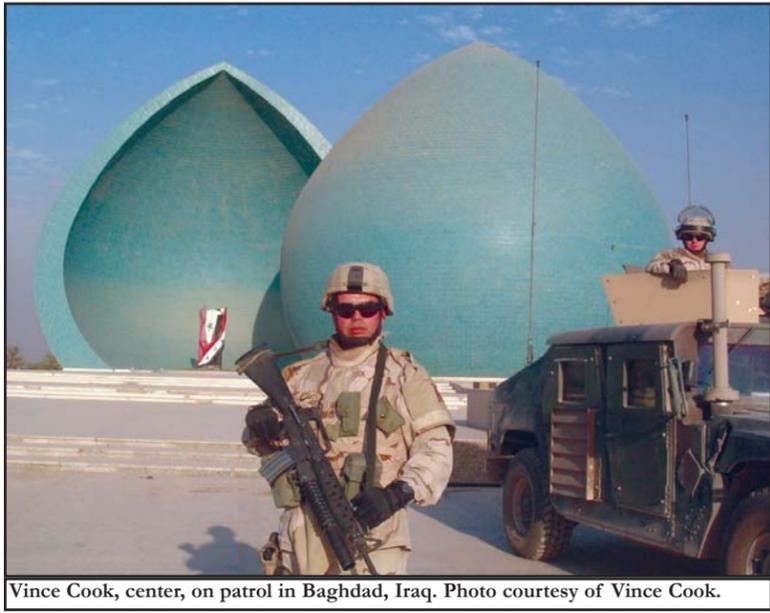




LET US WALK SOFTLY
ON THE EARTH
WITH ALL LIVING BEINGS
GREAT AND SMALL
REMEMBERING AS WE
GO, THAT ONE GOD
KIND AND WISE CREATED
ALL.
-ANCIENT INDIAN
BLESSING-

An Honor, Not a Curse

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Vince Cook, center, on patrol in Baghdad, Iraq. Photo courtesy of Vince Cook.

Instead of cursing fate, Staff Sergeant Vince Cook felt honored when he was selected for a 15-month deployment to Iraq.

Cook, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Regulatory Director, served in Baghdad, Iraq from October 2004 to December 2005 as a member of the first company of the 182nd

Battalion based in Bay City. It was his first war-time deployment.

"They were selective of who they were sending, so it was an honor to be on the list," said Cook, a member of the Tlinket tribe in southeast Alaska. "In our Native culture, we are taught to honor our veterans and they are looked at with high regard. I was proud to

be selected as one of the warriors chosen to go over there.

"I wanted to make sure guys came back. I thought I could do some good there."

Cook received a Bronze Star Medal for the good he did while serving in Iraq.

According to Cook, the Bronze Star Medal is given "basically for doing something above and beyond your normal duties. It can also be given for heroism and meritorious acts."

"Our mission was squad leader driven for seven months and I was a squad leader," said Cook, who lived in Alaska until he was nine, moved to Seattle, WA for a few years and settled on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux reservation in South Dakota at 14. "They wanted to see the squad leaders get the recognition and to receive the Bronze Star Medals.

"I fulfilled the duties of two higher ranking officials when they were away on a mission. I spent a month and a half in charge of a platoon, which is roughly 35 guys. I was planning and scheduling

missions and handling the logistics of vehicle maintenance and mission supplies."

Cook, who spent 12 years of active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, is in his sixth year in the U.S. Army National Guard and he is two years away from retiring from the military.

His wife Nadine Cook, a Victories Casino table games dealer and a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux tribe, said, "She looks forward to his retirement."

"Vince is very matter of fact about his contributions over there," said Nadine, who lives with her husband and two children, Nicholas and Suzann, in Indian River. "That is just the way he is. He is very humble. He doesn't want any glory for what he did there.

"He said, 'He was only doing what he was supposed to be doing in Iraq.'"

Vince and his unit spent most of their time in Iraq on regular convoy missions escorting supply vehicles, setting up security check points, going on security patrols

and training the Iraqi police force. They taught the Iraqis police tactics, not military tactics. A typical day for Vince and his fellow soldiers was anywhere from a 10 to 14-hour work day.

"We convinced them to develop training for the Iraqi police because the Americans are not going to be there forever," said Vince, who was a certified law enforcement officer. "We didn't want to teach them military tactics because we never knew if they could be used against us later on. There is corruption in the Iraqi police force and we never knew who the enemy was or who we could trust. There was always doubt."

Besides the corruption, Vince said, "The Iraqi government turns a blind eye to fanatical religious groups who punish the Iraqi people harshly."

"We saw a lot of good things happening, but it will be years before there is permanent change," Vince said. "We can

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FRESHMAN PHENOM COMES FROM A LONG LINE OF TALENTED SOFTBALL PLAYERS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Around the northern Michigan area, the Gasco family is known in the softball circles.

Sisters Gwen, Toni, Sue, Marlene and Tammy Gasco have all played softball in the area.

Now, the 14-year-old daughter of Sue Gasco, Andi, is making a name for herself as a freshman on the Petoskey High School softball team. Sue is the LTBB Human Resources Representative/Recruiter and she was a standout pitcher for Harbor Springs High School.

"Andi has an advantage over me because she has more resources to work with than I did when I pitched in high school," said Sue, who was recruited as a pitcher in high school by Lake Superior State University. "I had my dad (the late Vernon Gasco), who taught me how to pitch, to work with, but he was the

only person I worked with. Andi works with her parents, Michael LaLonde (the Cheboygan High School softball coach) and George Wheelock (a former men's national team pitcher who lives in Cheboygan) on her pitching and she plays on two travel teams (USA Fastball based in the Grand Rapids area and the Petoskey Predators) with older girls."

Besides Andi being the Northmen's leading hitter and pitcher this season, she is only the third freshman to be on the varsity since 1992.

"I expected to make the varsity as a freshman, but I didn't think I would play as much as I have," said Andi who had played in all 30 games through May 13.

"Some people have issues with me because they don't like the fact a freshman is starting as much as I have."

In 30 games, Andi hit .427 with 18 extra-base hits

(seven doubles, six triples and five home runs) and 24 runs batted in. She was 16-6 with a 0.77 earned run average and had 229 strikeouts, pitching 145.6 innings in 24 games. Petoskey was 21-9 through May 13.

"When I saw Andi in our winter workouts, she displayed outstanding athletic ability and softball skills," said fifth-year Petoskey High School softball coach Dave Serafini. "I've never had a freshman pitcher make such an impact, but I'm not surprised she's done so well. You never know what will happen in the next three years, but the sky's the limit for her if she continues working hard. I'm looking forward to seeing her pitch as a senior."

Andi is already attracting the interest of Division II and Division III colleges, but it's not surprising because she throws a 63 miles per hour fastball and she can play any

position in the field when she's not pitching. Andi is the oldest daughter of Randy Searles and Sue Gasco and the granddaughter of the late Vernon Gasco and Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco.

Her first choice would be to play softball at Arizona although she likes Olympians Lisa Fernandez, who pitched at UCLA, and Cat Osterman, a senior pitcher at Texas.

"I hope to go to a great college someday and pitch," said Andi, who has a 3.6 grade point average at PHS and wants to study psychology and languages in college. "I like both Lisa Fernandez and Cat Osterman because they have a lot of movement on their pitches. In the future, I hope to make it to the Olympic team like they did. In high school, my goals are to hit over .425 and to have

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"FRESHMAN PHENOM"



Andi Gasco leads the PHS softball team. Photo courtesy of Sue Gasco.

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Departments and Programs

Tribal Directories
 The enrollment office has tribal directories for sale to LTBB Members for \$5 each.
 Make checks payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians.

Tribal Telephone Directory

Tammy Gasco, Receptionist 231-242-1400

Tribal Administration
 Melissa Wiatrolik, Administrative Assistant 242-1420

Council Office
 Mike Smith, Administrative Assistant 242-1406

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 Linda Keshick, Administrative Assistant 242-1521

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 Regina Gasco, Environmental Assistant 242-1574

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 Steve Clausen, Facilities Manager 242-1532

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 Tribal Police 242-1500

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Tribal Court
 Linda Harper, Court Clerk 242-1462

Tribal Health Clinic
 Dawn Kilpatrick, Receptionist 242-1700

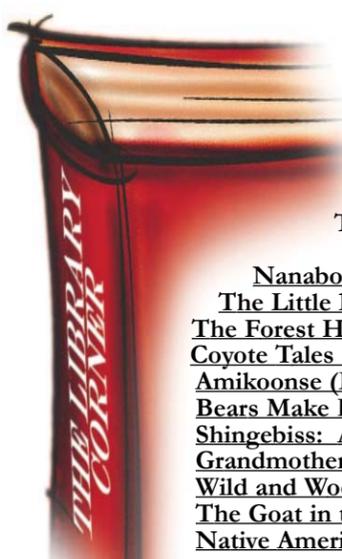
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 Gwen Gasco, Administrative Assistant 242-1611
 Owen LaVeque, Transportation 242-1602
 Gina Kiogima, Maternal Child Health Outreach 242-1614

Human Services Department
 Theresa Chingwa, Administrative Assistant/Intake Worker 242-1621

Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department
 Jennifer Wilson, Office/Intake Coordinator 242-1642

Natural Resources Department
 Fiona Banfield, Administrative Assistant 242-1670

Education Department



The Cultural Library, located in the LTBB Education Department, would like to suggest books for a summer reading list. These books might complement your child's reading list from school, the public library or a local camp. Many of these Native American stories and legends share cultural teachings and lessons and have beautiful illustrations. Many of these books are written by Native American authors.

TITLE	AUTHOR
<u>Nanabosho: How the Turtle Got Its Shell</u>	Joe McLellan
<u>The Little Duck: Sikihipsis</u>	Beth Cuthand
<u>The Forest Has Eyes</u>	Bev Doolittle
<u>Coyote Tales (Navajo)</u>	William Morgan
<u>Amikoonse (Little Beaver)</u>	Ferguson Plain
<u>Bears Make Rock Soup</u>	Lisa Erdrich
<u>Shingebiss: An Ojibwe Legend</u>	Nancy Van Laan
<u>Grandmother Spider Brings the Sun</u>	Geri Keams
<u>Wild and Woolly Mammoths</u>	Aliki
<u>The Goat in the Rug</u>	Paul Goble
<u>Native American Animal Stories</u>	Joseph Bruchac

Be sure to request these titles from your local public library or stop in and check them out from the LTBB Cultural Library, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI. We can be reached at 231-242-1480. Happy reading!

College Notes

All funds for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Higher Education Scholarship have been expended for the 2006 fiscal year. Students who may be eligible for the summer 2006 and fall 2006 semesters will not be awarded. Please be advised there is still funding available through the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship, so please continue to apply for assistance through that. Direct any questions to Higher Education Student Services Coordinator Katie Bauer at 231-242-1492.

Student Spotlight

On behalf of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the LTBB Education Department would like to congratulate Kelly Kiogima, son of Nancy and Melvin Kiogima, for receiving the Ormond E. Barstow Memorial Scholarship from Northwood University.

SUMMER CAMP IS ON ITS WAY

THE LTBB EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS ANNOUNCING THE DATES AND THEMES OF ITS ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH CAMP! PLEASE MARK THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP REGISTRATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 231-242-1480.

- AGES 4-6 (TINY TOTS WEEK) JUNE 19-23
8 A.M.-NOON THEME: "MAD ABOUT MONKEYS"
- AGES 7-11 (YOUTH CAMP) JUNE 26-30
8 A.M.-5 P.M., THEME: "SPIN THE GLOBE!"
- AGES 12-15 (TEEN CAMP) JULY 17, 19 & 21
8 A.M.-5 P.M. THEME: "IT'S A MYSTERY!"

Updates and Information

Calling all graduates . . . High School, College, GED, and Vocational! It is time to celebrate and honor your achievements. Please complete the form below and send it to the education department, or email your information to mclaramunt@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. We will be preparing our invitation list for the August celebration event, so be sure to email, fax to 242-1491, or call 242-1481. We have forms available in the education department located at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs MI 49740. Miigwetch, the education department.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____

Diploma/Degree: _____

Post-Graduation plans: _____

Elders Program

NEWS FROM THE ELDERS PROGRAM

By Warren Petoskey, Elders Program Coordinator

Aanii Kikaajik.

We hope this letter finds you and yours in good health. It is more mushroom hunting time and a few have been found.

The applications for food and utility reimbursement have been sent. If you have not received yours, you need to contact the enrollment department at 231-242-1521 to ensure your correct address. Then, contact Tina Sutton at 231-242-1423 and another

application will be sent to your correct address.

You have until this August 31 to apply for reimbursement. Include a copy of your tribal enrollment card with your 2006 receipts.

If you are living in an assisted living facility, your utilities are included in your rent and you can be reimbursed for them if you obtain a letter from your facility confirming your residence there.

There are funds left in the fuel and utilities assistance program. If you have an outstanding heating or utility bill, send it to us along with your proof of income. We will fill out your application for you. Availability is on a first come, first serve basis.

Miigwetch!
Warren Petoskey, Elders Program Coordinator
Tina Sutton, Elders Program Assistant Coordinator

Tribal Administration

FROM THE DESK OF TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR

ALBERT COLBY, JR.

Aanii tribal members.

The year continues to progress at an alarming rate. It's hard to believe the summer is almost here. Take the time to enjoy it. I continue to work with the executive department on several fronts. The first item is developing a better management system for Biindigen and Bell's Fishery, both currently operated from the governmental side.

The tribe hired Northwood University staff to develop a three-year business plan that includes operating budgets to assist the executive and legislative branches in making good decisions regarding the two enterprises. The executive branch recommended to the legislature that the tribe close

King's Inn Motel in Mackinaw City on the advice of consultants. A plan establishing Odawa Enterprise Management and Department of Commerce will be presented to the tribal council in the future. The plan would also identify the funding needed to bring Biindigen and Bell's Fishery to profitability.

The next item is the Pow Wow grounds improvement project that includes a permanent bathroom structure and camping area improvements. Last year, the project added a sprinkler system to the arena and cleared the area for future camping near the arena. Plans are being made to build the bathroom structure.

Finally, the tribe has hired

Annette VanDeCar as the new Communications Coordinator. Ms. VanDeCar brings experience and education in the journalism field to governmental operations. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work put forth by tribal member Melissa Barber who managed the newsletter for many years. She is the person to thank for the product we have today. Ms. VanDeCar will write articles on tribal community events and tribal members. Tribal member Aaron Otto has remained with the communications department since the departure of Mrs. Barber. Chi-miigwech to your dedication and keeping the newsletter in our homes.

Health Department

STEPS TO A HEALTHIER ANISHINAABE

By Regina Brubacker, Registered Nurse and Health Educator

June is International Men's month, Men's Health week is June 12-18, and June 18 is Father's Day. Many of you reading this are fathers, plan to become a father or have a father. I'd like to address a possibly uncomfortable subject for men: Health. Most of the men I know and my father included avoid going to the doctor if at all possible. If his brother hadn't been diagnosed with prostate cancer eight years ago, he'd probably still be avoiding check-ups. Not being a man, I realized I had at best a flawed understanding about men's concept of health care. So, I called my dad to find out a little more about his thoughts on the subject. To sum it up, he said he takes an, "If it is broke, fix it, but if it isn't, leave it

alone," approach toward health care. Even worse, he feels a lot of standard health care is a "big rip-off." He feels doctors order stuff he doesn't need and that there are too many tests. He said, "He's too old to die young, so if the time comes when he can't take care of himself anymore, he's just going to go off in the woods to die in peace." I knew the old man was a rebel, but it's worse than I realized.

As I talked to my father, it became clear he was not happy with health care because when he goes to a doctor, the doctor doesn't do what he wants him or her to do. For instance, he fell in the driveway several years ago after an ice storm and he broke his ankle. He went to the emergency room. Instead of fixing his

ankle and letting him go, the doctor wanted to take x-rays of his head and various other body parts to make sure nothing else was damaged. To dad, that's the same thing as telling him there's a sale in the automotive department, but he has to buy items from household first in order to take advantage of the sale in automotive.

The more I thought about it, it became clear the biggest problem in men's health care is there is a language discrepancy. Most health care standards are designed with the average man in mind, but health care is still something done to him, not with him. We are still educating our local medical teams to be culturally sensitive when working with Native Americans. Maybe the same approach should be taken when it comes to working with men. Men's expectations of health care need to be addressed and explored.

There needs to be a way we address men's health care. Men must remember that health care is a customer driven service. If you're not happy with the product, tell the seller what you want. If health care can't keep you as a customer, everyone loses. A friend of mine suggested an auto mechanic approach to health care. A certain amount of maintenance is necessary to get the most out of your vehicle. For instance, changing your air or oil filter regularly prevents unnecessary problems down the road.

The elders program is in the process of making travel arrangements for the July Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting and the Manistee Language & Cultural Camp. The dates for the MIEA meeting are July 10-13, and the dates for the Language & Cultural Camp are July 27-30. This will be an either/or situation. You can choose to attend either the MIEA or the Language & Cultural Camp, but you will not be allowed to attend both. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Tina Sutton at 231-242-1423 so your name can be put on the list. Availability is limited. The selection process is on a first come, first serve basis, so call as soon as possible.

Miigwetch! - The Elders Program

Anishinaabemowin Community Language Classes



Monday & Wednesday Evenings

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mshkikigamig (LTBB Health Building)
1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey
(just north of Victories Casino)



Mondays

The Language Program staff facilitates activities to promote learning, interaction and everyday usage.

Wednesdays

Instructor Kenny Pheasant presents in our Anishinaabe language, helping us to naturally gain understanding.

For more information, contact the Language Program at
(231)242-1454, 242-1456, 1-888-309-5822
Sponsored by LTBB Language Program & Odawa Institute

Housing Department Programs

Services are available to members residing within the 27 county service area. For more detail on service area, please refer to the map on page 5.

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.

WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE ODAWA SAFE TRAFFIC ACT

SECTION I. PURPOSE

This Statute is hereby enacted to provide a safe environment for Tribal Citizens on Tribally controlled property.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

- The "Tribe" shall mean the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.
- The "Tribal Executive" shall mean the Executive branch of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

SECTION III. APPLICATION

- The Tribal Executive shall have the authority to regulate motor vehicle traffic on land and roads controlled by the Tribe.

SECTION IV. RESTRICTIONS

- Adults shall not be required to wear seat belts.
- Vehicles shall not be searched without a Tribal court approved search warrant.

SECTION V. REGULATIONS REQUIRED

- The Tribal Executive shall develop regulations for implementing this statute.
- Violations of the regulations shall be considered civil infractions.

SECTION VI. PROCEDURES REQUIRED

- None

SECTION VII. APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED

- The executive shall present Tribal Council with modifications to the present and future annual budgets to include appropriations necessary to implement this statute.

SECTION VIII. EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY

- The Tribal Executive is hereby mandated to implement this Act and to enforce all approved Tribal Codes of Regulation and to implement all required Administrative procedures.

SECTION IX. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or portion of this Statute is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION X. EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon signature of the executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval which ever comes first or vote of Tribal Council Veto over ride.

Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH CHANGES IN YOUR LIFE? THERE ARE PROFESSIONALS WAITING TO ASSIST YOU

By **Linda Woods**, Substance Abuse Director

It is good spring is here. Looking for mushrooms is a joyful experience. It is wonderful to see Mother Earth providing new growth and to hear birds singing. Like Mother Earth, we have cycles in our lives. We have the "winter" of our lives when we need to rest more or to reflect and be quiet. Spring brings us an excitement about our lives where we too may experience new growth or new awareness about things in our lives. Summer is quickly approaching, time for play and fun for our community and our families. Autumn brings changes and preparing for the winter ahead. On and on the cycles change.

As we view changes in our lives, are there changes happening in your life you want to share or to discuss with someone who can help you? We are here to serve you in whatever changes you have in your life. When one talks about substance abuse, many images come to mind like recreation, fun and relaxation. But, we know sub-

stance abuse can develop into other unfavorable situations. If you are bothered by unfavorable situations such as legal problems, family problems, work issues or deaths in your family, please feel free to give us a call and maybe we can help you with the situation. When someone in the family suffers from substance abuse, it affects the whole family and the whole community. We are so accustomed to not talking about it and it hurts everyone. When there is a death in the community due to substance abuse, it affects everyone. We go through stages of guilt, anger, sorrow and ponder "what if" scenarios. For those who have lost a loved one to substance abuse, please accept our deepest condolences and know we are here to help if we can. We understand the sorrow because we feel it also.

Alcoholism is a disease, a treatable disease. The same goes for addiction. To face alcoholism and addiction takes tremendous courage. People often tell them-

selves, "It's not that bad," or "I still work and provide for my family" or "At least I'm taking care of my children" or something along those lines. Denial is a protective mechanism we all use to deal with an uncomfortable situation. Again, alcoholism and addiction are treatable. I know many alcoholics and addicts who have taken the step forward to make positive changes in their lives. They have addressed their issues and they have been clean and sober for a long period of time. That is encouraging.

It is spring - a time of rebirth, new growth and a time of hope. Come see us if you have a problem or you have a "sacred" spot (that Seventh direction within) in you that is directly from the Creator. Let us help you make that a priority in your life.

Call Jennifer Wilson at 231-242-1642 or our administrative assistant at 231-242-1640 for an appointment with Dawn Gallardo or Susan Yates, our addiction recovery counselors.

Communications Department

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

The communications department welcomes any comments, suggestions and story ideas from tribal members. These will

not be printed for public consumption, but they will be used by the communications department staff to improve Odawa

Trails and to write stories. Please feel free to contact me at 231-242-1427 or newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Natural Resources Department

LTBB COMMERCIAL SMALL BOAT PROGRAM

According to the 2000 consent decree funds, the tribal council and the Natural Resource Commission has authorized the natural resources department to make available for lease up to five 16-inch open hull boats equipped with a 30 horsepower motor and a secondary five to six horsepower safety backup motor. The boats are only intended for commercial fishing purposes and can only be

leased by tribal members willing to comply with the terms of a specific lease agreement. However, if you are currently a small boat tribal fisherman or would like to become a small boat tribal fisherman and are interested in learning more about the LTBB Commercial Small Boat program, please call Natural Resource Director Doug Craven at 231-439-3856.

The natural resources department is planning a Hunters Safety class for July 27, 28 and 29. On July 27 and 28, it is from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. On July 29, it is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Class size is limited to 20 tribal members, so pre-registration is required. This is for tribal members 12 or older. For more information or to pre-register, contact the natural resources department at 231-242-1670.

Human Resources Department

INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR LTBB?

LTBB Human Resources is starting a database of LTBB Tribal Members who are interested in working for the LTBB Government. To be included in this database, send us a resumé and letter which includes your fields of interest. IMPORTANT: We need an email address so that we can email you when a position becomes available that meets your interests.

Please check our website, www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, for current openings within the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Government or call our toll-free job hotline at 1-866-582-2562. Job postings are updated every Friday.

Send your resume' and letter to: LTBB Human Resources
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740



Temporary Help Wanted

Do you want to:
Work in an office setting?
Gain experience?
Work in the tribal community?
Make a little money?
Are you a tribal member?
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Call Today!
231-242-1555

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Phone: 231.348.3334

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.



Some common examples of Household Hazardous Waste are:

- Pesticides, including weed killers;
- Cleaners and polishes;
- Finger nail polish;
- Acrosols;
- 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.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/environmental/EFramsct.htm>

Little Traverse Bay Bands 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 for Distribution

Open	9am	to	noon
Closed for lunch			
Open	1 pm	To	5pm

If you missed your pickup please call
Patrick Boda at 231-242-1627

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 household that is low income and may need assistance please have them contact the Human Services Department at 231-242-1620 and request an application.

Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2006 or funds are depleted; whichever comes first.

This is an income-based program!

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa
Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Theresa Boda, Community Resources
Phone: 231-242-1626
Fax: 231-242-1635
Email:tboda@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

**FREEDOM FROM SMOKING
THE ANISHINABE WAY
7 WEEK TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAM**
**LOCATION: LTBB HEALTH PARK
1080 HAGER DRIVE, PETOSKEY, MI 49770
CONTACT CATHY GIBSON @ 231-242-1601 TO SIGN UP.**

**ALL CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 5:30-6:30 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH/DIABETES DEPARTMENT.**

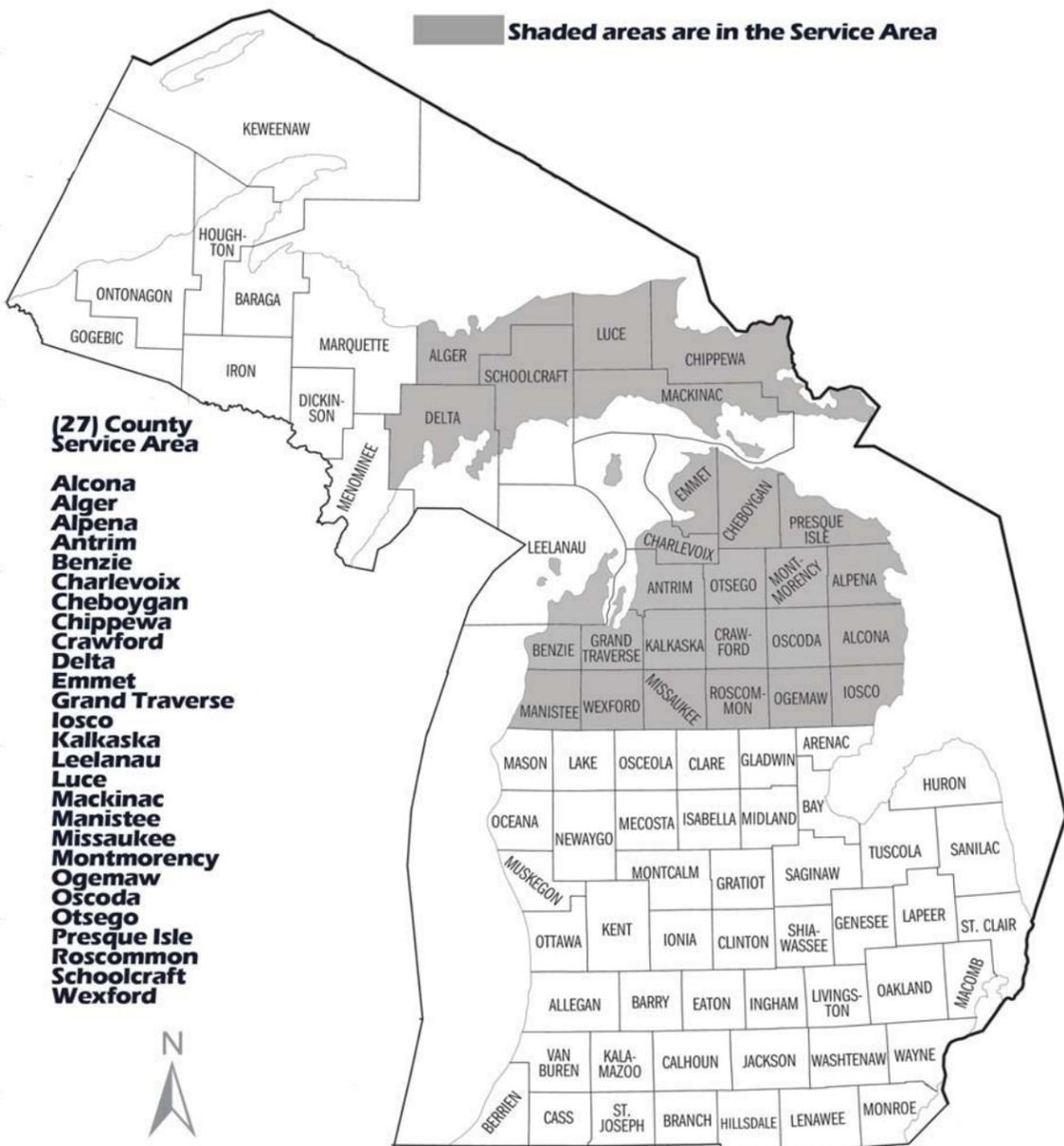
CLASS DATES:
WED, MAY 17, 06 - ORIENTATION
MAY 24, 06 - ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM
MAY 31, 06 - WANTING TO QUIT
JUNE 7, 06 - QUIT DAY
JUNE 7, 06 - 49 HOURS/REPORT FRIDAY
JUNE 14, 06 - THE NEW YOU
JUNE 21, 06 - STAYING OFF
JUNE 28, 06 - CELEBRATION



**SEMMA GIINWI ANAMIE BGDINIGEMI
WE OFFER TOBACCO IN A SACRED WAY.**

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area

Shaded areas are in the Service Area



(27) County Service Area

**Alcona
Alger
Alpena
Antrim
Benzie
Charlevoix
Cheboygan
Chippewa
Crawford
Delta
Emmet
Grand Traverse
Iosco
Kalkaska
Leelanau
Luce
Mackinac
Manistee
Missaukee
Montmorency
Ogemaw
Oscoda
Otsego
Presque Isle
Roscommon
Schoolcraft
Wexford**

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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.

**The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Welcomes you to the
13th Annual Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp**

Celebrating the unity of what our Language & Culture brings us
Bring your Nation Flag & Gift for Giveaway

No Registration fee Meals are provided

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<p>Friday July 28</p> <p>8:00 Opening & Breakfast 9:15 Presentations / workshops 10:45 Presentations / workshops 12:00 Lunch 1:15 Presentations / workshops 2:45 Presentations / workshops 4:15 Free time 5:00 Dinner 7:00 Talent show 9:00 Entertainment</p>	<p>Saturday July 29</p> <p>8:00 Breakfast 9:15 Presentations / workshops 10:45 Presentations / workshops 12:00 Lunch 1:15 Presentations / workshops 2:45 Presentations / workshops 4:15 Free time 5:00 Dinner 7:00 Jingtamok / pow wow 9:30 Entertainment</p>
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Sunday July 30

8:00 Breakfast
 9:15 Presentations / workshops
 10:45 Presentations / workshops
 12:00 Lunch & Giveaway

These presentations and workshops are for all ages and both Anishinaabemowin and English will be used. First come, first serve for the camping area. This gathering will take place at the pow wow grounds in Manistee Mi. located at the corner of M 22 and US 31 S across from the Casino. There are showers on site. If you wish to book a room you have to do it early. This is the 13 year anniversary of this gathering and we would like everyone to bring their flags from each community and we would like to display the flags on the camp grounds the whole weekend to show unity and support for the language and culture. Also we encourage each family to bring a gift for the giveaway.

Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe Nation
 For more information please call
Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant at 231-933-4406 or 231-690-3508
 Email: kennypheasant@charter.net pheasant9@aol.com

Or Terri Raczkowski at 231-398-2221 Email: traczkowski@lrboi.com

Aanii Tribal Elder,

We need your help. We are looking for Tribal Elders that are receiving care giver services and have help with daily living activities. There are funds available to provide respite for those people and family members that are caring for our elders. There is also money that can be used to provide special equipment that would make the care giver's job easier.

The following requirements must be met to be eligible:

1. Tribal member
2. Live within the 27 county service area (Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac, Chippewa, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Leelanau, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco)
3. at least 60 years old
4. unable to perform 2 of the following activities for daily living:

a. Eating	f. Laundry
b. Toileting	g. House cleaning
c. Dressing	h. Use the telephone
d. Hygiene	i. Use public transportation
e. Food preparation	j. Shopping

If you or someone you know may be eligible, please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return it in the pre-paid envelope. You may also contact me at 1-888-309-5822 if it is more convenient. We hope that this finds you happy and in good health.

Sincerely,

Michele Keshick, R.N.
 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa
 Community Health Manager

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Name of Care Giver(s): _____
 Elder's relationship to Care Giver: _____

ATTENTION ALL LTBB STUDENTS
 Tribal Council has sponsored funding for students to participate at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year Conference held in Sacramento, CA. You must be an LTBB tribal member and be between the ages of 17-23. Contact Melissa at 231-242-1420 for more information.

JOHN TWO-HAWKS

AMERICAN INDIAN FLUTIST, SINGER AND MUSICIAN

On gentle winds of spirit and wisdom, across ancient mountains and prairies and into the heart of Petoskey comes the healing sound of an Indian cedar flute. It is the enchanting flute of Native American virtuoso flutist, John Two-Hawks, who will appear in concert at the Petoskey Middle School Theater in Petoskey Michigan on Friday, June 16th at 7:30pm.

This powerful, inspirational concert will be one stop on the national tour of John Two-Hawks as he releases his newest CD, 'Come to the Fire'....

Two-Hawks, who has been nominated for multiple Nammys, (Native American Music Awards), will be pulling out all the stops for this new CD tour. John's concert and music is enriched with spiritual inspiration and the wisdom of the old ways. Concert goers across the globe have enjoyed the amazing flute music and deep spirit of the John Two-Hawks concert experience.

John's credits include 12 CDs, 3 books, 1 DVD, 1 Platinum Album Award and he has created music for the History Channel. An American Indian of Lakota heritage, John travels the world performing, teaching, and sharing the profound wisdom and life lessons found in the diverse culture of the indigenous people of Turtle Island (North America).

The concert is sponsored by Circle Studios, The Sage Center and Blissfest.

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AT THE PETOSKEY
MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATER**

TICKET PRICES
\$15 IN ADVANCE
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FREE 15 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER

JOHN TWO-HAWKS NEWEST RELEASE
"COME TO THE FIRE"



**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE S.A.G.E. CENTER,
204 PETOSKEY ST, PETOSKEY MI
231-348-3334 OR CALL 866-444-0940 OR VISIT:
WWW.JOHNTHWOHAWKS.COM**

Executive Branch

FROM THE DESK OF TRIBAL CHAIRMAN FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK: AMBASSADORIAL DUTIES

Maintaining good relations with the other sovereign governments that surround us has a positive long-term effect for our tribe. This function of the Executive Office is the one that is mostly likely to cause me and/or the vice chair to be traveling out of the office.

Representing the Tribe in an ambassadorial capacity is the first duty listed for the Executive Branch in our Constitution.

In this month's article, I'll give an overview of this work. Our Tribe has dealings with many different governments: tribal, federal, state, and local. We also deal with many organizations and businesses.

Our international relations are first with other tribal nations. The Tribal Chairman is the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' representative to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST), the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC), the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA), and a newly forming group called the United Tribes of Michigan. In these organizations, many tribal governments come together to work on common

interests and threats to tribal sovereignty.

The next level of international relations covers our dealing with the United States. These are outlined in our treaties and are affected by the laws that the United States has put in place to govern its relationship with tribes. We constantly monitor the actions of the U.S. Congress and Executive Branch as to how these actions will affect Tribal sovereignty, federal funding of treaty obligations, and the ability of state and local governments in their relationships with our Tribe. We work with many federal agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Fish and Wildlife Service, Indian Health Service, and Environmental Protection Agency.

We employ a lobbyist in Washington, D.C., who regularly attends congressional hearings and meetings with members of the Executive Branch to help us in understanding what we need to do to protect our Tribal interests. As reported in my last month's article, when necessary or appropriate, the Tribal Chairman prepares testimony for congressional hearings and gives comments at Executive

Department consultations.

At the state level, we also employ a lobbyist to monitor the actions of state government to help us decide which meetings we should attend and what laws the state is contemplating enacting that will have either a positive or negative effect on our Tribal Government and Tribal Citizens. Each year, we hold a summit meeting with the governor and monthly planning meetings to prepare for the summit. In May of this year, I was asked to testify at the Michigan Senate Gaming Oversight Committee.

Locally, we meet with and negotiate agreements with the county sheriff offices, fire authorities, township governments, and city governments. These agreements deal with police jurisdiction, parks and recreation, health services, environmental and other issues.

This has been a brief outline of some of what we do to fulfill one of the Executive responsibilities under the constitution. In following articles, I will outline the other duties of the Tribal Executive and how we take actions to accomplish them.

Traditional Healer

Jake Pine

Will be available for appointments on
Thursday, June 15th from 9am - 4pm

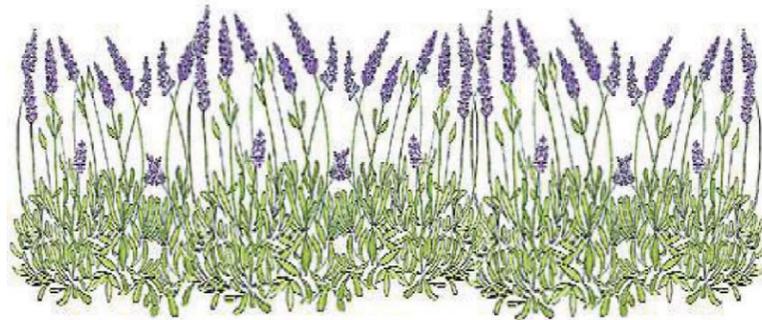
and

Friday, June 16th from 9am - noon

Sweat Lodge may be available; please call for details

All appointments will be held at
LTBB COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI

If you would like to schedule an appointment,
please call Cathy at (231)242-1601



Tribal Contractors Wanted For New Casino Construction



**Call Tom Ollman
at Clark Construction
(231) 487-0338**

Legislative Branch

LEGISLATIVE CORNER



On April 11, Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik signed the 2007 fiscal budget.

On April 11 at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Governmental Complex in Harbor Springs, Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik held the first executive signing ceremony of legislation under the new Constitution. He signed the 2007 fiscal budget in front of the tribal elders assembled for the Elders' luncheon.

At the May 7th tribal council meeting, JoAnne Cook was confirmed as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Chief Judge with her term starting this month and ending June 2010.

Cook, a member of the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, worked as a staff attorney for Michigan Indian Legal Services. She was the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' Associate Judge for five years and the GTB Chief Judge from 2001 to April 2005. Cook earned her law degree from the University of Wisconsin and she earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Ferris State University. Her sister Liz Cook was scheduled to graduate from the University of

Kansas law school last month. Her parents are Jerry Cook and Gertrude (Schocko) Cook and her grandparents are Rose and Joseph Schocko. Cook has three sons: Austin, Carson and Joe. Cook said, "She was honored the tribal council confirmed her, and that she would use her experience to do the job to the best of her ability." She also said, "She looks forward to getting to know the tribal community and culture." Cook has been involved with peace making and drug court development.

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

If you think you have what it takes... We are looking for Odawa Kwezezhns

- Between the ages of 13-17
- Knowledgeable in all aspects of their Odawa heritage
- Have a positive attitude
- Dance and participate in Pow Wows
- Be a role model for all Native American Youth
- Be able to represent the Odawa People

Applications must be received by August 12th 2006 at 12 Noon

Princess Contest Requirements:

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

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



Language Department



Anishinaabemdaa!

Let's Speak the Anishinaabe Language!

Jiingtamok

(powwow - meaning derived from 'bending of the knees in a sacred way')



A special miigwech to language resources, Kenny Pheasant and the "Jiingtamok: Anishinaabemowin Manual - A Curriculum Guide," produced by Bay Mills Community College. Credit to those who submitted photographs: Cheryl Seymour, Joe Mitchell, Cathy Gibson, Ken Martell and Richard Wemigwase, Jr. Most of the 2005 Odawa Homecoming photographs were taken by Theresa Keshick. Miigwech

Check out the July Odawa Trails issue for more jiingtamok phrases and regalia vocabulary.

2006 Odawa Homecoming Powwow is Saturday and Sunday, August 12-13



Elizabeth Calloway, Grand Traverse Band, is crowned 2005 Miss Odawa Ogimaakwesenshs (princess)



Center photograph, unidentified, circa 1949, as taken in Indian Town in Harbor Springs where the Anishinaabek would gather and dance. Left photograph, Richard Wemigwase, Sr., 1952, taken at Odawa stadium. Right photograph, Richard Wemigwase, Sr., and Louis Wemigwase, 1952, participants in a dance troupe performing the Scalp Dance.



Cassandra Gibson, LTBB, represents the 2005 Miss Three Fires Ogimaakwesenshs (princess)



The 2005 Odawa Homecoming Jiingtamok was a contest powwow. These jingle dress dancers line up after their contest dance. Judges mark scores in the contests by contestant number, dancing skills, timing, participation level, and sometimes regalia or dance outfits. Niimi-Gwiwinan (dance clothing)



Waganakising Odawak Enji-Jiingtamok - LTBB powwow grounds - with each year improvements to the enji-jiingtamok are made. This photo shows the arbor in the center - Gchitwaa-aabwinigan (arbor - special shaded place) where all the drums are placed, it is covered with Gizhkaandigo-Dikonan (cedar branches).



Marcia Sutton and Mary Roberts Nokiiwok (they are working). Odawe (She/he is trading or 'to trade') There are several odawe-dopwinan (trader stands or vendor tables) selling handcrafted arts, paintings, music, supplies, and good food.



Biidaasige and Spirit Lodge drum groups from left: Aaron Otto, Mike Naganashe, John (Jobin) Naganashe, Patrick Naganashe, and miinwaa J.D. Gibson dewegeniniwok (drummers) eNitaaNgamajik! (they're good singers)



Connie (Sagitaw) Steele (center) dances with daansan (her daughters) Cynthia J. Greensky and Debra Kilbourne. They wear zenbaa-mjigodenh (ribbon dress) and carry niimi-waaboowaan (shawls, dance blankets).

Anishinaabemdaa!(continued)



Josephine Laughlin
GeteAnishinaabe Kwezenhs
(girls traditional style)



Vicki Dowd was EniigaanigaatKwe münwa and Joe Mitchell was EniigaanigaatNini (Head Female and Head Male Dancers), shown here at St. Ignace jüngtamok, in 19.. well, a while ago.



Giizhig Martell
NiizhoBiboonigiza (two-years-old)
GeteAnishinaabe Gwiizenhs
(boys traditional dancer)



Genevieve Shomin-Bear
GeteAnishinaabe Kwe
(women's traditional)



Maya Montoya Zhinawaa'oojigan-Mjigodenh (jingle dress)



Alicia Shomin-Shenoskey Shkiniikwe-Shki-eniimid (young women's fancy) weweboo'aan (fancy shawl)

Niimi. (she/he is dancing)
Niimiwok. (they are dancing)
Eniimid (dancer)
Eniimijik (dancers)
Niimin- (telling one person 'dance')
Niimik (telling more than one 'dance')
Niimidaa! (let's dance)
GNitaaNiim. (you dance well)
NitaaNiimi (she/he dances well)
Ngamo. (she/he is singing)
GNitaaNgam. (you sing good)
NitaaNgamo. (she/he sings good)
Ngamowok. (they are singing)
Ngamwin (song)
Ngamwinan (songs)
Ngamdaa! (let's sing)
Dewegan (drum)
Deweganak (drums)
deweganaatig (drumstick)
Dewege. (she/he is drumming)
NitaaDewege. (she/he drums good)
Dewegewok. (they are drumming)
Dewegedaa! (let's drum)
Niimi-gwiwnan
 (regalia/dance clothing)
Biiskonye. (she/he is dressing)
Giiskonye. (she/he is undressing)
Aanskonye. (she/he is changing clothes)
Kaaden'ge. (she/he is braiding hair)
Niniwok, giiskamok gwiikwaanwan!
 (gentlemen, take off your hats)
Naaniibiwik! [(everyone please) stand]

Nmadabik! [(everyone please) sit]
Miigwech (thank you)
Biimskwaagaak, Biimskwashik, Anishinaabe Zhigaawin!
 (swing and sway the Anishinaabe way)
Gminwaabiminagwaz!
 (you look good)
Aapiish enji-jüngtamowaad?
 (where is the jüngtamok?)
Maamwi-biindegegaawok
 (grand entry)
Mnajaa-ngamwin (honor song)
Giimodizi-zhigaawin
 (sneak up dance)
Aandeg-zhigaawin
 [crow hop (the dance)]
Niizho-zhigaawin (two-step dance)
GiigidooNini (emcee)
Migizi-Miigwanaatig (eagle staff)
Kiwewin (flag)
Zhimaaganish (veteran)
Ogichidaa (warrior)
Namewin (prayer)

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



Anamekwan Wemigwase Mskiki-NiimiKwe (women's medicine dancer) maage (or) Zhinawaa'oojigan (jingle)



Nicole Laughlin Memegwaanh Ezhigaad (butterfly or fancy shawl dancer)



Levi Walker GeteAnishinaabeNini (men's traditional) kaaknaagan (breast plate)



Jesse Oldman Dawenjigeshimo (men's grass dance)



Nigel Schuyler Shkinwe Shki-ehigaad (young men's fancy) Bineshiinh-eniimid (bird dancer)

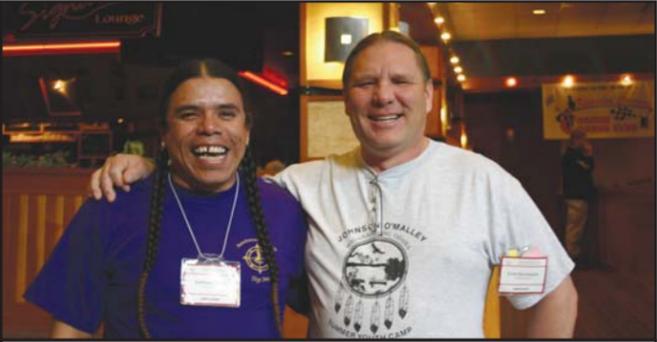


Anthony Bear Miishkoosing-eniimid (grass dancer)



Wayne Cleland GeteAnishinaabenini (men's traditional)

Anishinaabemdaa!(continued)



Anthony Davis (Substance Abuse Helping Healer) and Fred Harrington Jr. (Tribal Councilor and NCMC Language Teacher)



Warren Petoskey (Elders Program Coordinator), Barbara Petoskey, and Edward Shenoskey enjoy breakfast during the closing session.



NCMC students Kalie Barkley, Amber Greensky, Cody Bigjohn, Justin Worthington, and Jacy Greensky.



LTBB Youth Kyle and Mehmaygwaz Shomin observe Anne Stander (Language Program Curriculum Specialist) and Veronica Medicine (LTBB Elder) posing as human sculptures.

Kwii-anishinaabemtoowag na gdi-binoojiinmag nongo?

“Will You Speak the Language to Your Children Today?” was the theme of the 12th Annual Language Conference, known as the A-Teg Conference. The conference was hosted by the Anishinaabemowin Teg organization and held April 1 at the Kewadin Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie MI.

The goals of Anishinaabemowin Teg are to bring Anishinaabemowin language programs, projects, and supporters together to approach language revitalization and to facilitate united efforts in promoting and improving language services for Anishinaabe

communities.

The conference is attended by hundreds of Anishinaabek from throughout the great lakes area of Ontario, Michigan, Wisconsin and farther. Several LTBB Elders attended the conference as well as North Central Michigan College (NCMC) Anishinaabe students, some staff and a few tribal council members.

Miigwech to NCMC student Larry Denemy for article below.



Alice and Chuck Honson



Alice Yellowbank (Tribal Councilor) with Shiimenhan (her younger sibling) Grace Zerbe



Brittany Bentley with Gashwan (her mother) Regina Gasco-Bentley (Tribal Councilor)



Harriet Kishigo-Booth



Thomas Hill aka Thomish Gidaaki



William Ray (Ziibi) Kiogima

Anishnaabek Egnomunjik Ewaawyeyak, e-zhi North Central Michigan College-ing sa Ngii-Zhaami Anishnaabemowin Teg

by Larry Denemy

Anishnaabek Egnomunjik Ewaawyeyak (Anishnaabe student circle) sent niizhtanaa-shiinaanan egnomunjik (25 students, all ranging in age) to the 12th Annual Anishnaabemowin Teg Language Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. The conference took place at the Kewadin Casino and Resort, March 30 through April 2. The students represented North Central Michigan College and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in a positive and respectful manner there.

The language conference consisted of different ceremonies and presentations and a number of different workshops, which were held during different time slots throughout the conference – there were four time slots on Thursday and Friday and five on Saturday (Sunday was a wrap up day; they served breakfast along with entertainment on stage followed by closing remarks, closing prayer, and a travel song). There were as many as seven concurrent workshops each time slot, each time slot lasting an hour and a half. It is in this fashion that students could

attend whichever workshop they were interested in most, effectively mapping out their own educational track.

Workshops offered at the conference ranged from: natural experience learning and total immersion to culture revitalization and storytelling; Ojibway homonyms, songs, games, and craft-making to teachings on water, women (and the birth-lodge), and the education and empowerment of Anishnaabek children (our future leaders).

There were also several meals provided by different conference sponsors, including an eloquent banquet along with keynote speakers and a presentation of A-Teg annual scholarships. The scholarship presentations were a highlight of the evening; whereas, scholarships were awarded to seventeen different students ranging from elementary to university, with each student reading and reciting a speech in Anishnaabemowin which they had written themselves – a true inspiration to the many listeners in the audience, many or most of them being language learners

(to some degree) themselves.

Once again, the language conference proved to be a profound and incendiary experience for the students who attended. They are now no longer students simply pursuing a formal education in Western terms; they are now students taking part in the progressive nature of revitalizing Anishnaabek culture and language as well.

The A-Teg Language Conference is a primary event among the planned activities which AEE takes part in throughout the fall and winter semesters. This year's group of students held fundraising dinners to make money in order that they may attend A-Teg 2006 (along with a scholarship of \$5,000 donated by LTBB). (A big CHI-MEGWETCH goes to LTBB from the Anishnaabek student organization). In 2004 there were two students who attended A-Teg, in 2005 there were 14, and (once again) this year's group of 25 – a considerable markup over the past couple of years indeed. Megwetch gaa gindaasaayik.



Gordon (Flash) Shepard with wiidegemaa-ganan (his spouse) Rita Gasco-Shepard



NCMC students Kalie Barkley, Amber Greensky, Crystal Greensky (Language Program Assistant) and Chris Dominic.



Glenna Kimball, Marcella Keller, Mary Keshick and Veronica Medicine Mindamoyenhak (elderly ladies) in our language isn't negative like 'old lady' but a very special meaning of 'the one who holds things together or binds things' because they help keep our families and communities together and help keep things balanced.



NCMC student Larry Denemy miinwa Bazagiman (and his sweetheart) Susan Pitawanakwat

Anishinaabemdaa!(continued)

Iskigamisigan

When the spirit of winter begins to lose its strength and fade, the lakes, rivers and streams begin to thaw, the crows begin their migration back and the surface of the snow forms a hard crust. The mnidoos become restless, it is early spring. This is nature's way of telling the Anishinaabek it is time to whittle new taps, clean out the sap buckets and prepare for the Iskigamisigan (Sugar Bush), ziinsibakwadaboo (sap) is about to flow! Usually, the Iskigamisigan begins in mid Ziisibaakadake Giizis (March or Sugaring Moon) and runs into the first part of Nmebin Giizis (April or Sucker Moon). This is a very happy and exciting time of year for the Anishinaabek because we know spring is finally here and we get to harvest ziinsibakwad (mmm...manapagat!). It is a lot of hard work to harvest this sweet traditional food, but it didn't used to be this way.



Buckets are left hanging on the maple trees, checked frequently, emptied and replaced.

A long time ago when Turtle Island was still new, Gzhe-mnidoo (Great Spirit) gave the Anishinaabek the gift of maple syrup. It was very easy to gather the sweet treat. All year round, the Anishinaabek could strike a ninatig (maple tree), making a wound in the bark and pure ziinsibaakwad (maple syrup) would flow from the wound in the ninatig bark. It was so easy and convenient to collect ziinsibaakwad it became the only gathering the Anishinaabek did. The Anishinaabek no longer gathered berries and harvested gardens for fresh vegetables, we no longer hunted the forests and hills for our brother animals, we no longer fished our lakes and streams that were abundant with our brother the giigonhik. All these gifts were ignored and taken for granted. All the Anishinaabek would do is lay beneath the ninatigok (maple trees) with mouths open wide letting the ziinsibakwad drip into their mouths. The Anishinaabek became very fat and lazy because we no longer hunted and gathered. Gzhe-mnidoo became angry at all the foolishness and decided to punish the Anishinaabek for neglecting all the gifts he



Here you can see the sap dripping, it is clear and with a similar consistency to water.

had given. Gzhe-mnidoo sent Nanaboozhoo to tell the Anishinaabek,

"Ziinsibakwad will no longer flow from the Ninatigok. You have neglected the gifts Gzhe-mnidoo has bestowed upon you. Ziinsibakwad will be watered down into ziinsibakwad-aboo (sap) and will only flow from the Ninatigok for a short time during the cold months of the year when the surface of the snow forms a hard crust. It will be difficult to walk in the woods and you will break through the deep snow. And the ziinsibakwadaboo will have to boil for many hours to turn it into ziinsibakwad. It will now take 30 times as much ziinsibakwadaboo to make one sugar cake."



People visited and ate in the Greensky Hill Church Community Building in Charlevoix, MI.

This was done because the Anishinaabek had forsaken Gzhe-mnidoo. We must always be aware of the special gifts the Creator has bestowed upon us and never take them for granted.

The language program recently celebrated the First Language Day at the Iskigamisigan at Greensky Hill in Charlevoix, MI. Anishinaabek people have always harvested ziinsibakwad. It is perhaps the oldest agricultural product in North America. In older times, ziinsibakwadaboo was boiled into granulated maple sugar and sugar cakes for convenient storage and was for cooking. Doris Adams recalls in the old days, the Anishinaabek carved wooden molds shaped like people, animals and maple leafs to make fancy sugar candy. Basically, ziinsibakwad is still harvested in the same manner with a little help from modern day technology.

Greensky Hill is a prime location to set up a camp. It is



Matt Davis and Tim Thomas kept the fire going.

abundant with mature maple trees that stand close together, which makes hauling sap a lot easier. The Iskigamisigan at Greensky Hill had roughly 75 trees tapped. Before any trees were tapped, sema (tobacco) was offered to say miigwech to Gzhe-mnidoo for the gifts he has given the Anishinaabek. Booch igo sema keying. (We must first offer tobacco). When tapping a tree you want to drill about three feet above the ground facing the east in the direction of the rising sun. In the old days, taps were whittled out of maple saplings and made into troughs and pounded in the ninatigok. Although wooden taps yield a higher volume of sap because they natu-

rally expand to fit the hole, today, metal tap spouts are more commonly used. Once the tap is secured firmly in the ninatigok, a bucket is hung below the tap to catch the dripping sap. The sap starts slow, but once the weather begins to warm up, the buckets may have to be dumped as much as three times a day! In the evening when it cools down, the sap freezes and stops dripping, but when the first light of the morning glistens off the sugar bush, the sap is thawed and really begins to flow. It is very important to pay close attention to the weather so your buckets don't overflow and lose precious sap.



The evaporator, which has a fire going on the bottom half, is filled with sap for boiling.

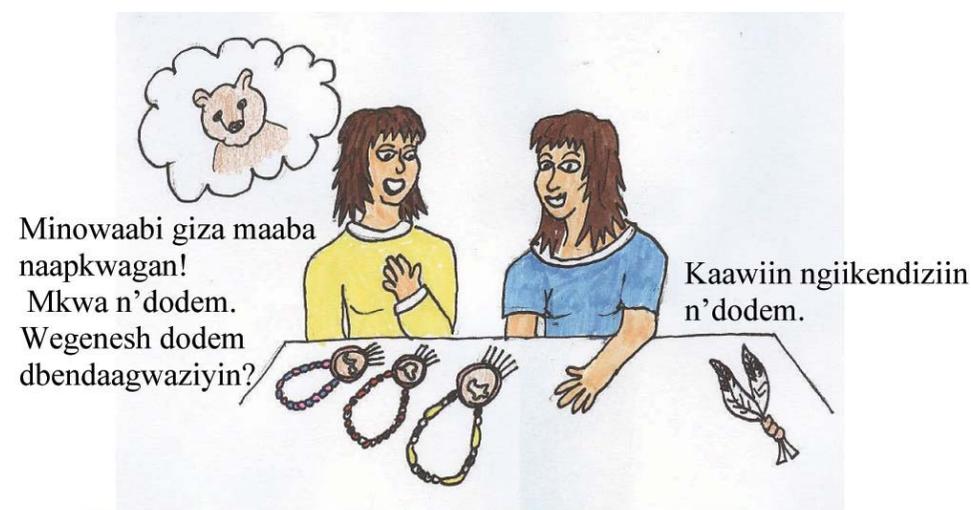
Once all the sap was collected at Greensky Hill's Iskigamisigan, it was put into a large 20-gallon pan over a wood stove (called an evaporator) to be boiled down to ziinsibakwad. If the sap starts to foam and boil over, you can dip a balsam bough or any other bough that releases natural oils and all the foam will dissipate just like magic. It is very important to have plenty of fire wood at the Iskigamisigan because it takes many hours to boil the sap into syrup. Stockpiling wood is a big job that was prepared prior to the Language Day at the Sugar Bush. Once the sap was ready and had turned to syrup, it was poured into a special filter that removes all impurities. Then, it was put into glass bottles and sealed to keep it fresh.

The Language Day at the Sugar Bush was a big hit! It was a really fun day and we had a lot of visitors who helped haul sap and got to see each step in the process of harvesting maple syrup. We had a great pot luck lunch with plenty of food and a beautiful prayer for the food in Anishinaabemowin by Joe Kishigo. There was also a sacred fire for the Iskigamisigan and Anishinaabemowin that was started and kept by Matt Davis. Chi-miigwech Joe and Matt! Also Chi-miigwech to Greensky Hill Church for inviting us to their Iskigamisigan and the Greensky Hill Men's Group who put on the demonstration on how to harvest maple syrup.



The maple syrup, the end product, is placed into the bottles.

KINOOMAAGEWAANHSAN ANISHINAABEMOWIN



Minowaabi giza maaba naapkwagan!
Mkwa n'dodem.
Wegenesh dodem dbendaagwaziyin?

Kaawiiin ngiikendiziin n'dodem.

Artwork by Toni Gasco



G'mishomis g'daa kwedwe.

Naapkwaagan = necklaces
N'dodem = my clan
Kaawiiin ngiikendiziin = I didn't know
G'mishomis g'daa kwedwe = You should ask your grandfather

Native News

On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Sutton



Michigan

June 3&4
Council Point Traditional Pow Wow
Lincoln Park, MI
Contact Information:
Bryan Halfday 313-615-6612
Fay Givens 313-388-4100

June 9-11
Bay Mills Honoring Our Veterans Contest Pow Wow
Brimley, MI
Contact Information:
Richard LeBlanc 906-248-3715 or raleblanc@bmic.net

June 10-11
27th Annual Homecoming of the Three Fires Traditional Pow Wow
Grand Rapids, MI
Contact Information:
Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians at 616-458-8759.

June 24-25
Tecumseh Contest Pow Wow
300 W. Russel Rd.
Tecumseh, MI
Contact Information:
Todd Harder at 517-605-9319

June 30 - July 2
Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians 25th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Contact Information:
Melissa Causley or Bud Biron at 906-632-7494

July 28-30
Third In Celebration of the Seven Generations
Marquette, MI
Contact Information:
906-226-0906

August 12-13
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 15th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow
Harbor Springs, MI
Contact Information:
Tina Sutton 231-242-1432 or Regina Gasco 231-242-1574

Wisconsin

June 2-4
16th Annual LOC Ojibwe School Contest Pow Wow
Hayward, WI
Contact Information:
715-634-8924
www.lcoschools.bia.edu

June 8

Fourth Annual ICS Youth Traditional Pow Wow
Milwaukee, WI
Contact Information:
414-345-3561 or 414-345-3060

June 16-18
21st Annual Strawberry Moon Traditional Pow Wow
Mole Lake, WI
Contact Information:
715-478-7605

June 17-18
Honor The Firekeepers
Lake Geneva, WI
Contact information:
Gary Adamson 262-348-2784

June 23-25
14th Annual St. Croix Casino & Hotel Contest Pow Wow
Turtle Lake, WI
Contact Information:
Casino Marketing
1-800-846-4946 or Aimee Juan
1-800-236-2195 ext. 5188
www.stcroixcasino.com

June 30
34th Annual Oneida Contest Pow Wow
Oneida, WI
Contact Information:
920-496-7897 or
1-800-236-2214
www.oneidanation.org

June 30 - July 2
28th Annual Red Cliff Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds
Red Cliff, WI
Contact Information:
715-779-5437 or 715-779-5597

July 7-9
24th Bear River Traditional Pow Wow
Bear River Pow Wow grounds
Lac du Flambeau, WI
Contact Information:
Bob Elm or Teresa Mitchell
at 715-588-3333

July 13-16
33rd Annual Honor the Earth Traditional Pow Wow
HTE Pow Wow grounds
Hayward, WI
Contact Information:
715-634-8924

July 28-30
Seventh Annual Nations of Warriors Traditional Pow Wow
Lake Park
Antigo, WI
Contact Information:
Vern and Ellen Martin at
715-634-0595

Minnesota

June 2-4
Sha-Gii-Bah-Gah Traditional Pow Wow
Nett Lake, MN
Contact Information:
218-757-3261
www.powwowtime.brave-host.com or
bf_powwow@yahoo.com

June 9-11
138th Annual White Earth Celebration and Traditional Pow Wow
White Earth, MN
Contact Information:
Dennis Hisgun
218-935-2839 or
1-800-950-3248 ext. 1337

June 9-11
29th Annual Lower Sioux Traditional Pow Wow
Morton, MN
Contact Information:
507-697-6185
www.jackpotjunction.com

June 16-18
21st Annual Bear Creek Traditional Pow Wow "Honoring Our Warriors"
Rochester, MN
Contact Information: Native American Center of SE MN-office 507-367-2697 or nacsemn@earthlink.net or nacsms.org

June 30-July 2
Aabita-Niibing Veteran's Memorial Grounds
Cass Lake, MN
Contact Information:
218-335-7400

July 7-9
Dakota Wacipi Contest Pow Wow
Pow Wow grounds
Prairie Island, MN
Contact Information:
1-800-554-5473, ext. 3023 or
www.prairieisland.org

July 21-23
Traditional Wacipi National Monument
Pipestone, MN
Contact Information:
507-562-1009

LTBB RENEWABLE STRATEGIC ENERGY PLANNING PROJECT

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Renewable Strategic Energy Planning Project team meets regularly to complete the task list assigned through funding received from the U.S. Department of Energy. The team presented information on renewable energy options and savings associated with energy efficiency to the new casino project team.

The new casino project has designed cost saving features and the capabilities to retrofit to a renewable energy source should the tribe decide to at a later date.

The project team continues to advocate for energy sources that have a minimal environmental impact. The team will update interested tribal members at a public forum/workshop on June 14 at the LTBB Governmental Complex. Tribal members can give input to the proposed Tribal Strategic Energy Plan at that time. The project team drafted both vision and mission statements and goals to be considered by the

tribal membership for the plan.

The vision statement is "To establish energy sovereignty on the Waganakising Odawa reservation and the greater community for the next seven generations." The mission statement is "To develop renewable energy sources and foster energy conservation."

The goals are as follows:
Develop wind energy resources on the 1855 reservation and outlying tribal properties; develop bio-energy resources on the 1855 reservation and outlying tribal properties; develop solar energy resources on the 1855 reservation and outlying tribal properties; implement combined heat and power technology on the 1855 reservation and outlying tribal properties; establish unity (tribal and inter-tribal); identify, promote and implement energy efficient services; establish a tribal energy code; and promote and implement renewable energy fuels for transportation purposes.

NEW AGE, NEW REWARDS, NEW DAY AT VICTORIES CASINO

How can we enhance our Seniors Day offer? More people and more offers soon became the clear solution. Starting July 1, we are changing the Seniors Day offers at Victories Casino and Hotel. We wanted you to be the first to know. Every Wednesday, our guests 50 years and older are invited to celebrate Seniors Day.

How do you choose between coin offers, cash drawings, food offers and free gifts? We didn't know either so you don't have to. They are all now a part of the enhanced offers for our new Seniors Day package.

Look at the exciting Seniors Day offers that you will begin receiving in July just for playing at

Victories Casino on Seniors Day: On July 5, earn 25 points and receive \$5 cash back; On July 12, earn 50 points and receive a free book of memories; On July 19, visit the Players Club and receive a registration slip for our exclusive Seniors Day drawing to win your share of \$2,000. Listen throughout the day to see if you are a lucky winner; On July 26, earn 25 points and receive \$5 cash back.

So gather your friends, who are 50 and older, and visit Victories Casino to enjoy the exciting offers waiting for you. With more rewards than ever, how can you resist the excitement? We look forward to seeing you each Wednesday for Seniors Day.

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS DIRECTORY AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB), an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, recently announced the posting of its updated Source Directory of American Indian and Alaska Native Owned and Operated Arts and Crafts Businesses available at www.iacb.doi.gov. It is organized by state. It includes federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native artists and craftspeople; cooperatives; tribal arts and crafts enterprises; businesses privately owned and operated by federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native artists, designers, and craftspeople; and businesses privately owned and operated by American Indian and Alaska Native merchants who retail and/or wholesale authentic Indian and Alaska Native arts and crafts. It is updated monthly as new

applications for business listings are received and approved. This service is available only to individuals who are enrolled members of federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native groups. Besides completing an application, applicants are required to provide a copy of tribal enrollment documentation from his or her federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native group. The listing is free.

To receive an application to be listed in the directory, contact IACB at 1-888-278-3253 or write to Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., NW, MS 2058-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Specify if the application is for an individual or a group such as a tribal enterprise or cooperative.

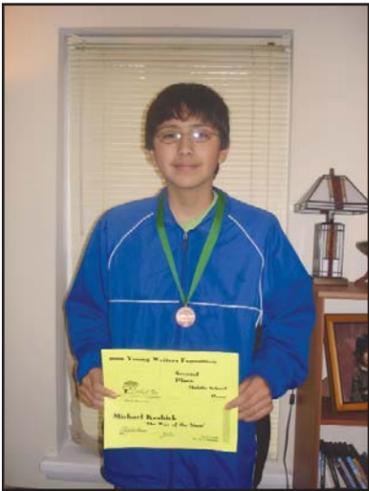
LTBB Member Receives Award

On May 17, Sunnese Gronado, the granddaughter of Sunnese Rainwater and the daughter of Petchiese King, received the Louise Laird award at the Petoskey High School Honors assembly. Gronado, who was scheduled to graduate on June 4, was raised by her grandmother. She works part-time at the Mukwa Café as a bus girl. Her hobbies include making beadwork and dream catchers, and creating art. Her future plans include working a year after graduation before entering the entrepreneurship program at North Central Michigan College. Her long-term goal is to own and operate an upscale dance club.

11th Annual Walk For Sobriety

The 11th Annual Native American Walk for Sobriety is Saturday, June 10, at 8 a.m., at the Sixth Street Bridge Park, Grand Rapids, MI. Following a brief ceremony with local speakers, participants start the 2.5-mile walk along Monroe Ave., and proceed down to the Three Fires Pow Wow Grounds at Riverside Park. Prizes will be awarded to walkers. Contact Liz IsHak at Native American Community Services for more detailed information at 616-458-4078, ext. 105.

MICHAEL KESHICK CAPTURES WRITING AWARD



Michael Keshick won second place at the 2006 Young Writers Exposition on April 15. Photo courtesy of Theresa Keshick.

The LTBB Education Department congratulates Michael Keshick, the son of Theresa Keshick and the grandson of Mary Keshick and John Keshick, Sr., for placing second at the 2006 Young Writers Exposition. Michael, a seventh-grader at Harbor Springs Middle School, placed in the Middle School Prose category for "The Way of the Ninja."

Great job Michael.

"The Way of the Ninja" is reprinted here with Michael's permission:

It was midnight and Hou-Shin still couldn't get to sleep. He had a hard time at the qualifications and was nervous about tomorrow's announcements. Just a few hours ago he had attempted to enter the Youshimitsu Academy for ninjas. He heard footsteps and knew his father was awake, for he too was nervous. He was the one who first suggested the idea. Hou-Shin's father was in the war, and as a result, he was mentally disabled. His mother had been murdered when the Huns assaulted the village. The Huns were defeated, but there were small raid groups within the border that were hostile. It was the Ninja's mission to annihilate them. That was the reason Hou-Shin wanted to join the Ninjas. For revenge. Ever since he was little, he had wondered why his mother had to die, and now, being of age, he was ready to exact his revenge.

It was sunrise, and Hou-Shin was still awake and grateful that today was not the day that he was going to the academy, that is, if he was going. His father was outside splitting wood and talking with great joy in his voice to a message man. Hou-Shin felt his pulse quicken.

"Congratulations about the news, Tia Mi," said the messenger man. "Goodbye!"

"Goodbye! Thank you!" replied Tia Mi. It had finally come - the day when he was accepted into the Youshimitsu Academy. Now, he could become someone who could protect the people he cared for.

"You're officially a ninja in training! You must make your way to Mt. Kia Mari, and there you shall be taught by your new trainer, Jin Lee of Xian Lin clan."

He was silent ... that was the name of the clan who killed his mother. He could not believe his own father, who fought against that clan in the war, could not remember his enemy! Had he gone insane, or had his mental disabilities rendered him unable to remember? At first he thought that the message man had played a trick, but then he realized it must be a trap. He knew what he had to do. He was going to go to the mountain base, learn the basic skills, and when the time was right, destroy them!

As Hou-Shin collected the things he would need on the long trek, he hoped he was ready to finally face his mother's killer and finally take vengeance. Maybe the Xian Lin clan would try to take him prisoner and raise him to be evil. Hou-Shin thought of every possibility he could think of that the Huns would try and thought of every way he could stop them.

"Are you leaving tomorrow? I was going to hold a celebration. The village hasn't had a student in that academy in years, but if you're so urgent, then I understand. You must be excited." Hou-Shin forced a smile, but it felt awkward. He was going to leave in the morning, but decided to leave as soon as his father was asleep. He finished his packing and then told his father he was going to bed. He waited until his father was sleeping, and then quietly walked to the front door and started his journey to Mt. Kia Mari. It was cold out and surprisingly light. His father must have been up longer than he expected. He looked on toward the long path heading to the mountain base and thought of the long journey ahead of him. He rethought his plan. He was going to travel to Mt. Kia Mari, learn how to fight, and then challenge the clan master in a duel to the death.

He suddenly had his doubts. But he could not turn back now, he noticed that his father was awake and was looking for him. He waved and started a faster pace, he was nervous. He traveled for a couple of hours then heard a rustling in the bushes. At

first he thought it might be an assassin sent by the Xian Lin clan, but then a rabbit stepped out into the open. Hou-Shin started to draw his bow so that he didn't notice the figure creeping toward him. In a moment, he was captured and unconscious. His head felt dizzy when he awoke. He must have been drugged.

"You have been rescued from death," said an unfamiliar voice. "I am sorry for the unnecessary sleep, but my master thinks that I am not ready for more advanced mixes. This was my first mission." Hou-Shin was vaguely aware that he was in some sort of a cell in the Ninja's outpost. "You are to be trained in the way of the ninja." Hou-Shin suddenly felt awake.

"Wait! First of all, where am I, second of all, who are you and who do you work for? I dislike having to be kidnapped and drugged!"

"Forgive me, but my master thought it was necessary to use sleep." The young ninja, whatever his name was, told him he was to stay in the cell room until his master arrived. He was on a mission in the Himalayas looking for a criminal who was responsible for the murder of an important minister. He was, however, free to roam the halls of the castle. Within three days, Hou-Shin had learned the name of the ninja; it was Karachi. Karachi taught Hou-Shin the basic techniques as well as an advanced Shin Lou technique on how to concentrate your energy into one single, powerful punch. It was very useful during their daily spars. He taught him to use shuriken darts, katana, and other useful tools.

A month had passed when Karachi's master finally returned, but not as Hou-Shin expected. He was dead and captured by the Xian Lin clan. In a split second, they were dead. Hou-Shin had failed. The Xian Lin clan won. But not entirely, Hou-Shin escaped and he swore he'd be back...

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Construction Begins:
May - August
Between M-119 and just north of Shaw Road

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After Memorial Day there will be brief periods of flag control.



- Gasoline will be available as usual
- Use the "back way" Hiawatha-Barney
- Through traffic will be detoured



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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.

COMMISSION MEETING DATES

	<p>Indian Child Welfare</p> <p>June 3</p> <p>Meeting location is 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey. All meetings open unless noted in closed session.</p>	
<p>Housing Commission</p> <p>All meetings are open to the public unless otherwise posted as a closed session.</p> <p>June 5 July 10</p> <p>All meetings start at 3:30 p.m. and they are being held at the LTBB Governmental Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle. If you have any questions or concerns, contact one of your housing commissioners.</p>	<p>Health Commission</p> <p>June 12 July 10</p> <p>Meetings held at Bear River Health Park at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Enrollment Commission</p> <p>June 19 July 17 August 21</p> <p>Meetings begin at 5 p.m. and they are located in the Enrollment Commission Workroom, #118, at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. All meetings are open to the tribal membership unless otherwise posted.</p>
<p>Trust Fund Board</p> <p>August 13 at 9 a.m. November 19 at 9 a.m.</p> <p>All meetings are in Room 312 at the LTBB Governmental Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle.</p>	<p>Economic Development</p> <p>June 10 June 11 July 8 July 9</p> <p>Meetings are located at 1345 U.S. 31 N. at 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Natural Resources Commission</p> <p>June 14 June 28 July 12 July 26</p> <p>Meetings held at the NRD Building at 6 p.m.</p>

Three Pines Studio in Cross Village has invited a number of women who work with fiber to create shawls for a special exhibition.

Shawls: Adornment & Protection A Woman's History in Fibers, July 1 - 23, 2006 Opening Reception: July 1, 2 - 7 p.m.

We are inviting LTBB women to also participate. "The skies the limit" in terms of what kind of shawl you create or what materials you use. This is an invitation to all women who live in Northern Michigan. All exhibited work must be for sale. Gallery commission is 30%. Deadline for submission is June 4, 2006.

**Three Pines Studio 5959 W. Levering Rd
Cross Village, MI 49723**
(at the corner of Levering and State Rd)
For more information: 231- 526-9447

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH: STORM TIPS

By **Tom Gould**, Surveillance Manager at Victories Casino and Hotel

Damaging spring storms that disrupt electrical service to homes and businesses are a fact of life. There are steps families and businesses can take to make sure they are prepared for them and to stay safe during storm-related power outages.

What to do before a storm

Assemble an emergency kit that is easily accessible. It should include a battery powered radio or television, a flashlight with extra batteries, candles, matches or a lighter, a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water, non-perishable food and a can opener.

Keep a corded or cell phone on hand because cordless telephones need electricity to operate.

Learn how to manually open automated garage doors.

Families who rely on electrically powered medical equipment should ask their physician about a battery backup system. If a family member is elderly or has a medical condition that would be adversely impacted by

a power outage, he or she should develop an emergency plan that allows for alternative accommodations with family or friends.

People who rely on a well for drinking water should have bottled water on hand.

What to do during a storm

Stay at least 10 feet away from downed power lines and anything they may be touching, especially metal fences. Treat every downed power line as if it were energized. Keep children and pets out of the area.

If you lose power, don't open refrigerators and freezers more often than absolutely necessary. A closed refrigerator will stay cold for 12 hours. Kept closed, a well-filled freezer will preserve food for two days. Partially thawed food or food that has ice crystals usually can be refrozen.

Never use a gas range for heating or charcoal as an indoor heating or cooking source.

Turn off or unplug all appliances to prevent an electrical

overload when power is restored. Leave on one light switch to indicate when power is restored.

If using a portable generator, disconnect house circuits from power lines. Pull or switch to "off" all main fuses or circuit breakers to protect line crews working to restore service. Always operate generators outdoors to avoid dangerous buildup of toxic fumes.

During low voltage conditions - when lights are dim and television pictures are smaller - shut off motor driven appliances such as refrigerators to prevent possible damage. Sensitive electronic devices also should be unplugged.

Stay out of flooded or damp basements or other areas if water is in contact with outlets or any electrically operated appliance. The water or moisture may serve as a conductor of electricity. This can cause a serious or even fatal injury.

Play it safe and be prepared.

"HONOR": CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



Regulatory Director Vince Cook and his wife Nadine. Photo courtesy of Vince Cook.

him. We all enjoy our time together more now."

Said Nadine, "When Vince was gone, my son started to tell my daughter and myself that he loved us which is pretty rare for a teenager. Even with Vince back now, my son continues to do that. Vince doesn't seem to get stressed out as easily as he did before he went. Before when he had a trying day at work, I could tell right away. He handles situations better now. He figures nothing is too stressful to handle now."

Nicholas has shown an interest in joining the military in the future. His parents are not encouraging or discouraging him because they want him to make his own decision.

"I keep stressing education and college to him," Vince said. "But if that is what he wants to do, I won't try to talk him out of it. I'll make sure he is making an informed decision and help him evaluate his decision to make sure it is what he truly wants."

Said Nadine, "Nicholas has shown an interest in being a Marine like his father. Whatever he chooses to do is fine with me. I'm behind him 100%."

Vince said he appreciated having a job to come back to. Many soldiers did not have that luxury. In his absence, Senior Background Investigator Andrea Cowles and Internal Auditor Steve Rankin shared his duties as regulatory director.

"I thank the (Gaming Regulatory) Commission, the tribal council and the tribe for doing that," Vince said. "I also want to thank the regulatory staff for the excellent job they did during my absence. Everyone was very supportive of me and my family."

Nadine wanted to thank the following individuals for their support while her husband was deployed: Victories Casino Assistant Supervisor Tracy Sineway, Victories Casino Pit Boss Paul Eames, Victories Casino bartender Mel Wells, Victories Casino table games dealers Naomi Gonzales and Samantha Shananaquet, her aunt Valdean Campbell, her uncles and aunts in Minnesota and her father James Campbell.

Vince wanted to extend his thoughts and prayers for Victories Casino Surveillance Operator Dana Stafford and Andrew Crumbaugh, the son of LTBB Purchasing Technician Mandy Ragland, and their families and the other American soldiers deployed.

Crumbaugh, an infantryman and a private first class in the U.S. Army National Guard, and Stafford, a sergeant in the U.S. Army National Guard, are being deployed to Iraq in August. They are scheduled to be deployed for 12 to 14 months. Crumbaugh works at Biindigen.

"I will keep in contact with Gaola, Dana's wife, and offer her any support I can," Nadine said. "I know the tribal community will give her the same type of support I received."

LTBB HAWKS BASKETBALL UPDATE

By **Cathy Gibson**, Health Department Administrative Assistant



Boys 14-18 team. Photo courtesy of Cathy Gibson.

This year's youth basketball season is nearly over. The regular Michigan United Tribal Youth Basketball season started last September and it ended in February. Despite not finishing near the top of the standings, the Little Traverse Bay Bands (LTBB) Hawks teams showed improvement and individuals improved their fundamental skills.

The Hawks participated in tournaments held in Mt. Pleasant and Peshawbestown and hosted a tournament on April 29 and 30.



Girls 13 and under team. Photo courtesy of Cathy Gibson.

Winners from the LTBB tournament are as follows:

Girls 13 and under - First place went to Lac Vieux Desert and second place went to Grand Traverse Band.

Boys 13 and under - First place went to the Warriors and second place went to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Coed 12-14 - First place went to LTBB and second place went to Grand Traverse Band.

Girls 14-18 - First place went to Lac Vieux Desert and second



Girls 14-18 team. Photo courtesy of Cathy Gibson.

place went to LTBB. **Boys 14-18** - First place went to Grand Traverse Band and second place went to Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

The LTBB Hawks ended the tournament season last month and the next season will start in September. Watch for more updates on the Hawks in the coming months. Miigwech to the tribal council, the players, parents and volunteers who helped make this a program a success.

TRIBAL COMMUNITY GRADUATES FROM LSSU

On April 29, Joseph Benjamin Lucier, Cherish Blair Samuels and Lori Lynn Willis graduated from Lake Superior State University.

Lucier, a 1998 Alanson Littlefield graduate, is the son of Vicki Lynn and the grandson of Rita Gasco-Shepard. He earned an Associates Degree in Social Science from Bay Mills Community College in 2002. At Bay Mills, he was on the dean's list, maintained a 4.0 grade point average and he was the Student of the Year. At LSSU, he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.9 GPA and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Economics. He was also the Outstanding Transfer Student of the Year. His future plans include passing his licensing exam, getting married and moving to Dayton, Ohio, to start his career as a personal financial advisor. He hopes to return to Michigan in

the future after gaining experience in his field.

Samuels is the daughter of Dr. Terry Samuels and Laurie Samuels and the granddaughter of Dean Samuels, Sr. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and she was a member of the National Honor Society of Nursing.

Samuels, a four-year starter on the LSSU softball team, broke the Lakers' career strikeout record with 384 and she is third in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in walks allowed per game with 1.17. Her future plans include studying to pass her state nursing board exam.

Willis, the wife of tribal member Dale Willis, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.



Joseph Benjamin Lucier and Cherish Blair Samuels with their LSSU degrees. Photo courtesy of Dr. Terry Samuels.

GET TO KNOW THE NEW EMPLOYEES WHO SERVE THE LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY



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My name is Annette VanDeCar and I am the new Communications Coordinator. My mother is Sarah (King) VanDeCar and my grandparents were Mary (Kenoshmeg) King and Martin King, Sr. My older brother Marty VanDeCar is the Victories Hotel Director. My older sister Kathy VanDeCar is the Financial Aid Manager for the University of New Mexico at Gallup. I graduated from Petoskey High School in 1992 and I graduated from Central Michigan University in December 1996. I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from CMU with a Journalism major and a Sports Studies minor. While at CMU, I worked for *CM Life*, the student newspaper, as a sports reporter for four years and I completed three internships at the *Tribal Observer*, *Akron Beacon-Journal* and with USA Boxing through the United States Olympic Committee. I was also one of 15 college juniors selected nationwide to participate in the Freedom Forum Sports Journalism Institute. I worked for nine years as a sports reporter for the *Post-Tribune* based in Merrillville, IN, and for the *Detroit Free Press*. I spent six years at the *Post-Tribune* and I spent the last three years at the *Free Press*. I am grateful for the opportunity to work for my people and to transform the Odawa Trails into a publication tribal members can be proud of. You will see many changes in the coming months as we strive to produce a better product and to become more like a newspaper. I welcome any comments, criticisms, suggestions or story ideas. Please feel free to contact me at 231-242-1427 or at avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.



Terri Thomasma works as an accounting clerk. She grew up in Gaylord and graduated from Gaylord St. Mary's. She attended classes at North Central Michigan College. She and her husband Pete Thomasma have a five-year-old son Donnevon. Her brother Roger Willis works as an LTBB conservation officer. Thomasma enjoys hiking, snowmobiling, golfing and many other outdoor activities.



Kathy McGraw is a new accounting assistant. Her mother is Ruth Ann (Gasco) McGraw. Her aunt Rita Gasco-Shepard is a tribal judge and her cousin Regina Brubaker is the LTBB Health Educator and a registered nurse. McGraw grew up in Westland. Prior to working for LTBB, McGraw worked in Livonia at a manufacturing company for 14 years before opening her own massage therapy business. She is a certified massage therapist. She has two children: Connor Kroswek, 14, who plays for the LTBB Hawks, and Corin McGraw, 27, who works for a manufacturing company in the metro Detroit area. McGraw enjoys training and competing in tae kwon do and singing with the women's hand drum group. McGraw said, "She is honored to work for her tribe."



Jenny Lee Kronk, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians, was sworn in as an Associate Tribal Judge in February. Kronk, who lives in Petoskey and relocated from Lansing, said, "She felt like she came home because she was close to her mother in St. Ignace." Kronk received her Bachelor's and Masters degrees from Northern Michigan University and graduated from Cooley Law School. She has taught at the high school and college level, she was an Administrative Law Judge for the Michigan Secretary of State and she was a Tribal Judge for the Hannahville Indian Community prior to taking her current position. Her daughter Elizabeth Kronk, a lawyer who works for Latham & Watkins in Washington, D.C., and specializes in Indian law and environmental law, encouraged her mother to apply for the position because Elizabeth said, "(Tribal Chairman) Frank Ettawageshik is nationally known and respected and that it would be a good tribe to work for." Jenny has seven sisters, four of whom are nurses. Jenny's late husband Tom Kronk was an attorney and they were married for 28 years.



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My name is Mike Holmes and I am the new laboratory technician in the Environmental Services department. I am responsible for the analysis and testing of tribal water resources such as lakes, streams and groundwater. I also work on other environmental projects and programs within the Environmental Services department.

Before moving to this area, I was working on my master's degree in biology at Central Michigan University and I worked as a research and teaching assistant there. While at CMU, I focused on aquatic biology and ecology, especially on northern Michigan lakes and the interactions between lake sediments and overlying lake water. Before I went to CMU, I worked as a lab technician and a field geologist for an environmental consulting company. I received a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Soil Science from Michigan State University in 1999.

On a personal note, I enjoy hunting, fishing and almost any outdoor activity.

My first few weeks here have been great. I look forward to becoming more familiar with the area and everyone associated with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. I want to thank everyone I've met so far. Everyone has welcomed me kindly. I'm grateful for the opportunity to help monitor and protect LTBB's water resources.



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My name is Jeannie Norris. Chi Miigwech for hiring me as the new social worker. I am thrilled to be working for the tribe. I graduated from Auburn University with a degree in social work. While at Auburn, I worked for a therapeutic foster care organization and for an adult daycare facility. If you have any questions or you would like to meet me, please feel free to call me at 231-242-1630.



WOODLAND VOICES

FRIDAY, JUNE 9 THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 10
HELD AT THE BIRCHWOOD INN, LAKE SHORE DRIVE
IN HARBOR SPRINGS, MI

Friday, June 9, 8 p.m.: Opening ceremonies will be conducted by Joe Mitchell and Tony Davis. Keynote speaker, Ray Kiogima, will give an opening prayer in Odawa and discuss and answer questions about his new book, *Odawa Language and Legends: Andrew J. Blackbird and Raymond Kiogima*. Afterwards, everyone will gather for music featuring some members of the Odawa Women's Drum Group and sing along with Warren Petoskey playing guitar.

**Saturday June 10
9 a.m.:** "Herbal Medicine"-Vicki Lynn will display Native plants and talk about them.

10:30 a.m.: "Childhood Memories of Indiantown"-Veronica Medicine, Harriet Booth, Joe Kishigo, and Ray Kiogima will reminisce about their youth in "Indiantown" located in downtown Harbor Springs.

Lunch break or order pizza. Throughout the day, Kathy McGraw and Andrea Otto will offer therapeutic Native massages.

1:30 p.m.: "The Sheridan Street

Rats"-Simon Otto, Bill Dunlop, John Duvernay, and Richard Smith will trade stories about growing up in Petoskey's "Hungry Hollow."

2:30 p.m.: "Trees in the Woodland Forest"-Yvonne Walker-Keshick will talk about the many trees in northern Michigan and their uses.

6:30 p.m.: Buffet dinner for all presenters and those registered at the Birchwood Inn. After dinner all will gather for a "Talking Circle."

This symposium is free to all members of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and their relatives. For others, registering for the weekend is \$150. The Woodland Voices Event will be at the Birchwood Inn, 7077 Lake Shore Drive, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. Reservations for rooms can be made at: <http://www.birchwoodinn.com> or 1-800-530-9955. For other questions, please contact Constance Cappel at 231-526-0527 or at ConstanceCappel.com.

EIGHTH ANNUAL JIIBAAKWE CELEBRATION

Odawa Institute

Eighth Annual

Jiibaakwe Celebration

**Miinan-Giizis
June 21 - 25**

This year, our celebration is in honor of Gijigowi (Victor Kishigo), Architect of the Institute.

What is the celebration about?

For the first seven celebrations, we started in spring, calling it the Mnookime Jiibaakwe. This year, we are starting on the Summer Solstice and have changed the name to the Niibin Jiibaakwe.

We are celebrating our unique culture and language. For our eighth annual celebration, we are highlighting two of our oldest local traditions. The first was crossing Little Traverse Bay using wiigwaas jiimaan (birch bark canoes). The second is the Pawaaganak Jiibaakwe (feasts for the pipes). We have lined up four days of language, cultural, history, art, and contemporary activities. To celebrate our language, we will start the activities with a feast for the Pawaaganak (pipes) and Deweganak (drums) on the solstice.

We hope that you, your families and friends will join us in the fun and help us maintain the vitality of our language and culture.

EVENTS:

Wednesday, June 21

Sunrise Ceremony

Beaver Island stone circle

If the weather looks good, we will paddle from the island to Cross Village.

Wednesday, June 21

Fire Starting

4 p.m.-Osborne Rd

with Matt Lesky and Larry Denemy.

Wednesday, June 21

Pawaaganak Jiibaakwe

6 p.m.-Osborne Rd.

Waabska Ma'iingan (Tony Davis) is coordinating a traditional feast honoring all of the local pipes. We also will be feasting for our deweganak (drums). It is important that everyone bring their dewegan and a song to share in celebration of our continuous practice of these important activities.

This is a potluck, so bring a dish to pass. Children are encouraged!

**Thursday, June 22 and
Friday, June 23**

Ozhtoonan Dewegan-Making Drums

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday

9 a.m.-12 pm Friday

Fred Harrington's house

1111 Howard St., Petoskey

We will start by scraping the hair from soaked buffalo hides. Each participant selects a section of the rawhide, then cuts string and prepares the hide. Students may bring a drum ring or bend one from cedar. It will take most of the day to do this part.

Lunch and dinner provided. Please sign up in advance at Indian Hills so we can prepare enough hides.

Friday, June 23

Gathering the Black Ash Tree

John Pigeon & Family

12-7 p.m.

We will hunt for and harvest a tree for the project on Saturday. Then on Friday evening, we will have a feast and ceremony, for these new drums and the black ash tree. Prior to the ceremony, we will have another seminar on fire starting with Matt and Larry. Food provided.

Saturday, June 24

Black Ash Basket Making

John Pigeon & Family

at Indian Hills Gallery

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Please sign up in advance for this repeat seminar at Indian Hills. John and his family have helped us before and everybody leaves at the end of the day with a basket and knowledge of an endangered tradition. Lunch provided.

Sunday, June 25

Wiigwaas Jiimaan Nakzhiwed

8:30 a.m.

Meet at the breakwall in

Petoskey

We will head across the bay from Petoskey to Harbor Springs in family-size jiimaan (canoes). Upon landing, we will share a feast at Indian Hills Community Room. The feast will start at noon.

It is important paddlers sign up early at Indian Hills. If we have more paddlers than seats, we will come back across the bay to Petoskey.

The feast is a potluck.

Miigwetch gaabezhaayek!

Thank you for coming!

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
April 9, 2006
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle
9:15 a.m. Smudging
9:30 a.m.

Executive Session: None
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:31 a.m.
Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.
Absent: Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Executive Office Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, William Denemy-Vice Chairman, Rebecca Fisher-Executive Assistant

Legal Staff Present: James Bransky, General Counsel

Staff Present: Michele LaCount-Legislative Office Manager, Michael Smith, Administrative Assistant, Valerie Tweedie-Chief Financial Officer

Commission, Boards and Committees: none

Guests: Matt Wesaw, Andrew Stich, Denise Petoskey, Catherine Laba, Lilly Anderson

Opening Ceremony: Frank Ettawageshik

Outgoing Secretary Dexter McNamara transfers the Tribal Council Eagle Feather to incoming Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt the agenda for April 09, 2006, as presented and amended.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the minutes of March 19, 2006, as presented.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Hearing from guest Matt Wesaw regarding United Tribes of Michigan Update

10:09 a.m. Recess called
10:20 a.m. Meeting resumes

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to acknowledge the presentation by Matt Wesaw of the Pokagon Band of Pottawatomini Indians about the United Tribes of Michigan.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept Legal Department's verbal and written report as presented by Jim Bransky, General Counsel.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution # 040906-01 Request for Trust Acquisition of Parcel in Emmet County, Cross Village, MI.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to table until the next Tribal Council Meeting April 23, 2006, Resolution Appropriating \$21,901.07 to a New Budget for TGW Foster Care Children and Moving \$24,111.92 from Tribal Court Budget (reference Resolution # 031906-01) to the New Budget for Foster Care Children totaling \$46,012.99 until we can meet with Tribal Court Administrator.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution # 040906-02 Women Working for the Tribe Shall Be Treated Equally and Shall Not Be Required to Dress in a More Revealing Manner than a Man in The Same Job.
(Motion on hold in consideration of Public Comment)

11:45 a.m. Public Comment open: No comments
11:46 a.m. Public Comment closed

(Discussion of previous motion continues regarding proposed resolution)
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried

12:02 p.m. Break for Lunch
1:35 p.m. Meeting resumed

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution # 040906-03 Appropriation of Funds for the 2007 Operating Budgets and Restatement of Funding Allocation for the 2007 Fiscal Year.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution # 040906-04 Prohibiting Policies that discriminate against Tribal Members with long hair.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution # 040906-05 approval of Four Directions Video Content.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution # 040906-06 Prohibiting Employment Policies that Discriminate against Tribal Citizens.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader

Law-yes
Motion carried

2:37 p.m. Recess called.
2:49 p.m. Meeting resumed

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to place the Michele Chingwa Education Assistance Act on the Legislative Agenda.
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 2 Absent (Councilor Roberts, Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

4:00 p.m. Public Comment Opened: Andrew Stich, Denise Petoskey
4:04 p.m. Public Comment Closed

4:38 p.m. Recess called.
4:46 P.M. Meeting resumed.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept the Executives verbal and written report.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Secretary Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution # 040906-07 for Funding Notification by Mail and Luncheon for 2006 Annual Tribal Membership Meeting.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution # 040906-08 for Funding Travel to NCAI Mid-Year and 63rd Annual Convention for NCAI Youth Delegates and Chaperones.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried

Chairman Ettawageshik introduces guest Jim Mclurken and his associate Russ Overton, on Tribal History Projects.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Roberts to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Membership dated March 28, 2006, approving a total of 25 individuals.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve Enrollment List B - Declination (Ineligible) dated March 28, 2006, declining 3 individuals.
Vote: 6 Yes, 2 No (Councilor McNamara, Councilor Harrington, Jr.), 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr. to approve the Michelle Chingwa Policy number EXEC-ED 150-00.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to accept the Legislative Leaders Report, written and verbal for April 09, 2006.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to accept the Treasurers verbal report of April 09, 2006, as given by Treasurer Oldman.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley for Tribal Council attendance at a Special Work Session for Committees, Board's, and Commissions Statute, and Membership Statute on April 21, 2006, the Children's Code, Juvenile Code, and Domestic Violence Statute on May 19, 2006, and the May 13, 2006, Membership Meeting.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr. to reject receipt of the nomination for Chief Judge from the Executive.
Vote: 4 Yes, 4 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion fails

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to acknowledge the receipt of nomination of Chief Judge from the Executive.
Vote: 4 Yes, 4 No, Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion fails

6:41 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Roberts to adjourn.
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried

These minutes have been read and approved as written:
Approved:
Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2006

June 10 Work Session
June 11 Council Meeting
June 24 Work Session
June 25 Council Meeting

July 8 Work Session
July 9 Council Meeting
July 22 Work Session
July 23 Council Meeting

ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE TRIBAL COURT ROOM LOCATED AT 7500 ODAWA CIRCLE, HARBOR SPRINGS

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1,000 strikeouts and throw 65 mph by my senior year."

Sue said Lisa Fernandez is a good pitcher and player for Andi to look up to because Fernandez is a versatile player who is a good pitcher, position player and hitter.

When she is not pitching, Andi usually plays shortstop or left field.

"Lisa Fernandez is the complete package because she can play anywhere," Sue said. "It helps to play many positions because colleges like to recruit players who give them a lot of options. Hitters are surprised when they face Andi. They don't expect that kind of speed from a freshman pitcher. One thing I've always stressed to her is she has to handle the pressure of being a pitcher. There's a lot of pressure on your shoulders as a pitcher, but she's grown up to handle that well."

Andi said she loves pressure-

packed situations.

"The pressure makes the game more exciting and fun," Andi said. "A lot of people expect me to throw hard and I like having that challenge."

Andi admits she feels pressure being Sue's daughter, but Andi said she is used to it.

"It's something I've always grown up with because my mom was known for being a good hitter and pitcher," Andi said. "I feel the most pressure to hit well because my mom was known for hitting home runs. I'm always working to improve my swing."

Andi, whose fastball is consistently in the 58 to 63 mph range, has three main pitches: fastball, change-up and rise ball. She also throws a drop ball.

As a sixth-grader, Andi was already throwing a 55 mph fastball.

"She's always had the power even when she was little," Sue

said of Andi, who started to pitch when she was eight. "She thought it was the neatest thing in the world. She loves the thrill of striking someone out, but I told her she had to have control also.

"With the fastball she has, she freezes hitters when she throws her other pitches."

Andi is working on a knuckleball and a screw ball.

"Her hands are small and that makes it tougher to throw those pitches because of the grips they require," Sue said.

Sue uses the same drills with Andi that her father used with her.

"It helped that I went through things first because I know how to best help her because of what I learned from my dad," Sue said. "I'm passing on to her what my dad taught me."

Andi said senior catcher Kelsie August, a four-year varsity

player who is going to play softball at the United States Military Academy at West Point, has helped her.

"Kelsie understands what I am going through on the mound," Andi said.

Said Sue, "Kelsie knows when to come to the mound to talk to her."

Andi played on the Petoskey High School varsity volleyball team as a freshman this past winter although her first love is softball. Like in softball, Andi is a versatile volleyball player who can play any position on the court.

Andi's younger sister Carly, a 12-year-old seventh-grader at Petoskey Middle School, is also an outstanding athlete. Carly has played soccer, volleyball, softball and basketball. Carly, like her sister, is making a name for herself also.

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 Keshick at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520

Lines From Our Membership...

WALKING ON...

Robert Lee Shelton, 80

Robert Lee Shelton, 80, passed away on April 14 in Indianapolis, IN. He was born on Feb. 4, 1926, in Petoskey to Robert Shelton and Alvena (Gibson) Shelton. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Tiny Shelton, sisters Dolores Spencer and Ruth Bottoms and brother Alvin Shelton. Survivors include his second wife Betty (Turner) Shelton, sister Rosemary (Shelton) Baldon, brother Roland Shelton, daughter Wanda (Shelton) Johnson and many nieces and nephews. He retired from Seagram's distillery in Louisville, Ky. He enjoyed carpentry,

fishing, motorcycling, traveling, doing crossword puzzles, and spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

Archie P. Evans, 86

Archie P. Evans, 86, passed away on April 30 in Kalamazoo. He was born on Feb. 25, 1920, in Good Hart. He was the son of Sam and Ida (Gibson) Evans. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife Veena, three brothers and three sisters. He is survived by his close friends Fred and Martin Reinhardt, Sue Meint, Dick Nickels

and Jennie Cekander.

Elliott Hughes, 27

Elliott Hughes, 27, passed away on April 22. He was born on April 21, 1979. He was the son of Raymond and Allie (Gasco) Hughes. He graduated from Pellston High School and he took courses at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. He is survived by his wife Robin L. Leach, his son Gabriel, his stepchildren Alex and Chelsea, his parents, two brothers Clint and Jeremy, his sister Melissa and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

IN REMEMBRANCE

A FRIEND NOT FORGOTTEN

By **Tom Gould**, Surveillance Manager at Victories Casino and Hotel

Elliott Hughes, 27, was a friend, a member of the surveillance department at Victories Casino and a tribal member. Hughes epitomized the word curious. I met Elliott when he was 15 and he had a tremendous drive to learn even at that young age. We would talk about everything. We developed a good relationship right away. Little did I know then that I would work with him 12 years later at Victories Casino.

In November 2002, we hired him as a security officer at the casino and he worked his way up through the ranks to assistant supervisor and eventually, supervisor. He spent most of his time on the midnight shift, the busiest time in the casino. His most important duty was emptying the machines of cash and coins and transporting

them to the vault. He was a stickler for detail and he handled his job professionally.

During his time in security, he would come to my office in the morning before he got off work to talk. His curiosity finally got the best of him and he sat down to ask me about the surveillance department. He wondered how hard it would be to get hired as an operator. I responded by saying, "The only way you will find out is to put in for the job and be selected in the interview process." He applied for the position four times before he was selected. I welcomed him by saying, "Welcome to the intersanctum of the surveillance world."

Elliott was a fun-loving guy who thought the world of his family and especially of his son Gabe. He

leaves a great legacy for his family to follow, love and be loved. As I drove to his sacred fire on a cloudy Monday evening, I saw a large bird circling at the top of Robinson Road hill. I stopped my car and I looked up to the heavens. At that point, a ray of sun came through the clouds and I saw the beautiful white head of a bald eagle. As quickly as the sun appeared, it left, leaving the majestic creature to circle once more and disappear over the horizon in the wind currents above. I know it was a messenger from my friend telling me that he is all right and to not worry. I had to write this story so his family and friends will know that he is with the Creator. Elliott was a good surveillance operator and he is now doing the same thing for the Creator, watching over all of us.

This is for all who helped with the funeral ceremony of Elliott Hughes who walked on April 22. With the sudden nature of his death, our family was stunned and wholly unprepared to deal with a tragedy of this magnitude. As the multitudes of people kept coming and going for those first few days, I could tell it meant the world to mom and it helped her start to cope with the tragedy. As soon as word got out, the fire was started and continued for four days. Many thanks go out to all involved with keeping the fire going. I know many of the fire keepers

stayed all night long, even with jobs to go into the morning. Thanks to all of them and the friends and family who kept the food coming to feed everyone. Special thanks go out to Sam, Jan, and Pauline Worthington for not only starting and keeping the fire going, but also for providing the coffee necessary to keep the men going.

A very special thanks go out to the drummers. You made us feel connected to everybody who attended the funeral. Thanks go out to the Charles G. Parks funeral home for handling the wake and funeral with

such professionalism. Thank you LTBB for covering the costs of the funeral. We don't know how we would have done it without your help. Thanks also to Valerie, Kasha, Tania and friends for providing all the food after the services.

Most of all, thank you one and all for your support and prayers for us through this whole ordeal. Standing room only at the church was testament to the impact Elliott made in so many of our lives.

Chi Megwetch from the bottom of our hearts.

The Hughes family.

MIIGWECH

The Elders Association thanks everyone who submitted photos for the 2007 Elders Veterans calendar. It will be on sale at the 15th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow on August 12-13.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy belated birthdays to **Joe Petoskey** and **Donna Newton**. Happy 92nd birthday to **Jim Petoskey** on June 14. From Bob Petoskey.



Happy first birthday to our baby boy **Talon Pirsein** on June 12. We love you.

Mom and Dad.

Happy birthday to our mother **Oralee Stevens**. From your son and daughter.

MinoDibishkaan! Noshenh, Aanzhenii Starr Bigjohn, Mdaaswe Biboonigiza; Nzigozis Carol Jean

McFall; Nwiikaane'ak Johnny B. McFall miinwa Curtis McFall, Sr.; miidash nshiimenhan bazigiman Theresa Chingwa. Aapidji Gzaagigoom!

Happy belated 15th birthday to **Ashley Marie Gasco**. Love, Mom, Austin and family.

Happy birthday to **Jim L. Hosford** on June 14. Have a great day. From your up north aunts Marian and Pat.

Happy birthday to **Aunt Carol McFall**. We all love you. The Boultons.

CONGRATULATIONS

Matt Lesky, LTBB attorney, and Cheryl Kishigo, controller in the accounting department, were married last month. Congratulations.

Congratulations to the Victories Casino women's bowling team for finishing first in a Boyne City league. Members are Regina Gasco-Bentley, Arlene Naganashe, Carla Wesaw, Julie Lent, Sheri Patton, Marcia Sutton and Mandy Ragland.

Congratulations to Max Field for earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from Michigan State University. Your family is very proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad and Jay.

Congratulations to our family members who graduated from Grand Valley State University in April. Nathan Bauer, the son of Cory and Don Bauer, graduated

with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. Samantha Foltz, the daughter of Tina and Mark Foltz, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Special Education. They are the grandchildren of Richard and Marion Smith. Good luck in everything you do! Love, the Foltzs, Bauers, Faustmanns, Kirchoffs and Smiths.

Congratulations to Jesse Oldman on his graduation from Harbor Springs High School. You made us proud, especially during your basketball games. We will miss going to the games, but hopefully, we will see you and Greg (Oldman) play for Kalamazoo Community College next year.

With Love, Mom, Dad and the whole Oldman Clan.