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MNOOMIN GIIZIS (RICE MOON)

YOUNG HOOP DANCER COOL UNDER PRESSURE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Aanzhenii Starr Bigjohn, 9, won the youth division (6-12) at last year's 15th Annual World Championship Hoop Dance Contest. Photo courtesy of Carla McFall.

Aanzhenii Starr Bigjohn admits she was scared to dance in front of the 2,000-plus spectators at the 15th Annual World Championship Hoop Dance Contest last year.

Despite her nerves, Bigjohn, then eight years old, became the first girl to win the youth division and the second female ever to win a title. The youth division had 24 dancers, and it was comprised of boys and girls between the ages of six and 12.

Now 9, Bigjohn is the daughter of LTBB Tribal Member Cody Bigjohn III and Kim Anderson, the grandchild of LTBB Language Program Coordinator Carla McFall and Dee Anderson, and the great-grandchild of Tribal Council Member Alice Yellowbank.

"It was really nerve-racking because there were so many people jam-packed in the arena, and there were a lot of people watching outside the arena," said Anderson who attended the event with her granddaughter, a member of the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. "I told her to block everyone out, and to just do her thing.

She is really shy, but she loves to dance. I think her enjoyment of dancing took over there.

"We were all very surprised by how well she did because she had only learned how to do it about a year earlier, and most of the other dancers there were more experienced. She was on beat with everything. Every move was on beat and on time. We were amazed."

Anderson said she was worried when her granddaughter dropped a hoop, but Aanzhenii responded like an experienced dancer.

"She remained composed, she picked up the hoop with her foot, and she kept going on beat," Anderson said. "A lot of the other kids bent over and they picked up their hoops from the ground with their hands, and it broke their rhythm. I was really worried when it happened because she is a perfectionist, and gets frustrated when things don't go right.

"I expected her to react how she always did before, but she didn't let it affect her at all."

Aanzhenii, whose name means Angel in

Anishinaabemowin, started to dance as soon as she could walk. Despite being a hoop dancer for two years, she has been a fancy shawl dancer and a jingle dress dancer for seven years. Her parents have not danced in some time, but her father was a grass dancer and her mother was a fancy shawl dancer. Anderson makes her regalia.

"Dancing always came natural to her, and she practices a lot," her father Cody said. "I think it helped her that she had done the other styles of dancing before she learned how to do the hoop dance. I am amazed by how good she is because a lot of the moves in hoop dancing require such gracefulness. The first time I saw her do it was four or five months after she learned it, and I was amazed by what she could do then. I wondered how she got so good so quickly. I was surprised when she won the world championship because she was competing against kids who had done it all their lives. She surprised everyone."

Aanzhenii is in the MinoBimoodiziwin Hoop Dance Society based in Peshawbestown, MI. The society has eight members and members range in age from five to 18. She wants to be a buffalo dancer in the future. According to Dee Anderson, a girl must have her moon before she can be a buffalo dancer. Aanzhenii also does tap dance and ballet.

"I had seen hoop dancing before I learned it, and it looked fun," said Aanzhenii, who will be a fifth-grader at Suttons Bay Elementary School in Suttons Bay, MI, in the fall. "It was hard to do at first, but I got used to it. It took about two weeks to learn how to do it.

"I've pretty much learned all of the moves now. I work hard so I can increase the number of hoops I dance with (she dances with eight hoops right now). I kept getting better and better the more I worked at it. I enjoy dancing, and I enjoy the competition. I think people are surprised I can do it. I surprised myself. I never thought I could do it."

Originally, the hoop dance was performed by medicine men

and spiritual leaders as medicinal and/or visionary dances. Visions were seen through the hoops to cure ailments or to see the future. The hoop dance allows dancers to weave the story of how all living things on earth are connected and how they grow and change.

Hoop dancers use dozens of hoops to imitate the creatures found on Mother Earth. While every dancer lends his or her own interpretation, each follows the theme of harmony with nature. These dancers may imitate the form and movement of an eagle, snake, butterfly, flower, turtle or Mother Earth herself.

"I'm proud Aanzhenii has the opportunity to do this because there were no opportunities like this when I grew up or when I raised my children," Anderson said. "It brings all of the kids out of their shells, and it shows them who they are as Anishinaabe. It's good that they know their culture and identity. It makes them proud of who they are. They are more respectable to others, and they have better self-esteem. It's a very positive experience."

Cody said it puts a smile on

his face every time he watches her dance.

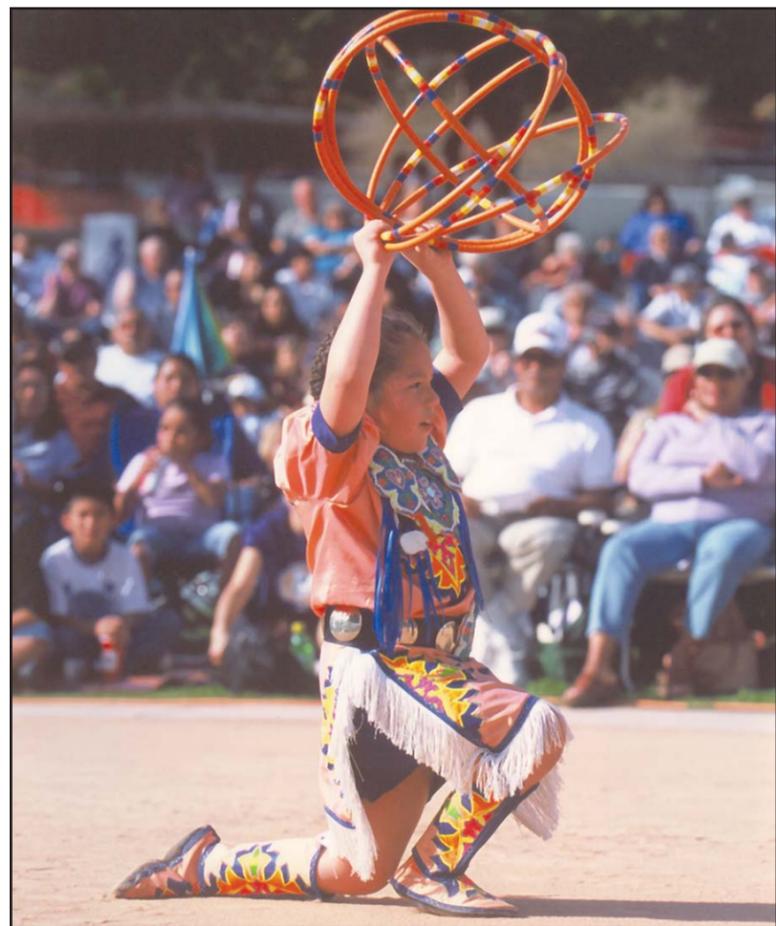
"It makes me feel good to watch her dance," Cody said. "Everyone likes watching her dance. Every time we go to a pow wow, people ask her to dance. Her name is pretty well-known around the pow wow circles. She danced at the grand opening of the museum."

Aanzhenii danced with a group of other hoop dancers at the September 21, 2004, grand opening of the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian located in Washington, D.C.

Aanzhenii wants to be a teacher. When she is not dancing, she likes to sing, play softball and golf, swim and go fishing. She has been in the school choir the last two years.

"I want to teach the hoop dance to other people," said Aanzhenii, who has four siblings.

Aanzhenii plans on being at the 15th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow on August 12-13 at the Pow Wow Grounds in Harbor Springs, MI.



Aanzhenii Starr Bigjohn learned how to do the hoop dance two years ago. She is also a fancy shawl and jingle dress dancer. Photo courtesy of Carla McFall.

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Departments and Programs

Law Enforcement

ROBERTS ASSISTS IN SEN. MCCAIN'S SECURITY DETAIL

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

When U.S. Senator John McCain visited Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, MI, on June 10, LTBB Tribal Police Officer Ryan Roberts worked security detail for him.

"It is an honor to represent the department and the tribe in those situations," said Roberts who has worked security detail for parades, concerts and for Governor Jennifer Granholm on her past visits to the tribe. "I worked

security detail at last year's Kid Rock concert at Boyne Mountain (on July 17). It's a different experience than what we do here on most days. It's more slow-paced here. My intent in law enforcement was to work for my tribe."

As for why he was selected for the detail, Roberts said, "I've been involved with a lot of other events in the past, and I've worked with a lot of different agencies. I knew what to expect when I got there, and I knew what was expected of me. I've learned how different departments handle things, and I've met a lot of different police officers in the process. It's easier to work with officers you're familiar with and who are familiar with



(Pictured from Left to Right) Chief Law Enforcement Officer Jeff Cobe, Tribal Police Officer Ryan Roberts and Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.

you."

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office asked Chief Law Enforcement Officer Jeff Cobe for assistance. Tribal police officers became cross deputized with the Emmet County Sheriff's Office in 2000 and with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office in 2004.

"The Emmet County and Charlevoix County Sheriff's Offices have both made a point of including us in those situations because of our professionalism and our work ethic," Cobe said. "We provide assistance for seamless law enforcement in both counties.

"Cross deputization provides for the seamless law enforce-

ment. If they were to arrive at a scene before we do, they can hold things down for us until we get there. We can do the same thing for them if we arrive on a scene before they do."

Cobe also said, "Cross deputization is important because it means an entity recognizes our tribal sovereignty, and our sovereignty to have our own police force."

The tribe sponsored Roberts to attend the Kirtland Community College Police Academy in Roscommon, MI, and paid him while he was there.

"The selection process is very tough," Cobe said. "It is not given out lightly. Ryan had to go through extensive testing before he was selected to attend the academy.

"The reason we send all of our recruits to Kirtland is because they train officers to work in northern Michigan. It wouldn't make sense to send them somewhere else because they would train them to work in bigger, more metropolitan areas."

Health Department

STEPS TO A HEALTHIER ANISHINAABE

By Regina Brubacker, Health Educator

When you think about the major health issues facing Native Americans, diabetes and heart disease come to mind first. While these are serious issues, I'd like to focus a little attention on Native American women and breast cancer.

According to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among women in the United States, and the most frequently diagnosed cancer among almost every ethnic group in the U.S. Native American women with breast cancer have the lowest five-year survival rate of any ethnic group. Experts believe while race is not a cause of the higher cancer rates, ethnic groups are less likely to receive regular screening. That means cancers are diagnosed at a more advanced stage.

The problem with these statistics is that they are impersonal numbers, without a face or a name, and therefore, easier to ignore.

Breast cancer is very personal to me. When I think

of it, I see my father's two sisters who had it. One survived, and one did not. I think of my oldest and dearest friend, whose 35-year-old niece was just sent home with advanced breast cancer. Her youngest children will likely not remember her. I think of my mother's friend, who died of cancer because her doctor told her not to worry about the changes she had noticed in her breast.

It's not easy to raise awareness about something painful and something people don't want to think about. But ignoring it does not make it go away.

You may be asking yourself, but how can I make a difference?

Last summer, LTBB volunteers took part in the Pink Shawl Project. Founded in 2003 by Punkin Shananaquet in honor of her mother-in-law's battle with breast cancer, the project is designed to raise awareness of the disease. Sixteen women and girls were given shawls in honor of breast cancer victims and survivors at our traditional pow wow.

Volunteers designed and made shawls incorporating the pink ribbon concept in a rainbow of themes and colors.

This month, the LTBB Community Health Department begins another chapter of the project. We are looking for people interested in taking part. Please call 231-242-1601 for more information or to sign up. If you are not comfortable sewing, there is help available. Participants of the project will receive a custom designed turtle patch, so they can show their support.

If you can't physically participate, please educate yourself about breast cancer. There are many organizations with information, including the following:

The American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or www.cancer.org.

The Susan G. Komen Foundation at 1-800-IMAWARE or www.komen.org.

The National Cancer Institute at 1-800-4CANCER or www.cancer.gov.

Migwech for your attention!

CORRECTION

Claus Nowell was incorrectly identified as a fourth-grader at Shay Elementary School in Harbor Springs, MI, in an article titled "LTBB Tribal Members' Athletic Achievements" in the July issue of "Odawa Trails". Nowell was a fifth-grader last year.

The LTBB Communications Department regrets the error.

Housing Department Programs

Services are available to members residing within the 27 county service area.

For more details on the service area, please refer to the map on page 3.

Short Term Rental Assistance: This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used **One Time Only** and the rent requested must be affordable and may not exceed 30% of the household's monthly income.

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 \$5,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and **Can Be Used to Purchase or Re-finance a Home**.

Foreclosure Prevention Program: This program offers up to \$3,000 to assist in foreclosure prevention.

Well & Septic Assistance Program: Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault St. Marie, MI, this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation on a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

Credit Counseling: Our counseling provides tribal members the knowledge it takes to gain financial stability and credibility.

Transitional Housing Program: This program is designed to assist families, for a limited time, until permanent housing can be found. (**Limited Availability**). Please submit a Letter of Interest and your name will be placed on our Waiting List.

Elders Housing Development: Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development consists of 12 units and is designed to meet the needs of very low to moderate income level elderly tribal members, age 55 and older. Please complete application and your name will be placed on our Waiting List.

ATTENTION NATIVE AMERICAN ARTISTS

THE CROOKED TREE
ARTS COUNCIL OF
PETOSKEY IS PREPARING
FOR ITS ANNUAL NATIVE
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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE
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AND RECORDS DEPARTMENT AT 231-242-1450.

15th Annual

Odawa Homecoming Jingtamoh

(POW WOW)

ATTENTION!!

Canopy Set-up Policies

- Canopy set-up is limited to a 10X10 area.
- Canopies will be assigned to a 10X10 area on a first come first serve basis.
- ALL interested participants must check in with a Pow Wow Committee member prior to setting up.
- You are responsible for cleaning up your area before leaving.
- ALL Canopies MUST have at least one participant (dancer/singer).
- Set-up begins at 5 p.m. Friday August 11th (NO EXCEPTIONS!!)

For more information,
please contact:
Regina Gasco 231-242-1574
Or
Tina Sutton 231-242-1423

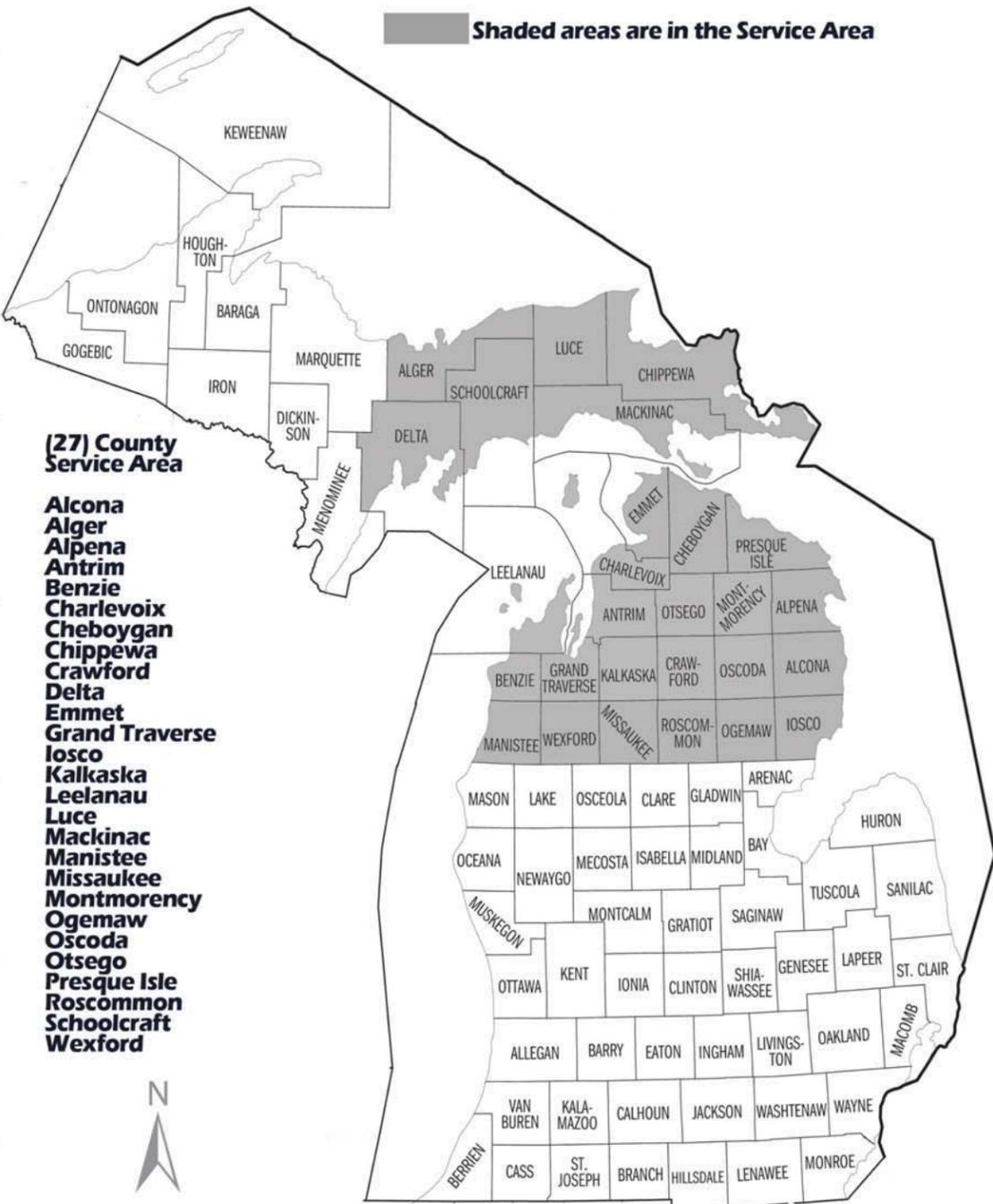


Tribal Telephone Directory and Website Information

LTBB Governmental Website	www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov	GIS Department	
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Tribal Administration		Housing Department	
Melissa Wiatrolik, Administrative Assistant	242-1420	Margaret Gasco, Administrative Assistant	242-1540
Tribal Council/Legislative Office		Human Resources Department	
Mike Smith, Administrative Assistant	242-1406	Melissa Colby, Administrative Assistant	242-1555
Tribal Chairman's Office		Legal Department	
Ellie Payton, Administrative Assistant	242-1401	Su Lantz, Legal Assistant	242-1407
Accounting Department		Law Enforcement Department	
Kathy McGraw, Accounting Assistant	242-1441	Tribal Police	242-1500
Archives and Records Department		MIS Department	
Michael L. Lyons, Administrative Assistant	242-1450	Ed Nephler, MIS Technician	242-1534
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Economic Development Department		Tribal Health Clinic	
Susan Swadling, EDD Assistant	242-1582	Dawn Kilpatrick, Receptionist	242-1700
Education Department		Health Department	
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Facilities Department		Natural Resources Department	
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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area



Programs receiving funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and some Indian Health Services (IHS) are limited to serving members within a 27 county service area.



ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL MEMBERS !!!
Are you interested in making or updating your will?

LTBB has been offered free attorney services to assist Tribal Members with preparing simple wills and durable powers of attorneys for medical & financial purposes.

This service takes approximately 45 minutes to complete the documents.

If you are interested, contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420 to find out more information.



Little Traverse Bay Bands

DAY CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

LTBB DAY CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ANNOUNCES AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE 2006-2008 CHILD CARE SERVICES PLAN. THIS PLAN WILL BE THE GUIDELINES FOR ENROLLMENT FOR DAY CARE SERVICES FOR 10/1/06 TO 9/30/07.

LTBB HUMAN SERVICES

COMMUNITY RESOURCES
7500 ODAWA CIRCLE
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FAX: 231-242-1635
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OPEN HOUSE

AUGUST 24
6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.
915 EMMET STREET, PETOSKEY

DENTAL CLINIC OPEN HOUSE



AUGUST 11,
2 P.M. - 6 P.M.
1080 HAGER DRIVE
PETOSKEY, MI 49770
(BEHIND THE CASINO)

Environmental Services Department

LTBB SURFACE WATER QUALITY MONITORING FIELD DAY

By Kira Davis, Water Quality Specialist



Kira Davis uses the hydrolab to take various readings.

Regina Gasco records the velocity of the Bear River.

On June 28, Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar joined Environmental Assistant/Recycling Coordinator Regina Gasco and I out "in the field" to observe a typical surface water quality monitoring field day.

It was 65 degrees Fahrenheit and overcast with calm winds. We went to one of our three field sites on the Bear River in Petoskey, MI. The

Bear River is the largest tributary (stream, river or creek flowing into a specific drainage area) of Little Traverse Bay. The Bear River originates from Walloon Lake and flows approximately 16 miles north until it ends at Little Traverse Bay. The site Annette observed is located by the mouth of the Bear River where the river flows into Little Traverse Bay. It is upstream from the dam located in Mineral Park. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality designates this site to be a warm water fishery with principal migratory routes for trout and salmon.

Annette observed the river water quality monitoring process. First, a cross section of the river (the width) was measured at 42 feet. Water samples were collected across the width of the river and stored in a cooler until they were shipped to Great Lakes Environmental Center in Traverse City, MI, and submitted to LTBB Lab Technician Michael Holmes to analyze. The samples are analyzed for Total Phosphorus, Chloride, Nitrates/Nitrites, and Total Suspended Solids. The



Regina Gasco records information on various sheets.

next step involved the use of the Hydro lab. The Hydro lab is a piece of equipment that is submerged into the flowing water, and it takes readings of pH, conductivity, depth, dissolved oxygen, and temperature. These readings are later downloaded. While Hydro lab readings were taken, the other field staff member was completing the physical characterization sheet as well as other sheets that document

field conditions such as temperature, precipitation, stream sedimentation, wildlife, and land use/land cover observations. The final step involves recording the velocity of the river. Velocity is the distance water can travel in a given direction during an interval of time. Velocity and temperature are important factors when salmon and trout spawn.

Annette observed the collection of data. The data is used to analyze whether or not the Bear River is supporting the use of being a warm water fishery with principal migratory routes for trout and salmon. This is accomplished by evaluating all the data taken from Bear River from May through October and making sure each piece of data collected is within the range to support this specific use.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at kdavis@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or Water Quality Assistant/Wetland Tech Meredith Henry at mhenry@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Photos by Annette VanDeCar

Communications Department

BREAKING NEWS FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

When I started as the Communications Coordinator on May 1, one of my priorities was to acquire a Tribal Media Membership from the Native American Journalists Association so Odawa Trails would be recognized as a professional publication.

As of May 22, LTBB was recognized as a Tribal Media Member of NAJA. NAJA is a journalism organization that supports and promotes Native Journalists in both mainstream and tribal newspapers. NAJA, which has 550 members, was created in 1984 to empower Native Journalists through programs and actions designed to enrich journalism and to promote Native Communities. I was an individual NAJA member when I

worked as a sports reporter for two mainstream newspapers (*Post-Tribune* in Merrillville, IN, and *Detroit Free Press* in Detroit, MI) in the past. One benefit members receive is eligibility for NAJA's annual media awards contest that honors the best in Native Journalism.

NAJA has a national convention every year. I will not attend the 22nd Annual NAJA Convention from August 9-12 in Tulsa, OK, but I plan to attend the 23rd Annual NAJA Convention from June 6-9, 2007, in Denver, CO. It is important to learn about the current issues facing Native Journalists and Tribal Media Outlets. The convention is also a good time to network with and meet other Native

Journalists from across the country.

NAJA is one of four minority journalism associations that make up Unity: Journalists of Color. In partnership with the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) and the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), Unity holds a national convention every four years. The next Unity Convention is July 23-27, 2008, in Chicago, IL.

For more information on NAJA, visit www.naja.com.

For more information on Unity: Journalists of Color, visit www.unityjournalists.org.

Are You Interested in Working for the LTBB Government?

If you would like to be included in the LTBB Human Resources database, please send resumé and cover letter to:

sgasco@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
(send as Microsoft Word or as a PDF)

or LTBB Human Resources
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740



(IMPORTANT: We need an e-mail address to notify you when a position that meets your interests becomes available.)

Please check our website, www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, for current openings or call our toll-free job hotline at 1-866-582-2562. Job postings are updated every Friday.

LTBB of Odawa Indians' Food Distribution Program Warehouse Schedule

Days for Distribution

1st Monday	1 & 2 person households
2nd Monday	3 & 4 person households
2nd Tuesday	GTB Elders
3rd Monday	5+ person households

Hours of Distribution

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If you missed your pickup, please call Patrick Boda at 231-242-1661.

Human Services Department Community Resources COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT-EMERGENCY NEEDS PROGRAM

ATTENTION: LTBB TRIBAL MEMBERS IN MICHIGAN

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

VERY LIMITED FUNDING AVAILABLE.

IF YOU KNOW OF A LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD THAT MAY NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT THE LTBB HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 231-242-1620 AND REQUEST AN APPLICATION. APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2006, OR UNTIL FUNDS ARE DEPLETED; WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

THIS IS AN INCOME-BASED PROGRAM!

LTBB of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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All appointments at the
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1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI
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To schedule an appointment or for more information call Cathy at 231-242-1601.

Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department

STRESS IS A PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE: DON'T LET IT CONTROL YOUR LIFE

By Linda Woods, Substance Abuse Director

Summer is here. Having fun in the sun is a wonderful experience. Please enjoy the summer. The children are home for the summer. It can be a fun time for all or it can be a stressful time for parents as they wonder how to occupy their children's time or plan for child-care.

Last month was Mental Health month. We provided mental health presentations at the LTBB Governmental Complex in Harbor Springs, MI, on Wednesdays at noon for the employees. There were varied topics of discussions such as stress management, depression and anger management.

To further elaborate on stress management, I would like to write about stress and its effects upon our minds or emotions and on the body. While summer is a fun time, it can be stressful also. Stress can be associated with many situations in life: Relationships, changes in the job or family, location, aging and losses of various types. Whether it is a good change or a negative change, stress can occur. Stress is like "wear and tear" on our bodies. The physical effects of stress can create positive or negative feelings. For example, a positive stress can help compel us to action. It can also bring about awareness and an exciting new perspective. Haven't you ever had a new job and you were excited but yet scared? Often with the death of a loved one, the birth of a child, a new job, a job promotion or a new relationship, we can experience stress as we try to readjust our lives.

How we react to stress determines if stress is positive or negative. Each person deals with stress in their own unique way. What is distressing for one person could be a joy for another person. Negative influences can result in rejection, anger, depression or distrust. They can lead to health problems such as headaches, upset stomach, rashes, insomnia, ulcer, high blood pressure or heart disease. This is due to primarily unrelieved stress. If you are experiencing stress symptoms, you have gone beyond the optimal stress level. You need to reduce the stress in your life and improve your ability to manage it. There are certain tips to manage stress better.

1. Become aware of your stressors and your emotional and physical reactions. Notice your distress. Don't ignore it or gloss over your problems. Look at the events that distress you. What do you tell yourself about these events? Look at how your body responds to the stress. Are you cranky? Do you get upset easily? Are you nervous? Do you have an unexplained headache or stomach ache? I carry it in my upper back and shoulder area so I have sore muscles because I'm tense. Once you have determined what you're stressed over, look at how your body felt before the stressful situation.

2. Recognize what you can change. Can you change the stressors by avoiding or eliminating them completely? Can you reduce their intensity? Can you manage them over a period of time instead of on a daily basis? Can you shorten your exposure to stress? Can you take a break or move your

muscles doing on the spot exercises? For example, I move my shoulders around or I attend Curves two to four times a week. Are you willing to make the time and expend the energy necessary to make changes that lead to a less stressful life?

3. Reduce the intensity of your emotional reaction to stress. Your stress reaction is triggered by your perception of danger, both physical and emotional. Are your reactions exaggerated by overreaction and making a situation bigger than it really is? Are you the one who has it all? Are you expected to please everyone? After my mother's death, I was expected to act and be like her. It added to the stress of the unexpected loss of my mother. I tried to be and act like her at first. But then I realized, "Wait a minute - I am NOT my mother and I cannot do everything like she did." Therefore, I had to tell people, "You know, I can't be my mother but I'll do the best that I can." Work at adopting more moderate views. Try to see the stress as something you can cope with rather than something that overpowers or overwhelms you. Some things in life are overwhelming like extraordinary losses. Change your thinking by talking to a professional about those losses. Tell yourself, "It's OK." Try to temper your excessive emotions. Try and view the situation in perspective. After losing my mother unexpectedly in a car accident, I realized I needed to talk to a professional. Grief of that magnitude needs extra attention. Don't focus on the negatives as much and avoid the "what ifs."

4. Learn to moderate your physical reactions to stress. Slow, deep breathing will bring your heart rate and respirations back to normal. Relaxation techniques or exercise can reduce muscle tension. Electronic biofeedback can help gain voluntary control over such things as muscle tension, heart rate or blood

pressure. Acupuncture is also helpful. Our office has someone who is certified in Auricular Acupuncture (acupuncture in the ear) which is very effective in lowering stress and promotes calming effects. Give us a call about the service. Medication may help on a short-term basis, but learning how to monitor and moderate your own stress is a preferable and better solution.

5. Build your physical reserves. Exercise for cardiovascular fitness three to four times a week. Eat a well-balanced meal. Maintain your ideal weight. Avoid alcohol, nicotine, excessive caffeine and other stimulants like drugs. Mix leisure with work. Take breaks and get away when you can. Get enough sleep and be consistent in your sleep patterns.

6. Maintain your emotional reserves. Develop some supportive and mutual friendships or relationships. Sometimes, friends say unkind things during this difficult time without meaning to. Learn how to nurture supportive friendships and avoid negative relationships if you can. Sometimes, I've heard remarks from people like, "Well, you just have to get over it." It was hurtful so I learned not to share sensitive personal things with that person. Pursue meaningful and realistic goals that you want, not what someone else wants for you. Expect some frustrations, failures and sorrows that always come with stress. Always be gentle and be kind to yourself. Be your own best friend. You know what is good for you.

These are just some tips to follow, but I would add another to the list. Maintain your spiritual connection and like Litefoot told us - PRAY, PRAY, PRAY.

We are here to serve you. If there is something we can do to help you, give us a call. If we can't help you, we can refer you to someone who can. We can facilitate that process. Call Office/Intake Coordinator Jennifer Wilson at 231-242-1642 or our Administrative Assistant Pat Boda at 231-242-1640 for an appointment.

During the 2006 Homecoming Jingtamok in Harbor Springs
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE

Talking Circles



Fri. & Sat. at 8:30 p.m.

**August 11 and August 12
at the Circle East of the Governmental Complex
and South of the Pow Wow Grounds**

Bring a chair & your truth to the Circle.

Hosted by the Peacemaking Committee.

For more information, call Dave Keller at 231-242-1464.

WANTED



THE LTBB ARCHIVES AND RECORDS DEPARTMENT IS WORKING WITH A COMMUNITY GROUPE TO DISCOVER INFORMATION ABOUT THE HISTORY OF HORSHOE BEND ON M-119.



IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, STORIES, PHOTOS, ETC. ABOUT HORSEHOE BEND, PLEASE CONTACT THE ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT TO SET UP A TIME TO DO AN ORAL INTERVIEW.

CALL 231-242-1450

TO SET UP AN INTERVIEW TIME

Tribal Citizens

IF YOU MOVE, PLEASE CONTACT THE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT OFFICE AND WE WILL SEND YOU AN ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM.

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.

BIINDIGEN TO REMAIN OPEN THROUGH CONSTRUCTION ON US-31

Construction Between M-119 and just north of Shaw Road is May through August.



There will be brief periods of flag control.

- Through traffic will be detoured
- Use the "back way" Hiawatha-Barney

Gasoline will be available as usual.

The LTBB Health Department in cooperation with IHS Environmental Services is sponsoring a

FREE RABIES SHOT CLINIC

on Friday, August 18 at the Mina Mskiki Gumik Health Department

Call 231-242-1611 for more details

GIS Department

INTERNET BASED 'EVERYDAY' GIS APPLICATIONS

By Alan Proctor, Geographic Information Systems Director

Aanii Tribal Citizens. Many of us use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) - or a variation of them - everyday through the Internet, and don't even realize it.

For example, those of us who have used the Internet website Mapquest at www.mapquest.com (Please see Image 1: MapQuest Interface) for driving directions, we have (perhaps unknowingly) incorporated a GIS process called *Geocoding*. This variation of Geocoding basically creates a point on a map while generating written directions on how to get to your specified destination.

Image 1: MapQuest Interface



Another Internet based tool (based on GIS principles) I want to introduce is called Google Earth (Please see Image 2: Google Earth Interface) at <http://earth.google.com/>.

Image 2: Google Earth Interface



A very impressive interface, Google Earth, uses high resolution satellite imagery and displays them in a three-dimensional model of the Earth. This enables the user to:

- See the planet from varying angles.
- Get a 3D view of buildings, mountains, etc.
- Zoom in and out to any destination you can think of.

Also, an extensive list of additional data layers enables the user to add more detail to the view. Some of these layers include roads, buildings, hotels, and driving directions on how to get there. To help appreciate this interface, here are some example destinations I pulled from Google Earth:

Image 3: Stonehenge, UK



Image 4: Mackinac Bridge, MI.



These are impressive images, especially considering the fact they're taken from orbiting satellites. There are some downsides to Google Earth.

- Your Internet connection. You will need a fast connection (such as broadband or a similar connection) to fully appreciate Google Earth's capabilities. A dial-up connection will most likely be too slow to accommodate satellite imagery and associated information.
- You will need an up-to-date personal computer (any computer four years old and older may have issues). Your computer must meet the minimum system requirements to install and run the interface (for a complete listing of these, please visit the Google Earth webpage.)
- The download and installation of the interface can be a little tricky although the website does a pretty good job of explaining the directions step by step.

As always, both Google Earth and MapQuest include disclaimers for their use and the applications of their websites. LTBB Governmental Operations, including the LTBB GIS Department, is neither endorsing nor verifying the content contained in either one of these websites. However, I personally am amazed at the increasing availability of information and technology at our fingertips.

If you have any questions about the GIS Department, GIS in general, or want further clarification on any of the above information, please feel free to contact either myself, Alan Proctor, GISP, LTBB GIS Director at 231-242-1597 and aproctor@ltbboawnsn.gov or Jim Keiser, LTBB GIS Technician at 231-242-1576 and jkeiser@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Elders Program

Elders Fuel & Utility Emergency Assistance

The Elders Fuel & Utility Emergency Assistance is a one time, once a year program. If you're an elder (LTBB Tribal Member 55 years or older), and you have a fuel or utility bill that you are having trouble paying, you might be eligible for this assistance. The Fuel & Utility Emergency Assistance is available for all LTBB Elders living in and out of the service area. This assistance program has income guidelines that the eligibility is based on. If you think you or someone you know may qualify for this assistance, do not hesitate to call Elders Outreach Assistant Tina Sutton at 231-242-1423.

Elders Food & Utility Reimbursement

The Elders Food & Utility Reimbursement Program is winding down for the year. If you have not sent in your paperwork, please make sure to do so before August 31, 2006. Any applications postmarked after August 31, 2006, will not be processed. With the application, please make sure to submit grocery receipts and utility bills from 2006 along with a copy of your tribal enrollment card. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to call Elders Outreach Assistant Tina Sutton at 231-242-1423.

Executive Branch

FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK

I recently have had several deaths in my family. I've watched people that I love grieve. I've felt that grief myself. A few weeks ago, another family in our community had a funeral and a wedding on the same day. The Circle of Life has been demonstrated vividly in all of its joys and sorrows, but we still move onward.

In speaking to tribal and non-tribal groups, I often talk about the concept of seven generations. This concept was so interesting to the Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee that he asked follow-up questions in writing after several of us testified on the Great Lakes Restoration Plan last March. There, I had talked about thinking of this concept as we would think of the light from headlights on our car shining down the road at night. For every hundred feet that we drive, the light moves that same distance down the road ahead of us. Seven generations is a concept of time, a buffer between us and the distant future, the length of time that we should consider the impact of our actions as we make our decisions.

We never get to that seventh generation without first getting to the next generation: The Circle of Life, a death and a birth, and grandparents teaching their grandchildren. As we go about doing the business of everyday governance in the Tribal Offices, we must stop now and then to remember these teachings of the Circle of Life. What matters most is not what we write down, what we send in

our e-mails, or speak on the phone. What matters are those teachings that we share with our children, with the next generation. These are the only teachings that will survive for that distant seventh generation.

We have many gifts that have been taught over the last seven generations for us to inherit. Our parents and grandparents either taught us these things by speaking of them, or more importantly, by living the teachings and showing us how to benefit from that good life. As Roland Petoskey so often has told us, each day we must chose between the good and the bad. Each day, we must decide how to strengthen goodness and discourage evil. We are what we feed our minds.

We get an opportunity to gather together at the 15th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow on August 12-13 in Harbor Springs, MI. Several generations will be together dancing, singing, eating and remembering. We will be making memories for future generations to ponder and discuss.

These teachings of the four directions, the Circle of Life, the Medicine Wheel are sometimes rudely forced upon us by the twists and turns of life. Most often, however, they slip silently into our minds and lives. I am honored to be serving you as your Tribal Chairman. I pledge to continue doing the best that I know how to consider not only the present issues, but all of our future generations' issues as well. Miigwetch for this opportunity to help guide our future.

Judicial Branch

On July 14, LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik swore in Wenona Singel as the final Appellate Justice to complete the all-female judiciary of Chief Judge JoAnne Cook, Associate Judge Jenny Kronk, Chief Appellate Justice Rita Gasco-



Shepard and Appellate Justice Donna Budnick. The swearing in ceremony was a part of the tribal court's open house held at the LTBB Governmental Complex in Harbor Springs, MI.



(L to R) LTBB's all-female judiciary of Appellate Justice Wenona Singel, Chief Appellate Justice Rita Gasco-Shepard, Chief Judge JoAnne Cook, Associate Judge Jenny Kronk and Appellate Justice Donna Budnick. Photos by Annette VanDeCar.

Language Program

KINOOMAAGEWAANHSAN ANISHINAABEMOWIN

Artwork by Toni Gasco
Text by Anne Stander



n'danwenmaaganak = my family, Majaak maampiil = come here, n'gwis = my son, n'wiidigemaagan = my husband, Maagaaniit = Margaret, Zoongode = strong-of-heart, Kiniw = Golden Eagle

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Please contact us for more information, comments, questions, or suggestions. Miigwech

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Drop off Day!

The average residential home can generate as much as 100 pounds of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) in the basement, garage, and storage closets. HHW is that portion of a household product, which is no longer useable and can be harmful to the environment or to human health if not properly disposed. The best solution to the problem is to avoid buying toxic products. If you must buy toxic chemicals, try to buy just the amount needed to complete the job, or research some possible alternatives for using hazardous or toxic chemicals.

There are just three chemicals that cannot be dropped off:

- No modern Latex paints.
- No explosives and ammunition.
- No radioactive materials.

Some common examples of Household Hazardous Waste are:

- Pesticides, including weed killers;
- Cleaners and polishes;
- Finger nail polish;
- Aerosols;
- Automotive fluids;
- Oil paints, other finishes, and their thinners;
- Photographic chemicals;
- Flammables;
- Adhesives, sealers, and tar

Both Rachel Schwarz and Regina Gasco are volunteering for spring and fall sessions of the Emmet County Department of Public Works Household Hazardous Waste Days. All interested Emmet County Residents need to schedule a 15 minute appointment. **The event starts Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM on April 22, June 10, and September 30.**

Please call Emmet County Department of Public Works at 231.348.0660 to schedule your appointment today! (Mention the 2006 Household Chemical Drop off Days). All HHW Drop off Days are FREE for all Emmet County Residents. For more information about Waste Exchange and the disposal of HHW, please contact us at (231) 242-1574 or Emmet County Department of Public Works at (231) 348-0640. More information is also available at our website: <http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/environmental/EFrameset.htm>

LTBB ID CARDS

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

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

Victories Casino & Hotel

Come and Join a Winning Team!

Do you have an interest in a casino profession? Have you thought about a job at **Victories Casino & Hotel**? Are you interested in our future employment opportunities?

Human Resources is accepting applications and creating a database of all interested Tribal Members who have a desire to become a part of the **Victories Casino & Hotel** team.

If you have access to the Internet, check out **Victories Casino & Hotel's** website at www.victories-casino.com for all current jobs or call **1-877-4-GAMING** and ask for Mary Roberts, Employment Manager.

Coded Puzzle: Can you solve for the message? Translate the Anishinaabemowin words on the left into English, write the English word in the right column. We have started the puzzle for you by inserting an 'A' on number 1 (bezhik). All the 'A's in the puzzle are coded with an '8' and therefore all the '8's equal an 'A.' Each number represents a letter. As you complete the puzzle, fill in the letters on the bottom to get the message.

(bezhik 1.) miikanot	18	A	3	16	9			
(niizh 2.) miigwan	5	12	8	16	6	12	7	
(nswe 3.) mkizin	9	6	13	12				
(niwin 4.) dewe'igan	2	7	10	20				
(naanan 5.) pabigweyaan	9	6	1	7	16			
(ngodwaaswe 6.) pshkwegina	11	10	15	19	9	19	1	3
(niizhwaaswe 7.) kiwewin	5	4	8	14				
(nshwaaswe 8.) kaadenganan	11	7	8	1	2	9		
(zhaangsw 9.) mjigodenh	2	7	12	9	9			
(mdaaswe 10.) mooshwen	9	6	8	17	4			
(mdaaswe sha bezhik 11.) tataaganan	11	12	4	4	9			
(mdaaswe sha niizh 12.) bwiins	5	8	3					
(mdaaswe sha nswe 13.) chipzowin	11	12	4	16				
(mdaaswe sha niwin 14.) kaadechiganan	4	12	14	14	1	3	14	9
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(mdaaswe sha ngodwaaswe 16.) zenbaa	7	1	11	11	13	3		

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 1. miikanot (pants); 2. miigwan (feather); 3. mkizin (shoe); 4. dewe'igan (drum); 5. pabigweyaan (shirt); 6. pshkwegina (buckskin); 7. kiwewin (flag); 8. kaadenganan (braids); 9. mjigodenh (dress); 10. mooshwen (shawl); 11. tataaganan (bells); 12. bwiins (fan); 13. chipzowin (belt); 14. kaadechiganan (leggings); 15. mshkaanizigan (roach); 16. zenbaa (ribbon).
 Message: Jiiingtamok izhaadaa! [Let's go to the jiiingtamok]

POW WOVWS IN HEAVEN

Two very old Odawa men, Paul and Sam, have been friends all their lives. Sam is close to dying, so Paul goes to visit him. "Sam," says Paul, "You know how we both loved to sing and dance all our lives. You have to do me one favor, Sam. When you walk on, you have got to tell me somehow if there are powwows in heaven." Sam looks up at Paul from his death bed and says, "Paul, you've been my friend for so many years. Of course, I will do this for you." And with that, Sam passes on.

It is midnight, a couple of nights later. Paul is sound asleep when a distant voice calls out to him, "Hey Paul.....Paul....."

Paul suddenly sits up in bed and asks "Who is it? Who is it?" "Paul, it's me Sam."

"Come on, you're not Sam. Sam died."

"I'm telling you," insists the voice, "It's me, Sam!"

"Sam? Is that you? Where are you?"

"I'm in heaven," says Sam, "and I've got to tell you, I have some good news and some bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," says Paul.

"The good news," says Sam, "Is that there are powwows in heaven. You should see the grand entries, they are really spectacular! It's just like we always dreamed of."

"Really?" says Paul, "That's wonderful! What's the bad news?"

"They got you down as Head Dancer on Saturday!"

As retold by William Ray Kiojima

Niizhi Odawak kiwenhzi'ak gi-wiikisiwok, pane gaazhibi-maadiziwaat. Paul miinwa Sam giizhinkaaziwok. Maaba dash Sam dooakwazi. Mii go wiinbot. Paul dash wanbwaachaan wa Sam. "Sam," kida sa Paul, "gmik-wendaan na gaazhingamiyaang miinwa gaazhiniimiyaang pane?" "Enh," kida sa Sam. "Dokeweimin sa," kida Paul, "Nidagoshinan wedi waakwiing kweijgen giishpin jiiingtamok eyaamwaat?" "Ahaaw" kida sa Sam, "gakweijimaak go maanda." Miidash giinbot. Baamaampi dash ngoding gwana aab-taadibikat chinbaa maaba Paul. Miidash giinoondang, "Paul, Paul!" "Wenesh na?" kida sa Paul. "Sam sa maaba" kida wa Sam. "Kaawiiin" kida Paul "giinbo wiiba Sam." "Mii go maaba sa Sam" kidwaan giienh wa Sam. "Gegeti na?" kida Paul, "aapiish na eyaayin?" "Aanh, miigo maampii waakwiing iyaa'aanh" kida Sam, "Chimzinaak-nigaademi-gat zhinda. Jiiingtamok giienh wiyaanaawaan Maanii-Giizhik, chiibaatiinwok waaniimijik. Giindash giinaamgo wiiniigaanii-niimiyyin."

AUGUST

Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Narm-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niwoo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naano-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
		Elders Luncheon at Noon Tae Kwon Do Classes Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Language Class 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Mshkikigamik	Elders Luncheon at Noon Tae Kwon Do Classes Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.		Tribal Council Work Session ICWA Meeting 9:30 a.m. 915 Emmet St.
Tribal Council Meeting Native American movie: Traverse City Film Festival, Traverse City, MI	Elders swim classes 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Victories Hotel Pool Petoskey, MI Housing Commission Meeting Rm. 312, 3:30 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Room 312	Elders Luncheon at Noon Tae Kwon Do Classes Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Language Class 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Mshkikigamik	Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 911 Spring St. 5:30 p.m. Elders Luncheon at Noon Tae Kwon Do Classes Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Graduation Celebration Governmental Complex 6 p.m. Governmental Dental Open House 2 p.m. - 6p.m. Talking Circle Harbor Springs, MI 8:30 p.m.	5th Annual Odawa Homecoming Jigtamok, Pow Wow Grounds Harbor Springs, MI Talking Circle Harbor Springs, MI 8:30 p.m.
13th Annual Odawa Homecoming Jigtamok, Pow Wow Grounds Harbor Springs, MI Trust Fund Board Meeting 7500 Odawa Circle Rm. 312, 9 a.m.	Elders swim classes 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Victories Hotel Pool Petoskey, MI Health Commission Meeting Bear River Health Park 6:30 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Room 312	Elders Luncheon at Noon Tae Kwon Do Classes Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Tribal Government Offices Closed From 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Language Class 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Mshkikigamik A Better Choice Camp Traverse City, MI	Elders Luncheon at Noon Tae Kwon Do Classes Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Election Board Regular Meeting 6 p.m. Election Board Office BMCC Pane Immersion Weekend Group Trip to Bay Mills, MI A Better Choice Camp Traverse City, MI Jake Pine 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Tribal Council Work Session Economic Development Commission Meeting 1345 US 31 N., 9:30a.m. Enrollment Commission Meeting, Rm. 118, 5 p.m. Gaming Board of Directors Meeting VVCR, 10 a.m. BMCC Pane Immersion Weekend Group Trip to Bay Mills, MI
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NATIVE NEWS

VICTORIES CASINO AND HOTEL TABLE GAMES DEALER TRAINING SCHOOL

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Victories Casino and Hotel offered an unpaid, but free table games dealer training school at the Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI, from June 12-30.

Table Games Trainers Linda Stone and Joe Getman started with 14 people in the class, and 10 people completed the training and received their certificates. They were put on a live table at the casino during the Fourth of July weekend, they were shadowed by their instructors for two to three hours, and they spent a day shadowing an experienced dealer.

"Being a dealer is actually more difficult than it appears," said Stone, who has trained dealers at Victories Casino and at all of the Kewadin Casinos. "Everyone thinks it is easy, but it's not. It only takes two to three days of classes to learn everything, but you have to spend the rest of the time on reinforcement.

"How long we as instructors shadow them depends on the individual. Everyone has some nerves at first. That is natural. But some people have nerves longer than others."

Once participants received their certificates, they were then eligible to apply for open positions in the table games department. For a complete listing of open positions for Victories Hotel and Casino, visit www.victories-casino.com and click on Employment.

"We hoped to have 25 participants in the class, but it worked out well despite that," said Getman, who was a shift manager and a pit boss at



(L to R) Judy Geren, Laura Sommers and Eric Cruse at the Table Games Dealer Training School in June.



(L to R) Eric Cruse, Laura Sommers, Linda Stone and Judy Geren share a laugh at June's training school.

Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace, MI, before joining the Victories Casino staff four and a half years ago. "We had a good class with good people. Being a dealer is a good job opportunity in northern Michigan. It pays more than most other service-oriented jobs in the area, and the benefits are good."

Participants attended a four-hour class every day for three weeks. Before being accepted to the class, they had to pass a basic math test. They were also required to have a high school or a general education diploma, and be at least 18. The participants were required to attend one four-hour training session a day, and they were not allowed more than two absences during the three-week period. The table games department plans to have dealer training schools for blackjack, craps and roulette in the spring.

"I've seen more people show an interest in this the last few years because there are so many job opportunities in the

state," Getman said. "We attract dealers from other casinos because we have a nice facility. Once we move into the new casino, it'll be even nicer."

Diana Anderson, a Charlevoix resident who received her certificate, used to work in the medical field, but she saw this as an opportunity for a change and a new challenge.

"I put in an application for a position in the bar, but I love to play games and I thought dealing would be a fun job to have," said Anderson who moved to the area in September. "I've always been a horrible math student, but I've worked on it over the years and I was able to do well here. I think quickly on my feet, and I love working with people."

Judy Geren, an East Jordan resident who also received her certificate, recently retired after working as a receptionist at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix, MI, and she would like to be a seasonal worker at the casino. She has relatives who already

work at the casino.

"I never thought I would work for a casino, but I am available and people I know have said it is a fun job," said Geren, a member of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians. "My husband (who is retired) and I spend part of the year traveling, so I'd be available to work the part of the year we are home. I need something to do with my time."

LTBB Tribal Members Josh Wemigwase and Bob Wemigwase attended the training, and they received their certificates. Their mother, Mary, works as a dealer at the casino.

Indian preference in training applies at all table games dealer schools.

For more information on employment opportunities at Victories Hotel and Casino, and on future table games dealer training schools, contact employment at 231-439-5380.

Jeneane Hill, Director of Table Games, contributed to this article.

Uninterrupted Service at LTBB Health Clinic

With Carrienne Jeffers-Wcisel PA and Doctor Terry Samuels out for medical reasons, Mitzi Amelon DO and Doctor Robert Townsend DO will see patients at the LTBB Health Clinic in their absence. Amelon will provide services on a full-time basis, and Townsend will provide services on a part-time basis. Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski BSN, PA-C will see patients three days a week. The LTBB Health Clinic, located in Petoskey, MI, is open for appointments from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

Wanted: Gymnastics Teacher

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Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky and Matt Lesky show off their black ash baskets. Photo courtesy of Fred Harrington, Jr.



Participants from the Black Ash Basket Making workshop show off their baskets. Photo courtesy of Fred Harrington, Jr.



Brittany Bentley shows off her black ash basket after the June 24 workshop. Photo courtesy of Fred Harrington, Jr.



Crossing of Little Traverse Bay from Petoskey, MI, to Harbor Springs, MI, on June 25. Photo courtesy of Fred Harrington, Jr.



The husband and wife team of Keith Perry and Davi Perry lead a family-size canoe. Photo courtesy of Fred Harrington, Jr.



Ken Roberts assisted participants at the June 23 Making Flutes workshop at Indian Hills Gallery in Petoskey, MI.



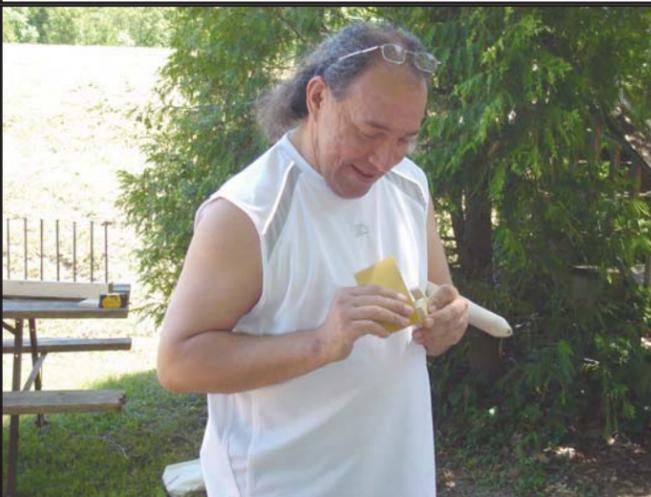
Tribal Council Member Fred Harrington, Jr. shows off his musical skills during the Making Flutes workshop on June 23.



Ken Roberts (on the right) assists Mike Smith (on the left) at the Making Flutes workshop held at Indian Hills Gallery.



Don Portman and Suzanne Portman work on their flute at the Making Flutes workshop held at Indian Hills Gallery.



Mike Smith works on the buffalo that adorned his flute at the Making Flutes workshop at Indian Hills Gallery on June 23.



Matt Koontz assists Kathryn Deloria at the Making Flutes workshop held at Indian Hills Gallery in Petoskey, MI.



Matt Koontz shows off his musical skills during the Making Flutes workshop held at Indian Hills Gallery on June 23.



Sisters Hope Reines and Sharon Werner play their newly completed flutes at the Making Flutes workshop on June 23.



Fred Harrington, Jr. (on the right) assists Kristen Williams and Jill Patterson at the Making Flutes workshop on June 23.



Freddie Perry entertains participants at the Making Drums workshop held at Fred Harrington Jr.'s house in Petoskey, MI.

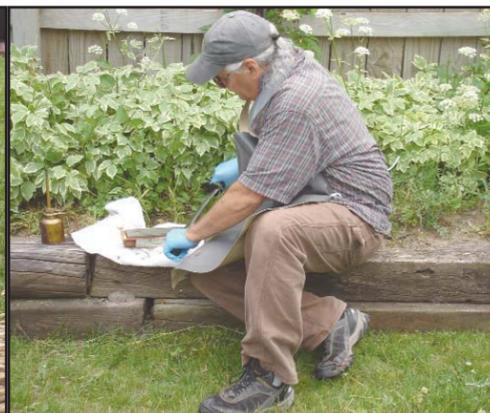
ANNUAL JIIBAAKWE CELEBRATION



(L to R) Cathy Portman, Amelia Compeaux (in the back), Davi Perry and Tina Perry



Austin Schlappi selects wood to fashion into a drumstick at the Making Drums workshop.



Bill Nash works in Fred Harrington, Jr.'s backyard during the Making Drums workshop.



(L to R) Fred Perry, Lakaia Keshick and Freddie Perry work on their drumsticks.



(L to R) Freddie Perry, Keith Perry and Austin Schlappi work on their drumsticks.



Tony Miron entertained participants at the Making Drums workshop held on June 22.



(L to R clockwise) Fred Harrington, Jr., Fred Perry, Archer Batcheller and Trond Jacobsen.



Trish Kishigo (L) and Tootsie Keshick (R) at the Making Drums workshop on June 22.



Fred Harrington, Jr. scraps fur from the hide used to make the drums at the workshop.



Hope Reines scraps fur from the hide as her sister Sharon Werner sits in the background.



Matt Lesky scraps fur from the buffalo hide at the Making Drums workshop on June 22.



Trond Jacobsen and Gavin Clarkson work on their drumsticks at the workshop on June 22.



Amelia Compeaux sews materials on her drumstick at the Making Drums workshop.



Native Visions' male drummers at the "Meal and a Movie" event. Photo courtesy of Rebeca Deckinga.



Native Visions' female drummers at the "Meal and a Movie." Photo courtesy of Rebeca Deckinga.



On June 22, Tootsie Keshick and Tony Miron work while at the Making Drums workshop.



Aaron Otto plays the flute at the "Meal and a Movie" event. Photo courtesy of Rebeca Deckinga.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

From June 20-25, the Odawa Institute held the Eighth Annual JiibaaKwe Celebration with various cultural events. The first seven celebrations, called Mnookime JiibaaKwe, were held in the spring, but this year's celebration was started on the Summer Solstice.

It was called Niibin JiibaaKwe, and it was in honor of Gijigowi (the late Victor Kishigo), the Architect of the Odawa Institute.

On June 20, eight participants crossed from Cross Village, MI, to Beaver Island, MI, using a kiizhik jiimaan (cedar canoe). On June 21, a sunrise ceremony was held at Beaver Island's stone circle. Participants then ferried from Beaver Island to Cross Village. A Fire Starting Seminar and a Feast for the Pipes were also on June 21.

On June 22, a Making Drums workshop was held at Fred Harrington, Jr.'s house in Petoskey, MI. On June 23, a

Making Flutes workshop and the Anishninaabe version of "Meal and a Movie" were held at Indian Hills Gallery in Petoskey, MI. For the Anishninaabe version of "Meal and a Movie," the dinner was followed by traditional entertainment by Native Visions Group.

On June 24, a Black Ash Basket Making Workshop was held at Indian Hills Gallery.

On June 25, the celebration concluded with Wiigwaas Jiimaan Nakzhiwed. Participants crossed Little Traverse Bay from Petoskey to Harbor Springs in family-size canoes, and they shared a feast at the Indian Hills Gallery Community Room upon landing.

Fred Harrington, Jr. contributed to this article.

All photos taken by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar unless otherwise noted in the photo captions.

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- Interview
- Dance Exhibition

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missodawanation@hotmail.com



Tony Miron tells a story at the "Meal and a Movie" event. Photo courtesy of Rebeca Deckinga.

15th Annual

Odawa Homecoming Jingtamok

(POW WOW)

Harbor Springs, Michigan

August 12 & 13, 2006

General Admission:
FREE

Grand Entry Times:
Saturday, August 12th - 1pm & 7pm
Sunday, August 13th - 12 noon

- Head Staff -

Host Drum:
Kingbird Singers,
Red Lake, MN

MC:
TBA

Head Veteran:
Walker Stonefish,
Wapole Island, Ontario

Arena Director:
Steven Oldman Sr.,
Wind River, Wyoming

Head Dance Judges:
TBA

Head Dancers:
TBA each session

Drum Contest:

1st Place - \$3,000 First 6 non-placing
2nd Place - \$2,000 registered drums will
3rd Place - \$1,500 receive honorarium.
4th Place - \$1,000

Golden Age 50 & Up

1st - \$550 2nd - \$400 3rd - \$300

Adults 18-49

1st - \$550 2nd - \$400 3rd - \$300 4th - \$200

Teens 13-17

1st - \$250 2nd - \$200 3rd - \$150

Juniors 6-12

1st - \$150 2nd - \$100 3rd - \$75

Registration:

Friday, August 12th, 2006 5pm - 8pm
Saturday, August 13th, 2006 10am - 12:30pm
Registration fee \$5 per dancer/singer
Tiny Tots do not need to register.

15th Annual Miss Odawa Princess Contest

For more information or an application contact: Ellie Payton at 231-242-0851.
Finals to take place on Saturday after second Grand Entry.



Vendor Info:
Marci Reyes
Ph: 231-838-4172
Fax: 231-242-1666

More Information:

Regina Gasco
Ph: 231-242-1574
Or
Tina Sutton
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On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Sutton



Michigan

August 4-6
22nd Annual Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow
Mt. Pleasant, MI
Contact Information:
Melissa Montaya at 828-736-6996

August 12-13
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 15th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds
Harbor Springs, MI
Contact Information:
Tina Sutton 231-242-1423 or Regina Gasco 231-242-1574

August 19-20
Fifth Annual New Day Sobriety Pow Wow
Ojibwa Campgrounds
Baraga, MI
Contact Information:
Paul Halverson at 906-524-4411

August 26-27
Ninth Annual Rapid River Traditional Anishnabeg Pow Wow
Hiawatha National Forest
Rapid River, MI
Contact Information:
Larry or Mary at 906-428-4622

September 8-10
Great North Winds Pow Wow
Manistique, MI
Contact Information:
John or Ruth at 906-359-4645

September 16-17
Frank Bush Memorial Pow Wow
Hastings, MI
Contact Information:
Anne Bush at 616-633-0029

September 23
Wood Lake Pow Wow
Jones, MI
Contact Information:
Sharon at 574-259-8405

Wisconsin

August 4-6
40th Annual Menominee Nation Contest Pow Wow
Woodland Bowl
Keshena, WI
Contact Information:
715-799-5997
715-799-4849
Rose Wayka
715-799-4356

August 11-13
30th Annual Mohican Veterans Traditional Pow Wow
Many Trails Park
Bowler, WI
Contact Information:
715-796-4111
www.mohican.com

August 19-20
14th Annual Mno Keno Ma Ge Wen Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds
Carter, WI
Contact Information:
715-478-7374
715-478-7376
715-478-7377

August 25-27
32nd Annual St. Croix Wild Rice Fest Traditional Pow Wow
Hole in the Wall Casino
Danbury, WI
Contact Information:
715-656-4406

September 2-4
Labor Day Weekend Celebration Contest Pow Wow
Red Cloud Memorial Pow Wow Grounds
Black River Falls, WI
Contact Information:
Caralee Murphy at 1-800-294-9343, ext. 1123
www.ho-chunk.com

September 8-10
20th Annual Indian Summer Traditional Pow Wow
Maier Festival Park
Milwaukee, WI
Contact Information:
877-302-2812
414-604-1000
www.indiansummer.org
vickibos@ameritech.net
indiansummer@wi.rr.com

September 15-17
11th Annual Autumn Gathering Traditional Pow Wow
Veteran's Park
Genoa, WI
Contact Information:
847-546-3101
vickibos@ameritech.net

Minnesota

August 4-6
28th Annual Honoring Sobriety Traditional Pow Wow
Mash Ka Wisen Treatment Center
Sawyer, MN
Contact Information:
218-879-6731

August 4-6
13th Annual Dakota Wacipi Traditional Pow Wow
Upper Sioux State Park
Granite Falls, MN
Contact Information:
320-564-2360
www.uppersiouxcommunity.gov

August 11-13
Grand Portage Rendezvous Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds
Grand Portage, MN
Contact Information:
218-475-2239
218-475-2277
www.grandportage.com

August 11-13
Red Lake Nation Fair Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds
Red Lake, MN
Contact Information:
218-679-3341

August 12-13
Seventh Annual Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Traditional Pow Wow
St. Peter's Church Grounds
Mendota, MN
Contact Information:
651-452-4141
www.mendotadakota.org
kangi4259@aol.com

August 12-13
Pine Point Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds
Ponsford, MN
Contact Information:
218-573-2154
maswan@wcta.net

August 25-27
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Contest Wacipi Pow Wow Grounds
Prior Lake, MN
Contact Information:
952-445-8900
www.shakopeedakota.org

September 1-3
Wee-Gichie-Ne-Me-Dim (Big Dance) Pow Wow
Veterans Memorial Grounds
Leech Lake, MN
Contact Information:
Jim Jones at 218-335-7034 or 218-760-7859
Martin Robinson at 218-335-7400 or 218-766-6145

September 1-3
Wee Gitchee Ne Me E Dim Contest Pow Wow
Veteran's Memorial Grounds
Cass Lake, MN
Contact Information:
218-335-7400

September 1-4
34th Annual O-Bah-Shing Labor Day Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds
Ponemah, MN
Contact Information:
Wayne Johnson at 218-554-7474 or 218-554-7347
218-368-2261

September 9-11
Minnesota American Indian Festival Gathering at the River
Pow Wow
Harriet Island
St. Paul, MN
Contact Information:
612-870-4533
http://www.maicc.org/events.html

September 15-17
34th Annual Mahkato Traditional Wacipi Honoring the 38 Dakota Dakota Wokiksuye Makoce (Land of Memories Park)
Mankato, MN
Contact Information:
http://www.mahka-towacipi.org/
507-345-4120

September 15-17
Battle Point Pow Wow
Sugar Point Community Pow Wow Grounds
Sugar Point, MN
Contact Information:
Tracy Gale at 218-760-5141

September 17
First Spirit Feast Two Worlds Lodge Traditional Pow Wow
Hyatt Farm
Hewitt, MN
Contact Information:
218-924-4018
polttwil@wcta.net

WAGANAKISING MARTIAL ARTS CLUB UPDATE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Alex Fisher (left) and Taylor Fisher (right) wear their medals from the 2006 North American Indigenous Games last month. Photo courtesy of Jim Fisher.

On June 10 at Lansing Community College in Lansing, MI, the Waganakising Martial Arts Club participated in the Great Lakes Cup Tournament. **Bill Denemy, Jr.** finished first in sparring and second in forms. **Regina Brubacker** finished third in both sparring and forms. **Kathy McGraw** finished second in forms and third in sparring. **Taylor Fisher** finished second in both sparring and forms. **Jared Willis** finished first in forms and third in sparring. **Derek Willis** finished first in forms and third in sparring. **Chris Lynn, Jr.** finished first in forms and second in sparring. **Sean Miller** finished first in sparring and second in

forms. **Mikayla Miller** finished first in forms and second in sparring. **Kacie Gokee** finished first in sparring and second in forms. **Mister Terry Samuels** and **Alex Fisher** attended the tournament, but they did not compete due to injury.

At last month's 2006 North American Indigenous Games held in Denver, CO, **Taylor Fisher** finished third in sparring and fourth in forms, and **Alex Fisher** finished third in both sparring and forms. They returned home with three medals.

Health Educator Regina Brubacker contributed to this article.

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YOU MUST REGISTER!! We need to know how many lunches to buy!!! Please register by September 8

UNDERSTANDING THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS AT THE ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Before the 15th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow on August 12-13 in Harbor Springs, MI, I thought it would be helpful to explain the meaning and symbolism associated with the event.

The dance arena is a sacred circle which represents life. This circle of life symbolizes the continual flow of life and death. Like a circle, all people are connected to one another.

A pow wow always begins with a grand entry in which the dancers enter the dance arena in a single line and fill the sacred circle. Male veteran dancers carry various flags and eagle staffs. The eagle is symbol of power and strength, and it is believed eagles are messengers between the Creator and Man. The eagle staffs are offered to the Creator for this reason. The veteran dancers are followed by the head male and female dancers.

A flag song immediately follows the grand entry and is similar to pledging allegiance to the flag. The song is a symbol of respect for sovereign nations and for those who died protecting them.

A drumbeat calls the dancers to the circle and symbolizes their heartbeat. The beat directs their dance steps and accompanies all the dances. The majority of the singers are men, and their songs are a form of oral history sung in the group's native language. The singers learn through apprenticeship from respected elders, and they eventually will continue to teach these songs to future generations.

Legends tell us the drums were once living creatures who sacrificed themselves for man to use. Drums are made from animal hides, wood and clay from the earth. The materials on the drum pay homage to the life forces: animal hides, wood to honor the growing things, pottery from earth and water, the most precious element.

Each drum possesses a spirit and each drummer moves these spirits to come out for the dancers. The drum brings out various emotions and calls everyone to dance in unity. The singers use sweetgrass and eagle feathers to ask Father Sun and Mother Earth to release the spirit of the drum. The dancers add strength to the dance rhythms with bells, rattles of deer hooves, bones and bits of metal on their regalia.

Each unique dance style has a distinctive regalia and distinctive dance steps associated with it. Regalia is the formal term used to describe the clothing worn during the dances.

Traditional male and female dancers preserve the oldest style of dancing.



Male dancers have two eagle-feathered bustles, and traditional

warriors wear simple buckskin with eagle feathers. These feathers represent the Creator and the One against the Creator. The porcupine quill hair ornament supports the feathers and symbolizes all existence.



Female traditional dancers wear buckskin or cloth dresses. The buckskin dresses with long, flowing fringes represent a waterfall and are decorated with bright intricate beadwork. The dancers always carry a shawl on their arms into the sacred circle. Spectators stand to honor these women who possess the gift of life.

While the traditional dances are the oldest style, the fancy dances are the most modern and physically demanding.



The female fancy shawl dance is thought to have originated as the Butterfly Dance. When her mate is killed in battle, the female butterfly mourns and goes into her cocoon symbolized by the shawl. She travels all over the world looking for happiness, stepping on every rock until she finally finds beauty in just one. Her emergence from the cocoon celebrates freedom and a new life. The regalia consists of a shawl worn around the shoulders and a cloth dress.



The male fancy dance is based on the traditional and Warrior Society dances and has evolved into a competitive dance for modern warriors. Dancers express themselves by intricate footwork, spins and colorful regalia. The regalia is similar to the traditional dancers', however, it contains two colorful feather bustles.



The men's grass dance is an ancient dance and is the basis for many others. It originated in the Northern Plains of the United States. The elders would ask young men to stomp down tall grass to prepare a clearing for a ceremony. Early grass dancers wore tufts of sweetgrass which later evolved into feather bustles. Currently, dancers use strips of leather and yarn to achieve a rippling grass effect.



The women's jingle dress dancers wear cloth dresses which contain 365 small metal cones, a prayer for each day. Jingle dresses are frequently passed down by generation and an eagle fan is carried by the dancer. The cones help to add beauty to the music and to enhance it.

There is a story that a young Ojibwe girl about 12 years of age began the jingle dress tradition. She lived in a village crippled with great sickness. She longed to help her people and had a dream of the jingle dress for four nights. After the fourth night, she asked her grandmother what the dream meant. The grandmother told her to make the dress because it would stop the sickness. The first jingle dress was made using deer toes instead of the tobacco lids used today.

There are usually seven rows of cones, one to represent each of the seven teachings. Depending on the area the dancer comes from, these seven teachings vary greatly. The fan and fanning represent the fanning away of sickness. The scarf the dancer carries also represents the wiping away of sickness.

Traditional Jiingtamok

The Traditional Jiingtamok is September 16 from noon to 7 p.m. on Osborn Road in Readmond Township, MI. Grand Entry is at 1 p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m. Please bring a dessert or a salad for dinner. For more information, contact Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520.

Pow Wow Etiquette and Protocols from Various Sources

Appropriate clothing is mandatory in the dance arena and throughout the pow wow grounds. People not following this tradition of respecting a family and a spiritual atmosphere are dismissed from the gathering until properly attired.

Alcohol and drugs are not permitted in and around the pow wow grounds. Most gatherings will not tolerate anyone under the influence of the mentioned, which in most cases, results in the immediate dismissal from the pow wow area.

Pets are not permitted in the dance arena. Pet owners are advised to leave their pets at home due to the sacredness of the gathering and the ongoing purification that takes place. A domestic animal is quite capable of bringing negative energy into the pow wow and a purification ceremony usually has to be done to re-purify the grounds. All this puts a stop to the gathering and takes up valuable pow wow time.

A woman in her menstrual cycle is not permitted into the dance arena. This is due to the spiritual energy carried by a woman "on her time," as we say. This tradition respects "woman gifts." This teaching is generally passed on from woman to woman and it is strongly recommended that tobacco be given to a traditional woman so that this teaching can be passed on.

Photographs are not permitted during grand entry, honor songs and the retiring of the flags unless stated otherwise by the pow wow committee and the elders of the pow wow.

The drum arbor or drum pit is designated for singers only. Do not crowd the drummers.

Specific seating is usually provided for elders.

Keeping the pow wow grounds clean is everyone's responsibility. Caring for Mother Earth is one of our people's most important teachings. Be responsible, please discard waste in designated containers. A clean pow wow is a respected pow wow.

Pointing with fingers is considered poor manners by some nations. If you must point, use your head and nod in the direction you wish to indicate.

The seating around the arena is reserved for dancers in regalia. Seats with blankets, shawls or regalia items on them are taken and should not be bothered. Do not sit on someone else's blanket unless invited. Uncovered seats are considered available.

Listen to the master of ceremonies. He will announce who is to dance and when. Most pow wows conduct intertribals in which the public may participate.

Respect the head male and head female dancers. Their role entitles them to start each song or set of songs. Please wait until they have started to dance before you

join in. In some traditions, it is considered improper to pass the head male or head female dancers within the arena.

Some songs require that you be familiar with the routine or have special eligibility rules in order to participate. Trot dances, snake, buffalo, etc. require particular steps or routines. Veterans dances may be restricted to veterans, combat veterans or in some cases, the relations of veterans. If you are not familiar with a particular dance, observe and learn. Watch the head dancers to learn the proper procedures.

The flag song, or Indian National Anthem, is sung when the American flag is raised or lowered. Please stand and remove hats during the singing of this song. It is not a song for dancing.

Certain items of religious significance should be worn only by those qualified to do so. Respect the traditions. Never intentionally touch another dancer's regalia, person or property without permission.

Giveaways, attributes of the pow wows, are held at many pow wows. They are acknowledgements of appreciation to recipients for honor or service given to the people. When receiving a gift, the recipient thanks everyone involved in the giving.

If you wish to ask for a special song from a drum, talk to the arena director first and make sure the master of ceremonies is informed. It is traditional to make a gift, monetary or otherwise, to the drum group for special requests.

Before sitting at a drum, ask permission from the head singer. Do not touch a drum without permission.

If you see a lost feather, or you yourself drop a feather, do not pick it up. Notify the nearest veteran, the head veteran dancer, head male dancer or arena director immediately.

Before dancing barefoot speak with the arena director. At some events, this many only be done by Sundancers known to the organizers.

In some places, it is all right for adults to dance while carrying infants or small children. In other places, this is considered contrary to local etiquette. Ask before doing so.

If taking photographs or videotaping drummers or dancers, ask for permission first.

Once the dance arena has been blessed with sage and prayer, it becomes spiritual ground. Do not walk across the arena, and don't allow your children to run into the arena.

A dancer's clothing is regalia, not a costume.

If you have a question, ask. Most dancers, singers, elders and staff are happy to help.

Day Care Assistance

Applications for the 2005-2006 Day Care Assistance Program are still being accepted.

If you live in Emmet, Charlevoix or Cheboygan County and would like to apply, please stop at Human Services or call 231-242-1626 for an application or call 888-309-5822 and ask for Human Services.

This is an income based program.

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
June 11, 2006
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle
9:15 a.m. Smudging
9:30 a.m.
Closed Session: no
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order
at: 9:29 a.m.

Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.
Absent: Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Executive Office Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik

Legal Staff Present: James Bransky-General Counsel

Staff Present: Michele LaCount-Legislative Office Manager, Cathy Portman-Gaming Board of Directors Administrative Assistant, Barry Milligan-Casino General Manager

Commission, Boards, and Committees: Carol McFall-Gaming Board of Directors, Cheryl Kishigo Lesky-Economic Development Commission Chairperson, John Bott-Economic Development Commission, Laura LaCroix Blumberg-Economic Development Commission

Guests: Andrew Chingman, Sr., Andrew Chingman, Jr., Bryan Chingman, Brittany Bentley, Rochelle Ettawageshik

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the agenda of June 11, 2006, as amended in honor of Michael Evans Keshick and Harvey Delorme.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Yellowbank)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Roberts to approve the minutes of May 21, 2006, as presented.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Yellowbank)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Roberts to authorize Tribal Council members to attend the Enrollment Commission Training for June 2006.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Yellowbank)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-18 Recognizing Harvey Delorme.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-no, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-no
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to repeal, Tribal Resolution #052106-01 and, adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-19 Appropriation of \$5,000 for the Restoration of the Burt Lake Burial Grounds.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Council Resolution #061106-20 Standards for Tribal Council Ad Hoc Committees.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Council Resolution #061106-21 Establishing Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act Scholarship Levels.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

10:46 a.m. Recess called
11:00 a.m. Meeting resumed

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to pass the Business Assumed Name Act.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Food Safety Act.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-22 Amendment to Revenue Allocation Plan.
(Motion on hold in consideration of Public Comment)
11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Andrew Chingman
12:28 p.m. Public Comment closed
12:28 p.m. Lunch recess called
1:59 p.m. Meeting resumed
(Discussion of previous motion continues regarding a resolution)
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-01 Request for Funding from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, 2006 Tribal Injury Prevention Project.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-02 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, FY 2006 Tribal Criminal History Record Improvement Program.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-03 Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Performance Partnership Grant.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-04 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Funding for Tribes under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2007 Title IV-B Child Welfare Services Allotment.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-05 Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Project.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-06 Request for funding from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Child Care and Development Fund Program.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-07 Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians In collaboration with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Grant Program.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes,

Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-08 Request for funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, Tribal Management Grant Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Health Management Project.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-09 Request for Funding from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Source Reduction Assistance Grants Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Pollution Prevention Project.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried
Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-10 Opposition to Kennecott Minerals Proposed Sulfide Ore Mine.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-11 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Emergency Management Division of Emmet County, and the Emergency Management Division of the Michigan Department of State Police.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-12 Execution of Trust Deed for "Drier Road" Parcel.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-13 Authorization for Utility Easement on "Drier Road" Parcel.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-14 Resolution Approving "Statement of Mutual Understanding and Support" and Authorizing Its Signing by the Executive.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve Enrollment lists A - Eligible for Citizenship dated May 16, 2006, for a total of 9 applicants.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Yellowbank)
Motion Carried

3:24 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments
3:24 p.m. Public Comment closed
3:25 p.m. Recess called
3:36 p.m. Meeting resumed

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Secretary Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-15 Odawa Enterprise Management and Department of Commerce Authorization and Funding Provisions.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-16 Resolution for Partially Funding the Reprinting of the Book "The Way It Happened".
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes,

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2006

August 5 Work Session
August 6 Council Meeting
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Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-17 Additional Funding for Four Directions Video.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution #061106-23 Appropriations for Pending Litigation.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-no, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

4:53 p.m. Recess called
5:00 p.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to accept the verbal and written report of the Legislative Leader for June 11, 2006, including the Executive Report which contained confidential items.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Yellowbank)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to accept the verbal and written Treasurer's report as submitted by Treasurer Oldman for June 11, 2006.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Yellowbank)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to authorize Tribal Council attendance for the June 23, 2006, work session for the Children's Code.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Yellowbank)
Motion Carried

6:43 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor McNamara to adjourn.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Yellowbank)
Motion Carried

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:
Approved:

Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary Date

LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ATTEND NCAI MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

From June 18-21, the 2006 National Congress of the American Indians Mid-Year Conference was at Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. The theme was "Not Our Borders: Culture and Commerce in the Era of Homeland Security."

In attendance were Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik; Tribal Council Members Mary Roberts, Beatrice A. Law, Rita Shananaquet, Regina Gasco-Bentley, Dexter McNamara and Alice Yellowbank; Election Board Members Denise Petoskey and Carol Quinones; Health

Commissioner Sarah VanDeCar; Attorney Allie Maldonado; Legal Department interns Marilyn Phelps and Cherese McLain; tribal member Valerie Biro; and Student Youth Representatives Cynthia Biro, Douglas Wemigwase and Charles Shananaquet II who were selected by Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr. and sponsored by the Tribal Council.

I attended the conference to take pictures and to gather information for articles.

For more information about NCAI, visit www.ncai.org.

Background information on

the artists featured in the photos:

Darryl L. Brown, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, creates a style of art called "American Indian Pointillism." One of his paintings was reproduced to adorn the front and back covers of the conference's program. Each of his paintings is a kaleidoscope of color taking empty space and primitive design, binding them together in a dreamscape with many interpretations. Brown has a professional career in advertising, graphic design, composition, and journalism. He is also a published poet, editorial writer and

public speaker. He lives in St. Ignace, MI.

Daniel B. Ramirez, a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, was an exhibitor at the conference. He earned Bachelor and Master's Fine Art Degrees from the University of Michigan. Ramirez is well-known for his work in watercolors and acrylics, and for his drawings in charcoal and pastels. In May and June, the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., featured his artwork based on the theme "Caring for the Elders." He has dedicated him-

self to becoming the best painter of contemporary woodland images. His dedication has been in memory of his late mother, who was a full-blooded Saginaw Swan Creek Black River Chippewa Indian. Ramirez has won many awards and honors since 1999. He lives in Midland, MI, and Rio Rancho, NM.

Other photo information

NCAI President Joe A. Garcia, NCAI Vice President Jefferson Keel and NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson all spoke at the press conference.

Photos by Annette VanDeCar.



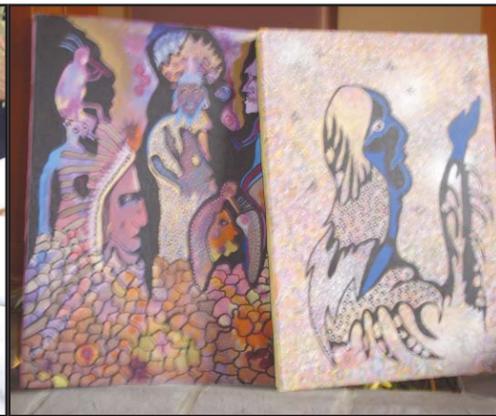
Daniel B. Ramirez was one of the exhibitors at the 2006 NCAI Mid-Year Conference.



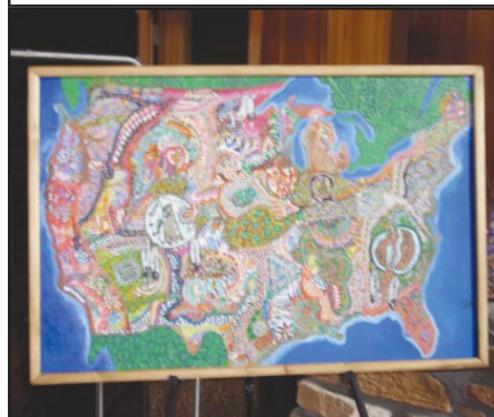
Daniel B. Ramirez touched up a painting based on the theme "Caring for the Elders."



Daniel B. Ramirez takes a break from painting to talk with some admirers of his artwork.



Some examples of Darryl L. Brown's artwork that was on display during the conference.



A reproduction of this Darryl L. Brown piece was featured on the conference's program.



Exhibitor Darryl L. Brown's style of artwork is referred to as "American Indian Pointillism."



Alice Yellowbank (L) and Beatrice A. Law (R) talk to Allie Maldonado (seated at the table).



Jefferson Keel, Jacqueline Johnson and Joe A. Garcia all spoke at the press conference.



Several Tribal Council Members attended the conference along with community members.



NCAI President Joe A. Garcia speaks with a reporter following the press conference.



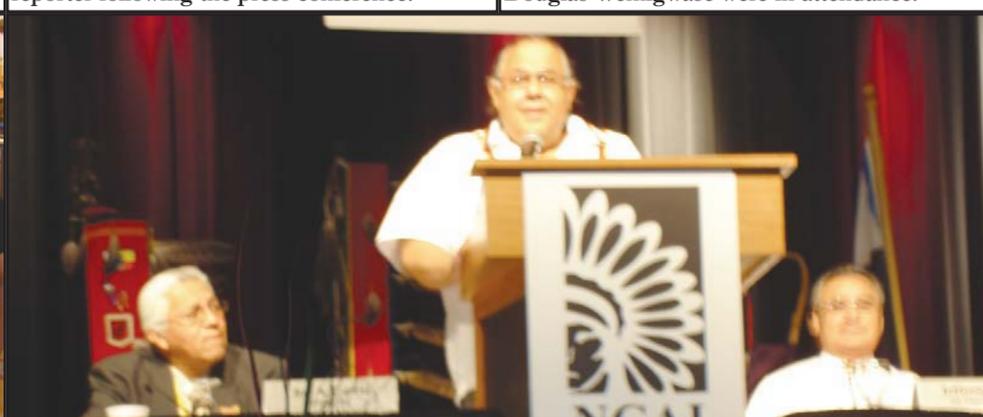
(L to R) Denise Petoskey, Cynthia Biro and Douglas Wemigwase were in attendance.



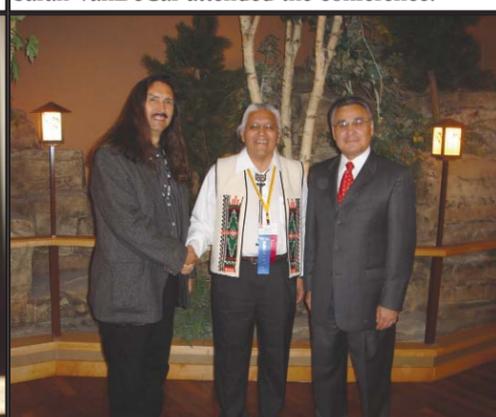
(L to R) Valerie Biro, Carol Quinones and Sarah VanDeCar attended the conference.



(L to R) Rita Shananaquet, Beatrice A. Law and Mary Roberts attended the conference.



Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik spoke at the second general assembly on June 20.



(L to R) Allen Nelson, Joe A. Garcia and Jefferson Keel after the press conference.

LTBB NCAI MID-YEAR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

With the 2006 National Congress of the American Indians Mid-Year Conference held in near-by Sault Ste. Marie, MI, from June 18-21, many LTBB Tribal Community Members saw it as a chance to broaden their understanding of the issues facing Indian Country.

The theme of the conference, held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, was "Not Our Borders: Culture and Commerce in the Era of Homeland Security." It was an opportunity for tribal leaders from across the country to work together and share ideas.

Founded in 1944, NCAI is the

oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of more than 250 tribal governments, promoting strong tribal-federal government to government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regard-

ing American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

On June 18, a Strawberry Moon Welcome Reception was held, and it featured musical entertainment from Keith Secola and his Wild Band of Indians. NCAI President Joe A. Garcia joined

Secola and his band onstage to play the guitar and sing his renditions of "Brown Eye Girl" and "Born on a Bayou." It was a fitting way to kick off the conference.

The conference featured workshops, three general assemblies, breakout sessions, full committee meetings, regional caucus meet-

NCAI MID-YEAR CONFERENCE CONTINUED

ings, subcommittee meetings, focus groups, committee reports, a traditional feast and Three Fires Culture Demonstration, a Youth Commission meeting, and a press conference. Exhibitors were also on hand.

LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik spoke on Native Vote 2006 at the second general assembly on June 20.

Besides taking pictures and gathering information for articles, I attended the press conference and two breakout sessions.

The first breakout session I attended was titled "How Do Indian Nations Repair the Damage Caused by Washington Scandals? Are We Prepared to Re-Brand Ourselves?" Recent scandals have resulted in increased media attention being paid to Indian tribes. The most highly publicized scandal involves Jack Abramoff, a Washington lobbyist and a former aide to House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. On March 29, Abramoff pleaded guilty to fraud, tax evasion and conspiracy to bribe public officials in a deal that required him to provide evidence about members of Congress. He was sentenced to five years and 10 months in prison. Abramoff persuaded four tribes with successful gaming operations - the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Mt. Pleasant, MI, the Agua Caliente of California, the Mississippi Choctaws and the Louisiana Coushattas - to pay more than \$45 million over three years for lobbying and public affairs work done by him and public relations executive Michael Scanlon. The fees paid by the tribes were 10 or 20 times more than what the tribes paid their former lobbyists. According to a *Washington Post* article on Feb. 22, "Abramoff also advised tribes to give hundreds of thousands of dollars to obscure groups whose connections to Indian concerns are unclear."

NCAI believes the stories written about this and other scandals have been negative in nature, and they have created an unfair image of Indian communities inside and outside Washington D.C. NCAI feels the real and personal stories of Indian tribes are not getting written because so much of the focus has been on the recent scandals.

To offset this negative publicity and to change public opinion, NCAI has hired Goddard Claussen, a public relations firm based in Washington, D.C., to create a proactive strategy to reeducate elected officials inside Washington D.C. The plan includes developing focus groups, conducting national opinion polls, and establishing a Washington D.C.-based command center from which to disseminate specific messages to elected officials.

Goddard Claussen Senior Vice President Gerry Gunster led the breakout session. Gunster said, "You (as Indian tribes) can define yourself or you will be defined by others who may or may not define you accurately. You need to define yourself to ensure the right message is being sent to the elected officials."

NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson said, "This has been a long-term problem that has been made worse by the recent scandals. We need to reeducate elected officials in Washington D.C. about Indian tribes and the issues facing them today. NCAI can fill a vacuum and become the thought leader for all of Indian Country."

The second breakout session I

attended was titled "Emerging Issues and Areas of Future Research." The NCAI Policy Research Center was established in late 2003 to collect, coordinate, and make available information, data, and analyses pertinent to public policy decisions. According to the NCAI website, the intent of it is "to begin to change the public policy process in federal, state, and tribal policy-making from one of a reactive, problem-driven approach to a process that is far more informed by research and data."

The research center promotes a proactive, not reactive, approach to problem solving.

Members of the NCAI Policy Research Center Advisory Council led a discussion about key emerging issues and the data and analysis necessary to put Indian Country in a forward-thinking policy development position. In this manner, the Indian tribes can determine what research should be done, who does it and who controls the information. In the past, the research has been done on Indians and very little of it has benefited the Indians studied. The research center works to identify emerging issues and establish an information base to facilitate earlier tribal involvement in policy discussions.

As was discussed in the breakout session, there are new demands on tribal leaders and administrators today to forecast developments that will impact tribes. It has started a movement from problem focus to future thinking strategy development agenda.

I asked some tribal community members who attended the conference to write about their experiences there and share some of the information they were exposed to there.

The following are their thoughts:

Tribal Council Member Alice Yellowbank

"On Sunday, June 18, I attended the "National Tribal Education Departments" Forum instead of the NCAI/NIGA (National Indian Gaming Association) Task Force Joint meeting that was cancelled. I was disappointed the NCAI/NIGA Task Force Joint meeting was cancelled because they were scheduled to discuss recent gaming issues and legislation. However, the education forum was informative. I learned about the Native Languages Summit that was held in Washington D.C. on July 12. NCAI President Joe A. Garcia spoke about the importance of unity and cooperation in all areas of concern in Indian Country. Lillian Sparks, NIEA (National Indian Education Association) Executive Director, talked about the realignment in the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) and stressed the importance of upcoming legislation, especially as it relates to Native languages. The three-person panel of education directors was informative. I especially enjoyed Joyce Shingobee from Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians in Minnesota. Her tribe has a tribal school where the language is integrated into the curriculum, and it is in the process of creating two charter schools. Mille Lacs is a 3,600 member tribe. Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law and Tribal Council Member Rita Shananaquet also attended the forum.

The three general assemblies were excellent as one would expect them to be. During the afternoon breakout session on Monday, June 19, I sat in on "DOI Trust Regulations and Land Into

Trust." NCAI General Counsel John Dossett talked about how NCAI makes sure treaty rights are upheld in regulations.

A large part of the conference was devoted to the NCAI Policy Research Center, and the work it has done thus far. It was labeled "First Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum" and the handout included presenter abstracts. Some of the research was discussed during Tuesday's (June 20) morning general assembly, and an afternoon breakout session on the same day discussed it in more detail. It is important to realize this research isn't done just for research sake. Tribes determine what research is done, and the research assists them in decision making. A comment I wholeheartedly agree with was made by University of Colorado School of Law Professor Sarah Krakoff. Krakoff said, "Decisions should not be made without full knowledge of its implications." I was very impressed with the caliber of the presenters, mostly young dedicated women and mostly Native. NCAI did a superb job in selecting these researchers/scholars. Equally impressive, if not more, were the Native leaders who encouraged the presenters and gave them advice from the heart.

I attended a combined session, "Finance and Tax Research" and "Economic Research: Getting a More Comprehensive Tribal Economic Picture" on Tuesday, June 20, also.

I truly enjoyed this conference. It was invigorating. Kchi-miigwech!"

Health Commissioner Sarah VanDeCar

"As a first-time attendee of a NCAI conference, I found it informative and interesting. I attended the conference to gather information to share with the Health Commission. On July 10 at our monthly Health Commission meeting, I spoke about my experience there, and I shared informational literature and a disk I received at the "Pandemic Influenza Update for Indian Country: Are We Prepared?" breakout session.

At the breakout session, the National Pandemic Influenza activities of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Indian Health Services were discussed. A Pandemic Influenza Planning Guide for Individuals and Families was distributed along with several other informational books and handouts. The guide helps people understand the threat of a pandemic influenza outbreak in our country and in tribal communities. It describes common sense actions you can take now in preparing for a pandemic. There is no way to predict how severe the next pandemic will be or when it will occur. Being prepared will help lower the impact of an influenza pandemic on your family and tribal community. Additional information including a planning checklist for individuals and families can be found at www.pandemicflu.gov.

An influenza pandemic is a worldwide outbreak of flu disease that occurs when a new type of influenza virus appears that people have not been exposed to before or have not been exposed to in a long time. The virus causes serious illness because people do not have immunity to the new virus. Pandemics are different from seasonal outbreaks of influenza that we see every year. Seasonal influenza is caused by influenza virus types to which people have

already been exposed to. Its impact on society is less severe than a pandemic, and influenza vaccines such as flu shots and nasal spray vaccine are available to help prevent widespread illness from seasonal flu.

Influenza pandemics are different from many other major public health and health care threats facing our country and the world. A pandemic will last much longer than most flu outbreaks and may include "waves" of influenza activity that lasts six to eight weeks separated by months. The number of health care workers and first responders able to work can be reduced. Public health officials will not know how severe a pandemic will be until it begins.

In the last century, there were three influenza pandemics (1918-1919, 1957-1958, and 1968-1969). The pandemic of 1918-1919 was the most severe, and it caused up to 50 million deaths worldwide. The pandemic of 1957-1958 was moderately severe, and it caused 1-2 million deaths worldwide. The pandemic of 1968-1969 was least severe, and it caused 700,000 deaths worldwide. The United States has been working closely with other countries and the World Health Organization (WHO) to strengthen systems to detect outbreaks of influenza that could cause a pandemic. Federal, state, tribal and local governments are developing, improving, and testing their plans for an influenza pandemic. Businesses, schools, universities, and other community organizations are also preparing plans. Being prepared for an influenza pandemic is the best defense.

Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Member Beatrice A. Law

"On June 18, I attended the "National Tribal Education Department Forum." NCAI President Joe A. Garcia stated we need the spirit of cooperation and communication between tribes, he talked about the critical need for education to draw us up, and he stressed the importance of tribes being strong. NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson spoke on her meeting with the Department of the Interior on the need for interrogated systems so tribes can share their culture and values that might help change the tide for Indian education. The need for a unified front at the July 12 Native Languages Summit was discussed. How will English only impact Indian tribes?

I attended Monday's (June 19) general assembly. Garcia said, "State and federal leaders should take the time to know Indian law." Indian law should be a part of the bar exams. Garcia proposed new and re-elected members of Congress and other elected officials should take Indian Law 101. They have an obligation to teach themselves.

Topics for the general assembly were "Tribal Borders in the Era of Homeland Security, and International Commerce and AFN (Alaska Federation of Natives)/NCAI Declaration - Joint Collaboration Status Report." U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne talked about a meeting between AFN and NCAI. Michael Mitchell, the Chief of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, talked about Jay's Treaty.

The Jay Treaty of 1794, also known as Jay's Treaty or the Treaty of London, was a treaty between the United States and Great Britain

signed on November 19, 1794, that tried to clear up some of the lingering problems of American separation from Great Britain following the American Revolutionary War.

I attended "International Commerce: Foreign Markets No Longer" and "Pandemic Influenza Update for Indian Country: Are We Prepared?" breakout sessions on June 19. At the first breakout session, trade law partnerships, marketing and business development were discussed. The moderator was NCAI Treasurer W. Ron Allen. The Indian Health Service presented policies and technical assistance for developing a pandemic plan at the second breakout session.

At the second general assembly on June 20, Vice President Jefferson Keel spoke on the importance of establishing a League of Indigenous Nations. It is an interesting concept. Topics for the assembly were "Native Vote 2006 with LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Policy Research Center Update with NCAI Policy Research Director Sarah Hicks, and Solving the Growth Puzzle: Understanding Variation in Socioeconomic Change on American Indian Reservations."

Ettawageshik told those in attendance, "No one gives you sovereignty. You either have it or you don't." Ettawageshik explained how his office staff got involved with 25 others to help get the vote out. Tribes need to allow staff time to work on getting the vote out. The key message from the NCAI Policy Research Center is "We need to shape the vision for our own futures, which includes our core values and service to community."

Also on Tuesday, I attended the "Finance and Tax Research" and "Economic Research: Getting a More Comprehensive Tribal Economic Picture" combined breakout session. There is a growing body of research on tribal finance and tax issues. Tax issues are fundamental to tribal economic development. Tribal taxes are and can be tied to tribes' financial futures. There was a discussion on how and why tribes use bonds as a means of financing large projects. The importance of tribal economic diversity was discussed. Strategies were identified to engage in a proactive development policy rather than a problem-focused approach. There is a need for a future thinking development strategy.

I also attended the third general assembly on Wednesday, June 21.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians was a great host for this conference.

I say Miigwech to the Tribe for allowing me the opportunity to serve."

Tribal Council Member Dexter McNamara

"Miigwech to the Tribal Council for giving me the opportunity to attend the 2006 NCAI Mid-Year Conference.

NCAI President Joe A. Garcia touched on issues such as we should use diversity in strength and the importance of learning from others. Congress, now is session addressing many issues, needs to act on homeland security funding. We need to come up with language for drug trafficking for legislation. He touched on law enforcement on tribal lands as a top priority and he stated we need to hear from our law enforcement people more often. He spoke on

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core values such as law schools, saying any newly elected congressional members must have an Indian law background. He said, "All matters are in our own communities, we just need to listen. Take care of your people. If we don't solve our own issues, nobody else will."

In his first major address to Indian Country, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne pledged a close working relationship with NCAI and Indian Country through a live video conference. Kempthorne said, "We must work together as one. You as Native Americans are in countless ways, the conservation teachers of this land that we all share. He spoke on developing solutions for Indian water rights, education, economic development and methamphetamine abuse.

I attended a work session on "Pandemic Influenza Update for Indian Country: Are We Prepared?" It was on tribal emergency and pandemic planning strategies. Veterinarians play a key role because of close animal contact. We should be at the table with state people and other tribes to share wisdom with our planning.

LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik made known at the conference that, "No one gives us sovereignty. You have it or you don't." He spoke on the Native Vote and how his staff got involved on getting the vote out.

We also heard from Douglas Wemigwase, NCAI Youth Commission Secretary and a LTBB Tribal Member, who introduced our other youth representatives Cynthia Biro and Charles Shananaquet II. It was a proud moment for our Tribe.

Sarah Hicks, Director of NCAI's Policy Research Center, gave a keynote message for Indian Country on research we still need to conduct that will strengthen the information we already have on pressing issues.

I attended a very interesting breakout session called "Pharmaceutical." It was on Native American Pharmacy Group (NAPG) presented by Phyllis Jones and Pete Homer. They spoke on a great possible opportunity for tribes to explore. There are only two tribal pharmacies in the country. They spoke on how Veterans Administration contracts can be bid on and talked about how baby boomers are spending millions of dollars on medicals. Hopefully some day, we will be able to care for all our Tribal members with health benefits. I have e-mailed these people and asked them for their business plan, so I can pass it on to the Economic Development Commission.

In a Child Welfare update, I learned an average child spends two years in foster care. We used to say reaching 18 during foster home care is good. But after two years of foster home care, 60% of these children are homeless, in jail or dead. Title IV for Financial and Foster Care doesn't give money to Tribes, but they hold us to the same standards. Last year, the National Summit for Foster Care never invited anyone from Indian Country.

In closing, I met many new faces, received business cards and enjoyed all of our ways. We are good teachers. Miigwetch."

Election Board Secretary/Treasurer Carol Quinones

"I'm glad I was given the opportunity to attend the 2006 NCAI Mid-Year Conference. I came

away refreshed and confident in the work I am doing as an Election Board member. It is being done with the best interest of all Tribal Members in mind.

I attended a breakout session called "The Importance of Intergenerational Teaching." My personal beliefs on the subject were reinforced. It was stressed we all have the responsibility to educate and inform the next generation about our culture and about how to blend the past with the present so they can do their best in all of their endeavors. We also talked about not allowing racism to keep our people from gaining an education.

I attended a breakout session called "Community-Based Research and Empowerment Methodologies" also. This breakout session stressed the need for Tribes to take control of any and all research and evaluations that are done for their Tribal Members. We have the right and the responsibilities to our Memberships to insure all research data gathered is used only for the stated purposes of that specific research project. We need to be very protective of all data that is gathered and not allow it to be used in a way that puts us in harm's way.

When I chose these breakout sessions, I asked myself, "How will this information make me a better Election Board member and a better Tribal Member?" The information I received will aid me in helping to create better tools to track our voting patterns and forms to assure when we give out our voter lists, they will not be used in a negative manner against our Tribal Members."

Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey

"The conference was an incredible experience. Election Board Secretary/Treasurer Carol Quinones and I had never attended something similar to this in the past. We were there mainly to see how they ran the elections and the credentialing process. We were looking for ideas for the LTBB Membership Meetings.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians welcomed all participants on Sunday with a Strawberry Moon Feast complete with pasties, Indian tacos and entertainment by Keith Secola and his Wild Band of Indians. Peshawbestown hoop dancer Waskwane Stonefish wowed the crowd with her championship moves.

At Monday's general assembly, I was amazed by the simplicity of the voting process. The presiding officer merely calls for verbal votes from the floor. No one counts votes, and nobody is exactly sure who is voting.

Also, I did not witness any votes on anything. Perhaps if there were a contentious issue, the voting process would have been handled differently.

LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik spoke at Tuesday's general assembly about the Native Vote and Election Protection initiatives of NCAI, and detailed all the hard work tribal members Su Lantz and Valerie Biro are doing to get Natives to vote on the national level. I attended sessions on repairing the damage caused by the Jack Abramoff scandal, emerging issues in research and the Tribal Gaming Subcommittee.

I was fortunate enough to attend a few sessions with our tribal youth representatives, Douglas Wemigwase, Cynthia Biro and

Charles Shananaquet II. These future leaders were articulate, inquisitive, and energetic. They certainly made me believe that our future is in good hands.

I feel very fortunate that the Election Board gave me the opportunity to go to a national event like this. Miigwetch.

LTBB Attorney Allie Maldonado

"At the 2006 NCAI Mid-Year Conference, Indian Country leaders expressed great concern about a proposed amendment to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). The name of the proposed amendment is S. 2078. IGRA lays out the compacting process and the basic rules under which tribal nations, including LTBB currently conduct gaming. If passed, S. 2078 will impact LTBB Tribal Gaming Pproperties, LTBB's Governmental Status and Tribal Sovereignty. Senator John McCain, a Republican from Arizona, introduced the amendments that NCAI believes would negatively impact gaming enterprises, affect Tribal government and diminish Tribal Sovereignty.

NCAI reported that the potential negative impacts from proposed gaming amendments could result in a loss of gaming enterprise jobs. Additionally, NCAI reported that the amendments would reduce gaming revenue for tribes across the country because expenses for federal regulation would increase. NCAI explained that the proposed amendment takes away regulatory control of gaming operations from the tribes and places control of regulating gaming with the federal government.

NCAI is especially concerned about a provision in S. 2078 that gives National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) the power to review all gaming related contracts. Contracts eligible for review by the NIGC under this legislation include, but are not limited to, real estate contracts, purchase orders for paper clips, vendor contracts, construction contracts, consulting contracts, etc.

If you want to send a letter to Michigan senators commenting on S. 2078, contact Senator Carl Levin, 269 Russell, Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510 or Senator Debbie Stabenow, 133 Hart, Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510. Their e-mail addresses are <http://levin.senate.gov/> and <http://stabenow.senate.gov/>.

To review the official bill language, visit the Library of Congress website at <http://thomas.loc.gov> and use the search bill # field by typing in S. 2078."

Tribal Council Administrative Assistant Mike Smith

"On Monday, June 19, I attended "The Importance of Intergenerational Teaching" breakout session. They spoke of Language Survival Schools (Immersion Schools). It was stressed Congress needs to know bringing back of our language is important. Research estimation is we may lose Native American languages in less than five years if we do not make strides to get them back now.

Miss NCAI Brooke Grant said, "In her travels to different tribes, she has witnessed some programs that work with elders working with children in after school programs where the language and culture are taught."

The session also talked about dropout issues, how you can't fight

racism with education, and how to persuade kids receiving per capita to not drop out of school. Grant said, "Some of the tribes she had visited made it a requirement to be in school or to have a high school diploma in order to receive per cap."

It was asked how people who do not live on a reservation or near their ancestral lands can still learn their culture and language. There are resources out there people can access. We often times need to make it an individual, personal

quest if we are serious about searching for who we are, what our history is, and getting back in touch with our language. It is not an easy road. Perseverance and tenacity are the keys to success.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians was a grand host for this conference. I want to express my deep appreciation and Chi-Miigwech to my own Waganakising Odawak Nation for giving me the honorable privilege of attending and participating in another historical Native American conference. Chi-Miigwech."

Resolutions Passed at the 2006 Mid-Year Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

#	Title	Full Committee	Sub Committee
EWS-06-004	Supporting a National Mandatory Program to Reduce Climate Change Pollution and Promote Renewable Energy	Land & Natural Resources	Environmental Protection & Land Use
EWS-06-004	Emergency Resolution to Urge Congress to Exempt the Indian Health Service from Budget Rescissions and to Appropriate Funds to Eliminate Outstanding Deficits	Human Resources	Health
MIC-06-002	To Establish an American Indian Veteran's Memorial at the Riverside National Cemetery in Honor and Recognition of the Contributions of American Indian Veterans to the United States of America	Veterans	
MIC-06-003	To Adopt Tribal Principles Regarding Energy Policy Act Section 1813 Energy Rights-of-Way Study	Land and Natural Resources	Environmental Protection & Land Use
MIC-06-005	To Support Increased Funding and Legislation for Native Language Immersion Schools and Programs	Human Resources	Education
MIC-06-008	Resolution Requesting the Federal Government Adequately Fund Law Enforcement and Courts on Reservations	Litigation and Governance	Jurisdiction & Tribal Government
MIC-06-011	Resolution in Support of NCAI Law Enforcement Study and NCAI Sponsored 2006 Law Enforcement Conference	Litigation & Tribal Governance	Jurisdiction & Tribal Government
MIC-06-012	Opposition to Senate Bill S. 2078, "the IGRA Amendments of 2006"	Litigation & Tribal Governance	Gaming
MIC-06-016C	Request the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to Consult and Collaborate with Tribal Leaders on the Proposed Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative	Litigation & Tribal Governance	Jurisdiction & Tribal Government
MIC-06-017C	Requesting the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to Consult and Collaborate with Tribal Leaders on the Research and Development of an "Indigenous Identification Card" for International Border Crossing	Litigation & Tribal Governance	Jurisdiction & Tribal Government

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE NEW EMPLOYEES SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



Jim Keiser

As a native of northern Michigan, I am very excited to return to the area. I was born in Petoskey and raised near Douglas Lake. As a child, I attended Pellston Public Schools for my kindergarten through 12th grade education. After high school, I spent two years at North Central Michigan College and transferred to Central Michigan University to study geography, biology and natu-

ral resources. After earning my Bachelor of Science Degree at CMU, I worked in Lansing for the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service. For the past six years, I was the Project Manager for the Gratiot County Drain Commission in Ithaca, MI.

I have been a Geographic Information System Technician since June. I will be working on numerous GIS projects. I am looking forward to meeting all the LTBB Employees this summer and working with many different departments as my responsibilities expand.

I am extremely excited about returning to the Petoskey/Harbor Springs area, and working for an organization that holds such high values for our environment.

Three years ago, I married my wife, Heather Adams of Brutus, who also grew up in the area. Last year, we welcomed our first child, Brady, to our lives. We look forward to raising him in this awesome area we again call home.

In my personal time, I enjoy fishing, hunting, boating, and visiting with family.

Again, I am very excited about the opportunity to become a proud and valuable employee for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.



Isabelle Osawamick

Isabelle Osawamick, originally from Wikwemikong, Manitoulin Island, Ontario,

Canada, started as the Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor in the Records and Archives Department on July 3. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Toronto with a major in Sociology and a minor in Aboriginal Studies. She earned her Native Language Teacher's Certificate from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. She was instrumental in developing a language program for Aboriginal Head Start in Toronto, and she taught at three of their four schools. Although she enjoyed teaching there, she said, "I wanted to broaden my horizons, and I wanted a new challenge." She also taught at the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto. She was previously the Director for Native Men's Residence, a transitional

home for men in Toronto. She has taught Anishinaabemowin, her first language, for nine years. English is her second language. She said, "I believe we are born with Anishinaabemowin. I speak, think and act the language. It's also important to incorporate the culture with the language. You cannot separate the two." Before becoming a language instructor, she was a child care worker. She is one of 11 children. Isabelle has two children, Chelsea, 33, who lives in Pontiac, MI, and Szongah-Deh (Strong of Heart), 25, who lives in Toronto. She has two grandchildren, Dehmin, nine, and Kiniw, six. She enjoys walking, reading, socializing, and attending cultural events. She said, "I enjoy life and I love nature."

Photos by Annette VanDeCar.

LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP...

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy birthday **Rosebud** on August 13. From your family and friends in Pellston, MI.

Happy birthday to our baby brother **Frank King**, who turns 53, on August 28. From your brassy sisters and your family up north in Petoskey, MI.

Happy birthday to **Rachel Peariso** on August 8. Love, San, Bean and Mom.

Happy belated birthday to **Dawn Shenoskey** who celebrated her big day on July 9. Hope you celebrate many more birthdays. Love, Mom, Pauline, Jeremy, Raymond, Leroy and Sissy.

Happy eighth birthday to **Alex Dewey** on August 5. Love, Aunt T, Uncle Ron and Ashley. Love, Grandma and Grandpa. Love, Mom, Dad and Christina, Kenny and Stanley.

Happy birthday wishes to **Jacob Schneider**. Hope you have a great one on August 12. Best wishes, Theresa and Ronald Boda.

Happy birthday to my wonderful husband **Ronald Boda**, who celebrates on August 22. Love always, Theresa.

Wishing our Dad, **Ronald Boda**, a very happy birthday. Love, Ashley and Jonny.

Happy birthday "little" **Patrick Naganashe**, who celebrates his big day on August 25. Love, Theresa, Ron and Ashley. Love, Mom and Dad.

Happy birthday wishes to **Stephanie Sudzinski**, who celebrates her big day on August 25. Love, Ron, Theresa and Ashley.

Happy 25th birthday to **Gina Gasco** on August 17. Love, your little sissa Krystal.

Happy birthday to **Abbie Ferella**. We love you! Grandma Michele and Grandpa Guido.

Happy birthday to **Traci Sheldon**. Love, Aunt Michele and Uncle Greg.

Happy birthday to my father on August 21. Hope you have a great day. Love, your daughter Bones.

Happy third birthday to **Brandon Holbeck** on August 17. Mommy, Daddy and Max, the dog, love you very much.

The family of **Richard Bottoms** wishes him a happy birthday on August 26.

The family of **Rosemary Baldon** wishes her a happy birthday on August 10.

MnoDibishkaak Kikaajik - Mnoomin Giizis - **Harvey Gibson, Doris 'GiizhigoKwe' Adams, Joe**

Mitchell miinwa John Keshick Sr.

MnoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaaganak - NiingonisKwewok Tubba Doo miinwa **Jasmine McFall**; Nwijiwenh **Michele Keshick**; Noos **Buddy Gene**; miinwa nBazigim! Gzaaginim.

Happy 16th birthday to **Marin Bertram** on August 16. Oh, my baby's growing up. Love, Mom, your brothers and your grandparents.

Happy birthday to **Alice Arthur** on August 16.

Happy birthday to **John Kewaygoshkum** on August 16.

Happy birthday to **Pauline Worthington** on August 16.

Happy birthday to **Brandi Wasilewski** on August 22.

Happy birthday to **Orion M. Brill**. From Uncle Chief and Aunt Beca.

Stellar LTBB Students

Sunnese Granados*+
Justin Keshick*+
Kevin Cranick+
Stacey Ettawageshik+
Tiffany Honson+
Krystina Peariso+
Keith Cranick+
Sean Miller+
Andrea Reese++
Addison Amstutz++
Mary Russell+
Steven Russell*
Yalynn Nanegos*
Amanda Serva*
Joseph Walker*

* Designates Graduate
+ Designates Honor Roll
++ Designates all "A" report card

MIIGWETCH

To our sister Kimmy. Miigwetch for being such a good Auntie to our children and grandchildren when we cannot be there. The best summers for them are spent at your house. You have truly continued the tradition of our grandparents spending time in what was their home with family and friends. Chi-Miigwetch for giving them a chance to share memories in that house. We love you. Michele and Greg.

CONGRATULATIONS



Matt Lesky, LTBB Attorney, and **Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky**, Controller in the Accounting Department, were married in a traditional ceremony officiated by Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik on June 17 at the LTBB Pow Wow Grounds in Harbor Springs, MI. Family and friends then gathered for a feast at the LTBB Governmental Complex. Pictured from left to right in the front row are daughters **Kiana Wood** and **Jenna Wood**, and from left to right in the back row are **Matt Lesky**, **Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky** and daughter **Justine Garver**.

Happy 51st wedding anniversary to our parents, **Don and Suzanne Portman**. We love you. Michele, Dan, Kim and Don

WALKING ON...

Daisy Shano, 92

Daisy Shano, 92, walked on July 6 in Lansing, MI. She was born March 6, 1914, in rural Manistee County at Indian Village. She was raised at Michigan School for the Blind in Lansing after being orphaned at the age of three. After graduating from high school, she returned to her grandmother in Brethren before moving to Harbor Springs. In Harbor Springs, she was befriended by a local priest, Father Aubert, who helped her find job placement in Detroit. In Detroit, she met her husband John, who had moved there from Sugar Island.

They raised their family in the metro Detroit area. Following the death of her husband in 1977, she moved to Lansing where she resided at Cedar Place Senior Housing. She was a well-known and respected Indian Elder throughout Michigan where she attended pow wows as a traditional dancer and a beadwork artist. A gifted seamstress, she designed and she made dance

regalia for her children and many others. She was a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Woodlands Indian Community Center in Lansing. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and her son, Norman A. Shano. She is survived by her daughter, Rochelle (Frank) Ettawageshik of Harbor Springs; son, John G. (Susan) Shano of Waterford; grandchildren, Kevin (Jamie Critzon) Shano of Ferndale; John Shano of Waterford; William and Shauna Whitepigeon of Lansing; and Piper (Chris) Smith and great-grandchild, Jacob Smith of Ferndale.

Gregory Justis, 55

Former LTBB Prosecutor Gregory Justis, 55, walked on June 26. He was born January 2, 1951, in Vallejo, CA. He graduated from Maize High School in Maize, KS, and received his law degree from the University of Kansas in 1976. Before coming to Petoskey, MI, he practiced law in Topeka, KS, where he

received a fellowship from Legal Aid of Michigan to practice law in various parts of northern Michigan. He practiced law in Petoskey for the last 28 years. Besides formerly being the LTBB Prosecutor, he served as the township attorney for both St. James and Peaine Townships on Beaver Island for a number of years. In addition to his Bar Association membership, he was an active member of the American Association of Defense Attorneys, and he was the former chair of the Emmet County Democratic Party. Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Janice VanTreese Justis; son Gregory Justis, Jr. of Bloomington, IN; son Riley Justis of Petoskey; his mother Mary Lee Justis of Maize, KS; his father George Justis of Wichita, KS; his brother Gary Justis of Bloomington, IN; and his sister Jackie Storrer of Maize, KS. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, traveling, and working in his garden.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE ON THE NEW CASINO PROJECT IN PETOSKEY, MI

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Photo taken by Aaron Otto on July 5, 2006.



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In last month's *Odawa Trails*, we shared photos of the new casino construction from the groundbreaking ceremony on September 1, 2005, in Petoskey, MI, to June 8, 2006. On July 5, we returned to the new casino construction site to take updated photos. Similar to June 8, Victories Casino and Hotel Facilities Director Barry Laughlin escorted us at the construction site. We will return there every month to take updated photos to share with the tribal community until the new casino project is completed.

POW WOW COMMITTEE REPRESENTS LTBB IN ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADES

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



(Left to Right) Marci Reyes, Tina Sutton and Jason Peterson put a supporting beam in place for the float.



(Left to Right) Raymond Martell, Ken Harrington (in the tractor) and Jason Peterson work on the float.



(Left to Right) Ken Harrington, Raymond Martell and Jason Peterson work on the roof of the float.

On June 24, Pow Wow Committee members gathered at Ken Harrington's house in Petoskey, MI, to build the float for the annual Fourth of July parades in Petoskey and Harbor Springs, MI. Drummers and dancers joined Pow Wow Committee members on the float for the two parades. They promoted the 15th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow on August 12-13 at the Pow Wow Grounds in Harbor Springs, MI.

Dancers who volunteered their time to be on the float included April Peavey, Dakota Peavey, Christine Peavey, Izzy Olson, Regina Kiogima, and Anamekwan Wemigwase. Drummers were Joe Medicine, John Naganashe, Mike Naganashe, Jimmy Gasco, and Jody Gaskin.

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Ken Harrington (yellow shirt) and Matt Lesky (pink shirt) attach the LTBB flag to the float.



April Peavey (center) poses with her children Christine Peavey (left) and Dakota Peavey (right).



(Left to Right) Shanna Wemigwase and her daughter Anamekwan Wemigwase before the parade began.



Dakota Peavey, a grass dancer, volunteered to ride on the float along with his mother and his sister.



Izzy Olson, a fancy shawl dancer, poses before the start of the parade.



(Left to Right) Regina Kiogima Sr., sits with her grandson Mkoohns "Little Bear" Gasco.



(Left to Right) Ken Harrington chats with Marci Reyes before the start of the parade in Petoskey.



(Left to Right) Mike Naganashe and Jody Gaskin were two of the five drummers who volunteered.