

# ODAWA TRAILS

FEBRUARY 2011

MKWA GIIZIS (BEAR MOON)

## LTBB YEAR IN REVIEW 2010 AS SELECTED BY ODAWA TRAILS STAFF

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

**Editor's note:** This is the second section of the "LTBB Year in Review 2010 as Selected by Odawa Trails Staff." The first section of the article appeared in the January 2011 issue of Odawa Trails.

### LTBB Tribal Citizen and Dance Partner Win SwingShift and the Stars Dance-Off for Charity Competition

Melvin L. Kiogima, a LTBB Tribal Citizen and Tribal Councilor, along with local celebrity Heather Daniels, the producer of the top-rated morning show "Mary in the Morning" and Assistant Program Director on 106.7 YOU-FM, won the SwingShift and the Stars



Dance-Off for Charity event held October 2010 through December 2010 in Traverse City, MI, with an overall average score of 42.1. Kiogima was one of six dance instructors paired with a local celebrity. The event raises money for local charities in the Traverse City, MI, area and is similar to the widely popular "Dancing with the Stars."

Dancers performed before a panel of four judges with the judges' scores being tabulated and announced at the end of each competition. The cumulative audience vote from the five performances was combined with the judges' scores to determine the winning



couple. They were announced as the winning couple at the final competition held on December 31, 2010. All six couples in the competition provided their own dance outfits and donated their time.

Kiogima and his wife of 33 years, Nancy, have danced on and off for 30 years, and it is something they have always enjoyed doing together. The couple has danced in local competitions during the disco era, and they have danced in Chicago, IL, in country western competitions. They occasionally teach dance lessons.



### Tribal Youth Participate in Third Annual Jiimaan Journey

Twenty-three tribal youth attended the Third Annual Jiimaan Journey held in June 2010 with 10 youth completing the journey. The youth, who traveled in two canoes approximately 35 feet long, battled inclement weather throughout the journey. The approximately 46-mile journey started in Conway, MI, on Crooked Lake and ended at Gordon Turner Park in Cheboygan, MI. One canoe is owned by Fred Harrington, Jr. and the other canoe was rented from Sanford Brigade's in Sanford, MI. Adult paddlers assisted the youth. The youth camped along the route with tribal community members visiting them at camps and teaching them Native arts and crafts.

Archival Tech Yvonne Walker-Keshick came up with the idea of

the Jiimaan Journey after she conducted research on the Traverse corridor from Peshawbestown, MI, to Cheboygan when she worked for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians from 1974 to 1980.

### LTBB Completes Financial Restructuring

**Editor's note:** The following information appeared in a LTBB press release dated November 30, 2010 and in a Legislative Corner article submitted by Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet and Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick. Both appeared in the January 2011 issue of Odawa Trails.

On November 30, 2010, LTBB announced the completion of a financial restructuring with its bondholders. An exchange offer to holders of its \$122 million, 10.25% Senior Notes due 2014, which was launched on October 26, 2010, closed on that day. The transaction resulted in the exchange of \$143 million of existing Senior Notes and

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN KEN HARRINGTON

The year 2010 was successful and productive for our tribe. The casino loan was restructured, an exclusive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) housing project was completed at the Murray Road Housing Development in Hayes Township, MI, the Firekeepers lodge was built near the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, a custom home was started and completed in the Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke Housing Development in Harbor Springs, the Human Services Department has provided continual aid to our tribal citizens, the new snowmobile trail to Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey MI, was created, a new site plan was submitted to Tribal Council for the Harbor Springs campus which included a spot for a Cultural Center, a Veterans Memorial and other future buildings.

Building the hatchery for the Natural Resource Department (NRD) is scheduled for 2011 on the Drier Road property, located north of Pellston, MI. Tribal Council passed a resolution in 2006 establishing the fish hatchery project, and then appropriated

\$300,000 for the hatchery in 2008. On December 20, 2010, our tribe received a \$250,000 donation from CMS (please see attached letter) for the development of our tribe's fish hatchery. CMS Land Development has committed an additional \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2011 for the construction of our tribe's NRD fish hatchery. The hatchery will produce 50,000 finger length fish per year. Currently, Northwest Design Group is developing working drawings for the hatchery; the project will go out for bid in the beginning of 2011. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) roads money has been secured by our Planning Department, and road construction for the project will start in spring of 2011. According to Tribal Council's Grants, Donations and Other Funding policy, Tribal Council may accept or reject this donation.

The very important bond restructure was complete as of December 2010. Tribal Council has successfully negotiated a new loan for our tribe. After cash payments, the \$122 million loan previously at 10.25 % is now \$40 million at 9 % due in 2020. This restructure was crucial to our tribe's success.

The deal negotiated is good because instead of paying \$12.25 million a year in interest, we are now scheduled to pay \$3.9 million per year in interest. However, nowhere in the payment schedule from now until December 2020 is there a principal payment planned. The new loan structured is interest only payments. The tribe will have to pay \$4.1 million in principal per year through December 2020 to pay off its debt. The previous loan required \$8 million set aside until 2014 with a balloon payment of \$74 million due in 2014.

The Executive attended a Tribal Council Appropriations and Finance Committee (AFC) meeting on January 8, 2011. Included in the presentation was a written illustration of our finances from our Chief Financial Officer (CFO) with calculated projections. The Chairman recommended to the AFC and Tribal Council to immediately pay \$2 million principal on our debt. This one-time payment will save our tribe \$1.7 million in interest by the end of the loan in 2020. The Chairman stressed the importance of paying the loan off, not only to get out of debt,

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Being Odawa is all about Freedom

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

### Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'aana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mndooaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinaan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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

The deadline for the March 2011 issue of *Odawa Trails* is January 31, 2011. You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to [newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov), fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

### Odawa Trails Newsletter - Advertising Rates

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1 inch	1 col. x 1 in.	\$4	\$3.40	\$8	\$6.80	\$12	\$10.20	\$16	\$13.60	\$20	\$17.00
			\$3.20		\$6.40		\$9.60		\$12.80		\$16.00
2 inches	1 col. x 2 in.	\$8	\$6.80	\$16	\$13.60	\$24	\$20.40	\$32	\$27.20	\$40	\$34.00
			\$6.40		\$12.80		\$19.20		\$25.60		\$32.00
3 inches	1 col. x 3 in.	\$12	\$10.20	\$24	\$20.40	\$36	\$30.60	\$48	\$40.80	\$60	\$51.00
			\$9.60		\$19.20		\$28.80		\$38.40		\$48.00
4 inches	1 col. x 4 in.	\$16	\$13.60	\$32	\$27.20	\$48	\$40.80	\$64	\$54.40	\$80	\$68.00
			\$12.80		\$25.60		\$38.40		\$51.20		\$64.00
5 inches	1 col. x 5 in.	\$20	\$17.00	\$40	\$34.00	\$60	\$51.00	\$80	\$68.00	\$100	\$85.00
			\$16.00		\$32.00		\$48.00		\$64.00		\$80.00
6 inches	1 col. x 6 in.	\$24	\$20.40	\$48	\$40.80	\$72	\$61.20	\$96	\$81.60	\$120	\$102.00
			\$19.20		\$38.40		\$57.60		\$76.80		\$96.00
7 inches	1 col. x 7 in.	\$28	\$23.80	\$56	\$47.60	\$84	\$71.40	\$112	\$95.20	\$140	\$119.00
			\$22.40		\$44.80		\$67.20		\$89.60		\$112.00
8 inches	1 col. x 8 in.	\$32	\$27.20	\$64	\$54.40	\$96	\$81.60	\$128	\$108.80	\$160	\$136.00
			\$25.60		\$51.20		\$76.80		\$102.40		\$128.00
9 inches	1 col. x 9 in.	\$36	\$30.60	\$72	\$61.20	\$108	\$91.80	\$132	\$112.20	\$164	\$139.40
			\$28.80		\$57.60		\$86.40		\$105.60		\$131.20
10 inches	1 col. x 10 in.	\$40	\$34.00	\$80	\$68.00	\$120	\$102.00	\$146	\$124.10	\$183	\$155.55
			\$32.00		\$64.00		\$96.00		\$116.80		\$146.40
11 inches	1 col. x 11 in.	\$44	\$37.40	\$88	\$74.80	\$132	\$112.20	\$156	\$132.60	\$195	\$165.75
			\$35.20		\$70.40		\$105.60		\$124.80		\$156.00
12 inches	1 col. x 12 in.	\$48	\$40.80	\$96	\$81.60	\$144	\$122.40	\$170	\$144.50	\$213	\$181.05
			\$38.40		\$76.80		\$115.20		\$136.00		\$170.40
13 inches	1 col. x 13 in.	\$52	\$44.20	\$104	\$88.40	\$156	\$132.60	\$179	\$152.15	\$224	\$190.40
			\$41.60		\$83.20		\$124.80		\$143.20		\$179.20
14 inches	1 col. x 14 in.	\$56	\$47.60	\$112	\$95.20	\$168	\$142.80	\$193	\$164.05	\$242	\$205.70
			\$44.80		\$89.60		\$134.40		\$154.40		\$193.60
15 inches	1 col. x 15 in.	\$60	\$51.00	\$120	\$102.00	\$180	\$153.00	\$195	\$165.75	\$244	\$207.40
			\$48.00		\$96.00		\$144.00		\$156.00		\$195.20
16 inches	1 col. x 16 in.	\$64	\$54.40	\$128	\$108.80	\$192	\$163.20	\$208	\$176.80	\$260	\$221.00
			\$48.00		\$96.00		\$144.00		\$166.40		\$208.00

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# Departments & Programs

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>February 1</u> Sharon Petoskey-Turner	<u>February 9</u> Joey Deckrow Grace Zerbe	<u>February 19</u> Leela Harrison Robert Petoskey, Sr.
<u>February 2</u> Lori Gee Karen Lambert Patricia McCarty Yvonne Salter	<u>February 10</u> Arlene Boggs Geraldine Hutton Michele Mabry Sally Spangler Ralph Swanson	<u>February 20</u> Krystine Rojas Deleta Smith
<u>February 3</u> Paul Shananaquet Clayton Walker Denise Zimmer	<u>February 11</u> Katherine Beech Donna Hielkema Joyce Thompson	<u>February 21</u> Paul Bellmer Steven Otto William Vandegriff
<u>February 4</u> Theodore Engstrom	<u>February 12</u> Floyd Genia, Jr. Josephine Pawneshing	<u>February 22</u> Ida Sminesvik
<u>February 5</u> Benjamin Bernard Barbara Memon Darlene Mulholland	<u>February 13</u> Henry Dubiel Joyce Smith	<u>February 23</u> Arvilla Bateman Mashilaa Beam Ronald Washegesic, Sr.
<u>February 6</u> Sherry Archibald Kathy Austin John Duvernay, Jr.	<u>February 14</u> Mikel Bagby Patricia Dyer-Deckrow	<u>February 24</u> Johanna Cameron Shirley Startup
<u>February 7</u> Daugherty Johnson, Jr. Patrick Shomin Richard Wanshon	<u>February 15</u> Virginia Adams Kevin Casey	<u>February 25</u> Garland Martell Marie Michels Dolores Thomas
<u>February 8</u> Lewis Fisher Janet Shell Marcia Stratton Frank Thompson Agnes Washe	<u>February 16</u> Betty Moses	<u>February 26</u> Jeanette Bailey David Duvernay Wayne Gasco Allan Moore
	<u>February 17</u> Lee Graham Marjorie Williams	<u>February 27</u> Robert Boursaw Colleen Falwell Patricia Maple Joann Nelson

## Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

Gain valuable work experience?

Work in the tribal community?

Make a little extra money?

Gain experience in several fields?

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

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

Call: 231-242-1563

## ATTENTION TRIBAL CITIZENS!

Constitutional Committee Meeting Dates

January 22, 2011 and February 19, 2011

Location: Room 312

LTBB Governmental Center

Harbor Springs, MI

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

## Upcoming Elders Trip!

The LTBB Elders Program is making travel arrangements for the 17<sup>TH</sup> Annual Anishinaabemowin-Teg Language Conference to be held in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, March 24 - 27, 2011.

This trip is on a first-come, first-serve basis, space is limited, so please make sure to call 231-242-1423 as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.



## Grants Department



## ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS IN THE BUILDING TRADES

Submitted by the Grants Department

becomes available. Please let us know what specific kinds of training or assistance would benefit you the most in furthering your career as a licensed contractor.

Miigwech,  
Julie Kauppila, Grant Writer

The LTBB Grants Department is in the process of applying for funding for a program to offer training and assistance for LTBB Tribal Citizens who are interested in becoming licensed contractors.

The application is still in the planning phase, and we are looking for input from you.

We plan to propose a project that would offer a contractor training course during a 12-month period. This course would include instruction from licensed contractors and hands-on building experiences under their supervision.

Please e-mail [jkauppila@ltbbodawa-nnsn.gov](mailto:jkauppila@ltbbodawa-nnsn.gov) if you would be interested in participating in this program if the funding



## ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS

**TAG RETURN** - Please note your 2010 hunting tags are due to the LTBB Natural Resource Department after January 2, 2011.

**LICENSE RENEWAL/NEW LICENSES** -

The department will issue 2011 hunting/fishing licenses after January 2, 2011. Your license can be applied for through the mail if you are out of the area. Mail to the LTBB Natural Resource Department 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49770. Call 231-242-4670 or e-mail to [dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nnsn.gov](mailto:dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nnsn.gov).





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Murray Rd Housing Project

December 17th, 2010. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians are seeking LEED® certification for a 10 Unit, 2 building Multi-Family project, located in Bayshore Michigan. LEED for Homes is a green home certification system for assuring homes are designed and built to be energy- and resource-efficient and healthy for occupants. LEED certified homes complete a technically rigorous process that includes a home energy (HERS) rating and onsite inspections to verify that the home is built to be energy and water efficient, environmentally sound, and a healthier place to live. The net costs of owning a green home is comparable to that of owning a conventional home – and is sometimes even less. Green homes save money compared to a conventional home by:

membership organization whose vision is a sustainable built environment within a generation. Since USGBC's founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 20,000 member companies and organizations and a comprehensive suite of LEED® green building certification systems. Its membership includes corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations all sharing the Council's commitment to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. For more information, please visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).

About LEED® for Homes

LEED® for Homes is a third-party certification system for building and designing high-performance green homes



- Using less energy – between 30% and 60% less in homes case studies
- Using less water – in case studies, as high as 50% less
- Using non-toxic building materials that lower exposure to mold and mildew, reducing healthcare costs
- Making owners eligible for advantageous home financing options with some lenders
- Lowering home insurance premiums

Quote "As a LEED certified development, Mtigwaakiis serves as a model of greener living for the entire community," said Dan Atsma, Project Manager of Eagle/BCI Construction. "These homes are at the national forefront of quality; and their example can help us all to live better by reducing our environmental footprint, cutting our utility bills, and coming home to a healthier place to live."

Specific information about the homes at Mtigwaakiis. Located less than six miles from the City of Petoskey, Michigan, Mtigwaakiis is within walking distance of excellent opportunities for outdoor recreation. The homes focus heavily on reducing energy use. The project, constructed of energy efficient Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF), features low-e windows, high efficiency lighting fixtures, compact fluorescent bulbs, water saving plumbing fixtures, and high density, recycled cellulose insulation. Other energy efficiency features include high efficiency air source heat pumps for heating, cooling and water heaters, energy recovery ventilators, programmable thermostats, as well as landscaping featuring rain gardens and native plantings.

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About USGBC  
The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit mem-

ber that are energy-and-resource-efficient and healthy for its occupants. Developed and administered by USGBC, LEED for Homes awards points to projects in eight categories of environmental performance: Innovation & Design Process, Location & Linkages, Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Indoor Environmental Quality, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, and Awareness & Education. To date, more than 2,200 homes have been LEED-certified, and over 14,600 are registered and under development. For more information, visit [www.thegreen-homeguide.com](http://www.thegreen-homeguide.com).

About The Alliance for Environmental Sustainability AES, headquartered in Grand Rapids, is a (501)(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission of providing sustainable building education to the general public and building industry. AES was founded in 2000 by a dedicated group of community members who saw the need to help our community create a sustainable city. We are the Midwest's premier LEED for Homes Provider. Operating in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri and Kentucky

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or Dan Atsma, Project Manager of Eagle/BCI Construction at (616) 677-6025  
Alliance for Environmental Sustainability  
For more information you may contact Brett Little, Executive Director at (616) 458-6733.

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS



For the Murray Road Housing project in Hayes Township. Tribal Preference applies. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540

Equal Housing Opportunity  
TDD: 800-649-3777



### Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



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WAH-WAHS-NOO DA KE  
Elder Housing Development

### Application Availability Notification

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

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

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

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



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

## 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 can NOT exceed 35% of the household gross 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 \$2,500 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home. In order for you to receive any grant dollars, you must be able to match the grant amount with your own guaranteed funds.

**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 Rental Housing Program:** The LTBB Housing Department offers 29 rental units in the Northern Michigan area. These units are available to rent to Tribal Citizens and most rents are based on a families monthly income. Any Tribal Citizen interested in renting a unit from the LTBB Housing Department should contact our offices for an application. Currently there is a waiting list for available units.

## ATTENTION LTBB CONTRACTORS



If you would like to be considered for future LTBB projects, please contact Purchasing Technician/Contracts Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or e-mail at [mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Notes from  
W.O.C.T.E.P.

# MEET THE NEW WAGANAKISING ODAWA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (WOCTEP) EMPLOYEES

Christopher Robert Polasky



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I am the new WOCTEP Computer Lab Assistant. My name is Christopher Robert Polasky, born of Robert Louise Polasky and Mary Ann Ambrose. My father is of Polish/American ancestry and a little Canadian Cree and hails from Menominee, MI. My mother was born and raised in my Native Alaskan village of Nulato located west of Fairbanks Alaska along the Yukon River. I am Native Alaskan Athabascan Indian. I have been accepted and became a citizen of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, in Sitka, Alaska, where I previously lived and fished for many years. I have recently wed a beautiful Chippewa woman and now live in Harbor Springs MI.

I bring to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians nine years of tribal social services experience working for the Sitka Tribe of Alaska and the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak. While working for both of those honorable tribes, I have become a proficient computer user, a troubleshooter, and (because it's a hobby of mine) a self-taught computer nerd.

I have also recently worked through contract for the State of Michigan as a "site support" technician on a statewide information system implementation, the largest system of its kind to date.

I am grateful to be here working within WOCTEP while I pursue a degree in Computer Science and my new career goals within the Information Technology field. I would like to thank the Waganakising for this opportunity to serve you in the WOCTEP computer lab.

Miigwetch,  
Chris Polasky

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Tina Dominic

LTBB Tribal Citizen Tina Dominic started as the WOCTEP Curriculum Coordinator for the Health certificates on January 4, 2010.

Dominic, who grew up in Alpena, MI, and Petoskey, MI, graduated from Alpena High School and moved back to the area last spring. She earned an Associates in Science from Flathead Valley Community College and a Bachelor's in Exercise Science from Fort Lewis College. While at Fort Lewis College, Dominic was a mountain bike racer, winning a national championship in the women's division and is a professional mountain bike racer. Fort Lewis College, a public liberal arts college in Durango, CO, has students from 122 Native American tribes and Native Alaskan villages and qualified Native American students will be admitted tuition free there. For more information on the Native American Tuition Scholarship at Fort Lewis College, please visit [http://explore.fortlewis.edu/prospective/financing/nat\\_am\\_tui.asp](http://explore.fortlewis.edu/prospective/financing/nat_am_tui.asp).

She has a daughter, Karlee, 4, and five siblings. Her parents are Bob and the late Linda Dominic, and her



grandparents are the late Robert and the late Waunetta Dominic.

In addition to mountain biking, she enjoys skiing and snowboarding.

She lived two years in South Africa.

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- E-mail: [hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)
- Mail to LTBB Human Resources, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Questions? Please contact the Human Resources Department at 231-242-1563.

## ASK BAAPAASAANDIP

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Made of?

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questions  
or pictures to: What is a  
Rainbow?

[EnvironmentalServices@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:EnvironmentalServices@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

or mail them to:

Ask Baapaasaandip  
Attn: Environmental Services  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI  
49740

Why are  
Bubbles  
round?

What causes the Tides?



## 8 CHOICES OF SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Submitted by the WOCTEP Program

Successful Students ...	Struggling Students ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Accept personal responsibility</b>, seeing themselves as the primary cause of their outcomes and experiences.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>See themselves as victims</b>, believing that what happens to them is determined primarily by external forces such as fate, luck and powerful others.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discover self-motivation</b>, finding purpose in their lives by discovering personally meaningful goals and dreams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Have difficulty sustaining motivation</b>, often feeling depressed, frustrated, and/or resentful about a lack of direction in their lives.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Master self-management</b>, consistently planning and taking purposeful actions in pursuit of their goals and dreams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Seldom identify specific actions needed to accomplish a desired outcome</b>. And when they do, they tend to procrastinate.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Employ interdependence</b>, building mutually supportive relationships that help them achieve their goals and dreams (while helping others do the same).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Are solitary</b>, seldom requesting, even rejecting, offers of assistance from those who could help.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gain self-awareness</b>, consciously employing behaviors, beliefs and attitudes that keep them on course.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Make important choices unconsciously</b>, being directed by self-sabotaging habits and outdated life scripts.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adopt life-long learning</b>, finding valuable lessons and wisdom in nearly every experience they have.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Resist learning new ideas and skills</b>, viewing learning as fearful or boring rather than as mental play.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Develop emotional intelligence</b>, effectively managing their emotions in support of their goals and dreams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Live at the mercy of strong emotions</b> such as anger, depression, anxiety or a need for instant gratification.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Believe in themselves</b>, seeing themselves as capable, lovable and unconditionally worthy human beings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Doubt their competence and personal value</b>, feeling inadequate to create their desired outcomes and experiences.</li> </ul>

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# ARCHIVES, COLLECTIONS AND RECORDS TEAM

Are you looking for information to enhance your family genealogy?

The Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Archives, Collections and Records team has a research check list which contains 159 records available to tribal citizens who wish to do additional research about their family history.

These records date from 1840 to 1930. We are looking forward to the release of the 1940 census records which will be available soon. Our records have some agricultural, annuity rolls, birth, census, cemetery, church records, death, Durant roll, immigration, land owners, marriages, newspaper articles, photographs and school and veterans name lists.

The majority of our information is from Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties in Michigan, but we also have information from throughout the State of Michigan. Our office also has Internet resource lists for Canada.

We have numerous photographs of individuals and families we would like to have identified. We are constantly seeking new resources to add to our department. Many individuals have contributed to our archives, and we offer our sincere meegwetch for all of their contributions.

If you wish to perform family research or make arrangements to view these records or photographs, please call the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Archives, Collections and Records Team and ask for either Margaret Gasco at 231-242-1459 or Yvonne Walker-Keshick at 231-242-1452.

## CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS PIECE OF NATIVE AMERICAN WOODWORK?



This wood burned plaque was recently brought into the LTBB Archives for identification. It measures 19-1/2" and is on 1/4" plywood board. If you have any information regarding its origin or history, please contact Yvonne Walker-Keshick in the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department at 231-242-1452

# NAGPRA (NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT)/LIVING MUSEUM

The NAGPRA/Living Museum component of the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department has some very exciting projects in the works. From collaborating with the National Park Service to returning our ancestors back to the earth, the department is making every effort to make positive impacts within our community and to educate those outside it.

Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg, VA, recently contacted the department regarding several Native Americans buried there. Petersburg is a National Park dedicated to the civil war with men from Company K interred there.

Company K was an all Indian sharpshooter regiment in the Civil War. Odawa men from Harbor Springs, MI, Cross Village, MI, and Petoskey, MI, along with other An-

ishnaabek from around Michigan were part of Company K.

Petersburg National Battlefield is looking to renovate its grounds, and in doing so, tell the story of the Anishnaabek buried there. In telling the Company K story, the park is working with the tribes in Michigan to give the most accurate interpretation of why these men were there.

We are always working hard to return ancestral remains housed in museums throughout the country. To date, LTBB has worked with the other tribes in Michigan on returning close to 500 ancestors back to the earth.

This past fall, the department submitted two large requests totaling 90 individuals. We anticipate retrieving and reburial of these remains in the spring of 2011.



## ATTENTION MICHELLE CHINGWA RECIPIENTS

Submitted by Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist

Just a reminder, winter deadline for the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship is February 15, 2011.

Please remember in order to receive the second installment of your award, the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department needs to receive your Enrollment Verification Form and a

copy of your previous semester grade reports showing cumulative and term g.p.a. before the last day of the semester.

Please remember faxed Enrollment Verification Forms will not be accepted, and it is the student's responsibility to make sure the form has been received.

For more information or help with higher education, please contact Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at [aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

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UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP

<p><b>Winter/Spring</b> (January - May)</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">February 15<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Summer</b> (May - August)</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">June 15<sup>th</sup></p>
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For more information contact the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Academic Services at 231-242-1480

There are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened.

## GED...MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Which one are you?

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If you need GED study guides or material please contact Amanda or Dorothy in the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Academic Services at 231-242-1480

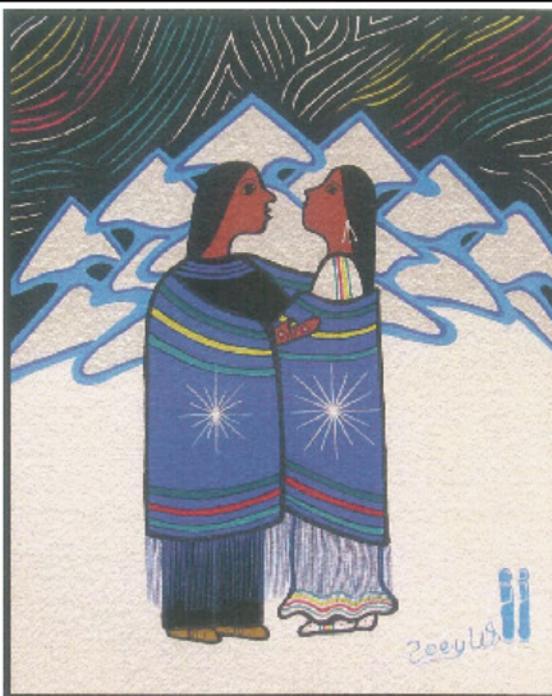


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Enh, miinwaa nga-bmosemi miikaanhsing nwii-wenaandaanaa wii-wiidgemaagnidyaang miinwaa maamwi debinimaang kina e-bwaadmaang Aho!



### Winter Vows

As our vows are said on this beautiful winter's eve our hearts heal Together as one

As the northern lights dance all around us we see the beauty in all of nature as it reaches out and touches us

And yes, we will walk the path we have chosen as husband and wife & Together we will reach ALL of our Dreams Aho!

Art and Poem by Zoey Wood-Salomon, from her book "Healing Through Art," a bilingual book (Anishinaabemowin & English) of cultural expression through paintings with poetry.

The book is available in the LTBB Cultural Library, Mzinigan Aachkinigan. Available for purchase from Ningwakwe Learning Press, Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, 1-888-551-9757.

Natural Resource Department

2010 ELK HUNT

LTBB Tribal Citizen Mel Kiogima II shot an approximately 525-pound bull elk on December 23, 2010 at 8:05 a.m. 10 miles east of Vanderbilt, MI. Randy Seymour and Sam Seymour accompanied him on the hunt.

The photo appears courtesy of the Natural Resource Department.



Human Services Department

THANKS TO GENEROUS DONATIONS, HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT GIVING TREE ASSISTS THOSE IN NEED



The Human Services Department placed a Giving Tree in the Commons Area of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, for approximately a month to collect new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for children in need. The majority of the items were distributed the week after Christmas. The Human Services Department staff would like to extend its appreciation to all those who donated items to the Giving Tree. Chi-megwetch!

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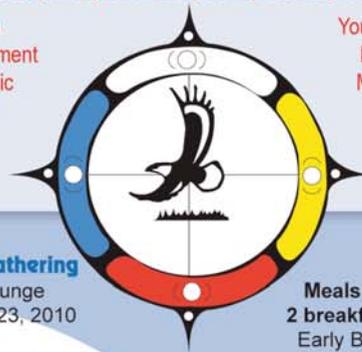
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# February

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Department of Commerce



Enrollment Department

Tax Agreement Information

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind the tribal membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement.

First of all, I cannot express enough how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department. This must be done in writing and as soon as possible.

The DOC cannot and will not change the estimated beginning date (EBD) (which is always the first in any given month) of a member's tax exempt status (see example below).

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

In addition, being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt.

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

If you plan on purchasing any of these items, please contact me FIRST, and I will be happy to get you the form via e-mail or fax. I am also able to fax the TCEs to the dealership you are doing business with.

Being an RTM will also allow

you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

Also, another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA), your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month.

Example: I move to Petoskey, MI, (inside the TAA) on September

5, 2010. My RTM (EBD) status begins October 1, 2010. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at:

[http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1748\\_23287---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1748_23287---,00.html)

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I can be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at [tkeshick@lbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@lbbodawa-nsn.gov).

Address Verification Forms Due November 30, 2011

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before November 30, 2011. 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 con-

cerning guardianship or custodial issues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

Minors who turn 18 by November 30, 2011 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form must be returned by November 30, 2011.

Address verification forms can be downloaded at [www.lbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm](http://www.lbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm) or you may call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 to have a form mailed to you.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**Resident Tribal Member Tax Information**

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (currently 33 cents per gallon unleaded and 29 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

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

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

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

**Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!**

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

The current limit on tobacco purchases is four cartons per week per tribal citizen age 18 and over. The same applies to all other tobacco products (OTP) packaged in similar fashion.

**LTBB Tribal Directories**

The Enrollment Office has LTBB Tribal Directories for sale. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled prior to February 1, 2009, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

**Qualifications:**

- Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
- A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

**Mail to:**  
LTBB of Odawa Indians  
Attn: Enrollment Office  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

**ENROLLMENT OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE**

If you have any questions regarding the service and fee schedule, please contact the LTBB Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521, Linda Gokee, Administrative Assistant, or 231-242-1520, Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer.

Fees:	Tribal Citizens
<b>Replacement Cards</b> A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to elders.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory</b> Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/1/2009. Published every 4 years.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory Labels</b> Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
<b>LTBB List</b> The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
<b>Photocopies of Enrollment file</b> \$1 first copy page, 25 cents for each page thereafter.	\$1 each
<b>Marriage License Application</b>	\$15
<b>Certified Copies: \$10</b>	
<b>Photo Copies: \$5</b>	
<b>Tribal Notary Application</b>	\$10
<b>If approved Surety Bond: \$125</b>	

**Services:**

- ✓ Enrollment Applications.
- ✓ Address Change Forms.
  - Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
  - Minors require notarization annually.
- ✓ Tribal Identification Cards.
- ✓ Tribal Directory.
- ✓ Marriage License Application.
- ✓ Tribal Notary Application.
- ✓ Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.
- ✓ BIA - 4432 Indian Preference Form.
- ✓ Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
- ✓ Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.

8-27-10

**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.

**ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)**

If you are planning to purchase a vehicle, ORV or plan on doing any home improvements to your principal place of residence, **YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME FIRST** before making the actual purchase(s). You must fill out the "Request for TCE" form located on the LTBB website or by contacting my office. I will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the Refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

-Theresa Keshick

**TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION**

The tribal notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless he/she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number
Theresa C. Keshick	Active	2/18/2009	February 18, 2015	01-09
Rebecca R. Atkinson	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	02-09
Lisa Flynn	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	03-09
Beatrice A. Law	Active	5/11/2009	May 11, 2015	04-09

**THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Branch of Service

This information will enable us to apply for veteran grants. Megwetch, Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

**Moving?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adult verification form must be witnessed.  
Minor verification form must be notarized.

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

**LTBB ID CARDS**

The Enrollment Office has new picture identification cards. **YOU DO NOT NEED A NEW PICTURE IDENTIFICATION CARD UNLESS:**

- Your tribal identification card has expired
- Your tribal identification card has no magnetic strip
- Your tribal identification card has a post office box and not a physical address

If you have an address change and you want the address change to reflect on your card, there is a \$5 fee. Please keep in mind there is a \$5 replacement fee for the card. Free to elders.

Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee 231-242-1521  
Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520



## Health Department




# DO YOU NEED HELP WITH HEALTHCARE? CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!

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.



## HELP US HELP YOU: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

Did you know one emergency room visit can produce multiple bills?

For example, I went to the emergency room for a sprained ankle. From that one ER visit, there could be a laboratory bill, a x-ray bill, an emergency room doctor's bill and the hospital bill just to name a few.

Not all bills are handled at the originating facility, so we need your help to ensure all your bills are paid in a timely manner. All tribal citizens should be aware of the procedure you must follow for Contract Health Services once payment has been approved by the Manage Care team.

It is important to note if we do not get the bill and the billing code, we cannot pay the bill.

#### Procedure

1. Call the number on any statement you receive in the mail and inform the provider to bill the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. LTBB is the payer of last resort, so please verify any private insurance you may have and have the provider bill them first.

2. Bring any statement in to Contract Health Services.

3. Physically watch the Contract Health Services worker call the number on the statement.

4. Verify the name of the person the Contract Health worker spoke with and make sure it is written on your statement.

5. Request a copy of statement with date stamp and initials of person who assisted you.

This may seem redundant, but if we work together, the process will run smoothly.

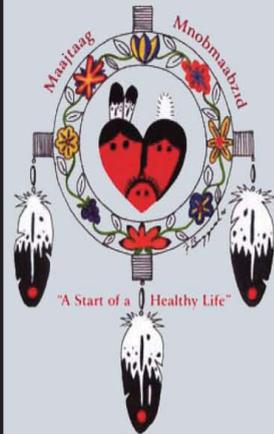
When utilizing the ER, notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health Services.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Contract Health Services at 231-242-1600.



## Attention Healthy Start Participants

IF YOU HAVE BORROWED A BREAST PUMP AND ARE NO LONGER USING IT, PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE LTBB HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR OTHERS TO USE. REMINDER: THE TUBING AND BOTTLES ARE YOURS TO KEEP. RETURN THE CASE AND PUMP ONLY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



## After Hours Clinic for LTBB Tribal Patients

Weekend Urgent Care Alternative

Quick Care Walk-In Medical Center  
116 W. Mitchell Street  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-348-2828

This clinic 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 this provider, 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.

Notice: Up North Medical Center, also known as Boyne Country Urgent Care, located on M-119 in Harbor Springs, MI, is no longer open after hours or on weekends, so LTBB is no longer using it as an urgent care facility. After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at Quick Care Walk-In Medical Center or Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.



### Medical Transportation

Is available to tribal households who have no alternate means of transport.

For LTBB household members residing in the LTBB service delivery area.

For medical appointments/purposes only.

Transport must be arranged 72 hours in advance.

Contact Community Outreach at the LTBB Health Department at 231-242-1601

## LTBB U.S.D.A. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

\*food distribution varies depending on availability



Please feel free to call our office to see if you qualify at 231-242-1620 Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm

## OPEN HOUSE!

WHEN: JANUARY 28TH 1-4 PM

WHERE: MURRAY RD. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT REBECCA ATKINSON AT 231-242-1418



## We're Better Together!

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Social Services Program is in need of **Foster Parents!!!**

Our Native Children need Native Foster Families to care for them, ensuring that they embrace our culture and are given a chance to grow in our community.

If you have the time and desire to be a **Foster Parent** for our youth, please contact Lisa Ronk, Tribal Social Worker, at 231-242-1622

# On the Pow Wow Trail



**Michigan**

February 12  
28th Annual Pow Wow of Love  
Jenison Fieldhouse  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI  
Contact Information: <https://www.msu.edu/~naiso/powwow/index.html>

March 12-13  
34th Annual GLICA Mid-Winter Pow Wow  
Baker College  
Flint, MI  
Contact Information: Jack Shumaker at 810-630-1727 or [jcobbler58@aol.com](mailto:jcobbler58@aol.com)

March 13  
18th Annual "Learning to Walk Together" Traditional Pow Wow  
Vandament Arena  
Northern Michigan University  
Marquette, MI  
Contact Information: 906-227-1397, [www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans](http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans) or [nasa@nmu.edu](mailto:nasa@nmu.edu)

March 19-20  
39th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow  
Saline Middle School  
Saline, MI  
Contact Information: Andrea at 248-953-8446, [www.umich.edu/~powwow](http://www.umich.edu/~powwow) or [powwow\\_committee@yahoo.com](mailto:powwow_committee@yahoo.com)

April 2-3

**Minnesota**

February 11  
St. Paul Public Schools  
Indian Education  
Traditional Pow Wow  
The American Indian Magnet  
St. Paul, MN  
Contact Information: 651-293-5191, [www.indianeducation.spps.org](http://www.indianeducation.spps.org) or [www.indianeducation.org](http://www.indianeducation.org)

February 12  
13th Annual Cherish the Children Traditional Pow Wow  
Central High School  
St. Paul, MN  
Contact Information: Travis DeCory at 651-227-4184, [travis.decory@aindahyung.com](mailto:travis.decory@aindahyung.com) or [www.aindahyung.com](http://www.aindahyung.com)

March 11  
St. Paul Public Schools  
Indian Education  
Traditional Pow Wow  
The American Indian Magnet  
St. Paul, MN  
Contact Information: 651-293-5191, [www.indianeducation.spps.org](http://www.indianeducation.spps.org) or [www.indianeducation.org](http://www.indianeducation.org)

March 19

**Wisconsin**

March 12-13  
Sokaogon Chippewa 23rd Trails Pow Wow  
Mole Lake Recreation Cente, WI  
Contact Information: Denise Smith-Labine at 715-478-5115

March 19-20  
16th Annual Forest County Potawatomi Winter's End Traditional Pow Wow  
Wabeno High School  
Gymnasium  
Wabeno, WI  
Contact Information: Brian Tupper at 715-478-7420 or [brian.tupper@fcpotawatomi-nsg.gov](mailto:brian.tupper@fcpotawatomi-nsg.gov) or Ruth Pemma at 715-889-1334

**Augsburg Indigenous Student Association**  
Traditional Pow Wow  
Augsburg College Si Melby Gymnasium  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact Information: Jennifer Simon at 612-330-1144, [simonj@augsborg.edu](mailto:simonj@augsborg.edu) or [www.augsburg.edu/aissp](http://www.augsburg.edu/aissp)

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CMU Events Center  
Central Michigan University  
Mt. Pleasant, MI  
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010**

Vandament Arena \* Northern Michigan University \* Marquette, Mich.

**Grand Entry Times**  
**12 p.m. and 6 p.m.**

Feast Meal - Saturday at 4 p.m.  
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Featuring the 9th annual Hand Drum Competition

Dancers, singers, artists and vendors from all over the Great Lakes region.

**NEED MORE INFORMATION? WANT TO VOLUNTEER?**

Call: 906-227-1397  
E-mail: [nasa@nmu.edu](mailto:nasa@nmu.edu)  
Visit: [www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans](http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans)

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**HOMETOWN WIRELESS GROUP**

HOMETOWN WIRELESS WILL GIVE 15% OFF ALL ITEMS TO ANY LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN, LTBB EMPLOYEE, OR FAMILY MEMBER OF AN EMPLOYEE. ALL WE NEED IS YOUR TRIBAL ID OR EMPLOYEE BADGE. WE HAVE 3 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU:

<b>HARBOR SPRINGS</b> HARBOR PLAZA 8430 M-119 231-487-9390	<b>ALANSON</b> 7722 US 31 NORTH (NEXT TO SUBWAY) 231-548-5997	<b>KALKASKA</b> 559 S. CEDAR (131) 800-757-5997
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# Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi



## THE STORY OF THE SNOWSNAKE

Snowsnake is a traditional Woodland First Nation winter sport. The snowsnake when thrown along a track can travel up to a mile if conditions are right. Years ago, the snowsnake was thrown along roadways or over frozen rivers, along fence rows or wherever snow accumulated. The track was introduced around the turn of the century.



The Snowsnake maker, who is called a shiner, is extremely important in producing a winning snowsnake. Equally important is how the snowsnake is selected and prepared for each game once it is made.

There are two types of snowsnakes: The short snowsnakes are called Mud cats and are approximately three feet long, and the long snowsnakes are approximately seven feet long.

The maker (shiner) selects a young hickory, ironwood, hard maple or June berry tree because these types of hardwood are more adaptable to the manufacturing of a snowsnake. Other kinds of fine grain hardwood can also be used. The diameter of the tree can be from eight to 10 inches.

### Instructions for Making a Snowsnake

The type of snowsnake we will be making is called a Mud cat.

### Materials Required

- 36" x 1-1/2" closet pole
- Jackknife
- Draw knife
- Sandpaper (fine, medium and coarse)
- Fine steel wool
- Varnish (polyurethane)
- Wax (ski wax or paste wax for floors)
- Lead – melted (three pounds for nine sticks)
- Coffee cans (one pound size)
- Files
- Rasps
- Vises

### Constructing the Snowsnake

**Step 1.** Carve a 36" x 1-1/2" pole in the shape of a snowsnake with a jackknife or a draw knife.

**Step 2.** After it is completely carved, the wood must be covered with water and soaked overnight in the bathtub or wherever convenient. After soaking, air dry naturally. Do not dry by artificial heat. (Oven or dryer, etc). Drying time is approximately 24 hours.

**Step 3.** Sanding - the wood will look splintery. Sand until smooth.

**Step 4.** Carve indentation in the tip of the snowsnake, so lead will grip wood.

**Step 5.** Dip tip into lead. Must dry for at least two days.

Notes: Fill coffee can 3/4 full with sand. Make impression in sand with tip of snowsnake head (about 2" deep). Pour melted lead into this impression, immediately placing the tip of the snowsnake's head into hot lead.

**Step 6.** File tip to proper proportions, making it very smooth.

**Step 7.** Resand if necessary, then apply first coat of varnish. It will require at least 10 coats of varnish. After each coat of varnish and a 24-hour drying time, it must be sanded with fine steel wool.



**Step 8.** After all coats of varnish have been applied, the snowsnake must be highly waxed and polished.

THIS PROJECT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY FIVE WEEKS FROM BEGINNING TO COMPLETION.

Sources: Yvonne Walker-Keshick and LTBB Archives.

The photo of the Mud cat made by Rueben Sova is by Tribal Librarian Francine Thuston, and the photo of Cultural Assistant Dawn Nightlinger with her snowsnake is by Melissa Wiatrolik.

## TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN RESPONSIBILITY

Submitted by Dorothy Perry, Academic Services Coordinator

Being an adult means having the ability to be in charge. We often forget children have the desire and the

• Children who enjoy being "in charge" might enjoy giving input to errands being run that day or the daily schedule. Questions such as, "Which of these activities would you like to do today?" are appropriate for younger



need to make choices and help solve problems in their environment. It is important to provide opportunities for learning responsibility.

None of us started out as the responsible adults we are today. We learned how to be responsible over time by slowly taking on more and more responsibility. By giving our children these opportunities, it creates independence and dependability and prepares them for the future as they grow and mature. Here are some ideas on how to get started:

### Give job assignments.

Most children enjoy being given simple jobs. This can be especially helpful for children who are active and tend to get bored easily. Jobs can instill a sense of accomplishment and also help teach responsibility.

- Toddlers are capable of bringing unbreakable items to and from the dining room at meals, putting clothes in a hamper and picking up and putting away toys.

- Preschoolers are generally able to pick out their clothes to wear, brush their teeth independently and put their toys away.

- Allow your child to choose tasks he or she likes and adapt the jobs as needed for the child's age and ability.

Take advantage of interests and strengths.

Some children are full of energy while others are better at sitting still and focusing. Make sure your tasks are appropriate to your child's unique strengths, and you'll be giving your child a chance to succeed.

- The child who enjoys being the errand-runner is an excellent candidate for gathering needed items from around the house or helping pack a backpack for a trip.

children. It's better to ask, "Where you would like to go first, the dry cleaners or the grocery store?"

### Sneak in learning.

Use experiences as a means to help them to generalize and apply their knowledge and skills in meaningful ways.

- When your child is learning about colors, have him or her help match and put together socks.

- When your child is learning to count and read numbers, have him or her help pick up and count out items and put them in the grocery cart or count out the number of crackers or pieces of fruit into a bowl for snack.

The following guideline will be helpful as you continue to teach responsibility to your children:

- Give opportunities for learning responsibility.

- Lead by example.

- Set reasonable standards.

- Be consistent.

- Reward for a good job.

While independence in children can be fostered as they are given plenty of opportunities to demonstrate their abilities, it is important they are participants in healthy relationships. Please remember to use common sense when deciding how much freedom and responsibility they should be given.

Sources: Franz, Rhonda. "Cultivating Responsibility in Your Child." n. page. Web. 13 Dec 2010.

"5 Things You Need to Know About Childhood Responsibility." Livestrong.com. N.p., 11/18/09. Web. 13 Dec 2010.

The photo of Tavien Lucier appears courtesy of the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department.

## 2011 Goonignebig Games

**Saturday, March 5, 2011, 10 A.M.— ??, LTBB Governmental Center**

**A light lunch will be served 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. Snacks & drinks will be available throughout the day. Please 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 1250 Lears Road, Petoskey, MI
  - c. Or e-mail to cgibson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
  - d. Or call 231-242-1601.

2. Registrations will be accepted until 10 am, March 5, 2011

3. Competitors must register in appropriate category. Individuals 18 years old not in high school must participate in the 18-34 year old category.

1 – 4 yrs. old	6th – 8th grade	35 – 49 yrs. old
Kindergarten – 2nd grade	9th – 12th grade	50 – 64 yrs. old
3rd – 5th grade	18 – 34 yrs. old	65 & over

**Note: Any registrations sent by e-mail after 5 pm on March 4, 2011 will not be retrieved. Please send them before 4:45 pm.**

### Competition

- Competition will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 5, 2011.
- The Snowsnake track schedule will be posted at registration booth.
- Each competitor will be allowed three throws in his/her category. A snowsnake thrown that jumps the track after five feet is considered a throw.
- Personal snowsnakes cannot be used by more than one person in the same age and gender category.
- Competitors without a snowsnake may choose a snowsnake from the designated rack for public use.
- Snowsnakes are not required to be a certain length, diameter or weight. Lead may be used for weight.
- All metal snowsnakes will not be allowed.

### Awards

- Prizes will depend on fundraising efforts.

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

### 2011 Goonignebig Games Registration Form

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

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

SNOWSNAKE CATEGORIES	1-4 years Old	K-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

Results: FEET: \_\_\_\_\_ INCHES: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420.

## Save on your next computer with Dell

Tribal Citizens and Employees can save money on their next computer purchase when shopping with Dell. It's easy, just log on to [www.dell.com/EPP](http://www.dell.com/EPP) or call 1-877-289-9437 and enter Member ID#: CS25031222 to take advantage of the discount.

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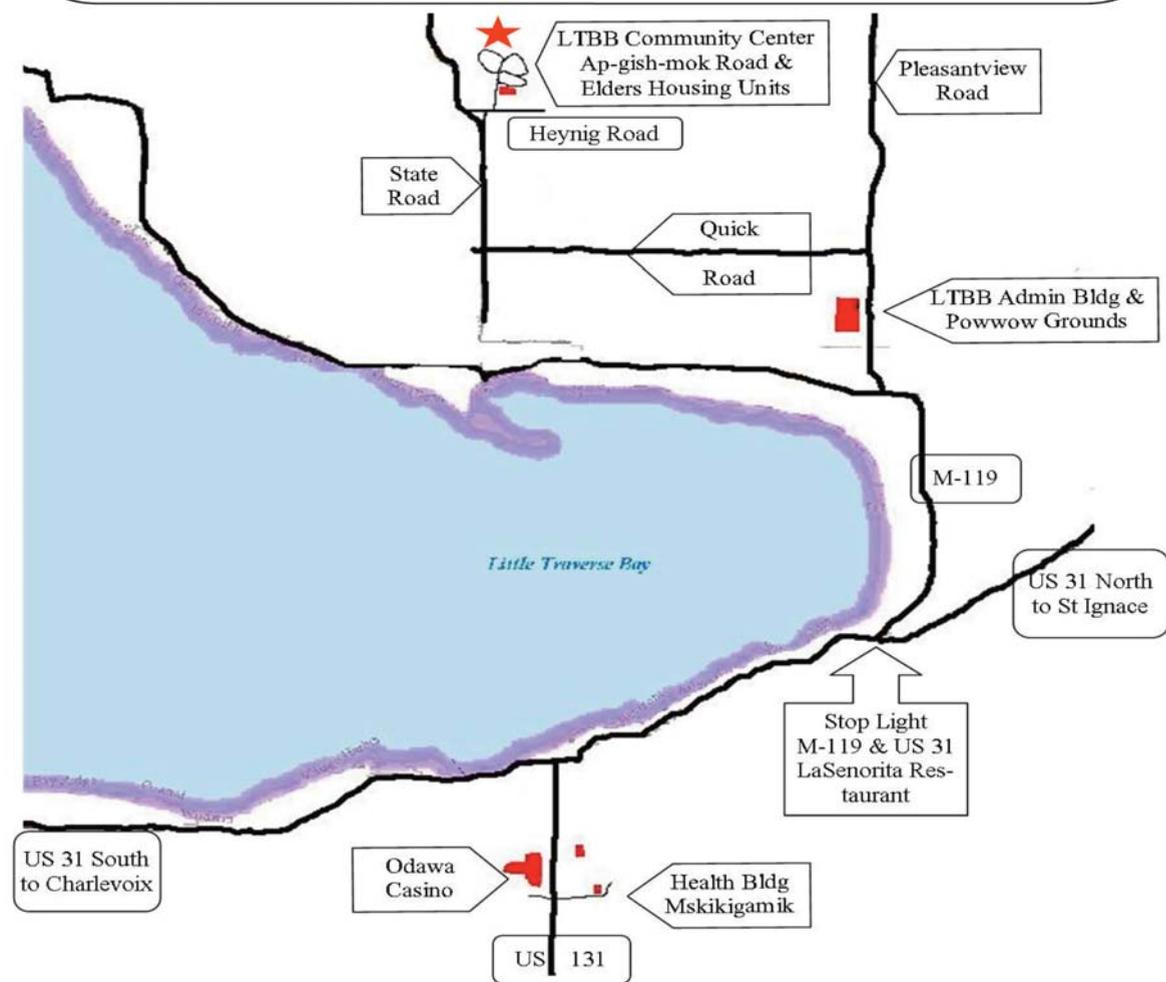


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 5656 Ap-gish-mok Road  
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 Kawaabmigoom Oodi. (We'll see you all over there).



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(Valentine's Day)

We encourage you to take a few minutes and express your love.  
 Send someone a card. Give your friend a card.  
 Use Anishinaabemowin language in your Valentine card message:

Gzaagin.	g zaa gin.	<i>I love you.</i>
Gbashigenamin.	g ba shi gen min	<i>I like you.</i>
Gmezinin.	g mez nin.	<i>I miss you.</i>
Nbazigim	n baz gim	<i>My sweetheart, boyfriend/girlfriend</i>
Gmakwenimin.	g ma kwen min.	<i>(I'm) thinking of you.</i>
Nbishigenamaa.	n bi shi gen maa	<i>I like him (her).</i>
Ngichizaagaa.	n gi chi zaa gaa	<i>I really love her (him).</i>
Pkwenigen.	p kwe ni gen	<i>Check him (her) out. (admire)</i>
Nwiiykiwenh	n wii ki wenh	<i>My friend</i>
Gwiiykiwenh	gwii ki wenh	<i>Your friend</i>
Pane nwiiykiwenh	pa ne n wii ki wenh	<i>Friends forever</i>
Gnoonshin.	g noon shin	<i>Talk to me.</i>
Kaawiin Jida	kaa wiin ji da	<i>I'm sorry (general).</i>
Kiikendaan na?	kii ken daan na	<i>Guess what? You know what? Did you know?</i>
Miigwech	mii gwech	<i>Thank you</i>
Ziisabaakado-don	zii sa baa ka do don	<i>~Sugar lips (literal, slang)</i>
Ndokchi'aaw.	n dok chi aaw	<i>~I'm cool., I'm really somebody.</i>
Noondawishin.	noon da wi shin	<i>hear me</i>
Shtaataahaa!	shtaa taa haa	<i>Wow!</i>
Wiiba kawaabimin.	wii ba ka waab min.	<i>I'll see you soon.</i>

# Native News

## 2011 ELECTION SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

**Friday, January 7, 2011**  
Call to Election

**Tuesday, February 8, 2011**  
Last Date to Register for the Primary Election

**Friday, February 11, 2011**  
Candidate Nomination Petitions due back to the Election Board by 5 p.m.

Election Board Certifies the Nomination Petitions

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011**  
Candidate bios mailed to all registered voters as of Tuesday, February 8, 2011

**Friday, March 25, 2011**  
Last Date to Withdraw in Writing for the Election

**Tuesday, March 29, 2011**  
Last Date to Register for the General Election

**Friday, April 8, 2011**  
Ballots for Primary Election Mailed to all Registered Voters as of February 8, 2011

**Saturday, April 9, 2011**  
Meet the Candidates Forum in Grand Rapids, MI

**Monday, May 9, 2011**  
Primary Election day in Tribal Court Room located in LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI

**Monday, May 23, 2011**  
Primary Election Certified Ballots for General Election Approved by the Election Board

**Wednesday, May 25, 2011**  
General Election Ballots Mailed to all Registered Voters as of Tuesday, March 29, 2011

**Saturday, June 4, 2011**

Meet the Candidates Forum in the Commons Area of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI

**Monday, June 27, 2011**  
General Election Day

**Tuesday, July 12, 2011**  
General Election Certified

**Sunday, August 21, 2011**  
Oath of Office for the Newly Elected Tribal Officials

### Voter Registration Information

The following information appears in Waganakising Odawa Statute Tribal Elections and Election Board.

### SECTION X. REGISTRATION AND VOTING

#### A. Registration

This section sets out procedures to ensure that a vote cast in the name of the voter is in fact cast by that voter.

1. Each Tribal Citizen who desires to vote in an election must have a Voter Registration Form on file with the Election Board ninety (90) days before the day of election.

2. The Voter Registration Form shall be in a format approved by the Election Board.

3. The Voter Registration Form must be signed by the Tribal Citizen and verified either by (1) the seal and signature of a notary public or (2) attaching a legible copy of one of the following forms of identification: a valid Tribal Identification Card, Driver's License, state issued Identification Card, or Passport, provided such identification bears the signature of the Tribal Citizen.

4. It is the responsibility of each Tribal Citizen who wishes to vote in an election to ensure that he or she has submitted a Voter Registration Form to the Election Board.

5. Any voter who changes his or her name shall submit a new Voter Registration Form to the Election Board.

6. Based on the Voter Registration Forms submitted to the Election Board, the Election Board shall keep a roster of voters known as the Voter Registration list with voters listed in alphabetical order or nearly so as possible. The Election Board shall update the Voter Registration list as Voter Registration Forms are submitted.

7. Any voter who changes his or her address shall submit a change of address with the Enrollment Department.

8. The Election Board shall keep a roster of voters known as the Voter Registration List.

9. Tribal Enrollment Department shall upon request by the Election Board provide a list of enrolled Tribal Citizens' names, addresses, enrollment numbers and current addresses (if available), in alphabetical order or as nearly so as possible, provided that the Tribal Citizen shall have obtained the age of eighteen by election day.

**Note:** To download a voter registration form, please visit [www.ltbbo-dawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbo-dawa-nsn.gov) or contact Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey at 231-881-2994 or Election Board Secretary/Treasurer Carol Quinones at 616-774-9534 to have a voter registration form mailed to you.

## YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Waganakising  
ESHKINIIGIJK

### THE ESHKINIIGIJK:

Are native and Non-Native youth from the LTBB community between the ages of 13-18 yrs. old Eshkiniigijik meet on a weekly basis, Thursdays after school until 7 PM

Weekly meeting is usually held at the LTBB White House. Youth are informed of weekly meeting place and special events via phone, text and e-mail.

Bus transportation is provided by Petoskey and Harbor Springs Schools

### THE BINOJJIINHAK:

Are native and Non-Native youth from the LTBB community between the ages of 8-12 yrs. old

Binoojiinhak meet on a weekly basis, Tuesdays after school until 7 PM

Weekly meeting is usually held at the LTBB White House. Parents are informed of weekly meeting place and special events via phone, text and e-mail.

Bus transportation is provided by Petoskey and Harbor Springs Schools

Waganakising  
BINOJJIINHAK

### WAGANAKISING ESHKINIIGIJK UNITY COUNCIL

MEETS MONDAY NIGHTS FROM 5:30-7:30 PM

AT THE LTBB WHITE HOUSE. INCLUDES LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, FUNDRAISERS AND VARIOUS OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS. PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO BECOME ACTIVE LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

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Youth Coordinator  
231-838-8830



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## LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY CONTINUES THE TRADITION OF THE THREE KINGS SUPPER

Approximately 50 people attended the Three Kings Supper held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on a snowy January 6, 2011.

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

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

Odawa elders recall the Three Kings Supper used to be held at different Odawa family residences for several years. It was then held at a church or parish hall before being held at the governmental center in more recent times. The tribal community continues this tradition, and people bring a dish to pass to the event.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Beverly Wemigwase continued her family's tradition of making the biscuits. One biscuit

contained a dime, one biscuit contained a nickel and one biscuit contained a penny, some biscuits contained a bean and some biscuits contained nothing. Each person in attendance picked a biscuit.

The people, who selected the biscuits with the coins, are the "Three Kings" and are the hosts for the Return Supper held in the spring, and the people, who selected the biscuits with the beans, bring food and help with the Return Supper. The hosts for the Return Supper are Ed Shenoskey, Tonya Birch and Don Boda. Boda picked the biscuit with the penny, Birch picked the biscuit with the nickel and Shenoskey picked the biscuit with the dime.

Sarah VanDeCar made the corn soup.

Beverly Wemigwase wanted to thank Rochelle Ettawageshik, Vicki Reyes, Anna Wemigwase, Jannan Cornstalk, Arlene Naganashe, Lisa Naganashe, Jim Naganashe, Virginia Lewis and Annette VanDeCar for their assistance.

Beverly Wemigwase also wanted to thank everyone who continued the tradition by attending the event and bringing a dish to pass.

*Beverly Wemigwase, Yvonne Walker-Keshick and Sarah VanDeCar all contributed to this article.*

Courtesy photo.



## Native Way Two Gym

Are you looking to shake things up in the new year? Looking for some fun activity that doesn't involve getting outdoors? The Native Way Two Gym has four classes taking place during the week, and there are no start or end dates — join anytime! There are no fees to participate. All activity helps burn calories and reduce stress, but these classes will also help with strength, balance, coordination, self-confidence and overall health. Before participating, you should see your health care provider and be sure you are ready to take part in physical activity. Please feel free to stop by and watch a class to see if you might be interested. Call Community Health at 231-242-1601 for more information.

**Yoga:** Yoga is a thousands year old system of health care from India. Through poses called asanas, we learn to control the breath, improve flexibility and balance and gain strength. We use a style called Hatha Yoga, which emphasizes the use of props to assist the less flexible. Almost anyone can take part in yoga, and everyone can benefit from it.

**Tae Kwon Do:** Tae Kwon Do is a style of martial arts which began in Korea back in the 1950s; its practitioners are known for their powerful kicks and fast reflexes. In our six years of existence, we have graduated 16 black belts from age nine up to 55. Children should be at least six years old before taking part, and there is no upper age limit.

**Boxing:** Boxing is probably the oldest sport known to man although the rules governing it are of more recent vintage. Our instructors are Brad Houle, a former Marine champion and a three-time Wisconsin Golden Gloves champion, and Terry Samuels, both of whom are certified USA Boxing coaches.

**Jiu Jitsu:** Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is a martial art that focuses on using leverage and proper technique for defense. It originated in Brazil back in the early 20th century, but has its roots in Japanese judo. We base our practice on Rigan Machado's style; he is a member of the famous Gracie family.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Yoga 8 to 9 a.m. Jiu Jitsu 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Tae Kwon Do 6 to 6:30 p.m. Beginner 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Advanced Boxing 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Jiu Jitsu 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Yoga 8 to 9 a.m. Tae Kwon Do 6 to 6:30 p.m. Beginner 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Advanced Boxing 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Jiu Jitsu 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	

# 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**

December 5, 2010

Closed Session: yes  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:07 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Moment of Silence

Physical Council Present: Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Rita Shananaquet.

Absent: Councilor Marvin Mulholland, Councilor Gerald V. Chingwa.

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington, Vice-Chairman Dexter McNamara, Planning Director Bryan Gillett, Geographical Information System Director Alan Proctor, Office of Enterprise Management Director Chuck Schoefield.

Guests: Richard Wemigwase, Don Lasley, Tootsie Keshick.

Invited Guests: McKenna & Associates: Jim Breuckman, Courtney Piotrowski, Sarah Traxler.

9:11 a.m. Councilor Chingwa arrived.

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve the agenda for December 5, 2010 with additions.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to approve the minutes of November 21, 2010 with corrections.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to ratify into the Record the Phone Poll Dated November 29, 2010 - Motion to Approve Tribal Resolution "Authorizing Exchange of Notes, Amendment of Indenture and Related Actions" as attached to meet an Immediate Deadline. The Phone Poll passed 7-yes, 0-no, 1-Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 1-Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Elder Comment: Richard Wemigwase spoke on behalf of the Elder's Association concern regarding the Executive plan to combine the Elder's Program with the Human Services Department.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet's verbal and written report for December 5, 2010 with confidential information contained therein.

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

Elder Comment: Marie "Tootsie" Keshick spoke regarding her resignation from the Elder's Program and thanked Tribal Council for their support.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's report for December 05, 2010.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal and written Appropriations and Finance Committee report for December 5, 2010.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to approve the Election Board Budget 1103-0-38 supplemental

funding request for FY 2010 for \$5,000.00 to come from prior period funds.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor R. Shananaquet), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to request the Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to request from the Executive their current policy on donations/sponsorships for Tribal Council review.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the verbal report of Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson Kiogima for December 5, 2010. Motion withdrawn.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the verbal report of Legal and Legislative Committee Chairperson Chingwa for December 5, 2010.

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

10:30 a.m. Recess called.

10:41 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept the Constitutionally Mandated Rules of Conduct for Officials of Tribal Government Ethics Committee report regarding the Rose Smalley determination letter.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland, Councilor Kiogima, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Councilor R. Shananaquet's verbal report supporting insurance for Biindigen employees.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Councilor Chingwa's verbal report regarding the snowmobile trail.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for December 5, 2010.

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

11:42 a.m. Public Comment open: Michele LaCount spoke supporting insurance for Biindigen employees through the budget formulation/supplemental appropriation process utilizing sales tax revenue generated by Biindigen toward the same.

11:50 a.m. Public closed.

11:56 a.m. Lunch recess called.

1:36 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

McKenna & Associates Presentation.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: Denise Petoskey thanked Tribal Council for all of their work on the bonds and suggested an initiative of the Tribal Citizens if the Tribe ever considers the use of bonds again before entering into a large sum of debt.

3:02 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept Tribal Citizen Elaine Allen's request for relinquishment, and disenrolled Tribal Citizen Elaine Allen for dual enrollment with Little River Band.

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

3:18 p.m. Recess called.

3:28 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson Kiogima's verbal report for December 5, 2010.

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

stained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland) Motion carried.

3:56 p.m. Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to go into close session for legal.

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

4:21 p.m. Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to return to open session.

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

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to acknowledge the receipt of Tribal Chairman Harrington's verbal and written report.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve Certified Motion Request for Funding from Fiskar Brand, Inc.,

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2011

**February 8 Work Session  
February 9 Council Meeting  
February 22 Work Session  
February 23 Council Meeting**

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

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

### Legislative

### Tribal Council Members

**Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader  
Regina Gasco-Bentley, Secretary  
John Bott, Treasurer  
Aaron Wayne Otto, Councilor  
Belinda Bardwell, Councilor  
Gerald Chingwa, Councilor  
Marvin Mulholland, Councilor  
Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor  
Rita Shananaquet, Councilor**

2010 Project Orange Thumb Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Orange Thumb Garden Project.

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

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to approve the Konami Contract as presented, by the Executive.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 1 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to pass the Probate for Small Estates Statute.

Roll call vote: - Belinda Bardwell-yes, Gerald V. Chingwa-yes, Melvin L. Kiogima-yes, Marvin Mulholland-absent, Rita Shananaquet-yes, Aaron Otto-yes, John Bott-yes, Regina Bentley-yes, Julie Shananaquet-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Chingwa to table the Gaming Delegation and Authority Draft Statute.

Vote: -6 - Yes, 1 - No (Rita Shananaquet), 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), - 1 Absent (Marvin Mulholland) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to post to the Legislative Calendar

the Political Solicitation Prohibition Draft Statute.

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

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to post to the Legislative Calendar the Reemployment Rights and Discrimination Rights of Elected or Appointed Officials Draft Statute.

Vote: -7 - Yes, 1 - No (Rita Shananaquet), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Marvin Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to post to the Legislative Calendar the Medical Marijuana Patient Protection Draft Statute.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to adopt Tribal Resolution: Establishment and Authorizing the Legal/Executive Team.

Roll call vote: - Belinda Bardwell-yes, Gerald V. Chingwa-yes, Melvin L. Kiogima-yes, Marvin Mulholland-absent, Rita Shananaquet-absent, Aaron Otto-yes, John Bott-yes, Regina Bentley-yes, Julie Shananaquet-yes Motion carried.

4:54 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Chingwa to adjourn.

Vote: -6 - Yes, 1 - No (Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland, Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

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

December 19, 2010

Closed Session: yes  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:03 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Moment of Silence

Council Present: Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Marvin Mulholland.

Absent: Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Rita Shananaquet

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: General Counsel James Bransky, Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington, Human Services Director Deneen Smith

Guests: Nancy Kiogima, Denise Petoskey, Garcia Medicine

Invited: Noel LaPorte - LGI Consulting Service

9:08 a.m. Councilor R. Shananaquet arrived.

9:12 a.m. Councilor Kiogima arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt the agenda with additions.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Chingwa)

Elders Comments: no comments.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the minutes of December 5, 2010 with corrections.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Chingwa)

Motion carried.

9:24 a.m. Councilor Chingwa arrived.

Motion made by Councilor R.

Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet's verbal and written report for December 19, 2010.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to authorize the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Election Board to negotiate a contact for legal counsel with Carlos Alvarado not to exceed \$10,000 in the FY 2011 Budget and that the Election Board has approval to employ legal counsel to assist them in carrying out their duties as prescribed by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution.

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

9:42 a.m. Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to go into closed session for legal.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 1 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell) Motion carried.

10:24 a.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to return to open session.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to participate in an amicus brief to the United States Supreme Court in the Madison County case, if recommended by the Tribal Supreme Court project, and contribute up to \$5,000.00 from Legal Department for this effort through NCAI or retention of Drummond Woodsum and authorize the Executive to submit such funding.

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

11:03 a.m. Recess called.

11:14 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's verbal report for December 19, 2010.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Treasurer Bott's Treasurer and Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report for December 19, 2010.

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

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve the Gaming Board of Directors 2011 Budget in the amount \$148, 751.72 to be funded through Odawa Casino Resort.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 1 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept Councilor Kiogima's Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson verbal report for December 19, 2010.

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

11:56 a.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

11:57 a.m. Public Comment closed.

12:01 p.m. Councilor Otto left the meeting.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept Councilor Chingwa's Legal and Legislative Committee Chairperson verbal report for December 21, 2010.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Otto) Motion carried.

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to approve the Cellular Equipment and Service Plan Policy.

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Vote: 4 - Yes, 3 - No (Councilor Kiogima, Secretary Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Bott), - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Otto) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to approve the Computer Equipment and Internet Usage Policy

Vote: 3 - Yes, 4 - No, (Councilor Kiogima, Secretary Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Bott), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Otto) Motion failed.

12:13 p.m. Lunch Recess called. Councilor Kiogima leaves.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution: Rescission of Tribal Resolution #031603-02, Elders Advisory Board.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-absent, Councilor Chingwa-no, Councilor Kiogima-absent, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor R. Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to un-table the nomination for Chief Judge.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Chingwa), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to acknowledge the receipt of the Tribal Chairman nomination of Bernadece Kiogima for Chief Judge.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Chingwa, Councilor R. Shananaquet), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

well, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Councilor R. Shananaquet and Councilor Mulholland's the verbal Tribal Council Member reports for December 21, 2010.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for December 19, 2010.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

2:29 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to go into closed session for legal.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

2:45 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

2:45 p.m. Recess called.

2:55 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: Denise Petoskey requested Tribal Council establish Tribal minimal wage legislation of at least \$10 per hour. Michele LaCount spoke in support of Denise Petoskey's suggested legislation.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington verbal and written report for December 19, 2010.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco

Bentley and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to approve: Request for Funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, FY 2011 Section 128(a) Cooperative Agreements Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians LTBB Tribal Environmental Response Project.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Chingwa to approve: Request for funds as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Pregnancy Assistance Fund.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to approve: Request for funds as a sub-grantee from the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) in collaboration with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's Healthy Start Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians REACH CORE Program.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to table: Tribal Resolution United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Authorization for P.L. 93-638 Contract.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to pass the Tribal Title IV-E Agreement between the Tribe and the State of Michigan.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to table the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Governmental Campus site plan until reviewed by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Otto to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Tribal Elections and Election Board Statute.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-absent, Councilor Chingwa-yes, Councilor Kiogima-absent, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor R. Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Office of the Treasury Statute.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-absent, Councilor Chingwa-yes, Councilor Kiogima-absent, Councilor Mulholland-no, Councilor R. Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Treasurer Bott-abstained, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Gaming Delegation and Authority Statute.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-absent, Councilor Chingwa-yes, Councilor Kiogima-absent, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor R. Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Otto-no, Treasurer Bott-abstained, Secretary Gasco Bentley-no, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet-yes Motion carried.

ried. Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to post the Financial Disclosure of Public Officials to the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to remove the Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute from the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Chingwa to approve the Wildland Fire Management Agreement.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

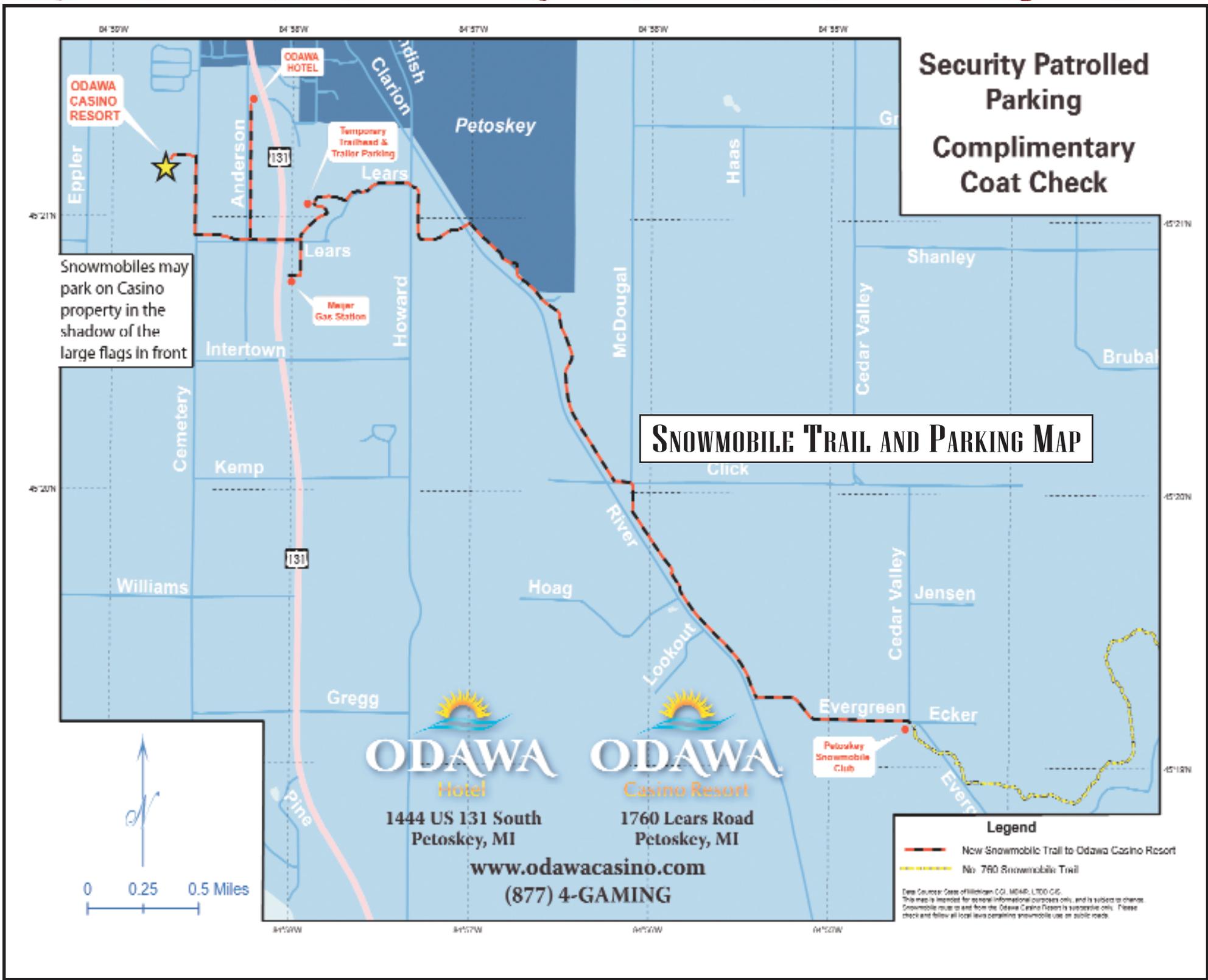
Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to appoint Tribal Councilors Otto, Chingwa and Mulholland to the Gaming Authority pending enactment of the Gaming Delegation and Authority Statute.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Secretary Gasco Bentley), 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

4:23 p.m. Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to adjourn.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written (or) corrected: (delete either the word "written" or "corrected" as pertains to how the minutes were approved.)

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date



LTBB Community Meeting Corner



COMMUNITY MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Cathy Bradley, Chairperson

This meeting is open to all tribal citizens, and input is encouraged. Please call Cathy (Portman) Bradley with any questions or thoughts you may have at 231-330-5130, send an e-mail to ltbbcommunity@yahoo.com or attend a meeting. All meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

Call to Order

Chairperson Cathy (Portman) Bradley and Secretary Beatrice A. Law

Attendance

Cathy (Portman) Bradley, Laura Blumberg – Call in, Beatrice A. Law, Carol McFall, Debra Janney and Alice Yellowbank.

Motion to adopt the agenda with additions for December 17, 2010, by Debra Janney and supported by Carol McFall

Vote: Yes 4, No 0.

Approve the minutes of November 17, 2010 with corrections tabled until the next meeting.

Topics for Discussion

1. Chairperson Cathy (Portman) Bradley suggested each specific LTBB Government Department or Program attend the Community Meeting and give a presentation with a possible Q & A period following each presentation. More discussion on these topics at the next meeting.

2. The funds allocated for the Community Meeting will be issued to Cathy (Portman) Bradley as the elected speaker. She discussed the need for a policy for checks and balances on the use of the funds. She will provide a draft policy for review at the next meeting.

3. Chairperson Cathy (Portman) Bradley checked locations and found the Petoskey Middle School in Petoskey, MI, where the meeting has been held in recent years is not

going to be available due to renovations. She checked different locations, and one possible location is Ovation Hall located inside Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey. Preliminary discussion revealed the cost was lower, and there was the advantage of using the buffet for the noon meal. Cathy (Portman) Bradley will investigate further.

4. A discussion was held on the details of the meeting. What groups did we wish to have in attendance, back of house tours, the Natural Resource Department and the Election Board set-up and children. Cathy (Portman) Bradley will provide further details of these items at the next meeting.

Items

1. Assigned Duties
    - a. Draft of questions for Directors. Draft is not complete, and Beatrice A. Law asked for input.
    - b. Hand Out Printed Constitutions – Beatrice A. Law
    - c. Identify Departments – Cathy (Portman) Bradley
    - d. Ovation Hall Layout and Details of Use
    - e. Gift for the Community, Door Prizes and Handouts Committee
    - f. Youth Group - Virginia Lewis, she is following up with the Youth Group.
    - g. Review Rules of Conduct – Committee
    - h. Investigate the Use of Conference Call – Laura Blumberg
    - i. Determine the Whereabouts of the Previous Meeting Tape Recordings – Laura Blumberg
- Motion by Beatrice A. Law to adjourn and supported by Debra Janney.

Adjourned at 6:15

Next meeting: January 21, 2011, 5 p.m., LTBB Governmental Center, Room 312

Signed and dated by Chairperson Cathy (Portman) Bradley and Secretary Beatrice A. Law.

NEW ODAWA Hotel Active Military Rate



Guests must present their active military ID at check-in to receive special rate. This offer is valid through March 31, 2011.

Community Meeting - Planning Meeting

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm Room 312 LTBB Governmental Center



**PLEASE NOTE!**  
If you have anything you wish to be placed on the agenda or have input on the next Community Meeting, please contact Cathy Bradley at 231-330-5130



Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Certificate Redemption Update

Submitted by the Trust Fund Board

It has been more than a decade since the original Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement certificates were issued.

All adults have been paid or they have deferred payment to a later date, however, tribal children who were enrolled before December 16, 1997 but had not yet turned 18 are still in the process of redeeming their certificates.

The following steps are intended to aid in this process. Redeeming certificates from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 105-143, are as follows:

1. Determine your eligibility: Tribal citizens who were enrolled, but had not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon

reaching the age of 18.

2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his or her certificates must have a notarized signature.

3. Copy two pieces of identification: One piece of identification (e.g. Driver's license) must have a picture, and the second piece needs at least your signature.

4. Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

**Note:** The address on the certificates is **not** correct:  
LTBB Trust Fund Board  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have lost your certificates or need further assistance, call Trust Fund Board Member Steve Schmidt at 734-717-4406.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
2011 Annual Goonignebig Tournament

Wenesh pii: Saturday, February 12, 2011

Competition starts promptly at 10:03 am beginning with the youngest age group and will continue in order until done. You **MUST** be on site to compete when your name is called!

Aanii piish: LRBOI Community Center  
2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee, MI

- ◆ Competitors **MUST** be registered
- ◆ All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times
- ◆ Registration will be open at 8:30 am & close at 9:45 am on February 12, 2011



Everyone is invited to attend and participate. Come enjoy the fun!

Sponsored by: Tribal Historic Preservation Department

By participating, you acknowledge that photographs and/or digital recording may be taken during the Tournament and convey all rights, title, and interest concerning the photographic images and/or digital recording to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. It is further understood that these photographic images and/or digital recordings may be published and/or posted on the internet or tribal website or any other way in which the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians deems necessary. All rights are voluntarily waived to these photographic images and/or digital recordings.

Age Categories

- 1-5      11-17
- 6-10    18-54
- 55+

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related unpaid accrued interest for \$23 million of cash and \$40 million of new 9% Senior Secured Notes due 2020.

Other terms included a reduced yearly interest payment from \$12 million to \$3.6 million, the New Notes have an improved security position relative to the Old Notes with operating cash flow now deposited in a Pledged Revenue Account and collateral on the unencumbered gaming assets of the resort, and LTBB agreed to a reduction of minimum guaranteed tribal distributions, but if the resort meets its revised financial projection, total tribal distributions would be at a similar level as it was entitled to under the Old Notes. Based on the current performance of the casino, LTBB anticipates continuing to receive its annual service payment of approximately \$13 million a year. LTBB issued the original notes in February 2006 to fund the development of Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, and LTBB had failed to make interest payments on the existing notes since February 2009.

**LTBB Tribal Citizen Helps Trine University Softball Team Reach Division III Tournament**  
LTBB Tribal Citizen Andi Gasco, a Petoskey



High School graduate, helped the Trine University softball team advance to a third consecutive NCAA Division III Softball Tournament in mid-May 2010 after winning the MIAA conference title for the third consecutive season. Trine finished the season with a 28-15 record after posting a 2-2 record in the Division III Softball Tournament. Gasco, a pitcher and designated player, hit .348 with 31 hits and 16 runs batted in. On the mound, she led Trine in victories (15), shutouts (six), innings pitched (162.1), appearances (25), complete games (22) and strikeouts (154). She finished with a 15-8 record and a 1.72 earned run average. Gasco earned first team All-MIAA honors and was a 2010 Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division III All-Region At-Large selection. She is the daughter of Sue Gasco and Randy Searles and the granddaughter of Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco and the late Vernon Gasco.

**Bay Mills Indian Community Opens Casino in Vanderbilt, MI, and Legal Battle Ensues**

On November 3, 2010, the Bay Mills Indian Community opened Bay Mills Resort Casino in Vanderbilt, MI, without state or federal approval and five Michigan tribes, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Gun Lake Tribe of Potawatomi Indians, LTBB, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, called it an "illegal gaming activity" in a joint press release dated November 3, 2010. According to the press release, the tribes stated, "This attempt to conduct Indian gaming in the absence of trust land is a serious violation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and long-held federal Indian gaming policy. Bay Mills has also violated the state gaming compacts, most notably Section 9, which clearly requires the consent of all Michigan tribes to pursue gaming on non-reservation lands."

On December 16, 2010, 7 and 4 News' Andrew Keller reported in an article titled, "AG Tells Vanderbilt Casino 'To Cease Operations Immediately,'" the Michigan Attorney General's Office sent a letter to the Bay Mills Indian Community telling Bay Mills to cease operations at the Vanderbilt casino immediately. The letter stated the casino did not meet legal standards and "the state, therefore, demands that Bay Mills immediately cease operation of all Class 3 gaming at the Vanderbilt casino."

On December 20, 2010, Keller reported in an article titled, "Despite AG's Order, Vanderbilt Casino Remains Open," the Bay Mills Indian Community plans on keeping the Vanderbilt casino open. Bay Mills Tribal Chairman Jeff Parker issued a statement saying, "We have received the letter from the Attorney General and do not agree with the state's analysis. We are open for business and have no further comment at this time."

On December 21, 2010, the Gaylord Herald-Times reported in an article titled, "Attorney General Files Suit against Bay Mills," the Michigan Attorney General filed a lawsuit on December 21, 2010 against the Bay Mills Indian Community to force the closure of its Vanderbilt casino. John Sellek, the Michigan Attorney General's spokesman, said the casino violates the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the gaming compact Bay Mills has with the State of Michigan. Sellek said, "It's a dispute how the land they purchased qualified to be used. The method they have chosen to take is controversial to say the least. We think it's a fairly obvious violation of the law."

On December 22, 2010, the Gaylord Herald-Times reported in an article titled, "Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to File Injunction to Close Vanderbilt Casino," LTBB seeks a temporary injunction to close the Vanderbilt casino. LTBB filed a lawsuit in United States District Court Western Division of Michigan in Grand Rapids, MI, seeking the temporary injunction. The suit contends the Vanderbilt casino violates the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the gaming compact Bay Mills has with the State of Michigan.

On December 22, 2010, Parker issued a statement saying, "We're confident in our legal position. If we weren't, we wouldn't have opened our Vanderbilt location. We are prepared to defend our position in the Federal District Court of Grand Rapids."

Bay Mills opened its casino on November 3, 2010, in the former Treetops Resort information center, which it had purchased in summer 2010 on 45.6 acres of land just north of Vanderbilt on Old 27 North. The casino currently has 38 slot machines with a 1,400 square foot expansion underway with plans to add additional slot machines.

**Miss Odawa Nation 2009-2010 Represents LTBB at Gathering of Nations Pow Wow**

Because of the fundraising efforts of the LTBB Pow Wow Committee, generous donations by the Odawa Casino Resort Donation and Sponsorship Committee and the LTBB Tribal Council granting the LTBB Pow Wow Committee its supplemental funding request, the LTBB Pow Wow Committee had the funds to send Miss Odawa Nation 2009-2010 Makayla Webkamigad and a chaperone (Makayla's mother, Liz) to the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow held April 2010 in Albuquerque, NM. Webkamigad, a member of the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, was crowned Miss Odawa Nation 2009-2010 on August 16, 2009 at the 18th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow.

**LTBB Collaborates with Petoskey Public Library in Petoskey, MI, and the National Park Service on Cultural Exhibits and Programming**

In June 2007, the American Library Association (ALA) in cooperation with the Newberry Library announced the Petoskey Public Library in Petoskey, MI, was selected as one of 23 libraries nationwide to host the "Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country" traveling exhibit. It was one of only two libraries in Michigan selected.

"Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country" is based on a major exhibit of the same name which was on display at the Newberry Library in Chicago, IL, from September 28, 2005 through January 14, 2006. It was on display at the Petoskey Public Library from May 6, 2010 to June 17, 2010.

In addition to hosting the exhibit, the Petoskey Public Library collaborated with LTBB, specifically the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation and Education Departments, to host a series of events at the Petoskey Public Library and at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. The Petoskey Public Library and LTBB have partnered on several projects over the years.

Similar to the "Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country" traveling exhibit, the exhibit "Zhimaagishak Miikaanhs: The Odawa Warriors Journey to

Fort Necessity" chronicles a part of history not commonly known.

The exhibit, a collaborative effort between the National Park Service's Fort Necessity National Battlefield and LTBB, opened on July 3, 2010 at Fort Necessity National Battlefield in Farmington, PA, and is on display through July 2011.

It tells the journey of the Odawa warriors to Fort Necessity. In the summer of 1754, the confrontation at Fort Necessity was the prelude to the war fought by England and France for control of the North American continent. The struggle was known in North America as the French and Indian War and spread around the world as the Seven Years War. The French and Indian War ended in 1763 with the removal of the French power from North America and India. The action at Fort Necessity was also the first major event in the military career of George Washington. It was the only time he ever surrendered.

**LTBB Tribal Citizen an Athlete for All Seasons**

LTBB Tribal Citizen Carly Searles, the daughter of Sue Gasco and Randy Searles and the granddaughter of Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco and the late Vernon Gasco, excelled in volleyball, basketball, track and softball for Petoskey High School (PHS) in Petoskey, MI, in 2010.

She led the Northmen volleyball team to a fourth consecutive district title, its first-ever in Class A, a share of the Big North Conference title and to a 46-4-1 record in 2010. The senior setter received Class A All-State Third Team, First Team All-Big North, All-Region Dream Team and Team MVP honors in 2010 and set a single-season record with 1,056 assists.

In basketball, she helped her team win a Class B district title and advance to the regional final as PHS finished the season with a 22-2 record.

In track, she helped her team finish second at a Division II regional. She won two events (the 200 and 400-meter dashes) at the regional, finished second in the 100-meter dash and finished third in the long jump. She qualified for the Division II state meet, but did not compete there because she was playing with the softball team at a Division II district that day.

In softball, she led her team to a 28-8 record in 2010, a third consecutive Big North Conference title and helped her team win a first-ever Jennifer Kullik Memorial Tournament.

**GTB Tribal Member Crowned Miss Odawa Nation 2010-2011**

On August 14, 2010, Emma Schwander was selected as Miss Odawa Nation 2010-2011 at the 19th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow. Remarkably, Schwander, a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, underwent spinal fusion surgery in which two titanium rods and 19 screws were inserted into her back on August 19, 2009. The surgery left her with a scar from the bottom of her neck to the middle of her back and was necessary due to complications caused by severe scoliosis. The surgery prevented her from applying for Miss Odawa Nation 2009-2010 when she became eligible to do so (contestants must be between 13 and 19 years old). Schwander, a 14-year-old traditional dancer from Traverse City, MI, is a LTBB descendent on her father's side. Her mother, Jane (Buswa) Schwander is from Whitefish River First Nation of Birch Island, Ontario, Canada, and her father, Steve Schwander, is a GTB member.

**LTBB Tribal Citizen Competes in 2010 USA Boxing Junior National Championships**

LTBB Tribal Citizen Claus Nowell, the son of Ellie Payton and Rick Nowell and the grandson of Harriet Kishigo-Booth, competed in the 2010 USA Boxing Junior National Championships held June 2010 in Camp Lejeune, NC. Claus went three rounds with the eventual super heavyweight cham-

pion, Ryan Watson, at the championships. Claus won the gold medal in the super heavyweight division at the Michigan Junior (15-16) Olympics, and was the Class A regional champion.

Claus trains and competes as a member of the Little Traverse Bay Boxing Club based out of the Native Way II gym in Harbor Springs. His coaches are Brad Houle and Terry Samuels.

Claus started training approximately two years



ago, but had to take a break in his training from December 2009 to February 2010 to undergo and recover from surgery to remove his adenoids and tonsils which were blocking his airway.

**Odawa Casino Resort Garners 14 Readers Choice Survey Awards**

In early May 2010, the results of the 2010 Midwest Gaming & Travel Readers Choice survey of Native American casinos were tabulated, and Odawa Casino Resort received 14 total awards for the State of Michigan.

First place awards included Most Knowledgeable/Helpful Staff, Best Slot Attendants, Best Hotel Amenities, Best Hotel Ambience and Best Nearby Recreational Activities.

Second place awards included Best Poker Tournaments and Most Comfortable Hotel Rooms.

Third place awards included Favorite Casino Hotel, Best Video Poker, Favorite Poker Room, Most Friendly Staff, Best Players Club - Optimum Rewards Club, Best Players Club parties and Best Cash Back.

**LTBB Finishes Second at MIFO**

LTBB finished second at the 23rd Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics held July 30, 2010 in Mt. Pleasant, MI. LTBB scored 303 points behind first-place Huron Pottawatomi with 429 points.

**LTBB Tribal Citizen Participates in National Native American Youth Initiative**

Ashley Dominic, a 17-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen, attended the 13th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) held in Washington, D.C. from June 19, 2010 to June 27, 2010. The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) sponsors the program to educate and encourage more Native American students into health professions. The students were taken on field trips and attended a series of lectures and interactive workshops. Dominic, a senior at Harbor Light Christian School in Harbor Springs, has a 4.0 grade point average and plans to attend either the University of Michigan or Grand Valley State University next fall, majoring in the health field with interests in athletic training, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant or pediatrician as career options.

She is the daughter of Jennifer and Bill Wilson and Brian Dominic and is the youngest grandchild of the late Robert and Waunetta Dominic.

**LTBB Tribal Citizen Serving as NICWA Secretary**

Rochelle Ettawageshik, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, is serving as the Secretary of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) after being elected to the position at the NICWA National Conference in April 2010. Ettawageshik, a Harbor Springs, MI, resident, has been in NICWA since 2007, is a member of the NICWA Executive Committee, is the Chair of the Governor's Committee for NICWA and is the Vice Chairman of LTBB's NICWA Commission. NICWA is a national voice for American Indian children and families. Ettawageshik worked for the State of Michigan

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for 33 years before her retirement with six of those years working as the Director of Native American Affairs for the Family Independence Agency, which is now called the State of Michigan's Department of Human Services.

## LTBB Tribal Citizens Participate in United States-Canada Border Canoe Crossing

**Editor's note:** The following information appeared in an article submitted by LTBB Tribal Citizen Andrea Pierce, and the article appeared in the October 2010 issue of Odawa Trails.

LTBB Tribal Citizens Stephanie Animikwam-Bartley and Andrea Pierce were among aboriginals from Michigan and Canada who participated in a United States-Canada border canoe crossing on August 27, 2010. The crossing started at the west end of Belle Isle Park at the Coast Guard station,



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and the canoes paddled across the Detroit River to the Windsor, Ontario, Canada Peace Fountain. The event, organized by Bryan Halfday, Helen Wolfe and Dennis Banks, was in recognition of the Jay Treaty, which proclaims Native Americans are able to cross the border for trade and travel. When the participants reached the Canadian side of the Detroit River, there were approximately 80 people singing, drumming and cheering in support of the event. Both Animikwam-Bartley and Pierce plan to participate in the event again in 2011.

## LTBB Collaborates with Seaports Great Lakes in Construction of Mackinaw Boat

LTBB and Seaports Great Lakes are working together to construct a 30-foot Mackinaw Boat in front of the LTBB-owned Bell's Fishery in Mackinaw City, MI. It will be the first full-size Mackinaw Boat to be built in the Straits for nearly 100 years, using only hand tools and indigenous woods such as Tamarack, Northern White Cedar, Black Locust and Spruce. The project, called the Mackinaw Challenge, is expected to be completed by May 2011. Once completed, it will take passengers on 1-1/2 to 2-hour cruises in the Straits of Mackinaw. For more information on this project, please contact Bob Schafer of Seaports Great Lakes at mackinawchallenge@hotmail.com.

## Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department Established

Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington signed WOS 2010-008 Gijigowi-Bib Skaa Bii Me into law on August 13, 2010, in effect, merging the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation, Education and Language Departments into one department called the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department. The department restructuring took effect on October 11, 2010.

## LTBB Awarded IHS Healthy Heart Grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Indian Health Services (IHS) awarded LTBB a two-year Healthy Heart grant. The primary goal of the project is to reduce the risks of cardiovascular disease for LTBB community members with diabetes. Another goal is to contribute to the knowledge base of effective diabetes programs for Indians. The Health Department held a Diabetes

Day on November 23, 2010 to introduce the Mina Ode (Healthy Heart) project to the tribal community and to recruit participants for the project. The project utilizes several of the Health Department's staff as well as Traditional Healer Jake Pine and Dietician Betty Noland.

## Michigan Governor Signs Tribal Language and Culture Bill into Law

On September 29, 2010, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm signed SB 1014, introduced by Senate Democratic Leader Mike Prusi, into law. It allows students to get credit for Native American tribal language and culture classes taught by tribal elders rather than traditional certified educators.

The law permits the Michigan Department of Education to work with a federally-recognized Native American tribe to allow a tribe, school district or public school academy to use teachers who do not possess a valid Michigan teaching certificate to teach a Native American tribal language and culture class. The teacher would need to demonstrate a mastery of the tribal language, and the plan would include requirements for renewal on continuing approval of the teacher. The law enables students to receive credit for a Native American tribal language class and apply it toward their foreign language requirement.

## LTBB Tribal Citizen Leads Harbor Springs Golf Team to Second Consecutive State Finals

LTBB Tribal Citizen Nicole Laughlin led the Harbor Springs High School varsity girls golf team to a second consecutive Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Division 4 Girls Golf Finals in 2010 after a third-place finish at regionals. Laughlin, the Rams' No. 1 golfer as a sophomore and the Rams' No. 2 golfer as a freshman, received Team MVP honors for the 2010 season and earned her first varsity letter in the sport.

Her average for nine holes was in the mid-40s, and her average for 18 holes was in the low 90s. She shot 216 at the state finals, the best individual score for Harbor Springs High School as it finished in 15th place. Golf has only been a varsity sport at Harbor Springs High School for two years, but the team has qualified for the state finals both years (2009 and 2010). She is the daughter of the late Richard Laughlin and Melissa Laughlin and the granddaughter of Tom and Diane Naganashe.

## Tribal Social Services Directors Coalition of Michigan Formed

**Editor's note:** The following information appeared in an article submitted by Human Services Director Denneen Smith, and the article appeared in the December 2010 issue of Odawa Trails.

Eight of the 12 federally recognized tribes of Michigan (LTBB, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, the Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Notawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians) began to finalize the creation of the Tribal Social Services Directors Coalition of Michigan in late 2010. The coalition was formed to more adequately address Indian Child Welfare issues with the State of Michigan and to approach Indian Child Welfare issues with the State of Michigan in a united fashion. The coalition has been meeting for approximately a year to organize and formulate a united structure from which to discuss issues with the State of Michigan. It is currently in the process of creating and implementing by-laws.

## Human Services Director Facility Member of NJC

Human Services Director Denneen Smith, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, became a faculty member of the National Judicial College (NJC) in late 2010. NJC offers an average of 90 courses annually with more than 2,000 judges enrolling from all 50 states, U.S. territories and more than 150 countries. Since it opened in 1963, the NJC has awarded more than 84,000 professional judicial education certificates.

## Odawa Casino Resort is on Board with Energy Conservation

**Editor's note:** The following information appeared in an Odawa Casino Resort press release dated October 14, 2010, and the press release appeared in the December 2010 issue of Odawa Trails.

Odawa Casino Resort was presented a rebate check for \$21,501 by Great Lakes Energy as a result of participating in its Energy Optimization Program administered by Franklin Energy. Odawa Casino Resort created an Energy Reduction Committee in January 2009 to research ways the casino could save money and to reduce energy consumption. The rebate is the result of the installation of nine Variable Frequency Drives, which efficiently control air handler and pump motors used throughout Odawa Casino Resort. The energy savings per year is approximately \$50,000. Dave Heinz, Chief Electrician and Chairman of the casino's Energy Reduction Committee, said other projects targeted to reduce energy consumption at the casino will result in additional rebates in the future.

## Environmental Services Department Incorporated into Natural Resource Department

On November 22, 2010, the Environmental Services Department (ESD) was transferred to the Natural Resource Department (NRD) via Executive Branch action. The ESD became a program of the NRD and joined existing NRD programs, the Great Lakes Fishery Program, the Inland Fish and Wildlife Program, the Conservation Enforcement Program and the Administration Program.

## Rules for Licensed Foster/Adoptive Homes Developed by Human Services Department

The Human Services Department licenses tribal citizens as foster parents and adoptive parents. In late 2010, the department developed rules for licensed foster/adoptive homes, the first-ever set of rules for LTBB.

## LTBB Tribal Community Citizen Helps Pellston High School Volleyball Team to State Semifinals

Alicia Hooper, the daughter of LTBB Tribal Citizen Melissa Wiatrolak and the granddaughter of LTBB Tribal Citizen Deborah Martin, helped the Pellston High School varsity volleyball team make its fourth consecutive Class D state semifinal appearance and win its fourth consecutive regional and district titles.

The Hornets compiled a school-record 49 victories in 2010 and finished with a 49-13-5 record. Pellston lost to four-time defending state champion Battle Creek St. Philip 21-25, 25-12, 25-16 and 25-12 in the state semifinals.

## Gaming Board of Directors Dissolved by Legislation

On December 19, 2010, Tribal Council passed legislation dissolving the Gaming Board of Directors (GBOD) at its regularly scheduled meeting. The Gaming Delegation and Authority Statute passed with a 4-2 vote. It created a three-person Gaming Authority, consisting of Tribal Councilors Gerry Chingwa, Aaron Otto and Marvin Mulholland, which oversees the operation of Odawa Casino Resort and reports directly to Tribal Council. The three Tribal Councilors were appointed for two-year terms and can remain on the authority as long as they are on Tribal Council. GBOD previously oversaw the operation of the casino, but reported directly to the Executive.

Similar to GBOD, the Gaming Authority

employs a general manager for the casino, employs necessary staff, legal counsel and/or consultants to carry out its duties and approves policies, procedures, plans and budgets for the orderly and efficient running of the casino.

## NSLF Executive Director Named to Native CDFI Network Steering Committee

The Native CDFI Network was founded in 2009 to unite Native CDFIs and to advance policy priorities important in Native communities. In early December 2010, it formed a steering committee of



13 experienced professionals in the Native community and economic development field to lead the organization through its next phase of development. Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. (NSLF) Executive Director Lisa McComb was selected to be on the steering committee. NSLF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit micro-enterprise certified Native CDFI that serves entrepreneurs in six counties throughout Northern Michigan: Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Grand Traverse. It is incorporated under LTBB, and its mission is to assist entrepreneurs of Northern Michigan with training, business incubation and access to capital that fosters economic development for the Northern Michigan community. For more information on NSLF, please contact its office at 231-347-6753.

## LTBB Hosts ICWA Training

**Editor's note:** Legal Assistant Su Lantz provided the following information.

The State Court Administrative Office and the Governor's Task Force – Court Improvement Program unite to correct the history of abuse of Indian families by conducting five regional trainings pertaining to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978, bringing it to the forefront in Michigan in an effort to right injustices against indigenous peoples that have existed for decades.

On August 26, 2010, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hosted the Region IV Training at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey. The event was very well attended by more than 80 people in the profession of child welfare. Chief Judge Robert Butts of Cheboygan County Probate and Family Court facilitated the training with state panelist, Dawn McLaughlin from the Department of Human Services, and tribal panelist, Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, LTBB attorney, covering ICWA issues from a state and tribal perspective such as sovereignty, jurisdiction, active efforts and placement preferences. Panelists speaking on the perspective of ICWA from the courts were Judge Robert Butts, Judge Timothy Connors of the Washtenaw County Circuit Court, Matt Lesky, LTBB Tribal Prosecutor, and Judge Holly Thompson affiliated with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. LTBB Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco appeared as an impromptu speaker who had been placed in a foster home and shared her experiences with the diverse audience.

One of the most important aspects that surfaced with the passage of ICWA is Congress is trying to fix that which it took responsibility for breaking. The two main purposes of ICWA are ICWA protects the best interests of Indian children as determined by their tribe, and ICWA promotes the stability and security of Indian tribal families.

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# Lines From our Membership



## Birthdays

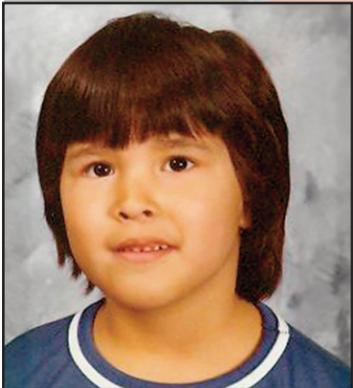
Happy birthday to my daughter, **Kristy Skippergosh**. You choose the path that takes you through life. Always remember that I will be there to walk beside you. All my love, Mom.



MinoDibishkaa Noshenh, **Waabzii Myah Flore**, niizhwaaso-bi-boongiza. Aapiji Gzaagigo (we love you) – Chi Niibna (lots & lots).

Happy 7th birthday to **Anthony Laughlin**. We love you! Coco and Doe.

Big happy birthday to **Becky Shenoskey, Paul Shananaquet, Kylee Thomas Crampton, Amanda Shananaquet, Dominic Schansema, Virginia Schansema, Julia Yates, Aya Khalaf, Roger Yates, Jeffrey Boda, Justin Shananaquet, Sandie Naganashe, Carole Marble, Emily Naganashe, Ashley Berry and Whitney Shirley Bott**. Love, Dorothy and Don Boda.



Happy 39th birthday to **Kathy VanDeCar** on February 24. Miig-wetch for all you've done for us over the years. We miss you and look forward to your next visit. We're very proud of you. Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

Mno Dbishkaa to my Big Sis, **Netawn Kiogima-Smith**, whose special day is on February 19th!! You are a strong, independent, caring mother, and you are my inspiration for finally returning to college full-time!! Miig-wetch for giving me the strength and encouragement to chase my dreams. Gzaaguhn, Gina.

Happy birthday on February 9 to our wonderful mother, **Grace Zerbe**. We are so lucky to call you Nokamis. Love Pauline, Dawn and Jeremy.

Happy birthday to my daughter, **Stacy Skippergosh**! You have made me proud of what a great Mommy you are. Children are life's greatest joy and accomplishments. Cherish every moment! All my love, Mom.

## Birthdays

Happy birthday to my dear friend, "Fabu Baby **Kenny Burks**," who will be turning 29 **AGAIN** on February 6th. You know that Northern Michigan hasn't been the same since you left. :) I love you & miss your wonderful wit!!! Your friend, **Marci Reyes**.

Happy birthday to my nephew, **Dylan Leist**. Have a great day and know that we all love you. Love you, Aunt Judy.

Happy birthday to **Heather Boening**, Tribal Court Probation Officer, on February 22, from the Tribal Court Staff.

Birthday wishes to **Willie White Shoes!** We love you. Cousins Coco and JoJo.



Happy birthday **Avery!** We can't believe you are 4 already!! Love, Mommy & Ric.

Happy 15th birthday **Amber and Yarrow Nowell** on the 19th! Love, Mom.

MinoDibishkaak Nzigozis **Grace Zerbe**, miinwaa nwiitaawis **Pauline Boulton**. Miidash niingoniskwe **Netawn Kiogima** miinwaa aanki-niingoniskwezenhs **Reyna Mc-Fall**. Gzaagigoom – Chi Niibna.

Don, Doug, Dorothy and Patti wish **Jeff** a big happy birthday. We love you Jeff.

Happy birthday to our former suite mate **David Burks** on February 6. We cherish all the memories, fashion advice and humor you dispensed during your time here. You are sorely missed. Enjoy your special day in the D and come back to visit us soon. Love, the Wicked Witch, Nosey, Mommy Dearest and the Blondie.



Mno Dbishkaa to **TT Netawn**, who celebrates on February 19th!! We

## Birthdays

hope you have a very special day!! **Gzaaguhn, Wedaase & Mkoohns Gasco**.

Happy birthday to my two favorite guys, **Will Laughlin** (February 11) and **Anthony Laughlin** (February 17). Love, Auntie Melissa.

Happy birthday **Dad/Poppa Otto** on February 21st. With love, from Tara, Orion, Sidra and Damek!

## Birth Announcements

James and Erin Pontiac of Manistee, MI, are the proud parents of **Joselyn Pontiac**, born December 2010 at West Shore Medical Center. Joselyn weighed eight pounds and 8.2 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches. Maternal grandparents are Roland Martin of Manistee and Cathy Weaver of San Marcos, CA. Paternal grandparents are Rudy Pontiac of Belmont, MI, and the late Margaret Pontiac. Joselyn was welcomed home by big brother, Andrew.

Welcome to **Ava Alisa Gavin** who joined this world on December 27, 2010 at 3:52 p.m. Ava weighed seven pounds and 10.4 ounces and was 19 inches long. Congratulations to her parents, Justin Reyes Gavin &



**Megan Simon**. Her grandmother is **Marci Reyes**.

## Love Lines

To **Coco and Doe**: Happy Valentine's Day. I love you with all of my heart. So happy to have you home. My love to you now, forever and always, Mama.

To my darling daughter, **Emma Louise**, Mommy loves you very much. I want to wish you a very Happy Valentine's Day, filled with all the hugs and kisses throughout the day.

**Oreo, Lady-Lou and Dami-Love**, Mommy loves you with all her heart! Happy Valentine's Day!

To **Joe, Sara, Dianna, Jordan, Caren, Chris, Becca, Sydney, Tavien and Macc**: You make my life so much richer. Love, Aunt Gina.

Happy Valentine's Day to my beautiful wife, **Bernadecce**. I love you, Mel.

## Love Lines

**Aaron**, I will always love you. Mrs. Wemigwase.

I am blessed daily by the love of my family & friends, Happy Valentine's Day. **Debra Smithkey-Browne**.

Happy Valentine's Day to our **Mommy!** XO XO Tobey T-Bone and Chu Chu.

To **Archie Sova** - Happy Valentine's Day! The island awaits! Love-Georgi Yoder.

Happy Valentine's Day to my favorite **Flying Monkey**. You are sorely missed. From the Wicked Witch.



Happy Valentine's Day to my children, **Michael & Jordan** - you two are the best! Mommy loves you both very, very much! And to my Mom - **Mary Keshick**, I love you dearly! To my sisters, **Yvonne Fuerte & Linda Gokee**, I couldn't have made it through this year without your help. To my Dad - **John Keshick, Sr.**, thanks for being there and checking in on me this past year, love you too! And to my niece - **Maritza Fuerte**, che megwetch for taking the many, many trips to Grand Rapids with me! To the rest of my family, friends, co-workers and FB peeps, thanks for the friendship, love, support and prayers. May the Creator bless you all!! Sincerely, Theresa Keshick.

**Meg**  
True, I romanticize our carbon kissing on the wall, but the antecedents are a ball!  
-Jon

To my **husband**, friend, companion and tormentor - Happy Valentine's Day you big Cupid! Love, Regina.

Happy Valentine's Day to the **General**, whose tough love enriches our lives! Love, all of your kiddies.

## Walking On...



**Eleanor Lee Gemuenden, 78**

**Eleanor Lee Gemuenden**, of Flint, MI, age 78, died Friday, December 17, 2010 at Genesys Hospice Care Center in Goodrich, MI. Eleanor was born on October 20, 1932 in Manistique, MI, the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Feathers) Sharkey. She married Francis "Fritz" Gemuenden on June 13, 1952, in Angola, IN. Fritz preceded her in death on May 3, 1980. Eleanor had retired from Banner Linen of Flint and was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling and bird watching. She is survived by her children, Carole (Frederick) Glomson, Cheryl (Don) Seymour, Nicholas Gemuenden and Richard (Cheryl) Gemuenden, and grandchildren, Randall, Luke, Elizabeth "Betsy" Emily, Sam and Rochelle. She is also survived by her brothers, Jack (Ruth) Sharkey and Virgil (Carmen) Sharkey, and a sister, Carole Thomas, along with many nieces and nephews. Along with her husband and her parents, Eleanor was preceded in death by her daughter, Sharon Lee Gemuenden. The family would like to thank the staff of RRC Dialysis of Davison, MI, Genesys Hospice, Grand Blanc Nursing and Rehab and Eleanor's special neighbors, Don, June, Annette, Ted, Maxine and Bonnie.



**Childcare Assistance Available!**

We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details! If you are interested, please contact the Human Services Department at **231-242-1620**

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but because Ohio approved three new casinos and Illinois is expanding gaming, The Bay Mills Indian Community's intrusion of gaming in Michigan and the constant threat of off-reservation gaming in Michigan threatens our tribe's livelihood and future profits. Further principal payments will be recommended if the resources become available.

An important cost-saving measure in 2010 was the VETO by the Chairman. At the 11th hour in our bond renegotiating, some of Tribal Council wanted a third party company to help close the deal. The company called SSI Inc. required a \$500,000 contract plus expenses. The VETO was not overridden, thus saving our tribe \$500,000 on one transaction.

The new snowmobile trail from the Petoskey Snowmobile Club is now complete. The community effort created a 4.1 mile trail from Evergreen Trail Road, and it has been extended to Petoskey and to our casino. The old Victories Casino site is providing the snowmobilers with parking and access to the trail, gas and our casino. LTBB is the only tribe in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan to have snowmobile access to its casino while all the Upper Peninsula tribes provide snowmobile access. Our tribe's new state lobbyist was instrumental in obtaining access from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the trail.

Our Housing Department is holding an open house for the Murray Road Housing Development on January 28, 2011. The new 10-unit affordable housing is now complete. Tenants will be moving in on February 1, 2011. The energy efficient project is LEED certified. There are three certifications, silver, gold and platinum. Silver was a mandatory requirement for our new housing project, but because of the hard work and efforts from our architect, the project qualifies for gold. Research has shown this is the first-ever LEED certified project in northern Michigan. Our tribe is a leader among all tribes across the nation with the successful completion of this project. Kevin Fitzgibbons, our Regional U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Director, will attend our open house, and the energy efficient project may be used as

a national model for all tribes across the country. A custom home with an attached garage was completed in November 2010 at the Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke housing development. The home is available for a tribal citizen family. Both projects were funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants. Please contact our Housing Department for further information at 231-242-1540.

The Firekeepers lodge was built in 2010. The lodge is for ceremonial fires and is available for all tribal citizen families.

Bay Mills Resort & Casino remains open in Vanderbilt, MI, and it is expanding. The abrupt opening that surprised Michigan tribes and state and federal officials has initiated two lawsuits. The Michigan Attorney General (AG) filed a lawsuit, and our tribe filed a lawsuit the next day. The federal agencies have ruled the land purchased by Bay Mills is not Indian lands as Bay Mills claims. The AG has sent a letter to Bay Mills stating the casino is illegal and ordered Bay Mills to close the doors. The opening violates our tribe's gaming compact with the state, but more importantly, threatens future profits from our casino. This attempt to create off-reservation gaming has national attention. While LTBB is trying to close the illegal casino, tribes from New York to California are hoping the attempt from Bay Mills is successful. Thus, a national coalition was created. The coalition is called "Ancestral Aboriginal Protection Coalition." Included in the coalition are tribes from California, Massachusetts, Arizona, the Great Plains and Michigan. The purpose of the coalition is to protect tribes' reservation boundaries from intrusion of other tribes and to prevent off-reservation gaming.

A work group for the Veterans Memorial has defined the location for the project at our governmental center. All LTBB veterans will be recognized for their efforts. The work group continues to meet until a design for the structure can be defined. The project is scheduled for development in 2011.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman continue to work together to protect our tribe's best interests and to progress, so we may continue to provide services and per capita to our tribal citizens.

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President

December 20, 2010

Chairman Ken Harrington  
Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you know, CMS Land has spent more than five years collecting and analyzing data and installing science-based remedies. This work has resulted in progress at the site and Little Traverse Bay.

We believe the installation of additional remedies - outside of the actions currently proposed in the RI/AE - will not lead to material environmental benefits. Rather than continue to pursue minimal incremental benefit at the project, a more appropriate use of additional resources is to direct those resources toward identified, sustainable projects, which provide a direct and measurable environmental benefit to the local area, specifically Little Traverse Bay.

As you know, we announced the establishment of the Little Traverse Bay Protection Fund in collaboration with the Petoskey/Harbor Spring Community Foundation earlier this fall with our initial contribution of \$250,000. If the community is able to match this amount, we will commit an equal amount next year.

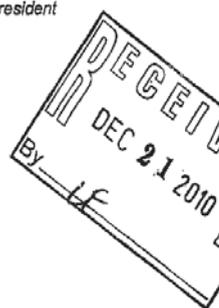
In addition, based on our continued discussion with you and Odawa tribal members, we support your efforts to establish a fish hatchery to stock Little Traverse Bay and other lakes and streams within its watershed. We are prepared to fund this project with an initial contribution of \$250,000 as seed money with a commitment to match that amount in the future based on continued progress on the LTB environmental project. We also have a team of experts working in Washington, D.C., to identify and secure federal grant dollars to support the LTB protection fund and the hatchery. We believe these efforts provide measurable environmental enhancement with the additional benefit of a positive economic impact relating to the fishing and tourism industries.

I look forward to discussing this with you in more detail in the near future.

Sincerely,

*Dave*

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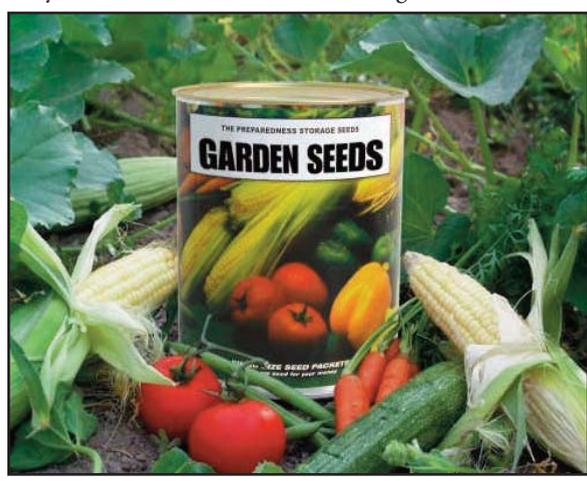
# STARTING SEEDS FOR YOUR GARDEN AT HOME



By Larry Dyer, MSU Extension Tribal Extension Educator

The snow lies thick, and the best skiing is still to come, but the days are already getting longer and it's time to think about ordering seeds for your garden. One of the decisions you will make as you are ordering seeds is whether or not you want to start your own seeds at home.

Many garden seeds will be planted directly into the soil when the time comes in the spring. But, many vegetable crops need a longer growing season than we have here in northern Michigan, so they must be started in-



doors ahead of time then transplanted into the garden. These include some of our favorites like tomatoes and peppers. Others, such as melons and cucumbers, can be either directly seeded into the garden or transplanted, but starting indoors will give you a jump on the season. Still others, such as broccoli, cabbage and lettuces can be direct seeded, but because the seeds are so tiny, it may be easier to do them as transplants.

One great advantage of starting seeds yourself is you will have many more variety options ordering seeds from catalogues than buying plants from a nursery. Buying plants is much easier, but if you want to start your own seeds, you can set yourself up to do so. You will need to make a space where you can control the temperature within a reasonable range - room temperature or a little warmer will usually be good. You will also need to give your plants 12-14 hours of light, which means artificial light during our short winter days. A shop light with alternating cool and warm-white fluorescent bulbs

is sufficient or you can buy grow lights especially for plants. It helps to have a good south-facing window because it is hard to match the light intensity of sunlight. Plants without enough light will become long or leggy and weak stemmed.

All sorts of things can be used for containers to start the plants. It's good to start lots of seedlings to make sure enough survive for your garden. Egg cartons work, but the cells are a little small and can dry out quickly. Yogurt containers or paper cups work fine, but before you buy them, compare prices with flats of cell packs designed for starting plants. They are reasonably inexpensive. For most crops, the seedlings will out-

grow these starter cells, so you will need larger containers as well for "potting on" the young seedlings.

If you are new to starting plants, it is probably best to buy potting mix from a garden supply store. The potting mix will maintain proper aeration, retain moisture and provide some nutrients to get the plants started. But, you can make your own potting mix. A recipe I like comes from Elliot Coleman's "New Organic Grower": Mix 30 parts peat, 20 parts compost, 20 parts coarse sand or perlite, 10 parts topsoil, ¼-part each of blood meal, colloidal phosphate and greensand, and ½-part lime. Traditionally, horticulturalists have always said to sterilize potting soil, but many organic farmers think the organisms from compost are beneficial - you decide.

When the time draws near to put the plants in the garden, you will want to move them outdoors, at least during the day, so they can adjust to full sunlight and outdoor temperatures. It's

best to start them off in partial shade then move them to full sun. If you have some sort of cold-frame to protect them from cool nighttime temperatures, you can leave them out overnight. Usually, a couple of days of hardening off will be enough. But, the more you can give them sunlight and let them adjust to outdoor temperatures, the better they will be.

The closer you can time your plants to be ready to transplant when the season is right for them, the better. For example, you should start tomatoes four to six weeks before you want to transplant them, peppers more like eight weeks and cucumbers and melons three to four weeks before transplanting time. You might want to start plants on a few different dates because

guessing when the weather will be right for putting them out is a game you will have to play. But, that is part of the fun.

I hope you give it a try, and let me know how it works.

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## MSU Extension brown-bag lunch gardening series - "Talk gardening with Larry"

Beginning in October, Michigan State University Extension Educator Larry Dyer will host an informational series, "Talk gardening with Larry." This will be a brown bag series on the second Wednesday of each month (except December) from 12-12:50 p.m., at the Youth Center at the White House. Each date will have a topic with handouts, but after a brief presentation, the conversation can go to whatever people have on their minds and in their gardens. So bring your brown bag lunch and come "talk gardening with Larry."



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### Dates and Topics:

- Jan. 26 - Planning your garden
- Feb. 23 - Deciding what seed to order (bring your favorite catalogs)
- March 23 - Starting your own seeds
- April 27 - back yard composting
- May 25 - planning for seed saving
- June 22 - weed management
- July 27 - insect and disease management
- August 24 - seed saving

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# FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE FOR SAULT TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS SENTENCED AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES

**Editor's note:** The following is a U.S. Department of Justice press release dated December 15, 2010.

Frederick James Paquin, age 53, of St. Ignace, Michigan, and the former Chief of Police for the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was sentenced to 12 months' and one day imprisonment to be followed by two years of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$231,785.03 in restitution to the United States of America, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced today. On July 23, 2010, Paquin had pled guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States by dishonest means.

The significant sentence handed down today stems from Paquin's misuse of federal grant funds awarded to the Sault Tribe Police Department between 2002 and 2008. Paquin served as the Sault Tribe Chief of Police from 2007 until October 2008. The federal grants were awarded under the U.S. Department of Justice's Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP) which is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (hereinafter "the COPS Office.") Grants awarded to the Sault Tribe Police Department under the TRGP were intended to help the Sault Tribe address its most serious unmet financial needs for law enforcement. Paquin unlawfully violated the terms of the federal grants in various ways.

One way of violating the terms of the grants and thwarting their intended purpose was by obtaining false and fictitious purchase invoices to divert grant funds to accounts held by various vendors with which the tribal Police Department did business. In short, defendant created records

of purchases that didn't actually take place. In turn, the tribe's Purchasing Department reviewed the paper records of the supposed purchases and then unwittingly paid the vendors for items that were not actually purchased by the tribal police department, thereby creating a credit in the tribal police department's account to the vendors. Once the grant funds were diverted as credits into these vendor accounts, they were no longer subject to oversight by the tribal Purchasing Department or the COPS Office. As a result, defendant could and did use these credits (actually federal taxpayer dollars) in any way he saw fit, without any oversight and in complete violation of the grant terms. In essence, defendant created a way to funnel federal taxpayer dollars into "slush funds" that only he knew about and controlled.

Defendant used a substantial portion of these illegally obtained and concealed credits to enhance his own status within the tribe. For example, he used grant funds to purchase an ATV that was to be used for a charitable raffle, but told people that he purchased the ATV with his own money. He also publicly asked vendors to make "donations" to the tribe's Junior Police

Academy, but authorized them to take money from the tribal Police Department's account, which contained diverted grant funds, to make these donations. Defendant also personally and directly benefitted from the grant diversion scheme such as when he used credits at one vendor to help finance his son-in-law's lease of a vehicle or when he used credits to purchase sporting items for his personal use.

Defendant also cheated the TRGP program in other ways. For example, he purchased items

with grant funds that on their face appeared to be for the use of Sault Tribe Police Department, but were in fact given away to other organizations in direct violation of the grant terms. Examples include: (1) Motorola radios given to tribal casinos, (2) Glock handguns given to the Manistique Police Department, (3) defibrillators provided to tribal casinos and a health club, (4) uniforms given to tribal casino security officers and (5) various other items such as flashlights and cameras that were given to other police departments.

As both Tribal Chief of Police and Tribal Board member, Paquin exercised unchecked power within the tribe and operated the Police Department as his own private fiefdom. Paquin increased his own personal esteem within the tribe and the broader law enforcement community by illegally dispensing items purchased with grant funds as if they were his own property. He continually resisted all attempts at oversight by tribal Accounting, and all but prevented the FBI from investigating crimes on tribal lands. As a result of these illegal activities, Paquin was able to divert and wrongfully use grant funds in excess of \$300,000.

In addition to the grant fraud set forth above, Paquin also defrauded the Sault Tribe directly by maintaining his daughter as a full-time employee of the tribe's police department for almost a year despite the fact that she had left her employment with the tribe to become a full-time student teacher. The ghost employee fraud cost the tribe approximately \$43,000 in unearned wages paid to Paquin's daughter.

In open court, Paquin admitted to the full

range of his criminal conduct, including diverting \$242,000 in federal grant funds and having his daughter receive a full-time salary when she was not performing work for the tribe. Paquin went on to apologize to the tribe, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Court and his family for his criminal conduct.

U.S. Attorney Davis stated: "The respect and confidence that tribal members place in their tribal institutions is dependent upon receiving honest and faithful services from their tribal officials. This office will aggressively pursue and prosecute tribal officials who violate their solemn oath and duties." Elise Chawaga, Special Agent in Charge for the Office of the Inspector General, Fraud Detection Office, said. "The Office of the Inspector General is committed to holding accountable, public officials who betray the trust placed in them by using for personal gain Department of Justice grant funds that were intended to benefit the public." FBI Special Agent in Charge Andrew G. Arena noted, "These charges are examples of corrupt government officials who have abused their positions for personal gain." He added, "Public corruption is a top criminal priority of the FBI and will not be tolerated. This investigation demonstrates the FBI's commitment to investigating public corruption on every level and bringing those who betray the public's trust to justice."

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General, Fraud Detection Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Maarten Vermaat.

## February 2011 Promotions and Events at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI



**Sweetheart Getaway Giveaway**  
February 1, 2011 – February 26, 2011, guests qualify for a \$10,000 gift card for travel or \$7,500 in cash plus five additional winners will receive cash or free slot play. The drawing will be on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 8 p.m. Guests will qualify beginning February 1, 2011. Guests receive one entry for every 100 base points earned. \$15 in dining, a hotel stay, hand-paid jackpots more than \$400, new card signups and table games play also provide guests with entries into the drawing.

Guests will be able to qualify up to 30 minutes before the 8 p.m. drawing, so the cutoff time will be 7:30 p.m. All drawing tickets must be in the barrel by 8 p.m. when security begins to spin the barrel.

At 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2011, we will draw six unique names. If a duplicate is drawn, we will announce it is a duplicate, and another name will be drawn. Those six guests will choose an envelope in the order their names were called. Five envelopes will have either cash or free slot play certificates in them and one envelope will have the \$10,000 travel card or \$7,500 cash option certificate in it. The breakdown of the other five envelopes will be:

- 1- \$1,000 cash
- 1 - \$500 cash
- 3 - \$500 free slot play

Plus, guests playing with their cards receive 3X points after the final drawing until midnight.

**\$5,000 Sweetheart Slot Tournament, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

**February 14, 2011**

All Optimum Rewards and "O" Club Members are invited to participate in this free slot tournament.

Designated Tournament Slot Machines will be set for three minutes

Players will be allowed to play once and their score will be combined with the score of their partner.

Both players need to play simultaneously.

Each participant will play one session only.

Winners need not be present at the end of the tournament. Optimum Rewards will have the ability to award winners their share at a later date as well.

Registration will take place at a table located by the Rendezvous Lounge.

Registration begins at 3 p.m.

Scores will be recorded by an Odawa Casino Resort Team Member, and the guest will initial the recorded score.

Ten places will be paid out with the following cash amounts:

- 1st \$1,400 cash
- 2nd \$800 cash
- 3rd \$700 cash
- 4th \$600 cash
- 5th \$450 cash
- 6th \$350 cash
- 7th \$250 cash
- 8th \$200 cash
- 9th \$150 cash
- 10th \$100 cash

**Facebook Fan Exclusive Offer** – On Thursday, February 10, 2011, fans of ours on Facebook will receive an exclusive offer for \$20 in free slot play valid on that day only from 8 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. Fans will come in to Optimum Rewards on that day only and mention the exclusive offer code given to them on our Facebook page to receive their \$20 in free slot play. They must be Optimum Rewards Players Club Members to redeem the offer. Must be 21 years of age or older. One offer per person. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

**Veterans Appreciation Days**  
Monday, February 7, 2011

Veterans and active duty personnel with military ID receive a food voucher valid for a free lunch or dinner buffet in the Waas-no-dé Buffet. Veterans and active duty personnel go to Optimum Rewards to present their military ID and Optimum Rewards will give them their food voucher. Food vouchers are valid for that day only. Must be an Optimum Rewards member to receive offer.

**Thrilling Thursday Slot Tournament**

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., February 24, 2011

All Optimum Rewards and "O" Club Members are invited to participate in this free slot tournament.

Designated Tournament Slot Machines will be set for three minutes play.

Each participant will play one session.

The top ten places will be paid in cash or free slot play at the conclusion of the tournament.

Winners need not be present at the end of the tournament. Optimum Rewards will have the ability to award winners their share at a later date as well.

Registration will take place at a table located by the Rendezvous Lounge.

Registration begins at 4 p.m.

- 1st \$1,000 cash
- 2nd \$700 cash
- 3rd \$500 cash
- 4th \$400 cash
- 5th \$300 free slot play
- 6th \$200 free slot play
- 7th \$200 free slot play
- 8th \$200 free slot play
- 9th \$200 free slot play
- 10th \$200 free slot play

**Birthday Club** – As part of the birthday gift for our guests, they will receive a token for a free pull on the Free Pull Machine along with the \$10

buffet voucher. Guests may come in anytime during the month of their birthday to receive the offer.

**Anniversary Club** – We now offer two Free Pull tokens (one per spouse) to our guests on their anniversary month along with a \$10 buffet voucher. The couple must be together to receive the tokens and food voucher.

**Table Games**

Now offers Double Deck Blackjack.

There is also a Progressive Bad Beat Jackpot in the Poker Room.

**Cupid's Couples Poker Tournament**

Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 1 p.m.

**FEE:**

- \$80 per team (\$75 prize pool, \$5 registration fee) = \$4,000 in chips

- \$20 re-buy per player (rounds 1-4 must be under \$1,500) = \$3,000 in chips

- \$20 Add on (after round 4, available to everyone) = \$3,000 in chips

- \$5 Dealer gratuity available before play starts = \$1,000 in chips

**PRIZES:**

- Total Prize Pool: \$4,650\* (\*based on full participation, 100% re-buy and add-on)

- A packet containing a \$40 buffet coupon, \$10 in free slot play and 20% off at the Gourmet 2 Go.

**FORMAT:**

- 30 teams max (60 players, must be male/female teams)

- All women will play against women. All men will play against men.

- Phone registration is available, but only paid registration guarantees a seat

- Pre-pay your registration and receive \$1,000 more in chips

- Pre-paid registration in the Poker Room ends Friday, February 11, 2011

- To pay with a credit card, please contact the Quill Box at 1-877-442-6464, ext. 8815. Credit card registration ends Friday, February 11, 2011 at 10 p.m.

- Registration the day of the tournament ends 15 minutes prior to start time (12:45 p.m.)

- All participants must be an Optimum Rewards Players Club Member

- All 60 players will play alone for the first 4 rounds

- Round 5 teams will combine chips and switch out every other round

**RULES:**

- No-Limit Texas Hold'em, house rules apply

- Starting chip count: \$4,000 (\$6,000 if dealer gratuity, and pre-paid registration is utilized)

- 20 minute blind level increases

- Players will start individually and play through to the first break (women team member on one side of room, man team member on the other side of the room). At the break, the players will combine chip stacks, and the women will play the first 20 minute round. After each 20 minute round, the players will alternate.

- If a player is under \$1,500 chips, they are allowed to re-buy one time for \$20.

**Slots**

New games on the floor will include: 3 Kings, Siberian Storm, Figaro and Charleston.

**Optimum Rewards** – New Card Signups receive a spin on the Free Pull Machine when you sign up for a card. Beginning in January 2011, all new card signups will receive "Promotions" continued on page 23.

Native News Briefs

**Odawa Casino Resort Team Members Present Check to Toys for Tots**

**Editor's note:** The following is an Odawa Casino Resort press release dated December 13, 2010.

Odawa Casino Resort, owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, recently presented a check in the amount of \$545 to the Toys for Tots organization.



The funds were raised by donations of the Team Members of Odawa Casino Resort through an optional Blue Jean Day in which the team members donate \$5 to the designated organization in exchange for a day to swap their dress pants for a pair of jeans. We have had eight Blue Jean Days this year (2010), and have raised a total of \$3,380.

The deserving organization is chosen through suggestions of the Team Members of Odawa Casino Resort. Our November recipient was suggested by Mark Holbrook, Waste Water Treatment Technician for Odawa Casino Resort. When asked why he chose Toys for Tots he said, "I felt the Toys for Tots organization was a perfect choice for this time of year. The money donated benefits the children of Northern Michigan."

Jerry Walker, Assistant Coordinator for Toys for Tots and part of the Marine Corps League, said, "This money is a great boost for the organization in our efforts to provide 10,000 - 12,000 toys to approximately 3,000 children in Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties."

*Pictured from left to right in the photo provided by Odawa Casino Resort are Odawa Casino Resort Marketing & PR Manager Cheryl Graham, Assistant Coordinator Toys for Tots Jerry Walker and Odawa Casino Resort Executive Administrative Assistant Joyce Kummer.*

**Scholarship Information for Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students**

The Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources and awards \$2,000 scholarships for college students and \$1,500 scholarships for graduating senior high school students. The number of scholarships varies per year. Students must submit a letter of application, a resume, three signed letters of reference, evidence of validated enrollment and

transcripts by March 18, 2011, 5 p.m., PST. For more information, please visit the Intertribal Timber Council website at [www.itc-net.org](http://www.itc-net.org).

**Tribal Citizen Volunteers at Charity Event to Benefit the Alzheimer's Association**

LTBB Tribal Citizen Hope Drogmiller, an 11-year-old Novi, MI, resident, volunteered her time at the Ninth Annual Magazine Charity Event 2010 held December 4, 2010 at the Emagine Theatre in Novi. The event, organized by ExclusiveMagazine.com Director of Operations Russell Truck, benefited the Alzheimer's Association. There were plenty of movie items from signed movie posters to signed DVDs and sports memorabilia on sale there, and a mystery tent had items for purchase such as hats and t-shirts. Drogmiller, who has volunteered at this event for three years, helped with the set-up and clean-up and worked in the raffle booth. Drogmiller said, "We did it once again, raised money for a good cause. I look forward to volunteering next year with Russell again."



*Pictured from left to right in the photo by Curtis Drogmiller is ExclusiveMagazine.com Director of Operations Russell Truck and Hope Drogmiller.*

**Free Recycling of TVs, Monitors and Computers at Emmet County Transfer Station in Harbor Springs, MI**

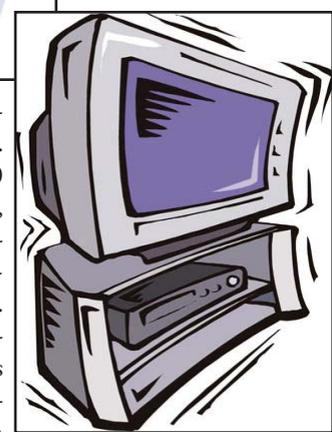
**Editor's note:** The following information came from an Emmet County press release dated December 28, 2010.

On January 5, 2011, the Emmet County Transfer Station in Harbor Springs, MI, located a few miles from the LTBB Governmental Center, started accepting TVs, computer monitors

and both desktop and laptop computers for free. The free computer and TV recycling is being made possible by a 2008 Michigan law requiring manufacturers who sell TVs and computers in



the state to provide a free and convenient way for customers to recycle their old TVs and computers. The center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The recycling of other electronics such as telephones, fax machines, computer accessories, printers, DVD play-



ers, VCRs and videogame consoles still have a \$2 per item fee. Large office-size copiers are \$20 each. Cords, cables, keyboards, mice and other computer-related items are free when recycled with associated equipment. The "Electronic Waste Take-Back Law" applies to computers and TVs from homes and businesses under 10 employees. An individual qualifying business may drop off up to seven items per day under the law. For more information on recycling at the center, please call 231-348-0640 or visit [www.EmmetRecycling.org](http://www.EmmetRecycling.org). For more information on the Electronic Waste Take-Back Law, please see <http://www.michigan.gov/deq> in the Waste section.

*Courtesy graphics.*

**Request for Proposals: USGS Student Interns in Support of Native American Relations (SISNAR)**

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) seeks student interns to participate in USGS research with the goal of encouraging students to pursue careers in natural or related sciences that may be helpful in natural resource management for Indian tribes. The internship program is designed to strengthen networks between the USGS and tribal governments. Student interns are not required to be Native American; any application potentially benefiting American Indian or Alaska Native governments will be considered. The USGS Native American Tribal Liaison Team will evaluate internship applications and award up to \$10,000 (includes assessments and overhead charges) per intern with a maximum of \$10,000 per research project. Student interns must participate in current USGS research directly related to and preferably on tribal lands. Proposals are due February 18, 2010. For more information or to download an application, please visit [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov).



"Promotions" continued from page 22. bounce back offer in the mail for a free lunch or dinner buffet in the Waas no dé Buffet.

**E-mail Address Campaign** – Give us your e-mail address and receive a token for a spin on the Free Pull Machine.

**Facebook and Twitter** - Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for exclusive offers and updates.

**Copper Café**  
The Copper Café is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

The Ice Cream Shop at the Copper Café features House of Flavors Ice Cream. Hours are 11 a.m. – 2 a.m. daily.

**Sage**  
Hours will be 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday and 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sage will be open on Valentine's Day from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Offering a special Valentine's Day menu for \$90 for two people (three-course, menu has not been completed at this time)  
The monthly theme for February 2011 will be Italian. Enjoy fresh pas-

tas, risottos and foods from the Piedmont region of Italy. We will also feature \$8/glass Italian wine specials. Wine tasting every Saturday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$10 per person.

**Waas-No-Dé Buffet**

Featuring sushi during Sunday Brunch and Tuesday evenings only. California Rolls, Crab and Vegetable Sushi, and one featured item will be offered each day.

Every Saturday, Waas-No-Dé features Prime Rib of Beef and Grilled Top Sirloin Steak. We also offer steak toppings and a baked potato bar.

Sunday Brunch starting at 11 a.m. featuring fresh omelets, carved hickory smoked ham and a great selection of seafood and freshwater fish.

For Valentine's Day, the buffet will offer heart-shaped chocolate cake topped with Bing cherries and chocolate sauce.

**Gourmet 2 Go**

Hours of Operation: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sunday – Thursday; 10 a.m. – 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Wine is available for purchase. Michigan wines are featured.

**Quill Box**

Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m., Sunday – Thursday; 9 a.m. – 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

**Rendezvous Lounge**

Social Sundays  
\$2 Domestic Drafts and \$3 Well Drinks in the Rendezvous from 10 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Martini Mondays

ALL DAY

Select Absolute Martinis \$4

Rendezvous Lounge Ladies Day

ALL DAY Thursday

\$2 Domestic Drafts

\$3 Well Drinks

\$3 House Wine

\$3.50 Margaritas & Martinis

Happy Hour Every Friday

4 pm – 7 pm

\$2 Domestic Drafts

\$3 well Drinks

\$3 House Wine

**O zone Nightclub**

Thursday Night

O zone Ladies Night with Lite 96,

KHQ and La Dolce Vita

Doors open at 5 p.m.

KHQ personality on site from 6 p.m.

– 8 p.m.

Every Thursday night from February

3, 2011 through April 28, 2011, LITE 96 & KHQ will give listeners a chance to qualify to win a trip for two to Chicago to be given away on April 28, 2011.

The more friends you bring and the more weeks you come...the more entry tickets you will have to win prizes! If you arrive with a group of four friends, each of you will receive four entry tickets that week.

All ladies receive half off martinis or wine. Drink specials will be available from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

There will be additional prize drawings every week for a makeover, free slot play, dining certificates and hotel stays. The weekly winner of the makeover will receive a free makeover from La Dolce Vita and will return the following week with a new look.

Before and after pictures will be put up on all monitors and the big screen, and the winner will be the model to kick off that night's fashion show with her new look.

Diamonds & Romance with 106

KHQ

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 10:30

p.m. – 12 a.m.

One lucky guest will win diamond jewelry.

102.9 Big Country Fridays!

7 P.M.: DJ Fabz spins a mix of contemporary country until 11 p.m.

Then, it's full-time dance until 2 a.m.!

Funny Business/106 KHQ Saturday

Night Live

9 P.M.: Funny Biz Comedy Show featuring nationally recognized comics!

\$5 Admission for the comedy show only. (No admission charge after 10

P.M.)

10:30 P.M.: Why wait until midnight

to come out and DANCE!

DJ Shawn spins Top 40 dance music

all night along with a KHQ personality

on site from 10:30 p.m. until

12:30 a.m.

**Odawa Hotel**

Odawa Hotel has put an Active Military

Rate into effect. The rate will be

\$59 weekdays and \$79 Friday and

Saturday for any active military person

nel wishing to reserve rooms at the

hotel. The guest must present their

active military ID at check-in to

receive the new rate. This rate is valid

through March 31, 2011.



# \$10,000.00 Sweetheart Getaway

Saturday, February 26th ▾ 8pm  
**Win a \$10,000.00 Travel Gift Card or \$7,500.00 Cash!**  
 Plus (5) Additional Winners Receive Cash or Free Slot Play!  
 Qualify through February 26th  
 See Optimum Rewards for full details.

GUESTS WILL BE ABLE TO QUALIFY UP TO 30 MINUTES BEFORE 8PM DRAWING. ALL TICKETS MUST BE IN THE DRAWING BARREL PRIOR TO THE 8PM DRAWING. WINNERS NAMES WILL NOT BE PLACED BACK INTO THE DRAWING BARREL. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.



# \$5,000.00 SWEETHEART SLOT TOURNAMENT

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH 5PM - 9PM**

**YOU AND A PARTNER COULD WIN YOUR SHARE OF**

# \$5,000.00 - Free Entry! -

- 1st - \$1,400.00 • 2nd - \$800.00
- 3rd - \$700.00 • 4th - \$600.00
- 5th - \$450.00 • 6th - \$350.00
- 7th - \$250.00 • 8th - \$200.00
- 9th - \$150.00 • 10th - \$100.00

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE, THE PRIZE AMOUNT WILL BE SPLIT.



February 14th • 5pm - 9pm

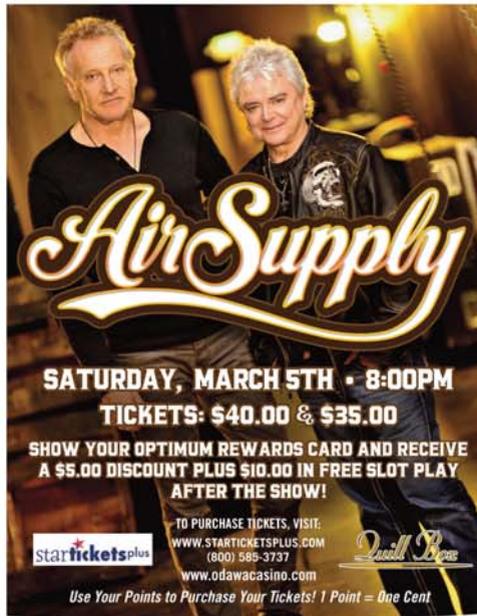
Sage will be offering a \$90 dinner for two

Reservations requested (231) 344-4420



# VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH**  
**VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL**  
 WITH MILITARY ID RECEIVE A **FOOD VOUCHER VALID FOR A FREE LUNCH OR DINNER BUFFET IN WAAS-NO-DE BUFFET.**



**Air Supply**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH • 8:00PM**  
**TICKETS: \$40.00 & \$35.00**  
 SHOW YOUR OPTIMUM REWARDS CARD AND RECEIVE A \$5.00 DISCOUNT PLUS \$10.00 IN FREE SLOT PLAY AFTER THE SHOW!

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, VISIT WWW.STARTICKETSPLUS.COM (800) 589-3737 www.odawacasino.com



**1st Place Wins - \$1,000.00 CASH!**

**Thursday, February 24th • 6pm - 9pm**

**FREE Entry for all Optimum Rewards and "O" Club members.**

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# \$17,500.00 BLIZZARD OF CASH

Saturday, January 29th • 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Win your share of **\$17,500.00**

**(1) \$5,000.00 Winner at 9:00pm**  
**(1) \$2,500.00 Winner at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 & 10:00pm**

Qualify January 1st - 29th • See Optimum Rewards for full details

GUESTS WILL BE ABLE TO QUALIFY UP TO 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE FINAL DRAWING. THE CUT-OFF TIME WILL BE 9:30PM. ALL TICKETS MUST BE IN THE DRAWING BARREL PRIOR TO THE 10:00PM DRAWING. WINNERS NAMES WILL NOT BE PLACED BACK INTO THE DRAWING BARREL. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED TO CANCEL OR MODIFY ANY AND ALL PROMOTIONS OR EVENTS WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

**FREE PULL** **\$10.00 BUFFET COUPON**

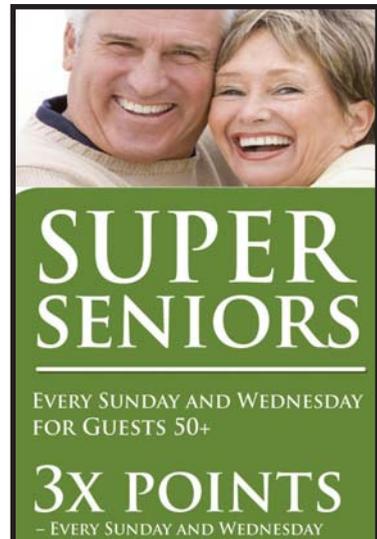
## ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY CLUB

Celebrate your Anniversary or Birthday with a complimentary **FREE PULL** and **\$10.00 Buffet Coupon** any time during the month of your Anniversary or Birthday.

Must be an Optimum Rewards or "O" Club member to participate. Limit 2 Free Pulls and 1 Buffet per couple on Anniversary. Both Parties must be present on Anniversary. All rights reserved to cancel or modify any and all promotions without prior notice.

## ODAWA TEAM GREEN

Team Members successfully recycled **12 ½ tons** of glass, plastic, metal, and paper in 2010. Also, **56 tons** of cardboard were kept out of the landfill.



**Call for Tribal Citizen Rates.**  
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**Simply the BEST!** When booking online select the LTBB offer code.

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EVERY SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY FOR GUESTS 50+

### 3X POINTS

- EVERY SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY

**\$7<sup>95</sup> LUNCH BUFFET**  
 - MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

**DRINK SPECIALS**  
 - IN RENDEZVOUS

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