

College Recognition Night

By Dale Lamoreaux

Victories held its second annual College Recognition Night on February 7th, 2005 from 5pm - 8pm at the Hotel. Over 120 people attended the event that would honor those Victories students who completed various certificate programs. There were attendees from Tribal Council, Gaming Board of Directors, FSU, NCMC, Tribal Government Education and Victories Management. There were several speakers that night and the common theme was that your education is one thing that no one can take from you. Imagine if you will, a speech from the Dean of Business at FSU, the Dean of Students from NCMC, the Director of LTBB Education, the GM and the Tribal Chairman. Do you think that would be a tough act to follow? Not for Billy McNamara who was last on the list! He stole the show! Always save the best for last!

Billy told it like it is... He told us that Victories has a place for all of us and that the future is bright. If we educate ourselves, use our employment time wisely to better contribute to the mission, show up and do an outstanding job, that Victories was the place where you could apply for the jobs available and be seriously considered. He encouraged us not to give up, thanked his family for all their support as he goes through his own process and swore he was nervous, although, you couldn't tell.

The catering department put on an excellent meal along with exemplary service, and the opening, honor and closing songs were provided by the Community Drum. Overall, it was an excellent banquet and 25 Team Members received certificates from Ferris State University. The majority of the certificates were for Sports, Spa and Entertainment Management. Some Team Members earned two certificates over the last year or two and we are all very proud of them for their diligent efforts.



All Photos Courtesy of Victories Casino
Pictured: Group Photo of Students being honored.

As we all know, Victories may move to a larger property in the future. For those of us already on board and intend on staying here, now is the time to prepare ourselves for consideration for positions of greater responsibility. Promotion from within is an excellent way for a service industry property to reduce turnover, increase retention, increase morale and send a strong message that our past contributions to the mission matter and are worthy. We must help Victories decision makers help us by committing to educating ourselves as much as possible as quickly as possible.

The more in-house applicants we have for the positions of authority that come available, the better off Victories (all of us) will be. The old days are gone, the days when seniority, experience and specific knowledge of a subject were enough to warrant placement in positions of authority. Victories is on the cutting edge of Tribal Casinos nation wide in the comprehensive overall process of educating Team Members, step up and get yours, its all good and it is the way it has to be.



Pictured Top: Tribal Member Sherri Shananaquet receiving her certificate
Bottom Photo: Tribal Member Al Carey receiving his certificate.



Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2005

April 16 - Work Session
April 3 - Council Meeting
April 17 - Council Meeting
April 30 - Work Session
May 1 - Council Meeting
May 14 - Work Session
May 15 - Council Meeting
June 4 - Work Session
June 25 - Work Session
June 5 - Council Meeting
June 26 - Council Meeting
July 9 - Work Session
July 24 - Council Meeting
July 10 - Council Meeting
July 23 - Work Session

August 6 - Work Session
August 20 - Work Session
August 7 - Council Meeting
August 21 - Council Meeting

September - 10 - Work Session
September 24 - Work Session
September - 11 - Council Meeting
September 25 - Council Meeting

October 8 - Work Session
October 9 - Council Meeting

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Secretarial Election Results February 1, 2005

Adoption of the Constitution	Mail In	%	Hand Count	%	Total	%
For	456	#####	11	#####	467	72.40%
Against	173	#####	5	#####	178	27.60%

CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS

Pursuant to an order issued by Woodrow W. Hopper, Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, on August 25, 2004, this proposed Constitution of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians was submitted to the qualified voters of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians on February 1, 2005 and was duly adopted by a vote of 467 for, and 178 against, and 0 cast ballots found separated or mutilated, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 990 entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended.

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New Tribal Employees

Carrie Carlson Enterprise Accountant

Thank you everyone for such a warm welcome! My name is Carrie Carlson and I will be working as the new Enterprise Accountant. I graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor's in Accounting and a Master's in Business Administration. Previously I worked for Kilwin's Chocolates, managing and doing accounting for the Mackinac Island, Mackinaw City and Frankenmuth stores. Mainly I will be doing all the tasks related to Biindigen, Bell's Fishery and Kings Inn, which the other members of the accounting department have been sharing for the last few months. I am so excited to be working here and feel blessed to have this opportunity. My office is in the Accounting Department with Patty Wesaw and Mary Schneider. Please come visit me! I have met some of you but I look forward to meeting many more tribal members in the weeks to come.

Tina Shawano, Maternal Child Health Nurse

Pohsoh, my name is Tina Shawano I am a Menominee/Potawatomi from Northeast Wisconsin. I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing from UW-WI Eau Claire. I am employed at the LTBB Health Department in

the Healthy Start Program as the Maternal Child Health Nurse. I have two children who are attending the Public Schools in Petoskey. We moved to Northern Michigan in late December and I started work the beginning of January. My family and I are getting used to the area. It is beautiful here, and you are a blessed people to be able to see everyday. I look forward to working with your families. I have met so many people over the short time I have been here and if I don't remember your name forgive me and reintroduce yourself.

Patty Crosser, Clinic Nurse

Hello, my name is Patty Crosser and I am the new clinical nurse for the Tribal Health Clinic. I started my position in late December. I have worked at Bay Bluffs (Emmet County medical care facility) as a RN for the past 9 years. I live in Petoskey with my husband. I have three grown children and three grandchildren (who all live in Florida!) I grew up in a suburb of Chicago and moved to northern Michigan in 1972. While working at the clinic I have met some very nice people and am enjoying my new job tremendously.

LTBB Government Employment Opportunities

Police Recruit (Tribal Member)

Inland Fishery Biologist

For a complete job description or to apply for any of the aforementioned positions, please contact the LTBB Human Resources Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. By telephone at (231) 242-1555. By fax at (231) 242-1565. Also complete job descriptions are available at the Tribal Website: ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



Important Election News!!!

Submitted by Denise Petoskey, Election Board Chairperson

Now that we've passed a new Constitution, what happens next? Now we need to elect a new Tribal Council that will carry out the mandates of the new Constitution. The call for election and the nomination petitions will be mailed on March 25 from New Mexico. **THERE ARE 9 TRIBAL COUNCIL SEATS OPEN, ALONG WITH THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON POSITIONS.** The candidates for Chairperson and Vice-Chair are required to run as a team (like a President, Vice-President ticket). Petitions are due back to the Election Board by April 25. It is always a good idea to get more than the required number of signatures on your nomination petition in case some are deemed invalid. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ELECTION. ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS 18 YEARS AND OLDER WILL BE MAILED BALLOT PACKS.** Please keep your address updated with the Enrollment Office.

YOUR VOICE IS IN YOUR VOTE!

If you have any questions, please contact the Election Board. Denise Petoskey 231-881-2994 (Harbor Springs) - odawakwe2001@yahoo.com
Ellie (Harrington) Barber 231-526-5047 (Harbor Springs)
Carol (Martell) Quinones 616-774-9534 (Grand Rapids)
Alice (Gasco) Hughes 231-537-2446 (Cross Village)
Martin VanDeCar 231-838-7690



Safety Tips for the Month

By Norm Emery, Safety Coordinator

Electrical Extensions Cords

Nothing about an extension cord suggests danger. There are no moving parts, no flames, no noise, it is harmless looking; yet it can be dangerous if misused.

Only good cords should ever be used - preferably ones that are approved and tested by the Underwriters Laboratory. Cords that show wear should be repaired by a qualified person or thrown away.

Some hazards in using extension cords can be controlled only by the user. First of all no extension cords can stand up to rough usage. If you kink it, knot it, bend it, you can break the insulation - which may cause a short circuit and start a fire

or even an electric shock. So, protect that extension cord you use. Coil it in large loops, not in close-kinked coils. Don't bend it unnecessarily; don't subject it to strain. A cord should never be left hanging down in a passageway or lying on the floor where someone could trip on it.

The reasons are simple these precautions will:

- Prevent a tripping accident.
 - Prevent damage to the cord.
- If an extension cord shows signs of wear, or if you know it has been damaged, have a qualified person repair it or buy a new one. Failure to do so may be the cause of someone having an electrical shock or the cause an electrical fire.

Election Schedule

- February 1 Secretarial Election Day
- Because the Constitution passed, it goes to the Secretary of the Interior for final approval. The Secretary has 45 days to approve the Constitution and certify election results.
- March 26 Last day for Election Board to mail the Call to Election and Nomination Petition
- April 25 Nomination Petitions due back to Election Board by 5:00 p.m.
- May 10 Last day to have an approved membership on file for the General Election
- May 10 Last day to withdraw in writing from the election
- May 12 Last day for the Election Board to mail candidate information to the voting membership
- May 21 Meet the Candidates Forum
- May 25 Last day for the Election Board to mail ballots for Primary
- June 24 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
- July 5 Last day to submit in writing a challenge to the Primary Election
- July 8 Last day for the Election Board to mail ballots for the General Election
- July 23 Meet the Candidates Forum
- August 8 GENERAL ELECTION DAY
- August 18 Last day to submit in writing a challenge to the General Election
- August 22 Election Board certifies and posts results of General Election
- Elected officials will be sworn in and take office at the next regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting.

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NEWS FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DEPARTMENT

By Linda Woods, MSW, Director of Substance Abuse Services

Aanii, This month we would like to provide some information about how to support a loved one who is receiving substance abuse services or is 'in recovery' from substances. The person is 'clean and sober' and wants to continue this way of life, how do family and friends support this person? Suppose a family member calls or someone calls for assistance regarding their alcohol or drug use. What happens? First, we offer Outpatient Substance Abuse Services, which means a person comes here at least a minimum of once a week while they are in recovery. If it is determined by the staff that the person needs detoxification or residential, we will assist the person with a referral. An appointment is made for an intake, where we gather pertinent information like name, address, phone, emergency contact, tribal ID, other information about substance use, emergency information (whether someone is suicidal, pregnant, IV drug user) and paperwork is initiated such as the releases of information signed. Then the person is assigned a counselor and the counselor does an assessment with the person. This assessment covers the person's major life areas: legal issues, employment, family, health, mental health, cultural and spirituality. This process may take up to two hours, depending on if this is done at one sitting or two.

As the client begins their journey into sobriety, many questions may arise and the counselor is there to support and offer information about what happens in sobriety or recovery. One of the major things that contribute to a person's sobriety is honesty and willingness to address their substance use, whether the person

is court ordered or not - this begins slowly and as time evolves. The counselors may use any of the books and materials we have on hand here to address specific issues. Maybe the person needs an educational track with some drunk driving workbooks to follow, or the counselor and the client may decide to use the culture as a way of supporting the recovery process. We have Tony Davis on staff, who assists with providing cultural teachings or Red Road teachings and we feel we are fortunate to have him with us. We also encourage those who embark upon the sobriety path the use of 12 Steps found in Alcoholics Anonymous meetings (we have an AA meeting here on Wednesday evenings starting at 7 PM) and also the use of cultural teachings, not one over the other but used to support the client's individual recovery path.

Here are some other tips for family members to use to support the person in recovery:

- Learn about addictions/alcoholism as a treatable illness.
- Attend an Ala-Non meeting - this is for family members and loved ones to learn how alcoholism has impacted the whole family.
- Do not offer the one in recovery alcohol and/or drugs (stating something like "Go ahead, you can handle it now.").
- Make the home a place of support, safety and healing by having an alcohol/drug-free home.
- If the person in recovery is having a rough day - listen and offer positive reinforcement about what a good job they are doing.
- Stop walking on 'eggshells' around the person.
- If transportation is an issue, offer to give the person a ride to a meeting or

- to the counseling sessions.
- Because of confidentiality laws it is critical to honor our clients privacy therefore we will not be able to discuss with anyone if the person is even in counseling here (unless we have a signed release).

All in all, the path of recovery is a good one, sometimes difficult and sometimes not as difficult, but regardless it is a worthwhile path. Those in recovery learn a lot about themselves, about what they want to do in life, about how to overcome issues that have plagued them in life, how to experience life's joys and sorrows but mostly how good they feel about themselves even in the midst of sorrows, and how they can be of benefit to others. To feel the smiles and encouragement from family members is very important to one who is in recovery.

Meet our Substance Abuse staff:

- Jennifer Wilson, Intake Coordinator 231-242-1642 (for an appointment)
- Dawn Gallardo, MA, CAC I 231-242-1648
- Susan Yates, CAC II, CCS 231-242-1644
- Tony Davis, Cultural Advisor 231-242-1645
- Linda Woods, MSW, Substance Abuse Director 231-242-1646

Ala-Non meetings: Wednesdays 8 PM Alano Club, 104 Mason, Charlevoix
 Thursdays at 6:30 PM at St Matthews Catholic Church in Boyne City
 Fridays at 12 noon at Presbyterian Church, 7940 Cemetery Rd, Harbor Springs

Next month we will address mental health issues.



Pictured: LTBB Tribal Chairman Ettawageshik and Sandra Witherspoon from Grand Traverse Band

United Tribes Meeting

On February 24, 2005 the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hosted a United Tribes Meeting at Victories Casino Hotel. There were over 50 people registered for the meeting from several Michigan Tribes. This organization is a newly formed group, in which LTBB is currently participating. Look for a future article from our Tribal Chairman which will touch more on the group and what it's primary goals and functions are.



Community Health Mzinigan

We would like to invite you to the "Pink Shawl" presentation April 18th 6-9 pm at the LTBB government complex in the commons area. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP to Cathy at 231-242-1601 if you plan to attend so we can plan the meal accordingly.

The "Pink Shawl" project is an initiative to honor survivors of breast cancer and to promote early detection and early treatment. By performing monthly self breast exams, receiving clinical breast exam annually and mammograms yearly after the age of 40 we can decrease the incidence of breast cancer among our people. We can save the lives of our Grandmothers, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Aunties.

The featured presentation was created with support from the Avon Breast Care Foundation, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Native America Community Services, Grand Valley University, Native American women and women's health advocates. Many area women took part in this video. Afterward we will discuss what we can do to honor the Anishnabekwewok breast cancer survivors in our community. We look forward to seeing you there. Miigwech

Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe

By Regina Brubacker, RN; LTBB Health Educator

Aanii, tribal members. My name is Regina Brubacker and I am the Steps Program Health Educator. What has the Steps to A Healthier Anishinaabe Program been doing this past month? February 4th was National Wear Red Day, an event to raise awareness about heart disease. Did you know that heart disease is the number one killer of women in our country? There are many free programs available on-line to help you know your risk and to educate yourself on everything from recognizing the signs of a heart attack to healthier lifestyles for your heart, to free cookbooks.

On the 10th, we participated in a Health Fair sponsored by the Sheridan Elementary School PTO, assisting the NMH Foundation in conducting blood pressure, BMI and cholesterol screenings. A recent study comparing Michigan to seventeen similar states found that we have the highest rate of coronary heart disease death (most likely to die from a heart attack), and the second highest rates of obesity and diabetes. Michigan pays higher health insurance rates than the other states, and we spend 19% more than the other states on prescription medications. This makes regular screening and early detection even more

important for us. It's much better to prevent a health problem than to deal with it after it develops. If you haven't been screened in over a year, contact your health care provider.

Yoga classes continue at the Native Way Too, four times a week. Yoga means "union" and it helps integrate the body, mind and soul. So far, the attendance has been small, which means there is lots of room if you are interested in trying it out. No need to feel intimidated by thoughts of flexible people tying themselves in knots—we're about twenty years of regular practice away from that level! Classes are Monday and Friday at 11:00 am and Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 pm.

On the 21st we met with Environmental Services to discuss partnering in a garden which would raise both medicinal plants and culturally appropriate food plants. We'll be discussing this in more detail later. We are also looking for people with knowledge about how our parents/grandparents/ancestors preserved food. We'd appreciate hearing from anyone about that.

If you have questions about the program, or would like more information about any of the above topics, feel free to call me at (231)242-1664 or email me at rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Migwech for your attention. Live well!

News from Enrollment Department

By Linda Keshick, Administrative Assitant

Currently we have 3,979 members. We have 157 members listed as "undeliverable". Remember that any address changes must be on an address verification form including minor children. Contact the Enrollment office and we will send you a form. Once we receive the address verification form, we will put you back on the mailing list.

A lot has been happening in the Enrollment Office. We are working on a magnetic stripe Tribal ID card that will encode your name and membership number. The card will be used by the Tribal gas station, Biindigin, for the exemption of sales tax on fuel and tobacco. If you have any further questions, you may contact Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant at (231) 242-1584 for further details.

We have ordered 250 Tribal Directories which will be available for purchase in April. The cost is \$5.00 payable by cash, check or money order. If you do not live in the area and would like to purchase one, send a check or money order payable to Little Traverse Bay Bands and we will send one to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Have a wonderful day. Linda Keshick (231) 242-1521. Pauline Boulton (231) 242-1520.

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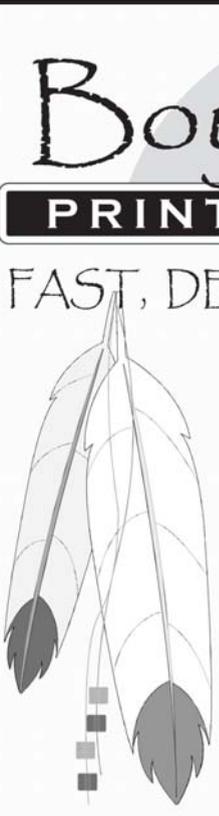
News From the Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr.

Aanii Tribal members near and far. The Tribal Council has approved a ramp building project for 2005. The ramp project is to provide safe access to Elder's homes in and outside the State of Michigan. The allocated funding will only cover approximately 20 -25 ramps, dependent on the present design of the entry area. The process to receive consideration for an individual project will be:

- 1.) Applicant will submit a written request to the Tribal Administrator - mailing address is LTBB, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740 Attention: Tribal Administrator;
- 2.) The written request for ramps built outside the LTBB Reservation area should include a picture of the entry area (this will help assess the work to be done);
- 3.) For those outside the reservation, it would be beneficial and help expedite the ramp building to have a contact number for a potential contractor I can contact to work up a proposal. Once I have those param-

eters, I can prioritize ramp projects for 2005. The future goal is to have safe access for all Tribal Elder's homes. Chi -Miigwetch to Tribal Council for looking after our Elders. I have been working with the LTBB Emerald Ash Borer working group which consists of staff from the Natural Resources, Geographic Information Systems, Environmental Services, Archives and Records, Cultural Preservation Departments. This working group is developing a management plan to address the Emerald Ash Borer, an evasive beetle brought over from Asia (in landscaping plants) to the United States. The presence in Michigan is spreading at an alarming rate and affects ash trees often used in cultural crafts by many Tribal members. More information is forthcoming in articles from the participating departments. The Tribal Council recently approved a new wage grid for LTBB Governmental operations. This wage grid will provide necessary guidance

when placing new employees on the wage scale and provide maintenance to salaried staff employees. This wage grid is a process within the Human Resources Department completed every three (3) years. The meeting place for the 2005 LTBB Community meeting has **changed from** previous years at the **Petoskey Middle School to the Harbor Springs Middle School** located on the corner of State Rd. and East Lake St. The Tribal Council will be set up in the gymnasium, Department/Program informational tables and displays will be in the concourse area and the noon meal will be in the cafeteria. Doors will open at 8:30 A.M. for registration with the meeting scheduled to start at 9:30 A.M. The community meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2005 only. More information (agenda and schedule of events) will be forthcoming. Mark your calendars and reserve that date for our annual meeting. I hope to see you there.



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Goonignebig 2005

The Goonignebig Games held on Saturday, February 19, 2005 brought 81 competitors and many spectators. It was very chilly but the hardcore goonignebigjk competitors didn't seem to notice. They were there to test their skills at the 8th annual LTBB Goonignebig Games. The games started at 9:00 a.m. and continued into the early afternoon hours, followed by an awards ceremony that included a prayer and honor song for all the champions. Listed by divisions are all the winners. CONGRATULATIONS! BAKANAAGIJK!

Men's Divisions		Women's Division	
65 + over			
1st Place - Bob Yellowbank	277 ft.	1st Place - Rita Gasco-Shepard	262 ft.
2nd Place - Bill MacNamara	262 ft.	2nd Place - Anna Stead	207 ft. 5 in.
		3rd Place - Mary Keshick	67 ft. 3 in.
Ages 50 - 64			
1st Place - Flash Gordon Shepard	249 ft.	1st Place - Sheri Patton	125 ft. 4 in.
2nd Place - Harvey Gibson	154 ft. 10 in.	2nd Place - Marian Sedlak	83 ft. 2 in.
3rd Place - Bill Denemy	105 ft.	3rd Place - Valerie Williams	82 ft. 6 in.
Ages 1 - 4			
1st Place - Stanley Dewey	23 ft. 7 in.	1st Place - Raina McFall	16 ft. 6 in.
2nd Place - Jackson Hollocker	23 ft.	2nd Place - Autumn Naganashe	12 ft. 5 in.
3rd Place - Waylan Wanageshik	20 ft.		
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade			
1st Place - Collin Welham	105 ft. 5 in.	1st Place - Lilli Parker	38 ft. 4 in.
2nd Place - Chase Patton	51 ft. 6 in.	2nd Place - K. Jessica Wysocki	27 ft. 9 in.
3rd Place - Henry Robinson	50 ft. 5 in.		
3rd - 5th Grade			
1st Place - Christopher Delorme	53 ft. 8 in.	1st Place - Brittany Bentley	54 ft. 4 in.
2nd Place - Duncan Dickinson	50 ft. 11 in.	2nd Place - Christina Dewey	41 ft.
6th - 8th Grade			
1st Place - Justin McFall	133 ft. 3 in.	1st Place - Cassandra Gibson	115 ft.
2nd Place - Justin Bush	96 ft. 6 in.	2nd Place - Noel Bush	112 ft. 7 in.
3rd Place - Tyler Kopkau	58 ft. 7 in.	3rd Place - Jasmine McFall	102 ft. 2 in.
9th - 12th Grade			
No Competitors		1st Place - Caroline Day	98 ft. 6 in.
		2nd Place - Dianna Kay	89 ft. 9 in.
		3rd Place - Ashley Boda	43 ft. 9 in.
Ages 18 - 34			
1st Place - Doug Craven	180 ft.	1st Place - Kathleen Willis	116 ft. 3 in.
2nd Place - Robert Yellowbank, Jr.	164 ft. 4 in.	2nd Place - Shannon Chamblee	110 ft. 11 in.
3rd Place - Scott Patton	144 ft. 1 in.	3rd Place - Theresa Chingwa	63 ft. 4 in.
Ages 35 - 49			
1st Place - Gary Gibson	252 ft. 3 in.	1st Place - Regina Brubacker	147 ft.
2nd Place - Brian Williams	238 ft. 10 in.	2nd Place - Cindy Parker-McEliath	142 ft. 6 in.
3rd Place - Dan Chingwa	200 ft.	3rd Place - Susan Wysocki	138 ft. 6 in.

Best Snowsnake Competition Winners 1st Place - Anna Stead 2nd Place - Christopher Delorme 3rd Place - Noel Bush

A special Miigwech to J.D. Gibson, Pat Naganashe, Harvey Gibson, Gary Gibson, Bill & Natalie Denemy, Marci Reyes, Rhonda Welsh, Sandra Dubois, Kathleen Willis, Anthony and Cathy Davis, CHI MIIGWECH!
LTBB COMMUNITY HEALTH STAFF



Pictured: Bob Yellowbank who was the overall longest throw for the day at 262 feet.

Pictured Below: Christina, Alex and Kenny Dewey enjoying the days events.



Veteran Tribal Member Honored



Pictured Left: Corporal Jennifer Busby and her children. Photo Courtesy of Corporal Busby taken at Fort Hood In Louisiana prior to Corporal Busby's deployment to Iraq.

On Sunday, March 06, 2005, Tribal Council passed a resolution to honor Tribal member Corporal Jennifer Busby, who is currently serving a one year deployment to Iraq. Below is a copy of the Resolution that passed that day. Tribal Chairman Ettawageshik also accepted (On Jennifer's behalf) a hand drum and an eagle feather to honor this young woman and her courage and bravery. These items are to be presented to the Corporal on her return to the States. Corporal Busby and perhaps many other Tribal young men and women are away and are in need of whatever support they can receive from us here stateside.

RESOLUTION # 030605-06_

Honoring Waganakising Odawa Ogichidaa CPL Jennifer Busby, 199th FSB/256 BCT

WHEREAS, 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 (11 Stat. 621), and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and

WHEREAS, Ogichidaa the word for our warrior means she has a big heart, we honor and thank the warrior who have sacrificed for our liberties, and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Feather is given to those who've accomplished deeds of selflessness and is one of the highest honors we can bestow upon such a person, and

WHEREAS, at the Tribal Council meeting opening Gitchikun presented an Eagle Feather and Drum to Chairman Ettawageshik for Ogichidaa Kwe Jennifer Busby, and

WHEREAS, Ogichidaa CPL Jennifer Busby, 199th FSB/256 BCT of the Waganakising Odawak who is currently serving in Iraq is worthy of such an honor, and

WHEREAS, we are praying she returns in good health to her children and family,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council has received an Eagle Feather and Drum on behalf of Ogichidaa Kwe Jennifer Busby and hereby presents this Drum and Eagle Feather Honoring Waganakising Odawa Ogichidaa CPL Jennifer Busby's, 199th FSB/256 BCT sacrifice for our liberties.

Certification

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, we certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held March 6, 2005 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call.



The Eagle Flight

Jared Aicher from Boise, Idaho, will be flying across the U.S. and Caribbean giving flights to kids through the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles Program. Jared was hoping to give free flights to 3 children between the ages of 8 and 17 from the LTBB Reservation as a part of the project. He will arrive in Traverse City on May 31, 2005, and would like to take the kids up for a flight in his aircraft. The kids would be responsible for transportation to and from the airport. If this is something that you may be interested in, please contact: Stacey Commer, The Eagle Flight, Media/Sponsorships (306)-242-7896. The Eagle Flight is a registered 501 (c) (3) charity and is fully insured.

Return Supper

When: April 30, 2005

**Where: LTBB
Government Complex
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI**

**Time: Dinner 5:00 p.m.
Dancing after
dinner until 11:00**

**For more information
contact: Marcia Sutton
242-1610 or Bev
Wemigwase 242-1480**

News From Education Department

By Melissa Claramunt, Director

Aanii Tribal Members and Tribal Youth.

We wanted to provide everyone with the dates of the LTBB Summer Youth Camp for 2005. Mark it in your calendars and stay tuned for more information!

Tiny Tots Camp (ages 4 -6):
July 18 - 22

Youth Camp (ages 7 - 11):
July 25 - 29

Teen Camp (ages 12 - 15):
Aug. 1 & 3 & 5

Only a month left to submit your Preschool-12th Grade Education Assistance Scholarship applications for the 2004-2005 academic year. If you need an application, please contact Dorothy Perry at 231-242-1482. This program provides \$100.00 per Tribal youth with a completed application per academic year.

Hey High School Seniors. It is time to start filing the 2005-2006 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you have any questions, need assistance or an application, please contact Katie Bauer at

231-242-1492. The earlier you submit the FAFSA, the better!!

Preparing for college? Higher Education scholarship packets are available from our office, which include the BIA, Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance, and Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver applications, along with FAFSA information and other financial aid info. Please contact Katie if you would like to request a packet.

The LTBB Education Department is working to expand its library materials. If you have any suggestions for cultural reference materials, Odawa resources or Native American literature, please email our office. (This includes videos, CD's, books, periodicals, etc.) We would like to have as much input from the membership as possible. Miigwetch.
mclaramunt@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

If you are interested in enrolling in the summer session of the WOBTT program, please contact our office at 231-242-1480 or 1483. Please request an enrollment form. Once the summer course schedule has been determined, students may then register for courses.



Cooking with Commodity Foods

Apple Baked Pancake

*Indicates that these items are available through the Food Distribution Program.

- 1 tablespoon butter*
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 large cooking apple, cored and sliced
- 1/4 cup flour*
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 cup + 2 tablespoons egg mix*
- 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup lowfat milk or reconstituted nonfat dry milk*

In an 8" baking pan, over medium heat, melt the butter.

Stir in the sugar and cinnamon (3-tablespoons & 3/4 teaspoon)

Sauté the apple slices in the sugar mixture, turning occasionally, until crisp-tender, about 3-4 minutes.

Arrange slices neatly in bottom of pan.

Mix together the flour, sugar (1-tablespoon), egg mix and salt.

Combine the water and milk and beat into the flour mixture until smooth.

Pour over the hot apple slices and bake in a preheated 375F oven until golden brown and sides are puffy, about 15 minutes.

Serve immediately—the puff will fall, so serve the pancake the moment it comes out of the oven.

Makes about 3 (1 egg) servings.

Nutrition Information for each serving of Apple Baked Pancake

Calories 258, Calories from fat 81, Total Fat 9.0 g, Saturated Fat 3.8 g, Cholesterol 106 mg, Sodium 366 mg, Total Carbohydrate 37 g, Dietary Fiber 1 g, Sugar 24 g, Protein 8 g, Vitamin A 107 RE, Vitamin C 4 mg, Calcium 130 mg, ron 1.3 mg

Recipe provided by American Egg Board



Words from Miss Three Fires

Aanii, Aaniishna? Cassandra Gibson, Ndizhnikaaas. Since my last article, things have been a challenge. My family and I went to Flint powwow. Unfortunately, I couldn't dance because I sprained my ankle at basketball practice and had to wear a cast for a few weeks. It was difficult to watch everyone dance knowing I couldn't be out there. I kind of felt left out, but enjoyed watching all of the dancers. I didn't go to Toronto, ONT for their celebration for the same reason. It was a disappointment, but I lived. What a great day it was when the doctor removed my cast. I realized how privileged I am to be able to dance and play basketball.

Since the 2005 New Year, my family and I traveled to Grand Traverse Band's New Years Eve Celebration and Lansing Jiingtamok. We had to leave Lansing Jiingtamok early when we heard the news of my Great Grandmother Rose Shalifoe. She passed away February 13, 2005, in Freemont, MI, about fifteen minutes after we arrived at her home. I was able to be by her side when she passed into the spirit world. My Great Grandma Rose taught us, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren a lot about our Anishinaabe Bimodiziwin. I am honored to have had my Great Grandma Rose in my life. I love her and will miss her very much.

These next few months I will be concentrating on my school work and representing our nations at Ann Arbor Powwow on April 2 & 3, 2005, and the Gathering of Nations in



Photo Courtesy of Cathy Gibson. Pictured: Rose Shalifoe and Miss Three Fires Cassandra Gibson

Albuquerque, NM, on April 29 & 30, 2005. I hope everybody enjoys the rest of the winter and spring brings many good things. Mino nandun!

Baamaapii Kawaabimin.
Cassandra Gibson
Miss Three Fires 2004-05

LTBB Family Resource Fair



Photos Courtesy of LTBB Education Department

Miigwetch to all the families who attended the Family Resource Fair on Saturday, January 29, 2005, at the LTBB Government Complex. Information and activities included: child identification kits and safety information, health information and screenings, early childhood information, and make-n-take activities. Chi miigwetch to the following departments who participated and helped make this event successful; Archives and Records, Charlevoix Hospital, Education, Environmental Services, Head Start, LTBB Health Clinic, Healthy Start, Human Services/Mshko-Dodemwin, Law Enforcement, M.S.U. Extension, Stepping Stones to School, and Substance Abuse/Mental Health.

Can you help identify this basket maker??



Submitted by Eva Oldman

This photograph was featured in the magazine *Michigan History* Volume 66, Number 2, in the March/April issue of 1982. As always, if you can identify this individual, please contact the Archives/Records & Cultural Preservation Department at (231) 242-1450.

2005 Native American Critical Issues Conference



Photo Courtesy of Paul Eames. Pictured: Various Representatives from LTBB

By Winnay Wemigwase, Director of Archives & Records

A substantial contingency from LTBB attended the Annual Native American Critical Issues Conference held at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme, Michigan. This conference, March 10-12, 2005, focused on various topics important to native people in Michigan. The overall theme was "Honoring Mother Earth through Education, however, topics discussed ranged from the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver to traditional lifeways.

The contingency from LTBB was comprised of many tribal elders, Elders' Program staff, Education Department staff, Education Commission representatives, Tribal Council members, and community youth.

Throughout the three-day conference, attendees engaged in discussions, listened to updates on current issues in our native communities, participated in cultural workshops, and celebrated with a powwow.

Quillbox Homecoming

By Winnay Wemigwase, Director of Archives & Records Department

The Archives/Records and Cultural Preservation Department has recently been gifted with thirty-nine quillboxes made by tribal members. The Department Director has been given "acting agent" status for the collection until they have a permanent home in a cultural center created by the Tribe.

These boxes were in danger of being sold on an internet auction site. However, the Archives/Records and Cultural Preservation Department Director was able to work with a Harbor Springs summer resident to secure the boxes on behalf of the Tribe. Although the Tribe does not have "ownership" of the boxes quite yet, they will be donated to us once we have our own place in which to display them. In order to be prepared for display, staff is compiling information on the collection and the artists. Currently, the department is working with Victories Casino & Hotel on possible exhibit space at the Hotel.

The Archives/Records and Cultural Preservation staff would like to thank Ms. Terry Gamble-Boyer for making such an important purchase on our behalf. We will be forever grateful to her for her generosity and good heart. We will be updating our progress with the exhibit in future *Odawa Trails*.

COMMERCIAL CAPTAINS MEETING

The Natural Resources Department will be hosting a special meeting for all prospective commercial fishing license holders on April 06, 2005 at the LTBB Administrative Building beginning at 6:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to provide interested parties with updated information regarding the small boat lease program, the commercial fishing loan program, administrative policies related to commercial fishing operations, as well as other issues relating to the commercial fishery, particularly in Lake Michigan.

We encourage all prospective commercial captains to attend this informational session as it will provide an opportunity for you to ask questions about the programs and resources available to you through the department. **Current and prospective participants in the small boat lease program are required to attend.**

We will have refreshments and snacks available. Your participation in this event is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Steve at (231)242-1672.

Tentative Agenda for Spring 2005 Commercial Captains' Meeting
Wednesday, April 06, 2005

Boats/Equipment

- Small Boat Lease Policy
- Commercial Fishing loan program
- Commercial Vessel Safety Regulations update/reminder
- CORA Regulations
- EPIRB use and precautions
- Maintenance/reminders
- Net-making class

Harvest Reporting

Fisheries Stuff

- Biological Assessments
- Status of LFW, LAT

Stocks

- LWF tagging study (\$5 tag return)
- Sturgeon Awareness

Licensing



Sponsored by the LTBB Health Department

What is Rez-Robics?

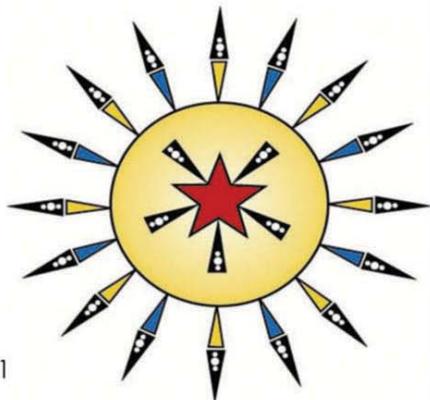
Rez-Robics is a low-impact exercise program that incorporates pow-wow dance steps and basic martial arts moves set to contemporary Native music.

Classes are being held at the Native Way Too gym on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:45pm**

Classes are **FREE** for **LTBB Tribal members, family, and employees.**

The Native Way Too gym is located in the County Commerce Park 8730 Commerce Court Unit #7 Harbor Springs, MI

If you have any questions or would like to sign-up call Gwen Gasco at (231)242-1611



Class sizes are limited to 20 participants per session!!

NCAI Youth Commission



Photo Courtesy of Douglas Wemigwase: Pictured on the steps of the Capitol Building from left: Douglas Wemigwase, Michele LaCount, Tribal Chairman Ettawageshik, Congressman Dale Kildee, and Ogema Lee Sprague from Little River Band.

Aanii, my name is Douglas Wemigwase. I was selected by Tribal Council back in September to attend the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 61st Annual Conference that took place in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The conference had a youth track that took place throughout the week. It just so happened that during the conference, the youth track was electing new youth for the NCAI Youth Commission (NCAIYC). I put in an application for representative, but decided not to run. The last position open was the Secretary position. I was nominated to run by one of our own and I was elected to the position. The NCAIYC has two co-representatives, a male and female. There is an alternate for each representative and finally the Secretary. The responsibilities of the NCAIYC Secretary is to record minutes of our meetings and present native youth issues, just like the other commissioners. During the first week of March, I attended the NCAI Executive Winter Session in Washington, D.C. I traveled with the Tribal Chairman's Executive Assistant, Michele LaCount and we met up with Chairman Ettawageshik at the event. The winter session had many memorable speakers, such as Senator John McCain

(R-Az) who is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. The other speaker that I met in person was Congressman Dale Kildee (D-MI). I missed many of the other speakers due to other meetings I had to attend. Bill Lomax and Dawson Her Many Horses, President and Assistant Vice President of the Native American Business Development offered me an internship with Merrill Lynch. Lydia A. Hofer said that she was willing to do an internship with me over the summer and lastly Ernie Stevens, Jr. Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, said that he, too, would offer me an internship opportunity. Chairman Ettawageshik invited Michele and me to go to the Hill to meet with Congressman Bart Stupak and Senator Debbie Stabenow. The NCAI had a packet that included some of the main issues affecting Native's throughout the U.S.. The NCAI wanted the Tribal leaders to go to their representatives and present those issues. I find this whole experience very rewarding and highly informative. As the NCAIYC Secretary, I will do my best to represent LTBB and Tribal Youth at future conferences.



Zisbaakdaki Giizis (Maple Sugar Moon - April)

Aambe Anishinaabemdaa!

Let's Speak Our Language!

The Niizhwaaswe Kinoomaagewinan (Seven Teachings) or Niizhwaaswe Mishomisak (Seven Grandfathers) can often provide guidance in living a good life - Mnobimaadziwin



Mnookmi (Spring)

Niizhwaaswe Kinoomaagewinan



- mnaadendmowin** (respect)
- nbwaakaawin** (wisdom)
- zaagidwin** (love)
- gwekwaadziwin** (honesty)
- dbaagendizwin** (humility)
- aakdehewin** (bravery)
- debwewin** (truth)

Community Language Classes Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm North Central Community College Main Building, Room 123 For information call (231)347-3789 Everyone Welcome

Gaabakanaagejik Naabdin Giizis Bo Booth, Michael Keshick, Henry Robinson, Kyle Shomin, Bob Yellowbank Congratulations Language Bingo March Coverall Winners!

Vowel	Sounds like
a	bus
aa	father
e	bed
i	sit
ii	see
o	phone
oo	book
nh	nasal sound

Maanii: "Aapiish na gaazhaayin jiinaago?"
 Zhaabid: "Odenwing sa ngiizhaa?"
 Maanii: "Ngiiwaabmin sa go giibmoseyin."
 Zhaabid: "Aaniish na gaapiichaamgak?"
 Maanii: "Giishkwaanaakwemigat bijiinak sa go ngiishkwaawiisin."
 Zhaabid: "Mii sa wi gaanjoodetooyaanh. Ngiinaadin waamijyaanh genii. Mzhikiiwiyaas ngiigiishnadoon, bakwezhiban ge, miinwaa piniik, noonaaganaaboo ge. Kaago gego giitesno wa miiijyaanh wide endaa'aanh."



Maanii: "Miidash giiwiisiniyaan giibigiwewaan?"
 Zhaabid: "Enh, aapichigo ngiimnowiisin."
 Maanii: "Wenesh na waadoodman nango shkwaanaakwek?"
 Zhaabid: "Ngiinanwep. Gojiing go naa ngawanmadab. Shkwaan nanwep dash niibaamse nimookaajinh'im niibaamse'aanh. Tibenh nikeyaa niizhaami?"
 Maanii: "Baabiisin. Gawijiinim abaamseyek. Nminwendaan genii jibaamseyaan. Nga biidoon na waamijyaang? Maage gamadibimi wide wiisineyaang."
 Zhaabid: "Enh, kaa gonaa niibnaa biidooke. Bangiishenh gonaa beedoon. Nibiish gabii doon. Gabaabiin zhinda. Miidash jimaajaayaang biidagwashniyaan."

Do you have what it takes to be the next Miss Odawa



Reigning Miss Odawa Alicia Shomin-Shenoskey

- If you think you have what it takes... We are looking for Odawa Kwezehns
- Between the ages of 13-17
 - Knowledgeable in all aspects of their Odawa Heritage
 - Have a positive attitude
 - Dance and participate in Pow Wows
 - Be a role model for all Native American Youth
 - Be able to represent the Odawa People

Princess Contest Requirements:

- 500 Word Essay
- Public Speaking
- Interview
- Dance Exhibition

For more information please contact: Regina Gasco (231) 242-1574 or (231) 487-1689



Community Health Mzinigan

By Michele Keshick, RN, Community Health/Diabetes Manager

**DIABETES CAN BE PREVENTED!!
WE CAN FIGHT THIS SILENT ENEMY WITH
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTHY FOOD
CHOICES.**

Native Americans have the highest incidence of diabetes in the United States. Thirteen percent of our tribal members have diabetes and the rest of us are at risk to develop it.

This is true because of the changes that we have been through since Columbus got lost. Our way of life has changed drastically in a short amount of time. Our bodies have not been able to adjust to the 'feasting' that we do every day. We eat foods that are high in fat and low in nutritional value with few of the essential vitamins and minerals that we need. We don't know who grew or harvested it, how it was raised or what chemicals were sprayed on it, or what the animals ingested; let alone what effects will be down the road.

Growth hormones that are fed to the animals that we eat are causing our children to mature physically earlier than they ever did before, or would naturally. Also, many animals are given antibiotics. This is contributing to the development of bacteria, 'super bugs', that are resistant to commonly used antibiotics. (Over use of antibiotics, and not completing a course of antibiotics ordered by your doctor contribute as well.)

There are also genetically modified foods everywhere! What exactly does that mean? There are foods out there that have been pesticide-injected into the seed itself! What happens to us as we eat these foods is anybody's guess. Trying to control "Mother Nature" is never a wise move.

In addition, there are 'hybrid' seeds available. These seeds produce fruits/vegetables that look perfect but they don't taste very good and their seeds are sterile. The seeds from your harvest will not produce more fruits/vegetables. This was accomplished by changing the structure of the DNA. You are then obliged to buy more seeds every year. (Incidentally, there are also large chemical companies that have the rights to 2/3 of the world's seeds. Does this raise any red flags for you? I know how to play monopoly!) . It seems that greed is at the root of a lot that has gone 'wrong' in this world today.

With all that is going on in our lives it is

easy to forget that the food that we eat was a living being, a part of creation-no more, and no less than we are. These plants and animals give their life so that we can live. Who made the offering to these plants and animals for their life that they give us so freely? This is the circle of life. We need to take part in the production of our food. Food is medicine and must be respected as such. Returning to the circle of life as our ancestors knew it, will restore the balance in our community. Once again, we will live in harmony with all of creation.

Another reason that so many of us have diabetes is that we are not as active as our ancestors were. We don't have to work as hard to get our food. Fast food was food that you had to run fast to catch, not a drive-thru. Now we have 'slow' food. Foods that make us slow, it takes a long time for our bodies to digest and get any nutrients out of us. Healthy food choices will help to turn this around for us.

Our family consisted of the entire community. Everyone had a place and a job that was crucial to the survival of everyone. We knew who we were, where we had been and where we were going. We lived in harmony, respecting all of creation, feeling gratitude towards the Creator and Mother Earth for seeing that we have all that we need, and loving one another was our way of life.

Today we live separated from each other and community members live all over the world; we have to work in the mainstream society to pay the bills or leave home to go to school. Still, we are interdependent upon each other and Mother Earth. We need each other. Together we will heal, all Anishnabek and Mother Earth, or neither of us will survive.

Understanding how this came to be will take you a long way in understanding what you can do to change this legacy of diabetes that we are leaving our children. We can defeat diabetes. We can live in harmony with all of creation. We can change the way of the world today by standing together, working side by side, praying together, and singing together. We will heal!

In an effort to decrease the risk factors associated with the development of diabetes and to help our brothers and sisters with diabetes achieve and maintain glycemic control, we collaborated with Gun

Lake, Huron, Grand Traverse, Pokagan, and Little River Bands to develop "Walk the Path". This online team competition begins April 15th, 2005. The competitive portion of this event will conclude August 19, 2005; however, this will be an ongoing project.

Little Traverse Bay Bands will be competing as a team in "Walk the Path". This program is similar to the 'FITUP' that we just completed, except this time you will be logging the time that you spend in physical activity per day. The goal is to spend at least 30 minutes a day.

We are asking that you compete a health screening at the beginning and at the end. We would like to keep track of community members that are participating in physical activity. We know that this will have a positive effect on your health but we need data to support our efforts in this direction. We will also send you educational materials to help you on this road to wellness.

To register call Cathy at 231-242-1601. More information may be obtained at this web site. www.justmoveit.org and sign up under LTBB before April 15th. The competitive portion of this program ends August 15, 2005. You will receive a registration packet that includes tracking sheets and incentive and prize information. You can join at any time.

We are asking that you please let us know who is participating. We would also like to remind you that Native Way Wellness and Prevention Center has cardiovascular exercise and weight lifting equipment that is available for you and your family. Call Dawn at 231-242-1700 for more information.

Native Way Too offers Rez Robics at 6pm Mon & Wed.. At 11 a.m. Tues & Thurs is Rez Robics for Elders & Others too in the commons area of the LTBB government complex. Tae Kwon Do is offered at 6 pm on Tues & Thurs.

Call Cathy at 231-242-1601 if you are interested in "Home grown Project". Fresh fruits and vegetables can be grown in very small places like window sills, hanging pots, and 5 gallon buckets. You do not need a lot of space. You are only limited by your own imagination. Be creative! We will be offering heirloom seeds and organic gardening tips on a limited bases.



Women's Hand Drum and Singing Group

When: Tuesdays:
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fridays:
5:00 p.m. - 7:00p.m.

For more information Call:
Carla: 231-242-1454.

Waganakising Martial Arts Club

On Saturday, March 12, 2005, the Waganakising Martial Arts Club competed in its first tournament in Whitmore Lake. Ten people participated from our group, and we were the only club there with major participation from its lowest rankings. If you see these people, congratulate them on a great job:

Terry Samuels, black belt forms, 2nd place

Bill Denemy, white/yellow/green belt forms, 1st place

Taylor Fisher, white/yellow/green belt forms, 3rd place

Alex Fisher, white/yellow/green belt forms, 4th place

Kathryn McGraw, white/yellow/green belt sparring, 1st place

Kathleen Willis, white/yellow/green belt sparring, 1st place

Corey Bailey, white/yellow/green belt sparring, 2nd place

Bill Denemy, white/yellow/green belt sparring, 3rd place

Taylor Fisher, white/yellow/green belt sparring, 3rd place

Alex Fisher, white/yellow/green belt sparring, 3rd place

Also representing WMAC were Regina Brubacker, Connor Kroswek and Chris Lynn Jr. A great time was had by all. Look for more awesome performances in the future.

If you are interested in the Waganakising Martial Arts Club, please contact: Cathy Gibson at (231) 242-1601.



Pictured: Tribal Chairman Ettawageshik and Simon Otto on March 8, 2005 when resolution was presented to Mr. Otto.

Elder Honored

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

RESOLUTION # 030605-01

Honoring Simon Otto

WHEREAS: the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians ("LTBB" or "Tribe") 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 (11 Stat. 621):

WHEREAS: the official language of the tribe is Anishnaabemowin and Simon Otto promotes the use of Anishnaabemowin in his work

WHEREAS: Simon Otto is an Ojibway and Ottawa Elder and Storyteller

WHEREAS: Simon has traveled through out the Midwest giving lectures on the traditions, history, culture and Indian life of old as well as of today.

WHEREAS: Simon Otto has been writing columns for thirty years for newspapers and magazines and does lectures and readings from his books sharing the traditions of his people.

WHEREAS: Simon Otto's writings divulge many things he has heard and strives to pass his knowledge onto the younger one of the tribe, so they can carry on the traditions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council hereby wishes to acknowledge Simon Otto for his past accomplishments and continuing efforts to promote and preserve Anishinaabe culture and heritage.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, we certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held March 6, 2005 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call:

HARBOR SPRINGS SYMPOSIUM

The Second Annual Harbor Springs Symposium has the topic this year of **Native Voices**. Important American Indian writers, artists, storytellers, and craftspeople will be holding workshops from June 9th through June 11th. The keynote speaker is well known Odawa/Ojibwe author, Simon Otto. The symposium site is the Birchwood Inn overlooking Lake Michigan outside of the resort town of Harbor Springs, Michigan. Directions, rates, and other important details can be accessed through their web site at: <http://www.birchwoodinn.com>. Hotel rooms are to be reserved individually through the Birchwood Inn at 1-800-530-9955. Please identify yourself as being with the "Harbor Springs Symposium." The cost of the workshops and all activities is \$150.00 payable at the Symposium. Hotel rooms and meals are not included.

TENTATIVE 2005 "NATIVE VOICES" SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 9th, 2005

5:00 PM - Sign in

6:00 PM - Wine and cheese reception

7:00 PM - Dinner at next-door Lorenzo's restaurant

9:00 PM - Campfire storytelling on site with Tony Miron, Native artist, storyteller, and was a consultant with Dances With Wolves

Friday, June 10, 2005

Breakfast at Birchwood Inn for registered guests, others on their own

9:00 AM - Gather in main room for greetings and introductions

10:00 AM - Andrea Otto and Katherine McGraw available for massage or to schedule

appointments

10:00 AM - Walk in nearby Thorne Swift Park with Vicky Lynn, Native plant and herbal medicine specialist

Noon - 1:30 PM - Picnic lunch outside at Birchwood Inn

1:30 PM - Marge May, local historian and former teacher, slide show of Emmet County Odawa portraits from nineteen-thirties through the nineteen-sixties

3:00 PM - Raymond and Mary Jane Kiogima, local Odawa community leaders, will demonstrate the making of Indian Corn Soup and discuss other topics like the Odawa language. Ray has written an Odawa dictionary and grammar.

4:00 - 6:30 PM - Free time to swim in the pool, walk, read, shop, meditate, socialize, or just take a nap

6:30 PM - Meet in lobby to go to Lorenzo's for dinner

8:30 PM - Main meeting room, Simon Otto, noted Ojibwe/Odawa author and traditional storyteller, is the keynote speaker.

10:00 PM - Campfire with storytelling and reading by participants of symposium

Saturday, June 11th, 2005

Breakfast at Birchwood Inn for registered guests

9:00 AM - Writing workshop with Simon Otto, author of four books, and Bill Dunlop, Odawa author of The Indians of Hungry Hollow

10:30 AM - Quillwork workshop with Yvonne Walker-Keskick, Odawa craftsperson whose work is exhibited in both the Heard and Smithsonian Museums

Noon - Go to Harbor Springs for picnic on waterfront

1:30-3:30 PM - Tour in individual cars guided by Constance Cappel with stops at the Andrew J. Blackbird Museum, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Governmental Complex, and Good Hart/Middle Village, former L'Arbre Croche area

3:30 - 4:30 PM - Warren Petoskey will give a multimedia show with comments

6:30 PM - Meet in lobby for dinner

9:00 PM - Native Voices panel: Simon Otto, Bill Dunlop, Yvonne Walker-Keskick, Warren Petoskey, and Constance Cappel, moderator

10:30 PM - Campfire with storytelling and readings

New Survey Shows American Indian Youth in Michigan Are More Likely to Smoke If Living With Smokers

Washington D.C.

New data released by the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council shows that 73 percent of American Indian middle school students that live in a smoking environment have tried cigarettes. This is in comparison to 38 percent of American Indian students that live in a smoke-free household.

More than 1500 students in 12 Michigan schools participated in the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Youth Tobacco Survey. Students completing the survey were in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades with 22 percent of the students identifying themselves as American Indian. The survey tracks tobacco use, attitudes and related behaviors among middle school students. Traditional and ceremonial

uses of tobacco were also addressed in the survey.

The survey reported that American Indian students that live in a smoking environment had a significantly higher rate of trying cigarettes and cigars compared to their non-American Indian peers that lived in a smoking environment.

"This survey was important to the Indian youth of Michigan because it gave them an opportunity to have their voices heard. By requesting their input, youth were able to consider the questions and reflect about their own behaviors and the reasons contributing to them. When youth are invited to participate in their health care issues they become more empowered and self-reliant

in personal health issues," said Denise Marth, RN, MSN, STEPS Coordinator/Community Health Nurse, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Health Clinic. "Clearly parents who smoke have a serious influence on their children's future smoking habits. Reducing preventable illness and death from tobacco product use is a serious issue. The entire tribal community of families, health care workers, merchants and youth must jointly develop a strategy to support each other in the quest for the cessation of tobacco use."

The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council conducted this study through a grant from the American Legacy Foundation, a national public health foundation focusing on tobacco use prevention and education.

"We are proud of the work that the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council did with this project. It has provided the Tribes in Michigan with invaluable data that will allow them to address tobacco prevention and cessation programs for their tribal members who are using tobacco in a non-ceremonial context. We also hope that this will serve as a model for other Tribes and Native organizations interested in undertaking similar projects," says Dr. Cheryl Heaton, president and CEO, American Legacy Foundation.

"Due to the fact that most studies have such a small American Indian population it is difficult to draw conclusions about tobacco usage among American Indian and Alaskan Native youth," said Nancy Miller Korth, project coordinator, Great Lakes EpiCenter. "We felt

it is important to get an accurate picture of tobacco use so that we can determine the best course of action for our health programs."

The results from this survey show that a higher percentage of American Indian students report having tried the various tobacco products compared to their peers. Approximately 30 percent of students that had tried cigarettes reported that they had smoked everyday of the previous month.

In addition, the study also showed that 85 percent of students from all races that smoked were not asked to show any type of proof of age when they bought cigarettes. Eighty three percent of student smokers were not denied purchase of cigarettes because of their age.

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2005 Annual Community Meeting

Please join the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council and Government Operations at the 2005 Annual Community Meeting to be held Saturday, May 7, 2005

Location: Harbor Springs, Middle School
800 State Road
Harbor Springs, Michigan

For more information call: (231) 242-1406

Lunch will be served and door prizes will be awarded!

Departmental and programs will provide a resource fair; Tribal Council, Legal, Casino, and Commissions/Committees/ Boards will offer presentations.



Tribal Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2005

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians
February 20, 2005
Tribal Court Room 7500
Odawa Circle
Smudging 9:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.**

Executive Session: no
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Council Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Secretary Dexter McNamara, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley

Absent: Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Legal Staff Present: James Bransky, General Counsel

Staff Present: Michele LaCount-Executive Assistant, Albert Colby, Jr.-Tribal Administrator, Valerie Tweedie-Chief Financial Officer, John Espinosa-General Manager-Victories Casino & Hotel, Barry Crowell-Controller-Victories Casino & Hotel

Commission, Boards and Committees: Richard Wemigwase-Chairman-Elders Advisory Board, Sherry Patton-Chairperson-Gaming Board of Directors, Beverly Wemigwase-Chairperson-Gaming Regulatory Commission, Julie Shananaquet-Gaming Regulatory Commission, Tim LaCroix-Gaming Regulatory Commission, John Keshick III-Chairperson-Natural Resource Commission, Cheryl Kishigo-Chairperson-Economic Development Commission, John Bott-Economic Development Commission, William McNamara-Natural Resource Commission Secretary

Guests: Carol McFall, Warren Petoskey, Sharon Sierzputowski, Harvey Gibson, Douglas Wemigwase, Andrew Stich, Brittany Bentley, Judy Pierzynowski, Doug Craven, Jacy Greensky, Crystal Greensky, Ray Greensky

Opening Ceremony: Frank Ettawageshik

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to adopt the agenda for February 20, 2005 as amended.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to approve the minutes of February 6, 2005 as amended.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice

Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Dexter McNamara to accept the Elder's verbal report as presented by Richard Wemigwase, Chairperson.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to accept the verbal and written Treasurer's report as presented by the C.F.O., Valerie Tweedie for February 20, 2005.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to accept the verbal and written report from the Gaming Board of Director's Chairperson, Sherri Patton, for February 20, 2005.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to accept the Gaming Regulatory Commission's report given by Chairperson, Beverly Wemigwase, for February 20, 2005, presented verbal and written.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

10:38 a.m. Recess called
11:01 a.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to accept Tribal Administrator's report given by Albert Colby, Jr., verbal and written for February 20, 2005.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to approve a 3 x 5 Tribal Flag for the Beaver Island dock.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

11:48 a.m. Public Comment opened: Warren Petoskey, Andrew Stich, Carol McFall
11:53 a.m. Public Comment closed

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to accept the verbal and

written report presented by Tribal Chairman, Frank Ettawageshik for February 20, 2005 as presented.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Dexter McNamara to approve FY 2005 travel to National Congress of American Indians meetings for Douglas Wemigwase, National Congress of American Indians Youth Commission, Secretary in the amount not to exceed \$7,000 to come from prior year funds.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

12:22 p.m. lunch recess called until 1:50 p.m.

2:10 p.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to pledge a total of \$15,000.00 to the National Congress of American Indians' Capital Campaign for Building Purchase payable at \$5,000.00 per year for three years to come from the Grants and Donations line item.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to accept Legal's verbal and written report for February 20, 2005 as presented by James Bransky, General Counsel.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

2:26 p.m. recess called
2:32 p.m. meeting reconvened

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to accept Legal's verbal and written report for February 20, 2005 as presented by James Bransky, General Counsel.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to take the following actions to prepare to defend a lawsuit by the State of Michigan on the issue of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indian's withholding of the 8% payments under the Class III Gaming Compact: 1. Appropriate an additional \$350,000 to the Legal Department budget to cover expert consultant, legal and miscellaneous legal expenses, 2. Authorize an increase up to an additional \$150,000 in compensation and expenses under the contract with Kanji & Katzen, PLLC, and 3. Authorize the Tribal Chairman to execute contracts with expert consultants and witnesses as recommended by the Tribe's Legal Department and special counsel

Kanji & Katzen. Funds to come from the General Fund.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #022005-01 Waiver of Sovereign Immunity to Resolve 8% Payment Issue.
Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-absent, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Dexter McNamara to approve the General Counsel contract for Attorney James Bransky to commence February 20, 2005 and ending February 19, 2011, and authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign.
Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.), 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Dexter McNamara to approve the Clinic Physician Employment Contract to commence February 1, 2005, and ending January 31, 2011 and authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign subject to clarification of section 19 of the contract with the Tribal Chairman and the Physician in consultation with the Legal Department and the C.F.O.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Secretary Dexter McNamara to adopt Waganakising Odawak Statute Natural Resources Commission Amendment and Repeal of Statutory Inland Regulations.
Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-absent, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-no, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
Motion Carried

4:09 p.m. Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. leaves

4:10 p.m. Public comment opened

4:11 p.m. Public Comment closed

4:12 p.m. Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. returns

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. to approve Burial Request #A0093-a in the amount of \$85.06.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to clarify the motion of February 6, 2005, to approve Burial Fund request #A0092 for \$6,714.48 to read, to approve Burial Fund request #A0094 for \$6,714.48.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Dexter McNamara and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to approve Burial Fund request #A0092 for \$6,714.48 to read, to approve Burial Fund request #A0094 for \$6,714.48.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to approve Burial Fund request #A0095 in the amount of \$6,638.42.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to place Native American Employee Recruitment and Retention and Educational Encouragement Act on the Legislative Agenda, sponsored by Tribal Member Doug Craven.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to approve \$3,500 for Anishnabek Ekinoomoonhjik Waawyi'ak student group to help 12 students attend the Anishnabemowin Teg Conference in March 2005, funding to come from the Cultural line item.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

4:41 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to adjourn.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained
Motion Carried

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved: 3-06-05



Lines From our Membership



Birth Announcement

Kayla Marie Dreaver she was born on December 29, 2004 at 5:00 p.m., she weighed 8lbs 3 oz and was 21" tall. She was born to Harvey and Marie Dreaver, proud brother Caden, and proud grandparents Ciny (Shawanibin) & Bill Schuyler Jr.; great grandparents Lorraine & Bill Schuyler Sr.; and Ralph Shawanibin, along with numerous Aunties and Uncle's

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Dollie Keway** on her recent appointment to the Gaming Board of Directors. I am proud of you Dollie.
Love, Mom

Birth Announcement

Crystal Skippergosh proudly announces the arrival of her first born child: **Damien Xavier Bonilla**. Damien was born March 6, 2005. He was 6lbs 15 ozs and was 20 1/2" tall. Proud Grandfather is Kenneth Skippergosh from Chicago, Illinois.



Student News

Congratulations to **Mike Lyons** who successfully completed all 5 of the Bay Mills Courses through the WOBTT Program offered through the LTBB Education Department in one semester and received a 4.0 GPA on all of them! Great Job Mike!
Your sister, Sharon

Congratulations to **Samantha Foltz**, who is a student at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. She was on the Dean's list for the last semester, carrying a 20 credit class load. Samantha is the daughter of Tina and Mark Foltz and the Granddaughter of Richard and Marion Smith. You make your family proud, Samantha

Nathan Bauer, the son of Cory

and Don Bauer and the Grandson of Richard and Marion Smith, has went to Africa to study World Learning for International Affairs. Nathan is currently living with a Native African family and has seven brothers and sisters. Nathan is having quite a time there. He misses being home and would appreciate any correspondence from people here at home. Nathan can be sent mail at: Nathan Bauer
c/o SIT/Dan Lumonya
World Learning/School for International Training
Suite 1, 2nd Floor Ambassador House,
Kampala Road
P.O. Box 23431
Kampala, Uganda



Janice Margaret (Gasco) Keller

Janice Margaret (Gasco) Keller walked on in life on Friday, March 4, 2005.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she embraced life fully.

Janice was born in Harbor Springs in October 1937, the daughter of Alex and Louise Gasco. She grew up in Harbor Springs and made her home in Cross Village, marrying Anthony "Tony" Keller in October 1954.

She worked for years at Pellston Public Schools and later retired from Northern Michigan Community Mental Health.

She lived for the love of her family and truly enjoyed the beauty of flower gardening, traveling, walking and spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Tony Keller; her siblings, Beatrice

(Rick) Bolyard of California, Rose (Hank) Rakowski of Detroit, Nancy (Jim) Bennett of Indiana, Douglas Gasco of Harbor Springs, sons and daughters, Sharon Searles of Cross Village, Anthony Jr. and Gayle of Alanson, Joseph and Alice Keller of Harbor Springs, Timothy and Joy Keller of Holland, Gerald and Kelly Keller of Levering, Kevin Keller of Oden, Susan Keller of Pellston, Sandra and Jason Williams of Levering; grandchildren, Alvin, Craig and Jessica Searles, Julie, Jennifer and Jason Keller, Matt Nestle, Adam and Ashley Keller, Tiffany Keller, Tanner and Emilee Keller, Derek Keller, Tashina and Kristin Wabanimkee and Jordan and Hali Williams; great-grandchildren, Gavin and Morgan Harrington and Trey Searles; along with many nieces and nephews. She is survived and remembered by treasured friends, Carol, Dorothy, Sue and Mary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alex and Louise Gasco; dearly loved sister, Ruth Carver; and grandson, Jeffery Sheber.

Sadly, we cannot be in her loving presence, but forever she will be remembered and felt beside us every day, as she is carried deep within our hearts.

Memorial contributions may be forwarded to the family. A memorial celebration will take place at a later date.

Francis "Frank" Antoine, 84

Former East Jordan resident Francis "Frank" Antoine 84, died March 7, 2005, at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. No services are planned.

Birthday Announcements

Happy 25th Birthday my little **Weezer**. A quarter of a century seems so long and yet so short, but you have accomplished so much more than most people do in their entire lifetime. Always remember...the "clicking of the high heels". ha ha
With all my love and pride,
Mom

Happy 15th Birthday to **Krystina Peariso**, April 3 and **Sandi Wemigwase** on April 26th!
From Rachel & Mom

Happy Belated Birthday to **Mary Ethel Lawler** who celebrated her 79th Birthday on March 8th!

Happy Belated Birthday wishes to **Marlene Gasco** who celebrated her birthday on March 31st!

Happy Birthday wishes to **Madge Kosequat** who celebrated birthday number 82 on April 13th!

Belated birthday wishes to my wild little nephew **David Dennis Chartier** on March 29th. You're more like your mother than **she realizes!!!** ha ha
Love and miss you, Aunt Judy

Happy Birthday wishes go out to **Josie Laughlin** on April 11th. We love you very much baby girl and hope you have a great day!
Love from us all, Mom, Dad and Sister

Happy Birthday to **Dan Stead** on April 12th. Hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday wishes to **Mitch Laughlin** in April. We hope you get all your birthday wishes!
Love your cousins,
Nicole & Josie

Happy Birthday to **Melissa Wiatroluk** on April 3rd. So tell us, are you really an April fool????

Happy Birthday to **Mamma Willis** who celebrates on April 27th. We love you,
Your 3 sons
(Got your back Jay Z)

Happy Birthday to **Donald Houghton** on April 28th. May this be a good year for you, Don!

Happy Birthday to **Anna (Punky) Wemigwase** who has her special day on April 18th.
Love your cousins,
Meliss, Wally, Nicole & Josie

Happy Belated Birthday wishes

to my **Aunt, Arlene Naganashe**. She celebrated her birthday on March 15th! As always Auntie, I'm a little late, but I'm there.
Love, Melissa

Happy Birthday wishes to **Megan Ann Keshick**, whose birthday is April 26th. Have a wonderful day!
Love, Grandma Mary



Happy Birthday to **Jesse Boda** who celebrates his birthday on April 4th.
Love, Your wife Jenni, Dalton and Sierra

HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY BUSTY!
Love: Bernadece, Mel & the girls.

Happy Birthday to **Jobin Naganashe** who celebrates his birthday on April 11th. Have a great day Bro.
Love the Boda's

Happy Birthday wishes to **Marci Reyes** who has her happy birthday on April 5th.
From your favorite Gargamel,
Garcia M

Happy 68th Birthday to **Sarah Van De Car** on April 24!
Love, Your family

Happy Birthday wishes to **Michael Keshick** who celebrates his birthday in April.
I love you,
Grandma Mary

Happy Birthday to our girl **Yoshibell Laughlin** who celebrates on April 11th. We love you very much,
Nana, Puppa & Greg

Happy Birthday to **Michael Keshick** on April 27th! May the Creator bless you always and we love you very, very much!
Love,
Mom and brudder Jordan

Happy Birthday to **Michele LaCount** who has an April birthday. All I will say is "Hope all your birthday wishes come true!"
Your friend, Melissa B

Happy Birthday to **Maggie Gasco** who celebrates her birthday on April 19th!

Happy Birthday wishes to **Archie Kiogima IV** who has his 8th birthday on April 8th!
Love, Your Auntie Krystal

Happy Birthday to **Tina Wargo** who has her birthday on April 10th!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to **Tammy Gasco** who has her birthday on April 14th! If you happen to call the Tribal Government offices that day be sure to wish her well, she is the receptionist!

Happy Belated Birthday wishes to **Julius Lewis**. Hope your day was as special as you are to all of us!
Your family

Happy Birthday wishes to **Brittany Bentley** who celebrates her birthday on April 12th. Hope you get all your birthday wishes!

Happy Birthday **Michele LaCount**, 2 more years to go!! he he he
Your younger, loving brother, Don

Happy Birthday **Damek Brill**. I love you with all my heart.
Uncle Chief