



GASCO AN INTERNATIONAL SENSATION, SOFTBALL STANDOUT ENAMORS DUTCH MEDIA

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

While representing the United States on a North American Select team (NAST), softball standout Andi Gasco created quite a media frenzy.

The print and broadcast media in the Netherlands were enamored with Gasco, a 16-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen, according to kfastpitch.com Founder Kirt Whiteside. kfastpitch.com selected Gasco to be on one of six NAST teams, and she was among the approximately 350 girls from the United States and Canada who applied to be on a team and to compete in Cup 2008 in the Netherlands from January 16-23.

"She was a hit," Whiteside said. "She didn't look up in the stands, but they were packed when she was pitching."

"She was on the news on Dutch TV, and there were articles about her in the Dutch newspapers. The International Softball Federation (ISF) asked me questions about her. People know her. She is being primed for better things."

Gasco pitched in two games against the Russian National Team. In the first game, she threw 2-1/2 innings of shutout ball against hitters, who will be playing at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

"I don't think she was intimidated at all," said Mike Wydra, who coached Gasco's Cup 2008 team. "She did a real good job. She has tremendous potential for a kid her age."

"She has

a good demeanor on the mound. She never shows her emotions."

Gasco said she was more excited than nervous to pitch against the Russian National team.

"I was pumped; I was ready to go," Gasco said. "I pitch better under pressure. My favorite thing about the sport is the pressure. I like pitching because the team relies on your every move. That makes the sport exciting."

Similar to Cup 2008, Gasco drew a large crowd of spectators, this time college softball coaches, when she pitched at the 15th Annual Queen of Diamonds Showcase North (QDSN) on January 5 and 6 at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. She earned First Team All-QDSN honors, Team Most Valuable Player (MVP) honors and was twice named Game MVP there.

Gasco was chosen from among the 2,500 applicants who applied for the showcase.

"She got a lot of attention there because of her speed," Whiteside said. "The very first warm-up pitch she took showed up as 67 miles per hour on the radar gun. After that, all the college coaches migrated toward her field to watch her pitch. Since we've had the showcase, we've only had one girl throw it faster than Andi, but we've never had anyone like Andi, who threw it consistently in the 67-68 range."

"She is an absolute dream for a college coach because you can't develop speed. It comes naturally."

Gasco said

pitching in front of all the college coaches at the showcase was nerve-racking.

"It made you nervous because they were watching and critiquing your every move," Gasco said. "I always try to act like it is practice when I pitch,

but it was crazy because one mistake could have changed their minds about you."

Gasco throws four pitches (fastball, rise ball, change-up and drop ball) and is working on adding a knuckleball.

"The knuckleball is a difficult grip to master," said Gasco, whose fastball has been clocked at 64 miles per hour indoors and 68 miles per hour outdoors. "It's also hard to throw the ball without any spin."

Wydra said Gasco, a junior at Petoskey High School (PHS) who is being recruited by Division I, II and III colleges, needs to master her drop ball and change-up to complement her speed.

"If she can do that and change speeds, she will be successful at the next level," Wydra said of Gasco, who wants to pitch in college and in the Olympics.

The majority of the players on Gasco's NAST team were committed to play college softball. Gasco will start taking official visits to colleges next year as a senior.

"I plan on taking official visits to Syracuse (University), Wright State (University) and Morehead State (University) because those three schools have been interested in me since the beginning and have shown the most interest," said Gasco, who maintains a 3.4 grade point average and wants to be a psychologist. "For me, the recruiting process has been more exciting than overwhelming. It's great to have the option of where to go."

"I have wanted to play Division I softball since the fourth grade. I feel I am a little ahead of where I expected to be."

Her NAST team, the Bulls, finished 3-

3, the best of any U.S. team at Cup 2008. All of their games were played inside with a low ceiling, and balls could be played off the walls and ceiling.

"There was a flat pitching surface so I could not get as much of a leg drive or push as I normally do," Gasco said.

"It was different than what we were used to, but we adjusted quickly."

Besides participating in Cup 2008, Gasco and her U.S. teammates spent time in Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Schiedam in the Netherlands and in Paris, France. It was her first trip outside the U.S. and Canada.

"Seeing the Eiffel Tower was my favorite," Gasco said. "Visiting Anne Frank's house in Amsterdam was eerie and emotional. It was so small and cramped. It was still the same as when Anne lived there."

"We also visited Notre Dame Cathedral and Avenue des Champs-Elysees and saw the Last Supper painting (by Leonardo da Vinci) in a museum. I was surprised by how different the French treat Americans. They were rude."

In two years of high school softball, Gasco has a 43-17 record, a 0.81 earned run average and 634 strikeouts on the mound, and she has hit .400 or better both seasons.

She holds eight single season PHS records (strikeouts, earned run average, victories, shutouts, innings pitched, runs batted in, on-base percentage and home runs), a PHS single game record (eight runs batted in) and two state records (home runs in a single season with 11 and eight runs batted in during a single game).

Gasco has twice earned First Team All-Big North Conference honors, twice been named to the *Petoskey News-Review* All-Region Select Team and twice been named to the *Traverse City Record-Eagle* All-Region

Dream Team.

"I hope to break 300 strikeouts again, beat my winning record (of 23 games) and become the career strikeout leader (at PHS)," said Gasco said



Andi Gasco
 Petoskey High School (PHS)
 Junior
 P/SS/CF
 Favorite movie: "Young Frankenstein"
 Favorite TV Show: "America's Next Top Model"
 Favorite athlete: Lisa Fernandez
 Favorite artist: Elvis
 Favorite website: Facebook

when asked what her goals were for her upcoming junior season.

"I am less than 300 strikeouts away from the (PHS) record (for career strikeouts)."

Besides high school softball, Gasco plays for First Community Bank in the Petoskey Women's Fast pitch League and for the travel softball team, USA Fast-

ball. In two seasons with First Community Bank, she has a 20-0 record with 204 strikeouts and was the league's 2007 batting champion with a .537 average.

Her Gillies 16-and-under travel team tied for seventh place at the 2007 United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Nationals. She led the way with a 4-1 record, 0.84 earned run average and 40 strikeouts on the mound and hit .423. She threw a no-hitter with 19 strikeouts there.

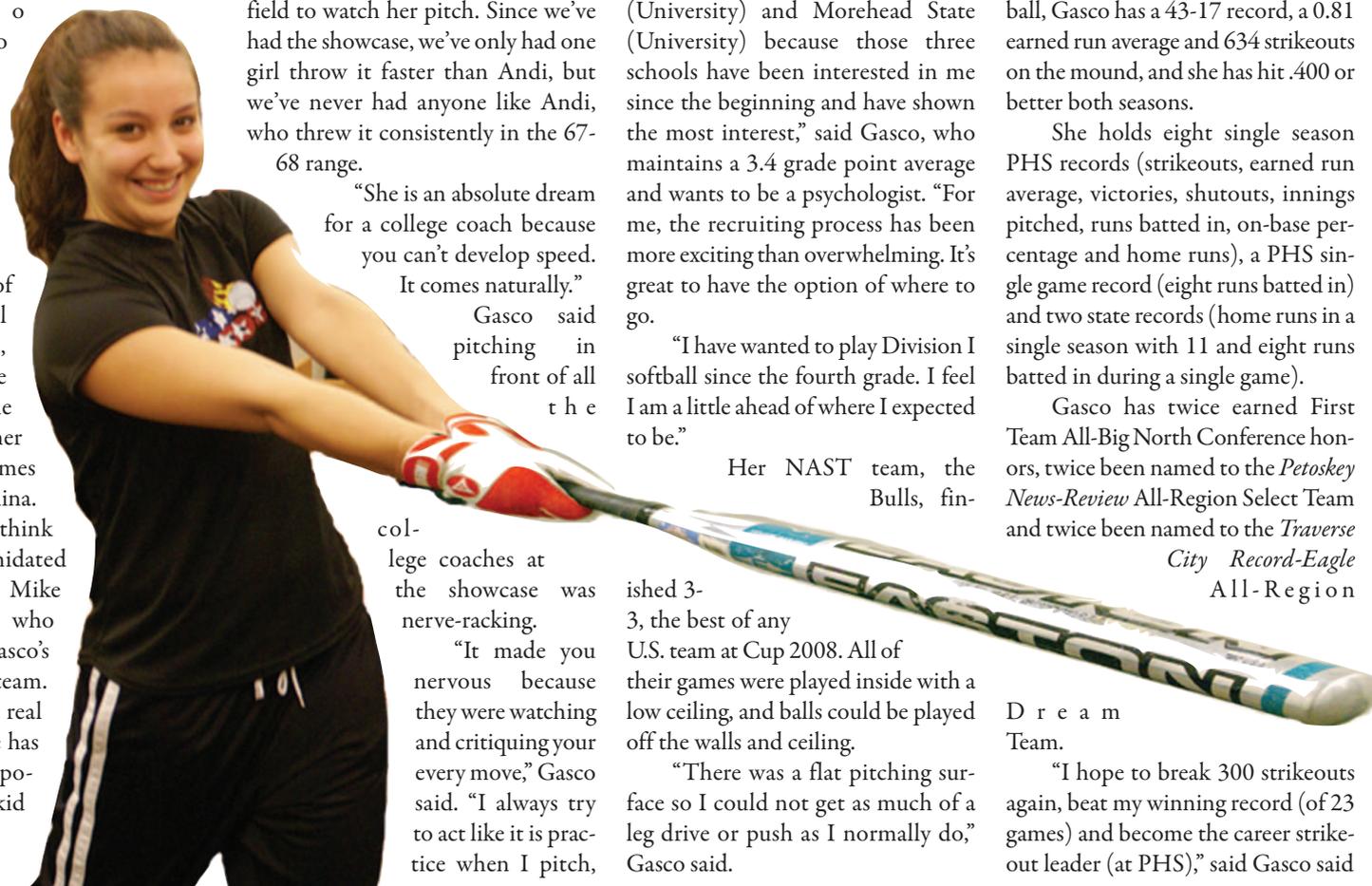
"When I'm not pitching, I play shortstop and center field, but I love to pitch," Gasco said.

For all of her accomplishments and accolades, Gasco remains grounded.

"I am always trying to get better," Gasco said. "I still push myself hard. I am motivated to be the best I can be."

Gasco trains year-round with her parents, Sue Gasco and Randy Searles, and she is the granddaughter of

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The deadline for the April issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 18. You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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Christine Breed

Christine Breed started as a Staff Accountant on January 21 and will be handling all the contracts.

Breed's office is located next to Controller Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky's office, and Breed can be reached at 231-242-1443.

Breed, who has worked as an Accountant for 15 years, spent 11 years as an Accountant for Mitchell Graphics in Petoskey, MI. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Finance from Walsh College and received her ac-

counting education from Lake Superior State University.

"I have never worked for a government organization before, so it is exciting to be in a different aspect of accounting," Breed said.

Breed and her husband of 20 years, Matt, own Sunsational Tanning and Day Spa in Harbor Springs. They moved to Petoskey 20 years ago because they wanted to raise their family in the northern part of the state. Her husband is from Millersburg, which is between Onaway and Roger City. They have two children, Jake, 16, and Nick, 18.

In her free time, Breed enjoys spending time with her family, camping and relaxing at her family's cabin.

Article and photo by Annette VanDeCar.

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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.

March Elder Birthdays

<p><u>March 1</u> Margaret Kaestner</p> <p><u>March 2</u> Pricilla Dickerson</p> <p><u>March 3</u> Leonard Dashner-Gasco James Fisher</p> <p><u>March 4</u> Camilla Jensen Deanne Samuels</p> <p><u>March 5</u> Karen Randolph</p> <p><u>March 7</u> James Vincent</p> <p><u>March 8</u> Mary Lawler</p> <p><u>March 9</u> Marsha Gibson Elmer Keshick, Sr. Neomi Simons</p> <p><u>March 10</u> Marcia Bane</p> <p><u>March 11</u> Mark Kishego Julius Lewis</p> <p><u>March 12</u> Herbert Kesick Virginia Lewis Juanita Taylor</p> <p><u>March 13</u> Mary Fasburg</p>	<p><u>March 13</u> Alice Hughes Marie Miller Rosalie Springfield</p> <p><u>March 14</u> Mary Gibson Mary Zeppa</p> <p><u>March 15</u> Frank Cripps Lucy Daniels James Lasley Arlene Naganashe</p> <p><u>March 16</u> Carla Hilyard Rebecca Smith</p> <p><u>March 17</u> Charles Brooks Isabelle France Gary Otto</p> <p><u>March 18</u> Eleanor Barber Gertrude Bonneau Anna Field Ray Kiogima Gene Massey, Sr.</p> <p><u>March 19</u> Joseph Allen James Skippergosh, Sr.</p> <p><u>March 20</u> Roseanna Alexander John Beaver Bennie LaCroix Sheran Patton Patrick Sloniker</p>	<p><u>March 21</u> Richard DeMoines Frank Emery James Hardwick Laura Kieliszewski</p> <p><u>March 22</u> John Kiogima Judith Kosequat</p> <p><u>March 23</u> Francis Boda Dean Samuels</p> <p><u>March 24</u> Mildred Shomin</p> <p><u>March 25</u> Eleanor Pruitt</p> <p><u>March 26</u> Harry Fenner</p> <p><u>March 27</u> William LaCroix Janet Sagataw</p> <p><u>March 28</u> Wendy Morris</p> <p><u>March 29</u> Nancy Gardner Theodore Sky-Eagle, Jr.</p> <p><u>March 30</u> Pauline Bowers Rodger DeBoer Sherline Dieboll Jo Ann Seay</p> <p><u>March 31</u> Wanda Thompson</p>
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Natural Resource Department

ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS INTERESTED IN WALLEYE SPEARING



Submitted by the Natural Resource Department

Under the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, LTBB Tribal Citizens will be required to have a valid LTBB Inland Hunting/Fishing license and obtain a permit a minimum of eight hours in advance prior to engaging in any walleye spearing activity.

Tribal citizens interested in obtaining permits may get them from the Natural Resource Department (NRD) office located at 7845 Odawa Circle in Harbor Springs, MI.

Please feel free to contact the

NRD office with any questions you may have.

Reminder: All spearing activity will continue to require a harvest report. Spearing harvest reports must be submitted within seven days of harvest. Spearing Report cards may be obtained from the NRD office or visit the NRD website at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and click on Natural Resources.

Accurate harvest reporting is an essential component to the negotiated 2007 Inland Consent Decree.

Please return your deer tags to the Natural Resource Department building. If you have returned your tag after February 13, please disregard this notice.

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Jeff Schlappi
Michael Schmidt
Marshall Schoolcraft
Casey Scutt
Corey Scutt
Marvin Sebeck
Martin Serva
Rita Serva
Christine Sevener
Becky Shananaquet
Roy Shananaquet
John Sharkey
Travis Shepard
Katherine Shomin
Kyle Shomin
Bryant Shrader
Theodore Sineway
James Smith
James Smith, Jr.
Roy Smithkey
Sally Soffredine
Anna Stead
Larry Stead
Samantha Stead
Betty Stendel
Randall Stine
Roxann Strait
Shane Thompson
Shawnie Thompson
William Thompson
Troy Thomson
Kahtnee Tobasageshik
Dorothy VonDestinon
Gale Walker
Cody Waltonen
Kasey Ward
Patrick Wemigwase
Brian Wiatrolik
Virgil Williams
Dale Willis
Ronald Willis
Stacy Willis
Ronald Willis, Jr.
Wayne Wilson
Forrest Worthington
Kimberly Worthington
Rodney Worthington
Samuel Worthington
Sonia Worthington
Sarah Yoder
Gary Young
Steven Young</p> |
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LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

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

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

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

Applications for all programs are accepted until funds run out.

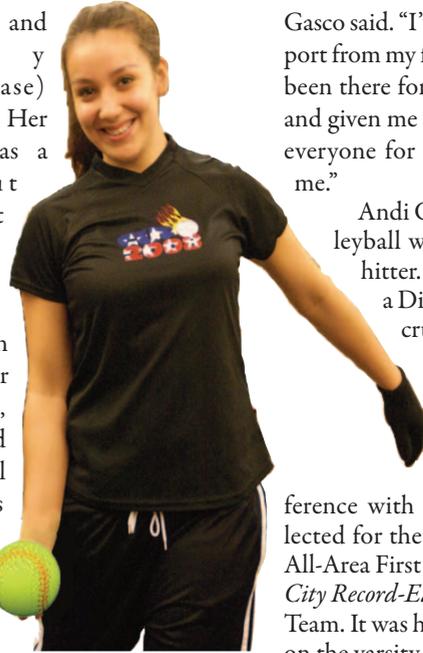
A limited supply of heaters, window plastic kits and weather-stripping is available for pickup at the Human Services Building during regular business hours.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

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

"Sensation" continued from cover.

the late Vernon Gasco and Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco. Her mother was a standout pitcher at Harbor Springs High School in Harbor Springs, MI, and several aunts were/are softball players. Her younger sister, Carly, also plays softball.



"I call it 'Team Gasco,'" Andi Gasco said. "I've received a lot of support from my family. My parents have been there for me in every situation and given me advice. I have to thank everyone for the support they give me."

Andi Gasco also excels in volleyball where she is an outside hitter. Ferris State University, a Division II school, has recruited her for volleyball.

Her junior season of 2007, she earned First Team All-Big North Conference honors, led the conference with 453 kills and was selected for the Petoskey News-Review All-Area First Team and the Traverse City Record-Eagle All-Region Dream Team. It was her third season playing on the varsity.

Photos by Annette VanDeCar and cutouts by David K. Burks.

Education Department

Celebrating the Success of WOBTT, Welcoming WOCTEI



(L to R) Melissa Claramunt and Dorothy Perry with the Ferris State University Bulldog.

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

In 2002, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians received what turned out to be a six-year grant totaling more than \$2.2 million from the U.S. Department of Education.

Through the grant, the Education Department established the Waganakising Odawak Business Technology Training (WOBTT) Program.

LTBB partnered with Bay Mills Community College (BMCC) and Ferris State University (FSU) to offer certificate programs.

BMCC offered a certificate in Business and Technology, and FSU offered certificates in Advanced Business and Management, Culinary Management, Hotel Management, Restaurant and Food Industry Management, and Supervision.

On February 4 at Odawa Casino Resort's Ovation Hall, students along with LTBB, BMCC and FSU representatives celebrated the success of

the WOBTT Program.

At the end of the 2008 winter semester, 278 students will have earned 223 certificates through WOBTT. Students were mostly LTBB Tribal Citizens and LTBB employees.

Patsy Clink and Jen Peterson earned the most certificates with five and four respectively.

Students were asked to return a survey about the WOBTT Program, and here is what one student wrote: "The WOBTT instructors are very helpful in all students' endeavors. They truly care about their students and will go the extra mile to help. I haven't found this with college instructors at all."

Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. welcomed those in attendance and commended the students for their efforts. WOBTT Project Director Tom Bauer spoke about the WOBTT Program, and Education Director Melissa Claramunt spoke about the new Waganakising Odawak Career and Technical Education Institute (WOCTEI).

In 2008, LTBB received a five-year Native American Career Technical Education Program (NACTEP) grant totaling more than \$2.1 million.

Through the grant, LTBB created the WOCTEI Program and is partnering with North Central Michigan College (NCMC) to offer certificate programs in Entrepreneurship, Nurse's Aide, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy and New Media. Classes are expected to start later this year.

BMCC and FSU representatives then spoke of the WOBTT Pro-



Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. congratulated the WOBTT students for their efforts.

gram's success.

WOBTT Instructor Hal Dorf also spoke.

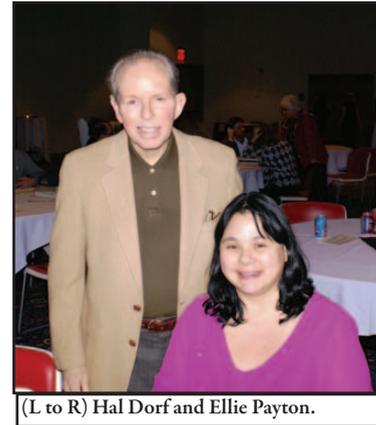
The drawing winners were Carla McFall, Jill Bear and Robin Moyer.

Suzanne Sipe won the FSU Bulldog stuffed animal.

Odawa Casino Resort staff prepared the heavy hors d'oeuvres.

The Education Department, BMCC and FSU hosted the event.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



(L to R) Hal Dorf and Ellie Payton.

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.

Mark your calendars!

Family Resource Fair

Saturday, April 26, 2008
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
at the LTBB Governmental Center

Upcoming Elder Trip

April 7-9
2008 Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) Meeting

The Elders Program is in the process of making travel arrangements for the above trip. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending, please contact Tina Peterson at 231-242-1423, so your name may be put on the list. The Elders Program is limited to the number of participants we may take. The selection process is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is important to call as soon as possible.

Miigwetch! The Elders Program.

Email: grasshoppers@yahoo.com
Website: simonotto.com

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SIMON OTTO

Storyteller-Author

(231) 439-3163

1321 Clarion Avenue
Petoskey, MI 49770

25th Annual Michigan State University Powwow Of Love

March 15th and 16th
Jenison Field House

Dance and Drum Competition

Contact Information:
Vendor/Traders:
Brian Weathers
weathe84@msu.edu
Hospitality:
Lloyd Weathers
weathe85@msu.edu

Grand Entry: Sat:1&6pm
Sun:12pm
Head Drum: Great Lakes Alliance

Handicap services are available upon request, call Pat Dyer-Deckrow at (517)353-7745 at least 10 days in advance.

Check the NAISO website for more detailed information about the powwow: www.msu.edu/~naiso



Make a difference...
Help a Native child...
Be a foster parent...

The LTBB Social Services Program is recruiting foster parents to provide loving Native homes to help our children. They are our future as Anishinaabek and, therefore, our most important resource.

Please contact Shann at the LTBB Social Services Program for more information: 231-242-1623.



Health Department

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

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

Eligibility Criteria:

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

tiating 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.

AFTER HOUR CLINICS FOR TRIBAL PATIENTS

Weekend Urgent Care Alternatives

Boyne Country Urgent Care

1937 M-119
Petoskey, MI 49770
231-348-9200

Quick Care Walk-In

Medical Center
116 W. Mitchell Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
231-348-2828

These clinics can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.

When using one of these providers, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.



Department of Commerce

Tribal Certificates of Exemption

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

As stated in previous *Odawa Trails* newsletters, LTBB has 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 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:

- 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.
- 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. Megwetch.

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

Moving?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

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



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?

Quill Box
Odawa Casino Resort

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



After School Homework Lab for Grades 5-9

- Where: LTBB Governmental Center, Education classroom
- When: Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
- Drop-off: Harbor Springs Public School Bus or parent drop-off.
- Pickup: Parent pickup at 5 p.m., LTBB Governmental Center.

For more information and registration, please call K-12 Student Services Coordinator Dorothy Perry at 231-242-4482.

LOCATIVES

When we use the word for a place in a prepositional phrase (such as in the _____, on the _____, to the _____,) we make the place name a locative by using -aang, -ong, -ing, -iing, -eng.

Example: Bank is *Zhoonyaagamik*, "in the bank", would be *Zhoonuaagamigong*. Locative forms for nouns ending in -gamik become gamigong (ga mi gong).

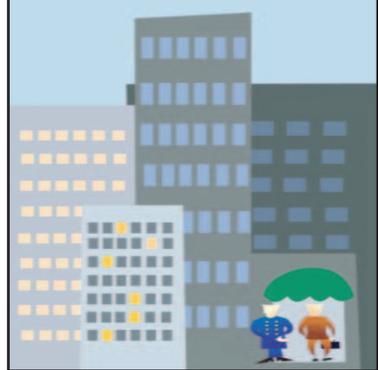
With our language, we are descriptive, flexible and creative. When we name places, we often consider what it is we do at the place. A good example, even in English, is bathroom or restroom or washroom. We also call it by different names depending on what is being done there at the time.



KinoomaageGamik
Ki noo maa ge ga mik
School (to teach)



OdaaweGamik
O daa we ga mik
Store (to trade)



GibeshiiGamik
Gi be shii ga mik
Hotel (to rest, relax, sleep)



ZhoonyaaTaageGamik
Zhoon yaa taa ge ga mik
Casino (to "play") with money)



ZaakamoGamik
Zaa ka mo ga mik
(where you go #1)

MiiziiGamik
Mii zii ga mik
(where you go #2)

GiziibigizheGamik
Gi zii bii gi zhe ga mik
(shower or bathe)



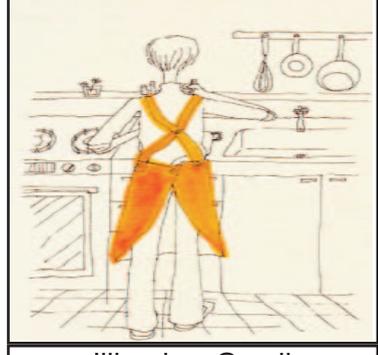
MshkikiiGamik
M shki kii ga mik
Clinic, Doctor's Office
(Mshkiki is Medicine)



NameGamik
Na me ga mik
Church (to pray)



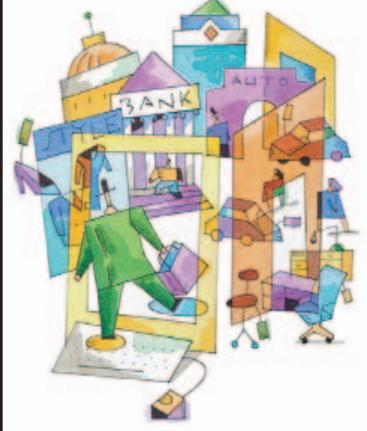
ShangeGamik
Shan ge ga mik
Restaurant (to be fed)



JiibaakweGamik
Jii baa kwe ga mik
Kitchen (to cook)



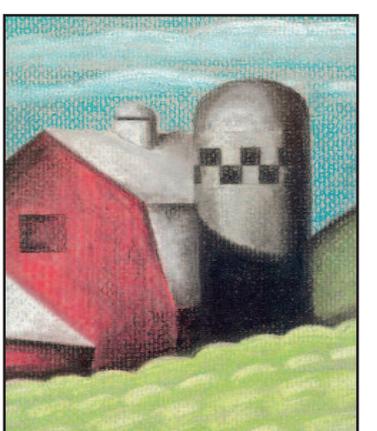
AakwaziiGamik
Aa kwa zii ga mik
Hospital (to be sick)



ZhoonyaaGamik
Zhoon yaa ga mik
Bank (zhoonya = money)



MijimiOdaaweGamik
Mii ji mi o daa we ga mik
Grocery Store



OkaaniGamik
O kaan i ga mik
Barn

Language Program

Ngiiikendaan gwa Gego

Miigwa megwaach ngwis giiniizhwaase saboonigizid pii gaamaajii naanaagdowendaang nji Santa Claus. Miisa ngwadiing giizhigak gaakidad maaba ngwis, "Nagashi, ngiiikendaan gego nji Santa Claus, miinwa Baakwaang Waaboozoonh, miinwa wa Wiibidan Aazhenii."

Ngiiichinese sa, miidash giikwejimaak, "Wenesh dash wi?"

Ngwis ngiiikwetaak, "Kina gwanda niibaadibik bimaadizijik."



I Know Something

My son was about seven years old when he started to wonder about Santa Claus. Then one day, my son said, "Mom, I know something about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy."

I took a deep breath; then, I answered him, "What is that?"

My son replied, "All these are alive at nighttime (nocturnal)."

Here are some phrases using *izhaa* (to go, going) and examples of the locative forms.

Izhaa
i zhaa
She or he is going.

Ndizhaa
N di zhaa
I am going.

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

Ngazhaa
N ga zhaa
I am going to go.

Nwiizhaa
N wii zhaa
I will go.

Izhaadaa
i zhaa daa
Let's go.

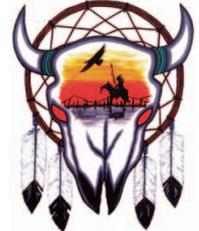
Izhaawok
i zhaa wok
They are going.

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

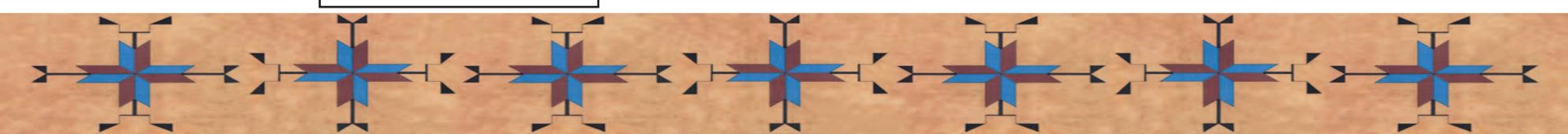
Odaawegamigong
Ngazhaami.
We are going to the store.

Namegamigong izhaadaa.
Let's go to church.

Shangegamigong izhaawok.
They are going to the restaurant.



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



Housing Department

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



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

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.ltbba-odawa-usu.gov, or call the Enrollment Department to have a form mailed to you.*

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

Department of Commerce

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)** the township you reside in. This alerts the Enrollment Department for RTM status. Here's one tip on finding out the township you live in: When changing your address with the Michigan Secretary of State's office, the worker will inquire if you would like to register to vote. By doing so, he or she will note the township you reside in on your voter registration card. 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 officially changed your address with the Enrollment Department.

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. It is your responsibility to notify Enrollment of any changes in address or name. 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.ltbba-odawa-usu.gov or by calling the DOC at 231-242-1584. Tribal Form 3998, which is the actual TCE 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 Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik (in the absence of DOC).

All requests for TCEs **MUST be made in writing, and all certificates must be obtained BEFORE exempt purchases are made. If you purchase an eligible tax exempt item first, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A REFUND after the fact. You MUST obtain the TCE first!**

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, you must wait until after your RTM status is effective (after the first day of the following month in which you officially changed your address with the Enrollment Department).

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

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Single Business Tax (currently 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 Members' sole consumption ONLY!

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



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 Office _____ DOE: _____ Copy: Accounting _____

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.



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Education Department

EXPLORE THESE ENCHANTING CHILDREN'S BOOKS AVAILABLE AT THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Nanabosho Dances

Joseph McLellan wrote this book, published in 1996. It is one of several books McLellan wrote featuring the character Nanabosho.

The following is a synopsis of the book from the Pemmican Publications website:

"In this legend, Kitchie Manitou presents Nanabosho with a gift of tobacco to be used as an offering before using the other gifts which were put on this earth. Nanabosho, in his hurry to appease his hunger, promptly forgets the tobacco. But he does not forget the advice given by Kitchie Manitou. He lets his hunger gnaw at him while he tries to figure out what to do. The legend tells how the hoop dance started."

Nanabosho Grants a Wish

McLellan wrote this book, published in 2000.

The following is a synopsis of the book from the Pemmican Publications website:

"Nonie wished for snow at her birthday. Ni Mishomis told Nonie be careful what you wish for and then told the story of Nanabosho granting a wish to four people. One became greedy and didn't get what he wished for at all. After the story, everyone looked outside to see a blizzard! What were they to do?"

Nanabosho and the Cranberries

McLellan wrote this book, published in 1998.

The following is a synopsis of the book from the Pemmican Publications website:

"Nanabosho was walking through the woods when he suddenly became very hungry. Nanabosho discovers a cranberry bush. As much as he tried, he could not reach the berries. He sat down and saw all kinds of berries on the lake. He tries and tries to get the berries from the lake, but each time he tries to get them out of the lake, his hands are empty. Nanabosho does not realize what he is seeing is the reflection from the cranberry bush on the lake."

Baby Rattlesnake

Lynn Moroney wrote this book, published in 1989.

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

"Baby Rattlesnake cries and cries for a rattle just like his big brother and sister have, but his parents tell him he's still too young. His crying keeps the Rattlesnake People up all night, so finally, his parents give in. Thrilled with his new power, he mischievously uses his rattle to scare little animals.

He grows bolder and bolder, till one day he scares the wrong creature. Adapted from a Chickasaw tale, this English-only version of this storytime favorite provides a witty lesson in the value of self-control that all young readers can relate to."

Michigan, an Illustrated History for Children

John Mitchell wrote this book, published in 1987.

The following is an editorial review from the *Detroit Free Press* that appears on the GreatLakesHistory.com website:

"Two Michiganders created this beautifully illustrated history book, which takes children through Michigan from the time of dinosaurs to the age of the automobile worker. Children and adults will enjoy learning from the interesting text. This truly is a proud celebration of Michigan."

Northwoods Cradle Song: From a Menominee Lullaby

Douglas Wood wrote this book, published in 1996.

The following is a description of the book from the inside cover of it:

"In this poetic adaptation of a Menominee lullaby, the restful song of the whippoorwill, the silken wings of the moths, and the wise heron watching for the moon all come together to lull a little warrior to sleep. With its soothing text and lovely im-

agery of pine forests and quiet lakes, this book is perfect for a bedtime ritual that is shared by parents and children in every culture."

The Buffalo Nickel

Taylor Morrison wrote this book, published in 2002.

The following is an editorial review from *School Library Journal* that appears on the Amazon.com website:

"This unique picture book recalls the life and work of James Earle

art in general. Morrison's concise summary details the design and production processes of coins while identifying Fraser's works."

Voices from the Ice

John L. Peyton wrote this book, published in 1990.

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

"John Peyton uses his marvelous skills as a storyteller and artist to give children a glimpse of Ojibway life in the northwoods during the early 20th century. In this fully illustrated story, a young boy and his family leave the hunger and isolation of their winter camp and make their way across the still snow-covered land and frozen streams, hoping to join the rest of their people at the sugarbush. There is a race against the thawing ice, beneath which lie spirits, some of which are waiting to

cut off the family from the bounty of spring while others seek to ensure their safe journey. Vividly portrayed are not only the hardships endured by these Native Americans, but also their continual courage, perseverance, and joyousness."

The Indian School

Gloria Whelan wrote this book, published in 1996.

The following is an editorial review from *School Library Journal* that appears on the Amazon.com website:

"Following the death of her parents in 1839, 11-year-old Lucy is sent to live with her harsh Aunt Emma and kindly but ineffectual Uncle Edward, who run a mission school for Indian children in Coldriver, MI. Lucy adjusts to her new life with difficulty, but new arrivals Raven and her little brother Star Face, whom Emma insists on calling Matthew, intrigue her, and she begins to find comfort in her interactions with them. Raven never adjusts to the denigration of her Indian ways and Lucy learns much from her even as every-

one grows to love and cherish the young boy, including Aunt Emma. When Raven runs away, Lucy fears she will surely perish in the winter wilderness, but can't bear to tell the adults of her whereabouts. A crisis occurs when Star Face falls ill and Aunt Emma does some abrupt capitulating. There are some decidedly 'Pollyanna' overtones to Whelan's book. In stories about settlers and Native Americans, it is often difficult to have real characters instead of noble facades to depict accurately the point of view of the time without too much prescience and to portray with justice both viewpoints. The author circumvents some of the obvious pitfalls, but not all. Star Face is somewhat stock, and the willingness of the children's father to leave them at the Indian School is not convincing. However, Whelan is clearly trying to touch readers' heartstrings and frequently succeeds with some especially finely turned phrases and reflections."

Many Nations: An Alphabet of Native America

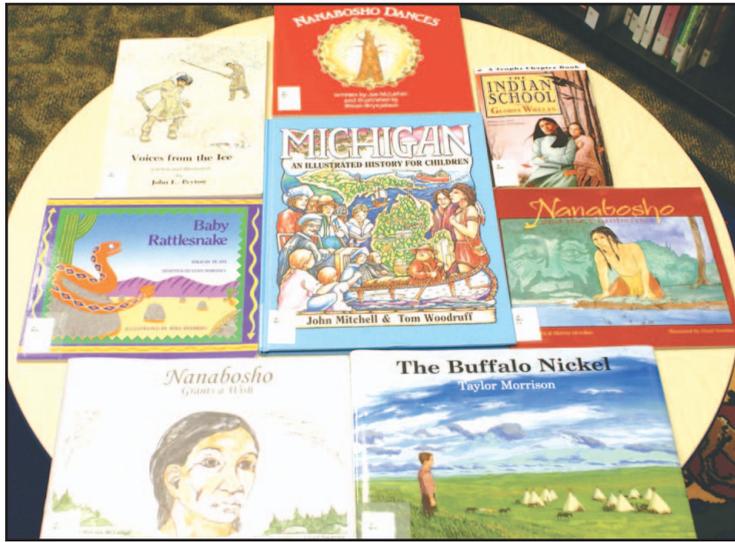
Joseph Bruchac wrote this book, published in 1997. It won an International Reading Association Teacher's Choice Award.

The following description of the book is from the back cover of it:

"From Anishinabe artists making birch bark bowls to Zuni elders saying prayers of thanks at the end of the day, the beauty and diversity of Native American cultures are revealed in this stunningly illustrated alphabet book. The renowned storyteller Joseph Bruchac shares his love of his heritage in a uniquely lyrical presentation that depicts many facets of 26 different Native American communities. Breathtaking illustrations by Robert F. Goetzl take the reader on a very special voyage through the past and present cultures of the indigenous people of North America."

Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Fraser and his creative design chosen for the buffalo nickel in 1912. Morrison follows the sculptor from his childhood friendships with Native Americans in the Dakota Territory and early exposure to various art mediums and styles through his formal study in Paris with Augustus Saint-Gaudens and his art experience in New York City. A resource for young numismatists, the book also describes the step-by-step development of a coin through the design and manufacturing headaches that accompanied the production of the buffalo or Indian head nickel. Morrison displays his talents in the brushstrokes of sweeping, cloud-filled traditional landscapes and faithful representations of Fraser's work. Illustrations of sculpture and adult figures in rich colors smoothly follow his historical narrative despite occasional proportional irregularities in representations of children. However, the author brings to life the accomplishments of an often neglected, but important contributor to sculpture and American

Third Annual Circle of Excellence Program Honorees

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Selected by their peers, seven LTBB Governmental Employees received Circle of Excellence honors on January 18 at the LTBB Employee Appreciation Dinner held at Odawa Casino Resort's Ovation Hall.

The 2007 group includes Archives Technician Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis, Regulatory Department employee Dana Stafford, Substance Abuse Counselor Susan Yates, Environmental Services Director Rachel Schwarz, Cultural Preservation Coordinator Leonard "Joe"



Mitchell and Community Health Outreach Representative Mary Gasco.

Here's a closer look at the 2007 honorees:

Yvonne Walker-Keshick

Yvonne Walker-Keshick, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started working as the Archives Technician in the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department in July 1999.

Prior to that, she supported her family as a quillwork artist.

"I saw this (position) as an opportunity to get into the history of the tribe," said Walker-Keshick, who grew up in Charlevoix, MI, and graduated from Charlevoix High School. "This is not work to me because I enjoy what I do.

"I like it because every day is different. I do a wide variety of things."

In terms of archiving a document, a copy of it is made on archival paper, and the original is stored. Artifacts are photographed, measured, weighed and wrapped in archival paper. If someone requests to see the document or artifact, the photograph or a copy is shown.

"It is very rare to show someone the original," Walker-Keshick said.

"We also inventory boxes from the various tribal departments and programs. Winnay (Wemigwase, the Cultural Preservation Director) goes through them, decides what should be kept and the rest is disposed of. We

also answer a lot of informational requests."

Walker-Keshick said she enjoys doing research even though it is meticulous work. She found she enjoyed doing research while attending Alpena Community College.

"We get a lot of genealogy questions," Walker-Keshick said. "It takes a week and a half to go through our genealogy records. It is a challenge to seek the records and to do the research, but it is extremely gratifying to find answers for people. It gives them a sense of belonging to the tribal community."

A tremendous amount of LTBB history can be obtained by talking with Walker-Keshick. She is very willing to share her stories of growing up in the area and share the traditions her family followed. Her parents were the late Levi Walker and the late Josephine (Otto) Walker. Her father was a plumber, and her mother was a

practical nurse. She has passed on that knowledge to her five children (Kim Worthington, Arnold Walker, Christopher Walker, Lisa Pierce and Jacob Keshick) and her 10 grandchildren.

"Some of the history and culture I learned at home," Walker-Keshick said. "The rest I learned from elders in the community. A lot of times, I go to the Elders Luncheons with questions, and the elders are very willing to share the information they know."

As part of her job, Walker-Keshick gives cultural tours to various local groups and does presentations about various Native topics at area schools. Classes from area schools have toured the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, to learn about the tribe.

"I am glad when the young people come here," Walker-Keshick said.

"Honorees" continued on page 12.

Department of Commerce

Questions & Answers Regarding the Handling of Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Filings of the MI 1040 and the 4013

Submitted by the Department of Commerce

Definitions

Resident Tribal Member (RTM) – Those members (of a tribe that has an implemented tax agreement with the State of Michigan), who are residing within their own tribe's negotiated Agreement Area.

4013 – Is the form a RTM may use to claim an annual sales tax refund. Members, who do not reside within their tribe's Agreement Area or who belong to a tribe without an implemented tax agreement, may not claim this refund.

MI-1040 – Michigan Income Tax Return.

Q1 As a RTM, how do I file the 4013?

A1 Even though the 4013 is a completely separate sales tax refund return, it must be filed with the RTM's MI-1040. If the RTM does not have an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), the RTM should still fill out the return by entering a "1" for AGI and completing the rest of the return per the instructions. Please note the 4013 credit does not feed over to the MI-1040.

Q2 I already filed my MI-1040 electronically, how do I file the 4013?

A2 The 4013 would then be filled out and filed on its own. Once received by the State of Michigan's Department of Treasury, it will be matched up with the MI-1040 on file.

Q3 How does the 4013 credit work?

A3 The 4013 guides the RTM through a process where their federal AGI is modified to include certain specified types of income. This "modified AGI" is then subjected to a pre-determined cap and then multiplied by a negotiated percentage to determine the total amount of sales tax refund a RTM can claim that year. That

amount may be reduced based upon the number of months the RTM was considered a RTM. E.g., If a member moves into the Agreement Area halfway through the year, he or she may only take six-twelfths or one half of the credit.

Q4 Why does a second non-obligated spouse form get issued for the tribal sales tax credit and how is it prorated?

A4 A second non-obligated spouse (NOS) form gets issued because the 4013 is a completely separate form refunding sales tax and is not carried over to the MI-1040. It is only filed with the MI-1040 income tax return for administrative purposes. The determination of the NOS share should be determined using the same rules as with any non-NOS situation.

Q5 I am a member of the _____ tribe; why did you deny my credit?

A5 Your credit could have been denied for a variety of reasons. You should have received a denial message from the State of Michigan's Department of Treasury. Please refer to the message, and if you have a more specific question, call 1-800-827-4000.

Q6 Why isn't the 4013 form available on the Internet?

A6 To eliminate confusion regarding who can use the form, Resident Tribal Members belonging to a tribe with a State/Tribal Tax Agreement must obtain the form directly from their tribe.

Q7 How long does it take to receive the 4013 refund?

A7 It generally takes between six to eight weeks to receive the refund.

Q8 If I don't have a federal adjusted gross income and am not required to file a Michigan income tax return (see answer to question 20 to verify whether a person must file a MI 1040), can I file a 4013 without the Michigan income tax return?

A8 In order to receive the 4013 annual sales tax credit, you must file it with a Michigan income tax return. When filling out the Michigan income tax return, simply enter a "1" where the federal adjusted gross income would go and fill out the remainder of the return.

Q9 I am a Resident Tribal Member, but my spouse is not. We filed a joint income tax return. Can I still file a 4013?

A9 Yes. Just follow the instructions on the 4013, and it will allow you to separate out your Resident Tribal Member income and calculate the credit based only on that income.

Q10 My tribe did not implement its agreement until part way through the year. Does this reduce the amount of my 4013 refund?

A10 Yes, the refund must only be calculated based on the number of months your tribe had an implemented agreement with the State and you qualified as a Resident Tribal Member. (See answer to question 3).

Q11 My tribe does not have a tax agreement with the State of Michigan. Can I still file the 4013?

A11 No, only members of tribes with an implemented State/Tribal Tax Agreement may file the return and only for the period they qualified as a Resident Tribal Member.

Q12 Does the 4013 refund feed over to a line on the Michigan Income Tax Return?

A12 No, they are separate returns, and separate warrants will be issued for each refund.

Q13 I received a denial letter stating I am not a Resident Tribal Member, how should I correct this?

A13 Once your tribe and the State have adjusted their records to show your Resident Tribal Member status, complete and file an amended form

Q14 As a RTM, how do I file

the MI-1040?

A14 The MI-1040 should be filed pursuant to the regular instructions provided in the MI-1040 Instruction Booklet. The total income exempt per the terms of the State/Tribal tax agreement should be entered on line 20 (Miscellaneous subtractions) of the MI-1040 Schedule 1. The phrase "Resident Tribal Member Income" should be entered in the blank space provided on line 20 describing the reason for the subtraction.

Q15 I am a RTM and my spouse is not. We live in the Agreement Area, but do not work in the Agreement Area. How is our income prorated on the MI-1040 income tax return?

A15 Assuming a joint return, you would report your combined AGI on the appropriate line of the MI-1040 and subtract only the RTM spouse's exempt income (see answer to question 16 for instructions on how to report the subtraction). The non-RTM spouse's income is taxable regardless of whether or not it is earned in the Agreement Area.

Q16 Where do I subtract income based on my status as a RTM?

A16 A RTM's exempt wage income may be subtracted on line 20 of the MI-1040 Schedule 1 (regardless of where earned). The RTM should indicate "Resident Tribal Member Income" on the space provided. Please note a RTM may only subtract exempt income for the period for which they qualified as a RTM (see definitions for RTM.)

Q17 Can a tribal member receive a homestead property tax credit or a home heating credit?

A17 Yes, if he or she meets the normal requirements identified under state law.

Q18 Can I subtract my child welfare?

A18 This would be handled per

state or federal normal procedures without any special regard to Indian Tribal Member status.

Q19 If income is exempt from federal income tax, is it also exempt from Michigan tax?

A19 These situations must be evaluated on a case by case basis depending on the specific exemption being claimed.

Q20 As a Resident Tribal Member, do I have to file a Michigan income tax return even if I am not required to file a federal income tax return?

A20 The terms of the Tax Agreement require Resident Tribal Members to file a Michigan Income tax return if a) they owe Michigan income tax, b) they are due a Michigan income tax refund, c) their federal adjusted gross income exceeds their exemption allowances or d) they filed a federal income tax return.

Q21 Can enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe without a State/Tribal Tax Agreement claim an Indian exemption on their Michigan income tax return?

A21 Yes, but only if they reside within their tribe's Indian Country (as defined in 18 USC 1151) and the income is earned within their tribe's Indian Country. They cannot claim the exemptions provided under the Tax Agreement.

Q22 How do I know if my tribe has an implemented tax agreement with the State?

A22 Tribes that have implemented agreements with the state are listed on the Department of Treasury's website at www.michigan.gov/taxes under income tax or business information; click on the Native American link. Copies of the Tax Agreements can also be viewed by clicking on the tribe's link.

Legislative Corner

Submitted by the Legislative Office

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The beginning of the year is in full swing, and it appears this is going to be a busy year for Tribal Council. We would like to take this moment to share with you some of Tribal Council's highlights and activities over the last two months.

Commission and Board Appointments

One of the Constitutional duties of the Tribal Council is approve the nominations submitted by the Executive for Commissions and Boards. This last month, Tribal Council approved the following appointments as submitted by the Executive: **Greg Keway** to the Health Commission for a three-year term, **Sarah VanDeCar** to the Health Commission for a three-year term, **Billy McNamara** to the Natural Resource Commission for a four-year term, **Ken Harrington** to the Housing Commission for a four-year term, **Arlene Naganshe** to the Housing Commission for a four-year term, **Dean W. Samuels** to the



Gaming Board of Directors for a term beginning upon the successful completion of the required background check and for duration at the pleasure of the Tribal Council.

Public Hearing

One of the methods for Tribal Councilors to gather information is to hold public hearings. In February this year, the Tribal Council held a public hearing to assess the impact of the Indian Preference in Tribal Employment Statute, WOS 2002-04 for LTBB Tribal Citizens and members

of other federally recognized tribes. This hearing was held over two days on February 22 and 23 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

If you were unable to attend a public hearing, but still would like to submit comments, forms are available through the Legislative Office located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center. Written comments can be submitted anytime prior to a hearing and within 15 days after the completion of the hearing.

Impact week

Several Councilors participated in 2008 Impact Week in Washington, D.C. as members of Midwestern Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Each year, thousands of tribal members from across the country come together during March and descend on Washington, D.C. for meetings with federal Congressional Representatives. This united stance amongst tribes provides for a positive outcome on upcoming federal legislation and policy issues that impact tribal governments.

Budgets for 2009

One of the major functions of Tribal Council is the appropriation of funding. The Budget Formulation Process is in full swing for the Fiscal Year 2009 budget. The process is led by the Finance and Appropriations Committee of the Tribal Council. Each October, the committee receives budgets from the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch and Judiciary Branch along with budgets from the Prosecutor and Election Board.

After input from the various branches, division and public, the Tribal Council approves the budget by May 1 each year.

The LTBB website has been updated. You can find full text of Resolutions and Statutes, up-to-date meeting minutes, Tribal Council policies and much more. Please see us at www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov and click on Odawa Register.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions you would like to share, please feel free to use our direct toll-free number, 1-866-927-0077.

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

Photo of Dean W. Samuels being sworn in to the Gaming Board of Directors by Appellate Justice Rita Gasco-Shepard by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.





Environmental Services Department and Natural Resource Department Complete First Winter Sampling Season



By Regina Gasco, Environmental Assistant

Imagine gazing out onto Spirit Lake (Wycamp Lake in Cross Village, MI) partially blinded by the sun's radiance, which bounces from one ice castle to another.

While grasping onto the driver, the brisk northern wind steals your breathe away. It's only one o'clock in the afternoon, but days like this only come once or twice a month.

The snowmobile comes to a halt approximately 20 meters off shore, and we cautiously step onto the ice.

To our surprise, the mid-February ice below is crackling underneath from the blazing sun. After checking our Global Positioning System (GPS), we decide to head east toward the water quality site.

This was just a glimpse into a field day with the Environmental Services Department's (ESD) Surface Water Quality staff.

Normally, at this time of the year, the Surface Water Quality program is in the process of analyzing and entering collected data from the previous six-month sampling season. However, 2008 started a little differently than other even-numbered sampling years. The ESD staff has coordinated with the Natural Resource Department (NRD) staff on our very first winter sampling season. Both the ESD and NRD share a common goal of preserving and protecting water quality, and our transition to seasonal sampling will enable us to strive for these goals together. We will continue to share equipment, field gear, staff commitment, and in the

end, all data collected will be shared by both departments and utilized in various programs.

After years of research and determination, the ESD has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to switch from the original May through October sampling season to seasonal sampling. Although we will continue this May to monitor through October, next February, we will officially begin seasonal sampling only. Seasonal sampling will change the months in which we actually collect physical and chemical data. The Surface Water Quality staff will select winter, spring, summer and fall sampling months for a total of four sampling visits. Therefore, we will continue to collect biological data, which consists of a benthic macro invertebrate study in May and conduct annual Habitat Assessments in July. We will also continue to monitor the same sites, alternating from even years to odd years.

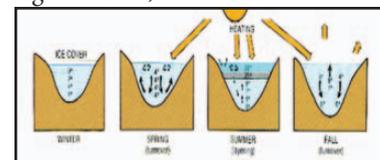
Water bodies sampled during even years are Little Traverse Bay, Round Lake, Oneal Lake, Wycamp Lake, Walloon Lake, Bear River, Five Mile Creek and Wycamp Creek. Those sampled during odd years are Lake Charlevoix, Susan Lake, Spring Lake, Larks Lake, Crooked Lake, Susan Creek, Big Sucker Creek and Brush Creek/Maple River. The Boyne River will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis for physical parameters only. Many of these water bodies contain multiple sampling sites, and we will also continue to collect the same physical and chemical data.

Physical and chemical parameters measured include dissolved oxygen, conductivity, temperature, pH, total suspended solids (creeks/rivers only), velocity, water clarity, nitrate/nitrite, total phosphorus, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, chloride, turbidity and chlorophyll *a* (lakes only). Considering chlorophyll *a* levels are exceptionally low during the winter months due to ice coverage and minimal aquatic vegetation, lakes will not be monitored for chlorophyll *a* data during the winter sampling event.

Seasonal sampling gives us the opportunity to understand the thermal stratification in which most lakes in the Great Lakes region undergo during the summer season. Lake thermal stratification is a difference of temperature that separates into distinct layers of a lake. These layers are Epilimnion or the top, Metal-

imnion/Thermocline or the middle layer, which fluctuates in depth throughout the day, and Hypolimnion or the bottom. In the Great Lakes region, we have the wonderful four seasons to assist in the natural stratification of lakes.

To begin to understand stratification, we first need to discuss how the layering or stratification of lakes is caused by density changes in the water. Water is most dense at Four degrees Celsius (39° Fahrenheit) with the surface typically solidifying or forming ice during the winter months when temperatures reach 0° C / 32° F or below. Why does ice float? Ice floats because the water below is at its maximum density (about 4° Celsius). This causes the ice, which is less dense, to float above the warmer and denser water below. In most lakes during the winter, the water near the bot-



tom stays uniform around 4° Celsius.

During the spring and fall seasons, the air temperatures begin to change. When the surface water reaches approximately 4° Celsius, mixing of the lake from top to bottom occurs. These events can be referred to as the spring and fall turnover, which can be considered the most significant due to the magnitude of temperature changes and water densities.

As spring turns into summer, thermal stratification often occurs due to the top layer or epilimnion warming faster than the water on the bottom or hypolimnion. The warmer, less dense water remains at the top, and the cooler, more dense water separates at the bottom. A middle layer or thermocline develops that prevents the top and bottom layers from mixing. The bottom layer or hypolimnion remains denser and starts out with higher oxygen levels. However, as summer progresses, the dissolved oxygen depletes due to biological activities related to fish and invertebrates, bacteria and the natural breakdown of sediment/vegetation.

Other factors such as wind/wave action, underwater currents, and lake depth can influence seasonal stratification. While deeper lakes tend to stratify for the majority of the summer season, shallow lakes often stratify for only a small period of time, sometimes mixing regularly through-

out the warmer months due to wind/wave action. Winter stratification also occurs in lakes due to similar principles with the restricted mixing associated with ice cover being the major factor. However, winter stratification is usually not as distinct as the layering that occurs during the summer months.

Ultimately, a baseline overview of winter water quality will ensure data collection has come full circle. These results will display the natural seasonal cycle of the parameters measured at each water body. This guarantees a complete understanding of how or why water bodies support habitats for the many aquatic species that populate them. Specifically, winter sampling will assist in determining whether or not these water bodies support fish habitat and aquatic life in the winter. Most importantly, seasonal sampling supports our efforts in maintaining and protecting water quality or detecting water quality issues.

Through seasonal sampling, the ESD will be progressing toward the monitoring goal of assessing natural variability in LTBB specific water bodies by completing the baseline assessment. Once the baseline assessment is complete, this data will be used to develop LTBB Uses and Standards in LTBB specific water bodies. Adopting LTBB Tribal Uses and Standards asserts our responsibility to and the protection of our water resources and allows the opportunity to exercise our rights as a sovereign nation.

For more information regarding the Surface Water Quality Monitoring program and/or seasonal sampling, please contact Water Quality Specialist Kira Davis at 231-242-1572 or kdavis@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or Environmental Assistant Regina Gasco at 231-242-1574 or rgasco@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

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LTBB Surface Water Quality Monitoring Sites



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Michigan

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25th Annual Michigan State University Pow Wow of Love
Jenison Fieldhouse
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI
Grand entries: March 15 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and March 16 at noon
Head Drum: Great Lakes Alliance
Contact Information:
www.msu.edu/~naiso

March 15-16
16th Annual Learning to Walk Together Traditional Pow Wow
Vandament Arena
Northern Michigan University
Marquette, MI
Contact Information:
906-227-1397

March 29-30
Central Michigan University 19th Annual Contest Pow Wow
Rose Arena
Central Michigan University
Mt. Pleasant, MI
Contact Information:
Colleen Green at 989-774-2508

April 5-6
University of Michigan Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow
Crisler Arena
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI
Contact Information:
Alyx Cadotte at 734-763-9044

Wisconsin

March 1-2
Indian Summer Festival Winter Traditional Pow Wow
Wisconsin State Fair Park
8100 W. Greenfield Avenue
West Ellis, WI
Contact Information:
414-604-1000
www.indiansummer.org
indiansummer@wi.rr.com

Minnesota

March 14
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Traditional Pow Wow
The American Indian Magnet
1075 E. Third Street
St. Paul, MN
Contact Information:
651-293-5191

April 11
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Traditional Pow Wow
Battle Creek Middle School
2121 North Park Drive
St. Paul, MN
Contact Information:
651-293-5191

Ohio

March 22-23
Region of the Mound Builders Spring Pow Wow
Adena Hall
1179 University Drive
Ohio State University-Newark
Newark, OH
Grand Entries: Noon both days.
Contact Information:
Shawn Riley at 740-403-5560

April 26-27
Native Americans Return to Tawawa Springs Pow Wow
1350 Brush Row Road
Wilberforce, OH
Contact Information:
Richard Hitchcock at 937-219-8311

“Honorees” continued from page 9.

“I teach them the history I know, and I tell the students, it is their responsibility to pass the knowledge on.”

Walker-Keshick, who learned to do quillwork from Susan Shagonaby, has quillwork on display at several museums 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. Her five children all do quillwork.

“In the summer, I teach a week-long quillwork class at my house,” Walker-Keshick said. “I have six or eight people for it; as many people as we can fit around my table.”

Her quillwork class is usually in August, and people pay to take it.

Walker-Keshick is a member of the Woodland Singers, she does oil and acrylic painting and woodcarving, and she used to be a traditional dancer and used to do beadwork. Her father taught her woodcarving, William King taught her how to



learned to do beadwork as a student at the Holy Childhood of Jesus School.

Kevin Willis

Kevin Willis, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started working as a Conservation Officer in 1998, and has worked as the Chief Conservation Officer in the Natural Resource Department

since 2003. With the 2007 Inland Consent Decree in the process of being implemented, it is both an exciting and challenging time for the department.

“The decree agreement was monumental,” said Willis, who grew up in Bay Shore, MI, and graduated from Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI. “Before the agreement, our sovereignty was always under fire. The uncertainty is behind us now. It is important they acknowledged our rights. We’re excited to see our tribal members exercising those rights. We’re still in the process of implementing things per the decree.”

“As a department, we have a large task ahead of us, but it’s a challenge we all gladly take on.”

After working in the food retail business for many years, Willis wanted a new challenge and wanted to get involved with his tribe. He is certified as a Law Enforcement Officer after attending the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Academy.

“I like the inter-cooperative part of this job,” said Willis, who attended Northern Michigan University and North Central Michigan College. “We have established relationships with several state and federal agencies and several conservation officers.”

Willis and his fellow LTBB Conservation Officers annually teach at the department’s Hunter’s Safety, International Bowhunter Education Program and Snowmobile Safety classes. They are usually assisted by Conservation Officers from the other Michigan Indian tribes.

LTBB Conservation Officers also do group patrols with state and tribal agencies, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service and the United States Coast Guard.

Willis has a wife, Clydell, two children (Ryan Willis, 27, and Kath-

leen Willis, 23, who works at Odawa Casino Resort) and two grandchildren.



His parents were the late Gordon Willis and the late Glenna (Rickard) Willis.

Dana Stafford

Dana Stafford started worked in the Regulatory Department in October 2002, and he previously worked in Security at Victories Casino in Petoskey, MI.

Because of the nature of his work in the Regulatory Department, he could not discuss anything work-related, but said he loves working for the tribe.

“I was honored to receive the award,” Stafford said. “It means a great deal to me.”

Stafford, who grew up in Boyne City, MI, and graduated from Boyne City High School, joined the United States Army in 1997 and spent three years in active duty. He joined the Michigan Army National Guard in 2000.

His contract with the National Guard expires in 2011, but he plans on staying in the National Guard until 2017 so he can retire from the military with 20 years.

“I was always interested in the military; it was something I always wanted to be a part of,” Stafford said.

“My grandfather (Jay Tinholt, “Honorees” continued on page 15.

Day Care Assistance

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

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Tribal Council Meeting Minutes



The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
January 6, 2008
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle

Motion carried.
Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Oldman to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Land and Reservation.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.
Councilor Harrington departs at 2:59 pm.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Mulholland to table the Notary Public Draft Statute to the next Tribal Council agenda.

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

Motion carried.
3:40 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:41 p.m. Public Comment closed.
3:42 p.m. Recess called.

3:51 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the contract for employment for Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick dated March 5, 2009 in the base pay amount of \$101,500.00.

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

Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization to Terminate Health Park Medical Office Condominium.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grant.

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

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Fiscal Year 2008 Adult Drug Court Implementation Grant.

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

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution to Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women: FY 2008, Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program.

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

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Program (NAG-PRA) Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Fiscal Year 2008 Repatriation Grant.

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

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging (AoA), Title VI of the Older Americans Act, Part A - Grants for Native Americans Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Elders' Program.

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

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution Approval of Middle Village Park Management Committee Budget for FY 2008.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Oldman to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated December 18, 2007 for a total of 1.

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

Motion carried.
Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the Gaming Board of Directors FY 2008 Budget in the amount of \$196,000.00.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor McNamara), 2 - Abstained (Councilor Yellowbank, Councilor Oldman), 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization to Enter into Settlement Agreement in Litigation Involving Gaming Compact Payment Obligation and to Execute Compact Amendment.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the Legislative Leader written and verbal report with confidential information contained therein.

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

Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Tribal Secretary's verbal report.

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

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

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

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima to allocate \$2,500.00 from the Legislative Budget for an Economic Development work session to be held on February 15, 2008 that includes expenses for speaker's travel and fees, facility costs, refreshments and approve attendance for Tribal Council.

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

Motion carried.
5:56 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Oldman to adjourn.

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

Motion carried.
These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:
Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary
Date
January 20, 2008

Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle
Closed Session: none
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:32 a.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Shirley Oldman

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Archives and Records/Cultural Preservation Director Winney Wemigwase

Guests: Brittany Bentley, Kevin Willis, Tom Teuthorn, Harvey Gibson, Dean W. Samuels

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt the agenda with additions for January 20, 2008.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Shirley Oldman)

Motion carried.
9:56 a.m. Councilor McNamara arrived.

10:02 a.m. Councilor Harrington arrived.

10:03 a.m. Councilor Oldman arrived.
Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Mulholland to approve the Minutes of January 6, 2008 with corrections.

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

Motion carried.
Winnay Wemigwase Archives and Records and Cultural Preservation Director Video Presentation: Quill Art of the Waganakising Odawa.

11:07 a.m. Recess called.
11:19 a.m. Meeting Reconvened.

Elders Comment: Harvey Gibson spoke regarding the Elder Lunches, recognition of Doris Adams and her contributions to the Tribe.

11:49 a.m. Public Comment open: no comments.

11:50 p.m. Public Comment closed.
Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution Immunizations Assessment for Tribal Citizens.

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

12:19 p.m. Lunch recess called until 1:45 p.m.

1:48 p.m. Meeting reconvened.
Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to disapprove the proposed Wetlands Regulations.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to table the Amendment to the Minimal Internal Control Standards.

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

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to table the Citizenship Statute.

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

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Harrington to remove the Child Welfare Commission Statute from the Legislative Calendar.

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

3:04 p.m. Public Comment opened: Dean W. Samuels spoke regarding housing foreclosures and what is available on the internet for assistance.

3:05 p.m. Public Comment closed.
Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to place the Process for Appropriations of Supplemental Funding Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to table the Notary Public Draft Statute to the next Tribal Council agenda.

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

3:20 p.m. Recess called.
3:27 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Tribal Resolution Quill Art of the Waganakising

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Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2008

March 1 Work Session
March 2 Council Meeting
March 15 Work Session
March 16 Council Meeting

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

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

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Lines From our Membership



BIRTHDAYS

Happy March birthdays to my two little pills, **Jayden J. Young** and **Hailey K. Field**. You both bring such joy and laughter to my life. Seems like just yesterday, I held you both in my arms when you first entered this world. Six and seven!! Wow! Where have the years gone? Love you both with all my heart, Grandma Judy.

♪“Gdodibishkaa gdakid, Oonh, ndodibishkaa genii nangwa” ♪
MinoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaaganak! Nmisenh **Regina Kiogima**, Niitaawis **Judy Pierzynowski** miinwa Ngwis **Cody Bigjohn**. Kina giigin-daadziwok Naabdin Giizisong, Mdaaswe sha Niizh. Aapiji Gzaaginim!

Happy birthday wishes for **J.C. Lewis, Wynee Jo Boda, Martin Crampton, Elana Naganashe, Arlene Naganashe, Gary Miller, Mark Shenoskey, Francis Boda** and **Ian Uleski**. We hope you have a nice day. From Dorothy and Don Boda.

Happy second birthday to **Nizu** and **Haga Yellowbank**. Love, big brother, Kunu, Mom and grandparents (Alice and Bob Yellowbank and Susie and Robert Bickham).



Happy birthday to **Collin Sutton**, who turns two on March 6. We love you and hope your day is as special as you are. Love, Grandpa and Grandma.

Happy birthday wishes to my wonderful mother, **Janet Sagataw**, on March 27. You also are Grandmother of the Year! We all love you very much and appreciate everything you do for us. Your daughter, grandkids and “dad.”

Happy “second” birthday to my niece, **Piinabo Sagataw**, on March 27. Love, Aunt Lila, grandparents and cousins.

Attention everyone: **Hank Rowland** has a birthday on March 12. Happy happy birthday from Applebee’s to you. We wish it was our birthday, so we could party, too! (Ding!) The Mayor and Cousin.

Happy birthday to my best **Grandma**. From your boy, Anthony. I love you 2!

Happy 11th birthday to **Jamie**. We love and miss you much. From Kristy and Anthony.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to **Uncle Keith Petoskey** on March 15. From your favorite nephew, Garcia Medicine (and his Mom, too).

Happy birthday to **Sherri Patton** on March 20. From your camping buddies, Brittany and Elizabeth.

Happy birthday to **Jason Peterson** on March 3. From your pal, Brittany.

Happy 18th birthday to my baby boy, **Skippy**, on March 29. What a whirlwind of memories you have given me standing at 6-foot-6, broad at the shoulders and narrow at the hips. Ha Ha. You have been and still are, an awesome son, uncle, brother, cousin and friend to all, who have entered your life. I am so proud of you! All my love forever, Mom.

Happy 15th birthday to **Chris Lynn** on March 30. We hope you have a great year. Lots of love, Sara and Tavien.

Happy birthday (#28) to **Celestine** on March 7. With love from your crazy, lovely family. Mom, Dad, Justin, Forrest and Cheyenne.

Happy birthday **Bo**. From Ellz and family.

Wishing my daughter, **Ashlee**, a happy 18th birthday. May all your wishes come true. Love, Mom.

Wishing my sis-ta **Marlene** a happy birthday. We must celebrate. Cheers, Toni.

Happy birthday to the best most wonderful Mom and Grandma, **Regina Kiogima, Sr.**, who celebrates on March 5. You are as special to me as you are to my children. You’re not just my mom, you’re my best friend!! We love you, Gina Jr., Jimmy and Mkoohns Gasco.

Happy birthday to our daughter, **Lizzy Lou**, on March 1. We love you! (hehehe) Mom and Greg.

Happy birthday to “**Genuine**” **Jen Yuhn** on March 28. We love you daughter! Mom and Greg.

Happy birthday to our eldest daughter, **Nind Ogimigo (Chrissy Ferella)** on March 29. Love you! Mom and Greg.

Happy birthday to our nephew, **Collin Sutton**, on March 6. Love, Aunt Tina and Uncle Jason.

Happy birthday to my husband, **Jason Peterson**, on March 12. Love, your wife.

MinoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaaganak! Niingnisak **Justin McFall, Jaime Chamblee**, miinwa niitaawis **Clint Boulton** (md-wewechiged). Gzaaginim!

Happy birthday to our brother, **Yammer**. Hope you win the big bingo and share! Love, your sisters, Amelia and Tootsie.

BIRTHDAYS

Good wishes for a happy birthday to our nieces, **Lucy Keshick** and **Margaret Keshick**. From Aunties Amelia and Tootsie.

To my caboose, **Seth!** I hope you have a splendid year and wonderful job success. Love, Mom.

Many happy returns to my nephews, **Jeff Gokee** and **Seth V.** Best birthday wishes from your favorite Auntie.



Happy first birthday to our Anishnaican **Cameron X. Henry** on March 2. Love, Dad, Mom and sister, Sophie.

Happy, happy birthday to my grandson, **Josh**. Hope you have an awesome year. Love, Maime.

Happy birthday wishes go out to the following: **Fro** on March 7, **Smash** on March 19 and **Muffin** on March 31. Hope this year is filled with good times! The Gasco Family.

Happy birthday to my parents, **Henry** and **Anne Field**. You both mean the world to me, and I am so thankful God gave me to you two. Dad, your love and devotion to Mom has been an inspiration that is beyond words to describe. All my love, Judy.

Happy birthday to **Daniele Moran**, a wonderful mother, sister, daughter, wife and friend. Keep on beading. Love, everyone.

Wishing a happy birthday to **Raymond Bottoms** on March 19. Wishing you the best the year has to offer. From your brothers, sisters and family.

Wishing **Jo Ann Seay** a great birthday on March 30. From the Bottoms, Sanders and Eave families.

Birthday wishes for **Sharon Sanders** on March 24. From your family, daughter, Tammie, and grandsons, Deshawn, Dillan, Garrett and Gavin.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Clint Boulton**, a member of the Petoskey High School (PHS) Band. The PHS Band won the Grand Champion award at the Battle of the Bands in Grandville, MI. Pictured with Boulton is his grandmother, Grace Zerbe.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Paul Bauer** on his recent promotion to Private First Class in the United States Marine Corps. He is stationed at Camp Lejeune Marine Base in North Carolina. We are very proud of you. Love, Grandpa Richard and Grandma Marian Smith, Mom Cary Bauer, Father Don Bauer, Sister Katie Bauer and Brother Nathan Bauer.



Vincent Anawaabii Pontiac was born on January 8 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI. He weighed six pounds and 15 ounces and was 18.25 inches long. His parents are Bryan and Jessica (Gomez) Pontiac. His grandparents are Rudy and Margaret Pontiac and Fred and Irene Gomez. “I would like to thank my wife for a loonng nine months. It is nice to see it rewarded with such a beautiful son.” Love, Bryan.



Happy “Birth Day” to **Nathan James Conway** born on December 29, 2007 at 10:50 p.m. to Brandy Dove and Pete Conway! Love you guys, Aunt Michele and Uncle Greg.

Congratulations to **Jay Maldonado**, who finished first in the 35-49 age division with a throw of 278 feet and three inches, at the 2008 Goonignebig Games on February 2.

It was the first time Maldonado, the husband of LTBB Attorney Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, threw a snowsnake. He borrowed it from Sherri Patton.

Chi Miigwetch

The family of **Francis Stead** would like to thank everyone who supported them during their time of loss.

The heartfelt warmth given to our family from the community was more than enough to see us through.

Our family appreciates your kindness during this time.

Chi Miigwetch.

The family of Francis Stead.

Walking On...

Kathryn J. Boda, 81

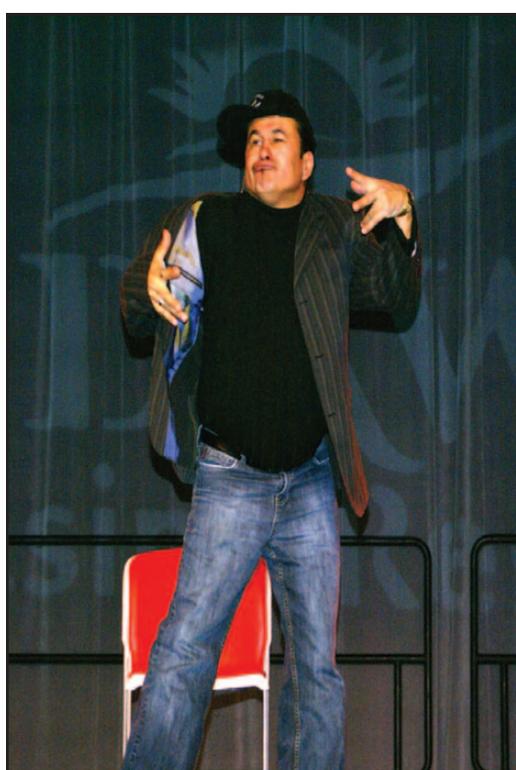
Kathryn J. Boda, 81, of Petoskey, MI, walked on January 26 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. Born in Good Hart, MI, on March 2, 1926, to Wallace and Rose (Mitchell) Williams, she grew up in the Petoskey area, attended Petoskey schools and graduated from Petoskey High School. She attended Cosmetology School in Grand Rapids, MI, and worked as a cosmetologist in a department store for several years. On June 6, 1953, she married Henry P. Boda in Middle Village, MI. They made their home in Grand Rapids for many years. After Henry retired, they moved back to northern Michigan, settling in Good Hart. She enjoyed quiet times spent reading a good book or going for long walks in the woods surrounding the Good Hart area. She had a real love of nature and was a gifted naturalist; she could identify nearly every single wildflower or plant she came across. She was preceded in death by her husband on January 13, 1996; by an infant daughter; her parents; her brother, Charles; and her sister, Mary. She was a member of the LTBB.

Francis James Stead, 71

Francis James Stead, 71, of Petoskey walked on January 31 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey surrounded by his family. He was born on March 6, 1936 to Frank J. and Jessie (Taylor) Stead in Cheboygan County, MI. In May 1960, he married the love of his life, LTBB Tribal Citizen Anna Mae Naganashe, and she survives. They made their home in Petoskey for 48 years. He owned and operated his own landscaping business for many years in Petoskey. His joys in life were gardening, growing giant pumpkins, fishing, hunting, and most of all, being with his children, Glenn (Katherine) Stead of Petoskey, Deborah (Felix) Stanislawski of England, Karen (Ron) Boda of Grand Rapids, Larry (Laurie) Stead of Alanson, MI, Mary (Kenneth) Roberts of Brutus, MI, Frances Bush of Boyne Falls, MI, Robert Stead of Kalamazoo, MI, Beverly McLean of Petoskey, Joseph Stead of Petoskey, and David (Tina) Stead of Boyne City, MI; his 31 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Ethel and Dorothy; and by a brother, Donald.

Native News

Circle of Excellence LTBB Government Employee Appreciation Dinner Featuring Comedian Don Burnstick



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Editor's note: An article about the 2007 Circle of Excellence award recipients starts on page 9 in this issue of Odawa Trails.



"Honorees" continued from page 12.

who was a dentist) was a World War II and Korean War veteran, and I had uncles in the Marine Corps." From 2003-2004, Stafford was deployed to Egypt to secure the Egypt-Israeli border. "We were at the northern most American outpost in Egypt," Stafford said. "From the security tower, you could see Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia." "I was home for less than two years after that before I was deployed to Iraq." Stafford's deployment to Iraq lasted 12 months where he was attached to the Second Infantry Division in southeastern Baghdad. "We did clearance operations, combat patrols and trained the Iraqi police so they could step up and take over," Stafford said. "I was an Infantry squad leader, and I was in charge of training and supplies for three police stations." Stafford has a wife, Gaola, and their first child was due on February 24. They planned to name their son, Isiah. Gaola's father was a Lieutenant in the Hmong Army that fought alongside the Americans against the Vietnam Cong in the Vietnam War. Hmong was a nomadic tribe in China, and its descendents live all over southeast Asia.

Native comedian Don Burnstick entertained the 233 LTBB Governmental Employees and their guests at the January 18 Circle of Excellence LTBB Government Employee Appreciation Dinner at Odawa Casino Resort's Ovation Hall in Petoskey, MI.

Burnstick, a Cree from the Alexander First Nation located outside of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, played numerous Native characters and humorously portrayed them, their habits, likes and dislikes. Burnstick, the youngest of 15 children, grew up on a Canadian reserve. As a young man,

he lived on the streets of Edmonton as an alcoholic and drug addict. In 1985 when he was 21, he sobered up.

Burnstick received post secondary training at the University of San Diego in holistic urban youth development. He also obtained certification as an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor and graduated from the Native Trainers Development program at Nechi Institute in Edmonton.

His website www.donburnstick.com describes him as "being involved with the healing/personal wellness movement for the past 20 years."

Burnstick wrote and performs

the play "I Am Alcohol - Healing the Wounded Warrior," and performs his highly acclaimed comedy show "You Might Be a Redskin - Healing Through Native Humor."

A donation from Madigan/Pingatore and Northern Michigan Insurance companies paid for the entertainment.

Cultural Preservation Coordinator Leonard "Joe" Mitchell, Archives Technician Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Environmental Services Director Rachel Schwarz, Community Health Outreach Representative Mary Gasco, Substance Abuse Counselor Susan Yates, Chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis and Regulatory Department employee Dana Stafford all received 2007 Circle of Excellence awards.

The Circle of Excellence program provides the LTBB Governmental Team a chance to recognize seven team members for their hard work, dedication, teamwork, dependability and commitment to customer service. The program started in 2005.

Five-year service awards and a 10-year service award were also given



Substance Abuse Counselor in the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Department in September 1999 and has worked as a Substance Abuse Counselor since 1984.

Yates, who earned an Associates Degree in Substance Abuse Counseling from Delta College, became interested in Substance Abuse Counseling because her husband of 47 years, Milton, is a recovering alcoholic, and she benefited from attending Al-Anon.

"You have to live it to understand it," Yates said. "I view addiction as a disease. I am more understanding of why people do destructive things and why people make certain choices. We have a different viewpoint than others to those with a problem. At times, this job is very rewarding, but other times, it is heartbreaking. I learned early on in my career not to take responsibility for a client's success or failure." Yates said she prefers to be called an Addiction Recovery Counselor.

"I'm a very big believer in the 12-step program and AA (Alcoholics

Anonymous)," Yates said. "I'm a big Al-Anon person because it changed me in so many ways. Support is so important in any kind of recovery process."

Yates and her family rented a house in northern Michigan during a skiing trip, and decided they wanted to move to the area. A year and a half after their skiing trip, she accepted her current position and moved to the area.

"Everything fell into place like it was supposed to," Yates said. "I love my work, and I love living here."

"I've had opportunities to be involved in things here I wouldn't experience anywhere else. I appreciate everyone sharing their culture with me and teaching me things. It's been an exciting eight years."

Yates said she felt honored to be onstage with the other Circle of Excellence recipients.

"I was very surprised to receive the award," Yates said. "I was thrilled and happy. It was uplifting."

"The most moving part for me was the honor song (performed by the Bedassige Singers)."

Yates has four sons (Robert, Michael, Charles and Stephen) and eight grandchildren.

Rachel Schwarz

Rachel Schwarz started working as the Environmental Services Director in 2003, and worked in the department as the Water Quality Specialist for five years prior to that.

Schwarz, who grew up in the Lafayette, IN, area on a family farm, earned a Bachelor's of Science degree from Purdue University. She and her family enjoyed outdoor activities such as camping and hunting. Her grand-



mother was a gardener and enjoyed bird watching.

"There was a wetland adjacent to one of the fields on our farm," Schwarz said. "One day, the wetland was gone."

"It affected me a lot as a child."

Schwarz's mentor was the late Taimi Hoag, who was the Environmental Services Director before her.

"She had a lot of influence on me," Schwarz said. "She was a mentor to me, Kira (Davis, the Water Quality Specialist) and Regina (Gasco, the Environmental Assistant/Recycling Coordinator/Water Quality Assistant)."

Her department has numerous programs: Air Quality, Water Quality, Surface Water Quality, Drinking Water, Wetlands, Solid Waste Management, Pollution Prevention and

LTBB 5 & 10 - year Employees

5-year Employees

Steve Clausen	Allie Maldonado
George Closser	David Massey
Doug Craven	Sandra McSawby
Shawn Davenport	Bill Parsons, Jr.
Anthony Davis	Dorothy Perry
Roger Emery	Terry Samuels, M.D.
James Gasco	Dana Stafford
Margaret Gasco	Andrew Stich
CariAnne Jeffers-Weisel	Aaron Wemigwase
Archie Kiogima, III	Beverly Wemigwase
Susan Lantz	Valerie Williams
Steve Lenart	Roger Willis
Sara Lucier	Linda Woods

10-year Employee
Archie Kiogima, Jr.

out. A graphic of the five-year and 10-year service award recipients accompanies this article.

Bedassige Singers sang an honor song for the 2007 Circle of Excellence recipients.

Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima gave the invocation before the dinner.

The Human Resources Department contributed to this article.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Renewable Energy Conservation. The department works cooperatively with many federal, state, regional and local agencies and organizations. Her department also provides Environmental Education.

"This is my dream job because I get to do what I love, and I feel like I am making a difference," Schwarz said. "But, I could not do my job without my wonderful staff. I have a very supportive staff. They work well together."

Schwarz manages a Performance Partnership grant (Clean Water grant and General Assistance Program grant), a Solid Waste Assistance grant, a Clean Air grant and a grant associated with the Bay Harbor Superfund site cleanup. She estimates 40% of her job entails grant management.

"We are constantly applying for new grants," Schwarz said.

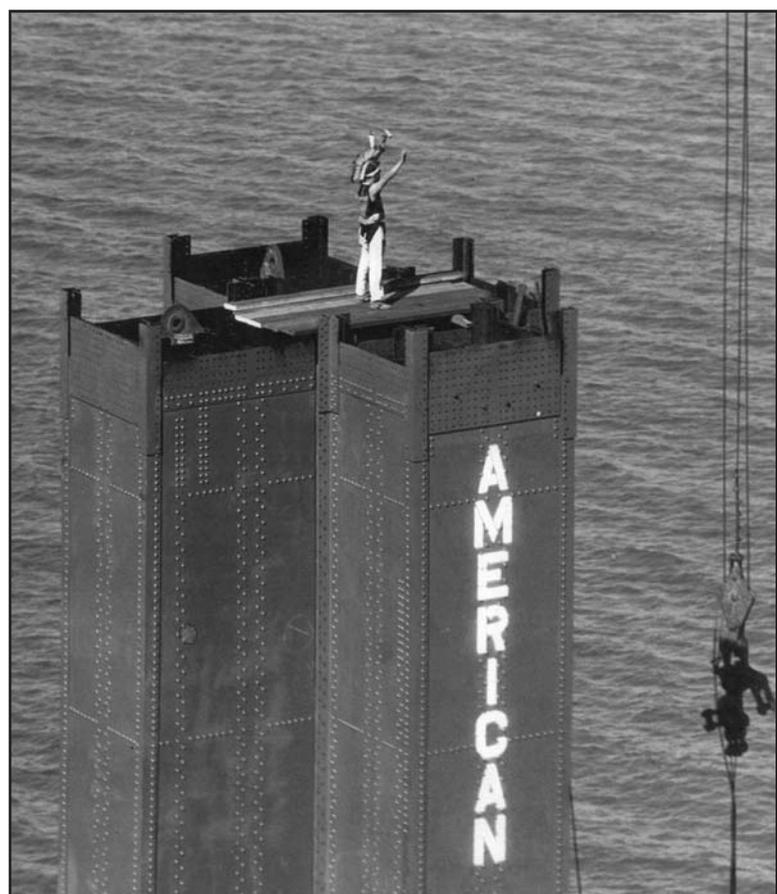
Schwarz has an 11-year-old son Ethan, who plays basketball and baseball and does martial arts. Ethan is an A-B Honor Roll student.

Leonard "Joe" Mitchell

Leonard "Joe" Mitchell, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, worked for four years as the Research/Repatriation Assistant in the Cultural Preservation Department before becoming the Cultural Preservation Coordinator in 2001.

"I try to maintain the old values," said Mitchell, who grew up in Petoskey. "We can't live like we did in" **"Honorees" continued on page 18.**

LTBB and State of Michigan Celebrate the Enduring Legacy of Lewis Adams, Sr.



By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

In 2007, the Mackinaw Bridge celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce held several events from May to November 2007 with a 50th Anniversary Celebration being held July 28-29.

Despite the festivities, a significant part of the bridge's history was overlooked.

That was rectified on January 16.

At Audie's Restaurant in Mackinaw City, MI, the widow (the late Doris Adams, who walked on February 11) and family members of the late Lewis Adams, Sr. were given two state proclamations, one signed by Governor Jennifer Granholm and one signed by State Representative

Gary McDowell and State Senator Jason Allen.

The proclamations acknowledged Lewis Adams, Sr.'s lifelong contributions to Native culture and his part in the history of the Mackinaw Bridge. In 1955 on top of the northern tower of the Mackinaw Bridge as it neared completion, Adams performed a pipe ceremony, and he prayed for the blessings of the Creator and for the safe completion of the bridge.

A photograph of him on the bridge was taken at that time. The photograph is in the Archives of Michigan and in LTBB's Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation's photograph collection. It also accompanies this article.

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik spoke to the elders in attendance at the Elders Luncheon on

January 17 about the Adams family receiving the proclamations a day earlier at Audie's Restaurant.

Family members present for the Elders Luncheon were the late Doris Adams, Susie Swadling, Mary Schneider, Sarah Craven, Harvey Gibson, Waasmowin Craven, 2, and Wiigwaas Craven, 5 months old.

The Woodland Singers (Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Janelle Smith, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Veronica Medicine and Andrea Otto) sang an honor song for the late Lewis Adams, Sr.

Lewis Adams, Sr.'s Life and Legacy

Lewis Adams, Sr. was born on June 22, 1922, married Doris Kishigo on July 25, 1946 and walked on January 27, 1964. He was the winner of the 1937 National Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, and later, gained local notoriety as a Golden Gloves boxer. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1942 to 1946, seeing action on the volcanic island of Iwo Jima, and he was a friend of Ira Hayes.

As a veteran, he was Commander of AMVETS Post 50, an all-Indian post. He organized toy collection repairs and delivery for the Indian orphanage in Marquette, MI. He started the Little Traverse Indian Club of Harbor Springs, MI, and helped organize the last Hiawatha Pageant in Ottawa Stadium.

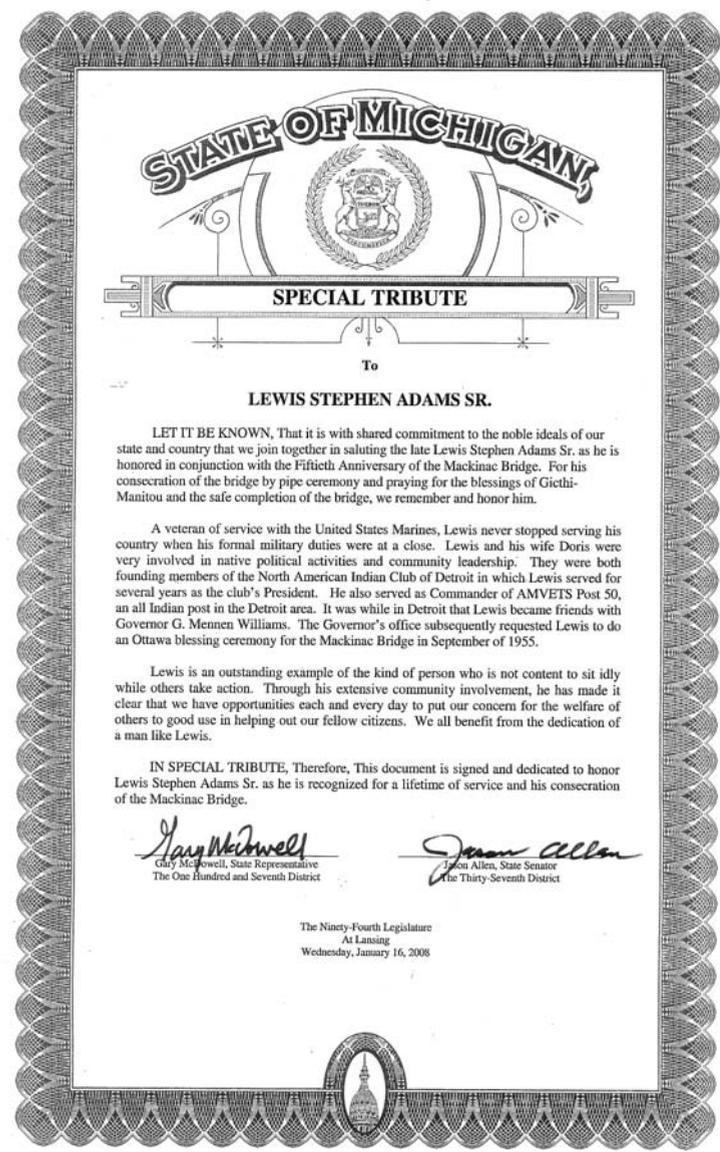
Tribal Council passed Tribal Resolution #080606-05, honoring Lewis Adams, Sr., on August 11, 2006.

The tribal resolution states, "The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council posthumously bestows upon Lewis Stephen Adams, Sr. its greatest honors and accolades, and thanks Lewis and his family for their many contributions to our community and recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Mackinaw Bridge's construction, Labor Day 2006, as Lewis Stephen Adams, Sr. Day."

To view or print out Tribal Resolution #080606-05, please visit www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, click on Odawa Register, click on 2006 under Resolutions and click on #080606-05. You can also view or obtain a copy of it at the Legislative Office on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs.

The photo of the Adams family members after the Elders Luncheon on January 17 by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

The photo of Lewis Adams, Sr. on the northern tower of the Mackinaw Bridge in 1955 appears courtesy of the Archives of Michigan.



Annual Tribal Membership Meeting 2008

Saturday, May 10
Petoskey Middle School
Doors open at 9 a.m.
Lunch at noon.



General Membership Speaker:
Marci Reyes

The Appropriations & Finance Committee of Tribal Council

will hold a FY 2009 Budget Hearing on
March 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at the
LTBB Governmental Center,
7500 Odawa Circle,
Harbor Springs, MI 49740 in the Tribal Court room.



CORA Working with Coast Guard to Prevent Oil Spills

By Mike Ripley, Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program/CORA

The U.S. Coast Guard and the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) sponsored a training course on January 15 at the Holiday Inn in Traverse City, MI, on preventing and cleaning up oil spills from commercial fishing vessels.

Fishers from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians were invited to the training session and were presented with free oil spill cleanup equipment. The training and equipment were made possible by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Sault Sainte Marie is in charge of oil spill prevention and response in northern Lakes Michigan and Huron, the St. Mary's River and all of Lake Superior. The sector led the course, providing information on what to do in case of an oil spill, and how to prevent it from happening in the first place.

According to Coast Guard Marine Science Technician First Class Ezra Graham, the most common cause of spills on the Great Lakes is from refueling and overfilling of fuel

tanks. Oil and gas in bilge water is also a common source of spills. There were several incidents of fishing vessels sinking in 2007, causing oil spills and added costs of boat recovery.

There are three things that need to be remembered in case of an oil spill: 1. Always report an oil spill to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802. **Failure to report an oil spill can lead to a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or five years in prison!** 2. Take immediate action to secure the source of a discharge and attempt to keep the spill contained. This is where equipment such as oil absorbing pads provided during the training exercise can help. 3. Never use dispersants such as soap on an oil spill. Soap mobilizes oil and allows it to spread throughout the water column, resulting in contamination of fish, animals and eventually, people.

In addition to the training, attendees also received free oil spill prevention kits. The kits included materials to use on board tribal fishing vessels to prevent oil from being released into the environment.

CORA plans to hold another training session in conjunction with the Coast Guard in the Upper Peninsula at Bay Mills Indian Community in November.

Save the Date - March 8 Great Start Parenting Conference

Submitted by Sarah Shuman, Great Start Parent Liaison

Your child's future begins with a Great Start!

Parents and caregivers of young children, 0-5, are invited to learn useful parenting techniques during a Great Start Parenting Conference on March 8.

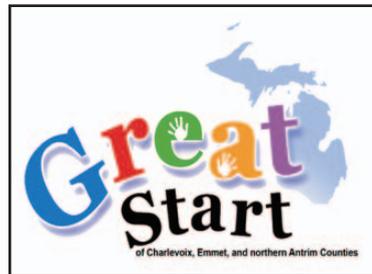
The day will kick off with keynote speaker and renowned child expert Dr. Wil Bleckman. His presentation, "If I Only Had a Brain," will cover parent-friendly information about brain development in young children.

"Research shows that infants and toddlers learn from what we provide them," said Great Start Parent Coalition Chair Sarah Shuman.

"During the March 8 conference, we are encouraging parents to join us for discussions on useful techniques that they can apply with their children that same day."

The 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. conference, held at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, MI, is geared toward parents and caregivers of young children, 0-5.

Besides the keynote address, a



variety of breakout sessions will be held on various parenting topics.

Lunch will be provided to all attendees. Daycare and transportation will also be offered on a limited basis with pre-registration required.

The conference is sponsored by the Great Start Coalition in cooperation with Kiwanis Clubs from Charlevoix and Emmet counties,

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency - Head Start/Early Head Start, Early On, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Child Abuse Council of Charlevoix and Emmet counties. Generous grants from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and Charlevoix County Community Foundation will support the conference.

The Great Start Collaborative of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties coordinates early childhood services and programs and brings together community members to assist children from birth to age five and their families.

For more information about the March 8 Great Start Parenting Conference, please contact Sarah Shuman at 231-330-6071.

Additional information about the conference will be released soon.

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ATTENTION DANCERS AND DRUMMERS

Calling all Dancers and Drummers willing to give an educational presentation at the Petoskey Stone Festival on May 24 at Barnes Park in Eastport, MI.

If interested, please contact Petoskey Stone Festival Committee member Eileen Wallick at 231-599-2712.

Honorarium negotiable.

For more information on the festival, please visit www.antrimcounty.com, click on Barnes Park and click on Petoskey Stone Festival.

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Woodland Singers Featured as Part of Ulali Concert in Grand Rapids, MI

Submitted by Chet Eagleman, Jr.

The Grand Rapids Women's Chorus is proud to present an evening with first nation's female a cappella singing group ULALI.

The ULALI trio will perform in concert on March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Royce Auditorium of the St. Cecilia Music Center in Grand Rapids, MI.

ULALI members include Pura Fe (Tuscarora), Soni Moreno (Apache, Yaqui) and Jennifer Kresiberg (Tuscarora).

ULALI has toured internationally and across North America giving presentations at American Indian centers and performance halls alike.

Since forming in 1987, ULALI has created a new genre of American Indian music by embracing a wide range of indigenous musical styles from Southern choral singing to pre-Columbian sounds.

ULALI was the first Native American women's a cappella group to create their own sound from traditional roots and personal contemporary styles, therefore, inspiring the creation of other Native women's performing groups.

The group'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 American Indian women, by using their gifted voices to address racial and gender stereotypes.

The event will also feature performances by the Snow Bird Singers from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Woodland Singers from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Pre-concert lectures will highlight Native voices on these topics: "We Are Connected to the Earth: Using the Medicine Wheel Teaching" presented by Deb Gutowski; "The Anishinabe Kwe Hand Drum" by Lorraine "Punkin" Shananaquet; and "Preserving Indigenous Language" with Pat Dipiazza.

Tickets are \$15 and \$8 for students.

Admission to the lectures is included with the ticket purchase. Advance tickets are available online at www.grwc.org and at Spirit Dreams, 1430 Lake Dr. SE, in Grand Rapids.

The event is in honor of Women's History Month and is made possible by a grant from the Nokomis Foundation.

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Native News Briefs

Compiled by Odawa Trails staff

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Opens New Casino

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe opened the \$44 million Saginaw Eagles Landing Casino in Standish, MI, on December 31, 2007 and held its grand opening on January 24.

The 32,000-square foot casino features more than 700 slot machines and 40 electronic table games. It brought more than 290 jobs to Arenac County.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe purchased a nearby marina and gas station, converting it into a Sagamok Shell Station and Convenience Store.

Returning the Gift Native Writers Conference

The American Indian Studies Program (AISP) in association with the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers is pleased to be hosting the Returning the Gift Native Writers Conference from March 13-15 at the Michigan State University (MSU) Union in East Lansing, MI.

This conference brings together Native American writers of all levels. A total of 24 workshops will be held in four thematic areas corresponding to the four directions of the Medicine Wheel: New Media (East), Literature and Poetry (South), Academic and Critical Writing (West) and Traditional Languages and Storytelling (North).

While not exclusive to the region, many of the workshops are being presented by Great Lakes Native Writers and Storytellers. Topics will run the gamut from performance and poetry to rock art and graphic novels.

In addition to the workshops, there will be Invited Readings on Thursday, March 13, and an Open-Microphone night on Friday, March 14. Both of these events are free and open to everyone, not just conference attendees. Invited readers include Jim Northrup, David Treuer and Charlene Bearskin among others.

The Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers will hold its awards ceremony for Native Writers during lunch on March 14. The conference will conclude with a banquet on Saturday,

March 15 that includes a performance by Asani, a Cree/Metis women's singing group from Alberta, Canada.

In addition, the North American Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO) will be holding its annual Pow Wow of Love on the MSU campus from March 15-16.

The cost of the conference is \$20 for students and \$40 for all others. This fee includes participation in workshops, Friday's lunch and Saturday's banquet. Registration is due by March 1, but space in each workshop is limited, so early registration is recommended. Registration, housing information and a complete schedule are all available online at www.aisp.msu.edu/events.html. If you do not have access to a computer, please call the American Indian Studies Program at 517-432-2193 to have a paper registration form mailed to you.

This conference is supported by many programs on the Michigan State University campus, including the 2007-08 Year of Arts and Culture.

Native American Journalism Career Conference

The Ninth Annual Native American Journalism Career Conference, the largest Native student journalism program of its kind in the country, will be held April 22-24 at Crazy Horse Memorial (www.crazyhorse.org) in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

For the past eight conferences, approximately 900 Native students from high schools and colleges in the upper Midwest and the western United States have attended.

Experienced journalists, many of them Native American, mentor the students on the basic skills and practices of journalism, including writing and photography.

South Dakota native Al Neuharth, founder of *USA Today* and the Freedom Forum, is the opening speaker on April 22 in the visitor center at Crazy Horse where all the activities will be held.

Teachers and advisors, who are interested in organizing student groups to attend the conference, must register in advance. Contact Janine Harris, Manager of the Al Neuharth Media Center, at 605-677-5424 or

jharris@freedomforum.org. Registration deadline is March 31.

Lodging, meals and conference participation are free to students and their teachers. Some travel assistance is available.

"This conference introduces and promotes journalism as a career path for Native youth, who otherwise might not consider it," said Jack Marsh, Freedom Forum Vice President and one of the conference's founders, in a press release.

"Natives are one of the most underrepresented groups in America's newsrooms. Quality news organizations that value a diverse workforce are eager to hire Native journalists and improve the coverage of Indian Country, Native people and Native issues. When the diversity of a newsroom reflects the diversity of the community it serves, the news coverage is fairer and richer."

The conference is funded by the Freedom Forum and co-sponsored by the South Dakota Newspaper Association, the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation, the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) and the journalism programs at South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota.

38th Annual Native American Critical Issues Conference

The Michigan Indian Education Council (MIEC) announces the 38th Annual Native American Critical Issues Conference to be held March 13-15 at the Soaring Eagle Inn and Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

The theme is National Initiative to Strengthen Native Families.

The goals of the conference are to introduce the next generations to the technologies that will allow them to succeed in the new economy; to facilitate the exchange of ideas between educators, agencies, tribal entities and families for better educational strategies; to discuss tactics for classrooms and agencies to affect families as a unit to realize the full potential of each; and to empower and impel each generation to action while still heeding the lessons of our ancestors.

Opening keynote speaker is Litefoot, a Native American rapper and the founder of the Red Vinyl record

label. Litefoot, an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, has released eight albums and has appeared as an actor. The closing luncheon will be conducted by attending youth and the singing duo of Davis and Diva.

For more information, please contact MIEC President Sharon Kota at 810-989-2727 or slkota@yahoo.com.

Editor of the Tribal Tribune Resigns

Samuel F. Sampson resigned as Editor of the Colville Tribes' newspaper, *Tribal Tribune*, on January 2 after learning the newspaper would be required to be previewed by the Colville's Executive Director.

"I found out (on December 30, 2007) that the Acting Executive Director has to approve everything prior to the *Tribal Tribune* being printed," Sampson said in his resignation letter. "I am resigning as Editor of the *Tribal Tribune* because I can't work under the conditions now being proposed."

NAJA is deeply troubled by the situation.

"NAJA is deeply rooted in free press protection issues and concerns," NAJA President Cristina Azocar said in a press release. "The organization is on record stating that any form of control or censorship does any newspaper's readers an injustice."

The *Tribal Tribune* is published monthly and is distributed free to adult tribal members, but does take non-tribal subscriptions.

Azocar said it is important all newspapers strive to build integrity and be a viable source of news and information.

"It is especially important for tribal newspapers to be a fair and accurate source for tribal news and information because it becomes their own story, in their own words," Azocar said.

Sampson said he would be willing to return to the *Tribal Tribune*, but the Colville Business Council would need to rescind the newspaper's preview directive.

"When I appeared before an Interview Board for the position of *Tribal Tribune* Editor, the Board assured me that the Colville Business Council would not interfere with my

position as Editor," Sampson said.

More than 9,000 Colville tribal members call the 1.4 million acre reservation located in north central Washington State home.

Azocar said NAJA hopes the Colville Business Council and tribal administrators can positively resolve the issue, protecting the freedom of the press and showing their people they can trust how their actions are reported.

"Frozen River" Garners Top Award at Sundance

Writer/director Courtney Hunt's "Frozen River" won the Grand Jury Prize: Dramatic Feature on January 26 at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival.

The story involves a poverty-stricken white woman and a young Mohawk woman, who earn money smuggling undocumented immigrants across the frozen St. Lawrence River from Canada into the United States.

Hunt, who holds a Master of Fine Arts from Columbia University Film Division, developed a short film of the same title in 2004.

Sony Pictures Classic purchased the full-length version of "Frozen River" on January 24, guaranteeing it wide distribution.

Yakama Second Runner-up in Miss America 2008 Pageant

Elyse Umemoto, born and raised on the Yakama Indian Reservation in Wapato, WA, finished as the second runner-up in the Miss America 2008 Pageant on January 26 and received a \$20,000 scholarship.

Umemoto, who is Yakama Indian, Japanese, Hispanic and German, is a 23-year-old college student, eight credits shy of earning Bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Political Science.

Umemoto appeared on the reality show "Miss America Reality Check" on the Learning Channel where she spent almost two weeks in a house with 51 beauty contestants with only five showers.

Miss Michigan Kirsten Haglund from Farmington Hills, MI, was crowned Miss America 2008, and Miss Indiana Nicole Elizabeth Rash was the first runner-up.

"Honorees" continued on page 19.



up in Harbor Springs, MI, and attended Harbor Springs High School. "I like visiting with them and learning from them. They enjoy having company."

"The years I spent working at Bay Bluffs was good training for this job."

Gasco said it was an honor to be recognized for the work she does. "It means a lot because it came from my co-workers," Gasco said.

Gasco and her late husband, Vernon Gasco, were married for 34 years. They had eight children (Jeff, Tina, Maggie, Toni, Sue, Gwen, Marlene and Tammy). Gasco has six grandchildren (Tawnee Mickalacki, Tikibihns Teuthorn, Carly Searles, Andi Gasco, Emma Gasco and Ashlee Gasco) and one great-grandchild (Joey Gasco).

Her parents were the late Richard Anthony Wemigwase and Evelyn Chingwa.

Her main job duties include making home visits, accompanying patients to appointments, serving as a patient advocate and assisting with health fairs and foot clinics.

"I enjoy the time I get to spend with the elders," said Gasco, who grew

Photos by Annette VanDeCar.

Women's Wellness Circle

Come learn about healthy living and wellness with U of M medical students. Topics include:

- smoking cessation
- nutrition
- exercise
- stress relief
- how to integrate healthier changes into your lifestyle

In addition, there will be a talking circle for you to share your reaction to what was presented and receive personalized advice from the group. A healthy lunch will be served at noon and healthy snacks later. R.S.V.P.s not necessary, but appreciated by March 6.

More information: <http://umich.edu/~rhrose/wwc> or the LTBB Health Clinic, 1080 Hager Dr., Petoskey, MI. To R.S.V.P., please contact Rachel Rose at rhrose@umich.edu or 734-476-7667.

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LTBB Governmental Center
March 20th, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

2008 GOONIGNEBIG GAMES

Submitted by Cathy Gibson, Community Health Administrative Assistant

One hundred twenty-nine people competed in the 2008 LTBB Goonignebig Games held February 2 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

People traveled from as far away as Grand Rapids, MI, and Manistee, MI, to take part in the festive day that included a lunch, an Elk Feast sponsored by Jeannie Norris and storytelling inside the governmental center by the LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program.

Awards were given for the first, second and third places in the male and female categories. Please see the chart that accompanies this article for the winners.

Men/boys Division

- Preschool, 1-4**
- Anthony Russell 68 ft. 2 in.
- Dominic Schansem 64 ft. 8 in.
- Jessie James Cabarrubia 64 ft. 3 in.
- Kindergarten-second grade**
- Stanley Dewey 169 ft. 8 in.
- Noodin Craven 130 ft.
- Xavier Schansem 104 ft. 3 in.
- Third-fifth grade**
- Alex Dewey 194 ft.
- Richard Dayson 172 ft.
- Cannon Parkey 171 ft. 1 in.
- Sixth-eighth grade**
- Jacob Berensten 267 ft. 7 in.
- Chris DeLorme 199 ft. 2 in.
- Nathan Rowland 196 ft. 3 in.
- Ninth-12th grade**
- Michael Keshick 200 ft. 7 in.
- Cody Day 190 ft. 10 in.
- William King 167 ft. 10 in.
- 18-34**
- Isaac Dillard 200 ft.
- Kyle Shomin 130 ft.
- David DeLevaga 111 ft. 11 in.
- 35-49**
- Jay Maldonado 278 ft. 3 in.
- Claytus Clyne 250 ft. 3 in.
- Bob Phillips 244 ft. 2 in.
- 50-64**
- J.D. Gibson 305 ft.
- 65 and over**
- Bill McIlrath 313 ft.
- Bill Denemy, Sr. 285 ft.
- Jim Naganashe 130 ft.

Women/girls division

Preschool, 1-4

With the weather in the high 20s and low 30s, there was an excellent turnout, and spirits were high throughout the day.

Chi Miigwech to all the people, who took the time to help and participate in the 2008 Goonignebig Games. A special Chi Miigwech to all the people, who helped make the event a success. We appreciate the many hours everyone dedicated to making the snowsnake track and helping with the snowsnake making classes.

Congratulations Bakanaagejik!!
LTBB Community Health/Diabetes Department

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Winners of the 2008 Goonignebig Games appear in the chart accompanying this article.

- Madison Pelcher 67 ft.
- Emily Naganashe 64 ft. 61 ft. 2 in.
- Jasmine Cabarrubia 64 ft. 42 ft. 7 in.
- Kindergarten-second grade**
- Waabaanong Plecher 180 ft.
- Sharolyn Yonnet 108 ft. 8 in.
- Hanna Lonchar 90 ft. 10 in.
- Third-fifth grade**
- Shaylee Smith 204 ft. 6 in.
- Lillie McIlrath-Parker 203 ft. 7 in.
- Kelsey DeLand-Phillips 137 ft.
- Sixth-eighth grade**
- Christina Dewey 150 ft. 2 in.
- Brittany Bentley 121 ft. 5 in.
- Elana Naganashe 109 ft. 2 in.
- Ninth-12th grade**
- Cassandra Gibson 184 ft. 6 in.
- Tessa Dayson 102 ft. 8 in.
- Kati Danaher 77 ft.
- 18-34**
- Jenny Robinson 97 ft. 8 in.
- Julie Wolfe 88 ft. 6 in.
- Fiona Banfield 80 ft.
- 35-49**
- Ellie Payton 194 ft. 5 in.
- Carol Kiogima 170 ft. 9 in.
- Roxanne Phillips 168 ft.
- 50-64**
- Sheran Patton 303 ft. 1 in.
- Cindy McIlrath 298 ft.
- Rochelle Ettawageshik 291 ft. 6 in.
- 65 and over**
- Mary Jane Kiogima 84 ft. 3 in.
- Rose DeLand 78 ft. 2 in.
- Arlene Naganashe 54 ft. 3 in.

First Semester LTBB Community Honor Roll Students

Petoskey High School

- Megan Sue Austin
- Anthony Bear
- Clint Boulton
- Daniel Brunelle
- Anakin Chingwa
- Carrie Eggleston
- Haley Esford
- Rosemarie Goodman

- Trisha Herron
- Sean Miller
- Kaitlyn Shananaquet
- Justin Shananaquet
- Chrystal Schemanski
- Calvin Schemanski
- Kyle Shomin
- Mariah Sweeney

Petoskey Middle School

- Asia IaOng Abram-Craig
- Marissia Chartier
- Christina Dewey
- Johnathan Harrington
- Zachary Johnson
- Elana Naganashe
- Brienna North
- Cody Walker

LTBB Hawks Awards Pizza Party and Snowsnake Making Workshop



Odawa Trails staff report

The Diabetes Program, the Anishinaabemowin Language Program and the Youth Services Department held a LTBB Hawks Awards Pizza Party and Snowsnake Making Workshop on January 19 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

All LTBB Hawks players received Achievement Awards for their efforts and dedication.

Yarrow Nowell, Amber Nowell, Claus Nowell, Izzy Olson, Alexandria LaVake, Sarah Jo Schilling, Alex McGrath, Tony McGrath, Mitchell McGrath, Paul McGrath, Dustin Grundy, Devin Grundy, Nico Cornstalk, Anthony Bear and Cassie Gibson all received their awards at the

event.

Players not in attendance at the event included Brandon Connin, Kacie Gokee, Becca Lynn, Alec Guerrero, Alicia Alvarado, Alec Alvarado, Kenny Dewey, Stanley Dewey, Andrea Shananaquet, Kasheena Shananaquet, Devin Drain, Skyler Cornstalk, Connor Krowswek, Chris Lynn, Josh Garlitz, Tony Cepeda-Mulholland, Michael Keshick, Mercadz Schmidt, Breanna Cepeda-Mulholland, Sondra Bennett, Trisha Heron, Marlene Powell, Gaila Vertz and Brooke Whittaker.

The 14-18 LTBB Hawks boys basketball team received its second place trophy from the Michigan United Tribal Youth Basketball League (MUTYBL).

J.D. and Cathy Gibson received

Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards thanking them for their dedication to the LTBB Hawks Basketball Program.

Language Program Coordinator Carla McFall presented all the LTBB Hawks players with audio CDs with basketball phrases. It was done in hopes the LTBB Hawks players, coaches and parents would incorporate the language into their activities while playing basketball.

The Snowsnake Making Workshop was held in conjunction with the awards party.

Approximately 40 people attended the event.

Information provided by Cathy Gibson. Photos by Mike Lyons.

