



# ODAWA TRAILS



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## LTBB YEAR IN REVIEW 2007 AS SELECTED BY ODAWA TRAILS STAFF



1,500 slot machines, 30 table games, six poker tables, the O Zone night club that opened on June 28, the Quill Box (a gift shop), the Rendezvous Lounge, Waas-No-De' buffet, Copper Café, Sage Restaurant, Ovation Hall, high stakes gaming rooms and a VIP Players Lounge. The facility is open 24 hours a day.

### Old Holy Childhood of Jesus School Building Demolished

A Native American ceremonial closing of the Holy Childhood of Jesus School was held on June 30 in Harbor Springs. Former students recalled painful and happy memories of attending the school. Kateri Walker, who attended the school from 1970-1971, started a movement to save the building. On August 5, Tribal Council passed Tribal Resolution #080507-02, which supported saving the building for future uses promoting Native language, arts and cultural learning and urged Bishop Patrick R. Cooney and Father Joe Graff to open an immediate dialogue with Walker to discuss options for saving the building. After several meetings between Walker, LTBB representatives and representatives from the Holy Childhood Parish and its building committee, it was determined saving the building was not a viable option, and a compromise was reached. The compromise was to save as much as possible of the brick and concrete work that made up the "1913" doorway and capstone so a doorway could be reconstructed as the entrance to the new building. Building materials were saved from the old building and will be used to reconstruct one of the classrooms in the new building to closely resemble a classroom from the old building. On October 7, Tribal Council passed Tribal Resolution #100707-03 to donate \$5,000 to the

Holy Childhood building fund because the implementation of the compromise requires additional funding more than the \$4 million raised for the new Holy Childhood Parish Hall. The demolition of the old building was completed in early November.

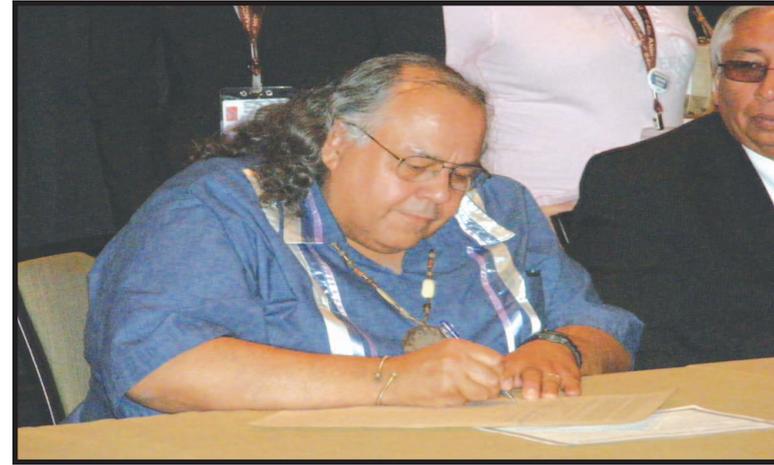
### United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty

LTBB signed the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty at a for-

on the treaty and on the establishment of the League of Indigenous Nations.

### 2007 Inland Consent Decree

The historic 2007 Inland Consent Decree was announced on September 26, a ceremony commemorating the signing of it was held on October 25 at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey and U.S. District Judge Richard Enslen signed it on November 2. It ended a



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Before we embark on 2008, I thought it would be interesting to reflect on 2007's significant events.

The following significant events are listed in no particular order.

### LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) awarded LTBB a \$20,000 grant for the Big Read initiative. LTBB was one of 72 communities selected nationwide, one of three communities selected in Michigan and the only Indian tribe selected. LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 ran from January to June. The Big Read initiative provides citizens the opportunity to read and discuss a single book with their communities. LTBB chose *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee because of its socioeconomic, intergenerational and racial issues. Programming was held March through June. LTBB and its numerous community partners gave away approximately 1,800 paperback copies of the book at the various activities.

### Construction Projects

LTBB embarked on three major construction projects in 2007. The tribe constructed the \$143 million Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, the \$400,000 community center at Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke housing project in Harbor Springs, MI, and the \$80,000 pavilion on the Osborne Road property in Readmond Township, MI. A stop light will be constructed at the corner of Lears Road and Cemetery Road by the entrance to Odawa Casino Resort.

### Odawa Casino Resort

After 16 months of construction, Odawa Casino Resort opened to the public on June 20 after a soft opening ceremony. Tribal elders cut the red ribbons before LTBB Tribal Citizens entered the new facility. Odawa Casino Resort's grand opening was held July 25. As part of the grand opening festivities, Bill Cosby headlined two shows on July 25 in Ovation Hall, which seats 1,000 theater-style and 500 banquet-style. With the opening of the 300,000-square foot facility, Odawa Casino Resort became Petoskey's second-largest employer with more than 900 team members. The facility features

mal Treaty Ratification Ceremony on November 14 at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. The treaty established an international political and economic alliance to advance common interests regarding the impacts of climate change on homelands, to promote trade and commerce among indigenous nations, to bring cultural properties under the protection of the laws of indigenous nations, to protect the human rights of indigenous peoples and to assert traditional rights to cross international borders. Eleven nations originally signed the treaty on August 2. Please see the article titled, "LTBB Signs United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty" in this issue of *Odawa Trails* for more information

court case pending since 1973. It resolved the long-standing dispute with respect to federal and tribal claims the tribes (the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) retained rights under the 1836 Treaty of Washington to hunt, fish and gather in the treaty area under tribal regulations rather than under state law. It recognizes the treaty-retained right for the tribes' members to engage in certain hunting, fishing and gathering activities within the treaty area and for the tribes to regulate those activities.

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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**

Dwendziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'aana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendziwin miinwa wiimnaadendziyin. Gdabendaana dbendziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaanijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mmoaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin. nbwakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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The deadline for the February issue of *Odawa Trails* is December 16. 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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16 inches	1 col. x 16 in. <b>\$64</b>	\$54.40 \$51.20 \$48.00	2 col. x 16 in. <b>\$128</b>	\$108.80 \$102.40 \$96.00	3 col. x 16 in. <b>\$192</b>	\$163.20 \$153.60 \$144.00	4 col. x 16 in. <b>\$208</b>	\$176.80 \$166.40 \$156.00	5 col. x 16 in. <b>\$260</b>	\$221.00 \$208.00 \$195.00

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# Departments & Programs

“Review” continued from cover.

The area affected by the agreement is the portion of Michigan, which includes roughly the eastern half of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and a large area in the northern third of the Lower Peninsula. Please see a related article about the 2007 Inland Consent Decree on page 8.

### LTBB Donates DDR Packages to Area Schools

LTBB received two Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) packages consisting of play stations, cobalt pads, DDR software, additional student practice pads, vaults to store equipment and curriculum with suggestions for use from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC). LTBB then donated the packages to Sheridan Elementary School in Petoskey and Harbor Springs Middle School in Harbor Springs. ITC received 10 DDR packages from Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of Michigan through a grant. Through the grant, Michigan tribal schools and public schools where tribal students attend received the packages. ITC gave 10 DDR packages to the eight Michigan tribes in its Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe program.

### 2006 Circle of Excellence Group

The Circle of Excellence program provides the LTBB governmental employees a chance to recognize seven fellow employees for their hard work, dedication, teamwork, dependability and commitment to customer service. The 2006 Circle of Excellence group included Grant Writer Heidi Yapple, Community Health Outreach Representative Carol Kiogima, Environmental Assistant Regina Gasco, Geographic Information Systems Director Alan Proctor, Natural Resource Director Doug Craven, Law Enforcement Officer Jake Guenthardt and Elders Maintenance Richard Wemigwase. The program started in 2005.

### Nike Designs Native Specific Shoe to Benefit Tribes

On September 26, Nike unveiled a shoe called Air Native NJ designed specifically for Native Americans. It was designed for a larger fit for the distinct foot shape of Native Americans and has a culturally specific look. It is being distributed solely to Native Americans through tribal wellness programs and tribal schools nationwide. Tribal wellness programs and tribal schools can purchase the shoe at wholesale price (\$42.80) and pass it along to individuals often at no cost. Profits from the sale of the shoe are reinvested in health programs for tribal lands where problems of obesity, diabetes and related conditions are near epidemic levels in some tribes. Nike anticipated selling at least 10,000 pairs and raising \$200,000 for tribal programs.

### Unique “Drive Through” Flu Shot Clinic Held

The Department of Community Health of Northwest Michigan and LTBB collaborated to host a “drive through” flu shot clinic on January 29 at the LTBB Health Department in Petoskey. In addition to people coming into the Health Department to receive the flu shot, medical professionals gave people flu shots in the warmth and comfort of their ve-

hicles. Flu shots were free for LTBB Tribal Citizens and \$25 for the public.

### Wertz Warriors End Endurance Ride at Odawa Hotel

On January 28, the Wertz Warriors started on their 26th Annual Snowmobile Endurance Ride to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Michigan (SOMI). The 900-mile, six-day ride began in Chesterfield, MI, and zigzagged across the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, ending on February 3 at Odawa Hotel (then called Victories Hotel). Odawa Hotel hosted a dinner for SOMI to conclude the endurance ride, and Odawa Casino Resort (then called Victories Casino and Hotel) donated \$3,000 toward the cause. After the dinner, the Wertz Warriors presented SOMI with a check for \$285,000, the amount raised on the endurance ride.

### Inaugural Career Fair Exceeds Expectations

On January 15, Victories Casino and Hotel held the first of three public career fairs for Odawa Casino Resort at Odawa Hotel. Approximately 1,200 people attended the career fair and spoke with Victories Casino and Hotel department managers in hopes of later being hired at Odawa Casino Resort.

### LTBB Associate Judge Named to LSSU Board of Trustees

On February 20, Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed Associate Judge Jenny Lee Kronk to the Lake Superior State University (LSSU) Board of Trustees. Kronk, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring on January 27, 2014.

### Alicia Nowell One of 10 National Essay Contest Winners

Reconnecting the Circle selected LTBB Tribal Citizen Alicia Nowell as one of 10 winners of its 2006 National High School Essay Contest. Nowell, the daughter of Ellie Payton and Richard Nowell and the granddaughter of Harriet Kishigo-Booth and the late Jacob Booth, received \$2,500, her essay was posted on Reconnecting the Circle's website, and her essay also appeared in *Native Peoples* magazine. Nowell, a freshman at Baker College, wrote on the topic, “Why is reconnecting the circle with Native Americans important today?” Reconnecting the Circle selected 49 finalists from 166 students, who entered the contest. The contest was open to all U.S. residents enrolled full-time and in good standing in a tribal, public or state-accredited private or parochial high school. Nowell was a 2007 Harbor Springs High School graduate.

### Andi Gasco Selected for North American Select Team

In March, LTBB Tribal Citizen Andi Gasco was selected to be on one of the 2008 North American Select Teams (NAST) by kfastpitch.com. Gasco, a junior at Petoskey High School (PHS) in Petoskey, will participate in Cup 2008 in the Netherlands January 16-23. Selection is based on softball talent and attitude. Gasco, the daughter of Sue Gasco and Randy Searles and the granddaughter of the late Vernon Gasco and Mary “Review” continued on page 19.

## Elder Birthdays

### January 1

Janice Beckhorn  
John Deckrow, Sr.  
Leslie Flint

### January 2

Margaret Ortner

### January 3

Patricia Kaat

### January 4

Leon Bailey, Jr.  
Nancy Honeysette  
Verna Jeanotte

### January 5

David Adams  
Monica Baker  
Jay Harrington  
Betty Hoffman  
Lawrence Petoskey  
John Shonibin, Jr.

### January 6

Marie Bowers

### January 7

Jane Martell

### January 8

Rosemary Knapp  
James Smith, Jr.  
Christine Thomas

### January 9

Roger Martell  
Rosalie Parsons  
Virginia Von der Lippe

### January 10

Steven Melancon, Jr.

### January 11

Clara Roussain

### January 12

David DeMoines  
Nivia Paul  
Frances St. Andrew

### January 14

Sophie Conlin  
Penelope Griffin

### January 15

Curtis Willis

### January 16

Patricia Alsip  
Andrea Cagle  
Judy Field

### January 17

Carole Prior

### January 18

Mary Rittase

### January 19

Rosanna Givens

### January 20

Clifford John Cutler

### January 21

Gary Compo  
Christine Merrill

### January 22

Robert Kiogima  
Andrew Lasley  
Jeanette Mathews

### January 23

John Chisholm, Sr.  
Denise Frye  
Marilyn McDonald  
Adeline Noack  
Carolyn Taglauer

### January 24

Richard Gould

### January 25

June Carey  
Glenna Kimball

### January 26

Joseph Dayson, Jr.  
Ronald Mulholland

### January 27

Edward Burch  
Diane Curtiss  
Dee Dee Gasco  
Jesse King  
Theodore Sky-Eagle, Sr.

### January 28

Richard Petoskey  
Catherine Ross  
Richard Wilburn

### January 29

Catherine Schwiderson  
Rita Shananaquet  
Cecil Taylor

### January 30

Donna Shlechter  
Mary Steffes

### January 31

Shirley Dunkley  
Ruth Eagleman  
Jennie Heeres  
Ann McClellan

## Love Lines Sought



We will include Love Lines in the February issue of Odawa Trails to celebrate Valentine's Day. Submit your Love Lines by December 17. Please e-mail them to [newsletter@libbodawansn.gov](mailto:newsletter@libbodawansn.gov). They must be no longer than 15 words, no photographs will be included, and they must be signed. No secret admirers or unsigned Love Lines will be published.



# Mno Nimkwadaadin (Happy New Year)

Submitted by **Isabelle Osawamick**, Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor

Boojoo! Aanii! Aaniish na kina gwaya? Nishin na kina gego gegii nwa? Miisa nishiing. Noonj zhichigewok bimaadzijik maanda pii wiinsaakanimwaad nimkwadaadiing.

Baatiinwok ezhaajik jingtamok. Niibna Anishinaabek nkweshtaadwok wiimaawnjidwaad nimkwadaadiing. Aapiji gwa mnowendaagwaziwok maamwi niimwaad. Binoojiinhiik gewiinwa bibaawijijiwaawan gitziimwan. Wenpanzi binoojiinh wiikenmaad gwaya, miidash paawiikadokadaadwaad gaataa'yii gitziimwan madabinid.

Nongwadnong aanin engwadwewangizijik maawnjidiwok gwaya endaad wiimaamwi-wiisniwaad. Kina gwaya gego bezhik naagan biidoon. Noonj gego mijim temigad waamijijing; baakaakwenh, kookoosh wiyaas, bitoojiishkweginiganak, waashwaashkesh wiiyaas maage bizhiki wiiyaas, noonj ezhinaagwak pkwezhi-

gan, niibna noonj ezhinaagdigen ne-taawgiing miinwa aabdeg baashmin-siganan.

Eshkiniigijik gewiinwa mnowendaagwaziwok paaniimwaad enjiniimidiiing. Miigwa zhinda kina enchiwaad enjibaapaabwaad miinwa aapiji bwaajidwok wiiikiwenhwaan. Eshkiniigijik noonj bashgendaanaa'aa wiji eshkiniigwaan mijijiwaawaad, gaawii geyaabi aapiji bashgenziinaa'aa mewijiwaawaad gitziimwaan.

Kina gwaya noonj gego bekaanak zhichige, aanin bashgendaanaa'aa wijiwaawaad ezaaga'aajin, aanin ge'e bashgendaanaa'aa megwe bimaadiz yaa'aad.

Aasna aabidek kina gwaya gimenindaagwazidik. Nonj nangwa danishini kina gwaya bimaadziwin ngoboon.

**Translation**

Hello! Hello! How is everybody? Is everything good for all of you, too? That's good. People do different things to open the new year.

There are many, who go to a pow wow. Many Native people meet each

other to open the new year. They really have a good time dancing together. The children also go along with their parents. It's easy for children to get to know somebody, therefore, they play together around where their parents are sitting.

Sometimes, some families gather together at someone's home to eat together. Everyone brings a "dish." There is lots of food to eat: Chicken, pork meat, pies, deer meat or beef, various breads, many different vegetables and, of course, preserves.

The young people have fun dancing at the dance hall. This is where they laugh and continuously visit with friends. Young people prefer to be with their friends. They really do not like to be together with their parents.

Everybody does something different. Some prefer to be with the ones they love, and others like to be in a crowd of people.

I hope everyone had a good, happy time. Everyone will have a good life this year.

**LOCATIVES**  
When we use the word for a place in a prepositional phrase such as in the \_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_, to the \_\_\_\_, we make the place name a locative by using -aang, -ong, -ing, -eng.

Here are some phrases with izhaa [to go, going] and iyaa [to be (at)]. These are present tense, using examples of the locative forms.

Izhaa i zhaa  
She or He is going.

Ndizhaa N di zhaa  
I am going.

Ndizhaami N di zhaa mi  
We are going.  
(exclusive-us not you)

Ngazhaa N ga zhaa  
I am going to go.

Nwiizhaa N wii zhaa  
I will go.

Izhaadaa i zhaa daa  
Let's go.

Izhaawok i zhaa wok  
They are going.

Zhoonyaaagimong Ngazhaa.  
I'm gonna go to the bank.

Odaawegimong Ngazhaami.  
We are going to the store.

Namegimong izhaadaa.  
Let's go to church.

Shangegimong izhaawok.  
They are going to the restaurant.

Iyaa I yaa  
He or She is at

Nda'aa N da aa  
I am at

Aapiish iyaa'in?  
Aa piish i yaa yin  
Where are you?

Jiibaakwegimong Nda'aa.  
I am in the kitchen.

Aapiish iyaa'd Miishin?  
Where is Michael?

Aakwaziagimong Miishin iyaa.  
Michael is in the hospital.

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

**LOCATIVE PHRASES:**

- OkaaniGamik O kaan a ga mik Barn (Okaaning is on the farm)
- JiibaakweGamik Jii baa kwe ga mik Kitchen (to cook)
- AakwaziGamik Aa kwa zii ga mik Hospital (to be sick)
- MshkikiGamik M shki kii ga mik Clinic, Doctor's Office (Mshiki is Medicine and literally means Strength from the Earth)
- ZhoonyaaTaaGamik Zhoon yaa taa ge ga mik Casino (to "play" with money)
- ZhoonyaaGamik Zhoon yaa ga mik Bank (zhoonyaa = money)
- ZaakamoGamik Zaa ka mo ga mik (where you go #1)
- MiiziiGamik Mii zii ga mik (where you go #2)
- GiziihigizheGamik Gi zii bii gi zhe ga mik (where you shower or bathe)
- Anishinaabeman Ensa Giizhigat Speak Anishinaabemowin Every Day
- NameGamik Na me ga mik Church (to pray)
- KinoomaageGamik Ki noo maa ge ga mik School (to teach)
- Shangegamik Shan ge ga mik Restaurant (to be fed)
- GibeshiGamik Gi be shii ga mik Hotel (to rest, relax, sleep)
- MijimiOdaaweGamik Mii ji mi o daa we ga mik Grocery Store (to trade for food)
- OdaaweGamik O daa we ga mik Store (to trade)
- GibeshiGamik Gi be shii ga mik Hotel (to rest, relax, sleep)
- KinoomaageGamik Ki noo maa ge ga mik School (to teach)

**Notice of Training**

**Oil Spill Prevention and Response**

To: Commercial Fishers from LTBB, GTB and Little River Bands

From: Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program U.S. Coast Guard – Sault Ste. Marie, MI

When: **January 15, 2008**  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Holiday Inn Waterfront In the Shimmers Lounge Traverse City, MI

Contact: Mike Ripley at 906-632-0072

Oil spills from fishing vessels can be very expensive to clean up and damages the resources fishers depend on. The U.S. Coast Guard in cooperation with the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority is offering a free training course in oil spill prevention and response for licensed CORA fishers. The training will be held in conjunction with the No Spills Conference.

In addition, each participant will be given a free oil spill prevention and response kit to store on board his or her vessel. The kit includes material to absorb oil in bilges and other areas where oil and gas may collect.



Free Oil Spill Kit with Attendance at Training!!



**Anishinaabemowin Resources**

**Featured Website:**  
U.N.I.T.Y., United National Indian Tribal Youth  
www.unityinc.org

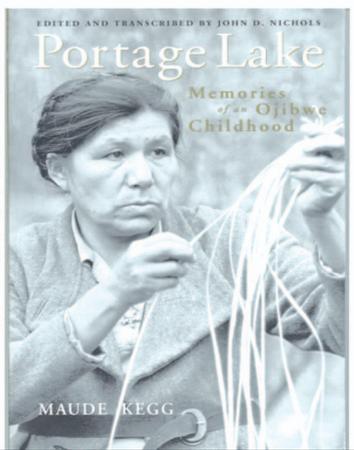
Promotes personal development, citizenship and leadership among Native American youth. Unity's mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical and social development of American Indian youth and to help build a strong, unified and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement.

**Featured Book:**

Portage Lake, Memories of an Ojibwe Childhood  
By Maude Kegg

Maude Kegg's stories, arranged by season, are of her upbringing at Mille Lacs Reservation in central Minnesota. Enjoy the stories, and study the words in their Anishinaabemowin translations. University of Minnesota Press  
www.upress.umn.edu/Books/K/Kegg-portage.html

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LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program

\*Please note class format is not designed for children.

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

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

You can apply once during October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 for each type of assistance available:

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

Applications for all programs are accepted until funds run out.

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



# 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 refer-

ral 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.



## UNIQUE "DRIVE THROUGH" FLU SHOT CLINIC CATCHING ON IN SECOND YEAR

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Department of Community Health of Northwest Michigan and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians collaborated on their second annual "drive through" flu shot clinic.

The clinic, held November 6 at the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey, MI, drew approximately 100 people. Approximately 50 LTBB Tribal Citizens received their flu shots for free while those not eligible for direct services at the health clinic paid \$25 for a shot.

People came inside the health park to get their shot or a medical professional came outside to give people their shots in the warmth and comfort of their vehicles.

Three nurses from the Department of Community Health of Northwest Michigan administered the flu shots along with Health Educator Regina Brubacker-Carver, Community Health Director Michele Keshick and Community Health Nurse Valerie Williams.

It takes about two weeks for protection to develop after the vaccination, and protection can last up to a year.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times, it can lead to death. On the average, 20% of the population gets the flu every year.

Photos by Gwen Gasco.

## NIKE'S FIRST ETHNICALLY-INSPIRED SHOES DEVELOPED FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH INITIATIVE



Submitted by the Community Health Department

Earn your Air Native N7 – the new shoe made by Nike specifically for Native Americans – by signing up for Native Fitness Kickoff. Join us in

the fight against diseases such as diabetes, obesity, stress and heart disease. Don't take it lying down, fight back!

This is the first time Nike has developed a new shoe for a specific culture or ethnicity, and it is part of Nike's ongoing efforts to help improve Native American health. The shoes are being sold only to tribal health departments and other organizations involved in Native health care. They are basically sold at cost. Even better, the money raised from the shoes is in turn invested by Nike in tribal programs.

The Community Health Department's Mnozhyaadaa (Let's Be in

Good Health) program has kicked off "Fight Back against Diabetes," a 12-week activity and nutrition program. We will assist you with your personal wellness plan. Participants of the program will receive an information packet to get started and on completion of the program, they will be entered in a drawing for their own Nike Air Native N7 shoes.

If you would like to participate or would like more information, please call Community Health at 231-242-1601 and speak with Diabetes Educator Michele Keshick or Health Educator Regina Brubacker-Carver.

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# Education Department

## COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY HELPS STUDENTS GET COLLEGE CASH

Submitted by the Education Department

Students, who think they can't afford college, should circle in red Sunday, February 24 on their calendars. It could mean thousands of dollars in financial aid.

College Goal Sunday, a statewide public awareness campaign, now in its fifth year, encourages students to

apply for federal financial aid no later than March 1. In general, the earlier students apply for the aid, the better their chances at receiving it.

To help make that happen, College Goal Sunday volunteers will be on hand

at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Education Department Computer Lab from 1-3 p.m. on February 24 to help students fill out the free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a form many find confusing.

Too many students, who don't fill out the FAFSA, end up paying more for a college education than they should or end up not going to college at all.

College Goal Sunday, coordinated by the non-profit, Lansing-based EduGuide: Partnership for Learning, is making a difference. According to new data from the Michigan Department of Treasury, the program has contributed to a 9% increase in the number of students, who filled out the FAFSA between 2003 and 2005 – the program's second year. An impressive 22% more students during that same period also filled out their FAFSAs before March 1.

"We're helping more Michigan

families get money for college," said Bryan Taylor, president of the Partnership. "Waiting to fill out the FAFSA is like flushing money down the drain."

At the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Education Department's Computer Lab, volunteers will be ready to help students take the first big step toward college degrees. The FAFSA is the most important document

used to decide who gets what scholarships and loans. High school seniors still uncertain about going to college should still complete the FAFSA now, so they can get aid later if they need it.

Parents or students participating in College

Goal Sunday need to bring their families' completed 2006 IRS 1040 tax return if possible or their W-2 and 1099 tax documents. Students younger than age 23 should bring a parent or guardian.

Participants will have a chance to enter to win a \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card, one of 10 individual \$200 scholarships, one of two \$500 scholarships or one \$1,000 scholarship.

College Goal Sunday partners include the Michigan Guaranty Agency and the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association. Sponsors include the Lumina Foundation for Education and the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation.

This event is free, and no pre-registration is necessary.

If you have any questions about College Goal Sunday or about how to prepare for the FAFSA information session, please call the Education Department at 231-242-1481.

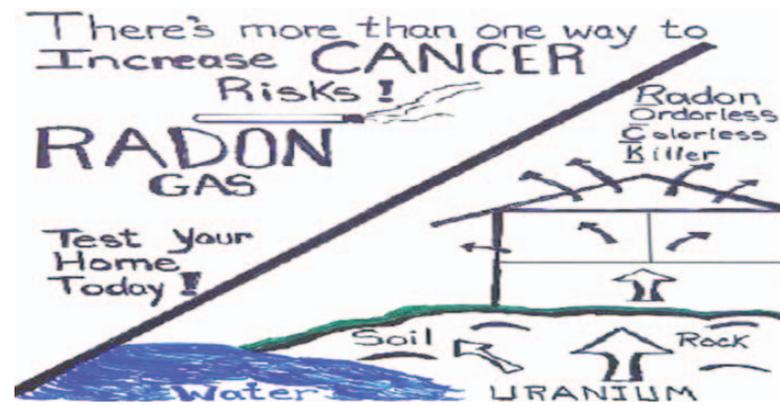


# Environmental Services

## JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

Submitted by the Environmental Services Department

More than one in eight Michigan homes could have an elevated radon level. Testing is the only way to know if your home has a problem. For a free radon test kit and for more



information, please call Air Quality Specialist Robin Clark at 231-242-1425 or visit the Environmental Services Department located at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor

Springs, MI. Poster by Christopher Ian LeFlore, an eighth-grader at West Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

# Mental Health/ Substance Abuse

## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM STAFF

By Linda Woods, Substance Abuse Director

The holiday season is already over, and I cannot believe the year has gone by so quickly!

I just discovered a little bit of information to pass along even though it is late December.

Actually aside from the "December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention month," the tips are good for every month all year long, so I thought I would pass along this information: December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention month, an important opportunity to alert parents to new research showing teens (actually so are adults) are just as likely to drive under the influence of marijuana as alcohol.

One of the most anticipated milestones in a teen's life is obtaining a driver's license. But with added freedom comes added challenges for parents. Young drivers are already at risk for car crashes due to the combination of driving inexperience and distractions such as having additional passengers in the car, eating and talking and text messaging on cell phones. In fact, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year-olds. Drug and alcohol use compound teens' crash risks. Don't be afraid to talk to your teen about the dangers of drugged, drunk and distracted driving. Read more at <http://www.theantidrug.com/steerclear>.

**Has your teen earned the keys to the car?**

Rate yourself (and the teen driver in your family) on the risks associated with marijuana use and driving.

1. Have you talked with your teen about the risks of riding with someone who is driving high?

Take the full quiz at <http://www.theantidrug.com/steerclear/quiz.asp>.

Take action to keep your teens safe with these simple steps:

1. Set clear rules, and enforce consequences against any drug or alcohol use at any time.
2. Know where your teen is going and what route he or she is using to get there.
3. Reinforce safe driving practices by driving together and being a good role model.

More tips at <http://www.theantidrug.com/steerclear/tips.asp>.

**News**  
Teens' driving habits under scrutiny

Parents and state officials seek to reduce motor vehicle tragedies involving young and inexperienced drivers. Read full article at <http://www.theantidrug.com/news/index.aspx>.

**Advice**  
If your teen has a cell phone, you can set ground rules for when, where and how often to use it. Read more at <http://www.theantidrug.com/E-Monitoring/cell-phones-reduction.asp>.

**Free Resources**  
Looking for free anti-drug information?

Check out all of TheAntiDrug.com's Campaign Resources at <http://www.theantidrug.com/news/get-resources.aspx>.

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toring advice.

Read more at <http://www.theantidrug.com/E-Monitoring/resources.asp>.

**Partner**  
Students Against Destructive Decisions at <http://www.sadd.org/>. Visit [sadd.org](http://www.sadd.org/).

This information was compiled by National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign 750 17th Street, NW Washington, D.C., 20503

**Warning**  
We would like to remind anyone being prescribed medications for pain, sleep or any type of a stimulant to be sure and keep them under lock and key as prescription abuse is on the rise. Keeping them in the bathroom medicine chest is not the safest place for them because it is the first place anyone will look if they want to steal your medications either to use or to sell. Be aware.

**Help is Available**  
Our department wants to wish everyone a wonderful New Year, and may 2008 be a good one for you. If you need any assistance with depression, anxiety or substance abuse problems, please call us – It is okay to ask for help. Call for an appointment at 231-242-1640 or 231-242-1642.

**Reminder:** We would like anyone to volunteer to help us with the Wednesday night Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting by "chairing" it. If interested, please contact Anthony Davis at 231-242-1645. The last Wednesday of the month is potluck night at the AA meeting. Potluck at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting is at 7 p.m.

## 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.**

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**AVAILABLE EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS**

## Housing Department Programs

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

**Short Term Rental Assistance:** This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used ONE TIME ONLY and the rent requested must be affordable and may not exceed 30% of the household's monthly income. Please note the application packet must be received and approved in advance of your moving into the rental in order to qualify for this program.

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

**Down Payment Assistance:** This program offers up to \$3,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) 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 of a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

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

**Tribal Housing Rental Program:** This program is designed to assist families, for a limited time, until permanent housing can be found. Please submit a letter of interest and your application will be put on our waiting list for when LTBB rentals become available.



## Tax Agreement Information

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

**Attention Tribal Citizens:** As stated in the October issue of *Odawa Trails*, LTBB has elected to use "Tribal Certificates of Exemption" (TCE's) versus the refund method for tax-exempt purchases (Tribal 3996 Request for Refund). The change will take place effective January 1, 2008. The Department of Commerce (DOC) is in the final stages of implementation and needs the support of the citizenship to fully implement the Tax Agreement.

By the time you read this, a mass mailing to all Resident Tribal Members will have occurred as new RTM Registration forms will have been sent. The forms request documentation to prove residency for RTM status.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any claims not filed for tax-exempted purchases between April 2003 and December 31, 2007, must be submitted to the Department of Commerce before January 1, 2008. Please keep in mind the DOC will be closed for the holidays on December 25, 26 and 31, 2007 and January 1, 2008. The DOC will mail the FINAL quarter of refund requests (3996's) to the State of Michigan by the end of the first week in January.

In order to qualify for the refund, you must reside within the LTBB Tax Agreement Area. Refund claims made after the TCE method goes into effect (January 1, 2008) will NOT be processed.

Amended portions of the Tax Agreement are posted on the LTBB website at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) under the Department of Commerce's page.

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

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (6% of retail price) via Form 4013
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 (currently 32 cents per gallon unleaded and 28 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

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

\*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Bi-indigen (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 Citizens ONLY! Purchasing tax exempt fuel and tobacco for non-tribal citizens is strictly prohibited!**

### Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit (MI Form 4013)

The Department of Commerce will mail out Tribal 4013's (Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit) in January. Instructions will be included with the form. If you have any questions regarding the form, please contact Department of Commerce Assistant Theresa Keshick at 231-242-1584. These forms will be mailed only to those tribal members residing within the Tax Agreement Area.

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**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.



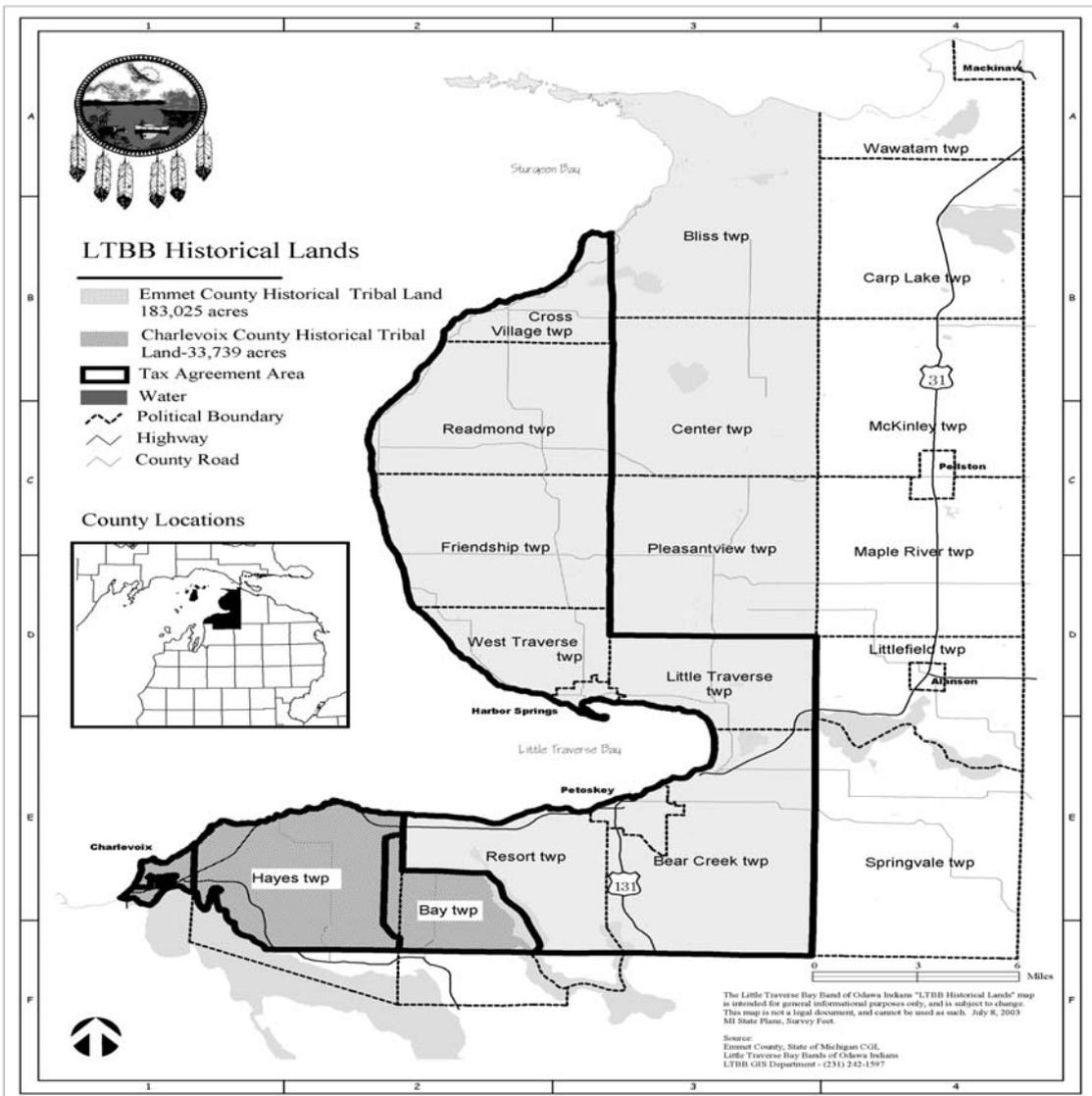
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## LTBB ID CARDS

If you live out of the state of Michigan 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 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



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		<b>New Year's Day</b> <b>1</b>  <b>LTBB Governmental Center Closed.</b>	<b>Elders Swim Class</b> <b>2</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  <b>Gaming Board of Directors Meeting</b> 11 a.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon</b> <b>3</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Election Board Meeting</b> <b>4</b> 1345 U.S. 31 North Petoskey, MI 6 p.m.	<b>Tribal Council Work Session</b> <b>5</b> Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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# Enjoy a Quiet Evening In Courtesy of the LTBB Cultural Library

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

When frigid temperatures, howling winds and snow stop you from venturing outside during the winter months, make popcorn, gather your family together and watch some movies.

New arrivals to the LTBB Cultural Library, located in the Education Department at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, are perfect for this type of weather.

LTBB Tribal Citizens can check out any of the following titles for three weeks.

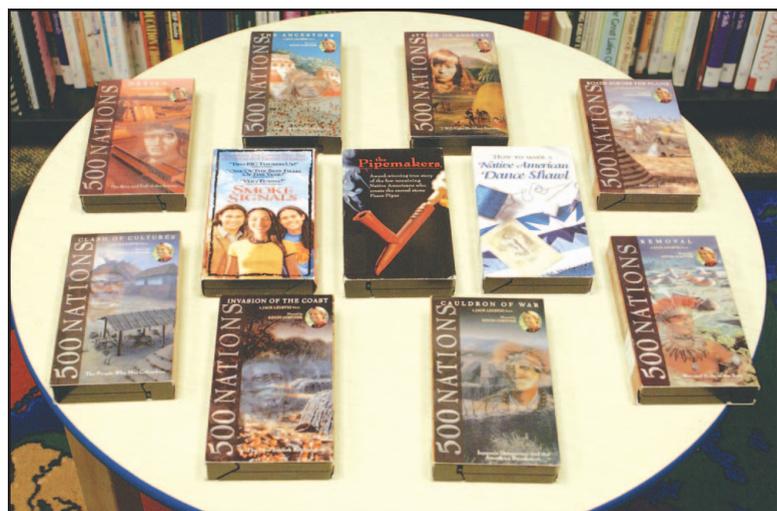
## "Smoke Signals"

This 1998 film, released by Miramax Entertainment, is based on a screenplay by Sherman Alexie. The screenplay is based on stories by Alexie from the book, *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*. It is a bittersweet comedy about two young Native Americans, Victor and Thomas, who leave their small town for an adventure in self-discovery.

## "500 Nations"

CBS broadcast the eight-part documentary in 1995, and it was released by Warner Home Video in 2004. The documentary looks back at life in North America before the arrival of the Europeans and then follows the epic struggles of Indian Nations as the continent is reshaped by contact.

Each video may be checked out separately for three weeks or you can



check out more than one video.

The following descriptions are from the 500 Nations website: "**The Ancestors**" explores three early North American cultures. Tour the 800-room Pueblo Bonito in the arid southwest, view the Cliff Palace at Mesa Verde and visit Cahokia, the largest city in the U.S. before 1800. "**Mexico**" follows the dramatic and tragic history of the Mexican Indian nations from pre-Colombian times through the period of European contact and colonization. Witness the rise and fall of the Toltecs and the growth of Tenochtitlan, the Aztec city of an empire. "**Clash of Cultures**" explores the conflict between indigenous peoples and Spanish expeditions in the Caribbean and the southeastern U.S. As Native nations defy a plundering advance by outsiders, they are subject to two unconquerable weapons, muskets and disease. "**Invasion of the Coast**" explores how tensions rose as

Native people's lives were impacted by the arriving foreigners. At Jamestown, the story of the Powhatan princess, Pocahontas, unfolds. Thanksgiving at Plymouth leads to the bloodiest of colonial Indian wars in 1675. "**Cauldron of War**" explores how the European nations fought for control of American resources on the Indians' homelands, and the indigenous nations chose sides. Many sided with the French, but when the defeated country leaves its Indian allies vulnerable determined leader, Pontiac, rises to prominence. "**Removal**" follows the Trail of Tears as Native Americans are displaced even as they adopt American ways. Shawnee leader Tecumseh sparks a return to traditional ways, but the Indian Removal Act becomes law in 1830. Many stonically accept, but others resist. "**Roads Across the Plains**" explores how the Native tribes of the Great Plains watched their lifestyles end as Amer-

ican settlers extinguished huge buffalo herds. Though Native leaders pursue a path of peace, it is met with tragedy at Sand Creek. The massacre suffers severe repercussions. "**Attack on Culture**" explores the legislative attack on Native ways, including the disbanding of communal land. Today, the renewal of Native cultures reminds us of the glory of America's original people and the hardships they endured.

"**The Pipemakers: Award-winning True Story of the few Remaining Native Americans, who Create the Sacred Stone Peace Pipes**"

This documentary was released in 1994 by Woodpecker Productions.

The following is a description from the Shenandoah Films website: "Filmed in location in Pipestone, MN, this is the story of a diminishing group of Native Americans and their noble effort to continue the 1,200-year-old tradition of making pipes. They dig through 12 feet of solid rock the old way with hand tools. They mine the sacred red pipestone called Catlinite by the white man. With clean hearts, they carve and fashion the stone into the shapes of bears, eagles and other effigies. They make Peace Pipes for trade just as their ancestors had done for many generations before. They come from many different tribes, but are recognized by none. They are a vanishing breed. They are 'The Pipemakers.'"

"**How to Make a Native American Dance Shawl**"

Full Circle Videos released this instructional video in 1997. The shawl

makers included in this video are Nancy Bowman Cahwee and Florian Griggs. Cahwee is a Navajo designer with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design from the University of Kansas. Her advice to anyone working on a design or craft project is to "try and see it in your mind's eye first." Florian is of Cherokee descent, and her family is very involved with pow wows. She is the past President of the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club, and she is the master of ceremonies at their Native American style shows.

The following is a description from the Full Circle Videos website: "A woman's dance shawl is essential for entering the dance arena. With basic sewing skills and our new video, you can make beautiful shawls for yourself, family and friends. 'How to Make a Native American Dance Shawl' helps you select materials, cut and sew your shawl and add fringe. The tape includes a wealth of ideas for adding decoration, including a simple ribbon work strip. You'll learn knotting techniques from our larger than life models. Treasured family heirloom and contemporary shawls are shown to inspire your creativity. You'll also see the correct way to wear a shawl, how to care for and store it, so it will be ready for the next dance. This video comes with printed instructions and supply list and is for young people and adults 12 and up."

*Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.*

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

## Natural Resource Department



## NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES RARE ALBINO WHITETAIL DEER FROM A LOCAL EMMET COUNTY RESIDENT

Submitted by the Natural Resource Department

On October 12, 2007, the Natural Resource Department was the beneficiary of a very rare act.

Some may say it was a once in a lifetime event.

It was on this day an albino whitetail deer was brought to the department and donated to the department by a local Emmet County resident. The deer was, unfortunately, struck by a vehicle on M-68 east of Alanson, MI. Among the questions most often asked are, "What causes some deer to be albinos?" "How common is this occurrence among deer?" "Are they protected?" and "Can they reproduce?"

Albinism is a recessive trait found in mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and even plants. These plants and animals do not have the gene for normal coloration and do not produce the enzyme responsible for skin, hair and tissue coloration. Albinism is the total

absence of body pigment.

As you might guess, albinism is not a desirable trait for either predator or prey species. Being totally white year-round makes concealment difficult. Also, many albinos have poor eyesight. In the game of life where survival of the fittest is the rule, albinos have a strike against them from the start. Perhaps, that is why albinos are rare. Because albinism is a recessive trait, both parents must carry the gene before it can occur in their offspring. An albino deer bred to another albino would have only albinos. An albino bred to a normal deer with no recessive genes for albinism would produce all normally pigmented deer. Offspring from this cross would carry the recessive gene for albinism, but would be normally colored. When carriers of albinism breed, there is a one-in-four chance they will produce an albino fawn.

Recessive genetic traits typically become less common unless they confer a survival advantage or are arti-

cially enhanced through selective breeding. Based on hunter reports, about one deer in 30,000 is an albino. Nevertheless, there are many different studies regarding this rare pigmentation. But nonetheless, it is definitely something to stop and take note of. (Information taken from a Whitetail Research website.)

This particular deer is currently being worked on by LTBB Tribal Citizen and Master Taxidermist Robert Parkey of Parkey's Taxidermy located in Indian River, MI.

Upon completion, the albino buck will be on display at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, or one of the tribal enterprises.

The albino buck will also be used by Parkey to display at a variety of his taxidermist Outdoor Expositions. Hopefully, sometime in the near future, you can stop by and see this very rare and wonderful albino deer.

*The photo appears courtesy of the Natural Resource Department.*

## Upcoming Elder Trips

March 13-15

2008 Critical Issues Conference (CIC)

March 26-30

2008 Anishinaabemowin Teg, Inc. (A-Teg)

The Elders Program is in the process of making travel arrangements for the above trips. 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 on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is important to call as soon as possible. *Miigwetch!* The Elders Program.



### Attention Inland Hunting and Fishing License Holders

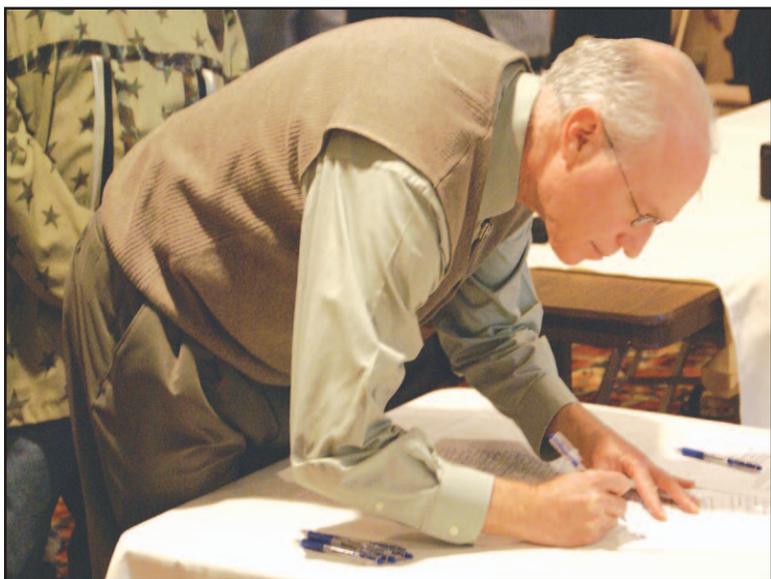
The 2007 Uniform Conservation Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory 2007 and the 2007 Reservation Rules and Regulations were replaced with the new Inland Consent Decree rules and regulations. In compliance with the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, the new rules and regulations took effect on December 1, 2007.

Copies of the new rules and regulations can be obtained one of three ways:

- Stop by the Natural Resource Department at 7845 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI, and get a copy.
- Call the Natural Resource Department at 231-242-1670, and a copy will be mailed to you.
- Visit the LTBB website at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

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

## Legal Department



By **Jim Bransky**, General Counsel

On November 2, 2007, Federal Judge Richard Alan Enslen signed a Consent Decree resolving a long-standing dispute between the 1836 Treaty tribes (Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians), the United States and the State of Michigan regarding the tribes' inland hunting and fishing rights under the 1836 Treaty.

A consent decree is a written agreement negotiated by the parties that is then signed by the court and entered as the court's order resolving a dispute. Last month's newsletter reported on the commemoration of the completion of the negotiations hosted by LTBB at the Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI, on October 25.

The case involves interpretation of the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836, between the United States and the Odawa and Chippewa in the area that became the State of Michigan in 1837. Saddled by debts resulting from unfair and unscrupulous treatment in the fur trade, and facing encroachment of European settlers, LTBB and the other signatory tribes ceded almost 14,000 acres of land in the western Lower Peninsula and eastern Upper Peninsula to the United States in the 1836 Treaty. The territory ceded in the 1836 Treaty encompasses land from roughly the Grand River to Escanaba, MI, and Grand Rapids, MI, to Alpena, MI.

However, to ensure their continued subsistence and livelihood, in the final provision of the Treaty, Article 13, the tribes reserved hunting, fishing, and gathering rights. Article 13 says, "The Indians stipulate for the right of hunting on the lands ceded with the other usual privileges of occupancy until the land is required for settlement."

The case of United States, Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians v. State of Michigan (usually referred to simply as U.S. v Michigan) started in 1973 when the United States filed suit in federal court against the State of Michigan to determine the existence and extent of the 1836 Treaty tribes' rights under Article 13 of the 1836 Treaty.

The Bay Mills Indian Commu-

nity, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and the Grand Traverse Band intervened as separate plaintiffs in the litigation during the 1970's. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and LTBB intervened as plaintiffs following passage of their Reaffirmation Act in 1994.

The first phase of the case strictly addressed the nature and extent of Article 13 rights on the Great Lakes and connecting waters. In 1979 the Court, through the late Judge Noel Fox, issued its ruling in favor of the tribes. The Court determined the 1855 Treaty did not terminate 1836 Treaty rights, the Great Lakes were never "required for settlement," and "hunting" and "other usual privileges of occupancy" included fishing. Therefore, the Court found the tribes continued to have the right under the 1836 Treaty to allow their members to fish on the Great Lakes for commercial and subsistence purposes. In 2000, the Court entered a consent decree detailing how fishing in such waters would be allocated, managed and regulated by the parties for the next 20 years.

The first phase of the case did not address the extent Article 13 rights continue on inland lands and waters. The tribes, United States and State of Michigan started preparing for the inland litigation in the late 1990's, and the inland phase of the case officially commenced in the fall of 2003.

On November 4, 2003, the State of Michigan filed a counterclaim against the five tribes seeking a court ruling that, "except for on federal lands that have never passed out of federal control and on which the exercise of those rights is not inconsistent with the purpose for federal ownership, the 1836 tribes retain no rights of hunting on the lands ceded with the other usual privileges of occupancy because the lands ceded under the 1836 Treaty have been required for settlement." The State's counterclaim asked the court to prevent the tribes from "future authorization of inland activities by their members in manners inconsistent with State law." Since there are almost no lands in the ceded territory that have continuously remained in federal ownership, the State's theory would have wiped out the tribes' Article 13 rights except on the Great Lakes.

The tribes filed a joint reply on January 5, 2004, and the United States filed a supplemental complaint supporting the tribes' position. The tribes denied the Article 13 treaty right is limited to federal lands that have never passed out of federal control,

# The 2007 Inland Consent Decree Resolves Long-standing U.S. v Michigan Court Case

and denied the treaty right must be exercised in accordance with Michigan law. The tribes worked with a wide range of expert historians to prepare for trial. Based on the treaty language, their own oral history and the opinions of historians, the tribes firmly asserted the mere transfer of title did not mean lands were "required for settlement." Rather, lands were not "required for settlement" until significant visible steps were taken toward agricultural or residential development.

By June 2005 the tribes, United States and the State of Michigan had exchanged 26 expert reports and conducted 27 depositions of up to three days each (the deposition process allows a party to question the other side's witnesses outside of court before trial with a certified court reporter present to make an official verbatim transcript). The tribe's experts included Dr. Greg Dowd and Dr. Charles Cleland, whose reports address the Indians' understanding of the 1836 Treaty, Dr. Susan Gray, whose reports address the United States' understanding of the treaty language, and land settlement patterns in Michigan after the treaty through the present, Dr. James McClurken, whose report addresses tribal members' continued hunting, fishing, and gathering activities after the treaty, Dr. Rand Valentine and Mary Ann Corbiere (a Native speaker from Manitoulin Island who teaches Odawa/Ojibway at the University of Sudbury), whose joint reports address Native language issues in treaty interpretation and translation, and Professor Charles Wilkinson, whose report addresses the meaning of the term "settlement" in United States law at the time of the treaty. The tribes believed the thousands of pages of expert reports and supporting documents prepared by these consultants confirmed the position the tribes' hunting, fishing, and gathering activities under their own regulations are allowed under Article 13 of the 1836 Treaty. The tribes also identified potential tribal member witnesses to testify about the scope of tribal inland regulations and the cultural importance of the inland hunting, fishing, and gathering rights. The State of Michigan, on the other hand, presented a series of expert reports supporting its position the right ended when the land was first conveyed by the federal government.

A four to six-week trial was scheduled to begin in January 2006. However, in the fall of 2005, the tribes, State (in consultation with its sportsmen's group constituents) and the United States decided to attempt to work out a negotiated resolution of the inland phase of this case rather than face the uncertainty of litigation. If successful, this approach would enable all parties to control their own fate rather than put their interests in the hands of the court system. After two years of near constant meetings, conference calls and e-mail exchanges

involving the parties' lawyers, Natural Resources commissions, department heads, biologists, conservation officers and political leaders, the parties filed the Consent Decree with the Court along with their stipulation asking the Court to sign it. The nature and extent of the tribes' Article 13 rights on the Great Lakes and inland lands and waters are now resolved a mere 34 years after the initial filing of United States v Michigan.

The body of the Consent Decree is 67 pages with approximately 100 more pages in appendices, so I can only mention a few key points here. The Inland Consent Decree has no end date; it lasts forever. The Consent Decree perpetually recognizes the tribes' Article 13 rights to hunt, fish and gather under their own regulations on: 1. Public lands and waters, 2. Lands required by law to be open to public hunting such as lands enrolled in the State's Commercial Forest Act program, 3. Lands and waters owned by the tribe, a tribal member or the spouse of a tribal member and 4. Other private lands and waters with permission of the owner. In the case of the first three categories, hunting, fishing, and gathering can occur any time allowed under tribal regulations. Activities on other private lands with permission can only occur during state seasons or other times with a special use permit from the tribe. With limited exceptions, the Consent Decree prohibits the use of gill nets on inland waters, and large scale commercial use of inland resources. The decree permits use of inland resources for barter and incorporation into handi-

craft items offered for sale. The tribal deer hunting season starts the day after Labor Day and runs through the Sunday of the first full weekend in January with a firearm closure November 1-14. The decree also provides for elk and deer hunting opportunities. The tribes may allow spearing of fish subject to certain limitations and reporting requirements during wall-eye, steelhead and salmon spawning seasons. Tribal citizens may request special needs subsistence or ceremonial permits at any time. Any items not explicitly dealt with in the decree are left to tribal regulation.

The LTBB Natural Resources Commission has developed a new set of ceded territory hunting, fishing and gathering regulations that incorporate all requirements of the Consent Decree. So by following tribal regulations, LTBB Tribal Citizens will be complying with the Consent Decree and need not read the decree itself. Anyone wishing to read the decree may access it on the LTBB website, [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov).

Judge Fox's 1979 decision on the Great Lakes, and the expert reports prepared for this inland phase of the litigation provide a wealth of information on tribal history in general and especially, the events surrounding the 1836 Treaty in which LTBB Leaders played a prominent role. Any LTBB Tribal Citizen wishing to obtain or read any of the reports can contact the Legal Department at 231-242-1407.

*Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*



### GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

The Grants and Donations Program is available. There are two programs available. Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. Donations are available for native or non-native organizations. The deadline for submitting an application is March 30, 2008. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420.



## Mnodaawin Peacemaking Program

**JANUARY 8**  
Peacemaking  
Advisory  
Committee  
3:30-5:30 p.m.

Advisory Committee Meetings and Trainings Sessions are held in the Courtroom, and are open to all interested Tribal Citizens.

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

## Executive Branch

### LTBB SIGNS UNITED LEAGUE OF INDIGENOUS NATIONS TREATY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On August 2 at the Indigenous Treaty Gathering held in Bellingham, WA, 11 indigenous nations signed the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty.

The 11 nations, who signed the treaty then, were Lummi, Sucker Creek Cree First Nation 150 A, Te Runanga O Ngati Awa (New Zealand), Ngarrinderi 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 treaty established an international political and economic alliance to advance their common interests regarding the impacts of climate change on their homelands, to promote trade and commerce among indigenous nations, to bring their cultural properties under the protection of the laws of indigenous nations, to protect the human rights of indigenous peoples and to assert traditional rights to cross international borders. The original signatory nations immediately called for the establishment of a United League of Indigenous Nations to be chartered under the law of the Lummi Nation and for the league to reach out to all indigenous nations in North America and South Pacific.

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. Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik was one of the non-signatory delegates. On September 9, Tribal Council adopted Tribal Resolution #090907-04, which gave Ettawageshik the authority to sign the treaty.

Indigenous nations across the United States, Canada, Australia and on the islands of Aotearoa were asked to sign the treaty and to join the league as equal members at the formal Treaty Ratification Ceremony on November 14 at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

Six new signatories, including LTBB signed the treaty at the ceremony with approximately 100 people in attendance. Youth stood behind the tribal leaders as they signed the treaty there.

Ettawageshik performed a pipe ceremony at the historic event and served as the master of ceremonies.

During a subsequent Ratification Ceremony held in Aotearoa (New Zealand) on November 28, 23 Maori Nations became treaty signatories.

The treaty was developed and proposed by the NCAI Special Committee on Indigenous Nation Relationships following meetings with the Assembly of First Nations, Canada, the Mataatua Assembly of Maori Tribes of Aotearoa (New Zealand) and the Ngarrindjeri Nations of South Australia.

At the request of the NCAI Special Committee, the leadership of the Lummi Indian Nation agreed to host the gathering, held July 31-August 2, of indigenous nation political leadership to discuss the treaty.

During the treaty deliberations, the indigenous nation delegates agreed the treaty will unify the voice of indigenous peoples, identify the impacts of climate change on our traditional homelands and seek independent representation of these concerns before international bodies; the treaty will serve as a political alliance to assert the primacy of indigenous nation law regarding the definition of rights to the cultural properties, sacred objects and traditional knowledge base of each indigenous nation; the treaty creates a structure to facilitate and regulate inter-tribal and inter-indigenous trade and commerce, an economic alliance for mutual support and benefit in the pursuit of indigenous nation self-sufficiency and sustainability; and the treaty will unify the efforts of member nations regarding border crossing rights and in the protection of human rights.

For more information on the treaty, please visit [www.indigenous-nations.org](http://www.indigenous-nations.org)

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik contributed to this article.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK

### Ambassadorial Activities

**Club Keno Meetings:** We continue to meet with Little River Band representatives and the State of Michigan to attempt a settlement of this case. As of our last meeting, we believe we are close to a settlement, but we won't know for sure for a couple of weeks yet.

**Ceremony for US v MI Consent Decree:** We hosted this ceremony at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI, prior to the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) meeting on October 25. Representatives from the five CORA tribes were in attendance along with the State of Michigan, the United States and several of the amici groups.

**CORA Meeting:** Immediately following the US v MI Consent Decree Ceremony, we hosted the CORA meeting in the same room at Odawa Hotel. One of the main topics of concern was the implementation of the consent decree.

**Child Welfare Meeting in Washington D.C.:** I was asked by the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) to represent the organization at a Congressional briefing on Child Welfare funding for Michigan in Washington D.C. on October 29. Representatives from several other constituencies were there as well. We were a part of a national effort to reach all the members of the U. S. Congress on this issue. Following a morning briefing, I spent the afternoon visiting several members of Congress and their staff members. A main goal for NICWA is the passage of a bill to allow direct tribal access to federal funding under Title VI (e) of the Social Security Act for foster care payments and administration.

**Adam Walsh Act Meeting:** Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. attended this meeting on October 30 hosted by the LTBB Prosecutor's Office.

**United Tribes Meeting:** The United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) meeting was held on October 30 in Mt. Pleasant, MI. I am serving as the Treasurer of UTM. We discussed several items of interest to the Michigan tribes, including the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty and the National Labor Relations Board's inroads regarding tribal sovereignty. We also discussed the development of new text books for Michigan school children.

**Great Lakes Tribal Economic Symposium:** This two-day meeting was hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe at the Soaring Eagle Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant. I was one of the panelists on leadership and gaming progress issues. Lance Morgan of Ho Chunk Inc. was one of the featured speakers to talk about

methods of organization for tribal economic development. Both the Mississippi Choctaw and the Ho Chunk models were discussed.

**Reception at the Governor's Residence:** In the evening of November 8, Rochelle (Ettawageshik) and I attended a reception at Governor (Jennifer) Granholm's Residence in Lansing, MI. I was invited as an artist, and I have a piece of the Indian Pottery I make on display in a month-long show at the residence. I was able to have a few moments to speak privately with the Governor concerning the Keno negotiations.

**MI EC Meeting:** I attended the Michigan Indian Education Council meeting in Lansing on November 9 to plan the Critical Issues Conference scheduled for March 13-15, 2008, at the Soaring Eagle Inn (formerly the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn) in Mt. Pleasant.

**NCAI — Regional VP Alternate:** The 64th Annual Meeting of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was held in Denver, CO, November 10-16. Joe Garcia was reelected as the NCAI President, Jefferson Keel was reelected as the First Vice President, Ron Allen was elected the Recording Secretary and Goshkibosh was elected the Treasurer. In the area caucus for the Midwest, Bob Chicks was reelected the Area Vice President and I was elected the Alternate Vice President for the Midwest Region. On November 13, I was one of several panelists to speak about leadership. I was also a member of a panel for a breakout session on November 14 about the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty.

**Treaty Signing:** With the passage of the LTBB Tribal Resolution authorizing signing of the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty, I was able to participate in the treaty signing as a signer as well as conducting much of the ceremony. This ceremony was November 14 in Denver. Several members of the Aborigine Nations from Australia helped us open the ceremony with a song and dance to the accompaniment of rhythm played on hand-held boomerangs.

**Bay Harbor Update:** I met on November 19 with several representatives from Consumers Energy to be updated on the progress of the Bay Harbor clean up. Consumers Energy still has an application pending for the discharge permit it needs to move ahead. I was still uncommitted when asked for my position.

**MAST Meeting:** On December 6 and 7, we hosted the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) meeting at Odawa Hotel.

### Implementation of Statutes and Resolutions

**Michele Chingwa Educational Assistance Statute Regulations:** They have been developed over the last two weeks while I was gone to NCAI. After reviewing them for interim approval, I will be ready to sign the new statute. We needed to have the new regulations ready because the old ones would not be applicable to the provisions of the new statute. In the future, I suggest Tribal Council add to the "repeal and replace" language in statutes language that also repeals any regulations associated with a statute being replaced or repealed. Without this action, we could have a situation where we have regulations in force without an authorizing statute.

**Signing Resolutions:** I have signed the funding resolutions passed by Tribal Council at the last meeting.

**Statutes:** I still have several recently passed statutes on my desk for review and consideration I have not yet signed as of the writing of this report.

### Oversight of Commissions and Programs

**Executive Office Hours:** The Vice Chairman and I have a practice of never flying on the same plane together when traveling. I am usually in the office when the Vice Chairman is traveling, and he is usually in the office when I am traveling. Vice Chairman Denemy works almost daily on the oversight of accounting issues and the signing of checks. We maintain the hours in the Executive Office by having either the Chairman or the Vice Chairman available most of the time we are open to the public as well as also having either our Executive Assistant or the Administrative Assistant in the office.

**Trust Fund Board Meeting:** I attended the quarterly Trust Fund Board meeting on November 4. We may be bringing some proposed changes to the Trust Fund Board Statute as well as some clarifications regarding administrative procedures.

### Enterprise Oversight

**CDFI:** The Community Development Financial Institution is slowly becoming a reality. Implementation will be in the first quarter of FY 2008.

**Quarterly Investors Conference Call:** We held this regular conference call on November 9. We had good things to report: We brought our new \$143 million gaming property in on schedule, within budget, and our revenues are ahead of projections. We were asked several questions about our operations as well as being asked when we would be starting "phase-two" construction. We have begun to do the preliminary work to collect the data in order to be ready to give advice to Tribal Council members when we consider the next phase of construction.

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## After School Homework Lab for Grades 5-9

**Where:** LTBB Governmental Center, Education classroom

**When:** Thursdays, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

**Drop-off:** Harbor Springs Public School Bus or parent drop-off.

**Pickup:** Parent pickup at 5 p.m., LTBB Governmental Center.



# On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Peterson

<b>Michigan</b>	<b>December 31-January 1</b> Leech Lake New Year's Traditional Pow Wow Old Cass Lake High School in Leech Lake, MN Contact Information: 218-335-7400	<b>December 31</b> LCO New Year's Traditional Pow Wow LCO High School Gym in Hayward, WI Contact Information: 715-634-8924 or www.lcoschools.bia.edu
<b>December 31</b> Little River Band of Ottawa Indians New Year's Celebration 525 Twelfth St. Manistee High School Manistee, MI Contact Information: Julie Wolfe at 1-888-382-8299, ext. 6632 or jwolfe@lrboi.com	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Illinois</b>
<b>December 31</b> New Year's Sobriety Pow Wow Chi Mukwa Recreation Center Sault Ste. Marie, MI Grand entries: 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Feast: 5 p.m. Contact Information: Laura Potterfield at 906-632-7494, ext. 26145 or lporterfield@sault-tribe.net or Lindel Clement at 906-635-6050 or lclement@saulttribe.net	<b>December 31</b> Menominee New Year's Eve Traditional Pow Wow School Gym in Neopit, WI Contact Information: 715-756-2354	<b>December 31-January 1</b> Third Annual New Year's Eve Pow Wow Shiloh Center Zion, IL Contact Information: Bill Brown, Jr. at 262-358-3516 or wfb78@msn.com
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>December 31</b> Sobriety Traditional Pow Wow Oneida Nation Elementary School in Oneida, WI Contact Information: 920-496-7897, 1-800-236-2214 or lpowless@oneidanation.org	<b>Ohio</b>
		<b>February 16-17</b> Native American Intertribal Pow Wow Lima, OH Contact Information: Larry Grigsby at 513-398-7441 or bird-designs@zoomtown.com



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## Legislative Corner

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One of the methods for Tribal Council to adopt laws is by passing a resolution. These resolutions are counter-signed by the Executive (Tribal Chairman Frank Etawageshik) and have the force of law according to LTBB's Constitution, Article VII, (D) (1).

In 2007, Tribal Council has passed more than 90 tribal resolutions on various subject matters. The following are some of the resolutions Tribal Council passed in 2007:

*Tribal Youth Program FY2007*  
*Special Diabetes FY 2007*  
*Tribal Court Budget*  
*Community Building Funds*  
*2000 Consent Decree Stipulations*  
*2007 Museum Services*  
*\$10,000 Appropriation for Restoration of all Burial Grounds in 1855 Treaty Area*

*Electing to Participate in the National Sex Offender Registry System*

*Funding for 2007 Annual Citizenship Meeting*  
*Employee Handbook*  
*Approving Tribal MICS (Minimum Internal Control Standards)*

*James M. Genia Appointment to Appellate Justice*  
*Peace and Non-Violence Resolution*

*Additional Funding to Michelle Chingwa*  
*Tax Certificates of Exemption (TCE)*

*USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Food Distribution*  
*Elders Health Needs*

*Inland Consent Decree Appropriations Finance Standing Committee*  
*SMART (Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Reg-*

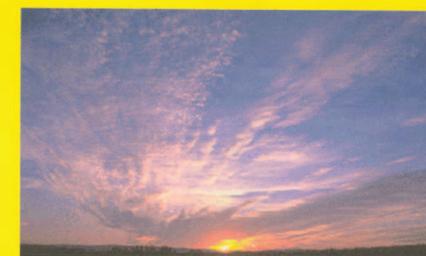
*istering and Tracking) AWA (Adam Walsh Act) Implementation Grant*  
*Honoring Ray Kiogima as a Grand Marshall of the Sovereignty Day Celebration parade*  
*Inter-Tribal Council Healthy Anishinaabe Women Project*

The full text of each of these resolutions can be found on our website, www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov, click on Odawa Register, click on 2007 under the Resolutions header and click on the resolution you want to view.

If you have suggestions for new resolutions or if you would like to comment on any of the aforementioned resolutions, please feel free to use our direct toll-free number, 1-866-927-0077.

Best wishes for a wonderful New Year to you and your family.

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



## Waabanowiwin Ceremony

February 16th 2008

- LTBB Government Building Commons Area
- Start at approx. 8 am
- Please bring a dish to pass for the lunch and dinner
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# Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
November 4, 2007**

Closed Session: none  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:35 a.m.  
Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima.

Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Marvin Mulholland, Councilor Shirley Oldman

Absent: none  
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount.

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Executive Assistant Rebecca Atkinson.

Guests: Carla McFall, Fred Kiogima, Marcia Sutton, Rita Shananaquet, Mary Roberts, Dean W. Samuels, Roger Emery, Carol McFall, Grace Zerbe

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt the agenda for November 4, 2007 with additions.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to approve the minutes of October 21, 2007 with corrections.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution: The Treasurer shall work with the CFO to obtain a copy of the audit conducted concerning previous Chairman's credit card use and conduct an internal audit to determine the amount of legal fees then Chairman authorized without authority from Tribal Council.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Kiogima-no, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-no, Councilor Oldman-no, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-no, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-no

Motion failed.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to place on the Legislative Calendar proposed legislation Administrative Procedures Act.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

10:15 a.m. Recess called.

10:24 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Harrington to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to table section VI, items, "a - g" until after the Legislative Reports.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Odawa Hotel 2008 Liquor License.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-abstained, Councilor Yellowbank-no, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution Odawa Casino Resort 2008 Liquor License.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-abstained, Councilor Yellowbank-no, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Oldman to approve List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated October 16, 2007 for a total of 7.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Oldman to approve List B - Declination (Ineligible) dated October 16, 2007 for a total of 4.

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

Motion carried.

11:39 a.m. recess called.

11:45 a.m. Meeting reconvened

11:45 a.m. Public Comment: Rita Shananaquet spoke regarding Councilor McNamara comment on the Michigan Tribal Advocates report and concerns on how they used language such as "those Indians are getting away with everything, and do we now have to start "hunting Indians again". She agreed with Councilor McNamara that a letter should be sent asking for their apologies or our concerns on how the language was used, and that the Tribal Council should be sending a letter. Rita Shananaquet also spoke of the DEQ contract, and commented that she heard the Sage restaurant is not making money.

11:50 a.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept Legislative Leader Law's verbal and written report with confidential information therein.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Tribal Treasurer's verbal and written report for November 4, 2007.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

12:11 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:47 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to add to the agenda Appropriation of Additional Funds for 2007 Per Capita Distribution Budget in the amount of \$140,000 to come from prior period funds.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to appropriate \$140,000 to the 2007 distribution budget for \$500.00 per Tribal Member to come from Prior Period Funds.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept the Tribal Council Member reports given by Councilor McNamara Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Yellowbank.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal and written report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to allow Tribal Council attendance at the Spirit of Little River Grand Opening in November 2007.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

2:38 p.m. Recess called.

2:48 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to table the Juvenile Justice draft statute until the next Tribal Council agenda.

Vote: 7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Councilor McNamara)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to pass the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Waganakising Odawak Statute Health Commission Statute.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-no, Councilor Kiogima-no, Councilor McNamara-no, Councilor Mulholland-no, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to pass the Waganakising Odawak Housing Commission Statute.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-no, Councilor Kiogima-no, Councilor McNamara-no, Councilor Mulholland-no, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

3:50 p.m. Public Comment opened: Roger Emery spoke regarding Commission Boards and Committees and how a lot of people do not know who is on them. Rita Shananaquet wants the Tribal Council to continue to pursue the Office of Commissioner, she was also concerned that Tribal Preference is not being followed and also talked regarding the Burial Fund.

3:55 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Oldman to pass Waganakising Odawak Economic Development Commission Statute.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-no, Councilor Kiogima-no, Councilor McNamara-no, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to table the Commission Boards and Committees and Tribal Notary draft statute until the next Tribal Council agenda.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to adjourn at 5:04 p.m.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:  
Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**Tribal Council Meeting  
November 18, 2007**

Closed Session: none  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:36 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Shirley Oldman

Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Marvin Mulholland, Councilor Shirley Oldman

Absent: Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: none

Guests: Fred Kiogima, Harvey Gibson, Dean W. Samuels

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt the agenda for November 18, 2007 as amended.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve the minutes of November 4, 2007 as corrected.

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

Motion carried.

Elder's Comments: no comments.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to table Resolution: Appropriation for Completion of Historic Research to the next agenda.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to rescind the motion: of November 4, 2007, made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to appropriate \$140,000 to the 2007 distribution budget for \$500.00 per Tribal Member to come from Prior Period Funds.

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

Motion carried.

Budget in the amount of \$140,000 to come from Prior Period Funds.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor Kiogima -yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution: Compliance to the Indian Preference in Tribal Employment.

Motion on hold in consideration of recess.

11:15 a.m. Recess called.

11:27 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Discussion continues regarding previous motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor Kiogima -no, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-no, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-no, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

11:49 a.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount spoke regarding Tribal Preference in Hiring, Harvey Gibson spoke regarding Tribal Preference in Hiring, Fred Kiogima spoke regarding the Housing Department and Tribal Preference in Hiring.

11:58 a.m. Public Comment closed.

11:58 p.m. Lunch recess called until 1:30 p.m.

1:31 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution: to Appropriate \$15,500 from Prior Period Funds FY2007 for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Winter Solstice Children's Christmas Party.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor Kiogima -yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Oldman to place the Education Commission Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Kiogima), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Enjinaaknegeng.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor Kiogima -yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to place the Child Welfare Commission Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Kiogima), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Commission, Boards and Committees.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor Kiogima -yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

2:39 p.m. Recess called.

2:46 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: Fred Kiogima spoke regarding the Casino security.

Dean W. Samuels spoke regarding the Casino employment turn over rate, compliance, liability and Tribal preference.

3:14 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated November 6, 2007 for a total of 26.

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

Motion carried.

supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept the Legislative Leader verbal and written report with confidential information for November 18, 2007 as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the Tribal Treasurer verbal and written report for November 18, 2007 as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept Councilor McNamara verbal and written report regarding the United Tribes Meeting & the Great Lakes Economic Development Symposium, as well as his verbal report regarding attendance at the LTBB Housing Commission Meeting; to accept Council Oldman verbal and written report regarding the Great Lakes Economic Development Symposium; to accept Councilor Mulholland verbal and written report regarding employment training and the National Labor Relations Act and to accept Councilor Kiogima verbal and written report regarding the Native American Finance Conference and the need for a public hearing regarding Native preference in hiring.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Services Attorney verbal report for November 18, 2007 as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Services Attorney verbal report for November 18, 2007 as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Services Attorney verbal report for November 18, 2007 as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to adjourn at 4:57 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:  
Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2008**

**January 5 Work Session  
January 6 Council Meeting  
January 19 Work Session  
January 20 Council Meeting**

**February 2 Work Session  
February 3 Council Meeting  
February 16 Work Session  
February 17 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**

**Beatrice A. Law, Legislative Leader  
Regina Gasco-Bentley, Secretary  
Gerald Chingwa, Treasurer  
Shirley Oldman, Councilor  
Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor  
Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor  
Alice Yellowbank, Councilor  
Dexter McNamara, Councilor  
Marvin Mulholland, Councilor**

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and

# Lines From our Membership



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to **Antonio Juaquin Chavez**, who turns 28, on December 26.

Happy birthday to my sister, **Linda Gokee**, who celebrates on January 28. May you have a fantastic day filled with wonderful surprises and yummy goodness! Love, Yvonne.

Happy birthday wishes on January 31 to my brother, **Don Keshick**. May you have the best year ever! Love, Yvonne.

Happy birthday to **Sarah Craven** on January 10! Love, Aunt Sue.

Happy birthday to **"the lady in Red" Vicki Olson** on January 25 from your buddy, Kenita.

Wishing **Paul Harmon** a happy birthday from Mom, Michelle, Lexi, Hayley, Phil, Jen, Peyton, Brian and Mandy.

A special birthday wish to **Paul Harmon** from Tarbaby.

Happy birthday wishes to **Paul Joseph Harmon**. Brother PJ turns 36 on January 1. Happy birthday from "the Family."

Mnodibishkaan #17 to **Cheyenne Worthington!** With lots of hugs and kisses, Mom, Dad, Celestine, Will, Olivia, Justin and Forrest.

Mnodibishkaan **Giinaadzikwe**, Gsayenh Mtigwaakii.

Happy birthday to **Linda Gokee** on January 28! Last year, it was a trip down to the "Joe" to see the Red Wings play. What will it be this year? You'll have to wait and see! Hope you have a great day! With love, your sis-tah T.

Happy birthday **Auntie Linda!** Love, Michael and Jordan.

MnoDibishkaan **MkwaNiibi-wiKwe, Alice May Yellowbank**. Mnido Giizisoonhs (kaawin jida, ngiwnendaan) Ngashi, Nwiiikiwenh, ndohero. Pane Gzaagin, ChiNiibna!

MnoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaaganak- Mnido Giizisoonhs (happy belated) NdoAankiNiingonisak **Mkooahns Gasco** (enimid naasaap Superman) miinwa Storm "Niiskaadad" McFall; miinwa Archie Kiogima II (nmisenh wiidigemaagan) miinwa NiingonisKwezenhsak Brooke Robinson & Shannon Chamblee (shkiniikwek) miinwa nwiiikiwenh Janeane Jackson. Gzaaginim.

MnoDibishkaak nwiikaane'ak **Robert Yellowbank, Jr. & Carter McFall**. Gzaagigo!

Happy 13th birthday to my **"biggie fry" Tahir!** It seems like yesterday you were a little toddler singing along to Grease and now on January 30, you will officially be a teenager! We love you!! Mommy, Kia, Alex, Grandma and Boppa.

## BIRTHDAYS

Belated birthday wishes for **Brian Denemy**, who celebrated on December 11. From the Denemy family.

Happy birthday to my long distance friend **Vicki Olson** on January 25. From your Vancouver, WA friend, Marisa.

Happy birthday to **Terri Denemy** on January 13. From the Denemy family.

Happy birthday to our nephew, **Duane Dove**, on January 12. The Bear River is calling you! Here's to wishing you the best there is to offer on your new venture! Love, Aunt Michele and Uncle Greg.

Happy birthday to **Tribal Court Administrator Bernadece Kiogima** on January 22. From the Tribal Court staff.

Happy birthday to **Vicki Ann Olson**, who will be celebrating her 29th birthday again on January 25. Love ya, your much younger sister Marci.

Happy 22nd birthday to my wonderful son, **Justin Lynn-Reyes Gavin**, who will be doing his share of celebrating on January 31. Love ya always, Mom.

Weengush, Noodin, Waasmowin, Wiigwaas and her husband would like to wish Mother and Wife, **Sarah Craven**, a very happy birthday on January 10. We love you very much and appreciate all you do for us.

Happy birthday to my brother, **Michael Sutton**, on January 6. Hope you have a good one! Love, your sister.

Happy 30th birthday to **Bernadece Kiogima** on January 22. Love, Mel, Mshkoadekwe, Joy, McKenzie and Cameron.

Happy birthday to my son, **Anthony Clark**, on December 30. Love, Mom.

Happy 10th birthday to **Tia Hart** on January 21. Love, Mom and Dad.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Kudos to **Carly Searles** for completing a successful volleyball season for Petoskey High School. Carly, a freshman, was the #1 setter for the junior varsity team with 291 assists. She was a true asset to her team. Hope your basketball season is just as great as you are! You make us proud. Lots of love, Mom and Dad.

Congratulations to **Andi Gasco**, a junior at Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI, for being selected to the Big North Conference first team in volleyball. Andi led the Big North Conference in kills with 453. She was also selected to the All-Region Dream Team by the Traverse City Record-Eagle and the All-Area First Team by the *Petoskey News-Review*. Andi leaves for the Netherlands to compete in the Cup 2008. Best wishes and lots of luck! Love, Mom and Dad.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Frank King**, whose team, Saginaw Players, finished third in Odawa 8 Ball at the Native American Casino Tour event at Odawa Casino Resort on December 1. From the King and VanDeCar families.



Congratulations to **David Silver-Smith**, a 17-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen, for a successful cross country season. He ran cross country for the first time as a junior at Shepherd High School in Shepherd, MI, and helped his team finish seventh at the 2007 Division 3 state meet where he finished 116th. Shepherd finished second at a 2007 Division 3 regional, and Silversmith finished 22nd there. At the 2007 Tri-Valley Conference meet, Shepherd finished first and Silversmith finished 13th there. He earned second team Tri-Valley Conference All-Division honors and honorable mention All-Area Boys Cross Country Team honors from the *Morning Sun*. Silversmith is the president of the junior class at Shepherd High School. He is the grandson of Owen and Dorothy Smith and the son of Paul and Julie Pego and Cecil and Kathy Silversmith.

## ANNIVERSARY

Happy anniversary to **Flash and Rita Shepard** on January 12. We're glad you've got each other! Love, Gina and Brian.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



**Emma Jeanne Lappan** was born on August 26 at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, MI. She was eight pounds and one ounce, and was 19.5 inches long. Her parents are Jim and Tiahia Lappan of Gaylord. Her big sister is Sophia Lappan, 1, of Gaylord. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Vickky Kiogima of Petoskey, MI, and paternal grandparents are Jim and Barb Lappan of Gaylord, MI.

## GREETINGS

I'd like to wish **everyone** a happy and prosperous New Year. Yvonne F.

## VOTERS

As of November 19, the Election Board reports there are 1,109 registered voters.

## Hearings

### Public Hearings to Assess Indian Preference

Public hearings for LTBB Tribal Citizens and other members of federally recognized tribes to gather information to assess the impact of Indian Preference in Tribal Employment Statute are scheduled for February 22 from 7-9 p.m. and February 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. They will be held in the Tribal Courtroom in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

## FUTURE EMPLOYEE?



**Avery**, the daughter of Elizabeth Murner and the granddaughter of Michele and Greg LaCount, looks over an application from Odawa Casino Resort. Could Avery be a future Odawa Casino Resort employee?

## WALKING ON...

**Grace P. Pamp**, 92, of Harbor Springs, MI, passed away on November 8 at Bay Bluffs medical care facility. She was born June 8, 1915, in Mt. Pleasant, MI, to Louis and Angeline (Chingwash) Misheka. She attended school in Lansing, MI, at the old Lansing Central High School. She married Warren K. Pamp, and the couple made their home in Harbor Springs. The family traveled extensively for many years while Warren Pamp was an evangelist. The family settled back in Harbor Springs in the 1950s. Warren Pamp died in 1968. Grace Pamp worked as an aide at the Emmet County Medical Care Facility for many years. She enjoyed music and played the piano and organ. She also enjoyed socializing with family and friends. She was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She is survived by her son, George W. Pamp, of Harbor Springs; three grandchildren, Marc, Craig and Kelli; and eight great-grandchildren, all of Florida.

**Lillian M. Ervin**, 88, of Rosebush, MI, passed away on December 4, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Lillian was born on August 20, 1919 in Mount Pleasant, MI, the daughter of Brazil and Della (Ludwig) Petoskey. She married Robert Ervin on January 4, 1939 in Mount Pleasant. He preceded her in death on May 17, 1990. Lillian was a member of the Rosebush Presbyterian Church, (continued, above right)

## Walking on...

(Continued from below left).

where she served as a deacon, took care of funeral dinners for 25 years, and she was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. Lillian is survived by her children, Larry (Wilma) Ervin of Rosebush, JoAnn (Roy Muterspaugh) Myers of Shepherd, MI, Terry (Jo Etta) Ervin of Mount Pleasant, Audrey (Rod) Hall of Mt. Pleasant and Rodney (Debra) Ervin of Rosebush; special family friend, Greg Goffnett of Mt. Pleasant; Eleven grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; brother, Brazil (Barb) Petoskey of Mendon, MI; sisters, Della Petoskey of Mt. Pleasant and Betty Hoffman of Findley, OH, and special nieces and nephews. Lillian was preceded in death by her husband; grandson, Jamey in 1999; son-in-law, Ron Myers in 1999 and siblings, Florence Casner, Irene Gilbert, Gladys Gillespie, Mildred Moore, Dorothy, Donald, Ronald and Clifford Petoskey.

You may send a private condolence to the family or sign the public guestbook at [www.clarkfuneralchapel.com](http://www.clarkfuneralchapel.com).

## HELPING HAND

### Assistance is Available When Hard Times Occur

As many of us know, times are hard here in the great state of Michigan. These hard times have hit home maybe for you or for someone in your family. It could be the loss of a job or a cut in work hours. Whatever the reason, it is difficult when it happens. Here in Michigan, Laws and Public Acts are enacted. Some are for the benefit of the general public. This is one such Public Act: MCL 211.7u of the General Property Tax Act. Under this act, a person who is the owner and resident of the said real estate property may apply for tax relief. People can contact their township, village or city office and ask for a Hardship Exemption Application. Once you get the application, fill it out and call your local office to make an appointment to go before the Board of Review. This Board of Review will review your application and other documents so it can make a judgment or take vote as to your level of poverty. The board will make a decision as to exempt from taxation in part or whole of your property tax bill. Please request this information and application as soon as possible because most local offices hold their Board of Review hearing within the first three months of the year. I submit this information in hopes it can help someone in need. LTBB Tribal Citizen John Kawegoma.

Native News

SANTA CLAUS DANCES IN POW WOW IN DETROIT, MI

Below: Santa joins dancers in circle. Below right: Andrea Pierce poses with Santa.



The North American Indian Association (NAIA) of Detroit partnered with General Motors (GM) to hold an exhibition pow wow on November 30 at the GM Renaissance Center in Detroit, MI. NAIA is the oldest Urban Indian Center in the United States. A man dressed as Santa Claus was on the second floor, and he got curious when he heard the drums from the pow wow. He had a great time dancing.

Information and photos provided by LTBB Tribal Citizen & NAIA First Vice President, Andrea Pierce.



GRAB LIFE BY THE BALL!



The Community Health Department and the Youth Services Department are co-sponsoring Family Activity Nights for the months of January through March. In January, we will have four weeks of dodge ball nights followed by two weeks of tournaments. In mid-February, we will switch to four weeks of volleyball nights followed by two weeks of tournaments. We are inviting families to attend, but if you don't have enough to bring your own team, we will put you on one! If you would like more information or to sign up, please call Community Health at 231-242-1664 or Youth Services at 231-242-1593.

Anishinaabemowin Language Course

Mondays & Thursdays

3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.

MshkikiGamik  
LTBB  
Health Bldg.  
1080 Hager Dr  
Petoskey, MI



Fluent Instructor Isabelle Osawamick, Odawa, uses pictures, drawings, body language and other visual aids to help students understand.

Designed for All Levels, Beginners through Advanced Learners will Benefit!

Open to the Community. Everyone is welcome to attend! This is a 6-Credit BMCC college course for students, who want to register.

Winter Semester Begins January 7, 2008. Registration Going on Now.

Please note the class format is not suitable for children under 12.



LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program  
Kwedwewinan? Biiwaapkoonhsing BiizhiGiigidoon.  
231-242-1454, 231-242-1456, 1-888-309-5822



Odawa Casino Resort  
Holiday Hours

Odawa Casino Resort is open 24 hours a day during the holiday season.

Christmas Eve

Waas no De' Buffet

8-10:30 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for lunch and 5-10 p.m. for dinner.

Copper Café

6 a.m. - 4 a.m.

Rendezvous Lounge

10 a.m. - 9 p.m., soda service until midnight.

Sage Restaurant and O zone Nightclub closed.

Christmas Day

Waas no De' Buffet

Noon - 9 p.m. for dinner.

Copper Café

6 a.m. - 4 a.m.

Rendezvous Lounge

Closed for alcoholic beverages, soda service until midnight.

Sage Restaurant and O zone Nightclub closed.

New Year's Eve

Waas no De' Buffet

8-10:30 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for lunch, 5-11:30 p.m. for dinner and 12:30 a.m. - 3 a.m. for breakfast buffet.

Copper Café

Open 24 hours.

Rendezvous Lounge

10 a.m. - 4 a.m.

Sage Restaurant

5 p.m. - midnight.

O zone Nightclub

9 p.m. - 4 a.m.

New Year's Day

Waas no De' Buffet

8-10:30 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for lunch and 5-10 p.m. for dinner.

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Sage Restaurant

5-9 p.m.

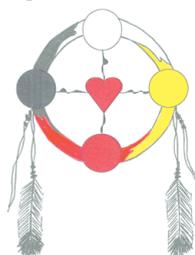
O zone Nightclub

Noon - midnight.

Aambe Anishinaabemdaa

Wednesday Evening Language Classes  
Everyone Welcome

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



Primary instructor and fluent speaker, Kenny Pheasant, Odawa from Manitoulin Island

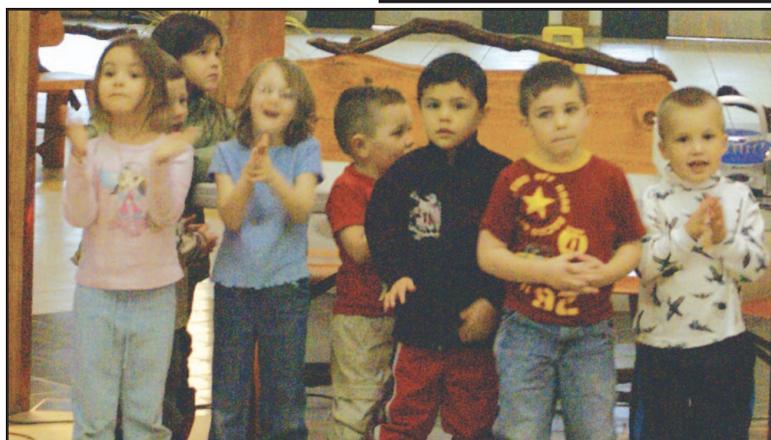
Sponsored by the Odawa Institute & LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program. For more information, please contact the Language Program at 231-242-1454, 231-242-1456, 1-888-309-5822.

HEAD START CHILDREN ENTERTAIN ELDERS

Odawa Trails staff report

Children from the LTBB Head Start Program visited the elders in attendance at the Elders Luncheon on November 29 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. The children, who visit the elders every last Thursday of the month, sang three songs.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



WACANAKISING ODAWA

# Home Buyer Seminar

Become an Educated Buyer!



Topics:

- What do buyers want in a realtor?
- Important aspects of the purchase agreement & other paperwork
- Exploring mortgage pre-qualification & pre-approval
- The importance of a home inspection
- What is Title Insurance?
- LTBB Down Payment Assistance Program

Wednesday, January 23  
Time: 6 p.m. - 7:30 pm  
Location: LTBB Tribal Courtroom  
Governmental Center at 7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI

For more information, please contact:  
Programs Coordinator Stephanie Howell  
Housing Department at 231-242-1545

Sponsored by:

- LTBB HOUSING DEPARTMENT
- Coldwell-Banker Schmidt Realtors of Harbor Springs
- Corporate Title
- First Community Bank
- Home Inspections North

Winter Women's Retreat  
At Camp Daggett

The LTBB Community Health Department in collaboration with the Special Diabetes Grant, the LTBB Language Program and the Healthy Women's Grant are sponsoring a weekend Women's Retreat at Camp Daggett January 11-13.



The History of Camp Daggett

Nestled on the west arm of beautiful Walloon Lake in northwest Michigan, Camp Daggett has served generations of summer campers since its inception in 1925. Situated on 43 acres of mature woods, the camp offers trails for snowshoeing and cross country skiing. The beautiful main lodge has plenty of room for activities or quiet time.

Winter is traditionally a time for quiet, reflection, going inwards and getting in touch with oneself. As women, the center of the circle of life, we need to learn to care for ourselves as well as the earth and others. Please join us for a weekend away from your busy life and renew your body and spirit. We will offer sessions on gentle yoga, massage, relaxation techniques, language activities, sacred songs, hand drum and shaker-making workshops, snowshoeing and show you how you can incorporate your culture into your busy lifestyle.

To register for the retreat, please call 231-242-1601. Space is limited and reserved for women ages 18 and up. We would also like to hear from you about any suggestions for classes you are interested in seeing. We will try to arrange several classes based on your requests.

Healthy meals will be provided. You will need to bring your own bedding, towel and toiletries. Bring your cross country skis if you like. We will have snowshoes available.

We look forward to sharing this time with you.

Baamapii kawaabminin,

Michele Keshick and Regina Brubacker-Carver

# Odawa Casino Resort

## EMPLOYMENT CORNER

By Lynn M. Trozzo, Odawa Casino Resort Recruiter

It is now five months after the grand opening of the brand new Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, and the applications continue to flow in. The interest for working for the Employer of Choice in northern Michigan has surpassed all of our expectations.

When we started our recruiting campaign, "We Have Jobs," we knew then the 500-plus jobs weren't going to be too difficult to fill when we had 1,200 applicants show up for our first career fair.

The applications continue to pour in at approximately 350 per month, and the employment page on our website, [www.odawacasino.com](http://www.odawacasino.com), takes about 3,600-3,800 hits per month.

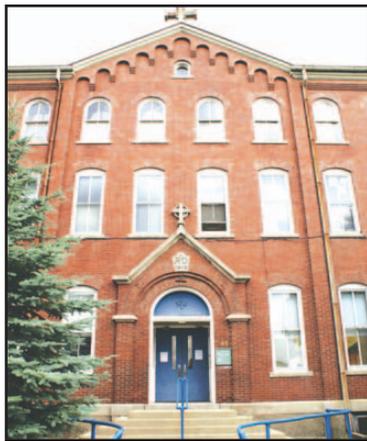
We have been conducting studies on how we attract our applicants. Over the past couple of months, we can see our website is top-notch for attracting applicants by the number of hits per month. Our second main avenue for attracting applicants is "other employees," in other words, "employee referrals."

We have an extremely high amount of internal team member recruiters, who go out and spread the word we are a leader in the industry and an employer of choice.

Tribal citizens, there are still opportunities available, so please don't hesitate to call us if you would like to become a part of the Odawa Casino Resort Team.

You may reach us at 231-439-5380, 231-439-6100 or apply online at [www.odawacasino.com](http://www.odawacasino.com).

## LTBB AND HOLY CHILDHOOD PARISH REACH COMPROMISE



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Prior to the demolition of the Old Holy Childhood of Jesus School in Harbor Springs, MI, LTBB and the Holy Childhood Parish reached a compromise regarding the building.

On August 5, Tribal Council passed Tribal Resolution #080507-02, which supported saving the Holy Childhood of Jesus School building for future uses promoting Native language, arts and cultural learning and urged Bishop Patrick R. Cooney and

Father Joe Graff to open an immediate dialogue with Kateri Walker and discuss options for saving the historic building.

After meetings between LTBB representatives, Walker and representatives from the Holy Childhood Parish and its building committee, it was determined saving the actual building was no longer a viable option.

On October 7, Tribal Council passed Tribal Resolution #100707-03 to acknowledge the revised building plans for the new Holy Childhood Parish Hall and to donate \$5,000 to the Holy Childhood Building Fund.

According to Tribal Resolution #100707-03, a compromise was negotiated by which saving a "sense of place" was accepted by all the interested parties.

As much as possible of the brick and concrete work, which made up the "1913" doorway and capstone was saved so the doorway could be reconstructed as the entrance to the new building. Building materials were also

saved so they could be used to reconstruct one of the classrooms in the new building to resemble a classroom in the old building. One of the many contemplated uses of the classroom will be to help promote Native language, arts and culture via use by tribal community members for various activities.

The implementation of this compromise required additional funding over and above the approximately \$4 million raised by the building committee for its original project. The building committee requested funding from LTBB in order to fulfill the compromise.

The \$4 million church addition 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 place and possible additional seating.

*Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*

## We Have Jobs!

Tribal Citizens, it is not too late to get your dream opportunity at YOUR new casino resort property!



Please apply online at [www.odawacasino.com](http://www.odawacasino.com) and check out the list of available jobs. We will be happy to answer any questions concerning employment.



You may direct your call to Recruiter Lynn Trozzo at 231-439-5380 any time!

### 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.

For Guests  
50 years or  
older!

## Seniors Day

Seniors Day is every Wednesday.

Your Day, Your Reward!

See the Optimum Rewards booth for details.

**\$3 off Senior Discount on the SUNDAY BRUNCH, LUNCH and DINNER buffets 7 days a week.**

### Excitement Awaits.

1760 Leary Road • Petoskey, Michigan  
(877) 4-GAMING • [www.odawacasino.com](http://www.odawacasino.com)

## BUILD A RESUMÉ THAT GETS YOU NOTICED!

The LTBB Human Resources Department is hosting a free, two-part Professional Enhancement Workshop designed to assist any LTBB community member who is interested in receiving professional guidance regarding the application and interview process. Here's what you'll learn:

### Part I – Resumé & Cover Letter Writing – January 17, 2008, 6 - 9 p.m.

Producing a good resumé and well-written cover letter are basic requirements for a successful career search. Key topics of this workshop include:

- What is a resumé?
- Basic contents of a resumé
- Resumé writing guidelines
- What is a cover letter?
- Goals of a cover letter.
- Organization of a cover letter.

**This is a hands-on resumé building workshop. If you already have a resumé and cover letter, please bring a hard copy and e-copy with you.**

### Part II – How to Interview & Get Hired – February 7, 2008, 6 - 9 p.m.

In today's competitive job market, exceptional interview skills are a must. Learn how to build rapport, emphasize your skills, overcome objection and motivate the interviewer to hire you. Key topics of this workshop include:

- Types of interviews
- Pre-interview preparation
- Job interview etiquette
- Interview process and techniques
- Common interviewing mistakes
- Role-playing practice interviews

**Both workshops held in the Computer Education Classroom in the LTBB Governmental Center, Harbor Springs, MI.**

If you want to attend this free, two-part Professional Enhancement Workshop, please contact Human Resources Generalist/Recruiter Phil Harmon at 231-242-1563 or at [pharmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:pharmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). Seating is limited, so register early to ensure your place.

Attention Tribal Citizens  
of LTBB Odawa

*Do you create high-quality Native American artwork?*

*Are you interested in showcasing your high-quality artwork at our new gift shop located inside Odawa Casino Resort?*

Odawa Casino Resort

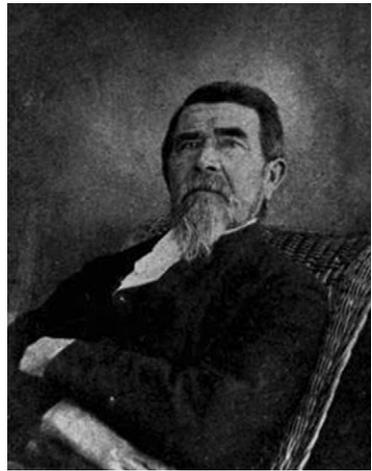
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## THE LATE ANDREW J. BLACKBIRD RECENTLY INDUCTED INTO MICHIGAN'S WALK OF FAME

**Odawa historical figure among more than 600 nominees for Michigan's Walk of Fame this year.**



Odawa Trails staff report

On November 30, the Michigan Historical Museum and Lansing Principal Shopping District announced the late Andrew J. Blackbird (1815-1908) as a 2007 Michigan Walk of Fame inductee.

Blackbird is among 12 state residents, who will be recognized this year for their exceptional life service and for significantly contributing to Michigan's civic, cultural and entrepreneurial heritage. Each inductee will be honored with an 18- by 30-inch bronze plaque embedded in the

sidewalks of downtown Lansing, MI. It will feature a star with their name and description of their achievements. They will also be recognized through individual biographies on the Walk of Fame website [www.michigan-walkoffame.com](http://www.michigan-walkoffame.com).

Blackbird was one of more than 600 nominees screened in the Michigan Walk of Fame's six categories (agriculture; business and industry; arts and entertainment; athletics and recreation; civic and community leadership; education and literature; and medicine, science and technology.

## Temporary Help Wanted

Would you like to:

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# Native News Briefs

## Odawa Trails staff report

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America and the National Congress of the American Indians (NCAI) are collaborating on a national campaign targeting methamphetamine abuse in Indian Country.

The campaign is designed to raise awareness and reduce use of the highly addictive drug in Native communities. The research-based campaign will include public service messages for radio and print and posters. Radio, print and poster ads are aimed at Native youth, and print and radio messages target Native adults and elders. The messages encourage youth to draw strength from their traditions, heritage and connection with other teens to avoid the trap of methamphetamine. They also encourage Native elders and adults to stay involved in kids' lives as a way to keep communities and villages safe from drugs. The ads are currently in production and slated for distribution through early 2008.

Public service messages will be distributed on a pro-bono basis by NCAI, the Partnership for a Drug-Free America and various community groups. Initial distribution will focus on Alaska, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. However, they are available to all interested tribal communities by contacting Jackson Brossy at 202-466-7767 or [jbrossy@ncai.org](mailto:jbrossy@ncai.org).

Nationally, Native Americans, including American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians experience the highest rates of methamphetamine abuse among all other ethnicities. A 2006 report from the Bureau of Indian Affairs indicates 74% of tribal police forces rank methamphetamine as their greatest drug threat, and 48% report an increase in child neglect and abuse cases due to increased methamphetamine use.

### United Nations General Assembly Adopts Historic Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

On September 13, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by an overwhelming majority (143 voted in favor, four opposed and 11 abstained).

The declaration affirms the collective human rights of Indigenous Peoples across a broad range of areas including self-determination, spirituality, land rights and rights to intellectual property.

The United States was one of the countries, who voted against the declaration. Canada, Australia and New Zealand also voted against the declaration.

NCAI and its attorneys, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) were actively involved in the process of elaborating the declaration since 1999.

### NCAI's 2008 Native Vote Initiative Unveiled

On November 12, NCAI rolled out its 2008 Native Vote initiative, an aggressive plan to count every Indian vote in the 2008 elections and to create a national infrastructure and network for empowering the Native Vote throughout the United States.

NCAI's Native Vote target states are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

The four core initiatives are Get

out the Vote Trainings (GOTV), Election Protection Project, Candidate Education and Media Campaign. The GOTV Trainings provide tribal communities with training to educate, engage and mobilize Native voters in their communities. The Election Protection Project ensures the fairness of voting laws and protecting Native voters on Election Day. The Candidate Education educates candidates on the federal, state and local level on the important issues in Indian Country. The Media Campaign communicates Native Vote message to local, regional and national media in the Native and non-Native media to engage the base and educate the general public.

For more information, contact Peggy Flanagan at [pflanagan@ncai.org](mailto:pflanagan@ncai.org) or Adam McMullin at [amcmullin@ncai.org](mailto:amcmullin@ncai.org).

### Youth Summit Addresses Climate Change

More than 5,000 students attended Power Shift 2007 from November 2-5 in College Park, MD.

It was the largest youth summit on climate change. A number of indigenous youth attended the conference as keynote speakers, panelists, student activist leaders and participants.

Young people spoke in a congressional hearing before the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, and met with senators and representatives from their respective states.

The keynote speaker was Evon Peter, a former chief of the Neetsaii Gwich'in. Peter has advocated indigenous and environmental rights to the United Nations and the Arctic Council forum and is currently the Executive Director of Native Movement, which focuses on "grassroots awareness, advocacy, action and values" in Alaska and southwest Native communities.

The summit ended with a day of lobbying members of Congress on Capitol Hill, addressing global warming, climate change and related local community concerns.

The Energy Action Coalition, a group of more than 40 organizations that work together toward a "clean energy" future, organized the summit.

### "Water Flowing Together" Garnering Accolades

The new film "Water Flowing Together" chronicles the story of Jock Soto, who recently retired from the New York City Ballet at age 40 after a 24-year career.

Soto, who is gay, is Navajo on his mother's side and Puerto Rican on his father's side. He is considered one of the greatest dancers of his generation. Soto asked Gwendolen Cates to make the film as a homage to his parents as well as to encourage closeted gays to come out.

The award-winning documentary was shown at the National Museum of the American Indian on November 27, the Santa Fe Film Festival on November 29 and will be shown on PBS' "Independent Lens" on April 8.

For more information on the film, please visit [www.waterflowingtogether.com](http://www.waterflowingtogether.com).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ASPIRING NATIVE JOURNALISTS

### Odawa Trails staff report

#### American Indian Journalism Institute

The American Indian Journalism Institute (AIJI) is an academic, scholarship and internship program for college students run and funded by the Freedom Forum, a foundation which promotes employment diversity in America's newsrooms.

Approximately 300 Native Americans work at daily newspapers out of the more than 55,000 daily newspapers journalists nationwide. As you can see by the low percentage of Native journalists at daily newspapers, many more are needed to ensure accurate and fair coverage of Native issues and people.

AIJI provides a unique opportunity for Native students to learn about journalism and consider it a career, which will help improve newsroom diversity around the country.

For three weeks in June, Native students will learn the craft of journalism through one of several journalism courses taught at the Freedom Forum's Al Neuharth Media Center on the University of South Dakota's Vermillion campus. Accepted students will be placed in an appropriate course based on their experience, interests and previous coursework.

Applications are welcome from any Native college student hoping to become a journalist. Students attend AIJI for free and receive other financial assistance, including room and board during the program and a scholarship/stipend upon completion of the program. AIJI students may be eligible for college credit.

After successful completion of the program, top AIJI graduates are hired for six-week paid internships as reporters, copy editors, photographers or multimedia journalists with daily newspapers and with the Associated Press.

Applicants must submit a completed and signed application; a written essay (500-750 word minimum recommended) about the applicant; a color headshot hard copy sent by mail or jpeg sent by e-mail to [aiji@freedomforum.org](mailto:aiji@freedomforum.org); two letters of recommendation, preferably from teachers,

work supervisors, former employers or members of the journalism community; a copy of your most recent college transcript; a resume' or year-by-year listing of education and work history; and four to six work samples of any writing/editing/photo/web experience or classroom work.

The essay will be read for content and to determine the applicant's ability to think and to express thoughts and ideas coherently. The essay should be autobiographical with an emphasis on interest in journalism and what the applicant hopes to accomplish through AIJI.

Applications must be received no later than February 1.

To download an application, please visit [www.freedomforum.org](http://www.freedomforum.org).

For more information or to submit an application, please call or write:

Jack Marsh  
American Indian Journalism Institute  
555 Dakota St.  
Vermillion, SD 57069  
605-677-3114 or 605-677-5424  
[aiji@freedomforum.org](mailto:aiji@freedomforum.org)

#### Blethen Maine Newspapers Minority Summer Internship

Blethen Maine Newspapers, which is a part of the Seattle Times Co. and the largest newspaper company in Maine, is pleased to announce the continuation of its summer internship program for college students and recent college graduates, who are interested in journalism careers.

The Blethen Maine Newspapers Minority Summer Internship is a 12-week program, which gives entry-level journalists of minority ethnic or racial descent some valuable daily newsroom experience at Maine's largest newspaper.

The program enables college students at the bachelor or graduate level as well as recent college graduates the chance to hone their journalistic skills. The interns work with experienced editors, who will provide guidance, mentoring and coaching.

Interns work as members of the staff, only with more coaching. Journalists in any discipline (reporting, copy editing, photography or graphic

design) may apply. These are paid positions.

The program's next two openings will take place in the summer of 2008.

Interested writers, copy editors, photographers, graphic artists and other journalists should send a resume', cover letter and a half dozen samples of their work to Blethen Maine Newspapers Minority Summer Internship Program, c/o Eric Blom, Portland Press Herald, 390 Congress St., Portland, Maine, 04101.

Applications must be received by February 1.

#### Gannett Company Talent Development Program

Gannett Company, Inc. is looking for the best and brightest journalism professionals.

Its goal is to build a long-term program, which provides a pipeline of diverse and exceptional talent by recruiting, hiring and developing a select group of the nation's top graduating seniors (graduate and undergraduate).

Participants will learn about Gannett's Information Centers and new strategies for selling audience-based advertising. They will also learn about our new initiatives in digital media, circulation and finance. We are changing what we offer our readers, viewers and advertisers.

Applications are due to Gannett Co., Inc. by February 29, 2008 for consideration for the program. All applicants will be notified by April 11, 2008 of their selection status. The 2008 training program will begin with an orientation at Gannett's headquarters on June 5-6. Participants will be trained for 10 weeks at Gannett locations, including USA Today, our 84 daily newspapers and 23 television stations.

At the successful completion of the training, participants will be offered a full-time position with Gannett.

For more information, please contact Nancy St. Cyr, Talent Development Administrator, at [nstcyr@gannett.com](mailto:nstcyr@gannett.com) or Allison Looney, Talent Development Specialist, at [alooney@gannett.com](mailto:alooney@gannett.com).

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231-242-1623.

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(Wemigwase) Gasco, was selected from the approximately 350 girls from the United States and Canada who applied. For Cup 2008, kfastpitch.com selected six NAST teams with 10 players on each team. Teams from the Netherlands, France, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Germany, Belgium, France and Russia will compete in Cup 2008. The NAST teams will also play the Dutch Olympic team at Cup 2008. Besides competing in Cup 2008, Gasco and her teammates will tour Amsterdam for a day and spend three days and three nights in Paris, France. In her sophomore season at PHS in 2007, Gasco posted a 20-9 record with a 0.88 earned run average and had 308 strikeouts on the mound, and she led the PHS offense with a .400 batting average, 11 home runs (nine over the fence), a .610 on-base percentage and 47 runs batted in (RBI). She is second on the Michigan softball state list for RBI in a game with eight. Gasco holds all of the PHS pitching records.

#### Victories Casino and Hotel Employees Give Back to the Community

On February 10 at Challenge Mountain in Walloon Lake, MI, Victories Casino and Hotel employees volunteered their time to cater and serve at the Great Lakes Burn Camp Luncheon. The luncheon fed approximately 100 children plus their adult chaperones. The Great Lakes Burn Camp based in Jackson, MI, is a special place for kids ages 7-17 to meet, heal, grow and support other burn survivors. Victories Casino and Hotel employees also handed out goodie bags for the children.

#### Anishinaabemowin Language Class Offered at Harbor Springs High School

LTBB and Harbor Springs High School worked collaboratively to establish an Anishinaabemowin Language class first offered in fall 2007. The class is taught by Language Instructor Doreen Peltier, a member of the Wikwemikong First Nation in Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada. The language class was open to all students in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School district and to any community member free of charge. Harbor Springs High School Principal Susan Jacobs worked with the Education Department, the Language Program and the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department to establish it.

#### LTBB Received Part of the Council Tree

In early March, a storm knocked down a large portion of the Council Tree. The Council Tree, located in Readmond Township, MI, was the site for many council fires for the tribes living in the northern Michigan area. Because of the Council Tree's historical and cultural significance, LTBB obtained the necessary approvals to acquire the portion knocked down. LTBB took possession of it on March 8.

#### Holy Childhood of Jesus Church Donates Pews

Holy Childhood of Jesus Church in Harbor Springs donated six pews to the LTBB Elders. The pews were removed from the former Holy Childhood of Jesus School, and they remain at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs. They were made in the late 1800s and were located in the second floor chapel.

#### Alicya Wix Crowned 2007 Miss Odawa



Alicya Wix, who is of Odawa descent, was crowned the 2007 Miss Odawa on August 12 at the 16th Annual Odawa Homecoming Jiingtamok. Wix has danced traditional, jingle dress and fancy shawl, and her grandmother, LTBB Tribal Citizen, Theresa Shawanese, taught her how to dance. Wix, who lives in Eastpointe, MI, and is a freshman at East Detroit High School, started dancing when she was one.

#### LTBB Tribal Citizen Joins LTBB Judiciary

On May 17 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, Appellate Justice Rita Gasco-Shepard swore in LTBB Tribal Citizen James Genia as an Appellate Justice. Genia replaced Donna L. Budnick, who resigned as an Appellate Justice when she accepted the position of Legislative Attorney in April.

#### Fifth Annual Family Resource Fair

Approximately 100 people attended the Fifth Annual Family Resource Fair held April 28 at the LTBB Governmental Center. The fair, coordinated by the Education Department, featured informational booths by 14 northern Michigan area community organizations and LTBB departments or programs. It also served as a kickoff event for the LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007.

#### 2007 Annual Membership Meeting

LTBB held the 2007 Annual Membership Meeting on May 12 at Petoskey Middle School in Petoskey. Ken Harrington served as the General Membership Speaker. The approximately 200 LTBB Tribal Citizens in attendance elected Marci Reyes as the 2008 General Membership Speaker. Fifteen Rules of Conduct for the 2008 Membership Meeting were voted on and adopted there. One of the rules adopted was having LTBB departments and programs as well as Odawa Casino Resort departments have informational booths there.

#### Team 99ers Honored

On May 11 at Odawa Hotel, the Victories Voices Newsletter Committee hosted a luncheon honoring Team 99ers. Team 99ers refers to the 57 people employed by Victories Casino and Hotel since July 16, 1999 – the grand opening date for Victories Casino in Petoskey. After having lunch, Team 99ers shared stories and memories. A photo of all the Team 99ers was taken outside the hotel, and group photos of the departments represented there were also taken inside the hotel. Victories Casino closed on June 18, and Odawa Casino Resort

opened on June 20. At press time, plans for the Victories Casino building had not been announced.

#### Woodland Singers Open for Yolanda Martinez

On May 26 at Petoskey Middle School, the Woodland Singers (Harrriet Kishigo-Booth, Vicki Lynn, Virginia Schanema, Andrea Otto, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Veronica Medicine, Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Debbie Martin and Marilyn Hume) opened for Yolanda Martinez. Martinez won the 2005 Best Female Artist Native American Music Award, and she was nominated in the category for 2007. The Woodland Singers performed six songs with Martinez joining them for the last two songs. During her concert, Martinez invited members of the Woodland Singers to sing "Buffalo Woman" with her on-stage. Ettawageshik, Medicine, Schanema and Martin joined her on-stage. The idea of starting a LTBB Women's Hand Drum group started after some members of the Woodland Singers saw the Mother Earth Water Walkers perform in 2003. The group became more organized in 2004 and chose their name in 2007.

#### LTBB Finishes Second at Michigan Indian Family Olympics

After winning the Michigan Indian Family Olympics in 2004, 2005 and 2006, LTBB was second in 2007. Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians won with 323 points, and LTBB was second with 302.

#### 2007 LTBB Goonignebig Games

On February 3 at the LTBB Governmental Center, the 2007 LTBB Goonignebig Games was held with approximately 110 people in attendance. Awards were given to the top three competitors in each male and female category, and achievement medals were given to all participants 12 and under who did not receive a trophy. Snowsnake is exclusively a Native American game. The snowsnake when hurled along a track may travel up to a mile if conditions are ideal. Years ago, the snakes were thrown down the road, river, along fence rows or wherever handy. The track was introduced to the game about the turn of the century. The skill of the snowsnake maker is extremely influential in producing a winning snowsnake. But equally important is how the snowsnake is prepared once it is made. This year's Snowsnake Games is February 2.

#### LTBB Hosts Competitive and Traditional Pow Wows

LTBB hosted the 16th Annual Odawa Homecoming Jiingtamok on August 11 and 12 at the Pow Wow Grounds in Harbor Springs. More than 2,000 spectators attended the two-day event. LTBB hosted the Traditional Jiingtamok on September 15 at the Osborne Road property in Readmond Township.

#### LTBB Consults on Mural at Petoskey Public Library

The Petoskey Public Library commissioned Nikolas Burkhart to create a Native American themed mural at the library. To ensure the mural would be historically and culturally accurate, Burkhart contacted LTBB. Archives Technician Yvonne Walker-Keshick consulted with Burkhart as he created the mural that depicts Native life predating European contact. A dedication of the mural was held on December 20 at the library. Due to deadline constraints, coverage of the dedication will appear in the February issue of

*Odawa Trails*.

#### LTBB Issues First Ever Marriage License

The Enrollment Department issued LTBB's first marriage license under the Marriage Statute on July 20 to Russell Worthington and Kimberly Keshick. They were married that afternoon in the Tribal Courtroom.

#### LTBB Participates in Steps Walking Challenge 2007

LTBB was third in the First Annual Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge with 728,932 steps per participant. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community won the challenge with 1,243,339 steps per participant. For 17 weeks, people kept track of their steps using pedometers or step equivalent charts. LTBB's youngest walker was nine, and its oldest walker was 76. Seventy-five LTBB participants turned in their step logs.

#### LTBB Hosts Indian Country Roundtable Discussion

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. Gonzales visited with tribal leaders to discuss the importance of 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. Gonzales also announced new DOJ grant awards totaling more than \$3 million.

#### 13th Annual Sovereignty Day Celebration

To commemorate the September 21, 2004 reaffirmation of LTBB, the LTBB tribal community came together for the 13th Annual Sovereignty Day Celebration. The celebration, held September 22 at the LTBB Governmental Center, featured a parade, bike decorating for children, clowns, cake walks, arts and crafts booths, a scavenger hunt, entertainment by Chris Dominic, bingo, a fire safety demonstration for children, door prizes and a feast. The event's theme was "Showing our Gratitude."

#### Big Rock Historical Marker Unveiled

Representatives from Consumers Energy, LTBB 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.

#### 2007 Tribal Council Elections

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 Tribal Council. All will serve on Tribal Council until 2011.

#### Historic Three Fires Confederacy Gathering Held

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 pro-

tectors and 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 gathering confirmed their collective desire for governance models based on traditional teachings and have pledged to make the rare gathering an annual event. Delegates stood in unison to offer unanimous support to a declaration pledging to base future Anishinaabek governance models on the clan system and to create health and education systems grounded in traditional knowledge and teachings. More than 2,000 people attended the gathering.

#### Tribal Chairman Selected for Award and Position

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik received a 2007 Great Lakes Guardian of the Year award at the Clean Water Action's 2007 Great Lakes Award Celebration on October 10 in East Lansing, MI. The award is given to an individual who is a leader in protecting Michigan's Great Lakes. Ettawageshik along with his First Nations contemporary led 140 tribes and Canadian First Nations to sign the historic Tribal and First National Great Lakes Water Accord, urging Canadian provinces and Great Lakes state governments with boundaries on the Great Lakes to prevent diversion of the waters. NCAI selected Ettawageshik as an Alternate Vice President for the Midwest Region at the NCAI Annual Meeting held in mid-November.

#### Michigan's First Case of Unaffiliated Native American Remains Successful

On October 15, LTBB in conjunction with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Bay Mills Indian Community and the Michigan Technological University (MTU) presented the first case of unaffiliated Native American human remains from the state of Michigan. The remains were from Gros Cap Cemetery in St. Ignace, MI, and they were discovered during road construction near the cemetery in 1979 by a MTU student doing survey work to define the boundaries of the cemetery. This is how the remains came into MTU's possession. The remains were partial remains of an individual, but not enough of the remains were found to determine if they were Native or not. Because of the history of the Odawa and Ojibway in the area, where and how the remains were found, and the antiquity of the cemetery, it was highly probable the remains were Native. The remains will be transferred to the Sault Tribe, and they will be properly buried. This was the first successful case of unaffiliated remains from the state of Michigan.

#### LTBB Family Fall Gathering

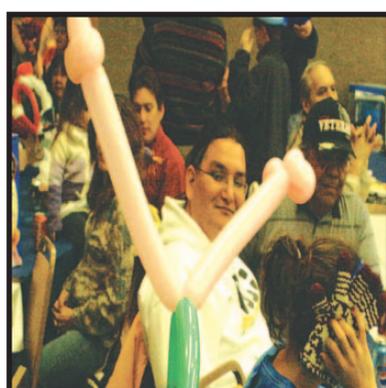
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Department, the Education Department and the Health Department sponsored the LTBB Family Fall Gathering at Just-A-Plain Farm in Carp Lake, MI, on October 20. Activities included hayrides, navigating your way through corn mazes, pumpkin/gourd picking and a feast. Approximately 400 people attended the event.

#### Restoration of Burial Grounds

On March 25, Tribal Council passed Tribal Resolution #032507-01 to appropriate \$10,000 to create a cemetery fund line item for the purpose of restoration of all burial grounds within the 1855 Treaty area under the oversight of the Cultural Preservation Department.



WINTER SOLSTICE PARTY HELD DECEMBER 8 IN PETOSKEY, MI



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**2008 ANNUAL GOONIGNEBIG GAMES**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008**

**WHERE: LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

**TIME: 11 A.M.-??**

**1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING MALE AND FEMALE CATEGORIES.**

**PRESCHOOL AGES 1-4**

**KINDERGARTEN-2ND GRADE**

**3RD-5TH GRADE**

**6TH-8TH GRADE**

**9TH-12TH GRADE**

**18-34 YEARS OLD**

**35-49 YEARS OLD**

**50-64 YEARS OLD**

**65 & UP**

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**Competitors must be pre-registered to be eligible for awards. (No Exceptions). Registration closes on February 2, 2008 at 11 a.m. Rules and registration forms available in the Odawa Trails newsletter, by fax or e-mail or you can pick them up at the Community Health/Diabetes Program, 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI. You may also register by phone. Please call Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601, fax to 231-242-1619 or e-mail to cgibson@tbbodawa-nsn.gov.**

2008 Goonignebig Games Rules & Registration Form

**Registration**

1. Competitors must complete a registration form and:
  - a. Mail to Snowsnake Games Registration, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
  - b. Or drop off at 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI
  - c. Or e-mail to [cgibson@tbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:cgibson@tbbodawa-nsn.gov)
  - d. Or call 231-242-1601.
2. Registrations accepted until 11 a.m. on February 2, 2008
3. Competitors must register in appropriate category. Individuals 18 years old who are not in school must participate in the 18-34 year old category.
  - a. Nine male categories
  - b. Nine female categories

Preschool Ages 1 - 4 yrs. old	Sixth - Eighth grade	35 - 49 yrs. old
Kindergarten - Second grade	Ninth - 12th grade	50 - 64 yrs. old
Third - Fifth grade	18 - 34 yrs. old	65 & over

**Competition**

- Competition begins at 11 a.m., February 2, 2008.
- The Snowsnake track schedule will be posted at the registration booth.
- Each competitor is allowed two throws in his or her category. Any snowsnake thrown that jumps the track after five feet is considered a throw.
- Personal snowsnakes cannot be used by more than one person in the same age and gender category.
- Competitors without a snowsnake may choose a snowsnake from the designated rack for public use.
- Snowsnakes are not required to be a certain length, diameter or weight. Lead may be used for weight.
- Totally metal snowsnakes are not allowed.

**Awards**

- Awards given to the top three competitors with the longest throws in each male and female category.

Please complete the registration form and return by one of the aforementioned methods. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.

(Cut on line)

**2007 Snowsnake Games Registration Form**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Circle the appropriate category\*\*\*

SNOWSNAKE CATEGORIES	Preschool Ages 1-4	K-Second Grade	Third - Fifth Grade	Sixth - Eighth Grade	Ninth - 12th Grade	18-34 yrs. old	35-49 yrs. old	50-64 yrs. old	65 & over
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