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## Australian Delegation Brings the Traditional Knowledge Revival Pathways Project to LTBB

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

An Australian delegation visited the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians April 28-30 to share the Traditional Knowledge Revival Pathways (TKRP) Project with the tribal community and to learn about LTBB.

Prior to its arrival in northern Michigan, the delegation (Victor Stephenson, John Hunter, Barry Hunter and Brad Lewis along with U.S. host Don Lyons) attended the first Indigenous Earth Day Summit April 22-23 held at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI.

The delegation participated in the summit, which also included films and roundtable action workshops and presentations on a variety of international indigenous environmental issues such as Great Lakes health, the revitalization of traditional ecological knowledge and the impacts of industrialism and climate change on indigenous peoples and communities.

Opportunities to preserve and value indigenous traditional knowledge are endangered by the range of problems within our environment and communities today. Avenues for



(Left to Right) Brad Lewis, Victor Stephenson, Barry Hunter, Don Lyons and John Hunter.

the preservation of traditional knowledge are fading and are at risk of being lost altogether.

Loss of traditional knowledge will result in a decline of indigenous identity and a severe reduction in the recognition and understanding of an invaluable sustainable knowledge system. TKRP works to strengthen this knowledge for the benefit of the community and country before we lose our invaluable knowledge systems of indigenous people.

TKRP is based on ensuring the survival of cultural knowledge and the opportunity to demonstrate practices that have the ability to "innovate" contemporary management and community outcomes for the benefit

of all generations to come.

TKRP is achieving the transfer of traditional knowledge from the elders to the young people based on the traditional methods as determined by the elders, digitally recording this traditional knowledge before it is lost forever, storing knowledge onto multi-versions of a digital knowledgebase, incorporating traditional knowledge in cooperative land management strategies and building this practice into "best practice principles" in all land management, building and improving the profile of indigenous knowledge and its appreciation with other land managers and users both nationally and internationally and creating practical action,

research-driven projects such as live case studies to establish better collaborative land and community management.

The project was initiated in 2001 by the aspirations of the Kuku Thaypan Elders who wanted their knowledge, beliefs and practices recorded and preserved for present and future use by their families and youth.

The Kuku Thaypan Elders, now known as Dr. George Musgrave Snr and Dr. Tommy George Snr, are situated in the Cape York Region of Far

North Queensland, Australia.

While visiting northern Michigan, Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase and Elders Program Coordinator Marie "Tootsie" Miller served as the delegation's hosts.

On April 28, the delegation toured the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

On April 29, a cleansing ceremony (smudging) was conducted in the Tribal Courtroom; the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department conducted a presentation of ceremonies; the delegation ate lunch with the elders at the Elders Luncheon where the Woodland Singers performed, and there were introductions and information sharing by the delegation and the elders; the delegation took a boat tour of Little Traverse Bay on the LTBB Natural Resource Department 26-foot patrol boat; the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department took the delegation on a Native North Historical Tour; and the delegation attended a tribal community potluck dinner at the governmental center.

The potluck dinner included the



John Hunter plays the traditional didgeridoo.

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## LTBB Governmental Employees Learn the Tradition of Quillwork from One of the Best at the Spring Circle of Life Informational Session



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

*Editor's note: I attended the April 7 Circle of Life Informational Session facilitated by Yvonne Walker-Keshick, and this article describes that particular session.*

Yvonne Walker-Keshick's intricate quillwork is displayed at several museums around the country such as

the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian, the Michigan State University Museum, the Heard Museum and the Denver Art Museum.

Walker-Keshick, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, won a Michigan Heritage Award in 1992. In winning the award, she is described as "having the distinction of being one of the finest quillwork artists in North America."

With Walker-Keshick working in the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department as the Archives Technician, it seemed logical for her to teach LTBB Governmental Employees about quillwork at the spring Circle of Life Informational Sessions held April 7, 9 and 11 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

"We have such a valuable resource in our community," Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase said of Walker-Keshick.

"She is highly respected for continuing the quillwork tradition."

Walker-Keshick is in her 37th year of making quillwork after learning from her teacher, Susan Shagonaby. Walker-Keshick used to do it as a living until starting as the Archives Technician in July 1999. She now does it at night and on the weekends. She usually holds a weeklong quillwork class in the summer at her home.

"It was great working with Susan because she told me a lot of good stories," Walker-Keshick said. "She was really down to earth and very willing to share her knowledge. She once said, 'Quillwork is a dying art.' I responded by saying, 'Not as long as I am alive.' Susan told me, 'When I am alive, I'm the teacher and when I'm gone, you're the teacher.' Once I pass this knowledge on to you (the participants), it is your responsibility to pass it on to others."

Walker-Keshick has passed her quillwork knowledge on to her five children, Kim Worthington, Arnold Walker, Christopher Walker, Lisa Pierce and Jacob Keshick, and they all do quillwork.

"We've spent a lot of quality time together doing it," Walker-Keshick said. "They took to it themselves. They all have a knack for doing it. I think it is because they were exposed to the art at such an early age."

During her morning presentation, Walker-Keshick spoke about the porcupine, how a quillwork artist removes the quills from a porcupine,



how the quills are prepared and sorted by size for use on a quill box, how to harvest sweet grass and birch bark for use on the quill box and the process through which a quill box is created.

"I am doing something I enjoy," Walker-Keshick said. "The challenge is deciding where and how you are going to use the quills. Every quill is something new. It's a new challenge."

"To me, doing quillwork is a form of therapy."

Walker-Keshick told stories about how the porcupine came to be and how the birch bark tree came to be during the morning presentation. She told two stories about how the porcupine came to be.

The following is one story: At first, the porcupine had no quills. The only way a porcupine had to protect himself was to climb a tree. When a

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

### Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

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

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

The deadline for the July issue of *Odawa Trails* is May 19.

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

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# Departments & Programs

## Up Close and Personal with the New Employees Serving our Tribal Community



**Regina Kiogima, Sr.**

Regina Kiogima, Sr., a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as the Peace-making Coordinator on February 4. She works part-time for 16 hours a week.

Prior to accepting her current position, Kiogima, Sr. worked for three years as the Lead Instructor for the LTBB Head Start Program, five years as the Youth Outreach Worker in the Human Services Department and two years as the Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker in the Healthy Start Program.

Kiogima, Sr., who moved to the area in 1997 when her husband, Archie Kiogima, Jr. became a Biologist in the Natural Resource Department, earned an Associates degree in Pre-Nursing from Lansing Community College and earned an Associates degree in Early Childhood Development from North Central Michigan College. She also studied Sociology and Early Childhood Development at Michigan State University.

Kiogima, Sr. was the first graduate of the Little Big Horn High School (Chicago, IL) in 1972.

In addition to her husband working for LTBB, her daughter, Regina Gasco, works as the Environmental Assistant in the Environmental Services Department, her son, Archie Kiogima III, works as a Facilities Worker in the Facilities Department, her daughter, Krystal Kiogima, has interned for LTBB and her sister, Carla McFall, is the Language Program Coordinator. Her mother, Alice (King) Yellowbank, is a Tribal Councilor.

Kiogima, Sr. and her husband have four children (Netawn Kiogima Smith, Regina Gasco, Archie Kiogima III and Krystal Kiogima) and 10 grandchildren.

Her father is Reginald Dodge, who is from Walpole Island First Nation.

Her family is heavily involved in revitalizing Anishinaabemowin. Her

granddaughter, Miigwaans Smith, attends an Immersion School in Wisconsin.

In her free time, Kiogima, Sr., a jingle dress dancer, enjoys going to pow wows with her family. Her daughter, Netawn Kiogima Smith, is a fancy dancer and sings with the drum Buffalo Horse. Her daughter, Regina Gasco, is a jingle dress dancer and her daughter, Krystal Kiogima, is a fancy shawl dancer. All of her grandchildren dance.

"My best memories are of dancing at pow wows with my children," Kiogima, Sr. said.



**Kevin Haynes**

Kevin Haynes started as an Inland Fish and Wildlife Technician in the Natural Resource Department on March 31 after previously working in the department as a Seasonal Technician.

Haynes, who grew up on a family farm in Danville, MI, previously worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Sea Lamprey Control program. Prior to working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, he worked on a farm. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Biology and Zoology from Michigan State University.

"Because I grew up on a farm and in a rural setting, I have always enjoyed the outdoors," Haynes said. "When I got older, I started to understand the impacts people had on the land. I spend time in the office and in the lab, but I also spend time in the field. I enjoy seeing wildlife in the field."

Haynes moved to Harbor Springs, MI, in August 2003 when his wife, Nicole, relocated to manage Kel-Chris Farms, a horse farm. Kel-Chris Farms relocated to Harbor Springs.

In his free time, Haynes enjoys outdoor activities like snowmobiling and camping.

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### June 23

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Francene McCorkle

### June 24

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John Gasco, Jr.  
Linda Hogge

### June 25

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Alice Marshall

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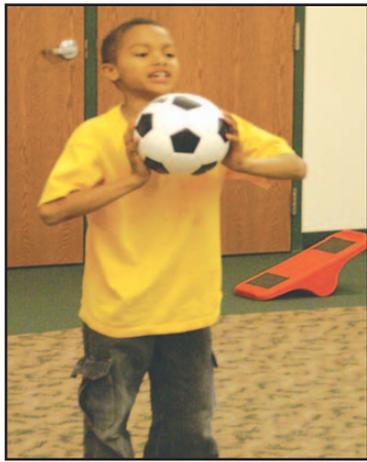
Applications for the 2007-2008 Day Care Assistance Program are now available.

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.**

# Education Department

## SIXTH ANNUAL FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR FEATURES A PLETHORA OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, was transformed into a child's paradise for the Sixth Annual Family Resource Fair held April 26.

Guided by the theme "Ready ... Set ... Play," area organizations along with LTBB Governmental Departments and Programs offered children a multitude of fun activities at the event, coordinated by the Education Department.

Some of the favorite stops were the LTBB Head Start Program, which had various games for the children to play in the Tribal Courtroom; the First Tee of Boyne Highlands, which had try it out golf; Griffin Arena, which had try it out hockey; the Pellston Fire Department, who

gave children the opportunity to try on the firemen's equipment and to sit in the fire truck; and the Petoskey Public Library, which had two block puzzles for the children to put together by using the wooden sticks with magnets at the end of them to put the pieces together.

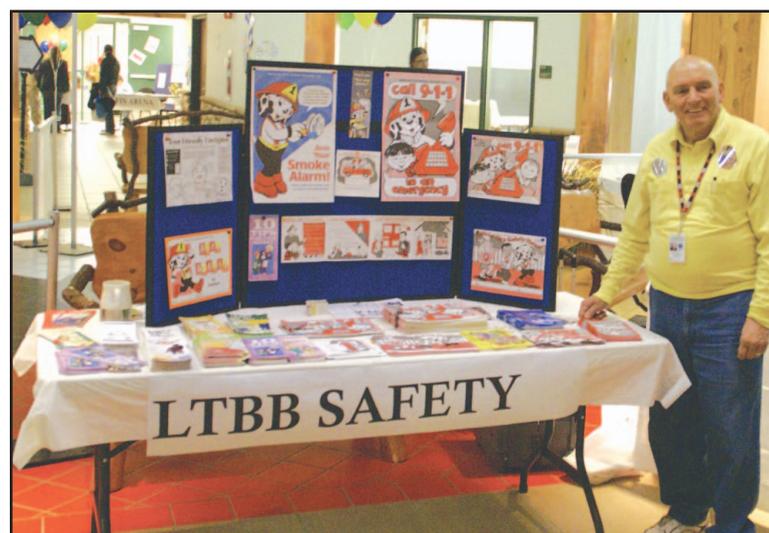
Other participating organizations, departments and programs included the Mental Health Program, the Environmental Services Department, the Language Program, the Youth Services Department, the Law Enforcement Department, the Cultural Library, the Education Department, the CharEm Early Childhood Education Department, the Pow Wow Committee, the Natural Resource Department, the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Diabetes Center, the Charlevoix Area Hospital, Allied EMS Systems, the

White Feather Wellness Project, the Charlevoix Public Library, the YMCA, the Little Traverse Conservancy, Leave No Child Inside, the Petoskey Parks and Recreation Department and Safety Coordinator Norm Emery.

The Pow Wow Committee provided a concession stand with mini blanket dogs, sloppy joes, potato chips, dill pickles, drink boxes, bottled water and fruit rollups, and it served as a fundraiser for the 17th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow to be held August 9 and 10 at the Pow Wow Grounds in Harbor Springs.

Approximately 100 people attended the event, which was free and open to the public and featured a raffle.

*Photos 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 August 29, 2008. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420.

**Biindigen Business Hours:**  
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### Summer Jobs at Odawa Casino Resort!

Odawa Casino Resort is still recruiting and accepting summer employment applications for seasonal positions in Food & Beverage, Transportation and Table Games. Full- and part-time opportunities still available! Apply online at [www.odawacasino.com](http://www.odawacasino.com) or stop in at 911 Spring Street, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Recruiter Lynn Trozzo at 231-439-5380.

Renee Wasson Dillard & Isaac Dillard  
 Will Present:

## Black Ash Basket Workshop

June 5	June 6	June 7
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Community Center	LTBB Governmental Center, Commons Area	LTBB Pow Wow Grounds

This is a fun, hands-on workshop accommodating 25 elder/participants per session. Materials will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a dish to pass. This workshop will fill up quickly, so call 989-544-2255 ASAP to reserve your place in the workshop!

### 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?

**CONTACT:**  
 Juanita Rogers Casino Services Mgr. Odawa Casino Resort 231-439-6100 ext. 8230  
 Suzette Schmalzreid Retail Mgr. Odawa Casino Resort 231-439-6100 ext. 8234

**Quill Box**  
 Odawa Casino Resort

# Department of Commerce

## Department of Commerce Assists Tribal Citizens By Hosting Various Events

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has been busy the past few months with some projects assisting LTBB Tribal Citizens.

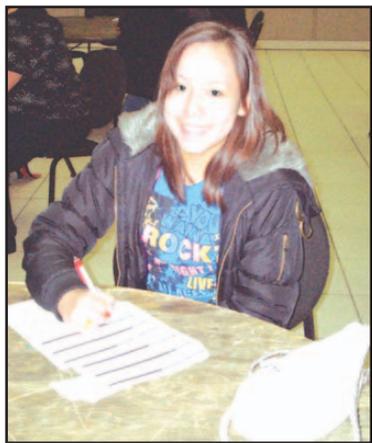
During the months of February, March and April, the DOC along with Tom Bauer from the Education Department hosted several Tax Preparation Assistance Workshops. Bauer is a certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) preparer. We hosted the workshops in the Education Department's computer lab.

Here, we offered LTBB Tribal Citizens, LTBB Governmental Employees, Odawa Casino Resort employees and members of their families a place to file their taxes online. With the use of the State of Michigan's website, we were able to access several different websites that offered free or reduced rates for filing income taxes. This depended on the individual's filing status and his or her Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) level.

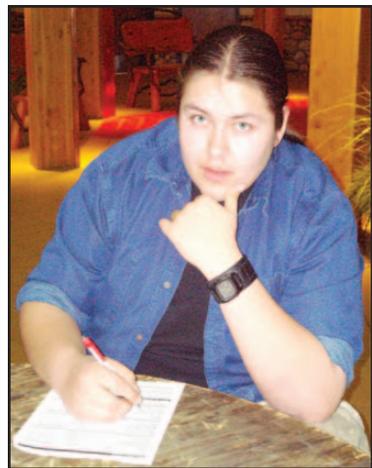
More than 25 people participated in the five workshops held.

We also spent one afternoon assisting some of the elders complete their federal income taxes in order to qualify for the Economic Stimulus Payments being distributed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In many instances, the elderly normally wouldn't need to file a tax return due to their AGI levels, but because of the stimulus payments, many will receive at least the \$300 plus credit. Payments were mailed out starting May 2.

The DOC also hosted an "Application Intake for Tribal Youth" for summer jobs at the Odawa Casino



Resort on April 9. This was in conjunction with Youth Services Coordinator Joe Lucier and Odawa Casino Resort Recruiter Lynn Trozzo. Approximately 12 to 18 youth showed up with 11 of those turning in completed applications. The age group targeted for this project was 14 to 18 years of age.



One other thing I would like to mention is a reminder to those of you who are Resident Tribal Members (RTMs): When it comes to making major purchases such as vehicles, boats and off the road vehicles (ORVs) or when making home im-

provements, you need to see me **BEFORE** making the purchase.

LTBB now uses "Tribal Certificates of Exemption" (TCEs). The DOC will give you a "Request for TCE," which requires the RTM to articulate exactly what he or she intends to purchase. I will then issue you the TCE, and you will take this form to the dealership or place of business (i.e. Lowe's, Home Depot, etc.). This will exempt your purchase of state Sales Tax or Use Tax right up front. We no longer use the refund method. There is **NO RECOURSE** for purchases made without the TCE.

The "Request for TCE" can be requested anytime. I'd be happy to e-mail you the form or fax it to you. In the event I am out of the office for any period of time due to training, conferences, meetings or any unforeseen event, the request forms are available in the lower level of the whitehouse building located at 1345 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI, or at the receptionist's desk at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. They are also on the P-drive for LTBB Governmental Employees, so basically any employee should be able to print one off for you.

Tribal Administrator Assistant Melissa Wiatrolik may process TCEs in my absence and in Wiatrolik's absence, the Vice Chairman or the Tribal Chairman's Office may process TCEs. That's the order.

If you have any questions regarding as to what items are eligible, please feel free to contact me at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at [tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

Photos by Theresa Keshick.

## Tribal Certificates of Exemption

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

As stated in previous *Odawa Trails* newsletters, LTBB moved to using Tribal Certificates of Exemption (TCEs) as of January 1, 2008. Resident Tribal Members (RTMs) are exempt from sales tax on certain enumerated items such as vehicles, watercraft, and snowmobiles and other off the road vehicles. Affixations to your primary residence are also tax exempt. This portion does not include furniture. Items purchased for tribal fishing are also exempt. This would include vehicles, boats, trailers, nets, etc.

The following is the process to receive a TCE:

The RTM must request the TCE by filling out a **Request for TCE** form. This form is on the LTBB website, [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov), and the P-drive (so any LTBB Governmental Employee should be able to print it). There are also forms at the Department of Commerce (DOC) Office at 1345 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI, and at the main receptionist's desk at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The RTM then fills out the form and returns it to the DOC. There, RTM status is verified as well as the item(s) being requested to make sure it/they fall within the guidelines for exemption under the Tax Agreement. The DOC will then fill in the appropriate information and make two originals for the RTM. One will go to the vendor or seller, and the other the RTM should keep in their files. One copy will be

kept in the DOC Office.

When filling out the request form, please note the following:

1. When purchasing a vehicle, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is needed prior to receiving the TCE along with Year, Make, Model and the dealership name, address and telephone number. Dealership paperwork is preferred. The same information is needed when purchasing a vehicle from an individual.
2. When making affixations to your primary residence and you are doing the work yourself, please make a list of all the materials and supplies needed to complete the job. This will save time and stop DOC from making several phone calls.
3. When purchasing a modular or mobile home, the Mobil or Modular ID Number, Year, Make and model will be needed along with the seller's name, address and telephone number.
4. If you are using a contractor to complete the affixations to your primary residence or for new construction, the contractor will have to fill out Form 3772, MI Sales & Use Tax Certificate of Exemption, in addition to the TCE issued by DOC.
5. Cost of item(s) being purchased. Please remember DOC Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you plan to purchase a tax-exempt item on the weekend, please contact DOC prior to doing so, so your paperwork may be completed.

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# Health Department

## What 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 substan-

tiate the claim.

- You must have an active and complete file with Contract Health before a reference number can be given.

### Remember!!!!

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

### Referrals:

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

If a referral is denied for CHS payment, the patient may elect to obtain medical services at his or her own expense. In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one medical appointment. Please call Contract Health Services at 231-242-1600

prior to any follow-up appointments for approval to make sure your coverage is still in effect.

### Alternate Resources:

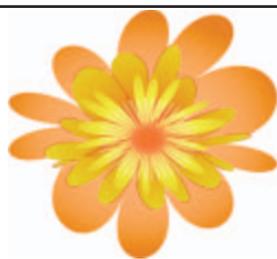
Contract Health Service is the payer of last resort. When a patient has Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Assistance, Workman's compensation, private insurance or any other coverage, it is considered the primary carrier.

### Priority system:

**Medical referrals are approved for payment by a priority system.**

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

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



## Only the Best . . .

Since 1937, the Miss Odawa Nation crown has been worn by young Odawa ladies who demonstrate the finest qualities.

To be considered for Miss Odawa, you must be:

- Between the ages of 13-20
- Knowledgeable in all aspects of your culture
- Have a positive attitude
- Participate and dance in Pow Wow
- Be a role model for all Native American youth
- Represent the Odawa people

### Complete Entry Requirements

- Using the prompt, "What the title Miss Odawa Nation means to me." This essay should be 1 1/2 - 2 pages double spaced in Times New Roman and a point size no larger than 11 pt.
- A 1 - 2 page personal biography
- Signed release forms (if under 18, include parent or guardian's signature)
- Public Speaking, Interview and Dance Exhibition

If you possess these qualities and would like to be considered for Miss Odawa Nation, please complete the registration forms. Each **COMPLETE** entry **MUST** have a completed essay and signed release forms or will not be considered. **The deadline for entry is July 20, 2008 by mail or fax only. No e-mail entries will be accepted.**

**For entry submission:**  
Miss Odawa Nation Pageant  
LTBB Governmental Center  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
231-242-1430 Fax

**For more information or to obtain registration forms:**  
Winnay Wemigwase 231-242-1400

Registration forms can also be obtained at the LTBB Governmental Center Front Desk or you can visit:  
[www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) and click on the Miss Odawa tab.

# Judicial Branch

## JENNY LEE KRONK APPOINTED TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM AS THE LTBB ASSOCIATE JUDGE



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

At the Tribal Council meeting on April 20, a motion was passed to reappoint Jenny Lee Kronk to the position of Associate Judge for a four-year term beginning February 18, 2008 and ending February 18, 2012.

On April 21 in the Tribal Courtroom at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco swore in Kronk, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as Associate Judge.

According to the LTBB Constitution adopted on February 2, 2005, the judges of the Tribal Court and the lower courts shall be appointed by an affirmation vote of six of the nine Tribal Council members.

Other eligibility requirements for Chief Judge and Associate Judge include being at least 30 years of age and at least one-fourth North Amer-

ican Indian; a person cannot serve as a Tribal Council member, Chairperson or Vice Chairperson; and a person cannot serve as Chief Judge or Associate Judge within 10 years of completion of a sentence or probation upon being convicted of a felony unless such a conviction has been vacated or overturned.

This is Kronk's second term as Associate Judge. She served a two-year term from February 18, 2006 to February 18, 2008.

According to the LTBB Constitution, the Associate Judge would serve a two-year term in order to implement staggered terms of service. There are no limits on the number of terms a judge in the Tribal Court may serve.

Kronk was an Administrative Law Judge for the Michigan Secretary of State and was a tribal judge for the Hannahville Indian Community prior to serving as LTBB Associate Judge.

After graduating from Newberry High School in Newberry, MI, Kronk earned a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Northern Michigan University and graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

The Woodland Singers (Marilyn Hume, Virginia Schamsema, Sherry Shananaquet, Andrea Otto and Yvonne Walker-Keshick) sang an honor song at Kronk's swearing in ceremony.

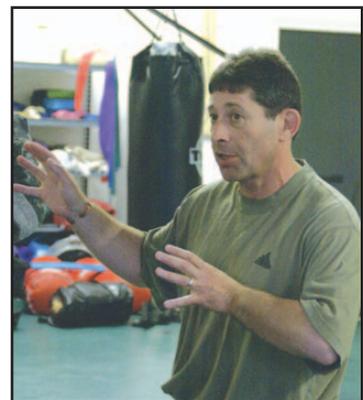
Photos by Annette VanDeCar.



(Back row from left to right) Appellate Justices James Genia, Wenona Singel and George Anthony. (Front row from left to right) Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco and Associate Judge Jenny Lee Kronk.

# Law Enforcement Department

## LTBB Law Enforcement Officers Receive Unique Training from Lee Shaykhet



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Lee Shaykhet, who was born in Moscow in 1955 and graduated from Moscow University in 1977, started perfecting and teaching his "move forward" methodology, better known as painZmethod, to Special Forces and Sniper units in the Soviet Army.

In the height of the Cold War, he risked everything to immigrate to the United States in 1979 and eventually, settled in the Detroit (Michigan) metropolitan area.

Through Shaykhet Training, LLC, he offers a unique approach to defensive tactics and has been involved in training military and police officers for several years. He has instructed U.S. and international law enforcement agencies in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Florida and Canada.

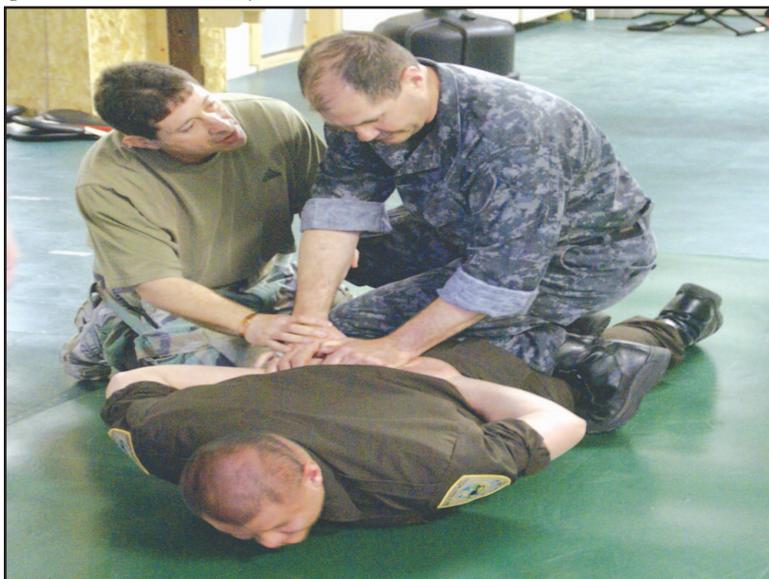
On April 25 at the Native Way II gym in Harbor Springs, MI, Shaykhet taught LTBB Law Enforcement Officers some of the defensive tactics from his "move forward" methodology.

According to his website, [www.painzmethod.com](http://www.painzmethod.com), "He recognizes many traditional police training programs require the individual to do the impossible. Officers are expected to perform, under stressful conditions, the precise execution of step by step moves, which require a lot of practice to maintain proficiency. This is not practical on today's streets. I believe an instinctive approach, based on simple principles, employing quick control of the subject, will re-

sult in less chance of injuries to the officer or subject. The use of painZmethod has a proven track method of diminishing exposure to liability."

Shaykhet also offers services to the general population and children. He can offer anyone the opportunity to learn painZmethod as a form of self-protection. He has partnered with Hardnox Security Group in developing the Students Trained to Oppose Pedophiles (S.T.O.P.) Program. Children are taught how to protect themselves from bullies and how to get away from potential life-threatening situations.

Photos by Annette VanDeCar.



# Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

Gain valuable work experience?

Work in the tribal community?

Make a little extra money?

Gain experience in several fields?

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

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

Call: 231-242-1563

### LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT FOURTH ANNUAL HUNTERS SAFETY COURSE

JULY 19 AND 20, 2008

CLASSROOM TIME JULY 19, 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
NRD BUILDING IN HARBOR SPRINGS, MI.

RANGE TIME JULY 20, 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
HARBOR SPRINGS GUN CLUB IN HARBOR SPRINGS, MI.

BRING A SACK LUNCH.

THE CLASS IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 20 STUDENTS TO REGISTER.

TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASS, PLEASE CALL 231-242-1670.

## Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Featured Raffle Items



**WIN**  
this beautiful basket  
made by LTBB's own  
Renee Wasson Dillard!

or you could win these Pendleton Items!



RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE POW WOW,  
AUGUST 9 & 10! BUY 'EM \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5!

## Moving?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

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

# Housing Department

# Department of Commerce

## 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.



**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**  
**Housing Department**  
**7500 Odawa Circle**  
**Harbor Springs, MI 49740**  
**231-242-1540**  
**Fax: 231-242-1550**

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

### Application Availability Notification

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

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

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

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



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

## How To Become a Resident Tribal Member (RTM)

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is officially changing your address with the Enrollment Department. All RTMs are verified through Enrollment. Enrollment in turn sends the Department of Commerce (DOC) notification of your status. Please note on your Address Verification Form (AVF), you should note the township you reside in. This alerts the Enrollment Department for RTM status. When you change your address with the Michigan Secretary of State's office, you will be asked if you would like to register to vote; by doing so, it will note the township you reside in. Otherwise, ask one of the Enrollment Department staff when filling out your AVF.

**Your RTM status does not become effective until the first day of the following month in which you moved.**

**Example:** I changed my address with the Enrollment Department on May 3. My RTM status does not go into effect until June 1.

**It is VERY important you notify Enrollment immediately when you move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA).**

It is your responsibility to notify Enrollment of any changes in address or name; the DOC cannot backtrack or backdate documents in order to qualify for RTM status.

Being an RTM exempts you from paying state sales tax on large tangible items such as vehicles, boats, snowmobiles and off the road vehicles. It also applies to affixation to your primary place of residence. There is a form that needs to be filled out to request a Tribal Certificate of Exemption (TCE). The **request** for

this form (Request for TCE) can be found on the LTBB website, [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov), or by calling the DOC at 231-242-1584. Tribal Form 3998, which is the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption, may only be issued by the DOC with certain authorized signers. The signing order is as follows: DOC Assistant Theresa Keshick, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr., Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. and Chairman Frank Etawageshik (in the absence of DOC).

**Please note:** All RTM updates are sent to the State of Michigan on a monthly basis as close to the end of

the month as possible. If you plan to purchase a vehicle or do any remodeling to your residence, please wait until after your RTM status is effective (after the first day of the following month in which you moved); otherwise, the State of Michigan will deny your claim for a refund.

Being an RTM also exempts you from sales/use tax on utilities such as phone, Internet, satellite, gas, electric, propane and cellular service. Please fill out the **Residency Form for Tax Agreement** and return it to the address noted on the bottom of the form.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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|--|------------------------------|
| 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 <b>NORTH</b> 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 Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.
- \*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

**Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal 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 mailed out Tribal 4013's (Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit) in January. Instructions were 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 were mailed only to those tribal members residing within the Tax Agreement Area.

# Enrollment Department

## Yearly Notarized Minor Address Verification Form Necessary

All minors need to have a notarized Minor Address Verification form completed yearly before November 30. No faxed or electronic versions are accepted because all forms require original signatures. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned

address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship or custodial issues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

**Editor's note:** *The Minor Address Verification form running along with this article is only an example and may not be used. However, you can download and print the Minor Address Verification form off the LTBB website, [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov), or call the Enrollment Department to have a form mailed to you.*



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
 Enrollment Office  
 7500 Odawa Circle  
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 (231) 242-1520 ■ (231) 242-1521



### MINOR CHILD/WARD OF THE COURT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM

(All minor children 17 and under MUST complete his form.)

- Parents/Legal Guardians must complete this original form AND have it notarized.
- This form must be updated every year.
- DO NOT SEPARATE.
- Photocopies or Faxes are not accepted.

I am a Parent or Legal Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree that this child or ward is entitled to receive a per capita distribution check from the net gaming revenues of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. I will ensure that these funds are used for the health, education or welfare of my child or ward AND for absolutely no other purpose. I understand that I may be required to submit an accounting of the expenditure of these funds to the Tribe.

Minor children who may be wards of the Tribal Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction will have their checks forwarded to the Tribal Court and the Judge will determine to whom the funds will be disbursed for the child's health, education, welfare, and require such accounting as the Court deems appropriate.

Printed Full Name of Minor Child \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

Acknowledged before me in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day), 20\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Stamp/Seal \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Commission Expires on \_\_\_\_\_

TO BE COMPLETED BY LTBB STAFF-Do not write below this line.

Copy: Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_ DOE: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy: Accounting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office \_\_\_\_\_

## Tax Agreement Reminder

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

# LTBB ID CARDS

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>1</b> Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  Housing Commission Meeting 3:30 p.m.	<b>2</b> Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  Housing Commission Meeting 3:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>4</b> Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  Language Class Mshkikigamik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>5</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> LTBB Pane Immersion	<b>7</b> Tribal Council Work Session Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  LTBB Pane Immersion
<b>8</b> Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  Trust Fund Board Meeting 9 a.m.  LTBB Pane Immersion	<b>9</b> Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  Health Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>11</b> Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  Natural Resource Commission Meeting 6 p.m.  Language Class Mshkikigamik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>12</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	<b>13</b> Education Commission Meeting 10 a.m.  Bay Mills Community College Immersion	<b>14</b> Flag Day  Economic Development Commission Meeting 9:30 a.m.  Bay Mills Community College Immersion
<b>15</b> Father's Day  Bay Mills Community College Immersion	<b>16</b> Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	<b>17</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Citizenship Commission Meeting 5 p.m.  Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>18</b> Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  Language Class Mshkikigamik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>19</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	<b>20</b> First Day of Summer	<b>21</b> Tribal Council Work Session Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>22</b> Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>23</b> Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	<b>24</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>25</b> Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  Natural Resource Commission Meeting 6 p.m.	<b>26</b> Elders Luncheon at noon  Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> Bay Mills Community College Immersion	<b>28</b> Bay Mills Community College Immersion
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# Language Program

## Anishinaabemowin Resources

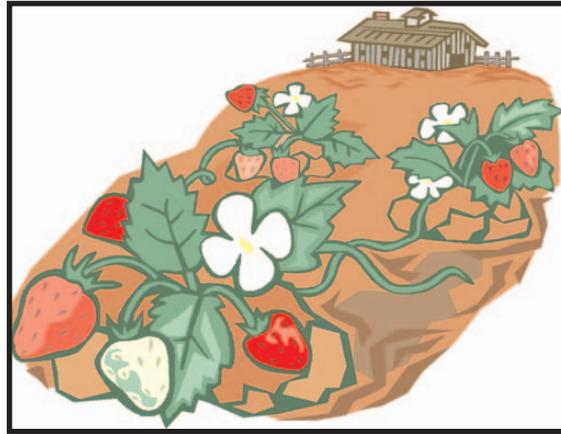


Featured Website:

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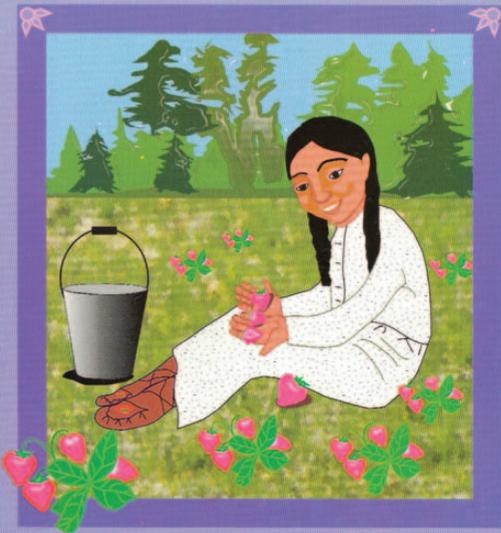
This website is wonderful. It has Ojibwe culture and language, games, toys, food, recipes, legends, beads, clay, stonework, weaving, porcupine quill art and much more.

I have added this website to my favorites. You might want to also.



Vowel	Sounds Like
a	bus
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oo	book
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## Ode'min keng "Picking Strawberries"



Written and Translated by:  
Rose Logan Pitawanakwat  
Illustrated by: Marie Gaudet

### Ode'min keng (Picking Strawberries)

This book tells, in a loving way, of an experience Rosie had as a little girl while spending time with her grandmother.

Rosie learns the importance of where, when and how to pick berries and the benefits to preserving them for the winter months.

This book and cassette tape can be found in the LTBB Language Program Library.

### Odemin Giizis

Aapiji gwa chipitendaagwazi wa manwaang odemin ezhinikaazad.

Gdo'odeminaaniing maaba odemin shijiizi. Mii maanda tam manwaang

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ninda odeminan dgwanigaadeg zheye enjimnaajidiing.

Odeminan naabijikaazam giishpin boonigide-taadwin maage zaagidwin

dbaajigaadek oodi giigido-kaaniing. Manjigwa pii mnaajidiing, miisa mijiing newen odeminan.

### The Strawberry Moon

The fruit that's named strawberry is very sacred. This strawberry is shaped like our heart. This is the first fruit to grow in the early stages of summer. In the early summer, some Native people gather together to honor the goodness of the strawberry. At the festival, Native people dance together and eat together. There is a lot of food with the strawberry as an ingredient.

The Native people also use strawberries at the sweatlodge. Everybody eats the strawberries in memory of the love that people have. When at the memorial of one who has walked on, it is the strawberries that are used at the ceremony.

Strawberries are used if forgiveness or love are talked about in the talking circle. Whenever there is any type of ceremony, that is when strawberries are eaten.

## Verb-o

Mose - Walking	Bgwaashkoni - Jumping
Gaanjwebinaan - Pushing	Ngamo - Singing
Zhibiige - Writing	Biingeji - Cold
Tisige - Painting (colors)	Niibin - It is summer.
Boodwe - Making Fire	Sasitam - Coughing
Damojige - Fishing (pole)	Naadobii - Carrying water
Boozi - Boarding	Madibi - Sitting
Mwi - Crying	Skanzi - Skinny
Naanbaanwi - Yawning	Wewebiza - Swinging
Mose - Walking	Biindaakwe - Smoking (pipe)
Gaanjwebinaan - Pushing	Giziingwewa - Washing up
Zhibiige - Writing	Giiwe - Going home
Tisige - Painting (colors)	Maamkaadendama - Surprised
Boodwe - Making Fire	Bgoodwaa - Fishing (net)
Damojige - Fishing (pole)	Mzinbiige - Drawing
Boozi - Boarding	Biimskogaabwe - Turning around
Mwi - Crying	Giishkwajige - Cutting
Naanbaanwi - Yawning	Gindaasa - Reading
Nigwaankwat - It is cloudy.	Niisaandwe - Going downstairs
Noodin - It is windy.	Biiskwanye - Getting dressed
Wiikibijige - Pulling	Nibaa - Sleeping
Ekwazi - Tired	Nishkaadizi - Angry
Maptoo - Running	Gimiwan - It is raining.
Naaniibiwi - Standing	Biboon - It is winter.
Kwaandwe - Going upstairs	Wiisini - Eating
Mdwewechige - Playing music	Miigaaza - Fighting
Bigiza - Swimming	Gizii'aabidewa - Brushing teeth
Nishkaa - Getting up	Odamina - Playing
Mnikwe - Drinking	Giigida - Talking
Maanaadendama - Sad	Niimi - Dancing
Gizhiza - Hot	
Mnogiizhigat - It is sunny.	
Wiina - Fat	
Baashkizige - Shooting	

# 17th Annual Odawa Homecoming Jiingtamok (pow wow)

August 9 & 10, 2008

LTBB Pow Wow Grounds  
Harbor Springs, MI

Grand Entry Times  
Saturday, August 9 - 1 & 7 p.m.  
Sunday, August 10 - 12 p.m.

Registration:  
Friday, August 8, 5 - 8 p.m.  
Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Registration fee \$5 per dancer/singer.  
Tribal IDs may be requested.  
Tiny tots do not need to register.

### Prize Money

**Drum**  
1st - \$3,000  
2nd - \$2,000  
3rd - \$1,000

(the first 6 non-placing registered drums will receive \$300 each)

### Golden Age (50+) & Adult (18-49)

1st - \$600  
2nd - \$500  
3rd - \$400

### Teen (13-17)

1st - \$300  
2nd - \$200  
3rd - \$150

### Boy/Girl (6-12)

1st - \$100  
2nd - \$75  
3rd - \$50

### Head Staff

Host Drum  
Buffalo Horse

Arena Director  
David Shananaquet

MC  
Sonny Smart

Head Female Judge  
Jane Schwander

Head Veteran  
Walker Stonefish

Head Male Judge  
Steve Schwander

Head Dancers  
TBD each session

Free!  
Open to the public!  
Bring the whole family!

For more information:  
Winnay Wemigwase 231-242-1453 or  
Annette VanDeCar 231-242-1427

Vendor Information:  
Marcy Reyes 231-838-4172 phone  
231-242-1666 Fax

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Absolutely no politics, drugs,  
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property or accidents.

# Education Department

## ENJOY SELECT WORKS OF SHERMAN ALEXIE COURTESY OF THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Sherman Alexie, a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian, is one of the most celebrated Native authors of his time.

Alexie, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies from Washington State University, is the author of several novels and collections of short fiction.

One of his most recent honors is the 2007 National Book Award in Young People's Literature for his young adult novel *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. The novel also won a American Indian Library Association (AILA) Youth Literature Award in the Young Adult category. The AILA Youth Literature Award was created in 2006 to identify and honor the best writing and illustrations by and about American Indians for today's youth.

Other awards and honors include the 2007 Western Literature Association's Distinguished Achievement Award and the 2003 Regents' Distinguished Alumnus Award, Washington State University's highest honor for alumni.

He and Chris Eyre wrote the screenplay for the movie "Smoke Signals," which was based on Alexie's short story "This is What it Means to Say Phoenix, Arizona." The movie won two awards at the Sundance Film Festival in 1998 and was released internationally by Miramax Films.

His books of poetry include *Thrash*, *One Stick Song*, *The Man Who Loves Salmon*, *The Summer of Black Widows*, *Water Flowing Home*, *Old Shirts & New Skins*, *First Indian on the Moon*, *I Would Steal Horses* and *The Business of Fancydancing*.

His novels and collections of short fiction include *Flight*, *Ten Little Indians*, *The Toughest Indian in the World*, *Indian Killer*, *Reservation Blues* and *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*.

This month, I am highlighting select Alexie works available in the LTBB Cultural Library located in the Education Department at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

All of his following works can be checked out for three weeks by LTBB Tribal Citizens.

### *Old Shirts & New Skins*

This book of poetry was published in 1993.

The following is a *Publishers Weekly* review that appears on the Amazon.com website:

"Alexie here emerges as a Native poet of the first order. He captures the full range of modern Native experience, writing both with anger and with great affection and humor. Detailing the continuing deprivation and colonialism, the poet pointedly asks, 'Am I the garbage man of your dreams?' and defines Native 'economics': 'Risk' is playing poker with cash and then passing out at powwow. Focusing on the Leonard Peltier case, Alexie exposes the ineffectualness of both white Indian-lovers and some Native leaders in 'The Marlon Brando Memorial Swimming Pool:'

'Peltier goes blind in Leavenworth ... and Brando sits, fat and naked, by the Pacific Ocean. There was never any water in the damn thing.' General Custer is allowed to give an accounting of himself as Alexie links genocide of America's indigenous peoples with Vietnam, the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire and other acts of warfare and destruction. Alexie writes comfortably in a variety of styles. Many of the poems turn on grim irony, putting the author himself in the traditional role of the trickster. Adrian Louis provides a powerful foreword, and Elizabeth Woody's moody illustrations add to the volume's impact."

### *Flight*

This novel was published in April 2007.

The following is a *Publishers Weekly* review that appears on the Amazon.com website:

"A deadpan 'Call Me Zits' opens the first novel in 10 years from Alexie, narrated by a self-described 'time-traveling mass murderer' whose name and deeds unravel as this captivating bildungsroman (a novel about the moral and psychological growth of the main character) progresses. Half-Indian, half-Irish, acne-beset Zits is 15: He never knew his alcoholic father; his mother died when he was six; his aunt kicked him out when he was 10 (after he set her sleeping boyfriend on fire because the boyfriend had been forcing Zits to have sex). Running away from his 20th foster home, Zits ends up, briefly, in jail; soon after, he enters a bank, shoots several people and is shot dead himself. Zits then commences time-traveling via the bodies of others, finding himself variously lodged in an FBI agent in the '70s (helping to assassinate radical Indian activists); a mute Indian boy at the Battle of Little Big Horn; an Indian tracker named Gus; an airplane pilot instructor (one of whose pupils commits a terrorist act); and his own father. Zits eventually comes back to himself and to an unexpected redemption. While the plot is wispy, one quickly surrenders to Zits' voice, which elegantly mixes free-floating young adult cynicism with a charged, idiosyncratic view of American history. Alexie plunges the book into bracing depths."

### *Indian Killer*

This novel, published in 1996, is as an audio book with three cassette tapes. It was named one of *People's* Best of Pages and a *New York Times* Notable Book in 1996.

The following description of the novel appears on the Amazon.com website:

"Alexie's new novel is a departure in tone from his lyrical and funny earlier work, which include *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven* and *Reservation Blues*. The main character is an Indian serial killer who incites racial tension by murdering whites in retribution for his people's history. The killer leaves clear signs of

his motives by scalping his victims, and leaving feathers as gestures of Indian defiance. The killer is a conflicted creation: Raised by loving white parents, but twisted by loss of his identity as an Indian. Alexie layers the story with complications and ancillary characters, from a rabid talk show host to vengeance seeking whites to liberals who find their patronizing spousal of Indian causes no longer so easy."

### *The Summer of Black Widows*

This collection of poetry was published in 1996.

The following is a *Library Journal* review that appears on the Amazon.com website:

"The seven sections of poet/novelist Alexie's new collection are intensely elegiac, documenting ravages to a Native American identity and, one finally feels, to contemporary American identity itself. Alexie's search for meaning gives 'tragic features' of 'indigenous people' a sense of nobility as they struggle to maintain dignity in a world given over to hatred of the authentic. Intergenerational Native dances, powwow, drum

structured as diabolically as barbed wire, especially the clever yet emotionally resonant essay 'The Warriors,' in which musings on baseball segue into thoughts on friendship and such frank disclosures as his confession that although television once had him convinced that white women were sexier than brown women, life taught him the truth about love."

### *Reservation Blues*

Alexie's first fictional novel, *Reservation Blues*, won the Before Columbus Foundation's American Book Award and the Murray Morgan Prize in 1995, the year it was published.

The following is a *Publisher's Weekly* review that appears on the Amazon.com website:

"The characters of Alexie's acclaimed short fiction (*The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*), *Thomas Builds-the-Fire*, *Victor, Junior* and the habits of the Spokane Indian reservation return in this superb first novel, a lyric comic tale with magical realist overtones. A stranger arrives on the reservation carrying a magic guitar, which he's been given as part of his bargain with 'the Gentleman' for blues immortality. Now, he's trying to lose guitar, devil and deal. Taking the instrument off his hands, *Thomas* soon forms an all-Indian R&B band with *Victor* and *Junior*. The group, *Coyote Springs*, plays small clubs and bars and eventually goes on tour. They even attract

their own groupies, white women, *Betty* and *Veronica*, and, Indian sisters, *Chess* and *Checkers* Warm Water. Will they succeed and, if they do, will they lose their souls? Alexie, a Spokane/Coeur D'Alene Indian, excels at creating colorful characters, and he fills his narrative with subtle and affectionate homages to other contemporary Native American writers. Hilarious but poignant, filled with enchantments yet dead-on accurate with regard to modern Indian life, this tour de force will leave readers wondering if Alexie himself hasn't made a deal with the Gentleman in order to do everything so well."

### *The Toughest Indian in the World*

This novel, published in 2000, is a collection of short fiction works.

The following is a *Publishers Weekly* editorial that appears on the Amazon.com website:

"A prolific novelist, poet and screenplay writer, Alexie has been hailed as one of the best young writers of his generation. This dexterous second collection of stories contains what may be one of the best short fiction pieces of the year. 'The Toughest Indian in the World' follows a young Spokane Indian who works at an all-white newspaper in Seattle, WA, and in a forlorn attempt to reconnect with his roots, has his first homosexual experience with a tough Lummi

fighter. It's a moving story that skillfully employs symbolism and flashbacks to construct an ending that is both uplifting and sorrowful. Many of the eight other stories in this collection also deal with urban Indians who are straddling two worlds: An intimate but indigent life on the reservation and an affluent but strange and sometimes hostile white middle-class existence. Their solutions to this double bind are rarely ordinary. 'Assimilation' tells of a Coeur d'Alene woman who deliberately cheats on her white husband, only to rediscover her affection for him in the middle of a traffic jam. 'Class' features a Spokane who sometimes tells white women he's Aztec, because 'there were aphrodisiacal benefits from claiming to be descended from ritual cannibals.' In 'South by Southwest' a white man and a fat Indian nicknamed *Salmon Boy*, who declares he's not homosexual but does believe in love, set off on a nonviolent killing spree. Two tales, 'Saint Junior' and 'A Good Man,' deal with marriage and death on the rez. The anger in these narratives is leavened by Alexie's acerbic wit and his obvious belief in the redemptive power of love. One exception, however, is 'The Sin Eaters,' an apocalyptic tale in which America's Indians are rounded up into massive underground prisons where soldiers force them to breed and give up their blood. Humorous, disturbing, formally inventive and heartwarming, Alexie's stories continually surprise, revealing him once again as a master of his craft."

### "Smoke Signals"

This 1998 film, released by Miramax Entertainment, is based on a screenplay by Alexie and Eyre. The screenplay is based on stories by Alexie from his 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.

### *The Business of Fancydancing*

This movie, released in 2002, was written and directed by Alexie.

The following description of the movie appears on the Native Networks website:

"Alexie assumes the director's chair in this finely-crafted drama, the winner of numerous awards, since its premiere at the Sundance Film Festival, that explores the disintegrating relationship of two best friends who have chosen different paths. *Seymour* and *Aristotle* graduated from high school as co-valedictorians and left the Spokane Indian Reservation for college. While *Seymour* became a world-famous gay Native American poet (revered by whites and ridiculed by Indians), *Aristotle* dropped out of college to return to the rez. They haven't spoken for six years when *Seymour* is called home for the funeral of a mutual friend."

*Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.*

Photo by Annette VanDeCar.



# Mental Health/ Substance Abuse

## News from the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Department

By Linda Woods, Substance Abuse Director

Happy spring – almost summer! Aren't we happy to have such beautiful, warm weather to see the new growth and feel the warmth of the sun! I hope all of you feel that lightness and spring-like bounce in your step or at least in your heart!

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Department continues to work hard to provide services to those who suffer from substance abuse and from mental health issues.

It has been a busy time for us. During the past few months, we were frantically preparing for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), which is an accreditation organization that surveys or visits organizations throughout the United States and Canada to ensure standards of excellence are in place.

On March 27-28, we had our review or survey from CARF. This happens every three years, and this year, it was our turn again. We were busy making sure our policies, procedures, files and charts were in place. We coordinated with other departments to make sure standards were/are being followed, etc.

Two surveyors came to interview us, other staff and clients about our services. This was a very stressful time. We wanted to be sure the surveyors saw not only the standards, which might need to be followed better, but we also wanted them to see the good work we do. We are so glad it is over with! We have not yet found out if we are accredited for the next three years.

Immediately after CARF left, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services (NMSAS) came for a site visit, too. NMSAS looked at how we do things and checked out a few files.

I mention all of this to inform you our department is accountable, and we follow standards to assure our clientele are taken care of properly, ethically and professionally.

We have a new three-year grant, which promises to provide additional services to our substance abuse clients and families. It is called the Access to Recovery Anishinaabek Healing Circle (ATR). It is a program funded to the

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan through to the member tribes for services to provide better access to substance abuse counseling, to provide choice of providers and to expand existing services by providing recovery support services in addition to the clinical services (recovery support services such as counseling).

What is "recovery support?" A person, who comes in for a substance abuse assessment and counseling, needs additional support often aside from the counseling such as child care, transportation, emergency housing needs, cultural services, emergency medical needs, and the list can go on. We can help with these services. There is a limit to the funding, of course, but come in and talk to us about it. We're very excited to have this program. In order to be eligible for this grant, please contact our office at 231-242-1640, and we'll be happy to explain it to you.

Here are more examples of how we may be able to help you through the ATR grant. For example, maybe someone hasn't been able to pay the rent for the past month due to their use. We may be able to provide some assistance with it. It is not a lot, \$250, but, it is something to help the family. The funds can be used for food and essential items for the family or we can help the person with employment opportunities. Maybe the person is a single mother, who is struggling, and needs help with childcare so she can work, this grant will assist with childcare. We're here for counseling of both substance abuse and mental health and some need help with both, but now, we have additional assistance for some of the other challenges in life.

What is recovery? What does it mean to the person in recovery from substance abuse, and what does it mean to the family? Usually when someone comes in for substance abuse services, it is not a voluntary event; usually, something happened to bring a person in for services. Perhaps, the person is in trouble with the law and is caught in the legal web for a while and needs to "comply" with court orders or the probation officer, etc. The person will come to us for counseling services. The person may have a spouse or family member giving an ultimatum of quit or

get help. The person may have gotten in trouble or tested positive with their employer, and he or she needs to come in for substance abuse services. Whatever the reason, most come here reluctantly.

We try to help the person realize and understand addiction is an illness or a "brain disorder" and he or she is not alone in this illness. We try to help people understand it is a family problem, not just the problem of the person, who is using or drinking. The whole family suffers. We want the whole family to recover. Life after someone quits using or drinking is often not as "rosy" as it may seem. Change is very difficult for most people. Maybe the person doesn't really want to stop using or quit drinking, so he or she may be resentful towards everyone and doesn't know how to express how he or she feels. Expressing feelings is a foreign concept.

The family may be in chaos because of what happened due to the person's using or drinking, and the family members may be angry and resentful towards the person, who is trying to quit drinking or using. The family members may be drinking or using, and they refuse to stop using or drinking. It creates a very difficult environment for the person, who is trying to be in recovery. Whatever the situation is we try to help the person, who comes in for help, by being supportive and providing some options or different ways to think about the use.

In addition, we have a Cultural Advisor, Tony Davis, on staff to help us with providing cultural teachings and other cultural services for both the substance abuse and mental health clientele. We really appreciate having Tony here.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the services we offer, please call our department at 231-242-1640 or 231-242-1642.

*Editor's note: The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs were awarded a three-year accreditation from CARF after this article was submitted. Please look for more information on this in future articles.*

## WILL YOUR 2008 PER CAPITA BE LATE?

Adults: If you are 18 and up, you must have an address verification form on file. If you turn 18 by November 20, 2008, contact the Enrollment Department.

-If your mailing and physical address are the same, you must have your address verification form WITNESSED.

-If your mailing and physical address are not the same, you must have the address verification form notarized.

\*Individual tribal citizens may have their checks mailed to an address other than their own, but they MUST complete two forms: Designee address verification form AND address verification form. Example: Incarcerated.  
Minors/Legally Incompetent: All minors must have an address verification form each year before a check is issued.

### IMPORTANT

If your address is not current or your minor child does not have a 2008 address verification form on file, this will delay the 2008 per capita check in December 2008.

Verification forms can be obtained online at <http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment.htm>.

For any questions, please call us at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORMS TO:**

**LTBB Enrollment Office  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740**

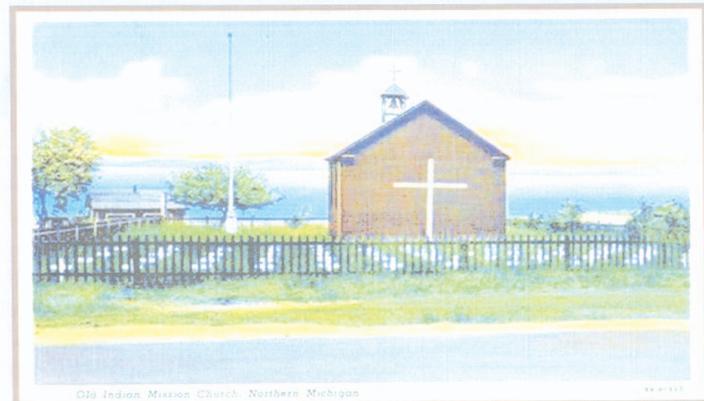
## LTBB Elders Association Spring Flea Market/Arts & Crafts Fair June 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. LTBB Governmental Center

*Hurry and get a head start on your gift list! Get unique gifts for those who are hard to shop for. Concessions available from the Elders Association.*

- Door Prize drawings every 15 minutes all day
- Donations to support LTBB Youth and Elder Programs

*Vendors needed! Sell your handmade crafts or do your spring cleaning, sell those dusty treasures. Call Virginia Lewis at 231-539-8633 or Marcia Sutton at 231-242-1610 to reserve your table early.*

Puzzle Proceeds for: Restoration Of Saint Francis Solanus Indian Mission Church



Old Indian Mission Church, Northern Michigan

11" x 17" Jigsaw Puzzle with 308 pieces

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## Summer Camp Fun In the Summer Sun

AGES	DATES	TIME
4 - 6 YEARS	JUNE 16 - 20	8 A.M. - 12 P.M.
7 - 10 YEARS	JUNE 23 - 27	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
11 - 14 YEARS	JULY 7, 9, 11	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

**SPACE IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER YOUR CHILD SOON!  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 231-242-1480.**

## To Honor the Graduates

The Education Department and the Education Commission will host a Graduation Celebration for the LTBB tribal community on Friday, August 8, at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Dinner and ceremony begin at 6 p.m.

If you are a graduate or a family member of a graduate and would like to attend, please contact the Education Department at 231-242-1480 to RSVP.

Again, we are hoping all graduates (High School, GED, Vocational, College and Post-graduate) contact us with their graduation information.

## Anishinaabe Family Wellness, Culture & Language Weekend Manistee, MI July 24 - 27, 2008

Meals Provided!  
No Registration Fee!

### Sample Itinerary

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise ceremony)	1:15 p.m. Presentations/workshops
8 a.m. - Opening Ceremony & Breakfast	2:45 p.m. Presentations/workshops
9:15 a.m. Presentations/workshops	4 p.m. Anishinaabemowin bingo or Anishinaabe baseball
10:45 a.m. Presentations/workshops	5 p.m. Dinner
12 p.m. Lunch	7 p.m. Talent Show

Some presentations are cultural teachings, language learning, drum making and others. These presentations and workshops are for all ages and are taught in English and Anishinaabemowin. We politely ask English be the second language used at this camp. First come first serve for the camping area and showers available. This great event will take place at the corner of M-22 and US 31, across from the casino. Bring your nation flag and please bring a gift for the giveaway.

Generously sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe Nation and Little River Casino Resort.

For more information or for a detailed itinerary, please visit [www.anishinaabemdaa.com](http://www.anishinaabemdaa.com) or call 231-933-6891.

## GED PREP Classes

**Tuesday, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Odawa Casino Resort  
Administration Offices,  
911 Spring St., Petoskey, MI**

**Wednesday, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
LTBB Governmental Center,  
Harbor Springs, MI**

**Mike Breen, Instructor**

**For more information please call  
the Education Office at  
231-242-1480.**



## Enroll Your Little Ones Now!

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Head Start is a great place to start your child's education.  
Here's why:

Early Head Start  
0-3 Years/Home based

LTBB Head Start:  
Assists needs  
Promotes culture growth  
Offers nutritious meals  
Has centrally located bus pickups

Head Start  
3-5 Years/Center Based

For more information or to register for the 2008-2009 program year, please call 231-539-8325.

## END CLAIM DENIALS

If your Social Security or long-term disability claims have been denied, you need a proven fighter with over 30 years experience handling disability claims, including 8 years as an attorney for SSA.

YOU NEED:

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Provizer & Phillips, P.C.  
2202 Mitchell Park Dr., Suite 2A  
Petoskey, MI 49770

**1-800-399-EVAN**

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NO FEE UNLESS BENEFITS APPROVED.**

## Summer Fun For Everyone At The Library!

Free programs, special events and activities for preschoolers, kids, teens and the entire family.



For details: 231.758.3112 or [www.petoskeylibrary.org](http://www.petoskeylibrary.org)

## ODAWA HOMECOMING Canopy Policies



## ATTENTION!

- All Canopies must have at least one participant (dancer/singer).
- Set-up begins at 5 p.m., Friday, August 8 (NO EXCEPTIONS!).
- Canopy space is limited to a 10' x 10' area.
- YOU are responsible for canopy area CLEAN UP before leaving.
- All interested parties MUST check in with Pow Wow Committee Member prior to setting up.
- Canopy is limited to ONE per FAMILY even if there are multiple participants (NO EXCEPTIONS!).

## On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Annette VanDeCar



### Michigan

June 14-15  
29th Annual Homecoming of the Three Fires Traditional Pow Wow Grand Rapids, MI  
Contact Information: 616-458-8759 or [grboi3fpw@yahoo.com](mailto:grboi3fpw@yahoo.com)

June 14-15  
Gathering of the Clans Pow Wow Manistique, MI  
Contact Information: Viola Neadow, Sharon Hutchison and Denise Chase at 906-341-6993, 1-800-347-7137 or [vneadow@saulttribe.net](mailto:vneadow@saulttribe.net)

June 14-15  
18th Annual Honoring Mother Earth Traditional Pow Wow Mt. Clemens, MI  
Contact Information: South Eastern Michigan Indians, Inc. at 586-756-1350, [Brian\\_Moore@semii1975.org](mailto:Brian_Moore@semii1975.org) or [www.semii1975.org](http://www.semii1975.org)

June 20-22  
Ninth Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow Lansing, MI  
Contact Information: 517-543-7153, 517-393-7236 or [www.riverbankpow-wow.com](http://www.riverbankpow-wow.com)

June 20-22  
Great Lakes Area Traditional Pow Wow Hannahville, MI  
Contact Information: Jeremiah Jackson at 906-466-2935 or [honnabones@aol.com](mailto:honnabones@aol.com)

June 21-22  
Honoring Our Sisters Pow Wow Brooklyn, MI  
Contact Information: Davi Trusty at 1-800-322-1209

June 28-29  
Seventh Annual Mending the Sacred Hoop Pow Wow Tecumseh, MI  
Contact Information: Cool Wind Bear at 517-263-3233 or [CoolWind-Bear@Msn.Com](mailto:CoolWind-Bear@Msn.Com)

July 26-27  
Bellevue Dancing Cranes Pow Wow Bellevue, MI  
Contact Information: Frank Snyder or Leslea Boyd at 269-763-3197

July 26-27  
Traditional Gagaguwon Pow Wow Oscoda, MI  
Contact Information: Joe and Sue Ireland at 989-739-1994 or Oscoda Chambers at 1-800-235-4625

### Wisconsin

May 24-26  
Ho-Chunk Wazijaci Memorial Contest Pow Wow Black River Falls, WI  
Contact Information: 1-800-294-9394, ext. 1123, 715-896-5191 or 715-896-5192

May 30-June 1  
18th Annual LCO Ojibwe School Contest Pow Wow Hayward, WI  
Contact Information: 715-634-8924 or [www.lcoschools.bia.edu](http://www.lcoschools.bia.edu)

June 14-15  
19th Annual Honor the Fire Keepers Traditional Pow Wow Lake Geneva, WI  
Contact Information: 708-715-5042, 262-248-2784 or [lsobey@comcast.net](mailto:lsobey@comcast.net)

### June 21

Eagle's Nest Youth Traditional Pow Wow Coloma, WI  
Contact Information: 608-296-4023

June 27-29  
16th Annual St. Croix Chippewa Contest Pow Wow Turtle Lake, WI  
Contact Information: 1-800-236-2195, ext. 5188, 1-800-846-8946, ext. 3047

July 4-6  
30th Annual Red Cliff Traditional Pow Wow Red Cliff, WI  
Contact Information: 715-779-5597, 715-779-3700, [www.redcliff-nsn.gov](http://www.redcliff-nsn.gov) or [mark.montano@redcliff-nsn.gov](mailto:mark.montano@redcliff-nsn.gov)

July 4-6  
36th Annual Oneida Contest Pow Wow Oneida, WI  
Contact Information: 920-496-7897, 1-800-236-2214, [www.oneidanation.org](http://www.oneidanation.org) or [lpowless@oneidanation.org](mailto:lpowless@oneidanation.org)

July 11-13  
26th Annual Bear River Anniversary Traditional Pow Wow Lac du Flambeau, WI  
Contact Information: 715-588-3333 or [bobbelm@hotmail.com](mailto:bobbelm@hotmail.com)

July 18-20  
35th Annual Honor the Earth Traditional Pow Wow Hayward, WI  
Contact Information: 715-634-8924, [www.lcoschools.bia.edu](http://www.lcoschools.bia.edu) or [lco\\_hte@yahoo.com](mailto:lco_hte@yahoo.com)

July 25-27  
Ninth Annual Nations of Warriors Traditional Pow Wow Antigo, WI  
Contact Information: Sue and Stan Haling at 715-588-3695

### Minnesota

May 23-25  
Leech Lake Spring Traditional Pow Wow Cass Lake, MN  
Contact Information: 218-335-7034, 218-335-7400 or [jerry.moran@leech-lakegaming.com](mailto:jerry.moran@leech-lakegaming.com)

May 23-25  
Fourth Annual Seven Clans Contest Pow Wow Thief River Falls, MN  
Contact Information: Ron Lussier at 218-556-7566 or 218-679-3361, ext. 1402, [www.sevenclanscasino.com](http://www.sevenclanscasino.com) or [ralussier@sevenclanscasino.com](mailto:ralussier@sevenclanscasino.com)

June 6-8  
Sah-Gii-Bah-Gah Traditional Pow Wow Nett Lake, MN  
Contact Information: 218-757-3261, [www.powwowtime.bravehost.com](http://www.powwowtime.bravehost.com) or [bf\\_powwow@yahoo.com](mailto:bf_powwow@yahoo.com)

June 7-8  
Sixth Annual Dakota Homecoming Traditional Pow Wow Winona, MN  
Contact Information: 507-452-2278, 507-454-7302, [www.dakotahomecoming.org](http://www.dakotahomecoming.org) or [Baldrich@winona.edu](mailto:Baldrich@winona.edu)

June 13-15  
140th Annual White Earth Traditional Pow Wow White Earth, MN

Contact Information: 1-800-950-3248, ext. 1337 or [henryf@whiteearth.com](mailto:henryf@whiteearth.com)

June 13-17  
74th Annual Mountain Lake Pow Wow Mountain Lake, MN  
Contact Information: 507-427-2999, [marvaott@mountainlake.govoffice.com](mailto:marvaott@mountainlake.govoffice.com) or [www.mountainlakemn.com](http://www.mountainlakemn.com)

June 20-22  
Lake Vermillion Traditional Pow Wow Lake Vermillion, MN  
Contact Information: Tracey Dagen at 218-753-7713 or [tdagen@fortunebay.com](mailto:tdagen@fortunebay.com)

June 20-22  
17th Annual Grand Celebration Contest Pow Wow Hinckley, MN  
Contact Information: 1-800-472-6321, ext. 4843 and ext. 4556 or [www.grandcasinosmn.com](http://www.grandcasinosmn.com)

June 21-22  
Henvey Inlet First Nation Fifth Annual Traditional Pow Wow Sudbury, MN  
Contact Information: Kimberly McQuabbie at 705-857-0957 or [hifnpow-wow@gmail.com](mailto:hifnpow-wow@gmail.com)

June 21-22  
Honoring the Youth Fifth Annual Pow Wow Cass Lake, MN  
Contact Information: Gary Charwood at 218-760-7955 or 218-335-3730

July 3-6  
Red Lake Nation Independence Day Traditional Pow Wow Red Lake, MN  
Contact Information: 218-679-3341 or 218-679-3224

July 4-6  
Aabita-Niibing Traditional Pow Wow Cass Lake, MN  
Contact Information: 218-335-7400, 218-335-7034 or [jerry.morgan@leech-lakegaming.com](mailto:jerry.morgan@leech-lakegaming.com)

July 11-13  
Prairie Island Contest Pow Wow Welch, MN  
Contact Information: 1-800-554-5473 or [www.prairieisland.org](http://www.prairieisland.org)

July 18-20  
Mee-Gwich Mahnomen Days Pow Wow Cass Lake, MN  
Contact Information: Mary Bebeau at 218-246-2554, Tana Morgan at 218-246-3156 or Luke Wilson at 218-335-4404

July 25-27  
Onigum Traditional Pow Wow Onigum, MN  
Contact Information: 218-335-7034, 218-335-7400 or [jerry.morgan@leech-lakegaming.com](mailto:jerry.morgan@leech-lakegaming.com)

July 25-27  
Pine Point Traditional Pow Wow Ponsford, MN  
Contact Information: 218-573-2154 or 218-573-3007

July 26  
Keepers Traditional Pow Wow Pipestone, MN  
Contact Information: Bud Johnston at 507-825-3734 or [www.pipekeepers.org](http://www.pipekeepers.org)

# Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

## Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting April 6, 2008

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

Opening Ceremony: Marvin Mulholland  
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 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: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Chuck Schofield Office of Enterprise Management Director

Guests: Fred Kiogima, John Keshick, Linda Gokee, Angela Lambert, Barry Lambert, Benjamin Lambert

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt the agenda for April 6, 2008 as amended.

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 March 16, 2008 as corrected.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to ratify into the record the Phone Poll dated March 25, 2008 to adopt Tribal Resolution: Request for Funding from the Indian Land Tenure Foundation (I.L.T.F.), Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Strategic Land Planning Workshops for Tribal Leaders, Staff, and Community Members. LTBB is requesting funding from I.L.T.F. to host training workshops on developing a strategic plan for land reacquisition and that will outline the goals and objectives, which will be presented to Tribal Council for approval, for the next two to five years. The Phone Poll passed.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Harrington, Jr. Legislative Leader Law), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent  
Motion carried.

No Tribal Elder comments at this time.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Tribal Council Revokes the Tribal Chair's Authority to Establish a Commercial Plan for the Victories Site and Provides for a Preliminary Analysis and Feasibility Study for Victories Site in the Amount of \$35,000 from Prior Year Funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -no, Councilor Kiogima-no, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-no, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

10:59 a.m. Recess called.

11:05 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution Support the Burr Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Building Fund to come from Prior Period Funds in the Amount of \$3,000.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -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 Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Appropriation of Funds for the 2009 Operating Budgets and Restatement of Funding Allocation for the 2009 Fiscal Year.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -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.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: John Keshick spoke regarding \$900,000.00 Tribal Council removed from the 2000 Consent Decree funds used for the purchase of Bell's Fishery of which \$450,000.00 is to be reimbursed to the 2000 Consent Decree funds.

11:49 a.m. Public Comment closed.

12:05 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:33 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to table the Proposed Legislation and Draft Statutes until after the Legislative Leader report.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima for April 19, 2008 Tribal Council work session interview for the Associate Judge position of Jenny Kronk for a 4-year term.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 4 - No (Councilor Harrington, Jr., Councilor McNamara, Councilor Oldman, Councilor Yellowbank), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

3:01 p.m. Public Comment opened: Angela Lambert spoke regarding their Barry's Total Home Maintenance and Repairs and the offering of their services. Barry Lambert spoke regarding his company and Cherokee heritage.

3:06 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorize the Establishment of a Line-of-Credit for Inventory Purposes for Bell's Fishery.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -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 McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization to Accept Easements for Hagar Drive Replacement and Dissolve Reciprocal Easement Agreement.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -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 Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Leader verbal and written report for April 6, 2008 with confidential items.

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

3:18 p.m. recess called.

3:26 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Treasurer's verbal report as presented by Treasurer Chingwa.

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

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept the Land and Reservation Committee's verbal and written report as presented by Committee Chairperson Councilor Kiogima.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the Legislative Services Attorney verbal and written report.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept verbal and written travel reports from Councilor Oldman and Councilor Harrington, Jr. regarding Michigan Indian Education Conference, Treasurer Chingwa regarding National Congress of American Indians and Secretary Gasco Bentley regarding Anishinaabemowin Teg.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to post to the Legislative Calendar, Dissolution of Marriage.

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

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to place the Enrollment for Citizenship Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Tribal Notary Public.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -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 McNamara for Tribal Council attendance to meet with Dr. James McClurken at his office in Lansing Michigan on April 26, 2008.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Kiogima for Tribal Council attendance at the Affordable Housing Conference in Lansing, Michigan April 28-30, 2008.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank for Tribal Council attendance at National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference in Reno, Nevada in June 2008.

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

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley for Tribal Council attendance at the National Congress of American Indians Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona in October 2008.

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

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adjourn at 5:00

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  
April 20, 2008

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:36 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima  
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, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2008

June 7 Work Session  
June 8 Council Meeting  
June 21 Work Session  
June 22 Council Meeting

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Communications Director Annette VandeCar

Guests: John Keshick, Denise Petoskey, Jenny Kronk, Tiffany Willis, Linda Harper, Yvonne Fuerte, Roger Emery, Julie Shanaququet, Angie Woodin, Fred Kiogima, Rita Shanaququet

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt the agenda for April 20, 2008 as amended.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to approve the Minutes of April 6, 2008 with corrections.

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

Motion carried.

John Keshick spoke regarding the Natural Resource Commission Proposed Legislation and requested the Commission be put on the Agenda to defend the original document submitted to Tribal Council for consideration.

Tribal Elder Comments: No comments at this time.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to re-appoint Jenny Lee Kronk to the position of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Associate Judge to a 4-year term beginning February 18, 2008 to February 18, 2012 and request the Tribal Court notify Tribal Council of the time and date of the swearing in.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor McNamara, Councilor Oldman), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt the Tribal Council Code of Conduct and Ethics Procedures and the Complaint and Request for Hearing form.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Gasco Bentley and

supported by Treasurer Chingwa to move the Gaming Board of Director's Office back to the Odawa Casino Administration Building at 911 Spring Street on the upper level, in the old Marketing suite. (This move is to be completed by May 30, 2008).

Motion Withdrawn

11:46 a.m. Public Comment opened: Julie Shanaququet spoke regarding the Burial Statute Regulations need for situational considerations, and the Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute proposed legislation regarding the accountability of the Tribal Chairman/Vice Chairman, and support for the section of proposed legislation regarding "Return to Employment".

11:50 a.m. Public Comment closed.

11: 54 a.m. Lunch Recess called.

1:49 p.m. Meeting Reconvened. Councilor Melvin Kiogima absent

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Support Agency Cooperative Agreement (SACA) Grant for anticipated funding of \$61,758.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -absent, Councilor Kiogima-absent, 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 McNamara and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) for an annual amount of Section 106 up to \$213,000.00 and the total two year amount for the General Assistance Program (GAP) is \$220,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -absent, Councilor Kiogima-absent, 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 Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Funding from the Association of American Indian Physicians in support of: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Healthy Indian Country Initiative Home Grown Project Enhancement in the maximum amount of \$25,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -absent, Councilor Kiogima-absent, 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 Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Indian Highway Safety Program 2008 Child Passenger Safety - Child Safety Seat Program Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Child Safety Seat Project in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -absent, Councilor Kiogima-absent, 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 Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated March 26, 2008 for a total of 11.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Kiogima, Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to approve Enrollment List B - Declination (Ineligible) dated March 26, 2008 for a total of 3.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Kiogima, Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

2:38 p.m. Recess called.

2:54 p.m. Meeting Reconvened.

2:58 p.m. Councilor Kiogima arrived.

3:12 p.m. Public Comment opened: Rita Shanaququet spoke regarding information placed on the Red Arrow web site, the proposed resolution allocating \$100,000 for the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), and the job description of the Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie. Fred Kiogima spoke regarding the Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute, the Gaming Board of Director's ability to make decisions, the Tribal Citizen accessibility to access the Gaming Board meetings, the Indian Preference in Hiring Statute regarding the casino management decisions, and casino employee confusion where the chain of command flows after their immediate supervisor.

3:21 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution to Allocate \$25,000 to Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -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 Councilor Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adjourn at 5:11 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to adjourn at 5:11 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date

maria-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-no, 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 Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution to Rescind and Replace Tribal Resolution 040608-03 to Authorize the Establishment of a Line-of-Credit for Inventory Purposes for Bell's Fishery, in amount \$200,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -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 Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorize \$100,000 from Prior Period Funds for Capitalization for the Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. (CDFI).

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Kiogima to add to the agenda the process to form the Tribal Council Ethics Committee.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to add to the agenda, Tribal Council Resolution creating the Tribal Council Ethics Committee.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Council Resolution Formation of Tribal Council Ad-Hoc Ethics Committee and Panel.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -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-abstain

Motion carried.

4:36 p.m. Recess called.

4:40 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report with confidential items contained there in.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Tribal Treasurer's verbal report for April 20, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept the verbal Land and Reservation Committee report given by Councilor Kiogima.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept Councilor McNamara's verbal and written report.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept Councilor Harrington, Jr., and Councilor Yellowbank written report.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

# Lines From our Membership



Happy Father's Day!

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy belated birthday to **John Bott, Sr.**, who celebrated on May 17. Love, your wife, sons and grandchildren.

Happy birthday to **Phillip James Harmon** on June 18. Keep up the education, hard work and being responsible. You will receive everything you want in life with a little patience. Lots of love, Mom, PJ, Brian, Billy and Tarbaby.

Happy 14th birthday to one of my favorite nieces on June 19. See, **Becca**, you're moving up the list! Love, Aunt Gina.

MnoDibishkaan noshenh **Aanzhenii Starr Bigjohn**, Mdaaswe sha Niizh biboonigiza miinwa shkinoshenh binoojiinhs Waawii'esenh **Raven Shomin** Bezhik biboonigiza. ChiNiibna Gzaaganim! Nokomis Carla

We wish to say happy birthday to **Keith Shananaquet, Jonathon Boda, Don Boda, Douglas Boda, Keith Yates, Thomas Hume and Mike Boda**. From Dorothy and Don Boda.

Happy birthday to my sister, **Fran Holdorph**, on June 20. Best wishes on your retirement last month.

Happy second birthday to **Ab-sydee Anna-Marie Field** on June 20. You are loved so very much by your family! Hailey Kay wants to adopt you before the new baby arrives and keep you all to herself! ha ha. Love, Grandma Judy, Uncle Skippy and Aunts Kristy and Stacy.



Happy birthday to the **Wicked Witch** on June 12. Please don't warm up the shredder, we'll behave. From your beloved Flying Monkeys.

Happy 12th birthday to **Kiana Wood** on June 7. We hope you have a great day and a stupendous year. Loads of love, Mom, Matthew and your sisters.

Happy 27th birthday to **Jimmy Gasco**, who celebrates on June 18! And Happy Father's Day, too. You're the Best from the East to the West!! Love you, Gina and Mkoohns Gasco.

Happy birthday to **Linda Harper**, Tribal Court Clerk Extraordinaire, on June 25. From the Tribal Court staff.

Happy 34th birthday to **General Junior** on June 12. Hope you have a great day as you totally deserve it!!!! I wonder what kind of birthday cake YOU will receive from your co-workers now that the shoe (or cake) is on the other foot. Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy 12th birthday **Tianna Wesaw** on June 1. Love, Mom, Dad and all your brothers and sisters.

Happy birthday to **Jennifer Carson** on June 27. Hope you have a wonderful day. Love, Aunt Marcia.

Happy birthday to a great father, husband and uncle, **Bill Bentley**, on June 9. We love you, Gina, Brit-tany, Elizabeth and Matt.

Happy birthday to my older brother, **John Gasco**, on June 24. How old are you now? Your younger sister??????

Happy birthday **T-T Nanners!!** We love you!! Nimkee, Frankie, Pooh, Daniel, Caleb and Gracie.

MnoDibishkaak Nzigozis **Carol Jean McFall** miinwa nsy'enhak **Curtis McFall, Sr.** miidash **Johnny B McFall**. Aapiji Gzaaganim.

Happy birthday to **Blayne Bott** on June 30. Love, Mom and Dad.

Happy 14th birthday to **Becca Lynn** on June 19. Thanks for being a great sister and Auntie. With all our love, Sara and Tavien.

Happy 16th birthday to **De 'Etra**. Happy 15th birthday to **Mijo**. With much love and prayers every day. Hope you have a great birthday year. Love, Mom.

Happy birthday to **me, myself and I!!** I'm not over the hill yet! No AARP for me!! Still gotta pay full price at the Waas No De!! (Yeah, I know ... cry me a river.) Jannan J. Cornstalk.

Happy birthday to **Antoine** a.k.a. "big 6-9." Love from Mom, Erwin, Alex and Andrew.

Happy belated birthday to our son, **Jerry Adkins**. Love, Mom and Dad. (This is late due to my bad memory, Jerry. Love, Ken.)

Happy birthday to a fellow **Rainbow Kid**. With love, from the Other Rainbow Kid.

Happy birthday wishes to my two banoogies, **Maggie Lou** and **Kinsley!** My granddaughters share a twin birthday in June. Hope it's a fun land day! Gzaagin, Maime.

Happy birthday to my Daddy (**Phil Harmon**). YOU ARE THE BEST. I want to grow up to be just like you. I love you. Peyton James Harmon and Mama.

Wow, 80! Happy birthday to **Phillip Keway** on June 12. From Jim and Nadine.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Wishing happy anniversary to **Sue** and **Roger Yates**, **Ronda** and **Chuck Ellis**, and **Virginia** and **Ron Schansema**. From Dorothy and Don Boda.

Happy 48th anniversary to **Francis** and **Gloria Burch** on June 18. Love, your family.

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Happy Father's Day to the best Dad and Grandpa, **Archie L. Kiogima, Jr.** We hope you have a great day, Gzaaguhn Gina, Jimmy and Mkoohns Gasco.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



**Waaseyaban Arin Wemigwase** was born on April 5 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI. She weighed nine pounds and seven ounces and was 22 inches long. Her parents are Aaron and Shanna Wemigwase of Harbor Springs, MI. Her sibling is Anamekwan Wemigwase. Her grandparents are Beverly and Robert Wemigwase of Harbor Springs and Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky of Petoskey.

## Walking On...

**Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Seamon, 66**  
Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Seamon, 66, of Grand Rapids, MI, walked on March 4. She was born at home in Harbor Springs, MI, on December 11, 1941. Her mother was Thelma Shananaquet and her stepfather was Ferris Seamon. She attended Holy Childhood Indian Boarding School at age 10 when her parents passed on. She had many fond memories of her time spent with her parents, living in the beauty of the northern woods and hearing them speak Anishinaabemowin. She moved to Grand Rapids at age 18 where she earned her high school diploma, worked as a seamstress and raised her daughters. She never drove a car and could be seen walking almost everyday, ready for any weather and picking flowers in the spring. She loved to visit and talk on the phone, attend family gatherings and simply pass the time in the company of her family. She is dearly missed by her daughters, Michelle Shananaquet, Lisa Heintz, Rosetta Dunlap, Melissa Bentley and Nichole Shepherd. She had nine grandchildren, Brittany and Zachary Bentley; Amber, Becca and Maddie Heintz; Woodrow Unruh; Aubrey and Eric Dunlap; and Nitaawe Shepherd. She (Nokomis) was very proud of her grandchildren and the accomplishments of her daughters and enjoyed having pictures of everyone. The memory of her beautiful smile and ready laughter is cherished and carried on. She is also survived by her beloved cat, Sidney.

## Walking On...



**Patricia "Patti Brown" Mitchell, 58**

Patricia "Patti Brown" Mitchell, 58, of Lawrence, KS, walked on April 3 at the Shawnee Mission Medical Center. She was born July 2, 1949, in Scott Air Force Base, IL, the daughter of Wallace James and Elsie Napont Mitchell. She was a long-time member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Survivors include two children, Marcelo E. Avila and L. Marie Avila; and three grandchildren, Damacius E. White, Simiyah N. White and Tyrell Dameako Greenlee II. She traveled a difficult path in life, she was released to a peaceful place, and she is now home with her long-time companion Paco.



**Tania Elaine von der Lippe Devers, 45**

Tania Elaine von der Lippe Devers, 45, of Front Royal, VA, walked on April 12 at Warren Memorial Hospital. She was born January 19, 1963. She is survived by her husband, David Martin Devers; four children, David Martin Devers II, Daniel Mark Devers, Danielle Michelle Devers and Donna Marie Devers; her mother, Virginia Anne Portman von der Lippe; two sisters, Sonia Renee von der Lippe and Karina Anne von der Lippe; an uncle, William Portman; two nephews, Nicholas Andrew von der Lippe and Jacob Rocko Salvia and a niece, Rachel Ann Salvia.

## CONGRATS GRADS!

Congratulations to **Michele Keshick**, who earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Human Behavior. We are very proud of you.

Congratulations to my son, **Skippy Skippergosh**, on your high school graduation. It seems like only yesterday you were toddling around pulling your sister Laura's long hair or dancing to the theme of Jeopardy!! You are now taking the next big step in your journey in life. Believe in yourself and remember all that Grandpa has given to you since you were as he calls it, "just a pup." You are a fantastic son, grandson, brother, cousin and uncle! With all my love, Mom.

## CONGRATS GRADS

Congratulations to our "Drum Sister, **Jannan Cornstalk**," who graduated from North Central Michigan College on May 9. "Gegwe wiikaa aanshitge."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Eagle Clan Carver Workshops

Ron Paquin is offering Porcupine Quill Box, Birch bark Picture Framed with Quillwork and Quilled Birch bark Wall Pocket workshops at his home located at 1200 E. 11th Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

The Porcupine Quill Box workshop will be held July 14, 21 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on those days. Cost is \$100. All materials will be provided, but please bring your own lunch.

The Birch bark Picture Framed with Quillwork workshop will be held August 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$60. You will create an 8x10 frame with red willow and quillwork. All materials provided, but please bring your own lunch.

The Quilled Birch bark Wall Pocket workshop is August 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$45. You will create a birch bark wall pocket porcupine quill décor. All materials provided, but please bring your own lunch.

To register, send your check or money order for full amount payable to Ron Paquin, 1200 E. 11th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Your reservation is confirmed only upon receipt of your payment. First-come, first-serve! Should I have to cancel for any reason, I will refund your total amount.

Please let me know if you have other requests for workshops or if these times don't work for you, I can hold a class on a date mutually convenient for a minimum of five and a maximum of eight (depending on the class) students. For those of you interested in the blueberry (six-sided) or tulip (four-sided) birch bark basket, please note you are interested and maybe I can add that class.

For more information, please contact Paquin at 906-635-8158 or [ramp@lighthouse.net](mailto:ramp@lighthouse.net).

### The 21st Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

The 21st Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics (MIFO) will be held July 25 at Bennett Track on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Registration deadline is July 18. Please contact the Community Health Department at 231-242-1601 for registration information.

Please come and join the fun, and help LTBB recapture the title.

LTBB won the event in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and finished second there last year.

# Executive Branch

## From the Desk of the Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik

### Ambassadorial Activities

**Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA):** Bay Mills Indian Community hosted the March meeting. We are in the process of revamping the agenda format to include both the Great Lakes Resources Committee (GLRC) and the Inland Lands and Water Resources Committee (ILWRC). ILWRC has existed nominally, but didn't meet until after we signed the Inland Consent Decree. We have agenda items each month now, and we needed this to be a regular part of our meetings.

For the last several years, we have had two meetings on the same day with the same attendees, CORA and GLRC. With the advent of an ILWRC meeting, we decided to try having one meeting with three sections chaired by the CORA President with reports by the GLRC and ILWRC chairs during this meeting.

**Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA):** On April 3, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Director Andy Hayes and Board President Brian Braddock come to the LTBB offices to meet with Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. and me regarding potential affiliation of LTBB with NLEA. We had a good introductory meeting and discussed several possible ways of affiliation: As a regular member, as a core partner or possibly as a separate type of membership specific to our tribal status. The outcome of our meeting was the planning of a second meeting scheduled for next month at which we will expand the number of attendees for a broader discussion. We expect to hold several discussions over the rest of this year before coming to a final suggestion.

**United Tribes of Michigan (UTM):** We had a board meeting via conference call on April 14. We discussed a brief agenda that involved authorizing our banking and checking accounts and several other logistical items for the organization.

We tentatively scheduled a full meeting of the UTM at the Muni-

pal Employees Retirement System of Michigan office in Lansing, MI, on May 29.

**State Tourism Conference:** The Michigan Travel Commission held a joint meeting with the Board of the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Council on April 13. This was the opening for the three-day State Tourism Conference at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI. On April 14, I ended up working in my hotel room for most of the morning on a conference call meeting for the United Tribes of Michigan and other phone calls for tribal business.

On the morning of April 15, the commission gave a presentation on the Tourism Strategic Plan. In the afternoon of April 15, Governor Jennifer Granholm spoke. Just before her talk, we had a half hour meeting with her about the new funding for tourism promotion the legislature was considering. This funding has since passed, allocating \$60 million over two years to expanded promotions. This vastly exceeds the \$7.5 million previously allocated. These increased funds will enable Travel Michigan to do even more partnerships like the one that LTBB, Little River, Grand Traverse Band and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe did this past year.

The AAA Awards Luncheon was held at this conference. I was there to witness the Soaring Eagle Casino Resort receive its 10th consecutive four-diamond award. I spoke with Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council Member Michelle Stanley and their general manager about the tribal partnership for the Pure Michigan Campaign.

I also spoke with Director Sandra Clark of the Michigan Historical Center about the potential Indian Country publication partnership with Travel Michigan.

I had a long talk with Carol Eavou, the Marketing Director for Kewadin Casinos, about the tribal partnerships and the potential Indian Country publication.

On April 15, the Travel Com-

mission presented its progress report for the Strategic Plan for Tourism followed by George Zimmerman, the Director of Travel Michigan, with a report to the Tourism Industry.

We had a stand up lunch at the trade show after which I had a long discussion with Mary Kilmer and Erica Hovey, our Odawa Casino Resort staff who attended the conference.

After the governor spoke, I was able to talk with her briefly about Nimkee Technologies and our thoughts for this company. I met with Jim Epolito of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for about 40 minutes following my discussion with the governor. We talked about the LTBB tribal economy and Nimkee Technologies.

**Native Vote:** I assigned Su Lantz from our Legal Department as the state coordinator for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Native Vote Program. Val Biro will serve as the LTBB contact. This past week on April 17, Lantz held a successful initial Native Vote conference call for tribes in Michigan. She is working on a funding proposal that will provide funds for LTBB and all the other tribes in Michigan coordinated through NCAI.

**Michigan State University (MSU) Political Leadership Program:** On April 19, I spoke to the MSU Political Leadership Program at the Department of Natural Resources' R.A. MacMullen Center in Higgins Lake, MI. This program has 24 participants. One of the requirements is an aspiration to run for political office. Many of the graduates eventually serve in the Michigan Legislature or hold other elected offices within the State of Michigan.

I was asked to speak about water issues, both from a tribal cultural perspective and from a public policy perspective. One of the graduates of this program is Aaron Payment, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Chairman. He was the afternoon speaker on April 19. This was a

great opportunity to help shape the opinions of the future leaders in the state.

**National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA):** Denemy attended the NIGA meeting from April 20-24. He served this past year as the Midwest Area Vice President on the NIGA Board. At this year's conference, he was elected the Alternate Area Vice President for the coming year.

**Harbor Springs Area District Library:** I received a call from Carolyn Sandford of Harbor Springs, MI, regarding a drive to establish a new library. She is one of the community leaders working on the project. I will be sending a staff person to the initial meeting in May.

### Implementation of Statutes and Resolutions

**Signing:** I have signed and returned to the Legislative Office all resolutions from the past month except for the Notary Public Statute. The Notary Public Statute was signed on April 30 after we worked out some implementation details. I believe we are the first tribe to have asserted our sovereignty by passing such a law and authorizing notaries under tribal law.

I am letting the resolution for the Victories site feasibility study be deemed approved without my signature.

### Oversight of Commissions and Programs

**Boards and Commissions:** We worked with the Trust Fund Board on its suggested changes for its statute. We also assisted the Economic Development Commission with initial steps for revising their strategic plan. The Natural Resource Commission meetings usually fall the night before the CORA meetings, and I attended to review the CORA packet with the commissioners and staff.

This past month, we've attended several meetings of the Gaming Board of Directors as it has been in the final stages of its search for a new General Manager for Odawa Casino

Resort in Petoskey, MI.

**Enrollment Office and Enhanced Tribal ID's:** The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative will require passports to cross the Canadian and Mexican borders. The Real ID Act provides for states to develop an enhanced driver's license, and it also provides for tribes to issue an enhanced tribal ID to take the place of a passport for Canadian and Mexican travel. We received a letter announcing a meeting that will occur the day before the Mid-Year NCAI meeting regarding the enhanced tribal ID's. We responded we are interested in developing this new ID and will be working with the federal government to help set the guidelines and regulations for this project.

**Legal Department:** We have the signatures needed for the dissolution of the Reciprocal Easement Agreement at the Health Park in Petoskey. General Counsel Jim Bransky finished this up and has filed the papers with the Register of Deeds. Our Trust Application for this parcel is in the process of being reinstated and the Hager Drive road work is expected to be put out to bid soon with work to start in June.

We have also now completed the final step for the Hathaway Road project to go to bid, and we expect this work to be done this summer.

### Enterprise Oversight Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.:

We are still in the organizational period for this venture. We had scheduled several meetings in the Detroit area for April 25, including one with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Director Jim Epolito. Nimkee Technologies, our partnership with the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Economic Development Corporation, is looking into eight government contracting businesses and alternative energy businesses. The development of these ventures will take several months of background work before we will see much visible progress.

## Interested in working for LTBB?

Jobs are updated every Friday at  
[www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

- In person at our LTBB Human Resources office
- Email: [hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)
- Mail to LTBB Human Resources, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Questions? Please contact Phil J. Harmon, HR Generalist/Recruiter at 231-242-1563.

Traditional Healer

# Jake Pine

is available for appointments on

June 23 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
& June 24 from 9 a.m. - noon

Sweat lodge may be available. Please call for details.

All appointments at the  
**LTBB Community Health Department**

1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI

For more information or  
to schedule an appointment,  
please call 231-242-1601.

"Delegation" continued from cover.

following traditional Odawa foods: Corn soup, fry bread, Indian tacos, whitefish, wild rice dishes, venison dishes and desserts made with Michigan berries and fruit.

The dinner preparation crew included Dorothy Perry, Linda Gokee, Beverly Wemigwase, Cathy Gibson, Barb Laughlin and Julie Shananaquet. Joe Kishego gave the blessing before the dinner.

After the dinner, the delegation gave a presentation about TKRP, and there was a question and answer session. During the presentation, the children in attendance painted a group picture led by John Hunter, whose paintings were hung around the governmental building.

On April 30, the Environmental Services Department took the delegation on a tour of the Susan Creek



Nature Preserve in Charlevoix, MI, before the delegation departed for Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI.

For more information on TKRP, please visit [www.tkrp.com.au](http://www.tkrp.com.au).

The group photo of the delegation by Annette VanDeCar. The other two photos are by Mike Lyons.

"Quills" continued from cover.

wolf charged at the porcupine, he ran up a tree to safety. Later, a bear charged at the porcupine and again, the porcupine ran up a tree to safety. The porcupine noticed how the spines from the thorn bush kept poking him in the back. That gave him an idea. He put the thorns from the bush on himself. When the wolf bit him, the wolf went away crying because the thorns hurt him and made him bleed. The bear also bit the porcupine and went away crying, hurt and bleeding. Nanabosho saw what had happened to the wolf and bear and decided it was a good way for the porcupine to protect himself. From that day on,



Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor Doreen Peltier carefully inserts her quills.

porcupines had quills.

The following is the second story about how the porcupine came to be: Living in a peaceful village was a man who was sick in the head. He wanted to go to war, and he was always making weapons. The other people in the village got tired of the man, and the man was told to leave the village. The man left the village and camped alone. The man kept



Administrative Assistant to the Prosecutor Yvonne Fuerte created a heart design on one side of her quillwork ornament during the workshop portion of the informational session.



H/R Generalist/Recruiter Phil Harmon prepares the birch bark for use on his ornament.

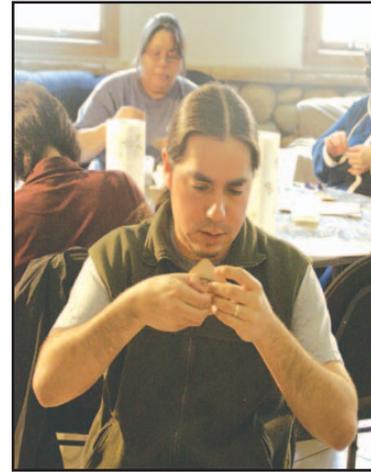
making weapons all winter. In the spring, he shot arrows in the air, and the arrows came down and hit him. The man became the first porcupine.

The following is the story about how the birch bark tree came to be: At first, the tree was born perfectly white. It was tall and beautiful with no scars. It became vain and laughed at the other trees. It would shake its leaves so the other trees knew it was laughing at them. One beautiful, sunny morning, Nanabosho, the spirit of the forest who knows all, came to the forest in the form of a human. Nanabosho fell on the dew. The tree laughed at Nanabosho when he was slipping and falling. Nanabosho beat the tree for laughing at him. From then on, the tree had scars on it as a reminder not to laugh at people who have difficult times.

The video "Quill Art of the Waganakising Odawa" was also shown during the morning presentation. The video is still in the final editing process. It documents the process a

quill work artist goes through to make a quill box. It has the following parts: History, Birch bark, Preparing the Bark, Cutting out Scallops, Creating the Design, Pulling Quills, Sorting Quills, Quilling Side Rail, Sweet grass, Sewing on Sweet grass and Sewing the Bottom.

During the afternoon portion of the session, Walker-Keshick and her



Natural Resource Director Doug Craven makes sure his quills are lining up right.

daughter, Kim Worthington, helped participants make two-sided birch bark ornaments with designs on both sides. Walker-Keshick provided some designs on handouts or participants could create their own designs. Participants were able to take the ornaments home with them, and it gave them an idea of how much time and effort it takes to make a quill box.

The Circle of Life Informational Sessions were established to increase LTBB Governmental Employees' knowledge of Odawa culture.

The photo of the quill box with flowers on it was taken by Mike Lyons. The rest of the photos were taken by Annette VanDeCar.

## Upcoming Higher Education Deadlines

June 15, 2008

Michelle Chingwa Scholarship  
documentation for Summer 2008 semester

June 16, 2008

Michigan Indian Elders Association  
application for 2008-2009 academic year

August 1, 2008

LTBB Elders Assoc. Scholarship  
application for 2008-2009 academic year

August 1, 2008

Merit Scholarship  
applications for grade reports from  
2007-2008 academic year



**For applications or more information, please call  
Melissa Colby at  
231-242-1492.**

## STRAWBERRY PICKING AT KITELY'S FARMS



Back by popular demand, we are planning a berry picking event for the third or fourth week of June. Call Community Health at 231-242-1601 to sign up or for more information.

Last year, we had approximately 45 people (the youngest was around six months old, and the oldest was in their 60s) participate, and it was a beautiful day. We picked almost 400 pounds of strawberries. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

## FLOWER MAKING

Share your talent and creativity! Now is the time to start working on crepe' paper flowers for this fall's flower crowns. Crepe' paper is available for pickup any Tuesday or Thursday during the Elders Luncheon. Please contact Virginia Lewis at 231-539-8633, Harriet Kishigo-Booth at 231-838-6547 or the Elders Program at 231-242-1422 for more information.

## 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 weatherstripping are available for pickup at the Human Services Building during regular business hours.

## YOUR BUSINESS DREAM STARTS HERE!

Opening your business requires more than motivation. Earn your Entrepreneurship Certificate through the WOCTEP Program! Classes begin in June and are offered through North Central Michigan College. The class will be offered in a three-part series of one credit workshops designed to help you and your dream business succeed.

Register now to reserve your space. For class times and locations or for more information, please call the WOCTEP program at 231-242-1485.



# Environmental Services

## OUT OF YOUR WAY, THE RIGHT WAY EARTH DAY RECYCLING EVENT A SUCCESS



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

A steady flow of vehicles carrying unwanted electronics and small appliances kept the organizers of the Out of Your Way, the Right Way Earth Day recycling event busy.

The Environmental Services Department and the Emmet County Department of Public Works (DPW) partnered to organize the event held April 26 at the Emmet County Transfer Station in Harbor Springs, MI.

It served as a kickoff event for a project being funded by a one-year, \$18,755 grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency



(EPA) Great Lakes National Program Office (the grant runs from April 17, 2008 to April 16, 2009). The project involves the collection of unwanted household electronics and pharmaceuticals.

As part of the first phase of the EPA grant, an electronics collection event was planned with Emmet County DPW. During the two-hour event, people brought 299 electronics and small appliances for recycling. Eighty-four of the items were televisions, and seven of those televisions were more than 42 inches. Throwing away TV sets releases hazardous materials into the environment, including roughly three to eight pounds of lead per unit.

Some of the more unusual items brought to be recycled included a Beta video recorder, a Commodore computer printer, a crock pot, vacuums and remote control cars.

"We were extremely pleased with the turnout," Environmental Services Director Rachel Schwarz said. "It was great to see so many tribal citizens participate in the event. The coupon will expire on July 26, 2008, so there

is still an opportunity to recycle those electronics with a TV for free.

"However, the Emmet County Transfer Station accepts electronics for a small fee throughout the year."

The Environmental Services Department and the Emmet County Department of Public Works publicized the event by running ads in the *Petoskey News-Review*, distributing flyers and performing a bulk mailing to all LTBB Tribal Citizens. People simply had to present the coupon from the flyer to have their electronics and small appliances recycled free of charge.

Among the sponsors were Wal-Mart, Integrity, Family Video, Bi-



indigen, Mighty Good Pizza and 106



106 KHQ'S Dave B. Goode interviews Rachel Schwarz during a live broadcast at the event.

KHQ. Wal-Mart donated a 20-inch TV/DVD, Integrity donated a digital camera, Family Video donated three \$5 gift certificates, 106 KHQ donated two Detroit Tigers tickets and Bi-indigen and Mighty Good Pizza donated 10 pizzas each. People

who participated in the event were entered into a drawing to win the donated prizes.

106 KHQ's Dave B. Goode from the Dave and Heather in the Morning Show gave live reports from the event. Goode interviewed Schwarz and Emmet County Department of Public Works Director Elisa Seltzer during live reports.

Schwarz, Melby, Seltzer, Lidsey Walker(Emmet DPW), Lab Technician Mike Holmes, Water Quality Specialist Kira Davis and Wetlands Specialist Jackie Pilette worked at the event. Volunteers included Geographic Information Systems Assis-

tant Jim Keiser, Waganakising Odawak Business Technology and Training Project Director Tom Bauer and Chief Law Enforcement Officer Jeff Cobe, who directed the flow of vehicles inside the transfer station.

As part of the second phase of the grant, there will be events where people can bring their unwanted pharmaceuticals so they can be properly disposed of. Schwarz said recently, unwanted pharmaceuticals are being found in water supplies because people generally dispose of them by flushing them down the toilet or by

"Recycling" continued on page 19.



## WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE KWIS & TIIO COMICS

Submitted by the Environmental Services Department

You may have noticed the Kwis & Tiio comic strips printed in the last two newsletters. Over the next few months, we will continue to print Kwis & Tiio comics. These comic strips were made by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe located in New York. While the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe is different than the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, we can all appreciate the Native humor and environmental lessons in these comics.

For more information on the comics, please contact Air Quality Specialist Robin Clark at 231-242-1425.

INTRODUCING... **KWIS & TIIO** IN THE FIRE

WHAT'S BURNING?

OH MAN! THIS REEKS!

IT'S MY UNCLE'S TRASH DUDE!

HE DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO THE DUMP BURNS HIS STUFF.

AREN'T WE CLOSE TO THE DAYCARE?

YEAH, BUT HE ONLY BURNS AT NIGHT.

MAN HE'S GOT PLASTIC, PAPER... ALL KINDS OF GROSS JUNK IN THERE. IT'S SICK!

OH SO WHAT! WE'VE HAD THAT STINKING FACTORY THERE ALL MY LIFE!

YEAH, BUT THIS IS EXACTLY THE SAME OR WORSE ALL THAT SMOKEY CRAP FALLS DOWN ALL OVER HERE AND DOESN'T EVEN BURN ALL THE WAY AND THAT SMELL...

YA KNOW 80% OR MORE OF THIS TRASH IS RECYCLABLE. IT JUST TAKES A BIT MORE TIME AND COSTS LESS. IT'S BETTER TO LET INCINERATORS BURN SPECIAL TOXIC WASTE THAN YOUR UNCLE'S OLD FIRE BARREL!

SPECIAL TOXIC WASTE? WHAT'S SO DANGEROUS THAT IT NEEDS A SPECIAL FIRE?

YOUR OLD UNDERWEAR.

SPONSORED BY ST. REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

TO BE CONTINUED...

### Nokomis Learning Center is proud to offer

**Anishinaabemowin Language Class**

Learn the basics of Anishinaabemowin in a supportive atmosphere with Native fluent Odawa teacher and talented storyteller, George Roy! Saturdays 10 a.m. - noon. Call 517-349-5777 to register!

**Traditional Craft Night**

Join master craftswoman Rose Deland every Monday to learn or to work on your own traditional Anishinaabe craft projects. Craft Night is scheduled to run Mondays 6 - 9 p.m., May 5 through October 27, except for Memorial Day and Labor Day.

**Drum Social Night**

Come join us each Friday evening for drum practice and dancing. Drum Social Night will run Wednesdays, 6 - 9 p.m., May 21 through November 12.

All ages and abilities welcome. Events are free and open to the public. Donations are encouraged to help keep them going. Suggested donation is \$5, but give what you can.

For more information, please contact:  
**Nokomis Learning Center**  
 A Native American Cultural Center  
 5153 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
 517-349-5777 or [www.nokomis.org](http://www.nokomis.org)



# Native News

## Woodland Singers Perform in Front of a Sold Out Crowd at the Ulali Concert

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

It was an experience the Woodland Singers will always remember.

The Woodland Singers, the women's hand drum group that formed in 2003, performed before a sold out crowd as one of the opening acts at the March 22 Ulali concert in Grand Rapids, MI.

The group performed the songs Gundoday, Nishnabe Kwe and Meet Me by the Water.

"It was a fabulous experience for everyone who participated," Rochelle Ettawageshik said of the event sponsored by the Nokomis Foundation and presented by the Grand Rapids Women's Chorus.

"We still have good feelings about it even now. It was a memorable night."

The members of the Woodland Singers held fundraisers and received donations so the group could charter a bus to the event. Not even a snowstorm the day before the concert deterred the group from getting there.

The members, who made the trip to Grand Rapids, included Vicki Lynn, Virginia Schanema, Ettawageshik, Janelle Smith, Andrea Otto, Marilyn Hume, Yvonne Walker-Keshick and Kim Naganashe.

"It was a thrill to meet Ulali (a Native American women's cappella group who has toured internationally and across North America)," Otto said. "There was so much to learn



from them (Ulali members are Pura Fe, Soni Moreno and Jennifer Kresiberg). We sang with Ulali at the workshop held before the concert. It was exciting."

Hume said she wasn't nervous to perform in front of the sold out crowd.

"It was awesome," Hume said. "I like to look at the audience to see people's reactions."

This wasn't the first time the Woodland Singers have opened for a well-known act or musician. The Woodland Singers opened for Yolanda Martinez, who won the 2004 and 2005 Best Female Artist Native American Music awards, at a concert held May 26, 2007 in Petoskey, MI. The group performed six songs at that concert.

But this time, the group received first-class treatment by receiving its own dressing room and having a person specifically assigned to assist them.

"It was very professional," Ettawageshik said. "They treated us very well."

After the Woodland Singers performed at the dedication of the

playground equipment for the LTBB Head Start Program on June 1, 2007, a representative from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan recommended the group as an opening act for the Ulali concert. The Snowbird Singers were the other opening act there.

"It was an honor to be chosen to perform at the concert," Otto said. "What made it even more special was the fact so many of our friends and family members were there to see us perform."

Yvonne Walker-Keshick said the group plans to record its own CD someday with all original songs.

"It is our goal for everyone to write her own song eventually," Walker-Keshick said. "Everyone has a song in them. We'll have to think and pray about it."

Ulali's music has been described as a natural blend of bluegrass, folk, jazz and soul. Ulali conveys through their music a message about the struggles of aboriginal peoples, especially Native American women, by using their gifted voices to address racial and gender stereotypes.

*The photos appear courtesy of the Grand Rapids Women's Chorus.*

## Odawa Casino Resort Employment Corner



Submitted by Lynn Trozzo, Odawa Casino Resort Recruiter

In conjunction with Youth Services Coordinator Joe Lucier and with special assistance from Department of Commerce Assistant Theresa Keshick, we had a great turnout for the Application Intake for Summer Jobs portion of the April 9 Youth Group meeting at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

I met with approximately a dozen youth and their parents. We started the application process and pre-registered them for their interviews at the Odawa Casino Resort official kickoff for the Spring Career Fair held April 12 at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI.

We met with many great young and eager students to talk about the positions they could apply for and work in the casino for their age specific groups. They were all smiles, a bit nervous, but overall, looked like a great bunch to start in their first jobs!

Most of the positions will not begin until late May or early June.

The Odawa Casino Resort Spring Career Fair brought in a little more than 150 interested applicants and approximately 30 of those were LTBB Tribal Citizens and other Indian nations combined.

It was actually a very controlled environment whereby the managers had the time to meet with each individual and to have a short interview regarding the position they were interested in. We were able to meet a lot of new applicants.

Remember, in order to work for Odawa Casino Resort, the following documentation is needed for youth: Work permit issued from the school the youth attend; social security card, driver's license if applicable and tribal I.D.; and parents or guardians are necessary to attend with the student if selected for hire at the drug test and the licensing process.

*Courtesy photo.*

## Native News Briefs

Odawa Trails staff report



(Left to Right) Jacob Young, Anamekwan "Anna" Wemigwase and Andrea Young.

### Young Authors Garner Awards

Blackbird Elementary School in Harbor Springs, MI, held poetry contests for its first and second grade students.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Anamekwan "Anna" Wemigwase was one of five poetry winners from the first grade. Her poem was titled, "Joe the Frog." It reads as follows: "Joe is a frog that lives on a log. He is green, but he is not mean. Joe is slimy and tiny. He jumps high to eat the flies. I am very happy I met Joe because he's the nicest frog I know."

She is the daughter of Shanna and Aaron Wemigwase and the granddaughter of Beverly and Robert Wemigwase and Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Jacob Young was one of five poetry winners from the second grade. His poem was titled, "My Pinewood Derby Car." It

reads as follows: "I started with just a plain wooden car. I put on the wheels, and it went really far! I painted it blue, and put on some stripes. I named it Blue Tiger, then made some tail pipes. I added some headlights, and painted a windshield, I fixed it all up, to race in the field. I put on a sticker, number one, added a few touches, and then I was done! So I took it to church, and I entered the race. I knew I did well, when I took third place!" He is the son of Gary and Debbie Young.

Shay Elementary School in Harbor Springs also held a poetry contest for its students.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Andrea Young was one of the winners from the fourth grade. Her poem was titled, "Spring." It reads as follows: "When Spring time comes, things will get very extra soggy and wet. You shall see things start to grow. Soon there will be no more snow. For sledding and skiing, it will be gone. Winter is over and it is done. There will be tulips, crocuses, too, the sun will shine down in a sky so blue. The birds will come back, goldfinch and robin, bluebirds from everywhere, they all will come in. So spring has come in and it's getting warm. Winter has gone, not another snowstorm." She is the daughter of Gary and Debbie Young.

Anamekwan "Anna" Wemigwase, Andrea Young and Jacob Young read their poems to the Harbor Springs Public Schools Board of Education at the organization's regu-



LTBB Hawks Girls 14-18 Basketball Team with Head Coach J.D. Gibson (back row on the far left) and Assistant Coach Joe Lucier (back row on the far right).

lar meeting on May 12.

*The photo of Anamekwan Wemigwase, Jacob Young and Andrea Young appears courtesy of Winnay Wemigwase.*

### LTBB Hawks Girls Basketball Teams Excel at Peshawbestown Tournament

Congratulations to the LTBB Hawks girls basketball teams.



LTBB Hawks Girls 13 and Under Basketball Team with Head Coach Larry Denemy (sitting in the front row) and Assistant Coach Archie Kiogima III (standing in the back row).

### Schmidt, Cassandra Gibson, Breanna Mulholland-Cepeda and Jasmine McFall.

J.D. Gibson is the head coach, and Joe Lucier is the assistant coach.

Members of the 13 and under team included Yarrow Nowell, Alexandria LaVake, Amber Nowell, Andrea Reese, Sarah Schilling, Becca Lynn, Kaitlyn Shananaquet, Nicole Laughlin and Izzy Olson.

Larry Denemy is the head coach and Archie Kiogima III is the assistant coach.

*The LTBB Hawks basketball team photos appear courtesy of Theresa Keshick.*

### Tribal Chairman Appointed to Climate Action Council

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik was appointed to fill a term on Michigan's Climate Action Council, which expires at the end of the year.

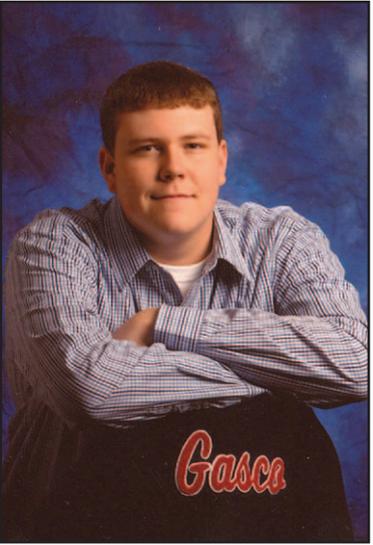
The Climate Action Council consists of representatives of state government, academia, agriculture/forestry, general public and industry.

The council produces an inventory and forecast of greenhouse gas emissions and offsets in Michigan, compiles a comprehensive climate change action plan for Michigan with specific recommendations for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and works with local units of government and institutions of higher education to assist them in meeting the challenges of climate change.

# Congratulations to our LTBB 2008 Graduates!



**Emily C. Proctor** received a Masters degree in Social Work from Michigan State University earlier this month. She is the daughter of Denny and Sarah Proctor and the granddaughter of John and Alice Dubiel and Donald and Lucille Proctor. Your family is very proud of you!



Congratulations to **Matt Gasco**, who is graduating from Boyne City High School. He will attend Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI, this fall. Your family is proud of you and wish you well.



Congratulations to **Elias Frank Reyes-Olson**, who graduates from Bremerton High School, Class of 2008. He made the Senior All-Star Cascade Team for his senior season of varsity basketball and finished fourth in the league in scoring with 18.6 points per game. He is much loved by his mother, Vicki A. Olson, and his sister, Izzy Olson. Graduation ceremonies are June 13 in Bremerton, WA, where his mother and sister will be in attendance. He is the grandson of the late Victoria (Kishigo) Reyes and Elias (Lee) Reyes. We love you always and wish you all the best in what the world has to offer. Go forth and do yourself and your family proud. Hugs and kisses! Mom and Izzy.



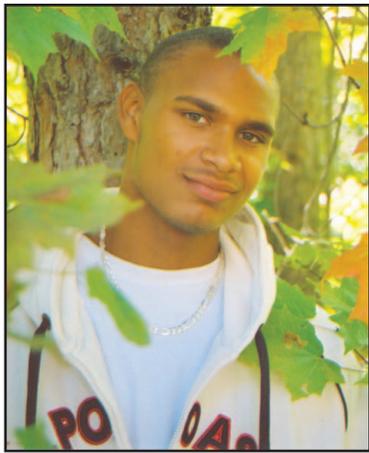
Congratulations to **Charles Travis Russell** on your graduation with honors from the University of Michigan College of Literature Science and Arts. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with an English major and a Music minor. He is the son of Christine and Roger Russell of Richland, MI, and the grandson of the late Anna Levandoski Massey of Pellston, MI. We are very proud of you!



**Jeremiah Thompson**, a 2002 graduate of Petoskey High School, graduated on May 3 from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. His future plans are to go to law school. He is the son of the late Taimi Hoag, who was the Environmental Services Director, before she walked on in December 2002. If anyone would like to send him a card of congratulations, this is his address: Jeremiah Thompson, 233 Delta, Apt. 810, East Lansing, MI 48823.



**Dawn Nightlinger**, the daughter of Henry Sineway, graduated with an Associates degree in Social Science from Bay Mills Community College earlier this month. She is currently working as the Administrative Assistant for the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) in the Education Department. Congratulations! Your family is very proud of your achievement!



**Erwin A. Burks**, 17, son of Lia Burks and grandson of Mary Burks, will graduate from Pellston High School. Always charming and known by all who meet him for his outgoing personality, Erwin is looking forward to studying Construction Management and one day, making a living doing what he loves - working with his hands. Erwin, we love you and we're so proud of you! Love, your family.



Congratulations to **Marin C. Bertram**, who graduated from Alanson Littlefield High School with honors. She will finish her Associates in Business Management from North Central Michigan College, and then transfer to a four-year university. Her open house is June 7 from 2-6 p.m. hosted by Doug and Sarah Craven at 6735 Maple Drive in Pellston, MI. Your family is very proud of you and all your achievements. Love you! Your Mother.



**Jay Field**, the son of Maurice and Sara Field and the grandson of Henry and Anne Field, will graduate from Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI, on June 1. He plans to take core business management courses this fall at North Central Michigan College with the intention of later transferring to Ferris State University to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Industry Management.



Congratulations to **Mike McCreery** on earning his Criminal Justice degree. We are all very proud of you! Love, Lynette, Gavin and Mia, the Bellinger and Ingram families and the Tally, Sprague and McCreery families.



**Sarah K. Martell**, the daughter of Paul and Kim Martell and the granddaughter of Charles and Betty Martell, will graduate from Holland High School in Holland, MI, on June 2 with a 3.295 grade point average. She will attend Grand Valley State University where she will be working toward earning an Elementary Education degree. You made it girl! We're all so very proud of you. May the sun always shine on your future. We love you. Dad, Mom, brother Ryan, son Shawn, sister Kristin, brother-in-law Ernie and nephew Jacob.

**Kyle Shomin** is graduating from Petoskey High School (PHS). Commencement for PHS is June 1. He plans to work full-time this summer and attend either North Central Michigan College or Northwestern Michigan College for General Studies. He plans to "play the field" until he decides what major he will choose. He is the son of Kathy and Pete Shomin.

## 2008 INDIAN EDUCATION GRADUATES

James Brown \*  
Daniel Brunelle \*  
Anakin Chingwa \*  
Thomas Esford \*  
Jay Field \*  
Mathew Kahgee \*  
Krystina Peariso \*  
Kasheena Shananaquet \*  
Kyle Shomin \*  
Gaila Vertz \*  
Calvin Schemanski \*  
Amber Mongene \*  
Antonio Cepeda-Mulholland #  
Amelia Meier #  
Larry Skippergosh #  
Brooke Whittaker #  
Michael Wood #

\*Denotes Petoskey High School graduates

# Denotes Charlevoix High School graduates

Submitted by Constance Marshall.

## LTBB Continues Tradition of the Return Supper

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

On April 19, approximately 100 people attended the Return Supper held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The hosts for the Return Supper were Tim Thomas, Mitch Laughlin and Tyler Laughlin. They selected the biscuits with the coins at the Three Kings Supper held January 6 at the governmental center.

The people who selected the biscuits with the beans at the Three Kings Supper brought food and helped with the Return Supper.

Before the Europeans arrived, the Odawa people held mid-winter, spring and summer feasts. The Europeans forbid the Odawa people to hold these feasts. In order to still maintain their traditional feasts and because the majority of the Odawa people were Catholic, the Odawa people aligned some of their feasts with Christian holidays.

The mid-winter feast became the Three Kings Supper, the spring feast became the Return Supper, the summer feast became the Summer Solstice Celebration and the Ghost Suppers traditionally held in late spring/early summer were aligned with the Christian holidays of All Saints Day on November 1 and All Souls Day on November 2.

In the past, the Return Supper was held at a parish or township hall and included a dinner, naming ceremonies and a dance. Alcoholic beverages were served during the dance. In recent times, the Return Supper has included only a dinner. Several people have said LTBB should return to having the Return Supper as it was held in the past.

"Everyone came to the gatherings back then; there were easily 200-plus people there," LTBB Tribal Elder Yvonne Walker-Keshick said of the past. "We, as a tribal community, came together to socialize and to spend the evening together. Now, people eat and run. We need to socialize more as a tribal community. It used to be a homecoming for people returning home. It was a time to visit people you hadn't seen in a long time. We should get back to that."

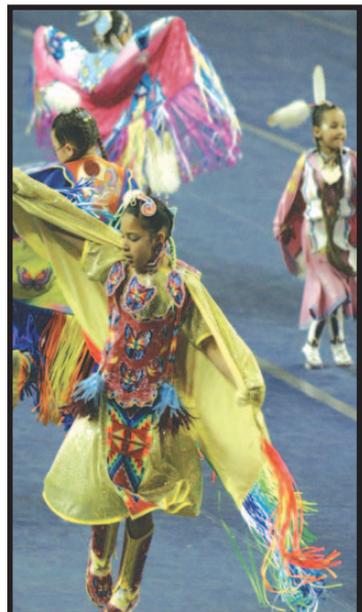
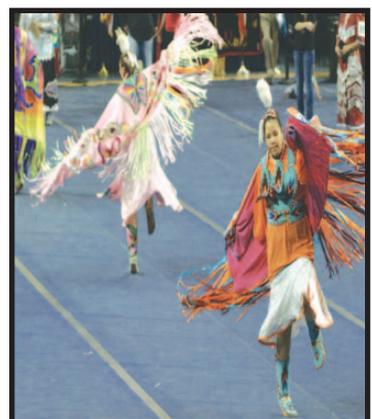
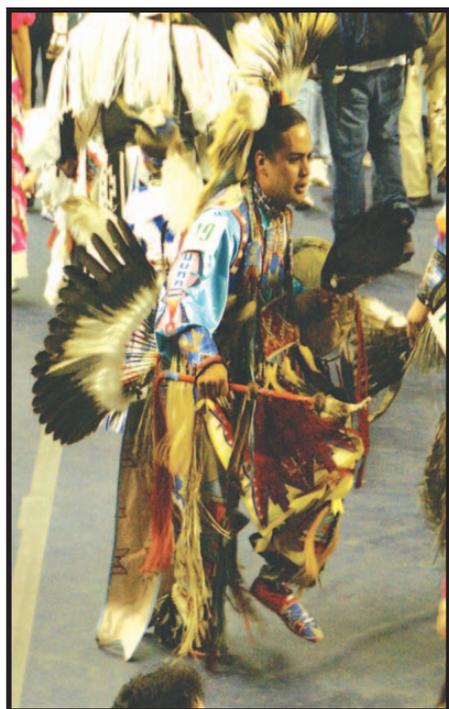
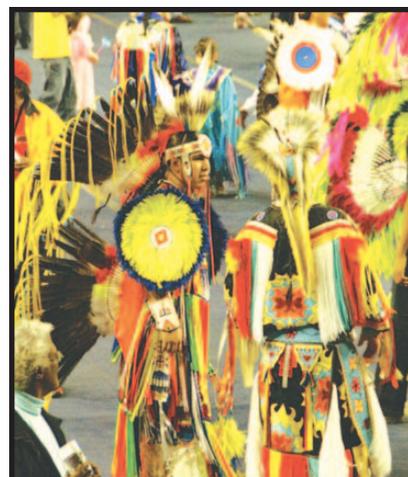
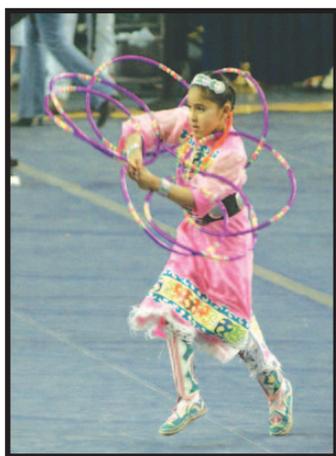
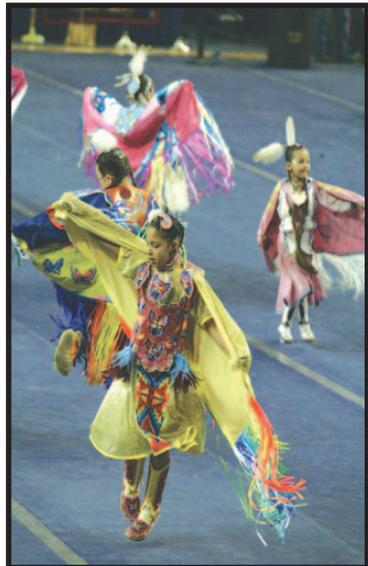
*Miigwetch to Yvonne Walker-Keshick for sharing her knowledge of the Return Supper tradition.*

**"Recycling" continued from page 17.** throwing them away in the garbage, which is taken to landfills and then seeps into the water supplies or enters water supplies through waste water treatment facilities.

"Those unwanted pharmaceuticals are affecting the fish, and they may be affecting people as well," Schwarz said. "We'll get our Law Enforcement Department, area pharmacies, area health agencies and other Emmet County agencies involved, and we'll develop the proper protocol for collection events."

*Photos by Annette VanDeCar.*

# 36th Annual University of Michigan Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow



Photos by David K. Burks.