

ERIC HEMENWAY TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERM ON NAGPRA REVIEW COMMITTEE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Only seven people comprise the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee.

On January 12, Eric Hemenway received a letter congratulating him on being one of the select few.

Hemenway, the Research & Repatriation Assistant in the Cultural Preservation Program, replaces Willie Jones, the Vice Chairman of the Lummi Indian Business Council, on the committee. Hemenway has a four-year term.

The committee is comprised of three people from the Indian community, three people from the museum community and one person from the Indian or museum communities. There were two open positions in 2009.

"I was pretty surprised," Hemenway said of his selection. "I consider it an honor to represent Indian country and to offer my expertise. Being on this committee is a big responsibility."

The purpose of the committee is to monitor, review and assist in the implementation of certain requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of 1990. NAGPRA is a federal law which provides a process for museums and federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items (human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony) to lineal descen-

dents and culturally affiliated Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. It applies only to federally recognized tribes.

"The committee makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of the Interior takes the committee's advice very seriously," Hemenway said. "He usually follows what the committee recommends."

Before his selection to the committee, Hemenway presented cases before the committee for the federally recognized Michigan tribes and for LTBB. Eleven of those cases have been successful. The federally recognized Michigan tribes gave him their blessing to take the lead on repatriation cases, and our LTBB Cultural Preservation Program is the main contact for the state of Michigan. Because he is now a member of the review committee, he can no longer present cases, but he can still work on them. Cultural Preservation Director Win-



process, and I know what type of research to do," Hemenway said when asked why he thought he was selected for the committee. "I know what to do to get a successful disposition."

All committee members fill non-paid positions, but their travel, lodging and food expenses are taken care of by funds from the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior. They attend meetings twice a year in May and October. The first meeting this year is May 23-24 in Seattle, WA.

"I will meet a lot of new people working on a committee of this caliber, so it'll be a good learning experience for me," Hemenway said. "I'm excited to get my feet wet at the first meeting."

na y Wemigwase will now present LTBB and other federally recognized Michigan tribes' cases before the review committee.

"I know the review committee also hears disputes between tribes and museums. A tribe puts in a claim to a museum, and if the museum honors the claim, a notice is put in the Federal Register for 30 days. After 30 days, the tribe can get physical custody of the remains. If the museum will not return the remains to the tribe, the tribe can bring forth a dispute before the review committee.

All federal agencies are subject to NAGPRA. All public and private museums that have received federal funds, other than the Smithsonian Institute, are subject to NAGPRA. Repatriation by the Smithsonian Institute is governed by the National Museum of the American Indian Act of 1989.

"Some museums are receptive and work with the tribes, but some

are not," Hemenway said.

Hemenway said the research required for a successful case is based on written accounts and oral tradition.

"There are some misconstrued written accounts out there, so you need to know where to look for reliable information," Hemenway said. "Listen to the origin stories, and listen to your elders for oral tradition."

Hemenway started as the Research & Repatriation Assistant in February 2007. During the winter months, he performs research and gathers information for repatriation claims. During the warmer months, he performs cemetery, grave and cross maintenance at northern Michigan cemeteries where LTBB Tribal Citizens are buried.

Hemenway is a LTBB representative/alternate on the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA). Wemigwase serves as the MACPRA Vice President. MACPRA consists of all the federally recognized tribes in Michigan and the two state historic tribes of Michigan. One of MACPRA's goals is facilitating the repatriation of ancestral remains removed from their original burial sites.

Hemenway is also a member of the Emmet County Historic Commission.

Photo of Eric Hemenway by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Courtesy graphic.

National NAGPRA



ODAWA CASINO RESORT ANNOUNCES STAFF REDUCTION RESULTING IN THE LAYOFF OF 43 EMPLOYEES AND ACCEPTS 37 VOLUNTARY LAYOFF REQUESTS

For Immediate Release
January 19, 2009

Odawa Casino Resort, owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, announced today a staff reduction resulting in a reduction of 43 employees. The enterprise also accepted voluntary layoff requests from another 37.

The continuation of a harsh recession, fewer customers and rising operating costs were blamed for the decision.

"Sadly, we're not alone. We're just one of the hundreds of companies who are making similar hard decisions. Reluctantly, we have been forced to say goodbye to several team

members who have supported the organization over the years. We can't thank them enough for their hard work and loyalty," Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Sean Barnard said in a statement.

Barnard reported packages for the affected employees would include severance based on the number of years of service, extended benefits and outplacement services.

Getting people back to work is Barnard's goal. He added, "We have positioned ourselves at what we'd like to think of as our most efficient staffing levels. Our immediate goal is to concentrate on marketing efforts to service our local customers, focus on filling the Odawa Hotel by pro-

viding competitive rates and reward the loyal customers who supported the opening of the property. We are continuing to work on creating value for our customers and convincing them to stay loyal locally. When business improves, we'll be calling for people to come back just as quickly as we can."

Speaking to the number of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Citizens affected by the staff reduction, Barnard noted: "During the past six months and despite the changes, we have grown management positions held by tribal citizens by 10% and maintained our total mix of tribal versus non-native employees."

The photo of Odawa Casino Resort appears courtesy of the Odawa Casino Resort Marketing Department.



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Being Odawa is all about Freedom

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

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

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Wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17. May the luck of the Irish be with you.

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

The deadline for the April issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 23.

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 or 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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March Elder Birthdays

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<u>March 5</u> Karen Randolph	<u>March 17</u> Charles Brooks Gary Otto	<u>March 24</u> Mildred Shomin
<u>March 7</u> James Vincent	<u>March 18</u> Lewis Adams, Jr. Eleanor Barber Gertrude Bonneau Anna Field William Kiogima Gene Massey, Sr.	<u>March 25</u> Eleanor Pruitt
<u>March 8</u> Mary Lawler	<u>March 19</u> Joseph Allen Theresa Fischer James Skippergosh, Sr.	<u>March 26</u> Harry Fenner
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<u>March 10</u> Bradley Baker Marcia Bane		<u>March 28</u> Wendy Morris
<u>March 11</u> Richard Crossett Mark Kishego Julius Lewis		<u>March 29</u> Nancy Gardner Theodore Sky-Eagle, Jr.
<u>March 12</u> Herbert Kesick Regina Kiogima Virgina Lewis Juanita Taylor		<u>March 30</u> Pauline Bowers Rodger Deboer JoAnn Seay
		<u>March 31</u> Bonita Crowe Wanda Thompson

Elders Program

Food and Utility Reimbursement Program Available for LTBB Elders

By Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Elders Program Coordinator

Aanii Kikaajik!

I trust this newsletter finds you well and healthy. We are all hoping spring is here by the time you read this. We've had record cold weather and lots of snow, and to think, we thought we had lots last year! So far, the snow plowers have been able to keep up with all the snow and drifts.

Youth Services Coordinator Joe Lucier has invited the elders to a dinner and dance on March 11 at the Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Community Center located north of Harbor Springs, MI. The youth will decide what kind of music to have, and they will provide the dinner. The youth have done a community project for the elders at least once a month. Good job youth, and thank you Joe!

On February 10, Medical Director Dr. Terry Samuels and Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski discussed the Elders Care Health Policy at the Elders Luncheon.

On February 24, we had an opportunity to have the Burial Fund statute explained to us, and to ask the many questions we have regarding what exactly is covered by this statute.

Once more, we are happy to say we have been budgeted to receive the

"Food and Utility" reimbursement program. The food and utility applications are mailed to every LTBB Elder, who will reach the age of 55 in 2009. By the time you read this, you should have received your application in the mail. If you have not received an application, please call 231-242-1423 and request an application be sent to you.

It is very important you read the application and follow the directions on the accompanying cover letter. **Your utility receipts must show you paid your bills in the year 2009, and your grocery receipts must show the groceries were purchased in the year 2009.** Please follow directions carefully! If you submit the wrong information or send in an incomplete application, it could delay your reimbursement. Applications for the food and utility reimbursement will be accepted until the end of September 2009.

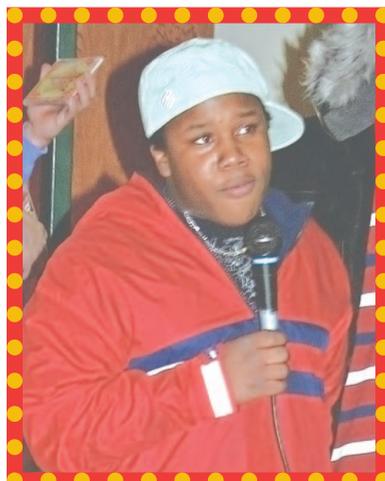
Burial Request Program regulations have been delegated to the Human Services Department. Human Services staff will verify any items submitted are allowable under the Burial Program Statute WOS 2006-017 before processing a burial fund request. If you have any questions regarding this, please call Kristi Houghton at 231-242-1632.

Youth Services Department

Native American Idol Held January 28, 2009

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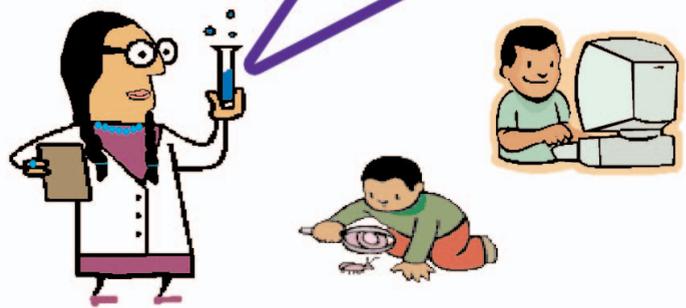
BAAPAASAANDIP ANSWERS YOUR PRESSING SCIENCE QUESTIONS

Anniin! Welcome to Ask Baapaasaandip! A question recently submitted to the ESD was from a tribal citizen, who found a very large, dark, banded spider and wanted to know what it was and if it was poisonous or not. All spiders have "fangs" called chelicerae and two main body sections: The cephalothorax in front and an abdomen behind. This spider is called a Fishing Spider or Nursery web spider. It has banded legs, can grow to be three to four inches long, and has a cephalothorax which looks like a tigers-eye gem. This Fishing Spider looks like a Wolf Spider, but Wolf Spiders usually have a more robust abdomen, shorter legs and often, a brown/black/lighter colored strip along the cephalothorax. Both Wolf and Fishing Spiders can give a painful bite, but neither is considered toxic. We hope that answers your question!



Photo of Fishing spider (*Dolomedes tenebrosus*) courtesy of Spiderz-rule.com

Send us your questions and/or pictures by e-mail!
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Natural Resource Department

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR NEWLY DEVELOPED COMMERCIAL FISHING APPRENTICE PROGRAM



Submitted by the Natural Resource Department

The LTBB Natural Resources Commission (NRC) is accepting applications for a newly developed Commercial Fishing Apprentice Program.

The goal of the program is to provide individuals with limited or no commercial fishing experience an

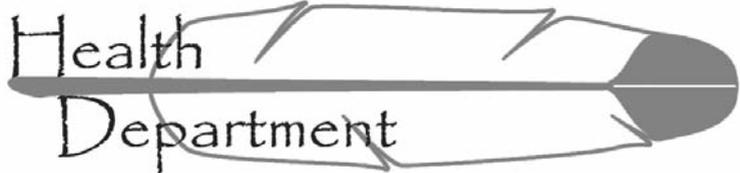
opportunity to learn techniques from an experienced commercial fisherman. Up to two apprentices may be selected by NRC through a competitive application process. Apprentices will be expected to commit to one full season (typically April to November) of training. Training will take place on a 21' Workskiff model aluminum vessel designed for gill-net fishing. Training is expected to take place in the Little Traverse Bay/Sturgeon Bay areas of Lake Michigan beginning in April or May 2009. Applications and program details are available at the LTBB Natural Resource Department. Interested LTBB Tribal Citizens should contact the LTBB Natural Resource Department at 231-242-1670 for more information.

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RESURGENCE OF CHILDHOOD DISEASE HIB REINFORCES THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATING INFANTS

Submitted by the Health Department

Editor's note: The following is a press release dated January 23, 2009 from the Minnesota Department of Health.

A resurgence in the childhood infectious disease Hib (*Haemophilus influenzae* type B) in Minnesota in 2008 has prompted state health officials to obtain additional vaccine and urge parents to work with their health care providers to make sure infants are getting the recommended primary series of three doses of Hib vaccine.

Five cases of Hib were reported in the state in 2008, according to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Three of the five cases, including one death, occurred in unimmunized children. One case occurred in a child too young to complete the primary series and another case occurred in a child who had received the primary series, but was later found to have an underlying condition.

"We have not seen this number of cases in young children since 1992," Minnesota State Epidemiologist Dr. Ruth Lynfield said. "It is extremely sad to see this disease resurface, resulting in very severe illness, including meningitis and death. These cases underscore the importance of maintaining high vaccination rates."

Hib is a severe bacterial infection which occurs most often in infants, but also in young children and usually requires hospitalization. Hib infection can result in serious and sometimes fatal illnesses such as meningitis, bloodstream infection, epiglottitis (severe swelling of the tissue of the throat resulting in breathing difficulty), pneumonia and bone or joint infections.

A national shortage of Hib vaccine has existed since November 2007 and is expected to last into mid-2009. During the vaccine shortage, national advisory groups recommended health care providers defer giving a fourth and final booster dose of Hib vaccine to toddlers, age 12-15 months, so as many infants as possible could complete the primary series. Minnesota health officials have found in addition to deferral of the booster dose, the shortage has resulted in fewer infants receiving the primary series. The department's findings were reported today in a special dispatch edition of MMWR, a weekly report by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

While the plan to defer the booster dose to assure infant vaccination seems to be working in most other states, it's not in Minnesota. In part, this may be because a greater percentage of providers in Minnesota have traditionally used the vaccine produced by Merck, which is the one in shortest supply, thus, exacerbating the problem in Minnesota.

"Recent data on Minnesota's immunization rates during the Hib vaccine shortage show fewer infants are getting a third dose than we would normally expect," MDH Immunizations Program Manager Kristen Ehresmann said. "As many as 18% fewer infants at seven months were getting the third dose of Hib compared with the two other vaccines given at age six months. The decrease in the level of Hib immunization results in a drop in 'herd immunity,' where unimmunized and under-immunized children are vulnerable to Hib disease."

MDH officials have worked with CDC and vaccine manufacturer

Sanofi-Pasteur to make additional doses of Hib vaccine available in Minnesota. Over the next several months, Minnesota will receive an additional 37,000 doses from CDC and Sanofi.

"Since we are seeing a resurgence of Hib disease, it's important for parents of infants to work with their health care provider or clinic to make sure their baby has received three doses of Hib vaccine," Ehresmann said. "If your child hasn't received all three Hib shots, schedule additional visits as soon as possible."

"Some parents have read information that encourages them to refuse or delay vaccinations for their child. However, this puts their children and other children at risk for serious diseases such as Hib."

Hib vaccine became available for use in infants in 1991. Before the vaccine, 20,000 cases of Hib occurred every year in the U.S., mostly among children under five years old. After the widespread use of the vaccine, Minnesota rarely recorded more than one or two cases of Hib a year and often reported none.

Before the vaccine was available, Hib accounted for 50% to 60% of all cases of meningitis in the U.S. Of these, 2% to 5% died and 15% to 30% experienced lasting brain damage or deafness.

Parents who have questions about their child's vaccination status should talk to their health care provider.

More information on *Haemophilus influenzae* type-b and the vaccine can be found on the MDH website at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/hib/index.html.

Important Facts You Should Know About Indian Health Service Contract Health Service

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

Eligibility Criteria:

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

Remember!!!!

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

Referrals:

Physicians write referrals when patients need medical

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

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

Alternate Resources:

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

Priority system:

Medical referrals are approved for payment by a priority system.

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

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

PARTNERS ON THE PATH (PERSONAL ACTION TOWARD HEALTH) WORKSHOP OFFERED STARTING ON APRIL 8 AT HEALTH PARK

Submitted by the Health Department

The Partners on the PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) Workshop will be offered starting April 8, 2009 at Mina Mskiki Gumik in Petoskey, MI.

The six-week chronic disease self-management program teaches the knowledge and skills needed to better manage chronic diseases and has been proven in studies to reduce symptoms and physicians visits as well as increase self-management abilities and communication with physicians.

Developed at Stanford University, the program is taught by Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) certified instructors. Each leader has completed in-depth training on CDSMP. At least one leader lives with and manages a chronic disease.

Through informal small group discussion and easy-to-understand

course materials, participants learn practical tips and techniques to take control of their conditions. Workshops address ways to reduce pain and stress, cope with fatigue, use medications wisely and teach the benefits of exercise.

Participants also learn about self-help devices which can enhance daily activities and are offered an opportunity to seek answers to questions that concern them. The program is suited for both the newly diagnosed as well as those seeking optimal management in order to enjoy an improved quality of life.

Pre-registration for the PATH Workshop is necessary, and enrollment is limited. Dates are Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6 and 13; the time is 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration deadline is April 1.

For more information, please contact Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or Tina Shawano at 231-242-1614.

After Hours Clinics for LTBB 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.

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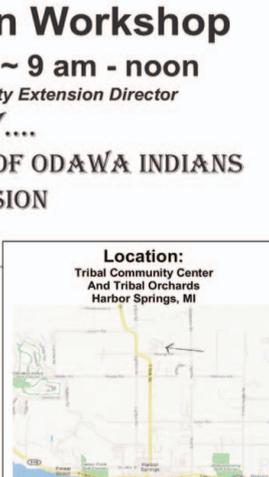
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- > Nutritional and Water Requirements
- > Insect and disease control
- > Protection from deer and other critters
- > Proper harvest and handling

OTHER TOPICS COVERED:

- > Selection of varieties for your area
- > Site preparation & growing for quality
- > Tips on planting & tree nutrition

Location:
Tribal Community Center
And Tribal Orchards
Harbor Springs, MI



Take S. State St. north out of Harbor Springs. Where State makes a big curve to the left, continue straight ahead to Heynig Rd. Turn right on Heynig and then a quick left. The Community Center will be on your right. There will be signs along the way.

The workshop is **free**, but we need you to call, Melissa Wiatrolik at 231.242.1420 to register before March 28 since we will be providing lunch following the workshop

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Law Enforcement Department

Executive Branch

NEW CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF DON SCHNEIDER CROSS-DEPUTIZES LTBB LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On January 15 in the Tribal Courtroom located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, LTBB Chief Law Enforcement Officer Jeff Cobe and nine LTBB Law Enforcement Officers took their oaths of office to become cross-deputized with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

The LTBB Law Enforcement Officers who took their oaths of office from Charlevoix County Sheriff Don Schneider were George Closser, Michael Givens, Jake Guenthardt, Jeffrey Livingston, Roger Marsh, Ryan Roberts, Ryan Shields, Nathaniel Stead and Robert Turbiak.

With the retirement of George Lasater as the Charlevoix County Sheriff at the end of 2008, it became necessary for the LTBB Law Enforcement Officers to be sworn in by Schneider. Schneider was sworn in as sheriff on December 31 following Lasater's retirement after 32 years at the post.

"We are extremely grateful to have such a good relationship with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office," Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik said.

Schneider said he looks forward to the continued cooperation between his office and LTBB.

"It took many years to have this agreement in place (LTBB Law En-

forcement Officers first became cross-deputized with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office in 2004)," Schneider said. "It is because of the tireless efforts of Chief Cobe. The tribe is fortunate to have him here."

Ettawageshik and Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law presented Schneider with a Pendleton blanket.

"This is a sign of friendship between the tribe and your office," Ettawageshik said. "We expect to have the same type of cooperative relationship with you that we did with Sheriff Lasater."

The tribe owns three pieces of property in Charlevoix County, Nine Mile Point, the Taimi Hoag Preserve and the Murray Road Housing Development. If Charlevoix County Police Officers arrive on the scene first on LTBB property in Charlevoix County, they would take control of the scene until LTBB Law Enforcement Officers arrived and took control of it. The same would be true if LTBB Law Enforcement Officers arrived on the scene first in Charlevoix County on land not owned by the tribe.

"This is truly a unique working relationship," Cobe said in a previous interview.

"We have a true cross-deputization. Cross-deputization provides for seamless law enforcement."

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK

Michigan Ground Water Conservation Advisory Council (MGWCAC): I attended the MGWCAC meeting in Lansing, MI, on January 6. We are working on the implementation of the Great Lakes Compact approved by the U.S. Congress last fall. We are preparing reports on the implementation, including the newly constructed online assessment tool process for ground water withdrawal permits. The tribes have concerns about the assessment tool's effectiveness in protecting fish populations in the inland lakes and streams. Since I have expressed my concerns regarding the assessment tool, I have been placed on the subcommittee making an assessment of the use and effectiveness of the assessment tool. This subcommittee met at the Michigan State University (MSU) Turf-grass Center in East Lansing, MI, on January 21.

Three Kings Dinner: I returned from Lansing on January 6 in time for the annual Three Kings Dinner which was held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. We had a nice size crowd for this dinner at which we select the "Three Kings" who are the hosts for the "Return Dinner" or Tabandong which is held in the spring. This local tradition has been part of our tribal community for many generations, and it is comforting to be able to be a part of the continuing tradition. I recently found a news clipping from the *Emmet County Graphic* from February 18, 1950, which told of the "christening ceremony" at which Michele Joan Adams of Detroit (age three) and Frank Ettawageshik of Harbor Springs (age 10 months) received their traditional names. I've inserted the article below:

Christen Two Indian Children February 18 (1950)

"More than 80 persons, both Indian and Whites, witnessed the Indian christenings Saturday of Michele Joan Adams of Detroit, three, and Frank Ettawageshik of Harbor Springs, 10 months, at the home of Joseph Kishigo, West Second Street, Harbor Springs.

Michele, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Kishigo, Harbor Springs, was named Wunkwe, "Lady of the Mist," after a distant ancestor - her great-great-great grandmother.

Baby Frank, son of Chief and Mrs. Fred Ettawageshik, was called Nakwegeshik, "Noon Day," after his grandfather, Joe Ettawageshik.

The christening ceremony complete with Indian dancing and shouting was performed by Mitchell Mastaw of Harbor Springs with the help of David Sawankwado from Cross Village.

The occasion also marked that of an Ottawa Indian feast called the Tabandong, a religious supper, complementary to the King's Supper given on Epiphany [January 6]. The hostess at the Tabandong is chosen at the Epiphany feast when fried cakes are passed to the assembled guests. In one fried cake a dime has been baked, in another a nickel, in a third a penny. Other fried cakes contain beans, while the remainder are "blanks" with nothing additional baked in them.

The guest at the King's Supper who chooses the fried cake containing the dime must be the hostess at the return feast, the Tabandong. Those who

find other coins or beans in their fried cakes must help prepare the supper and may invite guests to attend it."

Youth Group Meeting: I pledged to cook a meal for the youth during the run held in August last year. My turn came up on January 7. Rochelle (Ettawageshik, his wife) and I cooked fry bread and black bean chicken chili (with help from several members of the community). Our youth director Joe Lucier is to be commended for his creative way of feeding the youth at their meetings and for finding ways to stretch his budget.

Michigan Indian Education Council (MIEC): MIEC met in Lansing on January 9 (I attended the meeting by telephone). This council organizes the annual Critical Issues in Indian Education Conference held in March. Each year, many of our tribal citizens attend this conference to be held this year at the Soaring Eagle Inn and Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn) in Mt. Pleasant, MI, on March 12, 13, and 14. I have been asked to give the keynote address at the closing luncheon on March 14.



Deputization: I participated in the deputization ceremony held in our tribal courtroom on January 15. Our Police Chief, Jeff Cobe, and our officers were sworn in as Charlevoix County deputies. We presented the sheriff with a blanket at this ceremony and explained the significance of the gift of a blanket. We have also sworn in the sheriff and his deputies as tribal officers.

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) Meeting: We held a CORA chairman's conference call on January 12 to discuss this year's budget situation. We concluded to cut each tribe's contribution by \$11 thousand for this year. We took this formal action at the full CORA meeting held at Bay Mills on January 22. The CORA board had been invited to attend the Bay Mills Harvest Dinner held the evening before the CORA meeting at the Bay Mills Elders Center. A recently harvested elk was cooked as well as moose and deer. It was a great feast. The CORA meeting was held in the Bay Mills Casino Conference Center.

Tribal State Forum: I participated in this monthly conference call with tribal representatives and the governor's office. We are planning this year's Tribal State Summit with the tribes and the governor which will be held somewhere in Indian country in May. We are still firming up the date and location. We also discussed the second draft of the Tribal State Climate Change Accord which is the proposed agreement for this year's

summit. We expect we will have a draft ready to send to Tribal Council for consideration by next month.

Meeting with Petoskey News-Review Publisher: On January 27, Doug Caldwell, the President and Publisher of the *Petoskey News-Review* and Kendall Stanley, the Editor of the *News-Review* attended our Elders Luncheon. The purpose of our meeting was to introduce the publisher to our tribal activities. We are planning follow up meetings in the future.

Resolutions and Statutes: I have signed the grant funding resolutions passed by Tribal Council at the last meeting, and I am still considering several statutes. The 2009 budget revision resolution is still on my desk, but we have begun work on the goals as stated within it. Revised budgets will be prepared for Tribal Council's consideration within the timelines in the resolution.

Notary Public Statute: We have finally been able to secure the surety bonds for our notaries. The first applications are being submitted while we are preparing this report. Perhaps, by the council meeting date, we will be able to report we have tribal notaries fully in place.

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA): A member of our staff has been appointed to a national committee. We recently received a letter from the Secretary of Interior appointing Eric Hemenway to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee. We congratulate Eric on this achievement. *Editor's note: An article about Hemenway's achievement appears on the front page of this Odawa Trails newsletter.*

Gaming Board of Directors: We continue to make adjustments to our operation at the casino to reflect the poor condition of the national and state economy. Our loyal customers continue to enjoy a quality experience at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. We have a dedicated staff giving these customers excellent service. While our business may be slower than we would like it to be, we have much to reassure us as we meet the challenges in the coming months.

Odawa Casino Resort Construction: We are closing in on the final close-out of the construction project, still within the original budget.

Regarding Commissions and Boards: I recommend instead of eliminating further commissions and boards or lowering the number of members of the commissions and boards, we consider lowering stipend levels for commissioners and board members as part of our overall cost cutting measures. I believe in the importance of the commissions and boards because it gives more of our citizens an opportunity to be involved in the government for our tribal nation. Instead of cutting the number of members on the boards and commissions, I believe we could achieve the same or better cost savings by lowering the stipend level.

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. When you change your address with the Michigan Secretary of State's office, you will be asked if you would like to register to vote; by doing so, it will note the township you reside in. Otherwise, ask one of the Enrollment Department staff when filling out your AVF. **Your RTM status does not become effective until the first day of the following month in which you moved.**

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

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

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

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

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

Please note: All RTM updates are sent to the State of Michigan on a monthly basis as close to the end of the month as possible. If you plan to

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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| Cross Village (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 (6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Single Business Tax (1.9 % of the applicable tax base)
5. *Motor Fuel Tax (currently 30.6 cents per gallon unleaded and 26.6 cents per gallon on diesel as of March 1, 2009)
6. *Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

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

*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.

*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Citizens ONLY! Purchasing tax exempt fuel and tobacco for non-tribal citizens is strictly prohibited!

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

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

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

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

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Housing Department
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
231-242-1540
Fax: 231-242-1550



WAH-WAHS-NOO DA KE
Elder Housing Development

Application Availability Notification

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

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

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

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



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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.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov, or call the Enrollment Department to have a form mailed to you.*

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

MINOR CHILD/WARD OF THE COURT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM
(All minor children 17 and under MUST complete his form.)
If you have a Post Office box, please include your street address.

- 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 _____

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

Notary Public Signature _____ Stamp/Seal _____
My Commission Expires on _____

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

Copy: Enrollment _____ DOE: _____ Copy: Accounting _____
Office _____

Tax Agreement Reminder

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

LTBB ID CARDS

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

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

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	Housing Commission Meeting 3:30 p.m.	NCMC Nish class 6 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting NRD Conference Room 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Indian Child Welfare Commission Meeting Noon	Economic Development Commission Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Daylight Saving Time Begins 8	9 Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	10 Elders Luncheon at noon	11 Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	12 Elders Luncheon at noon	13 Language Immersion at Mshkikigamik	14 Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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		Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Citizenship Commission Meeting 5 p.m.	Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.		
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		Election Board Office Hours for Voter Registration Dropoff, 5 p.m. deadline 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.				

Communications Department

KIDS! COLOR THE EASTER BUNNY AND YOU COULD WIN A \$20 WAL-MART GIFT CARD!



Easter Coloring Contest rules

- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No exceptions!
- All entries must be the original size.
- All mailed entries must be postmarked by April 13, 2009. No exceptions!
- Limit one submission per child.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- **Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.** Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with two winners being selected in each age category.

Mailing Address:
Easter Coloring Contest
 Attn: LTBB Communications Department
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740

[The Gwibble font used in the title appears courtesy of our friends at www.1001fonts.com.]

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 Advertising in the Odawa Trails gets your ad seen for \$10.20/month.*
 Call the LTBB Communications Dept. at:
231-242-1427
*Price per month for 3 month block.

You can read the March issue of Odawa Trails online at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____
 Phone Number: _____

Come Join the Fun at the 2009 Goonignebig Games on March 7

Saturday, March 7, 2009, 11 a.m.—?? at the LTBB Governmental Center Lunch will be served 12 p.m.—1:30 p.m. Snacks and drinks available throughout the day. Bring a dish to pass.
Registration
 1. Competitors must complete a registration form and:
 a. Mail to Snowsnake Games Registration, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
 b. Or drop off at 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI
 c. Or e-mail to cgibson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
 d. Or call 231-242-1601
 2. Registrations accepted until 11 a.m. on March 7, 2009
 3. Competitors must register in appropriate category. Individuals 18 years old who are not in school must participate in the 18-34 year old category.
 a. Nine male categories
 b. Nine female categories
 Preschool, Ages 1 – 4 yrs. old, Kindergarten – 2nd grade, 3rd – 5th grade, 6th – 8th grade, 9th – 12th grade, 18 – 34 yrs.

old, 35 – 49 yrs. old, 50 – 64 yrs. old, 65 & over
Competition
 • Competition begins at 11 a.m. on March 7, 2009
 • The snowsnake track schedule will be posted at the registration booth.
 • Each competitor is allowed two throws in his/her category. Any snowsnake thrown which jumps the track after five feet is considered a throw.
 • Personal snowsnakes cannot be used by more than one person in the same age and gender category.
 • Competitors without a snowsnake may choose a snowsnake from the designated rack for public use.
 • Snowsnakes are not required to be a certain length, diameter or weight. Lead may be used for weight.
 • Completely metal snowsnakes will not be allowed.
Awards
 • Awards given to the top three competitors with the longest

throws in each male and female category.
 Please complete the registration form and return it by one of the methods listed earlier in this article. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.

Volunteers Wanted

February 25	March 4	March 7
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	11 a.m. - ???

Tribal youth will assist the Community Health Department in making the snowsnake track on Feb. 25 & March 4.

If you would like to help on any of the above dates, please call Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.

2009 Goonignebig Games Registration Form

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____

Circle the appropriate category

SNOWSNAKE CATEGORIES	Preschool Ages 1-4	K-2 nd Grade	3 rd - 5 th Grade	6 th - 8 th Grade	9 th - 12 th Grade	18-34 yrs. Old	35-49 yrs. Old	50-64 yrs. Old	65 & over
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Results: FEET: _____ INCHES: _____

Language Program

ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE STUDENT FEATURED CARTOON

Submitted by the Language Program

Students in our language class at Harbor Springs High School made up cartoons using language on their own for teacher, Doreen Peltier. The one feature this month is by Megan Keller, translation: "I love to skate!"; "I love when it's snowing!"; "I love wintertime!"



MARCH LANGUAGE LESSON

Animate Object(s)

I DISLIKE... (singular object)

Inanimate Object(s)

Nzhiingenmaa



Nzhiingendaan



Nzhiingenmaa Ndodaabaanish.
N zhiin gen maa N do daa baa nish
I dislike my ole car.

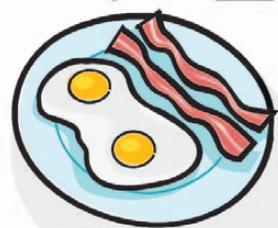
Nzhiingendaan zookpwak.
N zhiin gen daan zook pwak
I dislike when it's snowing.

I DISLIKE... (plural objects)

Nzhiingenmaak



Nzhiingendaanan



Nzhiingenmaak wiibidaakewniwok.
N zhiin gen maak wii bi daa kew nin wok
I dislike dentists.

Nzhiingendaanan waawanoon.
N zhiin gen daa nan waa wa noon
I dislike eggs.



Jiimshin, Anishinaabe Ndaaw

KISS ME, I'M INDIAN

Get your T-shirt Now for St. Patrick's Day, and it's fashionable all year long. Sizes Small - 3X. \$15. Contact Language Program 231-242-1454. 1-866-682-5822

CAN YOU MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE ANISHINAABEMOWIN WORDS?

Match these miscellaneous words with the picture by drawing a line. Don't peek at translations below.



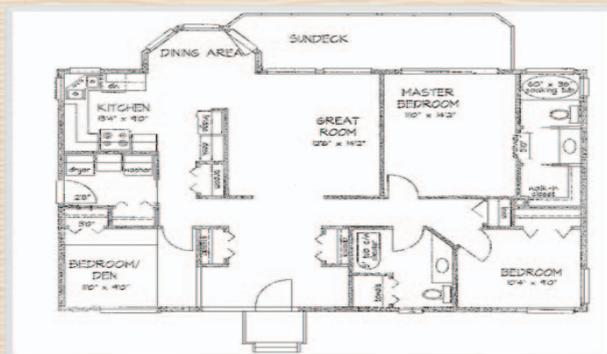
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- aanzheniins
- ajidamo
- daabaan
- dewegan
- ezbikenh
- gwiizenhs
- kwezenhs
- mkizin
- mookmaan
- mshiiimin
- mtig
- mzinigan
- pabwin
- pichi
- shkiizhik
- waawan
- wiigwam
- wiikwaan
- zhoonyaa



Puzzle Translations: aankwad, cloud; aazheniinh, angel; ajidamo, squirrel; daabaan, car; dewegan, drum; ezbiikenh, spider; gwiizenhs, boy; kwezenhs, girl; mkizin, shoe; mookmaan, knife; mshiiimin, apple; mtig, tree; mzinigan, book; pabwin, chair; pichi, robin; shkiizhik, eye; waawan, egg; wiigwam, house; wiikwan, hat; zhoonyaa, money.

Welcome Home!

The LTBB Housing Department is building a stick built home in the Village of Pellston to be available for occupancy by early summer 2009. We are seeking interested applicants to purchase this house with a conventional mortgage. The purchase price of the home will be approximately \$100,000 or \$650 per month with a 30 year mortgage. Most lenders will require a gross monthly income of approximately \$2500 to be able to afford this home.



Any qualified tribal citizen interested in purchasing this home should apply to the LTBB Housing Department or call 231-242-1540.



It's Maple Syrup Making Time! Ziisbaakdakaan

The LTBB Youth Services Department, Community Health, Cultural Preservation and MSU Tribal Extension Education are holding the first annual Youth Sugar Camp in Brutus.

Camp will be held when the sap is running (end of February - early March). This is a hands-on class. All supplies and equipment are provided. Please dress appropriate for the weather.

WAGANAKISING ODAWA

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664, Joe Lucier at 231-242-1593 or Emily Proctor, MSUE, at 231-439-8927.



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MATT LESKY RETURNS TO LTBB TO SERVE AS THE TRIBAL PROSECUTOR

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On January 8, Matt Lesky took the oath of office as the LTBB Tribal Prosecutor, filling the position vacated by William Gregory.

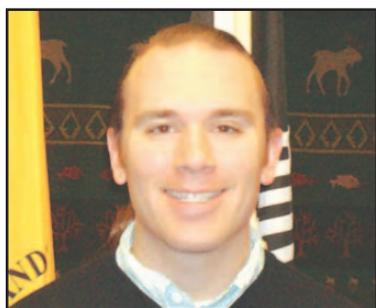
Lesky, who previously worked for LTBB as an Attorney, a contractor and a Law Department intern, was appointed to a three-year term. He earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Sociology (a concentration in Criminal and Social Justice) from Central Michigan University in 2001 and earned a Certificate in Indigenous Law from the Michigan State University College of Law in 2005.

Prior to being named Tribal Prosecutor, Lesky worked as an Attorney for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI, from August 2007 to January 2, 2009.

His wife, Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky, is the Controller in the LTBB Accounting Department.

Lesky said he was excited to be back because it was hard being away from his family while working for Little River.

"This position is a big responsibility; it's tough because you come into people's lives at less than ideal situations," Lesky said. "I will do the best I can, and I will do what I think



is right.

"I am here to serve the community and to be an everyday presence."

As the Tribal Prosecutor, Lesky will handle child welfare and criminal cases.

"As a parent, I can appreciate it is a hard thing to do," Lesky said of having to take a child away from his or her parent or guardian. "But, it is my job to be an advocate for those kids. You have to do what is right for the kids.

"As for the criminal aspect of my job, my philosophy is to be fair but firm. I think most people agree with tough love in the abstract, but it's hard when it involves a family member."

Lesky said tribes are in a difficult position when it comes to criminal cases.

"I think tribes are way too constrained by federal law," Lesky said. "In reality, most tribes do not have jails and have to pay for someone to

be in jail. I see it as an opportunity to come up with different ways to deal with people."

While working as an Attorney for LTBB from July 2005 to August 2007, Lesky worked on projects coordinated by General Counsel Jim Bransky. However, as an Attorney for Little River, he worked more with elected officials as an Attorney for the Executive and Legislative branches.

"It was hard being away from my family, but I learned a lot working for Little River," Lesky said. "It gave me different perspectives on law."

Lesky originally came to the area because his father and stepmother, who is originally from Mackinaw City, MI, moved here. While in the area during summer break from law school, he answered an ad in the *Petoskey News-Review* hoping to clerk for the Emmet County Probate Court in Petoskey, MI.

He was then directed to the LTBB Tribal Court and started as a LTBB Law Intern in 2003. Every summer while attending law school, he returned to the area to work for the tribe. While attending law school, he also worked on long-term projects for LTBB as a contractor.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

LTBB THANKS FORMER TRIBAL PROSECUTOR WILLIAM GREGORY FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE TRIBE

Submitted by Bernadece Kiogima, Tribal Court Administrator

I would like to thank William Gregory, former Prosecutor for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, for all of his hard work and dedication throughout his years at LTBB. For those of you who may not have known Bill, I would like to provide some insight into the work he accomplished over his years of service for LTBB. I have come to know and appreciate Bill since I began working for the LTBB Tribal Court in 2003.

I also had the pleasure of Bill's company and spirit through his volunteer involvement with the LTBB Hawks youth basketball program in which Bill provided his time, knowledge, and motivation to our young players.

William (Bill) Gregory, an experienced attorney, began working for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in 2002. Bill Gregory began serving as Tribal Prosecutor right after Gregory Justice. His first year or two began when the government offices were still located in the Bob-In Again building at 1150 Bayview on U.S. 31 in Petoskey, MI. Bill remembers attending sessions with the Child Welfare Commission on Sundays at the Holiday Inn (now Odawa Hotel) in Petoskey to work on the new Child Protection Code; that went on for more than a year, and it was before the renovation of the hotel. Most of his early involvement was with neglect and abuse cases as there was little involvement with law enforcement.

As LTBB moved to the new governmental center in Harbor Springs, MI, Mr. Gregory spent a lot of time



with the Honorable Michael Petoskey developing statutes, policies and procedures and organizing his office and staff. With (former Grant Writer) Heidi Yapple on board, Bill explored various ideas he had to improve the criminal justice systems for LTBB and other Michigan tribes, including the Juvenile Code and the establishment of the Odawa Youth Healing to Wellness program. As a result of that collaboration, input and involvement along with Chief (Law Enforcement Officer Jeff) Cobe, they applied successfully for several Department of Justice (DOJ) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grants that occupied much of Bill's time.

In 2007, they learned about tribal requirements to comply with the Adam Walsh Act (AWA) and Bill devoted a great deal of time attending SMART Office seminars and trainings on AWA. In turn, he worked with other tribes planning strategy for intertribal cooperation on the implications of AWA. Bill was invited to Washington D.C. to testify before the Senate Indian Affairs Oversight Committee in regards to the implementation of AWA in Michigan. As a result of Bill's efforts, LTBB has been recognized as a leader in information technology and sharing among tribes.

Another one of Bill's efforts was working with the Tribal Law Enforcement Association to increase cooperation among tribal law enforcement departments. Bill worked hard on developing relations with the Michigan State Police, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District, local law enforcement and other tribes. Bill was instrumental in bringing Aventure Technology to Michigan to assist tribes with developing tribal court databases. As a result, LTBB has a state of the art database.

Before sharing the letter below, I would like to say thanks Bill for all of your hard work and dedication. It has been an honor working with you!

Bernadece Kiogima

Below is a testament to the hard work and impact Bill has made during his terms as Prosecutor for LTBB.

Bill,

It has been a while since we spoke, but I was reading the final progress report for the grant, and I want to thank you for all of your hard work and the success you accomplished on behalf of the tribes in Michigan. It was a pleasure and honor to work with you on the T-CHRIP. A vision is nothing without someone who believes in it! From the meet with the Attorney General (Alberto) Gonzales to the Senate floor, I watched you accomplish the unthinkable from 2004 to present. Bill, you are truly a credit to Indian country and to the T-CHRIP.

Steven

Steven W. Perry, Statistician Bureau of Justice Statistics U.S. Department of Justice

The photo of William Gregory appears courtesy of Tribal Court Administrator Bernadece Kiogima.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 2009 ELECTIONS

With a Primary Election (With No Primary Election)

Monday, January 5 (Monday, January 5)

Call to Election sent to all eligible voters

Monday, February 9 (Monday, February 9)

Last to register for the Primary Election by 5 p.m.

Friday, February 13 (Friday, February 13)

Nomination Petitions due back to the Election Board by 5 p.m.

Election Board certifies the Candidate Nomination Petitions

Friday, February 27 (Monday, March 2)

Candidate information mailed to all registered voters as of February 9, 2009

Friday, March 27 (Friday, March 27)

Last date for candidates to withdraw from election in writing to the Election Board

Tuesday, March 31 (Tuesday, March 31)

Last date to register for the General Election by 5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1

Election Board approves the final ballot for the Primary Election

Saturday, April 4

Candidates Forum in Lansing, MI

Monday, April 6

Primary ballots mailed to all registered voters as of March 31, 2009

Saturday, April 25

Candidates Forum at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI

Friday, May 8

Election Board finalizes the ballot for the General Election

Monday, May 11

Primary Election Day, Tribal Courtroom

Friday, May 15

Ballots for the General Election mailed to all registered voters as of March 31, 2009

Friday, May 22

Primary Election certified ballot for General Election finalized

Tuesday, May 26

Ballots for General Election mailed to all registered voters as of March 31, 2009

Monday, June 29

General Election Day, Tribal Courtroom

The following dates will be the same even if we have no Primary Election.

Monday, July 13

General Election certified

Sunday, August 16

Oath of Office for newly elected officials

GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

The Grants and Donations Program has implemented a new application process. 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 27, 2009. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420.

Attention Homeowners

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is accepting Home Improvement applications. To qualify, you must be a low income tribal citizen living in the LTBB 27-county service area. There will be a waiting list based on a point system of need. Deadline for completed application packets is March 31, 2009. To determine if you qualify, please call Housing Program Specialist Kaye Rowland at 231-242-1545.

DAY CARE ASSISTANCE

Applications for the 2008-2009 Day Care Assistance Program are now available.

If you live in Emmet, Charlevoix, or Cheboygan County and would like more information, please stop in at Human Services, 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1620 for an application. You may also call 1-866-652-5822 and ask for Human Services.

This is an income based program.

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Court Room
 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740
 January 11, 2009

Closed Session: yes
 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:04 a.m.

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

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: none
 Guests: Kelly Kiogima, Nancy Kiogima, Fred Kiogima, Roger Emery, Rita Shananaquet, Barry Laughlin, Barb Laughlin, Barry Crowell

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt the agenda for January 11, 2009 with additions.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to approve the minutes of December 21, 2008 with corrections.

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

Motion carried.

No Phone Polls
 Elders Comments: No comments at this time.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report for January 11, 2009 with confidential items contained therein.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Treasurer's verbal report for January 11, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

9:56 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to go into closed session for land #27.

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

Motion carried.

9:56 a.m. Recess called.

10:03 a.m. Meeting resumes in closed session.

10:26 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to return to open session.

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

Motion carried.

10:26 a.m. Recess called.

10:33 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Mulholland to accept the Land and Reservations verbal and written report presented by Chairperson Kiogima.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve the authorization and allocation of funding for land purchase #27 to come from Prior Period Funds in accordance with the confidential memo.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 4 - No (Councilor Mulholland, Treasurer Chingwa, Legislative Leader Law, Councilor Yellowbank), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion failed.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept Councilor Harrington, Jr., verbal report regarding charter schools.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the Legislative Services Attorney verbal and written report for January 11, 2009.

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

Motion carried.
 Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the Tribal Chairman verbal and written report for January 11, 2009 with confidential items contained therein as presented by Legislative Leader Law.

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

Motion carried.
 Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution: Contract Renewal with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service - Sanitation Program Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Well & Septic Systems Contract.

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

Motion carried.
 Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from General Mills, Champions for Healthy Kids Initiative Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Roll Call: Councilor Harrington, Jr. -yes, Councilor Kiogima -yes, Councilor McNamara -yes, Councilor Mulholland -yes, Councilor Oldman -absent, 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 Kiogima to approve Enrollment List - A, Eligible for Citizenship dated December 17, 2008 for a total of 16.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve Enrollment List - B, Declination (Ineligible) dated December 17, 2008 for a total of 5.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Harrington, Jr.), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept Enrollment List - C, Voluntary Relinquishment dated December 17, 2008 for a total of 2.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to acknowledge the receipt of the Annual Citizenship Roll Report.

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

Motion carried.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment: Rita Shananaquet spoke regarding Indian Preference in Hiring, and the donations made to St. Francis Xavier Church. Barry Laughlin spoke regarding Indian Preference in Hiring draft Statute. Fred Kiogima spoke regarding Indian Preference in Hiring draft Statute.

11:52 a.m. Public Comment closed.

Barry Crowell former Director of Finance for the Odawa Casino thanked Tribal Council and all for his employment opportunity to work for the Tribe.

12:05 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:11 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland that Councilor Kiogima and Councilor Yellowbank versions of Waganakising Odawak Statute Indian Preference in Tribal Employment be submitted for referendum.

Motion dies due to lack of support.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Indian Preference in Tribal Employment.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Tribal Treasurer Responsibilities.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to pass Grants, Donations and Other Funding Policy.

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

Motion carried.

2:23 p.m. Recess called.

2:35 p.m. Meeting resumes.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to remove Indian Preference in Hiring draft Statute (BL) version from the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to remove Office of the Commissioner draft Statute from the Legislative Calendar.

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

Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2009

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

April 4 Work Session
April 5 Council Meeting
April 18 Work Session
April 19 Council Meeting

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

Legislative Tribal Council Members

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

and supported by Councilor Oldman

Motion carried.
 Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to remove the Odawa Labor Relations draft Statute from the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to remove the Gaming Board of Directors Amendment draft Statute from the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to remove the Amendment to the Legislative Procedures draft Statute from the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to remove the Tribal Treasurer Reporting Responsibilities to the Tribal Citizens draft Statute from the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara to post the Gijigowi Anishnaabemowin Language Department to the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion carried.

3:42 p.m. Recess called.

3:49 p.m. Meeting resumes.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor McNamara to post the Child Protection draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to post the Child Welfare Commission draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Mulholland to post to the Legislative Calendar Tribal Resolution: Enjinaaknegeng (Legal Department) shall coordinate with the Chief Financial Officer to determine whether or not any entities or individuals paid for the Right to use the Tribal Seal/logo.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 4 - No (Councilor Kiogima, Treasurer Chingwa, Legislative Leader Law, Councilor Yellowbank), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion failed.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to rescind the motion made on October 18, 2008 by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt the proposed 2009 Tribal Council Work Session/Committee meetings scheduled on Saturdays from 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m., and the Tribal Council meeting days on Sundays from 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m., with 1-hour lunches.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 3 - No (Treasurer Chingwa, Legislative Leader Law, Councilor Yellowbank), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor McNamara). And to motion a change to the 2009 Tribal Council Work Session/Committee meetings schedule back to meeting on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with 1.5 hour lunches.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 3 - No (Councilor Mulholland, Councilor Kiogima, Legislative Leader Law), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment closed.

4:47 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adjourn.

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

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected.

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date

January 25, 2009

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:39 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

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

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

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Assistant Rebecca Atkinson, Joe Lucier-Tribal Youth Director

Guests: Mike Bodjiak-Director of Hospitality, Barry Laughlin-Director of Property Operations, Cathy Portman-Gaming Board of Directors Executive Office Manager, Carol McFall-Gaming Board of Directors Chairperson, Fred Kiogima-Gaming Board of Directors, Sheran Patton-Gaming Board of Directors, Denise White-Casino Human Resource Director, Sean Barnard-Casino General Manager, Frank Kersh-Director of Slots, Susan Foster-Casino Table Games Director, Philip Gonzales-Director of Marketing, Dollie Keway-Gaming Board of Directors, Judy Pierzynowski-Gaming Board of Directors, Ken

Harrington, Marty VandeCar, Audrey Atkinson, Rita Shananaquet, Roger Emery, Vicki Lynn, Becca Lynn, Sarah Schilling, Chris Lynn, George Anziano

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt the agenda with amendments for January 25, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Mulholland to approve the minutes of January 11, 2009 with corrections.

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

Motion carried.

Elders Comments: No comments at this time.

Casino General Manager report.

10:05 a.m. Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to go into closed session for proprietary purpose.

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

Motion carried.

11:08 a.m. Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to go out of closed session.

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

Motion carried.

11:09 a.m. Recess called.

11:21 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Casino General Manager Report continues.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Dollie Keway spoke regarding the Casino management team. Cathy Portman spoke regarding the Ovation Hall use for the Annual Community meeting. Bea Law spoke regarding employee gaming ability. Gerald Chingwa spoke about the Constitution with regard to what adult legal age is.

11:50 a.m. Public Comment closed.

Casino General Manager Report continues.

12:00 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:34 p.m. Meeting reconvened. Councilor Oldman arrived.

Joe Lucier-Youth Coordinator and the Tribal Youth, Becca Lynn and Sarah Schilling who attended National Congress of American Indians in October 2008 gave a report on their attendance.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Legislative Leader Law's verbal report for January 25, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Treasurer/Appropriations and Finance Committee Chairman Chingwa's verbal report for January 25, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Tribal Treasurer Reporting Responsibilities to the Tribal Citizens verbal report for January 25, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept Councilor Mulholland's verbal report regarding National City investment funds.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept Councilor Mulholland's verbal report regarding National City investment funds.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for January 25, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for January 25, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

2:40 p.m. Recess called.

2:49 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 2009 Basic Library Services Grant.

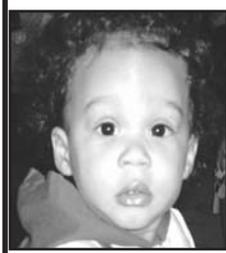
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr. - "Minutes" continued on page 16.

Lines From our Membership



BIRTHDAYS

Happy belated birthday to my baby brother, **Ken Burks!!** I hope it was lots of fun!! Andrea Pierce.



Happy first birthday to our sweet baby boy, **Anthony James Atkinson.** Love, Mommy and Daddy.

Happy birthday to **Virgina Lewis** on March 12. From the Good Hart mafia.

Happy 18th birthday to **Jordan Kay** on March 25. Love, cousins, Sara & Mr. T.

Happy birthday **Monique Abdallah** on March 2. Oh happy day ... Love, Linda, Jeffrey & Kacie.

My birthday wish from the heart goes out to my parents, **Henry & Anne Field**, as they celebrate their 87th & 83rd birthdays this month. I love you both with all my heart & I am so thankful you are mine. All my love, Judy.

Happy birthday to **Jen Yuhn** on March 28! Love and miss you! Mom and Greg.

MinoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaaganak! Kina naasaap, Naabdin Giizis Mdaaswe sha Niizh, all March 12, Ngwis **Cody Bigjohn III**, Nmisenh **Regina Kiogima**, miinwaa Niitaawis **Judy Pierzynowski** ! Aapiji Gzaaginim!

Wishing a happy birthday to our caring brother, **Raymond Bottoms**, on March 19. Have a great year. From your family.

Birthday wishes for **Jerrid Shananaquet Nez** (March 10), **J.C. Lewis** (March 11), **Wynee Jo Boda** (March 11), **Martin Crampton** (March 12), **Sarah Holmas** (March 15), **Elaina Naganashe** (March 15), **Arlene Naganashe** (March 15), **Gary Miller, Jr.** (March 18), **Mark Shenoskey** (March 21), **Francis Boda** (March 23), **Michelle Holmas** (March 24) and **Ian Uleski**. Love, Dorothy and Don Boda.

Happy birthday to **Mel Kiogima II**, who celebrates his 30th birthday on March 19. You are a great father, husband and my best friend. I love you always! Love, Bernadece, Mshkoadekwe, Joy, McKenzie, Cameron, Sara and Jacob.

Wishing my great-nephew, **Damien Skippergosh**, a happy fourth birthday! I know your mom, Crystal, will make sure you have a happy day!!! Can't wait to see you. Love, Great Aunt Judy and cousin Skippy.

Happy birthday to the beautiful **Beverly Wemigwase!** Hugs and kisses from your best buddy, Floss!

Happy birthday to my wonderful mother, **Janet Sagataw**, on

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March 27. You are greatly appreciated. Love, your daughter and grandkids.

Happy birthday to my son-in-law, **Alvin Searles**, on March 23. Don't get a "sun burnt!!!" Ha Ha. We will celebrate when I get down there to visit soon ... but no fishing! Love ya, Mama Judy.

Happy birthday to **Regina Kiogima, Sr.** whose special day is on March 12. You're a great mom, a wonderful grandma and my best friend. Gzaaguhn, Gina Jr.

Happy birthday **Liz Murner** on March 1! Love you, Mom and Greg.

I would like to wish my only daughter, **Ashlee Alexandra Gasco**, a happy 19th birthday on March 19. From your mama.

Happy birthday to **Dorothy Willis** and **John Willis III**. Love you both!! Tiffany Willis.

Happy birthday to **Aunt Jenny** and **Aunt Chrissy** on the 28th and 29th. Love, Avery.

Happy eighth birthday to my granddaughter, **Hailey Kay Field**, on March 23. You remind me so much of your Daddy that it scares me and brings me so much joy!!! Ha Ha. Hope you enjoy all your gifts and surprises! All my love, Grandma Judy.

Happy birthday "Bo" **Paul Booth** on March 3. From your whole family.

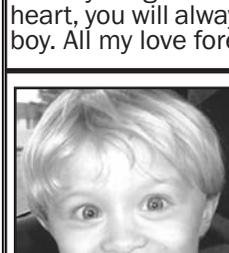
Happy birthday to **Sharon Sanders** on March 24. Have a great day. From the Bottoms, Eaves, Sanders and Seay families.

Happy birthday to our favorite **Aunt Tootsie** on March 13. Three cheers, clink, clink & not that other clink. Ha Ha. Love, Linda & kids.

Happy birthday **Billy Mac** on March 17. We love you very much. You are the Luck of the Irish. Two good things here Bub, both days are traditional Love, Gunnar, Dad, Debbie, Derek, Shane and Grandma.

Happy Sweet 16 to **Chris Lynn** on March 30. Lots of love, Sara & Tavien.

Happy 19th birthday to my youngest son, **Skippy Skippergosh**, on March 29. It doesn't seem possible so many years have gone by!! You are still on your road to becoming a responsible young man, but in my heart, you will always be my baby boy. All my love forever, Mom.



Happy third birthday to **Collin Sutton** on March 6. We love you lots. Grandpa & Grandma.

Happy third birthday to **Collin Sutton** on March 6! I miss you

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lots! Love, Aunt Na.

Happy "third" birthday to **Piinabo Sagataw** on March 27. See you soon, your aunt and cousins.

MinoDibishkaak Ndoniingonisak! **Justin McFall** eshkinigid miinwaa **Jamie Chamblee, Carter McFall, Jr.** Miinwaa niitaawis **Clint Boulton**, nitaa-anishinaabemgaazad. Kina maanda-niniinhsak, Gzaaginim, Zigozis, Auntie Carla.

Happy birthday to our Uncle **Elmer Keshick** on March 9. Love, Linda & kids.

Happy birthday to **Uncle Ken Burks**. Luv ya, Reboot Pierce.

Happy birthday to **Sara Sloan**, who celebrates her 17th birthday on March 22. We are so privileged to be able to watch you grow into such a wonderful young woman. We are so proud of you! Love, Bernadece (your big sista), Mel, Mshkoadekwe, Joy, Jacob, McKenzie and Cameron.

Birthday wishes for **Jo Ann Seay** on March 30. From all of your brothers, sisters and family.

To **Tootsie**: We can't believe you're 29 already! Happy birthday! Wish we could be there to celebrate with you! Love, Brock and Amanda. (Bye Monkey).

Happy birthday **Chrissy Yuhn-Ferella** on March 29! Love and miss you! Mom and Greg.

Happy seventh birthday to my grandson, **Jayden J. Young**, of Las Vegas, NV, on March 20. May all of your birthday wishes come true!!! Love and miss you so much. I love you with all my heart! Grandma Judy.

I want to wish my sister, **Bev Wemigwase**, a very happy birthday on March 8. You are the best sister, aunt and sister-in-law anyone could ever ask for. I hope you have a great day. We love you! Your Sis and the Gang.

Before you were born, I'd never have guessed, Such a wonderful son I have, I am truly blessed. I am sending you this greeting of love and with it, best wishes, too, I hope this day is a happy one for you. Happy birthday **Jeff Gokee**, who celebrates his day on March 21. Love to you always, Mom & Kacie.

Happy birthday **Danyel Moran**. Keep up the beading and have a wonderful year. Love, your family.

Happy birthday wishes to our **Bro** on the 7th; wishing you the best on your special day! Wishing **Smashlee Ashlee** a happy 19th birthday on the 19th; hope your day is filled with fun and lots of laughs! Last, but not least, happy birthday to our **Muffin** on the 31st; may this year bring you a whole lotta happiness and joy! Cheers! From the Gascos.

Maime: Happy birthday! We hope you have a wonderful day! We love and miss you! Love, Jai-leah, John, Arianna, Josh, Caelynn, Haydn and Isabella.

Happy birthday to **Yucker Dunlop** and **Chris Beauchamp** on the 9th; **Pie Sagataw** and **Hubert (Tubby) Kesick** on the 12th; **Lulu Beauchamp** on the 16th from Chilly Willy, Shannon, Harmony, Layla and Taya.

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Happy belated birthday to **Francine Loper** on the 6th and **Marcus Loper, Jr.** on the 7th. From Chilly Willy, Shannon, Harmony, Layla and Taya.

Happy birthday to my grandson **Josh!** Love, Maime

Happy belated birthday to **David Burks**, the best son, brother, uncle, nephew and cousin from the family who loves him.

Happy belated birthday to my nephew **Kenny Burks**. Love Auntie Pooh.

Anniversaries

Happy anniversary to my wonderful husband **Patrick Wemigwase**. We sure have been through some rough times during our last 17 years together, but the good times have been far greater. Chi Miigwech for putting up with me all these years; I would be lost without you! Apiji gwa Gzaagin.

Happy anniversary to **Gary and Clara Miller**. Love, Don and Dorothy Boda.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jesse Boda**, who is serving his country in the U.S. Army. We are very proud of you. Love, the Boda family and Grandpa.

Walking On...

Claudia D. Shawa, 52
Claudia D. Shawa of Lansing, MI, 52, was born May 18, 1956 and went home to be with the Lord on January 15, 2009, at home, surrounded by her loving family and friends after courageously battling cancer for 18 years. She was a 1974 graduate of Waverly High School. She worked for Delta Dental Plan of Michigan for 31 years, was an active member of the UAW, Local 724, and was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She joins in heaven, her parents, Francis and Norma Shawa; sister, Sandra Shawa Gleason; and nephew, Connor Gleason. She is survived and will be deeply missed by her daughter, Mardia Dumas (Marcus) Malone of Lansing, MI; stepmother, Ramona Shawa of Wolverine, MI; sister, Francene (Michael) McCorkle of Grand Ledge, MI; brothers, Gary (Debra) Shawa of Lansing, Jon Shawa of Wolverine, and Edward (Beverly) Shawa of Eaton Rapids, MI; stepbrother, Jeff (CJ) Sprague of DeWitt, MI; many nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews; many friends; and very special feline companion, Spunky, who was by her side until the very end. The family would like to thank Sparrow Hospice of Mid-Michigan for all of its wonderful care and support during her final days.

Joseph E. Dayson, 64
Joseph E. Dayson, 64, walked on January 12, 2009 at Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac, MI. Born on January 26, 1944 in Nahma, MI, he leaves behind his wife of 39.5 years, Susan (Thornton); his sons, Joel, Brian and Keith; the light of his life, his

Walking On...

grandson, Andru; Andru's mother, Jennifer Boissoneau; sisters, Dorothy (Tim) Von Destimon and Nancy Ortiz; brothers, Peter (Donna) Dayson and Ted Dayson; sisters-in-law, Barbara Ward and Bonnie Thornton and her friend, Steve Dempsey; Christine (Tom) Albert; and brother-in-law, Quentin Thornton; 21 nieces and nephews; 19



great-nieces and nephews; and 11 great-great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary (Shenoskey) Dayson; brother, Richard; sisters, Martha Zelewski and Elaine Donahue. He retired from National Copper in Dowagiac, was a proud member of the U.S. Marines, was a Vietnam Veteran and was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He was very active in all the pow wows; he loved to go to them. He loved fishing, hunting and camping. He will be sadly missed by his family.

Joyce Ann (McMillan) Rueckert, 54

Joyce Ann (McMillan) Rueckert, 54, of Clare, MI, walked on January 28, 2009 at the Laurels of Mt. Pleasant in Mt. Pleasant, MI. She was born November 25, 1954 in Lansing, MI, the daughter of Archie Edwin and Esther Agnes (Evans) McMillan. She was employed by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Tribal Operations where she worked as an internal auditor for 20 years. She was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She was a resident of the Mt. Pleasant and Clare area for the past 20 years. Hobbies included playing golf, doing beadwork crafts, sewing and bowling. She is survived by her four sons, Matthew (Anglyn) Makomenaw of Mt. Pleasant, Marc (Teresa) VanAlstine of Mt. Pleasant and Wayne and Zachary Young, both of Mt. Pleasant; one granddaughter, Odeno Makomenaw; two brothers, Archie (Marie) McMillan of Lansing and Donald McMillan of Mt. Pleasant; seven sisters, Arvilla (Mike) Bateman of East Lansing, MI, Joan (Brent) Brown of Simpsonville, SC, Janice (Richard) Beckhorn of Lansing, Marie Simmons, Carol (Richard) Hubble, Sue Vertz and Audrey Hegenbarth, all of Mt. Pleasant; along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Jerry and Bruce McMillan and a sister, Judith Tackett.

Birth Announcement

Matthew and Cheryl Lesky would like to announce the birth of their daughter **Maangaashkaa Selena Lesky!** She was born on January 10, weighed eight pounds and nine ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Maangaashkaa joins her sisters, Shanna, Justine, Jenna and Kiana.



Education Department

ENJOY SELECT JOSEPH BRUCHAC WORKS COURTESY OF THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY LOCATED IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Joseph Bruchac originally majored in wildlife conservation in college.

Luckily for us, Bruchac also signed up for a writing class and caught the writing bug.

The rest as they say is history.

During his noteworthy career, Bruchac has published more than 120 books, including picture books, fiction, non-fiction, collections of traditional stories and poetry. Much of his writing draws on his Abenaki ancestry.

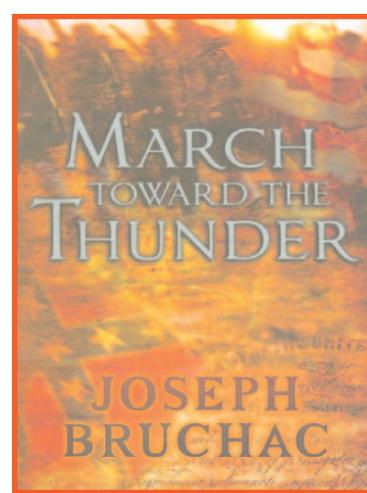
This month, I am highlighting a few of the Bruchac works available at the LTBB Cultural Library located in the Education Department at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

LTBB Tribal Citizens can check out the following books for three weeks.

March Toward the Thunder

This novel, published in 2008, is a work of fiction set during the American Civil War (1861-1865).

The following product description appears on the Amazon.com



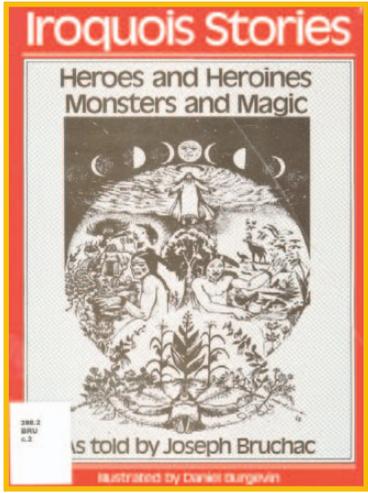
website: "A unique perspective on the Civil War as only Joseph Bruchac could tell it. Louis Nolette is a 15-year-old Abenaki Indian from Canada who is recruited to fight in

the northern Irish Brigade in the war between the states. Even though he is too young, and not American or Irish, he finds the promise of good wages and the Union's fight to end slavery persuasive reasons to join up. But war is never what you expect, and as Louis fights his way through battle after battle, he encounters prejudice and acceptance, courage and cowardice, and strong and weak leadership in the most unexpected places. Master storyteller and acclaimed author Joseph Bruchac tells a Civil War story based on the experiences of his own great grandfather. Chock full of historical facts and details, this carefully researched book will give readers new insight into some of the untold stories and unsung heroes of the American Civil War."

Iroquois Stories: Heroes and Heroines Monsters and Magic

This book, published in 1985, is intended for children in grades three through six.

The following is a *School Library Journal* editorial review that appears on the Amazon.com website: "Bruchac presents a melange of cre-



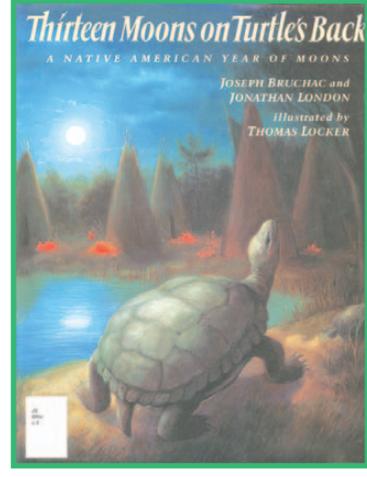
ation stories, 'why' stories and stories of magic and monsters which offer something for almost any reader. Taken together, they give a picture of Indian life in the Eastern woodlands that provides an excellent complement to non-fiction works such as Sonia Blecker's *Indians of the Longhouse* (Morrow, 1950; o.p.). The stories are well told and are enhanced by the full-page pencil drawings that precede each tale. The book fills a definite gap: There are several collections such as Richard Erdoes' *Sound of Flutes and Other Indian Legends* (Pantheon, 1976; o.p.), which deal with Plains Indians' tales, but with the exception of the author's earlier *Turkey Brothers and Other Tales*

(*Crossing Pr*, 1975; o.p.), no other collection focuses on the Iroquois. This one is worth having both for entertainment and as a supplement to non-fiction for school study units on Indians."

Thirteen Moons on the Turtle's Back: A Native American Year of Moons

This book, published in 1942, is intended for children in kindergarten through fourth grade.

The following is a *Publishers Weekly* editorial review that appears on the Amazon.com website: "To many Native Americans, the 13 cycles of the moon represent the changing seasons and the passage of time. Each moon has its own special name that,

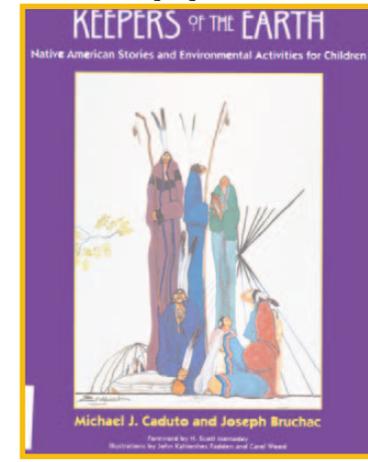


while varying among the tribal nations, is consistent with the legend that the 13 scales on Old Turtle's back hold the key to these moons. The authors present 13 poems that take readers through the year, from the 'Moon of Popping Trees'—when the 'cottonwoods crack with frost'—to the 'Big Moon' of the Abenakis. The book's effective design consists of verses in vertical columns at the left of each spread with the remainder occupied by Thomas Locker's (Family Farm; Catskill Eagle) typically lush artwork. His oil paintings are eye-catching in their depth of color reflecting dramatic seasonal changes. Trees, skies and woodland creatures are rendered in vivid hues that combine to produce an enthralling vision. This unusual and intelligent book is an exemplary introduction to Native American culture with its emphasis on the importance of nature."

Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children

This book, published in 1997, is intended for children age four through eight and is co-authored by Michael J. Caduto. The hardcover version (white cover) of this book is

for reference only, but there is a soft cover version (purple cover) available



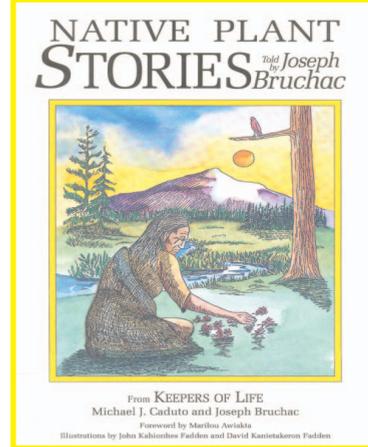
to check out.

The following product description appears on the inside cover of the book: "This is a book about living, learning and caring. It features a collection of North American Indian stories and related hands-on activities designed to inspire children and help them to feel a part of their surroundings. The emphasis is on an interdisciplinary approach to teaching about the Earth and Native American cultures. With their close ties to the land, North American Indian cultures are a vital link between human society and nature."

Native Plant Stories

This book, published in 1995, is intended for children in grades four through eight.

The following is a product description that appears on the Amazon.com website: "A collection of stories from 18 tribal nations representing the major North and Central American Indian cultural areas. The short stories range from one to four pages and vary in complexity and readability. Some are *pourquoi* stories, and some are cautionary tales, but all involve the relationship of the two-legged and the four-legged with their immediate plant world. Bruchac provides solid background information in his introduction, and each carefully selected story is accompanied by a

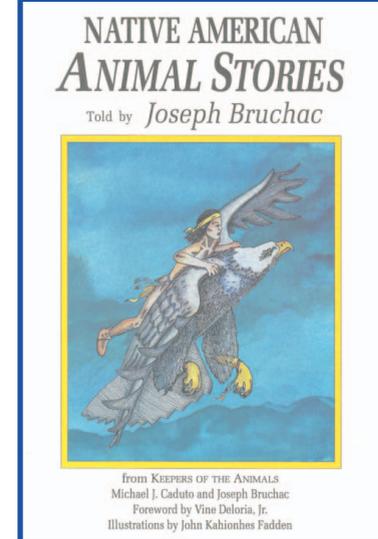


black-and-white line drawing. Comprehensive tribal information and source notes are included, and an extensively detailed glossary is appended."

Native American Animal Stories

This book, published in 1942, is intended for children in grades one through five.

The following is a *School Library Journal* editorial review that appears on the Amazon.com website: "Twenty-four stories, organized by theme, excerpted from Bruchac and Michael Caduto's *Keepers of the Animals* (Fulcrum, 1991). Excellent introductions by Bruchac and Vine Deloria, Jr., set the proper tone; they will be of particular use to those planning read-alouds, and are important



for understanding the messages of the tales. The pieces come from tribes across North America each illustrated with a full-page line drawing and appropriate border designs. Bonuses are the superb glossary of words and names and the descriptions of tribal nations. Providing an insider's knowledge and insight, Bruchac gives information about the people today and cites sources for additional versions of the stories. There are many similar collections and retellings available, some by well-meaning people who do not truly understand the tales' importance. Storytellers can feel secure in knowing that these selections will not cause offense to listeners with Bruchac's work, which presents the stories with respect for readers of all ages. Public, school, and tribal libraries should purchase this one."

Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.

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Legislative Corner

Submitted by **Beatrice A. Law**, Legislative Leader and **Donna Budnick**, Legislative Services Attorney

Last year, 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 two days, February 22 and 23, 2008, at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. As a result of the hearing, four separate pieces of legislation were introduced by Tribal Council on Native Preference. Each one differed in its approach and application of the law.

The sponsors of the various statutes were Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Dexter McNamara,

Councilor Alice Yellowbank and Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima. The different pieces of draft legislation were debated and revised over several Tribal Council work sessions.

Finally, through collaboration and consensus, the proposed legislation was narrowed down to two statutes. Both pieces of legislation were presented to Tribal Council for vote. The final piece was approved by a vote of six-yes, two-no and one-absent.

The legislation was then sent to the Executive for signature. This piece of legislation along with the other draft

statutes can be found at our LTBB website at www.ltbbedawansn.gov.

As reported in the last issue of the



Odawa Trails newsletter, Tribal Council is closely watching the revenues of Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI,

to see the impact for the FY (fiscal year) 2009 budget. On January 25, Tribal Council had members of the Gaming Board of Directors and

Odawa Casino Resort management attend its regularly scheduled meeting and report on cost-savings and expense reductions for the casino.

At that meeting, Tribal Council also passed a resolution requiring each of the three branches of government (the Executive, the Judicial and the Legislative) along with governmental division to prepare a revised budget for FY 2009 based on the anticipated revenue of \$5 million

from the casino and \$3 million from investment funds. This resolution is posted on the LTBB website.

Tribal Council would like to send a sincere "Miigwetch" to Rebecca Lynn and Sarah Schilling for their presentation to Tribal Council on their trip to the National Congress of American Indians as Youth Ambassadors for the tribe. They traveled to the meeting in Phoenix, AR, in October 2008.

Please remember, if you are in the area on a weekend, Tribal Council holds work sessions and Tribal Council meetings twice a month or we can be reached by telephone at 1-866-927-0077. This phone number takes you directly to the Legislative Office and as always, we are interested in hearing from you.

Miigwetch.

"Minutes," continued from page 13.

absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-absent, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Fiscal Year 2009 Circle of Flight Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor Kiogima 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 2009 Adult Drug Court Implementation Grant.

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

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Tribal Management Grant Program Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Health Management Project.

The motion above is on hold in consideration of Public Comment.

3:01 p.m. Public opened. No comments.

3:01 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion above resumes.

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

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Fiscal Year 2009 Invasive Species Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for continuation funding from: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Fiscal Year 2009 Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

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

3:42 p.m. Recess called.

3:52 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Tribal Government Budget Revision Fiscal Year 2009.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-no, 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.

The following was tabled to next Tribal Council agenda: The Odawa Gaming Enterprise Management draft Statute, Odawa Economic Development Management draft Statute, and the Sex Offender Notification and Registration draft Statute.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor McNamara to update the Legislative Calendar posting with revisions to the Sex Offense Statute.

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

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to pass the Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 1997-004 Health Commission Statute.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to approve Addendum to Contract for Employment for the Legislative Services Attorney, Donna L. Budnick shall forego receiving the Cost of Living Allowance increase of at least 4% for Fiscal Year 2009.

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

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve suspension of the Cost of Living Allowance increase to the Legislative Branch employees for Fiscal Year 2009.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Ab-

sent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to post the Economic Development Commission draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to post amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2007-012 Education Commission to the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to post the Education Appeals Board draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to post the Amendment to the Housing Commission draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to place the Tribal Burial Grounds draft Statute to a Tribal Council work session.

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

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to post Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2004-008 Gaming Board of Directors, to the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Oldman), 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)
Motion carried.

The following was tabled to the next Tribal Council agenda: Odawa Gaming Enterprise Management, Inc Corporate Charter, Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc Corporate Charter, Land Use, Building Regulation, and Zoning draft Statute, the Child Protection draft Statute, Child Welfare Commission draft Statute, and the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin draft Statute.

5:00 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor McNamara to adjourn.

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary
Date

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Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce 231-242-1584.

Native News

Anishnaabek Healing Circle Opens Confidential, Toll-Free Call In Access Center

Submitted by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

There is a new program to increase your chances for success in recovering from substance abuse and other addictions. Even if you have struggled for years, there is new hope for recovery with the Anishnaabek Healing Circle "Access to Recovery" (ATR) program and its new, confidential toll-free Call In Access Center, which you can reach at 1-866-945-7332.

The Anishnaabek Healing Circle is a healing circle of friends, community members and substance abuse professionals who will walk with you on a journey to wellness. If you or a loved one in your family is struggling with drugs or alcohol, then, you can get the help you need to break the cycle of addiction.

With the Anishnaabek Healing Circle, you have more choices than ever before to design a recovery program that is just right for YOU. You receive personalized vouchers for the clinical treatment and recovery support services you want. The program is confidential, and it's free.

Recovery can include mental, physical, emotional and spiritual support based on your individual needs. Maybe you think counseling will help you. Perhaps working with a traditional healer would be most helpful. All these choices, and many more, are now yours to make. You decide on the services you want. You choose the providers you want. You decide what is best for you. And, you can walk the journey to wellness confidentially.

The Anishnaabek Healing Circle is a gift from the Creator to the Three Fires People. The gift is now. With help from a federal Access to Recovery grant, for which the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan successfully completed with the 12 federally

recognized tribes in Michigan, we have a three-year period of time to do something about the disease of addiction, one person at a time.

We have extra financial and human resources available through this grant to make a difference, starting with YOU. Maybe now is your time to move on to a happier life. You can do it!

Who is eligible?

All the enrolled members of the 12 collaborating tribes in Michigan, including LTBB, and other Native Americans residing in the tribes' service areas are eligible for the Anishnaabek Healing Circle. Non-Native family members are also eligible. There is no charge to eligible clients.

How do I get started on the healing path?

There is no "wrong door" for entry into the Anishnaabek Healing Circle. You may refer yourself or be referred through a tribal program, other network providers and other sources. The easiest way to get started is to just pick up the phone and call the new, confidential toll-free Call In Access Center at 1-866-945-7332. You may also contact your local tribal substance abuse program directly. All Michigan tribal substance abuse programs are ATR Access and Care Coordination Centers. Regardless of how you enter the program, you are not expected to enter the Anishnaabek Healing Circle alone. You will be assigned a Care Coordinator who will stay with you throughout your journey.

The Details

First, the Call In Center or your local Access and Care Coordination Center will determine your eligibility by performing a brief screening. If the screening shows a need for clinical treatment and/or recovery support services, you will be registered for the program and referred to a cer-

tified addictions counselor to receive a full clinical assessment. If you are only seeking recovery support services, you will also receive a brief screening and be referred to an ATR authorized recovery support provider. Based on the level of care you need, you will receive a service voucher and a list of service providers from which to choose. You will also be assigned a Care Coordinator who advocates for you and helps you navigate the system.

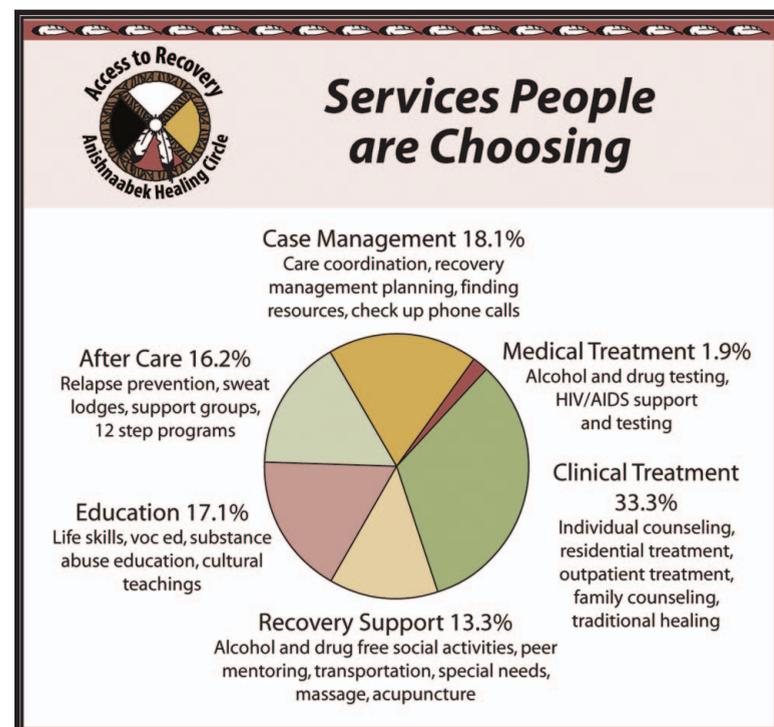
You select and make an appointment with the provider(s) of your choice. You may work with several different providers during your time in the program depending on circumstances and as your needs change. You make an appointment with the provider and receive services.

It's as simple as that. You choose the services you think will be most helpful in your recovery, and you choose the providers you want.

Some Interesting Facts

The ATR grant is for a little more than \$11.5 million over three years. The 12 tribes committed to this project include more than 55,000 enrolled members living on or near reservations in 51 of Michigan's 83 counties. The target is to help 5,221 people during the three-year period. So far, more than 1,000 people have joined the Anishnaabek Healing Circle and more are choosing to seek a happier life everyday. We have providers in the system who are specifically trained to help people with methamphetamine, so if methamphetamine is affecting you or a loved one, please don't hesitate to join the Anishnaabek Healing Circle. Call the new, confidential toll-free Call In Access Center, at 1-866-945-7332.

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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.

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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.

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March 9th-12th, 2009

Hiawatha Plays Research Project

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Cory Willmott, Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville and GRASAC member, is doing a research project on the Hiawatha Plays that were held here in this area. She would like to interview anyone or their family members who might like to share information about these plays. We will need photographs, program schedules, pamphlets, booklets, postcards or any other materials on the Hiawatha Plays. We also need to know the names of people who participated in these plays. Cory Willmott will in turn share the information gathered with the participating Tribes.

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Great Lakes Research Alliance for the Study of Aboriginal Arts and Cultures

The Great Lakes Research Alliance for the Study of Aboriginal Arts and Cultures (GRASAC) is our solution. The organization is an international collaborative research partnership of Aboriginal community researchers, museum and archival scholars and university researchers. Members contribute insights and knowledge from their own areas of understanding and in turn benefit from the insights and knowledge of others. GRASAC consists of two key components: the network of people who meet, work together on research projects, and exchange ideas; and the web-based software tools being developed to enable remote collaboration and sharing.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT
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American Indian Journalism Institute Accepting Applications for Summer 2009

The Freedom Forum is accepting applications until March 1 for the Ninth American Indian Journalism Institute (AIJI) summer session, the premier journalism training, scholarship and internship program for Native American college students, June 5-19, 2009.

Students attend AIJI for free and receive other financial assistance. Applications are welcome from any Native American college student preparing to become a journalist.

In its first eight years, approximately 165 students completed the program. Instructions and application forms are available at www.freedomforumdiversity.org.

AIJI students will be eligible for college credit by taking a multimedia journalism course taught at the Freedom Forum's Al Neuharth Media Center, on the University of South Dakota's Vermillion campus.

AIJI graduates compete to be hired for six-week paid internships as reporters, copy editors, photographers and multimedia journalists in daily newsrooms and with The Associated Press beginning approximately July 1. Interns must be licensed drivers with access to reliable, legally registered vehicles.

"The intent of AIJI is to recruit, train, mentor and retain Native Ameri-

cans for journalism careers," said Jack Marsh, AIJI founding director and Freedom Forum vice president for diversity programs. "AIJI is an intense and demanding academic and internship program that opens doors for those who have the passion and the potential to succeed as professional journalists."

The Freedom Forum administers and funds AIJI, including tuition, fees, books and room and board. To be eligible for AIJI, Native students must have completed at least one year of college. Applications for the program will be accepted from new participants and from returning AIJI students who want more training.

Program graduates will earn three hours of college credit from the University of South Dakota that students may transfer to their current school.

Students must be able to provide their own transportation to and from Vermillion, SD, and must attend the full program beginning Friday, June 5, and ending Friday afternoon, June 19. Each student will have a single room in a dormitory. Meals will be provided on campus. AIJI forbids the use of alcohol, other intoxicants and illegal drugs at any time during the program. Violators will be dismissed from the institute.

The American Indian Journalism

Institute is part of the Freedom Forum Diversity Institute's commitment to increase employment diversity in daily newsrooms.

"Having even one Native American working in a newsroom makes the organization more aware of American Indians in its community, and more sensitive and intelligent in reporting stories about them," Marsh said. "American Indians are by far the most underrepresented people of color in the news media, and this often results in stereotypical and erroneous coverage of Indian issues and Indian people."

The American Society of Newspaper Editors' annual employment census identified approximately 284 Natives among the industry's 52,600 journalists working in daily newsrooms.

AIJI also offers a semester-long Visiting Scholars Program at the University of South Dakota every fall and spring. Students are mentored by a journalist in residence and take a full load of college courses in journalism and related subjects. The program was created for students from schools that don't offer journalism courses. Fellowships are available to visiting scholars to cover the cost of tuition, fees and room and board.

Voter Protection Alert Issued to Michigan Voters by Advancement Project

On January 30, 2009, the Native Vote Michigan State Lead received a "Voter Protection Alert" from Advancement Project, an organization based out of Washington, D.C., where their mission is:

"To develop, encourage, and widely disseminate innovative ideas, and pioneer models that inspire and mobilize a broad national racial justice movement to achieve universal opportunity and a just democracy!"

The Advancement Project is encouraging Michigan voters to check their voting status to make sure their names have not been removed from the voter rolls because they were placed on a "cancellation countdown" list two years prior. In August 2006, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land's Bureau of Elections put together a list of names based upon the return of non-forwardable mail marked as undeliverable by the post office. Michigan voters, particularly those individuals who did not vote in the recent presidential election or in the preceding federal primary election, should check their voting status immediately. Please see the steps below to determine status.

Steps Michigan Voters Can Take to Verify Their Voting Status

Michigan voters who may be at risk of being purged from the rolls

should take the following steps immediately:

- Voters should visit www.advancementproject.org/michiganvoters/ immediately and enter their names in the searchable database; voters who do not have Internet access may call toll free 1-877-



547-6260.

- If voters find their names listed, they should immediately visit their city, village, or township clerk and complete a new voter registration form.
- Voters may also visit a Secretary of State branch office to complete a new form, or they may download a form at www.michigan.gov/vote and then mail or deliver it to their city or township clerk.
- Once voters have completed a new voter registration form, they should contact their city or township clerk within three weeks to make sure their records

have been updated, and that they no longer appear on the cancellation countdown list.

You can visit www.advancementproject.org to read the entire press release and to review more details on this subject. Purging of voter rolls is nothing new, and although it is unlawful, through research and from past experiences, it leads to the conclusion it still happens. In all actuality, once you have registered to vote, you remain registered unless you move to a new address without re-registering. To protect our Native Voice and Native Power with "the vote," take the time to check your voting status for your protection, and by all means, remember, if you change your residency, make sure you re-register to vote using one of the methods above!

Don't get this voter registration information confused with tribal voter registrations. For Tribal Election voter registration, you should visit the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians website at www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov for a Tribal Election Board Voter Registration Form or call 231-242-0587 for instructions and registration deadlines.

The Andrew J. Blackbird Museum in Harbor Springs, MI, Seeks Board Members

The Andrew J. Blackbird Museum in Harbor Springs, MI, seeks individuals interested in being on the museum's board.

The museum has a working board, not a sitting board. When there is work to be done, all board members pitch in to help as much as they are able to. Museum events include Tuesday Evenings at the Longhouse, the Annual North American Art Fair and quarterly Evenings at the Museum.

Board members are also required to attend monthly board meetings.

You do not need any museum experience to become a board member; you just need an interest in the collection, presentation and preservation of Native American culture. Board membership can be a learning experience for those who want to know more about Native American culture.

If you are interested, please call Robert or Joyce Shagonaby at 231-526-2705 or e-mail jshag@char-termi.net.

The Andrew J. Blackbird Museum is a municipal museum, owned and operated by the City of Harbor

Springs. It was originally the home of Andrew J. Blackbird, and it has been in operation as a museum since 1952.

The museum board works with the curator, Joyce Shagonaby, and it is accountable to the Harbor Springs City Manager and Harbor Springs City Council.

On January 28, 2009, the Andrew J. Blackbird Museum Board elected officers for 2009. They are President Robert Shagonaby, Vice President Dorothy Boda, Secretary Bryan Pontiac, Board Member Jon Phillips and Board Member Patrick Morris.

Traditional Healer
Jake Pine
is available for appointments
March 23-24, 2009

All appointments at the
LTBB Community Health Department

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



BASKETRY Workshop



March 9 - 13, 2009
K-12 Students: 1-day workshop
9am - 1pm
Adults: 5-day workshop
5:30pm - 8pm

Artist-in-Residence
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Renee "Wasson" Dillard will focus on Great Lakes Indian basketry techniques and mediums

Workshop also includes:

- Black ash harvesting techniques and instruction
- Black ash splint preparation and construction teachings
- 1-day participants will create a make-&-take project
5-day participants will create a basket

Renee is a highly-skilled woodland natural fiber artist from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa (Waganakising Odawa). She has been teaching Anishinabe culture, basketry, traditions, and history for more than a quarter of a century. Renee is an engaging teacher who has presented at conferences and workshops in the United States and Canada.

Nominal fee & pre-registration is required.
Call (989) 775-4744 to reserve your space!
Space is limited



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Business Tip of the Month:

Home based businesses often struggle with productivity. Even though you are working from your home, it's important to treat your business like a "real" job. Structure and discipline are the tools you'll need to maintain focus and maximize your effectiveness from home. Develop a schedule of business hours and stick to it just like you did when you were working as an employee.

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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 231-242-1620 for an application.

You can apply once during January 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 for each type of assistance available.

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

Applications for all programs are accepted until funds run out.

A limited supply of heaters, window plastic kits and weatherstripping are available for pickup at the Human Services Building during regular business hours.

Native News Briefs

Compiled by *Odawa Trails* staff

MIEC Hosts 39th Annual Native American Critical Issues Conference

The Michigan Indian Education Council (MIEC) hosts the 39th Annual Native American Critical Issues



Conference March 12-14 at the Soaring Eagle Inn and Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

The conference's goals are to introduce the next generation 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.

The keynote speaker on March 12 is Jefferson Davis, who has been an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for 14 years. His primary responsibilities are prosecuting crimes in Indian country and serving as a liaison to the 11 federally-recognized tribes in the Western District, and to the Saginaw Chippewa in the Eastern District.

The keynote speaker on March

14 is Tribal Chairman Frank Etawageshik.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Renee Wasson Dillard presents a session on March 14 titled, "Blackash Basketmaking." The session will take participants through the entire process of using Blackash trees to make baskets and other useful items. Participants will make a Blackash sweet grass bookmark. There is a \$10 additional fee for materials.

For registrations postmarked after February 1, the general registration fee is \$275 and the student and senior citizen registration fee is \$175. Registration forms are available at www.miec.org.

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

Courtesy graphic.

Emmet County MSU Extension Office Offers Native Plant Workshop

The Emmet County MSU Extension Office is offering a native plant workshop titled, "Nuts about Natives," on March 21 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Emmet County Fair-

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

ground's Community Center in Petoskey, MI.

Three speakers will discuss lakescaping and landscaping with Michigan Natives and present a video tour of the Wildflowers of Camp Michigania. Cost is \$25.

For a detailed informational

brochure with a registration form, please call 231-348-1770.

Courtesy graphic.

Gun Lake Tribe Clears Final Legal Hurdle Delaying Construction of New Casino

On January 30, the federal government placed 147 acres of land into trust for the benefit of the Gun Lake Tribe to use for economic development purposes in Allegan County, MI.

The tribe can now proceed with construction of the \$200 million Gun Lake Casino. Two recent federal court rulings preceded the trust ac-



quisition.

On January 30, the casino land title was transferred to the United States government to be held in trust on behalf of the tribe.

The Department of the Interior authorized the title transfer, which is not open to a legal challenge. This action ends any legal ambiguity about the tribe's ability to conduct gaming in accordance with federal law.

Trust status was stalled by lawsuits for nearly four years by Michigan Gambling Opposition (MichGO).

The 190,000 square foot Gun Lake Casino will have 2,500 slot machines and 75 gaming tables and is expected to employ as many as 1,800 people.

In-house graphic.



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10:00pm to Midnight



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EVERY THURSDAY
BEGINNING AT 8 P.M.

ZONE

Hidden River 2009 Golf Grant Opportunity For LTBB Tribal Citizens

Cart fee \$11 for 9 holes \$22 for 18 holes	League Play May 4 through September 18
LTBB Tribal ID required	Black out dates July 3, 4 and 5
12 golfers per day	NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL
Collared shirt required	

Located at 7688 Maple River Rd. in Brutus, MI
1-800-325-GOLF
Mike McCreery 231-242-1487



Medicine cabinet mayhem?

The medicine cabinet is so full that there's hardly room for one new bottle. But you're not supposed to flush or throw away medicines anymore, right? Right! Don't poison your water or tempt drug abusers, bring unwanted or expired medicines to the:

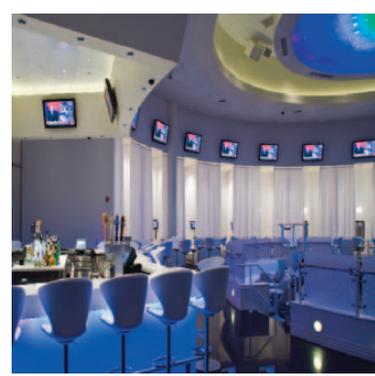
FREE! Medicine Disposal Drop-off Day
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Emmet County Drop-Off Center
7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs
For more information call 231-348-0640

No commercial or medical facilities, please. No meds stored overnight.

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Dzone Nightclub Entertainment March 2009

Every Friday and Saturday night from 8 p.m. to midnight DJ Fade Entertains from Midnight to 2 a.m.

- March 6 and 7
The Ronnie Torres Band
- March 13 and 14
Groove Party
- March 20 and 21
Soul Xpress
- March 27 and 28
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SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH AT 5:00 PM

PLAYERS WILL BEGIN QUALIFYING EVERY DAY BEGINNING MARCH 1ST. EARN ONE ENTRY FOR EVERY 100 BASE POINTS. HARLEY DRAWING WILL BE AT 5:00 PM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH WITH \$1,000 CASH PRIZE DRAWINGS FOLLOWING: 3 WINNERS AT 6:00 PM, 3 WINNERS AT 6:30 PM AND 4 WINNERS AT 7:00 PM.

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ODAWA
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Craft and Flea Market

June 6
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Vendor spaces available for rent. Donations and volunteer time are needed. Proceeds to benefit the LTBB elders.

The location is the LTBB Pow Wow upper parking lot on Pleasantview Rd.

For more information, please e-mail the Odawa crafters at odawacrafters@yahoo.com.

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
231-242-1400.



Odawa Casino Resort March Promotions and Events

March Gladness – Every day in March players qualify for the drawing on Sunday, March 29. We will be giving away a Harley Fat Boy and \$10,000 in cash. Guests will qualify beginning March 1. One entry for every 100 base points earned.

Winner's names will not be placed back into the drawing barrel on this night for the next drawing.

Guests will be able to qualify up to one hour before the 7 p.m. drawing, so the cutoff time will be 6 p.m.

Harley drawing will be at 5 p.m. No cash option.

\$1,000 Cash Prize Drawings at the following times:

Three winners - 6 p.m.,
Three winners - 6:30 p.m.,
Four winners - 7 p.m.

Waas no dé Buffet - St. Patty's Day Buffet all day price \$7.77.

Rendezvous will offer Green Bud Light 16 oz. glass lined aluminum bottles. They will be available for sale March 1 and continue through March 17.

Super Seniors Day will be every day in March! Guests 50+ receive 3X points.

Wedding Expo

March 28, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.,

Ovation Hall

Bridal Fashion Show: 3 p.m. (in conjunction with Lasting Memories Bridal in Gaylord, MI)

Prize Drawings: begin at 3:30 p.m.

Admission: Brides-To-Be – Complimentary Other Attendees - \$5 per person

Sage Chef's Dinner

Wednesday, March 25, \$75 per person

Ozone

Northern Michigan Talent Search Auditions, Wednesday, March 4 and 18, 7 p.m.

Cooking Show Live - March 7, 3 p.m., Ozone, Cajun Cooking with Chef Michael

\$20 per person includes recipes and samplings

Qualifying Rounds for Sing Like the King Competition - Sunday, March 8, 15, 22, 5 p.m.

Sing Like the King Finale - March 29, 5 p.m., \$250 Best Singer/\$250 Best Costume

Chuck King-Hypnotist and Comedian, March 11 and 12, 7 p.m., \$10 tickets