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LTBB ESTABLISHING A TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM THROUGH AN FTA TRIBAL TRANSIT GRANT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

In mid-March 2012, the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded the Planning Department a one-year FTA Tribal Transit grant.

Through the grant which ends on December 31, 2013, LTBB is developing a tribal transit program which incorporates the following objectives: 1. Establishment of a Mobility Manager; 2. Establishment of a toll-free calling center; 3. Creation of a ridership database; 4. Development of operating protocols for the mobility management center; and 5. Development of a rideshare program.

The first objective was met when the Planning Department hired Ellie Payton, a LTBB Tribal Citizen who had been working as the Administrative Assistant in the department, as the Mobility Coordinator on October 1, 2012.

The Planning Department was awarded its first Transit Planning grant in 2010. Through that grant, the department held public meetings to establish the tribe's initial needs, and out of those meetings, came the recommendation to establish a Mobility Coordinator. It then applied for the current FTA Tribal Transit grant.

"We're working on coordinating all the LTBB transportation services because several departments (the Health Department, Contract Health, the Education Department, the Elders Program, the Human Services Department, the Tribal Court, the Housing Department, the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Department and the Mental/Health Substance Abuse Department) offer transportation of some type for LTBB Tribal Citizens," Payton said. "We're in the process of collecting their ride data and entering it into a database. We're also looking at other alternative means of transportation in the area such as Straits Regional Ride and the Friendship Center bus as well as cab vouchers."

Part of the grant is teaching LTBB Tribal Citizens how to use the existing LTBB transportation services. Toward that end, a public service announcement and a video will be developed.

"In addition to those, we'll also have community

trainings which will promote the use of our transportation services and others in the area," Payton said. "We're in the process of building our own riding database, and our toll-free calling center is expected to be established by June 1, 2013."



LTBB is a part of Friends Enhancing Emmet Transit (FEET). The group of representatives from human service agencies, businesses, groups and community members are working to create affordable public transportation for Emmet County, MI, residents. FEET wants to create a public transportation system through a dial-a-ride and limited fixed route busing system. According to FEET, numerous surveys and studies have been conducted showing the need for public transportation in Emmet County, MI, and those surveys and studies have shown many households in the county have limited or no access to a vehicle, affecting everything in their daily lives.

"FEET is working to get a transit authority in Emmet County and hoping to enhance the transit system in the county in the next two years," Payton said. "Unfortunately, there is a mindset in Emmet County that there is not a need for public transportation although the surveys and studies show otherwise."

Payton attended the 1st Technical Assistance and Tribal Transit Program Conference and Rodeo: Creating

Partnerships for Rural Transit Solutions in March 2012. It offered training and technical assistance on Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) products and services, Rural and Tribal Transit operations and FTA Tribal Transit Program. It was recommended for RTAP Managers, FTA Tribal Transit Programs grantees and Rural and Tribal Transit Managers and was held in Scottsdale, AZ.

"There are a lot of fabulous resources out there to utilize," Payton said. "This training really opened my eyes to that."

Payton visited the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin in November 2012 to learn about its Department of Transit Services. The Menominee Indian Tribe is located approximately 45 miles northwest of Green Bay, WI, on the Menominee Indian Reservation in the village of Keshena, WI. The reservation is on the ancestral homelands of 8,551 tribal members and includes five communities (Keshena, Neopit, Middle Village, Zoar and South Branch). The reservation is approximately 358 square miles and more than 407 miles of improved and unimproved roads.

"I wanted to learn from a successful operation that was receiving grants and continually expanding," Payton said. "They started with one transportation service with their Health Services, but it had a domino effect with their other departments and quickly expanded. They created their own database called Menominee Regional Public Transit Database. We're building our own database for now, but I hope to get their software when it is available for purchase."

Payton worked as the Administrative Assistant in the Chairman's Office from 2005-2007 before joining the Planning Department as the Administrative Assistant in 2007. She started as the Mobility Coordinator in the Planning Department on October 1, 2012. Her mother is Harriet Kishigo Booth, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, and she has four children who are all LTBB Tribal Citizens. Her children are Alicia, 23, Claus, 18, Amber, 16, and Yarrow, 16. Her fiancé is Ron Rolfe, a Wind Turbine Technician in Oklahoma. Payton moved to the area from Alaska in 1999.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



BILLS TO ALLOW WOLF HUNTING SEASON AND ADDRESS LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION SIGNED BY MICHIGAN GOVERNOR

Editor's note: The following is a press release dated January 4, 2013 from Michigan State Senator Tom Casperson.

Governor Rick Snyder has signed legislation that would allow for the establishment of a hunting season for wolves in Michigan and provide fair indemnification payments for livestock killed by wolves, coyotes and cougars.

Senator Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, sponsored Senate Bill 1350 (Public Act 520 of 2012). The measure designates wolves as a game animal and authorizes the Natural Resources Commission to establish a game season. SB 996 (PA 487 of 2012), also sponsored by Casperson, would build upon

provisions in current law to ensure livestock owners receive fair and timely compensation for animals killed by wolves, coyotes or cougars. In recent years, farmers have expressed frustration with the growing number of livestock they lose to wolves and the delay in compensation received from the state.

"Wolves have made a dramatic recovery in Michigan with a current population around 700 animals, and almost all of that population residing in the central and western U.P.," said Casperson. "Wolves need to be managed along with other species, and management strategies should include the option of a game season."

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Senator Tom Casperson

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Being Odawa is all about Freedom

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

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

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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 2013 issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 4, 2013.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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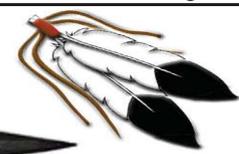
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PLANNING, ZONING, & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

MEET PLANNING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHARI TEMPLE



purchase an Associate degree.

She and her husband, Steven, have been married since 2009, and they are expecting their first child in late March. They also have a dog named Champ. Her mother is LTBB Tribal Citizen Susie Swadling, the Administrative Assistant in the Human Resources Department, and her father is Darwin Swadling. Her sisters are LTBB Tribal Citizens Mary Schneider and Norma Anthony. Her nieces are Courtney Schneider, Rochelle Schneider, Jazmine Anthony, Sierra Anthony, Samantha Bachand, Sophia Temple, Amelia Temple and Isabella Temple, and her nephew is Jacob Schneider.

She enjoys cooking, doing outdoor activities, walking and going to the movies.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Shari Temple started as the Administrative Assistant in the Planning, Zoning and Building Department on December 10, 2012.

Temple, who previously worked in the Tribal Court and as a cocktail waitress/bartender at Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, grew up in Harbor Springs, MI, and graduated from Harbor Springs High School. She plans to attend North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI, to

LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

A FAMILIAR FACE RETURNS TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT



ful for the opportunity to work for LTBB again, this time without the two-year agreement," Candace said. "This ensures at least one steady income for our family as well as savings for our future retirement."

Mrs. Worthington has lived most of her life in Northern Michigan, attending and graduating from Harbor Springs Public Schools. She earned her Associates degree from North Central Michigan College and her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Spring Arbor University, graduating in 2004.

"I enjoy working with the other police dispatchers and Law Enforcement Officers to ensure the safety of the tribal community," Candace said. "I am also looking forward to working in our new office at 911 Spring Street in Petoskey (MI). There will be some changes, more training and a new boss (Dawn Parkey, who works as the Lead Dispatch/Office Assistant) that will make the transition exciting. I am grateful for those who have been pulling for me to make it back here and glad it worked out this way. While I enjoyed spending a lot of my layoff time babysitting my granddaughter, she plum wears me out, and I'm glad to be back to work!"

Candace enjoys spoiling her grandchildren when possible, reading, doing arts and crafts, watching movies and television, especially Korean dramas, and genealogy research.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Candace Worthington rejoined the Law Enforcement Department as a Police Dispatcher on November 19, 2012, after almost a year layoff, and is extremely happy to be back.

She originally started as a Police Dispatcher in the Law Enforcement Department on October 2, 2009 after working in the department as a temporary employee since late January 2009.

Prior to this current position, Candace temped for LTBB in many government departments, worked with Title VII (2003-04) and as a substitute teacher for several area schools.

Candace is married to Forrest "Bubba" Worthington, a LTBB Tribal Citizen with Cross Village (Gasco/Bwanishing) family roots. They have four children, Celestine (William) Petoskey, 32, Justin Worthington, 31, Forrest (Kendra) Worthington II, 25, and Cheyenne Worthington, 22. The family has grown with the births of Olivia, 5, and William (William) Petoskey, 3, and Quinn Worthington, 3, and her four siblings.

"As my husband has seasonal employment, I am very thank-

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GRANTS & DONATIONS PROGRAM

Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. Donations are available for both Native and non-Native organizations. If you would like an application, please call 231-242-1420. The deadline for submitting an application is March 29, 2013. Please note that the Grants and Donations program is NOT intended for small business purposes.

TRIBAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Teaching our children is the job of not only "certified" teachers, but also our elders, parents of children of any age, aunts, uncles, cousins, and neighbors, and we are seeking input from all of the above to help in developing our tribal early childhood education program. ALL ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME to join us to help support our children to learn how to walk in two worlds! The meetings will cover programming topics including:

- Program Philosophy, Vision, Mission
- Inclusion of culture and language - avoiding cultural overlay model (I.E. Western ways of teaching and learning are the focus and culture is added as an afterthought. Teaching merely an appreciation of culture)
- Traditional ways of teaching and learning
- Classroom design
- Staff
- Food
- Transportation

We will meet at the Governmental Center on the following dates:

- February 21, 2013 6pm-8:30pm
- March 28, 2013 6pm-8:30pm
- April 25, 2013 6pm-8:30pm

For more information, please contact the Education Department at 231-242-1480

MEET LEAD DISPATCH/OFFICE ASSISTANT DAWN PARKEY



MI, from the time she was 12 until last year when her brother, Joe S. Parkey, took over the business.

Prior to working for LTBB, she worked as a bus driver for Inland Lakes Schools.

"I was burned out on driving the bus, so I came here to see what was posted," Parkey said. "I knew dispatching well because I'd been doing it forever for my parents' business. It's like being at home."

Parkey, who grew up in Indian River, MI, and graduated from Inland Lakes High School, spends the majority of her time doing office work and scheduling of the dispatchers, but she also backs up the dispatchers. Law Enforcement recently got new dispatching software. She

was trained on the software first, and all of the dispatchers will train on it later in the winter. She works at 911 Spring St. in Petoskey, MI, as the Law Enforcement Officers moved there in September 2012. The dispatchers still work at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, but will move there eventually.

Her parents, Joe A. and Ruth Parkey, live in Alanson, MI, her brother, Joe S. Parkey, runs Parkey's Towing and lives in Indian River, MI, her sister, Carolyn Parkey, is a table games dealer and lives in Florida, and her daughter, Ashley Parkey, 22, lives in Wolverine, MI.

She enjoys hunting, knitting and fishing with her nephews, Markus, Robbie, Jacob and Devon.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

After working as a Dispatcher in the Law Enforcement Department for 7-1/2 years, LTBB Tribal Citizen Dawn Parkey started as the Lead Dispatch/Office Assistant on November 19, 2012.

Parkey was familiar with dispatching because her parents, Joe A. and Ruth Parkey, owned Parkey's Towing in Alanson,

SYNTHETIC DRUGS

Submitted by the Law Enforcement Department

Synthetic drugs are being labeled by the law enforcement community as the new designer drugs of the 2010s. Since their detection in 2008, there has been a steady rise in the number of calls made to poison control centers nationwide. According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, 2,906 calls relating to synthetic marijuana were made in 2010. That number doubled in 2011 when 6,959 calls were received.

What are synthetic drugs exactly? Sometimes, they are as simple as bath salts, but to manufacture others like synthetic marijuana involves chemical compounds which can have unpredictable effects, some of which are lethal.

How Synthys Are Being Marketed

Many of the drugs are made of legal chemicals which can be bought at almost any grocery store or plant nursery, making it easily and legally accessible. Synth marijuana is made of an organic material which has chemical compounds sprayed on it and is then packaged in small foil packs with names like Spice, K2, Puff and Mr. Happy. They are often marketed as "herbal smoking blends" or "herbal incense" and can be found in head shops, smoke shops and can even be purchased online. Because the ingredients or chemicals found in them are legal, there is no age restriction on their purchase, making it very attractive and widely available to teenagers.

Dangers of Synthys

Health concerns involving synthetic drugs are varied. Health care officials report the use of these chemicals can have very detrimental physiological and psychological effects. Users have experienced hallucinations, disorientation and raised blood pressure levels. The psychological effects can be long-lasting and extreme. According to Dr. Susan Smolinske of Children's Hospital of Michigan's Poison Control Center, unlike regular

marijuana, synthetic marijuana can cause seizures, hallucinations, rapid heartbeat and aggression. She said it's unknown if the drug can cause permanent brain damage because studies have not yet been done on most of the synthetic marijuana.

Attractive to Teens

The popularity of these drugs is increasing among teenagers and college students. In a 2011 report released by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, "11.4 percent of 12th graders used Spice or K2 within the previous year, making it the second most commonly used illicit drug among seniors." (www.whitehouse.gov)

In 2011 in Louisiana, a 21-year-old college honor student used synthetic drugs. The 21-year-old quickly became violent and combative and exhibited signs similar to those of a paranoid episode and stabbed himself. He was taken to an area hospital where he was monitored and treated. Told to keep a close eye on the young man after his release from the hospital, his father stood vigil. The son was unresponsive and uncommunicative. The son then ran from his bedroom, found a rifle and shot himself to death.

A man from Little Rock, AR, was attending a music festival and was offered a LSD-type synthetic drug. The drug was administered by a single drop into his nose. The man's friends reported him babbling incoherently within minutes of taking the drug. He was rushed to an area hospital where doctors were unable to save him, and he died three days later.

Impacts on Michigan and Rez

The State of Michigan is currently passing legislation to make synthetic drugs illegal. This can pose a serious challenge to law enforcement officials as the manufacturers of these drugs are watching the new laws being made and change the ingredients to make their product legal, but no less harmful. A current ban of the six most common chemicals has been implemented by the Drug Enforcement Admin-

istration (DEA), but there are known to be 450 chemicals used. According to Walter Lamar, former Deputy Director of BIA Law Enforcement and current president of Lamar Associates, enforcing these laws could be a jurisdictional problem for tribal and state officials. Many states' laws will have little impact on reservations, leaving only the DEA's tentative ban in effect.

What a Parent Can Do

Here are some tips parents can use to keep their children safe:

Open a dialogue about the harms of synthetic and regular drugs. Research shows children who've been talked to about the dangers of drugs tend to stay drug-free.

Watch their spending. The price of a pack of synthetic drugs can cost between \$20-\$60.

Use your eyes. Teenagers have exhibited signs which mimic depression: They can be lethargic and withdrawn. In others, teens can be argumentative, violent or combative.

For more information regarding synthetic drugs, please call the Michigan Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.

The Poison Control Center chart appears courtesy of www.whitehouse.gov

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1. If your residence is on Tribally owned land;
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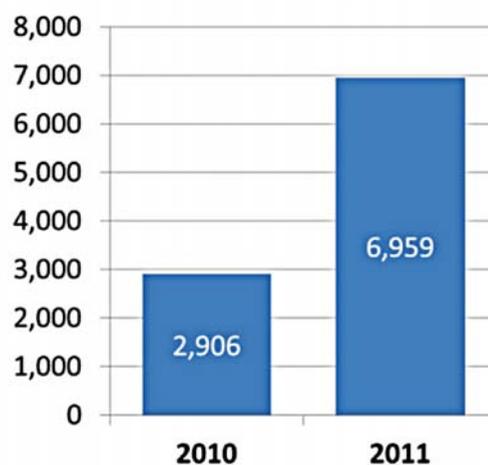
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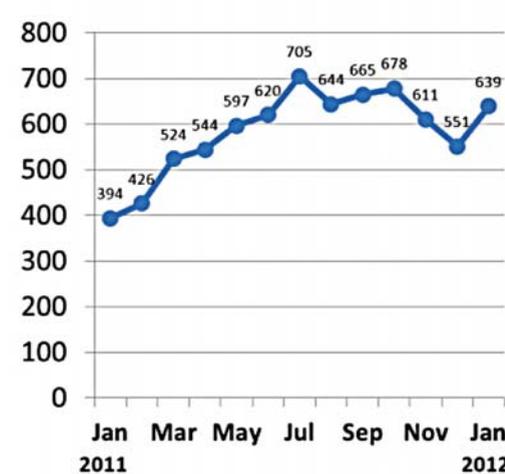
For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry you can visit the LTBB Website, www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.

Calls Received by Poison Control Centers for Human Exposure to Synthetic Marijuana, 2010 to January 2012

The number of calls in 2011 are more than double that in 2010.



Calls remain high since a steady rise from January to July 2011.



Source: American Association of Poison Control Centers, Synthetic Marijuana Data, Updated February 8, 2012 (Preliminary data).



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

PLEASE NOTE:

The Legislative Office has moved to the south wing of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. The south wing was previously occupied by the Tribal Prosecutor's Office and the Tribal Court, both of whom moved to 911 Spring St. in Petoskey, MI. You may contact the Legislative Office toll-free at 1-866-972-0077 or contact Administrative Assistant Mike Smith at 231-242-1406.

2013 Tribal Council Regular Schedule

Work Sessions and Meetings begin at approximately 9 a.m.

(January 1 - New Year's Holiday, Offices Closed)

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| Work session: January 5, 2013 | Meeting: January 6, 2013 |
| Work session: January 19, 2013 | Meeting: January 20, 2013 |
| Work session: February 2, 2013 | Meeting: February 3, 2013 |
| Work session: February 16, 2013 | Meeting: February 17, 2013 |
| Work session: March 2, 2013 | Meeting: March 3, 2013 |
| Work session: March 16, 2013 | Meeting: March 17, 2013 |

(March 29-31 Good Friday and Easter Holiday, Offices Closed)

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| Work session: April 6, 2013 | Meeting: April 7, 2013 |
| Work session: April 20, 2013 | Meeting: April 21, 2013 |
| Work session: May 4, 2013 | Meeting: May 5, 2013 |
| Work session: May 18, 2013 | Meeting: May 19, 2013 |

(May 27 - Memorial Day, Offices Closed)

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| Work session: June 1, 2013 | Meeting: June 2, 2013 |
| Work session: June 22, 2013 | Meeting: June 23, 2013 |

(July 4th, Offices Closed)

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| Work session: July 6, 2013 | Meeting: July 7, 2013 |
| Work session: July 20, 2013 | Meeting: July 21, 2013 |
| Work session: August 3, 2013 | Meeting: August 4, 2013 |
| Work session: August 17, 2013 | Meeting: August 18, 2013 |

(September 2 - Labor Day, Offices Closed)

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| Work session: September 7, 2013 | Meeting: September 8, 2013 |
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(September 21 Sovereignty Day, Offices Closed)

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| Work session: September 21, 2013 | Meeting: September 22, 2013 |
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(September 27, Michigan Indian Day, Offices Closed)

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| Work session: October 5, 2013 | Meeting: October 6, 2013 |
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| Work session: October 19, 2013 | Meeting: October 20, 2013 |
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| Work session: November 2, 2013 | Meeting: November 3, 2013 |
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(November 11, Veterans Day, Offices Closed)

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| Work session: November 16, 2013 | Meeting: November 17, 2013 |
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(November 28 - 29 Thanksgiving Holiday Offices Closed)

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| Work session: December 7, 2013 | Meeting: December 8, 2013 |
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| Work session: December 21, 2013 | Meeting: December 22, 2013 |
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(December 24-25 Christmas Holiday Offices Closed)

(December 31 New Year's Eve, Holiday Offices Closed)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ELDERS

Reservations will be accepted beginning February 4, 2013 through March 1, 2013 for the 19th Annual Anishinaabemowin Teg Conference to be held March 27, 2013 to March 31, 2013, at Kewadin Casino and Resort in Sault Ste. Marie, MI by the Elders Program at 231-242-1422. Guidelines established through LTBB of Odawa for Elders Trips and Conferences will be utilized for scheduling this and all other conferences or travel throughout 2013. We look forward to having the opportunity to meet a lot of you throughout the new year at various conferences, events and activities!

Reminder that your 2013 Food and Utility Reimbursement application will be in the mail and in next month's issue of the Odawa Trails! Keep saving those receipts!!!

Miigwech, Elders Program Coordinator
Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet



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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Commission, Board and Committee Vacancies

Current Vacancies:

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending
Child Welfare	3 yr. term	3
Economic Development	3 yr. term	3
Housing	4 yr. term	3
Gaming Regulatory	3 yr. term	1
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	4
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.	3 yr. term	3
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.	3 yr./5 yr. term	2
Odawa Fishery, Inc.	3 yr. term	3

The following information is provided for Tribal Members who are seeking nominations for an appointment to an LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee. Those interested, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume to:

Tribal Chairman
LTBB of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49770
Phone (231) 242-1418 Fax (231) 242-1411
Email: chairman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

The Executive Office notifies applicants when letter and resume are received. The Chairman's nominations are forwarded to Tribal Council. Thereafter, the Legislative Office handles all interview scheduling and correspondence for the Commissions or Boards, for the position vacancies.

The Executive office is also accepting resumes for nominations for the appointed positions of:

Judicial Postings:

Appellate Judge, 6 year term, expiring February 2018
Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians. Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.

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JUDICIAL BRANCH

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COURT



NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.
CPB-004-1212

Estate of Emery Armstrong Iliff Date of birth 06/08/1941

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Emery Armstrong Iliff, Walked on 11/30/2012
Date

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jeremy J. Iliff, the legal personal representative of the estate, or to the

Probate court at Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Tribal Court 7500 Odawa Circle, MI 49740
Address City

and the named/proposed personal representative within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

01/16/2013

Date
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa, Tribal Court
Personal Representative name (type or print)
7500 Odawa Circle
Address
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
City, State, zip

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COURT



NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.
CPB-005-1212

Estate of Lucy Agnes Washe Date of birth 02/08/1929

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lucy Agnes Washe, Walked on 11/03/2012
Date

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Glenna Kimball, the legal personal representative of the estate, or to the

Probate court at LTBB Tribal Court 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Address City

and the named/proposed personal representative within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

01/16/2013

Date
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa, Tribal Court
Personal Representative name (type or print)
7500 Odawa Circle
Address
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
City, State, zip



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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://tinyurl.com/lbttaxagr>

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.

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, 36.5 cents per gallon unleaded and 32.6 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.

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.



ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS DUE OCTOBER 31, 2013

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTOBER 31, 2013. Faxed copies are not acceptable and will not be processed. The Address Verification form must contain the original signature. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address.

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

Minors who turn 18 by OCTOBER 31, 2013 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form

must be returned by OCTOBER 31, 2013.

Address verification forms can be downloaded at 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.

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@lbbodawa-nsn.gov



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 be used by the Grants Department.
Megwetch,
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer



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. Fisher	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
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	6/7/2011	June 7, 2017	05-09

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 at 231-242-1584.

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.

NEW LTBB I.D. CARDS

Tribal identification cards now have a hologram. This is an added security feature to eliminate duplication. We are phasing out the old cards. Once your Tribal identification card has expired, you will be issued the new hologram card along with a replacement fee of \$10. Replacement cost includes: address change, lost card, expired cards and minors turning 21. There will be no fee charged for: elders (55 and up), first time picture identification card, name change, defective card, faded or cracked (must bring card to office).

For more information, please contact: Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520

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

Services:

- > Enrollment Applications.
- > Address Change Forms.
 - o Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
 - o Minors require notarization annually.
- > 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.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN DEXTER McNAMARA

Washington, D.C.

On Sunday, December 2, 2012, I left for Washington, D.C. and rode with Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairman Aaron Payment. I had meetings with our lobbyist most of the day on Monday, December 3, 2012.

On Tuesday, December 4, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., I attended the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Winter Legislative Summit with the welcome being done by Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr. In attendance were Steffani Cochra, Vice-Chairwoman of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC); Loretta Tuell, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; Richard Litsey, Senior Advisor-Indian Affairs, Committee on Finance; Senator Maria Cantwell; and Representatives Frank Pallone, Betty McCollum, Jim Moran, Tom Cole, Jeff Denham, Nick Rahall II, Kristi Noem, Paul Gosar, Dan Benishek and Tom McClintock. Closing remarks were presented by Stevens, Jr.

On Wednesday, December 5, 2012, I attended a morning general session with top administrative officials and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) with Secretary Ken Salazar, Department of the Interior; Secretary Arne Duncan, Department of Education; Deputy Secretary Neil Wolin, Department of the Treasury; Acting Secretary Rebecca Blank, Department of Commerce; Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Department of Health and Human Services; and Secretary Tom Vilsack, Department of Agriculture.

There were breakout sessions focused in five key areas, facilitated by cabinet members and other senior officials. The topics were: 1. Strengthening Tribal Communities, Economic Development, Housing, Energy and Infrastructure; 2. Protecting our Communities: Law Enforcement and Disaster Relief; 3. Securing our Future: Cultural Protection, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection; 4. Building Healthy Communities, Excellence in Education and Native American Youth; and 5. Strengthening and Advancing the Government to Government Relationship.

After the breakout sessions were completed, the administration leaders did a read out of those sessions with questions and comments anyone had. I spoke and asked questions on the Law Enforcement and Disaster Relief in regards to the State of Michigan.

There was a good two-minute standing ovation for President Barack Obama as he was introduced, and he waved to the crowd. During his introduction, Swinomish Nation Chairman Brian Cladoosy joked about how President Obama was called the "First American Indian President." Think about what he said, "The President loves basketball. He has an Indian name, he knows what it's like to be poor, and he hasn't forgotten where he came from. And his theme song is 'Hail to the Chief,' so he definitely qualifies as the first American Indian president."

The leaders of the 566 federally recognized tribal nations mainly expressed concern about how devastating the proposed Republican budget cuts could be on Indian tribes. The Hill reported cuts at the sequester level of 8.2% or deeper to investments in education, housing, roads, law enforcement, tribal courts, natural resources, energy development, job training and health care, which would deal devastating blows to the already dire economic conditions in Indian country.

I introduced myself and had pictures taken with the three remaining Navajo Code Talkers who had been introduced earlier by President Obama.

On Thursday, December 6, 2012 in the late morning and afternoon, I met with our lobbyist again discussing Congress and the President's



need to take action on many issues in the lame duck session and in the 113th Congress. Many of these will have impact on tribal members, and we all know major issues are being held up pending outcome of the resolution of the "fiscal cliff" between the White House and Congress. On Friday, December 7, 2012, I headed back to Michigan.

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA)

On December 13, 2012, the CORA meeting was held

at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, and this was also the same day as the Elders Christmas Luncheon. The meeting was called to order at 11:24 a.m. Agenda topics were: 1. Border Patrol and Coast Guard, 2. CORA's uniformed subcontracts, 3. BIA Decision Funding, 4. Winter meetings will continue to be held at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, 5. 2013 CORA Attorney Contract and 2013 CORA Elections for Chairman and Vice Chairman; Great Lakes Resources Committee (GLRC) Chairman and Vice Chairman and Inland Lands and Waters Resource Committee (ILWRC) Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Elders and Employees Christmas Luncheons

Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, held the annual Elders Christmas Luncheon on December 13, 2012, the same day I had to be at the CORA meeting. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a great time at the Elders Christmas Luncheon. A Christmas Luncheon was held in the Commons Area of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, for the governmental employees on December 14, 2012 with a dish to pass and slides shown of their hard work during 2012.

Budgets

The budgets for 2014 have been turned into Tribal Council as the deadline was December 15, 2012.

Cobell v. Salazar

The Cobell v. Salazar settlement is approved. The settlement resolves a class action lawsuit which claims the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands. Payments to the Historical Accounting Class are underway. The process of considering claims for the Trust Administration Class is ongoing.

The final deadline if you need to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class is March 1, 2013. Are you included? The Trust Administration Class Includes:

Anyone alive on September 30, 2009, who: Had an Individual Indian Money (IIM) account recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009 or can demonstrate ownership in trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.

The estate (or heirs) of any deceased landowner or IIM account holder whose account was open or whose trust assets had been in probate according to the federal governments records as of September 30, 2009.

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL TOLL-FREE at 1-800-961-6109 OR E-MAIL at Info@IndianTrust.com or by mail to Indian Trust Settlement P.O. Box 9577 Dublin, OH 43017-4877

While I am not aware of LTBB Tribal Citizens having IIM accounts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), individual citizens are certainly free to do their own research to be certain. It probably wouldn't hurt if you notified other tribal families to look into this.

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



WAH-WAHS-NOO DA KE
Elder Housing Development

Application Availability Notification

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

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

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

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



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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.

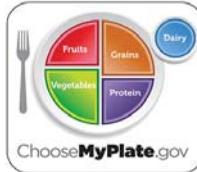
Credit Counseling: We provide confidential advice and referrals to assist tribal citizens in regaining their financial stability and credibility.

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 family's 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.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

10 tips
Nutrition
Education Series

make celebrations fun, healthy & active



10 tips to creating healthy, active events

Eating healthy and being physically active can be a fun part of parties and events. Great gatherings are easy to do when tasty, healthy foods from all the food groups are offered in a fun, active environment. Above all, focus on enjoying friends and family.

1 make healthy habits part of your celebrations

Food and beverages are a part of an event, but they do not have to be the center of the occasion. Focus on activities to get people moving and enjoy being together.

2 make foods look festive

Decorate foods with nuts or seeds or use new shapes for vegetables. Add a few eye-catching fruits to a favorite dish, serve up a new recipe, or add a sprinkle of almonds or green onions to add just an extra something.

3 offer thirst quenches that please

Make fun ice cubes from 100% juice or add slices of fruit to make water more exciting. Create a "float" by adding a scoop of low-fat sorbet to seltzer water.

4 savor the flavor

Take time to pay attention to the taste of each bite of food. Make small changes in your old recipes or try dishes from another culture to liven things up.

5 use ChooseMyPlate.gov to include foods from the food groups for your party

Offer whole-grain crackers, serve a spicy bean dip and a veggie tray, make fruit kabobs, layer yogurt and fruit to create a sweet parfait. Use whole grains and veggies to make a savory, healthy salad.

6 make moving part of every event

Being physically active makes everyone feel good. Dancing, moving, playing active games, wiggling, and giggling add fun to any gathering.

7 try out some healthier recipes

Find ways to cut back on sugar, salt, and fat as you prepare your favorite recipes. Try out some of the recipes on ChooseMyPlate.gov.

8 keep it simple

Have others participate by contributing a prepared dish, helping with the clean up, or keeping the kids active and moving.

9 shop smart to eat smart

Save money by offering foods that fit your budget. Buy in-season produce when it costs less and tastes better. Plan in advance and buy foods on sale.

10 be a cheerleader for healthy habits

It's never too early for adults to set an example. Keep in mind that children follow what the adults around them do—even at parties.

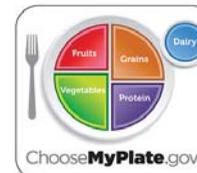


Go to www.ChooseMyPlate.gov/bday/celebrate.aspx for more information.

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May 2012
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10 tips
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eating better on a budget



10 tips to help you stretch your food dollars

Get the most for your food budget! There are many ways to save money on the foods that you eat. The three main steps are planning before you shop, purchasing the items at the best price, and preparing meals that stretch your food dollars.

1 plan, plan, plan!

Before you head to the grocery store, plan your meals for the week. Include meals like stews, casseroles, or stir-fries, which "stretch" expensive items into more portions. Check to see what foods you already have and make a list for what you need to buy.

2 get the best price

Check the local newspaper, online, and at the store for sales and coupons. Ask about a loyalty card for extra savings at stores where you shop. Look for specials or sales on meat and seafood—often the most expensive items on your list.



3 compare and contrast

Locate the "Unit Price" on the shelf directly below the product. Use it to compare different brands and different sizes of the same brand to determine which is more economical.

4 buy in bulk

It is almost always cheaper to buy foods in bulk. Smart choices are family packs of chicken, steak, or fish and larger bags of potatoes and frozen vegetables. Before you shop, remember to check if you have enough freezer space.

5 buy in season

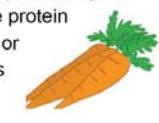
Buying fruits and vegetables in season can lower the cost and add to the freshness! If you are not going to use them all right away, buy some that still need time to ripen.

6 convenience costs... go back to the basics

Convenience foods like frozen dinners, pre-cut vegetables, and instant rice, oatmeal, or grits will cost you more than if you were to make them from scratch. Take the time to prepare your own—and save!

7 easy on your wallet

Certain foods are typically low-cost options all year round. Try beans for a less expensive protein food. For vegetables, buy carrots, greens, or potatoes. As for fruits, apples and bananas are good choices.



8 cook once...eat all week!

Prepare a large batch of favorite recipes on your day off (double or triple the recipe). Freeze in individual containers. Use them throughout the week and you won't have to spend money on take-out meals.

9 get your creative juices flowing

Spice up your leftovers—use them in new ways. For example, try leftover chicken in a stir-fry or over a garden salad, or to make chicken chili. Remember, throwing away food is throwing away your money!

10 eating out

Restaurants can be expensive. Save money by getting the early bird special, going out for lunch instead of dinner, or looking for "2 for 1" deals. Stick to water instead of ordering other beverages, which add to the bill.



Go to www.ChooseMyPlate.gov for more information.

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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.

Moving?

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

Forms are also available at www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov. 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.



DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LTBB U.S.D.A. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM?

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Call Monday - Friday
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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT CHAMPIONS SEASON OF GIVING



The Human Services Department collected hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and coats by sponsoring its Annual Binagek Hat and Mitten Trees and its First Annual Biboon Biskaan Dowendaagan (Winter Coat Drive) in November and December 2012.

Initially, Human Services set up a Hat and Mitten Tree at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, but it has since grown to include three trees, one at the LTBB Governmental Center, one at the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey, MI, and one at 911 Spring St. in Petoskey, MI. Human Services will look into the possibility of putting one at Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, next year, so casino employees can bring donations there.

More than 100 items were donated at the three locations, some store bought and some handmade. Human Services also received an anonymous donation of \$50 to purchase additional items. The items were then distributed to tribal community members. If you are in need of items, please stop by the Human Services Department, which is located at 911 Spring St. in Petoskey, MI.

Human Services plans on sponsoring Hat and Mitten Trees and a Winter Coat Drive next year.

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"They opened the door to me thinking outside of my box and broadening my horizons,"

Sonia Worthington, Entrepreneurship Essentials graduate

"The convenience of being able to register early for my classes was so helpful."

Rochelle Ettawageshik, Graphic Arts and Textiles graduate

"[New Media] was a program that offered flexibility in a field that had never been offered before and that I was deeply interested in. I am learning something new and something that is relevant now."

Stacia Defeudis, New Media graduate

"I really enjoy the stethoscope because it is something I really needed [in my line of work]."

Kelli Wiklanski, Certified Nurse Aide graduate

"I definitely learned a lot from Essentials of Entrepreneurship because it taught me the ins and outs of starting and running a business."

Jeffrey Wiatrolik, Entrepreneurship Essentials graduate

"Through the program, I gained the necessary tools for a successful completion of two certificates of development."

James Wolf, New Media and Graphic Arts graduate



WOCTEP, a program under the Education Department of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, offers career-based and Technical Education Opportunities in partnership with North Central Michigan College.

"The beauty of having my CNA is that it gives me the ability to find employment in any location."

Karen Weber Jensen, Certified Nurse Aide graduate

"The textile courses [are] a wonderful addition to my work as a seamstress. It is a little more specialized, but it will help me make a one-of-a-kind outfit, especially if the cloth was hand woven."

Elizabeth Johnston, Textiles graduate

"I love that the Phlebotomy program is hands-on and not just bookwork!"

Ashley Winter, Phlebotomy graduate

"I've always done arts and crafts, but I wanted to develop the business side of what I do. The Entrepreneurship program gave me the basics to get started."

Audrey Atkinson, Entrepreneurship Essentials graduate

"[I appreciated] the first-hand experience with a counselor who helped me through all the processes of filling out forms."

Tootsie Keshick, New Media graduate

"I can honestly say that WOCTEP has changed my life! With the various means of support, I not only completed all three certificates, but I also obtained gainful employment as the Pre-Press Graphic Specialist at the Odawa Trails newsletter. I never would have tried for the full-time position had it not been for the encouragement of the WOCTEP staff!"

Wendy Congdon, New Media, Graphic Arts and Entrepreneurship Essentials graduate

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- TEXTILES ~ NEW MEDIA

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\$\$\$: Get paid to go to class (available to eligible students, call 231-242-1494 for more details). Finish your program, and we'll pay your graduation application fee!

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ATTENTION STUDENTS!

IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR THAT STARTED ON AUGUST 1, 2012, YOU NEED TO SUBMIT NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP

****Please Note****
Applications WILL NOT be automatically mailed to students



Applications are available online and can be downloaded from the Education Department's web-page at www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov or may be requested from Academic Services at 231-242-1480.

Avoid the headache!

UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Winter (Jan - May)
February 15th



For more information, contact Academic Services at 231-242-1480

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Merit scholarships are available for students who have graduated with a certificate or degree for the 2012-2013 academic year. Students need to submit a completed form and a copy of the official transcript showing the de-

gree received by December 1, 2013. For more information, contact Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

ATTENTION MICHELLE CHINGWA RECIPIENTS

Just a reminder, winter deadline for Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship is February 15, 2013. Also, please remember the Education Department needs to receive Enrollment Verification Forms before the last day of the semester for second installments to be processed. Please remember faxed Enrollment Verification

Forms will not be accepted, and it is the student's responsibility to follow up 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.

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Anishinaabemowin? There's an App for That!

Download this app for Ojibwe language for your iPhone, iPod, iPad or Android device. The app is distributed FREE by Grassroots Indigenous Multimedia in partnership with Byki. Visit the website at anishinaabemodaa.org and click on "resources." Click the link, and it will give you directions to download the free Ojibwe language learning app, in just a few easy steps, to your device.

**You can also use the program on your PC computer for free.

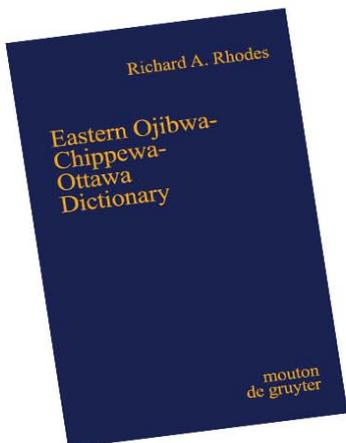


RESOURCES FOR ANISHINAABE LANGUAGE LEARNING

The University of Minnesota has created an online searchable dictionary with audio, cultural and historical information.

It is called "The Ojibwe Peoples' Dictionary."

The url, or website address is <http://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu/>



EASTERN OJIBWA-CHIPPEWA-OTTAWA DICTIONARY
By Richard A. Rhodes, isbn 3-11-013749-6 paperback. This dictionary is an excellent source of Anishinaabe language, resulting from years of field study and research in both Michigan and Ontario, Canada.

Cost for paperback is approximately \$50, google book to find bookstores that carry it or check at Goodminds.com.

OJIBWE, OJIBWAY, CHIPPEWA, OTTAWA,
ODAWA, POTTAWATOMI = ANISHINAABE

Anishinaabemowin = the "Language of the Anishinaabe People."



The Anishinaabe people include the Odawa, Ojibwe and Bwadawaatomi/Boodwewaadomi (Pottawatomi) tribes and bands of the Great Lakes area, including Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, parts of Canada, and a few bands who were removed to Oklahoma and Kansas. It is the same language, all Anishinaabemowin. There are small differences due to dialect by geographic region or social group or other influences upon the language over time. The Anishinaabe language of our region here, in Waganakising area, is known as Eastern dialect, sometimes, called Central dialect or Odawa dialect. There are many more Native speakers or fluent elders in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ontario than in Michigan. There are also many more resources which have been created over the past few decades in Ojibwe or the Western dialect common to Minnesota and Wisconsin. As you search the Internet for resources to help you learn the language, you'll find many sources - websites, Facebook, Twitter and now, apps for your smart phones. Make use of the many resources out there even if they're called "Ojibwe" or "Ojibway"... because it is still Anishinaabemowin, and they will all help you in learning our Anishinaabe language!

MINIDO WEDANG

By Terry Spanish, Language Instructor

To feel shame - Agachiwi
To feel jealous - Gaawe
A greedy, selfish person - Zaagzid
To become upset - Maaskaad
To yell at someone - Giikaamaad
To have a person ridicule someone - Baabaapnodwaad
Always willing to work and fast - Taadbii
Be hard at work - Getnaamzid
To be successful at doing something - Gshkiwewzid
To be able to come through something - Zhaabshkang
To release someone - Bigidin
To be able to forgive someone - Bigidenmaa
A happy occasion - Baapnakmigak
If your arm is numb - Biinsis
Setting up a good lifestyle - Tadbe Bemaadziwing

Ebiimoshin

(modern phrase to say "e-mail me")

Are you interested in receiving occasional e-mails regarding Anishinaabemowin Language such as announcements of activities, classes, events or general information and news?

Let us know by e-mail, and we'll add you to the "e-mail-list."
Carla Osawamick (McFall) at cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!

We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details!
If you are interested, please contact the Human Services Department at
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Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion Classes

Open Classes - Guests Welcome
Drop by for a couple of hours or stay all day!
Beginners Welcome, the more you listen,
the more you will begin to understand.

February 8, 9 & 10

TIMES: Fridays 1pm-8pm
Saturdays 8am-8pm
Sundays 8am-noon

LOCATION: Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa
Waasnodeki Community Center, Harbor Springs, MI

BMCC Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program -NPIP

For more information, contact LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Department,
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Gindaaswinak ~ Numbers

Last month, we looked at the months of the year.

This shows numbers and a few different ways numbers are used.

Next month, we'll continue using these number prefixes to look at telling time.

Numbers	
0	Kaagego
1	Bezhik
2	Niizh
3	Nswe
4	Niiwin
5	Naanan
6	Ngodwaaswe
7	Niizhwaaswe
8	Nshwaaswe
9	Zhaangsw
10	Mdaaswe
11	Mdaaswe shi bezhik
12	Mdaaswe shi niizh
13	Mdaaswe shi nswe
14	Mdaaswe shi niiwin
15	Mdaaswe shi naanan
16	Mdaaswe shi ngodwaaswe
17	Mdaaswe shi niizhwaaswe
18	Mdaaswe shi nshwaaswe
19	Mdaaswe shi zhaangsw
20	Niizhtana
30	Nsemtana
40	Niimtana
50	Naanmitana
60	Ngodwaasmitana
70	Niizhwaasmitana
80	Nshwaasmitana
90	Zhaangsmi
100	Ngodwaak
200	Niizhwaak
300	Nswaak
400	Niiwaak
500	Naanwaak
600	Ngodwaaswaak
700	Niizhwaaswaak
800	Nshwaaswaak
900	Zhaangswaak
1,000	Mdaaswaak

Numbers in the form of prefixes:	
one	ngo-, ngwa-, ngod-
two	niizho-, niizhi-, niizh-
three	nso-
four	niiwo-
five	naano-
six	ngodwaaso-
seven	niizhwaaso-
eight	nshwaaso-
nine	zhaangso-
10	mdaaso-

Ordinal numbers, except for first, use the prefix ekwa- or eko- :	
first	ntam
second	ekwa-niizhing
third	ekwa-nsing
fourth	ekwa-niiwing
fifth	ekwa-naaning

To say the thousands, use prefixes:	
2,000	niizho-mdaaswaak
3,000	nso-mdaaswaak
4,000	niiwo-mdaaswaak
5,000	naano-mdaaswaak
6,000	ngodwaaso-mdaaswaak
7,000	niizhwaaso-mdaaswaak
8,000	nshwaaso-mdaaswaak
9,000	zhaangso-mdaaswaak
10,000	mdaaso-mdaaswaak

Multiples of Numbers:	
once	ngoding, ngwading
twice	niizhing
three times	nising
four times	niiwing
five times	naaning
six times	ngodwaaching
seven times	niizhwaaching
eight times	nshwaaching
nine times	zhaangching
10 times	mdaaching

Other examples of how you could use number prefixes:	
two glassfuls	niizho-nitaas
three cupfuls	nso-mnikwaajigan
four platefuls	niiwo-naagan
five tablespoonfuls	naano-emkwaan
six teaspoonfuls	ngodwaaso-emkwaanenhs
seven barrellfuls	niizhwaaso-niimbaagan
eight basketfuls	nshwaaso-kookibinaagan
nine houseful	zhaangso-wiigwam
10 pounds	mdaaso-baabiishkojigan
one carful	ngo-daabaan

shi (sometimes sha) is a "connector" - Examples:	
16	Mdaaswe shi ngodwaaswe
23	Niizhtana shi nswe
37	Nsemtana shi niizhwaaswe
44	Niimtana shi niiwin
52	Naanmitana shi niizh
61	Ngodwaasmitana shi bezhik
78	Niizhwaasmitana shi nshwaaswe
89	Nshwaasmitana shi zhaangsw
95	Zhaangsmi shi naanan
129	Ngodwaak shi Niizhtana shi Zhaangsw
357	Nswaak shi Naanmitana shi Niizhwaaswe
562	Naanwaak shi Ngodwaasmitana shi Niizh
899	Nshwaaswaak shi Zhaangsmi shi Zhaangsw

Examples using the number prefixes:	
one "clanful," one family	ngo-doode
two minutes	niizho-dbagiiswaanenhs
three hours	nso-dbagiiswaan
four days	niiwo-gwan, niiwo-giizhigat
five nights	naano-dbik, naano-dbikat
six weeks	ngodwaaso-namegiizhik
seven months	niizhwaaso-giizis
eight years (winters)	nshwaaso-biboon
nine feet	zhaangso-zid
10 miles	mdaaso-dbaabaan



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Submitted by the Health Department



The Health Department would like to welcome back Patty Crosser, RN! Patty is back with us in the Health Clinic as the Triage Nurse/Clinic Manager, and we are very excited to have her back. We would also like to welcome the newest member of our team, Julie Church. Julie is the new Contract Health Assistant I. Welcome Julie!

February is National Heart Month, and to kick off the month, February 1 is Wear Red for Women Day. Millions of women and men come together on this day to wear red, take action and commit to fighting heart disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), heart disease is the lead-

ing cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Natives. We also die from heart disease at younger ages than other racial and ethnic groups in the United States. Native women, in particular, have high rates of diabetes, overweight and obesity and high blood pressure, which are factors which increase heart disease risk.

However, you can take action and lower your chance of developing heart disease and its risk factors. According to

www.womenshealth.gov, women can lower their heart disease risk by as much as 82% just by leading a healthy lifestyle and following these guidelines:

- **Keep a healthy weight.** Overweight and obesity are risk factors for heart disease. Ask your doctor what a healthy weight is for you.

- **Make physical activity a habit.** Health benefits are gained by doing the following each week:

- Two hours and 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity or

- One hour and 15 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity or

- A combination of moderate and vigorous aerobic activity and

- Muscle-strengthening ac-

tivities on two or more days of the week

- **Eat heart-healthy foods.** Eat whole grain foods, vegetables and fruit. Choose lean meats and low-fat cheese and dairy products. Limit foods which have lots of saturated fat such as butter, whole milk, baked goods, ice cream, fatty meats and cheese.

- **Know your numbers.** Ask your doctor to check your blood pressure, cholesterol (total, HDL, LDL and triglycerides) and blood glucose (sugar). Follow your doctor's orders to keep your cholesterol, blood pressure and blood glucose levels under control.

- **Don't smoke.** If you smoke, try to quit.

Wear Red for Women on February 1 to help raise awareness about and to help fight heart disease.

If you have not done so, it is still not too late to get your seasonal influenza vaccine. Seasonal flu activity peaks in January, February or later, which makes receiving your flu shot now even more important. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend everyone six months or older should get a flu vaccine each year.

Have a wonderful February!
Courtesy photo of Patty Crosser.

MEET CONTRACT HEALTH ASSISTANT JULIE CHURCH



Julie Church started as a Contract Health Assistant, working at the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, on November 26, 2012.

Contract Health Service (CHS) is an alternate resource for health care costs for LTBB Tribal Citizens and LTBB descendants with funding provided by Indian Health Service (IHS). IHS does not guarantee funds will always be available. Contract Health is not an entitlement program, not everyone is eligible.

For Contract Health to make payments on your behalf for health care services, you must be an enrolled member of LTBB, a descendant of LTBB or a member of another federally recognized tribe and provide social or economic ties to LTBB and live within the Contract Health Services Delivery Area (CHS-DA). For any Contract Health questions or for more information about Contract Health, you may call 231-242-1600.

"I really enjoy working here because most people are very appreciative of the services they receive and of what we do to assist them," Church said. "That's the big difference from working in the private sector. It's a welcome difference. "We have an incredible team here, and helping peo-

ple is very rewarding."

Church, who grew up in Battle Creek, MI, and graduated from Harper Creek High School in Battle Creek, MI, completed the diploma program in Medical Office, Billing and Management from the Barton Schools and earned a certificate of Law Enforcement from Kellogg Community College.

She has worked in the medical field for more than 20 years as a Lead Coder/Auditor and Billing Specialist. Her two years with the Barton Schools prepared her for the administrative side of the medical field for Health Information Management System (HIMS), Coding and Billing and gave her a brief overview of the clinical side of the medical field. Through the years, she has continued her education in the medical field by taking courses in Medical Records, Compliance/Auditing, Coding and Billing, and Management Techniques.

Kellogg Community College trained her to be an Enforcement Officer/Reserve Police Officer, a position she worked at for approximately five years. The Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement training assisted her in her duties as a Code Enforcement Officer and as an Armed Contract Guard at the Battle Creek Federal Center and federal buildings/grounds in the Battle Creek, MI, area.

"My classes at KCC assisted me in my interpersonal skills and helped me develop many other skills which help in dealing with the public in both the Criminal Justice field and Medical field and in everyday life situations," Church said. "I still use my investigative skills and face challenges in my current posi-

tion, but it's not dangerous like being a Reserve Police Officer or Code Enforcement Officer. Plus, you work days, and you can have a regular life."

She and her husband, Larry, owned a seasonal store, North Wood Herbs and Gifts, in St. Ignace, MI.

"We left Michigan for a while when the economy took a downward turn, and we went to Florida," Church said. "We had our adventure, and we moved back home. We've always loved Northern Michigan. We lived in Iron Mountain (Michigan), so we have friends in Cheboygan (Michigan) and in the U.P. (Upper Peninsula of Michigan). We have family in Traverse City (Michigan) and Manistee (Michigan). My husband's family is from Antrim County (Michigan). We have a lot of ties to this area."

She and her husband, Larry, have been married for 16 years, and they have three children, Trent, Heather and Ashley. Trent, who lives in Southern Michigan, owns Custom Bent and is a Certified Mechanic. Heather, who lives in Southern Michigan, is a phlebotomist. Ashley, who lives in North Carolina, is in the U.S. Marine Corps. Her brother, John, is a teacher in Arizona and is in the military reserves after serving three tours of duty in Afghanistan. Her brother, Mark, is a prison guard in North Carolina.

She enjoys fishing, various outdoor activities and arts and crafts and works with herbs, having studied through Sage Mountain/Rosemary Gladstar in the Art and Science of Herbalism.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF GOING RED BY WEARING RED

Wear red on Friday, February 1, 2013 for the 10th Annual National Wear Red Day®

Wear red on the 10th Annual National Wear Red Day to stand with women in the fight against their number-one killer: heart disease. Because when Women Go Red, all of us – women and men – join together to support swifter action for women's health, increased funding, and more research, all for the ultimate goal of saving women's lives.

HELP US MAKE AMERICA GO RED AND SAVE WOMEN'S LIVES!

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In Need of A Ride?



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

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

You must exhaust all other means available to you, i.e. Friendship Center Bus, Straits Regional Transit, Char/Em Transit, Taxi or Family.

Clients of the Little Traverse Bay Bands Health Department must notify the Community Health Department 72 hours prior to their appointments

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Call 231-242-1601 to set up a ride as soon as possible.

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The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff



2013 Goonignebig Games

When: February 2, 2013

Time: 10 am - ??

Where: LTBB Governmental Center, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI

A light lunch will be served 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Snacks & drinks available throughout the day.

Bring a dish to pass or sign up for a soup.

Please bring your own meal bag if possible.

To register, contact Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601

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Include your name, age and grade if you are 18 and under.



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

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Charlevoix Area Hospital

14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-4024

Quick Care 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 Quick Care, 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 Family Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI or Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix, MI.

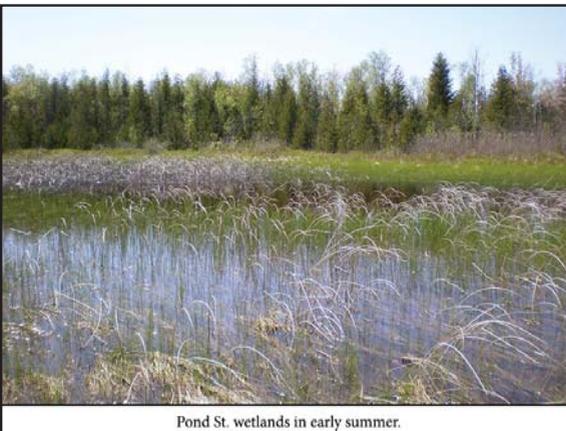
NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

WETLANDS YEAR IN REVIEW

Submitted by Jackie Pilette, Wetland Specialist

2012 was a busy year! As the LTBB Wetland Specialist in the Natural Resource Department, I currently divide my time 50/50 between the LTBB Wetlands Protection Program, which is funded through an ongoing EPA Clean Water Act Section 106 grant, and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) LTBB Bear River Watershed Habitat Restoration Project, a competitively-funded grant from the EPA, which will wrap up September 2013.

For the LTBB Wetlands Protection Program, I visited tribal properties for the purpose of wetland monitoring – floristic (plant) quality surveys with an emphasis on rare, threatened, endangered and invasive species as well as other biological surveys, wetland conditions and functions, mapping and for management recommendations. There is quite a bit going on with tribal properties: The Drier Rd. property is under construction for a fish enhancement facility, the King's Inn motel site in Mackinaw City, MI, is being considered for development for a casino, and several new properties have been purchased by the tribe for a variety of purposes which need to be



Pond St. wetlands in early summer.

evaluated for wetlands.

I have also been working with the LTBB Government to arrange for permanent tribal protection of rare and important wetlands located on the Mackinaw City/Pond St. property. In terms of plant diversity and habitat quality, this property supports the highest quality lands the tribe owns. The wetlands on the Pond St. parcels are a critical stopover point for migrating birds (including raptors such as eagles and hawks, songbirds and water birds) traveling through the Straits of Mackinaw in the spring and fall. Some of the coolest sights you can see on this property are hundreds of raptors migrating through the Straits in groups during a single day, finding a yellow warbler nest in amongst swampy willows and native Phragmites stands, and seeing the resident great blue heron.

These important wetlands also support a federally threatened plant called Houghton's goldenrod. Houghton's goldenrod (scientific name: *Solidago houghtonii*) is one of the rarest and most threatened plants we have - the coastal wetlands of the northern Great Lakes is the only place in the world where it exists. These goldenrods grow along the shores of the northern Great Lakes on low, interdunal coastal wetlands, calcareous beaches, rocky cobbly shores



Houghton's goldenrod at Pond St.

and beach flats. I was lucky to come across a nice-sized population of this plant when it was in full flower during the late summer/early fall and found it to be growing on about a third of the 60-acre property. I am also working on identifying and setting up eradication/control efforts for harmful invasive species such as invasive Phragmites, Japanese and giant knotweeds, black swallowwort, oriental bittersweet and many others. I've worked on implementing the Emerald Ash Borer

grant, which has allowed LTBB to remove potentially harmful dead/dying ash trees from tribal properties as well as on properties owned by tribal citizens. I am also working on developing an invasive species management plan and using that plan to treat and hopefully, eliminate these harmful invasive species, so they do not spread and degrade lands. Using funds obtained to manage for invasive species, we collaborated with a handful of partners (The Nature Conservancy, the Beaver Island Association, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Charlevoix County Soil Conservation District, the Conservation Resource Alliance and the Little Traverse Conservancy) to have the entire coastline of the Beaver Island Archipelago and the interior of Beaver Island surveyed for a long list of invasive species and treated for invasive Phragmites, a harmful invasive plant that is very successfully being eradicated throughout the archipelago through the ongoing efforts of partners.

In June, I completed a training course sponsored by the Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership (MNSP) to become a Certified Natural Shoreline Professional, which will be useful for planning and installing natural shoreline and wetland restoration projects for the LTBB Wetlands Program as well as for the LTBB GLRI Bear River Project.

For the LTBB GLRI Bear River Grant, reports were completed by Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC) for LTBB with results for the 2011 Walloon Lake and the Bear River shoreline surveys. Mailings were sent out to all Walloon Lake and Bear River shoreline and riverfront property owners which detailed individual property results for the shoreline survey and included recommendations to protect water quality and improve important shoreline habitat. The reports are posted on the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and the LTBB Environmen-



MNSP Natural Shoreline course - during the shoreline erosion project construction.



Pond St. wetlands in early summer.

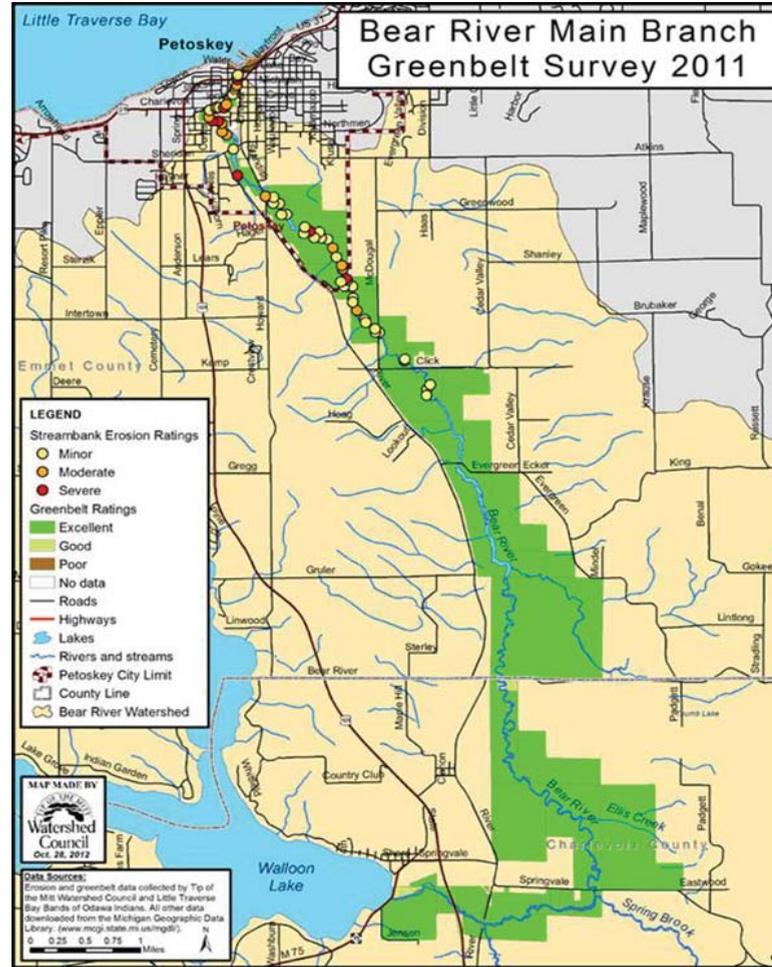
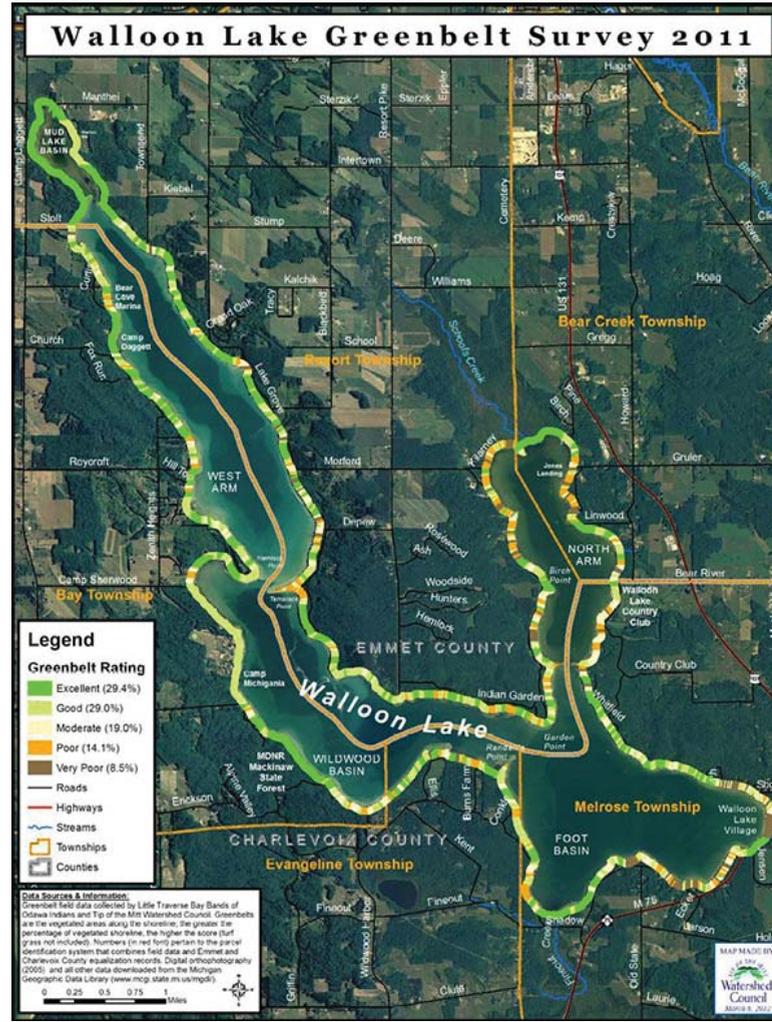
tal Services websites.

LTBB also hosted two educational events for Bear River watershed landowners on the importance of maintaining or restoring natural shorelines/greenbelts as well as on invasive species identification and control. LTBB has also completed a draft Bear River Watershed Invasive Species Management Plan, which will be available through the LTBB Environmental Services GLRI Bear River Project webpage.

We have a number of individual projects lined up in 2013 for the GLRI Bear River grant. We are planning on working with North Central Michigan College (NCMC) on at least one erosion control project along the Bear River and have 10 additional invasive species projects to treat invasive Phragmites, Japanese knotweed, black swallowwort, Autumn/Russian olive, oriental bittersweet as well as other harmful invasive species. We will also continue to work with previous project partners and landowners on greenbelt improvements and invasive species removal/control projects.

Courtesy photos.

Results from the 2011 GLRI Walloon Lake and Bear River surveys.



The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Commission

Is looking for LTBB tribal citizens with an interest in Great Lakes Commercial Gill Net Fishing
The LTBB Commercial Small Boat Apprentice Program is designed to provide eligible LTBB tribal citizens with an opportunity to learn the trade of commercial fishing from an experienced LTBB Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Captain
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LTBB Natural Resources Department
 7845 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740
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 dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



2012 ELDERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



PHOTOS BY ANNETTE VANDECAR
AND TAMMY OKULY-SHANANAQUET



On the Pow Wow Trail

Michigan

March 23-24
23rd Annual Central
Michigan University Pow
Wow
Central Michigan
University
Mt. Pleasant, MI
Contact Information: Sarah Av-
ery and Colleen Green at 989-
774-2508 or nap@cmich.edu

April 6-7
41st Annual Dance for Mother
Earth Pow Wow
Crisler Arena
The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI
Contact Information: 734-408-
1581, www.umich.edu/~pow-
wow or danceformotherearth@
gmail.com

Minnesota

February 8

St. Paul Public Schools
Indian Education Pow Wow
The American Indian Magnet
St. Paul, MN
Contact Information: 651-293-
5191

February 15
Spirit of the Earth Pow Wow
Centennial High School
Circle Pines, MN
Contact Information: Tricia
Garvie Carlson at 763-792-5199

March 8
St. Paul Public Schools
Indian Education Pow Wow
The American Indian Magnet
St. Paul, MN
Contact Information: 651-293-
5191

March 23
Augsburg College 5th
Traditional Pow Wow
Si Melby Gymnasium
Augsburg College

Minneapolis, MN
Contact Information: Jennifer
Simon at 612-330-1144 or www.
augsborg.edu/about/mps_map.
html

April 6
29th Annual Circle of
Nations Pow Wow
P.E. Center
University of Minnesota, Morris
Morris, MN
Contact Information: Tracy R.
Peterson at 320-589-6097

Wisconsin

April 20
The University of Wiscon-
sin-Eau
Claire Traditional Pow Wow
105 Garfield Avenue
Eau Claire, WI
Contact Information: O. White
at 715-836-3367

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LTBB Tribal Citizen Alan Proctor drew a cow elk tag for the 2012 December hunt under LTBB and successfully harvested a cow at approximately 9:30 a.m. on December 10, 2012 in Otsego County, MI, in Area G of the Core Area as delineated for 2012 by the State of Michigan. His hunting partner was LTBB Tribal Citizen Doug Craven.

They spent opening day, Saturday, December 8, 2012, scouting the Core Area and found two areas which held signs of feeding

activity. They hunted one area, but there was a lot of pressure from State of Michigan hunters and guides. They decided to hunt the second area on the morning of Sunday, December 9, 2012.

On Sunday while hunting at the second area, they parked the truck, walked up the west side of the ridge and spotted a herd on the east side. Using binoculars, Proctor saw 12-18 animals and among them, were two large bulls, 4-5 spike bulls and cows. He was hunting with a cow tag

and was unable to get a clean shot or circle around in front of the herd. A weather front pushed through that night, resulting in seven inches of snow.

On Monday, December 10, 2012, they returned to the second area. Splitting up, Proctor walked up the east side of the ridge while Craven headed south. Proctor spotted a large bull (approximately a 6 x6) roughly 75 yards away. He moved on and spotted additional elk to his left (south). The second animal was another spike bull, but then, Proctor spotted a cow. Proctor maneuvered to get a clean shot; she took two steps and dropped.

Proctor said, "I really can't say that it was the best hunt I've ever been on, I've enjoyed all of them and have much respect for any animal I hunt, but it's hard to say it wasn't. My father would have really enjoyed this. If you enjoy hunting as I do, I would encourage LTBB Citizens to apply at NRD for this awesome opportunity."

Courtesy photo.



LTBB Tribal Citizen Roger Willis successfully harvested a (6x7) bull, weighing approximately 470 pounds, at Canada Creek Ranch (CCR) in Atlanta,

MI, on December 9, 2012. His guide was Brad Arnold.

Willis would recommend hunting at CCR, which offers a free hunt, for future successful

elk applicants.

"CCR only accepts a small number of hunters, so the earlier you contact them, the better your chances of being selected to hunt with them," Willis said. "If selected, you are paired up with a guide who has intimate knowledge of the ranch and the elk on the ranch. To date, four of our tribal hunters, including myself, have accessed the ranch during our past elk seasons and harvested four very nice bulls. Thanks again to CCR elk guiding services and their wonderful staff at the ranch."

For more information on CCR, please visit www.canadacreekranch.com/.

Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo are Breanna Willis, Roger Willis and Jacob Willis.

COMMUNITY CRAFT NIGHT & POTLUCK DINNER

Monday nights 5:30 pm to 8 pm
February 4, February 18
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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
December 2, 2012**

Closed Session: none
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Legislative Leader Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor Kevin Gasco

Absent: Treasurer John Bott
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Treasury Director Michael Garrow

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Elder's Department Transportation-John Gasco, Elder's Coordinator Tammy Okuly

Public: Annette VanDeCar, John Kawegoma, Sam Shenoskey, Edward Shenoskey, Yvonne McShane, Doug Emery

Invited Guests: none
Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt agenda for December 2, 2012 as amended.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the minutes of November 18, 2012 as presented.

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

Elder Comments: no comments at this time.
Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept Legislative Leader Kiogima's verbal report for December 2, 2012.

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

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley verbal report for December 2, 2012.

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

Elder Comment opened: Doug Emery thanked the 2-Tribal Council who voted for the motion to appoint him to the Gaming Regulatory Commission; his ban from the Casino and his interview for the Gaming Regulatory Department. Doug also asked Tribal Council to check as to why he cannot get a job with the government. Doug also spoke regarding previous problems with his Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act scholarships. John Kawegoma spoke regarding the Odawa Trails newsletter and it's editing of Elder comments; what needs to be adhered to by Tribal Council with regard to the recent Court case Harrington v Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council, and Elder care and monitoring guidelines.

10:13 a.m. Recess called.

10:32 p.m. Meeting reconvened.
Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Councilor Keshick verbal and written travel report for December 2, 2012.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Keshick to accept Legislative Leader Kiogima's verbal Land and Reserva-

tion Committee report for December 2, 2012.

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

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept the Agricultural Assessment Workgroup report as presented by committee member Councilor Gasco for December 2, 2012.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Treasury Director Garrow's verbal and written report for December 2, 1012.

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

Elder Comments: Doug Emery read the letter he received from the casino regarding his ban from the casino as adverse to casino policy. John Kawegoma spoke regarding the Tribe's master land use plan; the Tribal Council agricultural Assessment work group with regard to the fire suppression system for the government building; a request for Tribal Council travel reports to be housed in the Education Department cultural library. John also asked where the former Chairman Ettawageshik travel reports are.

11:46 a.m. Public Comment opened: Yvonne McShane asked what has become of the hearing aid issue. Doug Emery asked if the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act has brought an appropriation request for an increase to the scholarship in order to restore it to its previous levels.

11:58 p.m. Public Comment closed.

1:58 a.m. Lunch recess called.
1:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened with Councilor Otto, Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase, and Councilor Keshick absent.

Councilor Keshick arrived.
Councilor Otto arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for December 2, 2012.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve the Traditional Tribal Burial Grounds Corporate Charter.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Denemy to assign and authorize the following Board members to the Traditional Tribal Burial Board, Inc., Charter Corporation: Wesley Andrews and Alice Yellowbank to a 4-year term ending September 21, 2016, Mary Gasco and Nicole Biber to an initial 2-year term ending September 21, 2014. Thereafter terms shall be for 4-years.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Certified Motion: Request for funding from General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids Initiative Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve Certified Motion:

Request for funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Justice Small Grants Program Indoor Air Quality.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Certified Motion: Request for funding from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2012 - FY 2014 Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to acknowledge receipt of Susie Swadling nomination from the Executive for the Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc. and set up an interview.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kes-

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

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

March 2 Work Session
March 3 Council Meeting
March 16 Work Session
March 17 Council Meeting

All Tribal Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Tribal Council Chambers located at
7500 Odawa Circle,
Harbor Springs, MI.

Legislative Tribal Council Members

Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Leader
Regina Gasco-Bentley, Secretary
John Bott, Treasurer
Aaron Wayne Otto, Councilor
Kevin Gasco, Councilor
Belinda Bardwell, Councilor
John Keshick III, Councilor
Bill A. Denemy, Councilor
Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor

hick and supported by Legislative Leader Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Trent Crable from the Executive for Appellate Justice and set up an interview.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the issuance of a liquor license for sale of alcoholic beverages solely for consumption on the premises at the Odawa Hotel, which is located on land held in trust for the Tribe by the United States at 1444 US 131 S. Petoskey, MI 49770, until the date of approval of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign the license.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve a liquor license for Biindigen for "off-premises" license to sell alcohol at 2169 US 31 North, Petoskey, MI 49770 until the date of

approval of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign the license.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the issuance of a liquor license for sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at Odawa Casino Resort, which is located on land held in trust for the Tribe by the United States at 1760 Lears Road, Petoskey, MI 49770, and an "off-premises" license for wine sales at the "Up North" and the Sage Restaurant at the same address, until the date of approval of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign the license.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Keshick), 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to post the Tribal Historical Preservation Office Protection and Management of Archaeological, Historical and Cultural Properties and Cultural Resources Statute to the Odawa Registry.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to post the Worker's Compensation Statute to the Odawa Registry.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the letter addressed to the Village of Mackinaw, dated December 2, 2012, and authorizes General Counsel Bransky to send the letter to the village.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Otto, Secretary Gasco Bentley), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to pass the Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2012-012 Investment Statute.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Legislative Leader Kiogima to amend the agenda to include Pond Street recommendations from the Executive to designate the site as a "Wild Area."

Vote: 2 - Yes, 5 - No (Councilor Gasco, Councilor Keshick, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Denemy, Councilor Otto), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

The above motion was discussed and the action was tabled.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Keshick to adjourn.

Above motion was placed on hold in consideration of Public Com-

ment.
2:35 p.m. Public Comment opened: Yvonne McShane undated Tribal Council regarding the Odawa Fishery Corporate Charter members stipends being \$250.00. Annette VanDeCar asked for an update regarding the Executive directive eliminative 2-yr employment agreements.

2:40 p.m. Public Comment closed.

2:41 p.m. Motion above to adjourn continues:

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Wemigwase)
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 Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
December 16, 2012**

Closed Session: yes
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:06 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Legislative Leader Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Kevin Gasco

Absent: Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Aaron Otto

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Treasury Director Michael Garrow

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Elder's Coordinator Tammy Okuly

Public: Annette VanDeCar, Virgil Williams
Invited Guests: none

9:09 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrived.

9:10 a.m. Councilor Otto arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt agenda for December 16, 2012 as amended.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the minutes December 2, 2012 as corrected.

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

Elder Comments: no comments at this time.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Legislative Leader Kiogima's verbal report for December 16, 2012.

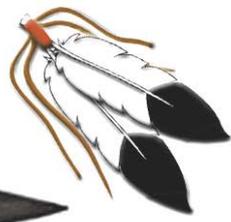
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell)
Motion carried.

Secretary Gasco Bentley reported a phone poll conducted by Tribal Council on December 6, 2012 to appeal Tribal Court case #C-120-0411 (Harrington v Tribal Council) and instruct Attorney Jodi Doak to file the needed paperwork. The Phone Poll passed: 6 - yes, 0 - no, 2 - abstained, 1 - absent.

Motion Carried.
Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's verbal report for December 16, 2012.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained
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NATIVE NEWS



LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY CONTINUES THE TRADITION OF THE THREE KINGS SUPPER



Approximately 70 people attended the Three Kings Supper held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on January 6, 2013.

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.

Beverly Wemigwase continued the tradition of making the biscuits, a tradition which was passed on to her by Rose Davenport. 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 Mary Jane Kiogima, Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet and Beverly Wemigwase. Mary Jane Kiogima picked the biscuit with the penny, Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet picked the biscuit with the nickel while no one picked the dime, so Beverly Wemigwase assumed the dime.

Frank Ettawageshik asked Yvonne Walker-Keshick to speak about the tradition of the Three Kings Supper and then asked others in attendance to share their memories. Frank Ettawageshik, Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Beverly Wemigwase, Joyce Shagonaby, Arlene Naganashe, Kathleen Shagonaby, Robert Shagonaby, Patrick V. Naganashe, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Valissa Naganashe and Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet all spoke.

Women hand drum singers performed a song to close the event. They included Marilyn Hume, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Andrea Otto and Mary Powell.

Beverly Wemigwase wanted to thank Frank Ettawageshik, Winnay Wemigwase, Waas Wemigwase, Anna Wemigwase, Mike Smith, Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet, Jim and Arlene Naganashe, Shylee Worthington, Maya Worthington, Hunter Worthington, Margaret Gasco, Annette VanDeCar and Vicki Kelley 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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES BRINGS LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY AND MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION TOGETHER

Relationship Building for Better Partnerships: Anishinaabe Tribes & MSU Extension (Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians) is a three-part professional development series which provides an opportunity for MSU Extension staff and the LTBB tribal community to learn from each other, build working relationships and plan collaborative projects together.

The first session was held January 8, 2013, the second session is February 5, 2013 and the third session is February 26, 2013. All sessions are in the Tribal Council Chambers inside the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. The series is open to Michigan State University Extension staff and LTBB staff. Each session encourages communication and engage-

ment and helps foster reciprocal learning between Michigan State University Extension and the LTBB tribal community, creating an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect.

Participants have the opportunity to share in both tribal culture and Michigan State University Extension culture to explore ways of creating effective partnerships. Those who attend all three sessions will receive a Multicultural Action Mini-Grant up to \$1,000.

For more information regarding the series, please contact Health Educator Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or MSU Extension Educator Barb Smutek at 906-203-7201 or smutekba@anr.msu.edu.

Similar series are planned for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (May-June 2013), the Hannahville Indian Community (July-September 2013) and the Bay Mills Indian Community (October-December 2013).

The photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar were taken on January 8, 2013 during the first session.



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To register for the event, contact Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601 or cgibson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

Birthdays

Happy belated 15th birthday to my beautiful daughter, **Tia Hart**. Love, Mom and your brother.

Happy birthday to our favorite aunt, **Tina Peterson**, whose birthday is February 19th, hope you day is as special as you are. Love, Braden and Collin.

We wish you all a big happy birthday! **Becky Shenoskey, Paul Shananaquet, Kyele Crampton, Amanda Shananaquet, Dominic Schansema, Virginia Schansema, Julia Yates, Aya Khalaf, Roger Yates, Justin Shananaquet, Sandie Naganashe, Aliazah Rose Paquin, Emily Naganashe, Ashley Berry, Whitney Bott and Grayson Tyler Boda**. From Dorothy & Don Boda.

A big happy birthday to **Jeff Boda**. Love, Mom, Dad, Patti and Doug.

Happy birthday to **Pam (Shomin) Flores** on February 28. From the Michael Shomin family.

Happy birthday to **Grace Marie Zerbe** on February 9. You are truly loved. Love Dawn, Pauline and Jeremy.

Happy birthday to **Carla Osawamick** on February 25. Love you cuzo, Pauline.

Happy birthday to our **Nana**, love from each and every one of us.



Happy 41st birthday to **Kathy VanDeCar** on February 24. Thanks for taking such good care of all of us! We can't wait for your next visit. Love, the General, the Brassy Lady, the Old Man, Sonny Boy and General Junior.

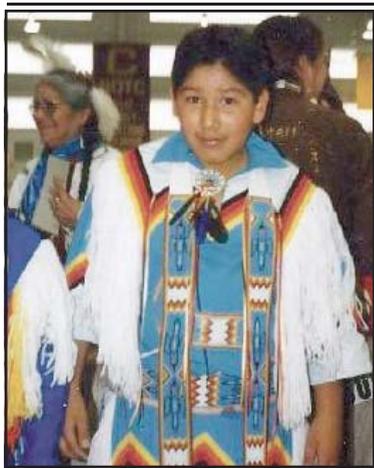
Mno Dibishkaan to **Noshenh Netawn Alice Kiogima-Smith!!!** Netawn will celebrate on February 19th. Her studies at CMU will be completed in the spring semester, and I know she will be a sensitive, understanding teacher. Gazaagin, Nokomis.

Happy 17th birthday to **Amber and Yarrow Nowell** on the 19th! From your family who loves you so much.

Happy birthday on February 19th to our daughter, **Tina Peterson**. Love you lots, Mom and Dad.

Birthdays

Mno Dibishkaan Ndaanis **Carla Jean Ozawamick** who was born on February 25th many moons ago! Miigwech for being my daughter and best friend. Especially a kchi-miigwech for sponsoring the children's New Year's Eve party, they all love you as I do also ... Have a great day and new year!!! Gazaagin, Gashi.



Nathaniel, Mno Dbishkaa! Ngwis miinwa Nwiikaanis. Although you're miles away, you are always close to our hearts. Hope your birthday is filled with joy and happiness. Love, Dad, Mom, Evelyn and Cassie.

Mno Dibishkaan to **Mshii-menh Gracie Zerbe!!!** Gracie celebrates on February 9th, and maybe, she will go to bingo ... Gazaagin Lil Sister, Mijiikewis, Alice.

Happy birthday to our **Great Aunt Dee Smith** on February 20th, hope you have a wonderful day. Love, Collin and Braden.

I would like to share a birthday wish to our leap year baby: **Grayson Tyler Boda**. It is hard to believe a year has gone by since this wonderful baby boy came into our lives. Happy ¼ of a year birthday **Grayson**. Love, your "Meema" Boda-Naganashe & "Pa" Boda, your Momma & big brother, Carter.

Happy birthday to **Tanner Keller**, who turns 17 on February 1. Hopefully, your team will win the basketball game, which will be played on your birthday. Love you, mom, dad and Emilee.

Happy 1st birthday **Cyrus Laurdon Skippergosh!!!** You have brought such joy and happiness to all of us this past year. Your Mommy is the best and has done such a wonderful job of raising you!!!! ... and so has Uncle Jer, Aunt Stacy and your cousins! All my love, Grandma Judy.

Happy birthday **Stacy Lynn Skippergosh!** Wow.....where have the years gone? Seems like just yesterday you were just learning to walk and talk. Baby, look at you now!!! All my love, Mom.

A very happy birthday wish to **Pauline Boulton**. See, I didn't forget. Love ya, your bestest friend in the whole wide world, Theresa "Girl Boda."

Birthdays

Happy birthday **Kristy Leigh Skippergosh!** Years go by way too fast ... make them happy ones!!!! I laugh when I think of the little tomboy you were growing up, singing, "You are my sunshine!" All my love, Mom.

Happy birthday wishes to my eldest son, **Adam**, who celebrates his 28th birthday on February 7th. May the Creator take you into his arms when you reach out to him. Sending you love and prayers to keep you safe. Much love, your Mama.

Happy birthday wishes to **Aya Khalaf**. Love, your Michigan family, Grandma & Grandpa Naganashe; Aunties: Lisa and family, and Theresa, Ashley, Carter and Grayson; Uncles John & family, Mike & family, Pat & family and Eric.

M n o - D i b e s h k a n g T c h i - N w i i d a g e m a a g a n ! ! Chii-Megiwetch Mno-Bimadizwin Ninomoshenh!! Happy birthday to the one I revere, **my wife**, big thank you for living the good life!! I would give you my last heartbeat if it meant you could live another day! OX-OXOX

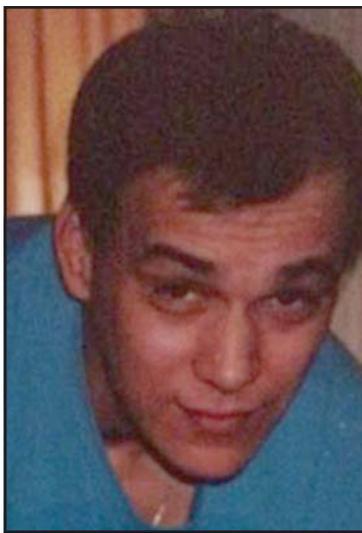
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Gary C. Field, Sr., 63
Gary Clayton Field, Sr. of Charlevoix, MI, went to be with the Lord on December 10, 2012. He passed away at his home surrounded by loving family. Born November 25, 1949 to Henry and Anne Field, he grew up in Petoskey, MI, where he attended Petoskey High School. In 1969, he attended Alpena Community College where he accelerated in auto mechanics. On October 27, 1968, Gary married the love of his life, Carol McClellan. Together, they had three children: Gary, Cary and Kara. In January 1971, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served in the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1974. Gary was employed for 37 years at St. Mary's Cement in Charlevoix, MI. He loved his job as a lab technician and heavy equipment operator. The entire St. Mary's family was very dear to his heart. He loved spending time with his family, his cars, fishing and taking his boat out into the waters of Walloon Lake and Lake Charlevoix. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his beloved grandchildren. Gary is survived by his loving wife, Carol; sons, Gary, Jr. (Cindy), Cary (Leanne); daughter, Kara (Jeffrey) Wiatroluk; grandchild-

Walking On...

dren, Klayton, Kelsey, Jeffrey, Jr., Jaelynn and Elissa. Also surviving are his father, Henry Field, Sr.; siblings, Robert (Norma), Henry, Jr. (Sandy), Moe (Sara), Judy, Eileen (Dave) Dennis, Dorla (Kevin), Priscilla (Eddie) Leist and Colleen (Rick); special friend, Bill (Corkey) Lyons; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends of St. Mary's Cement. He was preceded in death by his mother, Anne Field, and his in-laws, Thurlow and Susan McClellan.



Joseph H. Gasco, 57
Joseph H. Gasco, of Pellston, MI, and formerly of Harbor Springs, MI, and Boyne Falls, MI, passed away December 29, 2012 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey, MI, at the age of 57. Heaven now has another Angel. He was born on December 9, 1955 in Petoskey, MI, the son of John and Irene (McCary) Gasco, Sr. He grew up primarily in Harbor Springs, MI, and Boyne Falls, MI, and was a graduate of Boyne Falls High School, Class of 1974. Joseph's mother and siblings will forever remember a brother who cared deeply for his family. "He was the type of person who always wore a smile on his face; he possessed a wonderful, warm and generous heart and gave of his love unconditionally." Family came before all things in Joseph's life; he was a wonderful caregiver to his mother, Irene, and his stepfather, Roland Petoskey. While he was never blessed with children of his own, he established remarkably close and loving relationships with his many nieces and nephews. He was taken far too soon, and he will be deeply missed. Joseph is survived by his parents, Irene and Roland Petoskey, and by his siblings, John Gasco of Levering, MI, Marcia (Tom) Sutton of Boyne Falls, MI, Harry Gasco of Vancouver, WA, Allen (Judy) Gasco of Boyne Falls, MI, Deleta Smith of Pellston, MI, Regina (Bill) Bentley of Boyne City, MI, Bart (Jody) Gasco of Murfreesboro, TN, and Stephen Gasco of Boyne City, MI. He is also survived by his 24 nieces and nephews and numerous great-nieces and -nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, John Gasco, Sr., and by his sister and brother-in-law, Norma and Dwight Kolodgy, and by his sister, Alicia Carson, and his brother-in-law, Patrick Smith.

Birth Announcement



Evlin Christine Waawaashkeshi Steenburg was born December 25, 2012 at 7:11 a.m. in Austin, TX. She weighed eight pounds and five ounces and was 21 inches long. Her proud parents are Richard and Rebecca, and her grandparents are Angel and Frank Bernard and William and Pauline Steenburg.

Anniversaries

Happy anniversary to my best friend and husband, **John Bott**. I love you with all my heart. Love, Diane.

Happy first anniversary to **Alicia & Thomas Paquin**. Bless you two! Aunt Dorothy & Uncle Don.

A very happy anniversary wish to **Pauline & Matt Boulton**. How many years now? Didn't forget this one either. Love ya, Theresa "Girl Boda."

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Samantha Gamble** for being accepted to Michigan State Veterinary School of Medicine. We are all so proud of what you have accomplished. All your hard work and perseverance has paid off. Keep up the good work. All our love, Mom and Dad.

Congratulations to **Jayden and Jaxon Young** for being such wonderful student-athletes. Jayden and Jaxon Young attend Frank Kim Elementary School in Las Vegas, NV, where they both received straight A's, perfect attendance and the KIM award at school. Jaxon Young was also featured in USA Gymnastics magazine for making the Regional Development Team for Region 1. Congratulations on all your hard work my boys! Love, mum and dad.

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Governor Believes Michigan's New Freedom to Work Laws to Help Create More, Better Jobs by Allowing Choice on Union Membership

Editor's note: The following is a press release dated December 11, 2012 from the office of Michigan Governor Rick Snyder.

LANSING, Mich. - New laws giving Michigan workers the freedom to decide whether to join a union also will help drive our economic comeback by making the state more competitive, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder said today.

Snyder signed House Bill 4003 and Senate Bill 116, making Michigan the 24th state to enact "freedom-to-work" laws.

"These new laws are pro-worker and pro-Michigan," Snyder said. "Workers deserve the right to decide for themselves whether union membership benefits them. We also must make Michigan more inviting to job providers, so our families can enjoy more and better jobs. Introducing freedom-to-work in Michigan will contribute to our state's economic comeback while preserving the roles of unions and collective bargaining."

Snyder pointed out while Michigan is recovering from its decade-long downturn, much work remains.

The governor also highlighted reforms being adopted in neighboring Indiana. That state enacted a right-to-work law earlier this year. The Indiana Economic Development Corp. (IEDC) recently reported it already has worked with a record 220 companies this year which have decided to expand or set up operations in the state. In fact, 90 companies have



told the IEDC Indiana's enactment of its right-to-work law will factor into their location decisions.

"Michigan has added 140,000 jobs during the last two years, and we're projected to add 110,000 more," Snyder said. "But, Michigan still lost over 750,000 jobs from 2000 to 2010. We still have a long road ahead of us, and we can't afford to fall behind other states. Giving workers the freedom to choose when it comes to union membership is good for individual workers and good for job providers. We'll be a stronger, more vibrant state because of freedom-to-work, our improved tax structure,

the balanced budget and other reforms which have put Michigan on the path to prosperity."

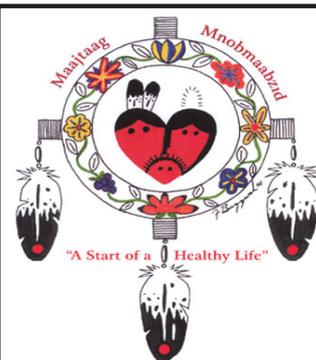
Michigan's laws do not prohibit unions or collective bargaining. Nor do they impact workplace health and safety regulations. They merely say agreements between employers and unions cannot require public or private-sector employees to join a union or pay union dues. The laws preserve the status afforded to police and firefighters under Public Act 312, which reflects the hazardous nature of their jobs.

The laws take effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns.

SB 116 is Public Act 348 of 2012. HB 4003 is PA 349 of 2012.

Visit www.legislature.mi.gov for more information on the legislation.

Courtesy photo.



Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid (Maj-tog Minowb-maude-zid) Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid means "A Start of a Healthy Life."

We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach any woman who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both mom and newborn up to the age of two years.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, not replace prenatal, postpartum and pediatric medical care. In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and between pregnancies. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

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

**2013 Hunter Safety and
IBEP Certification Class**

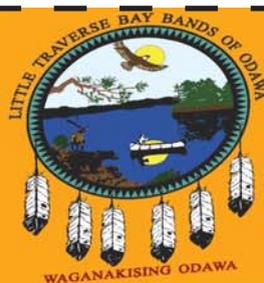
The class is a combo class. Upon successful completion of the class, you will receive a Hunter Safety Certification as well as International Bow Education Program Certification.

The following classes will be held at the LTBB Governmental Center
Friday, June 10th from 12-3 PM
Saturday, June 12th from 12-3 PM
Friday, June 14th from 12-3 PM

The final class will be held at the Harbor Springs Outdoors Club
Saturday, June 15th from 9 AM to 4 PM

For more information, Contact

Roger Willis at
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2013 TRIBAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

- FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013 ~ LAST DATE TO MAIL THE CALL TO ELECTION
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013 ~ LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. 915 EMMET STREET PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN - OFFICE HOURS TO ACCEPT VOTER REGISTRATIONS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 ~ CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS DUE BACK TO THE ELECTION BOARD BY 5 P.M.
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. 915 EMMET STREET PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN - OFFICE HOURS TO ACCEPT THE CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 ~ ELECTION BOARD CERTIFIES THE CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS BEGINNING AT 5 P.M.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013 ~ LAST DATE FOR THE CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW IN WRITING FROM THE ELECTION
- MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 ~ CANDIDATE BIO'S MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013
- TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013 ~ LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
- TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. OFFICE HOURS TO ACCEPT VOTER REGISTRATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
- FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013 ~ PRIMARY BALLOTS MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 2013
- SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M. "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT ODAWA HOTEL, PETOSKEY, MI
- MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.
- MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M. AND THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION APPROVED.
- FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013 ~ BALLOTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF MARCH 26, 2013
- SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M. "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT THE SOARING EAGLE CASINO RESORT HOTEL IN MT. PLEASANT, MI.
- MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 ~ GENERAL ELECTION DAY 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.
- TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013 ~ GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M.
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013 OATH OF OFFICE FOR TRIBAL CHAIRMAN / VICE CHAIRMAN AND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

“Minutes” continued from page 17.

stained (Secretary Gasco Bentley), 2 – Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell) Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s report was tabled to later in the meeting.

9:58 a.m. Treasurer Bott arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept Councilor Keshick Tribal Council Member verbal and written travel report regarding the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program {R.T.E.P.} Native Women and Youth Agricultural Conference for December 16, 2012.

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

Elder Comment opened: Virgil Williams asked about the Mackinaw Casino Project and commented that he does not believe the Tribe will make money in the winter in Mackinaw. Legislative Leader Kiogima explained the feasibility study that was done regarding the project. Virgil stated the Tribe should pay off the current bonds first. Legislative Leader Kiogima explained the financial study indicating the current bond and proposed casino debt being paid off

sooner than the bond criteria.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Treasurer Bott’s verbal report for December 16, 2012.

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

10:19 a.m. Recess called.

10:48 a.m. Meeting reconvened. Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Legal and Legislative Committee report as presented by Secretary Gasco Bentley Committee Chairperson for December 16, 2012.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Hearing Assistance Ad-Hoc work group report as presented by Councilor Wemigwase for December 16, 2012.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Junior Tribal Council Ad-Hoc Committee verbal report as

presented by Councilor Wemigwase for December 16, 2012.

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

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: no comments at this time.

11:45 a.m. Public comment closed.

Elder Comments: no comments at this time.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Treasury Director Garrow’s verbal and written report for December 16, 2012.

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

12:01 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick’s verbal report for December 16, 2012.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Gasco to acknowledge the receipt of

the Election Board Regulations and Policies & Procedure.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to acknowledge the receipt of the Executive Oversight Report dated November 2012 and the Report dated through December 15, 2012.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to acknowledge the receipt of the FY 2014 proposed budgets from the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, the Judicial Branch, the Prosecutor, the Election Board, and the Gaming Authority Committee Draft Budget for 2013.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to authorize Enjinaak-nengeng to offer the position of Citizen’s Legal Assistance Attorney to LTBB Citizen Cherie Dominic, and

to negotiate an arrangement for her to initially work under the guidance and supervision of Michigan Indian Legal Services.

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

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to authorize the Chairman, Police Chief and Prosecutor to execute extensions of the Inter-local Agreement for Deputization and Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance Between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the County of Emmet, and the Inter-local Agreement for Deputization and Mutual Law Enforcement Assistance Between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the County of Charlevoix. This authorization will remain in place unless and until Tribal Council takes action to terminate under paragraph 29 of the Agreements.

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

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to adopt Waganakising Odawak Statute: Recall of An Official and Leave of Absence.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-absent, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-no, Councilor Wemigwase-no, Treasurer Bott-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to amend the agenda to add the following: Tribal Resolution “Supplemental Funding for Traditional Burial Grounds Board”; Traditional Burial Grounds Board member’s stipends, and Closed Session for Legal purposes.

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

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding for Traditional Burial Grounds Board in the Amount of \$25,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2013 to come from Prior Period Funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-absent, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley - yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to allow Traditional Burial Boards members to receive stipends in the amount of \$150.00 per meeting with no more than one stipend received per day.

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

2:17 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Bott to go into closed session for confidential legal matters.

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

2:37 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session.

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

2:38 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

2:38 p.m. Public comment closed.

2:38 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adjourn.

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date



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Signature of Voter

Date

Signature of Notary

My Commission Expires

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN ENJOYS SHARING HIS MUSICAL TALENTS WITH THE ELDERS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



When Frankie Animikwam gets the opportunity to visit the elders at the Elders Luncheon, he asks or is asked to perform a song or two with his hand drum. He performed a song for them at the Elders Luncheon on January 8, 2013.

Animikwam, a LTBB Tribal Citizen who lives in Ferndale, MI, regularly sings with the Painted Rock Singers and is the drum keeper for the Tree Town Drum, which was started by Kevin Gasco and Terry Samuels.

"It's always an honor to share my songs, but I'm especially honored when I can do it with

the elders because I look to them for guidance," Animikwam said. "They do so much for us. The least I can do is share that with them. This is not my music; it's the community's music."

Animikwam writes original songs, incorporating both English and Anishinaabemowin. His original songs are usually Cree style round dance songs, pow wow songs and straight songs. "It's a way for me to heal," Animikwam said of singing. He took six semesters of Anishinaabemowin from Margaret Noori and Howard Kimewon. Alphonse Pitawanakwat, who also now works at the University of Michigan, is one of Animikwam's language teachers.

Animikwam graduated from the University of Michigan in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in Biology and took post-graduate classes at Wayne State University in 2011 and 2012. He has applied to medical schools and has an interview with the Michigan State University College

of Human Medicine on January 25, 2013. He plans to pursue a Master's degree in Public Health and his doctorate in Primary Care Physician/Family Medicine/Preventative Medicine.

He has a fiancé, Imelda Galdamez, and a daughter, Memengwe (Butterfly in Anishinaabemowin) who turns two on May 2, 2013. His mother is Donna Bugaj, his grandmother is Margaret "Mickey" (Samuels) Ortner, and his uncle is Michael Bugaj. His siblings are Stephanie Bartley, Ethan Bartley and Gary Keys.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN ASSISTS AT ANNUAL HOLIDAY AUCTION BENEFIT FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



On December 22, 2012, LTBB Tribal Citizen Hope Drogmiller, 13, volunteered for a second year in a row at the Third Annual Holiday Auction Benefit for St. Jude Children's Hospital held at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi, MI.

Randall Paul of Great Lakes Auction was the host/organizer once again for the event, which raised much needed funds in the fight against childhood cancers. Special guest of the evening was Detroit Tigers pitching legend Denny McLain who signed

books and helped with the auction.

Drogmiller, who lives in Novi, MI, volunteered her time, assisting with the setup, helping during the auction and assisting with the cleanup as

well as pulling the winning 50/50 raffle ticket for one of the guests in attendance.

Auctioneer Bob Van Sickle of New Hudson Auction Company also volunteered his time.

There were many items available at the auction, including signed sports and movie items, collectables, china and more. This event is held every December.

Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo are Randall Paul, Hope Drogmiller and Denny McLain.

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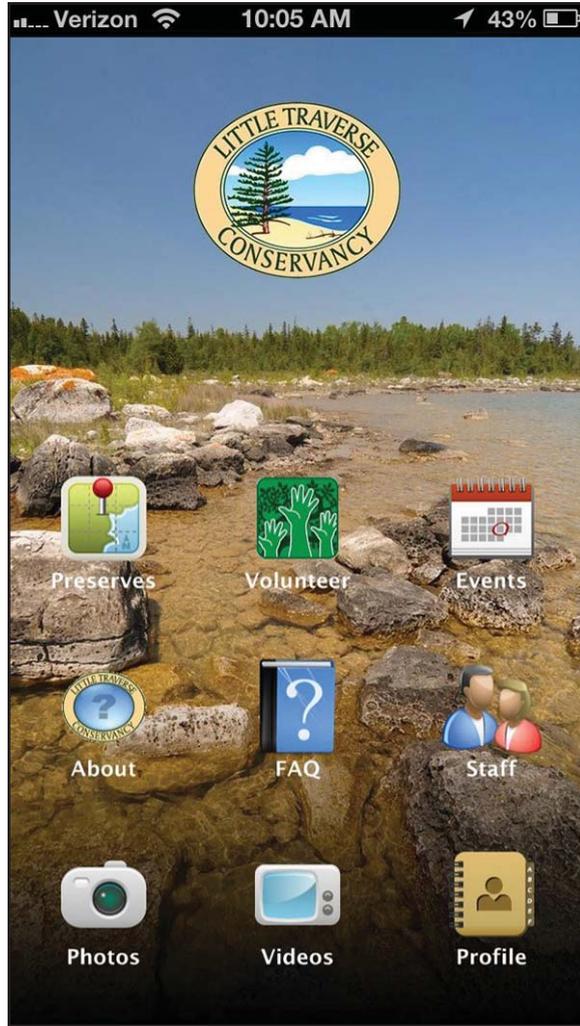
The Human Services Department currently has LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) funds available to qualifying LTBB Tribal Citizens. Community Services Block Grant and Emergency funds are also available. There is also window plastic available for LTBB Tribal Citizens in need. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/ltbbhelp> or contact the Human Services Department at 231-242-1620.

LITTLE TRAVERSE CONSERVANCY RELEASES FREE NATURE PRESERVE SMART PHONE APP

Editor's note: The following is a Little Traverse Conservancy press release dated December 17, 2012.

Imagine looking down at your smart phone and having the ability to tell exactly how to get to the nearest Little Traverse Conservancy (LTC) nature preserve. You will also be able to tell what activities you can best do at that preserve. And, much, much, more! Little Traverse Conservancy is excited to announce the release of Little Traverse Conservancy's new Nature Preserve Smart Phone App! Conservancy Geographic Information Systems (GIS)/Stewardship Specialist Charles Dawley is keeping LTC on the cutting edge of innovative technology with this free app which provides users with accurate, detailed information and interactive maps about LTC preserves which are best suited for outdoor recreation. The app is live and available on both Google Play and the Apple app store. Simply search: LTC Explorer.

Special thanks to the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for grants



supporting the hosting costs of the new app as well as some website upgrades. We also thank the Baiardi Family Foundation Fund for helping support the new app.

Since 1972, the Little Traverse Conservancy has been working as the oldest regional, non-profit land trust in Michigan. With the support of more than 4,100 members, the Little Traverse Conservancy works with private landowners and units of local government to permanently protect ecologically significant and scenic lands from development. Since it was founded, nearly 45,000 acres and 110 miles of shoreline along our region's lakes, rivers and streams have been set aside to remain in their natural state within Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Mackinac and Chippewa counties. In

addition, more than 4,000 young people participate in a Conservancy environmental education outing every year. For more information about the Little Traverse Conservancy and land protection options for your land, please contact the office at 231-347-0991 or visit www.landtrust.org.

Courtesy photo.

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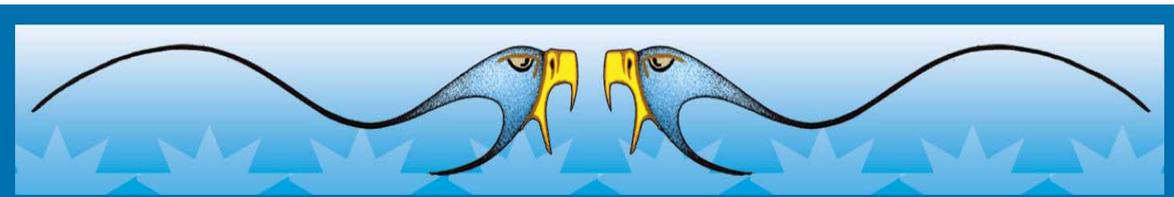
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Any Questions? Please Contact:
 Regina Brubaker-Carver at (231) 242-1664
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 Barb Smutek at (906) 203-72012 or smutekba@anr.msu.edu

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"Wolf Hunting" continued from page 1.

The hunt can legally be considered because wolves were removed from the endangered species list for the Great Lakes region at the beginning of the year. The move places wolf management under the jurisdiction of the State of Michigan. Other states, including Wisconsin and Minnesota, have already established game seasons for wolves with their hunts occurring this fall.

"With wolf numbers far exceeding population goals, I continue to hear concerns of the impacts they are having on people's lives and

businesses," Caspersen said. "Residents across the Upper Peninsula have repeatedly asked for a game season to help control the wolf population, reduce livestock and pet depredation and enhance public safety. The Department of Natural Resources now agrees that a game season is needed as part of the approach to manage wolves. As season parameters are developed with the potential for a hunt in the fall of 2013, I will help ensure that U.P. residents, who actually live where the wolves are, are included and heard."

Courtesy photos.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES DISAPPOINTED BY MICHIGAN WOLF HUNTING BILL SIGNING

Editor's note: The following is a press release from the Humane Society of the United States dated December 28, 2012.



The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) expressed its disappointment over Michigan Governor Rick Snyder's signing of legislation that designates the wolf as a game species and authorizes the Natural Resources Commission to establish a wolf hunting season.

"Wolves have been on the protected list in Michigan for nearly 50 years. With fewer than 700 wolves in Michigan, it's not right to spend decades bringing the wolf back from the

brink of extinction only to turn around and allow them to be killed for sport," said Jill Fritz, Michigan State Director for HSUS.

Fritz said it is already legal in Michigan to kill wolves that threaten livestock or dogs, making a trophy hunting season unnecessary.

"People don't eat wolves, and they would be killed just for fun and trophies. Sport hunting of these rare creatures is unnecessary, especially when the wolf population is just starting to recover," said Fritz.

Fritz added wolf hunting may involve especially cruel and unfair practices such as painful steel-jawed leghold traps, hunting over bait, aerial gunning from helicopters, and even using packs of dogs to chase down and kill wolves.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed wolves in the Great Lakes region from the endangered species list in January. Since the delisting, Wisconsin and Minnesota have opened wolf hunting seasons. The HSUS and The Fund for Animals have served notice they will file suit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore federal protections for Great Lakes wolves under the Endangered Species Act.

Courtesy graphic.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS OPPOSITION TO THE SPORT HUNTING OF MA'INGAN, GRAY WOLF - DECLARATION 100712-01

A Declaration is a formal written public statement in support or opposition of an issue or matter. One or more Tribal Officers may sign onto a Declaration as individuals. A Declaration shall not obligate or commit the Tribe in any manner. Declarations do not require formal action by the Tribal Council.

The Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (II Stat. 62 1);

LTBB is a signatory to the federally entered 2007 Inland Consent Decree (as part of the historic *US v. MI*) which details the management and allocation of inland resources between the Tribes and the State of Michigan;

The Gray Wolf is a culturally significant species with a role and place in Odawa culture. In the creation story of the Anishnabe, Ma'ingan, the wolf is a brother to the Original Man. The two traveled together throughout the world naming everything they encountered. Afterward, the Creator had them take separate paths, but told them that both would be feared, respected, and misunderstood by others who would arrive later and that each other's fates would mirror one another;

The Gray Wolf is recognized as a biologically important species critical to bringing balance, sustainability and diversity to forest communities and ecosystems found within the LTBB Reservation and 1836 Ceded Territory;

LTBB Natural Resource Department (NRD) Strategic Plan's *Goa/4* states the Department will Identify, Monitor and Assess Culturally Significant Fish, Wildlife and Plant Species;

LTBB NRD has developed a Ma'ingan, Gray Wolf Management Plan for the LTBB

Reservation in which "lethal control" is not authorized as a management tool. Tools authorized within the Plan to avoid and manage wolf/human conflicts are the use of best management practices and the use of a suite of non-lethal control options for occurrences of depredations in addition to increased education and awareness of the benefits of wolves to the general public;

Hunting of Gray wolves is generally not considered and lacks scientific evidence to be an effective method or tool for addressing or reducing wolf/human conflict and may increase conflict;

There is a lack of scientific research or evidence ensuring that socially complex pack animals such as Gray Wolves are capable of being hunted in sustainable manner.

For the above stated reasons, the undersigned Tribal Councilors, Tribal Chair and Vice-Chair declare that they are in Opposition to the Sport Hunting of Ma'ingan, Gray Wolf.

Signed by: Dexter McNamara - Tribal Chair, Julie Shananaquet - Vice-Chair, Melvin L. Kiogima - Legislative Leader, Regina Gasco-Bentley - Secretary, John Bott - Treasurer, Aaron Wayne Otto - Councilor, Kevin Gasco - Councilor, Belinda Bardwell - Councilor, John Keshick III - Councilor, Bill A. Denemy - Councilor, Winnay Wemigwase - Councilor



ODAWA CASINO HOSTS CELEBRITY POKER TOURNAMENT TO PROVIDE DONATIONS TO TOYS FOR TOTS



Editor's note: The following is an Odawa Casino press release dated December 21, 2012.

Odawa Casino, owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, recently hosted a Celebrity Poker Tournament to provide donations to Toys For Tots. Poker players had a chance to compete against local celebrities during the tournament. For every person who a celebrity knocked out of the competition, Odawa Casino donated \$25 cash to Toys For Tots. A total of \$350 was gained from knock outs alone. Chris Warren, from WTCM, won the competition and donated all of his winnings to Toys

For Tots, which included \$506 cash. A total of \$856 cash was donated along with 105 toys.

David Wolf, Odawa Casino's General Manager, commented, "This was a very successful tournament with donations that included both toys as well as cash. Toys For Tots is a wonderful organization that makes sure others can have a holiday with laughter and joy."

Pictured from left to right in the Odawa Casino photo are Jim Alton from Toys for Tots, Cartman from Real Rock, Chris Warren from WTCM, Susan Melton from Big Country, Odawa Casino Tournament & Training Pit Manager James Willingham and Odawa Casino Table Games Dealer/Supervisor Brad Hall.

ODAWA CASINO HOSTS DICED COMPETITION TO PROVIDE DONATIONS FOR THE MANNA FOOD PROJECT



Editor's note: The following is an Odawa Casino press release dated December 10, 2012.

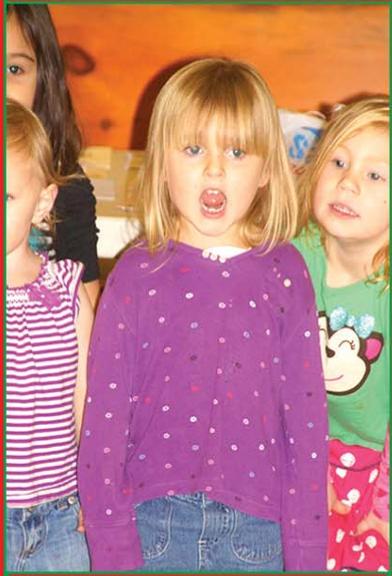
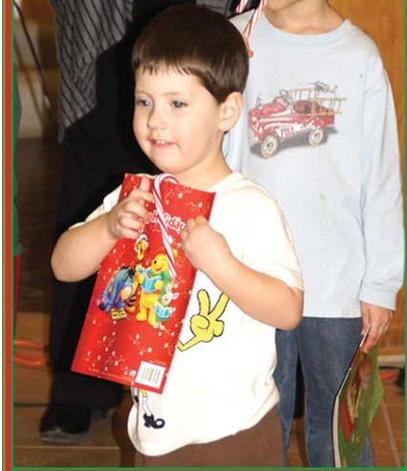
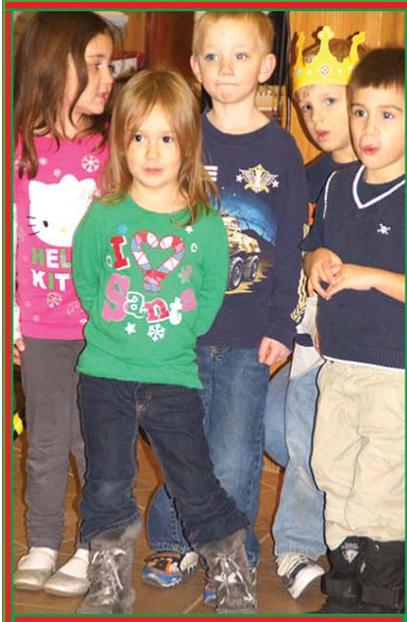
Odawa Casino, owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, recently presented a \$3,000 check to The Manna Food Project. Odawa Casino hosted the Diced Competition inside Ovation Hall. The competition paired local celebrities with local chefs in a cooking competition. Guests were able to taste some delicious appetizers which were directly from the competitors' kitchens.

David Wolf, Odawa Casino's General Manager, commented, "The Diced Competition was a success, and an enjoyable evening for those in

attendance. It is great to see the response to these events to help out our community."

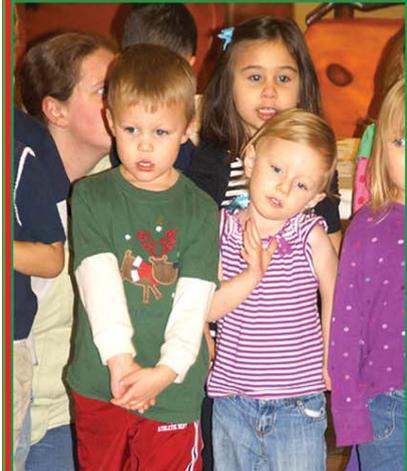
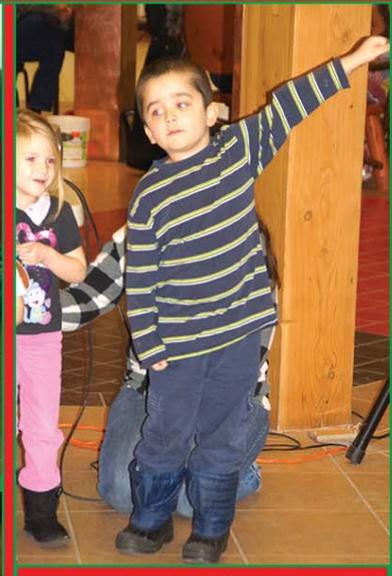
Kathy Hart, Executive Director of The Manna Food Project, commented, "\$3,000 can help provide up to 37,500 meals to families in our area! An event like the "Diced Competition" shows how bringing a group together for a common cause and having fun along the way can make a difference. Everyone doing a little can change the world! Thank you again for your generosity, creativity and sharing."

Pictured left to right in the Odawa Casino photo are The Manna Food Project Executive Director Kathy Hart and Odawa Casino Community Development Coordinator Marty VanDeCar.



**Head Start
Visits Elders
Luncheon**

Photos by
Annette VanDeCar



LOVE LINES

To the greatest loves in my life: **Carter & Grayson Boda**. Thank you for always being there when I need a hug or kiss. You will always have a special place in my heart. Love, your Meema.



To: **Joseph Jacobs**
From: **Joan Jacobs**
The beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass, speaks to me. The summit of the mountain, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the sea, speaks to me. The strength of the fire, the taste of salmon, the trail of the sun, and the life that never goes away, they speak to me. But, none of them can compare to the way you speak to me. And, my heart soars.

Happy Valentine's Day to our **Mommy!** Thanks for taking such good care of us! Love, your Diva and your Handsome Boy.

Happy Valentine's Day to the **General**. I'm the person I am today because of your strength and love. Miigwech for always being there for me and the rest of the family! Love, General Junior.

Happy Valentine's Day to my lovely wife, **Cheryl!** Cupid's aim was right on with us! Love, Matt.

To **Sharon and Tristan Sierzputowski**: I would be lost without you both. I love you very much. You mean the world to me. Love, Trista Paone.

To my daughter, **Ashley Marie Boda**. Thank you for coming into my life. Thank you for staying in my life. Although I don't always show it, my love for you is beyond measure. Thank you for sharing the greatest gift you have been given, your children: Carter & Grayson. With much love, Mom.

Ron, we have had some good times, we have had some bad times. We have had some happy times, we have had some sad times. Thank you for sharing your life with me. Thank you for staying my friend. You will have a special place in my heart. My love for you knows no end. Theresa.

Happy Valentine's Day **Bedassige Adassa James**. You bring such joy to our lives. With love, Ma & Da.

We celebrate our first year of marriage this month, and I am delighted to admit it has been a wonderful year. I look forward to many years together, loving each other, enjoying one another, just being there for one another. I am glad we took "the leap" together. Happy anniversary, my love! Chii miigwech! Your loving wife, Vicki.



Happy Valentine's **Huney(s)!** I love you all, Dad/James.

Much love to my **Health Park and MIS Departments** (and all my **LTBB co-workers!**) You are the best co-workers, ever! Thanks for a great 1st year. Love, Andria Bronson-John.

To my sweetest loves: **Benjamin, Dakota, Nokomis, Saoirse and Waasno-day**. I love you more than words can say!! Love, Mama (aka Andria).

I wish my **Valentine** a Happy Valentine's Day. I love you so much! And, to all my family, Happy Valentine's Day. Aunt Dorothy.

Dear **Robert (Krista), Veronica (Brandon), Tricia, Kristen, Jaimie and Thomas Kyle**,
I'LL LOVE YOU FOREVER
I'LL LOVE YOU FOR ALWAYS
AS LONG AS I'M LIVING
MY BABIES
YOU WILL BE!!!!
Hugs and Kisses Across the Miles,
Love, Mom (Ma Ma)

Logan, Malachi, Nehemiah, Noah, Baby Singer, Lilah, Savannah, Fiona Lyn, Christian Michael & Trenton James
You are in my thoughts and prayers daily.
Grandma loves you all so much!!
XOXOXOXO Your Nookmis
(Grandmother)

TO MY **LOVING HUSBAND**,
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NO END TO ITS TRUST
NO FADING TO ITS HOPE
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