We had a wonderful dinner provided by family members, who brought dishes to pass. We shared stories about family members past and present. Warren (Don) Petoskey and John Potter sang songs. Warren (Don) Petoskey also told stories.

We talked of one special family member of whom we are very proud

of. His name is Chief Ignatius Petoskey of the Odawa Nation. Petoskey, MI, is named after him. A couple of years ago, a statue of him was erected in Petoskey. We as a family are very proud of not only what he did for us, but also for the people of Petoskey.

An auction of items donated by family members will help defray the cost of next year's gathering. Ralph Badgero, the husband of Eva (Potter) Badgero, was the auctioneer. Eva Badgero is the granddaughter of Chief Petoskey. Many of Chief Petoskey's grandchildren were in attendance at the reunion.

It is always nice to reconnect with family you do not see on a regular basis. We hope to have more family attend next year. We as a family would like to extend our appreciation to Mindy Taylor and Rita Pruden for organizing this year's reunion.

FORUM DEBATES MICHIGAN INDIAN TUITION WAIVER

By **Susan Field**, Clare Managing Editor

Editor's note: This article appeared in the August 28 issue of the *Morning Sun*. It is reprinted with permission.

With her tribe not yet federally recognized and living "hand to mouth," Allie Greenleaf Maldonado changed her life by using a federal tuition waiver program to go to college and law school.

With an impassioned plea at a public forum at the Ziiibwing Center Monday night (August 27), Greenleaf Maldonado urged members of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission (MCRC) to do whatever they can to keep the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Act intact for future Native American generations.

If not for the tuition waiver, Greenleaf Maldonado said, she could not have completed studies at the University of Michigan Law School.

"It drastically changed my life," she said. "It's not only enriching the tribal community."

With the waiver, Greenleaf Maldonado said, she was able to better herself and give back to her tribe as assistant general counsel for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

"It's been like casting a stone in a lake," she said of the impact the tu-

ition waiver has had on herself and Native Americans in Michigan.

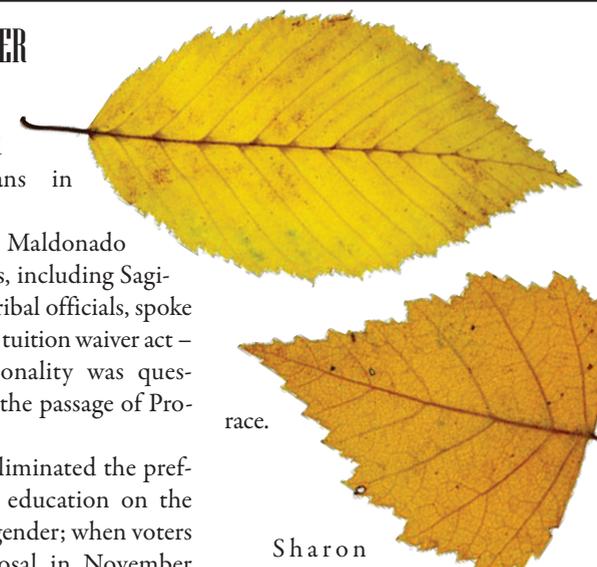
Greenleaf Maldonado and several others, including Saginaw Chippewa Tribal officials, spoke out in favor of the tuition waiver act – whose constitutionality was questioned following the passage of Proposal 2 of 2006.

Proposal 2 eliminated the preference in public education on the basis of race and gender; when voters passed the proposal in November 2006, the MCRC met with tribal leaders across the state and has taken the stance that the tuition waiver does not violate the proposal.

Rich Morrison, vice president of public relations at Central Michigan University, assured the audience and the MCRC that under President Michael Rao's administration, the university will honor the tuition waiver program despite higher education funding cuts in the state.

Officials at CMU are also committed to doing what they can to inform Native Americans of the tuition waiver and encouraging them to use the program to attend college.

Karen Radell, president of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College told the commission that, although the waiver does not apply at the two-year school, that the nature of the program is political and not based on



race.

Sharon Hinmon, director of higher education for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian tribe, spoke of how the waiver impacts Native students.

"The tribe really supports the tuition waiver program," she said, adding that not all Native American college students get per capita payments.

George Wirth, an attorney for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, told audience members at the forum that a state lawmaker disagreed with that opinion – which is not legally binding – and asked Attorney General Mike Cox to issue an opinion.

Cox in July declined, Wirth said, because there were treaty rights issues and because it was a very complex political agreement.

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NO DATES HAVE YET BEEN SET BECAUSE THEY ARE DETERMINED BY WEATHER CONDITIONS. PLEASE CALL 231-242-1601 FOR MORE CURRENT INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP.

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.

Tribal Citizens

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

Forms are also available at 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.

Please contact Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520.

TRIBAL COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS, THANKS OUTGOING MEMBERS

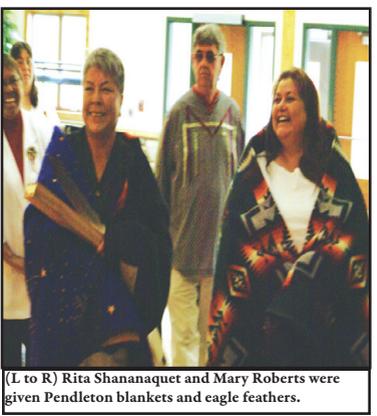


(L to R) Shirley Oldman, Marvin Mulholland, Gerald Chingwa and Regina Gasco-Bentley.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

The Tribal Council General Election took place on June 25 with Marvin Mulholland (322 votes), Shirley Oldman (313 votes), Regina Gasco-Bentley (312 votes) and Gerald Chingwa (308 votes) all being elected to the Tribal Council.

At the August 19 Tribal Council meeting held in the Tribal Courtroom at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, they were sworn



(L to R) Rita Shananaquet and Mary Roberts were given Pendleton blankets and eagle feathers.

in as Tribal Council members, and the Tribal Council bid farewell to outgoing Tribal Council members, Rita Shananaquet and Mary Roberts.

After the call to order, opening ceremony, roll call of current sitting Tribal Council members, adoption of



Regina Gasco-Bentley (left) was sworn in by Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco (right).

agenda and approval of minutes, the sitting Tribal Council members gave their final remarks.

Shananaquet had served on the Tribal Council since 1996.

"Many positive changes have occurred since I've been on Tribal Council, but many more need to occur," Shananaquet said. "There is still work to be done. Good luck in the future."

Roberts had served on the Tribal Council since 2005.

"It has been a learning experience

for me," Roberts said. "It was an honor to serve the people.

"I welcome all the new members. I look forward to the many good things you will do for our tribe."

Oldman said she admired how Roberts balanced things well working for Odawa Casino Resort (Roberts is the Employment Manager) and serving on the Tribal Council.

Tribal Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima said Roberts was a "great asset" to the Tribal Council and said Shananaquet was a stable force.

"It was a great disappointment for me and the people that you (Shananaquet) chose not to run again," Kiogima said. "You always stood for the membership. I know you're looking forward to your retirement, but I'm sure we haven't heard



Marvin Mulholland (left) was sworn in by Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco (right).

the end of you. That is a good thing."

Oldman said she admired Shananaquet because she always voted from her heart.

"I admire Rita's strength, backbone and honesty," Oldman said.

Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law said she would miss Shananaquet and Roberts.

"We don't always agree on issues, but I respect her (Shananaquet) because she sticks to her convictions and votes accordingly," Law said. "She is very knowledgeable. She attended several trainings in her time on Tribal Council."

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik spoke during the Tribal Elders Comments.

"For countless generations, we've had people step forward to be our leaders and to make the tough decisions," Ettawageshik said. "I want to express my gratitude to those who have served us as leaders, and to those who will serve us now as leaders. You are the protectors of our people. I look forward to working with all of

you."

The regular Tribal Council meeting was suspended after that, and everyone gathered in the Commons Area.

Before the newly elected Tribal Council members were sworn in,



Shirley Oldman (left) was sworn in by Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco (right).

Pendleton blankets and eagle feathers were presented to Roberts and Shananaquet. An honor song was sung for them.



Gerald Chingwa (left) was sworn in by Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco (right).

Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco then swore in the new Tribal Council members (Mulholland, Oldman, Gasco-Bentley and Chingwa), and they signed their oaths of office. All will serve on the Tribal Council until 2011.

An honor song was sung for the newly sworn in Tribal Council members, and Ettawageshik sang a Four Directions song in their honor.

After the Tribal Council meeting resumed, Law was again selected as the Legislative Leader with four votes to Chingwa and Kiogima's two votes each. Gasco-Bentley was selected as the Secretary with five votes to Kiogima's three votes. Chingwa was selected as the Treasurer with six votes



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to Oldman's two votes.

Editor's note: There were only eight votes because Tribal Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. was not at the

meeting.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



(L to R) Tribal Council members Melvin L. Kiogima, Marvin Mulholland, Gerald Chingwa and Dexter McNamara in the back row. Tribal Council members Shirley Oldman, Beatrice A. Law, Regina Gasco-Bentley and Alice Yellowbank in the front row. Not pictured is Tribal Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.

BIG ROCK HISTORICAL MARKER COMPLETE TEXT

The complete text of the State Historical Marker is as follows:
Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant

Consumers Power Company (later Consumers Energy) opened the Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant just west of here in 1962. It was the world's first high-power density boiling water reactor, and the fifth commercial nuclear plant in the

U.S. The plant began as a research and development facility, with the first goal being to prove that nuclear power was economical. In addition to generating electricity, the reactor produced cobalt 60 that was used to treat an estimated 400,000 cancer patients. In 1991, the American Nuclear Society named the plant a Nuclear Historic Landmark. When it closed in 1997, Big Rock was the

longest running nuclear plant in the U.S. Consumers Energy later restored the site to a natural area.

Big Rock Point

Big Rock Point is named for a large boulder used as a landmark by Native Americans. At least as early as the mid-nineteenth century, Odawa (Ottawa) Indians used Big Rock, which they called Kitchessening, as a gathering place each

spring. The Odawa summered at Waganaksing (the area between Harbor Springs and Cross Village), but dispersed into smaller groups and traveled during the winter. Each spring, they returned to Big Rock, their canoes loaded with sugar, furs, deer skins, prepared venison, bear's oil, and bear meat prepared in oil, deer tallow, and sometimes, a lot of honey. From there, they returned to

Waganaksing by crossing the bay in wiigwaas jiimaan (birch bark canoes). In 1999, elders and youth from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians recreated the crossing.

Source: Consumers Energy.

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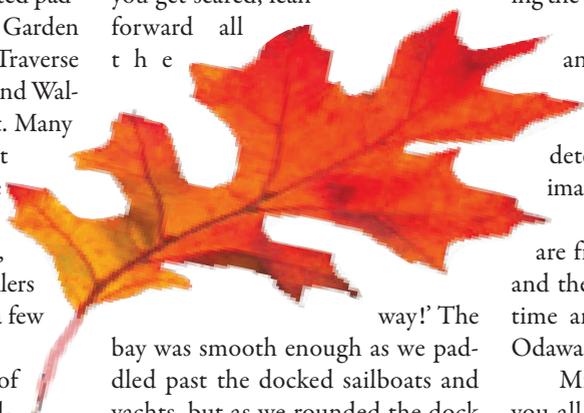
Submitted by **Fred Harrington, Jr.**

The Odawa Institute Board decided last year to share the experience of traveling the Great Lakes by jiimaan (canoe) with as many people as possible.

We gave more than 300 rides and voted this spring to attempt 500 rides this summer. We recruited paddlers for trips to Beaver and Garden Islands, races across Little Traverse Bay and took short trips around Walloon Lake and Harbor Point. Many who stepped aboard couldn't swim and were afraid of the water, but couldn't resist the call to paddle. By Labor Day, we exceeded 522 logged paddlers in the jiimaan, and we have a few more rides scheduled!

Suzanne Shumway of North Central Michigan College described her ride: "When I heard Fred's voice on the phone recorder announcing he was putting the jiimaan into the water, I raced to

the marina, ignoring stop signs, plodding pedestrians, and the frightened gasps of my sons from the backseat. The anxiety level ebbed only a bit as we all donned life jackets and stepped carefully in the jiimaan, which rocked with the weight of 17 people finding a secure place to sit. We eased out of the dock, Fred calling directions and drilling us on safety procedures like 'If you get scared, lean forward all the



way!' The bay was smooth enough as we paddled past the docked sailboats and yachts, but as we rounded the dock and got past the break wall, the waves swelled to three feet (though my sons said five - actually, it was probably only 18 inches), and it quickly got ex-

citing. A few times, some of us assumed the safety position as we crested the swells. I'm sure we were never in danger; Fred took good care of us as we glided into the bay. He gave us a mini-tour of the area by pointing out natural features and their significance to the Odawa people. Too soon, we turned around and made our way back to the dock, saluting the mere pedestrians on the break wall. It was an exhilarating and educational experience. Even my sore shoulders and arms would not be enough to deter me from going on the jiimaan again if given the chance."

The greatest things in life are free, the sunset, the lake view and the rare chance to step back in time and travel the lakes the way Odawa taught the first visitors.

Migwetch gaabezhaayek (thank you all for coming) and helping us share our view of Lake Michigan.

The photo appears courtesy of Fred Harrington, Jr.

"ROUNDTABLE" CONTINUED FROM COVER.

Gonzales would not comment on the dismissal of Margaret Chiara, the U.S. attorney for the western district of Michigan. Chiara had worked with tribal leaders to establish programs designed to curtail violence against women. Chiara was one of eight U.S. attorneys fired in 2006. Several federal prosecutors were also fired in 2006.

Gonzales, the first Hispanic attorney general, announced his resignation on August 27, effective September 17.

In an Associated Press article that appeared on Yahoo News on August 27, President George W. Bush said, "Gonzales endured months of unfair treatment because of partisan politics, and it had created a harmful distraction at the Justice Department." Bush went on to say, "The unfair treatment prevented Gonzales from adequately doing his job. His



(L to R) Dexter McNamara, Frank Ettawageshik, Shirley Oldman, Beatrice A. Law, Alberto Gonzales, Alice Yellowbank, Regina Gasco-Bentley and Bill Denemy, Sr.

good name was dragged through the mud for political reasons."

Both Republicans and Democrats called for Gonzales' departure over the botched handling of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) terror investigations and the firing of U.S. at-

torneys.

When Gonzales announced his resignation, he gave no reasons for stepping down. In a prepared statement released on August 27, Gonzales said, "I often remind our fellow citizens that we live in the greatest



Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. and Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik shown here with the LTBB tribal flag after the Indian Country Roundtable Discussion.



Tribal leaders from Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes posed with former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales after the Indian Country Roundtable Discussion held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on August 14.

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 All minors must have an address verification form each year before a check is issued. Currently, we have 753 minors, who do not have a 2007 Address verification form on file.

IMPORTANT

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country in the world and that I have lived the American dream. Even my worst days as Attorney General have been better than my father's best days. Public service is honorable and noble, and I am profoundly grateful to President Bush for his friendship and for the many opportunities he has given me to serve the American people."

Gonzales, formerly Bush's White House counsel, served more than two years at the DOJ. He is the son of migrant farm workers from Mexico, who didn't finish elementary school.

Bush had named Paul Clement, solicitor general at the DOJ, the acting attorney general. At press time, Bush nominated Michael Mukasey, 66, as attorney general, but he still faced Senate approval.

The photo of Alberto Gonzales on the cover and the photo of Frank Ettawageshik and Bill Denemy, Sr. on this page were taken by Annette VanDeCar. The rest were taken by Janet Strahan, Assistant LECC/Victim Witness Coordinator for the U.S. Department of Justice U.S. Attorney's Office Western District of Michigan.

To read about former Attorney General Albert Gonzales' meeting with the National Congress of the American Indians' Executive Board, see Native News Briefs on page 20.

Native News Briefs

United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty Signed

On July 31-August 2, the Indigenous Treaty Gathering was held at Lummi Nation in Bellingham, WA. The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Special Committee on Indigenous Nations Relationships created a drafting committee in 2006 that prepared the treaty, which proposed the establishment of a United League of Indigenous Nations. Instead of considering the proposed treaty, the gathering finalized and approved it.

The treaty is intended to serve as a framework agreement through which indigenous nations will create a political alliance and pledge to support one another in pursuit of common goals. The treaty is implemented through the creation of a United League of Indigenous Nations.

The final version of the treaty was officially signed by delegates from 11 nations: Lummi, Sucker Creek Cree First Nation 150 A, Te Runanga O Ngati Awa (New Zealand), Ngarinderi Nation, Douglas Village of the Tlinget Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Akiak Native Community, We Wai Kai Nation, Makah Tribe, Songhees Nation and Hoh Indian Tribe.

The other non-signatory delegates signed a witness document verifying the adoption of the treaty and their intention of supporting the treaty to their governing bodies.

At the September 9 Tribal Council Meeting, the LTBB Tribal Council passed a motion to sign the treaty.

Approximately 200 people attended the gathering with 100 attendees representing more than 40 tribes.

Three Fires Confederacy Gathering

The Three Fires Confederacy is the powerful alliance of the Anishinaabeg people named after the three nations of the Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomi. The Ojibway are the faithkeepers. The Odawa are the protectors. The Pottawatomi are the keepers of the fire.

From August 20-26 at the Garden River First Nation, the Three Fires Confederacy Gathering was held.

The participants of this historic meeting confirmed their collective desire for governance models based on traditional teachings and have pledged to make the rare gathering an annual event.

The last formal assembly of the historic alliance of Ojibway, Pottawatomi and Odawa took place in 1992, and the one before that was held more than a century ago.

The agenda featured a variety of political discussions on issues such as treaties, water, fishing and harvesting. The discussions reinforced the traditional Anishinabek worldview our leaders need to engage the Spirit in their everyday work in governing our communities.

Delegates stood in unison to offer unanimous support to a declaration pledging to base future Anishinabek governance models on the clan system, and to create health and education systems grounded in traditional knowledge and teachings.

Many of the 2,000 people, who participated in sessions on governance and cultural teachings over the four days, were citizens of the 42-member Anishinabek communities represented by the Union of Ontario Indi-

ans, but there was also a large contingent from U.S.-based tribes.

National Chief Phil Fontaine brought greetings on behalf of more than 600 communities represented by the Assembly of First Nations.

Anishinabek communities in Manitoba and Michigan are vying to host the 2008 Three Fires Gathering, which the declaration pledged would be held "each and every year in perpetuity."

To read the declaration from the Three Fires Confederacy Gathering, please visit www.threefiresconfederacy.org.

NCAI Executive Board Meet with Former Attorney General

In response to concerns raised by

at the DOJ, addressed concerns about domestic violence and the need for a legislative solution that includes restoring jurisdiction over non-Indian spouses, asked the DOJ to take leadership in improving law enforcement cooperation; and highlighted the need for increased resources devoted to criminal justice in Indian country, particularly in light of the methamphetamine crisis in Indian Country.

First-ever "Prez on the Rez" Forum

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians hosted the first-ever "Prez on the Rez" forum on August 23 in Cabazon, CA. The event provided a forum for Democratic Party presidential candidates to tell the approxi-



tribal leaders in the past few months regarding the lack of support from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) on Indian issues, members of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Board met with former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on August 24 in Washington, shortly after announcing his resignation.

NCAI leaders laid out Indian Country's priorities for working with the DOJ and addressed concerns over unmet needs in Indian Country.

A recent Amnesty International report concluded the federal government's system of jurisdiction in Indian Country puts Native women at risk of sexual assault and rape.

The executive board addressed the government-to-government relationship and the need for leadership

approximately 300 tribal leaders and guests how they would perpetuate the Native agenda if elected president.

Select tribal leaders asked the candidates questions on a variety of issues such as fishing rights, domestic violence, lack of Native representation in the judicial system and trust reform issues.

The event was held in conjunction with the Indigenous Democratic Network (INDN's List) Campaign Camp held August 20-25.

Of the eight top Democratic candidates, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich and former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel attended the event.

New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Illinois Senator Barack Obama and former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, considered the

EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVES OFFERED BY MIEA AND LTBB ELDERS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE TO ALL LTBB GRADE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS: Once again this school year, the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) will hold a lottery to award incentive monies to all tribal students kindergarten through 12th grade, who receive straight A's or had perfect attendance for one or both of the first two marking periods of the current school year. **There are no losers** because the LTBB Elders Association will pay the incentives to any qualifying LTBB

Students, who are not selected in the lottery. **IN ADDITION**, the LTBB Elders Association will extend this program to pay any LTBB Student, who maintains the same level of achievement for the third and fourth marking periods. **ALSO**, if any student maintains at least a B or better grade level on their report card throughout the entire school year, and they are not eligible for the all A's incentive, they shall be eligible for a \$20 incentive.

Students must submit a copy of their report card together with a copy of their tribal ID to the LTBB Elders Association, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, **after the second marking period and prior to March 1, 2008**. For the second installment or the B or better incentive, students must submit a copy of their report card together with a copy of their tribal ID **after the last marking period of the school year and no later than July 1, 2008. Strict rules will apply.** Students must submit their report cards in a timely manner. **ONLY** perfect attendance and straight A's will apply for the \$25 incentives. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** B or better incentives paid only at the end of the school year.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: MIEA is offering one \$1,000 and four \$500 scholarships to qualified students. Check with the LTBB Education Department for information and application forms. **ALSO** this year, the LTBB Elders Association is offering four \$500 higher education scholarships to our LTBB College Students. To qualify for these scholarships, the student must be an enrolled LTBB Tribal Citizen, a high school senior or returning college student, enrolled as a full-time student, and have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. **THIS IS NOT A CONTEST.** The winning students are drawn on a lottery basis and the funds are sent directly to the student, not the university or college. Contact the LTBB Education Department for the application form and deadlines.

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compromise.

In an article that appeared in the September 13 *Petoskey News-Review*, Father Joseph Graff said, "The church wishes to partner with the tribe to provide space in the new building for a healing center and symbol of the boarding school experience."

At press time, a compromise was still being discussed by the leaders.

Reconnecting the Circle National Essay Contest

Reconnecting the Circle (RTC) announces its second National High School Essay Contest to be held from October 15 to November 30.

All high school students, grades 9-12, from tribal, public, private and parochial schools are invited to participate. Up to 10 winners will each receive a \$2,500 prize.

For more information, please visit www.reconnectingthecircle.com.

top three contenders for the Democratic ticket, turned down the invitation. They received criticism from the media and INDN's List organizers.

Old Holy Childhood School building set for demolition

Despite efforts to save the old Holy Childhood School building in Harbor Springs, MI, it is scheduled to be demolished in early October.

It will be demolished to make room for a \$4 million church addition that will include a parish hall, kitchen, a faith formation center with four rooms for classes or meetings and a parish library.

There will also be a 2,320 square foot addition added to Holy Childhood Church that will include a gathering space and possible additional seating.

In recent meetings, tribal leaders and church leaders have discussed a