



ODAWA TRAILS



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WELCOME TO YOUR ODAWA CASINO RESORT



LTBB Tribal Citizens admire the unique design of Odawa Casino Resort on June 20.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

The months of anticipation were finally over.

On February 13, 2006, LTBB announced the start of construction on a \$141.3 million casino project later named Odawa Casino Resort.

After 16 months of construction, a soft opening for LTBB Tribal Citizens and invited guests was held June 20, 2007 in Petoskey, MI.

Tribal elders cut red ribbons before LTBB Tribal Citizens entered the new facility, which opened to the public later that day.

"It will be a historic moment when we open the door to this facility," Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik said before LTBB Tribal Citizens entered Odawa Casino Resort for the first time. "We will remember this day. We will remember the memories and stories."

Odawa Casino Resort's grand opening was held July 25. As part of the grand opening festivities, Bill Cosby headlined two shows on July 25 at Ovation Hall, which seats 1,000 theater-style and 500 banquet-style. (Editor's note: Due to deadline constraints, coverage of the grand opening will appear in the September issue

of *Odawa Trails*.)

"Our ancestors worked hard to get us here," Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. said. "It has been a long journey to arrive at this moment. It is a celebration of their hard work."

With the opening of the facility, Odawa Casino Resort became Petoskey's second-largest employer with 967 team members. This does not include those employed on the LTBB Governmental side, at Bell's Fishery in Mackinaw City, MI, at Bi-indigen Convenience Store and Gas Station in Petoskey and the LTBB Head Start Center in Pellston, MI.

During the soft opening ceremony, Tribal Council Secretary Melvin A. Kiogima said, "Frank's (Ettawageshik, the Tribal Chairman) vision was we could do better than Victories Casino (opened on July 16, 1999, closed on August 31, 1999 until the land could be put in trust, reopened on January 26, 2000 and closed on June 18). He was right."

"We have come a long way to be the second-largest employer. Be proud of what we have accomplished, but we have only begun to make a difference in this area."

The 300,000-square foot facility has 1,500 slot machines, 30 table games, six poker tables, the O Zone



Tribal elders participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony at Odawa Casino Resort.

nightclub that opened on June 28, the Quill Shop (a gift shop), the Rendezvous Lounge, Waas-No-De' Buffet, Copper Cafe', Sage Restaurant, Ovation Hall, high stakes gaming rooms and a VIP Players Lounge. The facility is open 24 hours a day.

Clark Construction built Odawa Casino Resort, and Leo A. Daly Architects designed it.

"This facility is like nothing else in the state," Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Barry Milligan said. "It will set us apart. We wanted it to be the best it could be."

"We don't have a bowling alley anymore (Victories Casino was con-

verted from a bowling alley), we have a beautiful facility."

John Wernet, Deputy Legal Counsel to Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and her liaison to the tribes, was an invited guest at the soft opening ceremony.

"It's astounding what this community has accomplished in a relatively short amount of time," Wernet said. "The rest of the state can learn from what you have accomplished."

In an editorial that ran on June 20 in the *Petoskey News-Review*, it said, "This is more than a casino. This

"Opening" continued on page 11.

COMMUNITY CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY AT WAH-WAHS-NOO-DA-KE



(Left to Right) Elders Program Coordinator Marie "Tootsie" Miller and Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law at the community center groundbreaking ceremony.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

On June 28, approximately 50 people attended a groundbreaking

ceremony for the community center at Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke housing site in Harbor Springs, MI.

According to Tribal Resolution #050607-03, Tribal Council appropriated \$400,000 for the community center now being constructed by Robert T. Cole Inc., which is based in Traverse City, MI. It is scheduled to be completed by October 25.

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik opened the ceremony by singing a Directions song.

Following Ettawageshik's song, the colors were posted by Richard Wemigwase (eagle staff), Richard Snake (eagle staff) and Margaret Gasco (LTBB flag).

Leonard "Joe" Mitchell and Anthony Davis then performed a pipe ceremony.

The Woodland Singers (Mari-



(Left to Right) Richard Wemigwase, Margaret Gasco and Richard Snake posed with the colors after the community center groundbreaking ceremony.

lyn Hume, Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Veronica Medicine,

"Groundbreaking" continued on page 4.

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Being Odawa is all about Freedom

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

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

Dwendziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'aana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendziwin miinwa wiimnaadendziyin. Gdabendaana dbendziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaanijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mmoaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin. nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinana. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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

The deadline for the September issue of Odawa Trails is July 23. You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions to newsletter@ltbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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10 inches	1 col. x 10 in. \$40	\$34.00 \$32.00 \$30.00	2 col. x 10 in. \$80	\$68.00 \$64.00 \$60.00	3 col. x 10 in. \$120	\$102.00 \$96.00 \$90.00	4 col. x 10 in. \$160	\$136.00 \$128.00 \$120.00	5 col. x 10 in. \$200	\$160.00 \$150.00 \$140.00
11 inches	1 col. x 11 in. \$44	\$37.40 \$35.20 \$33.00	2 col. x 11 in. \$88	\$74.80 \$70.40 \$66.00	3 col. x 11 in. \$132	\$112.20 \$105.60 \$99.00	4 col. x 11 in. \$176	\$147.20 \$139.20 \$131.20	5 col. x 11 in. \$220	\$176.00 \$165.00 \$154.00
12 inches	1 col. x 12 in. \$48	\$40.80 \$38.40 \$36.00	2 col. x 12 in. \$96	\$81.60 \$76.80 \$72.00	3 col. x 12 in. \$144	\$122.40 \$115.20 \$108.00	4 col. x 12 in. \$192	\$153.60 \$144.00 \$135.00	5 col. x 12 in. \$240	\$192.00 \$178.00 \$168.00
13 inches	1 col. x 13 in. \$52	\$44.20 \$41.60 \$39.00	2 col. x 13 in. \$104	\$88.40 \$83.20 \$78.00	3 col. x 13 in. \$156	\$132.60 \$124.80 \$117.00	4 col. x 13 in. \$208	\$165.60 \$154.40 \$143.20	5 col. x 13 in. \$272	\$208.00 \$192.00 \$180.00
14 inches	1 col. x 14 in. \$56	\$47.60 \$44.80 \$42.00	2 col. x 14 in. \$112	\$95.20 \$89.60 \$84.00	3 col. x 14 in. \$168	\$142.80 \$134.40 \$126.00	4 col. x 14 in. \$224	\$176.40 \$164.00 \$151.60	5 col. x 14 in. \$288	\$224.00 \$207.00 \$193.60
15 inches	1 col. x 15 in. \$60	\$51.00 \$48.00 \$45.00	2 col. x 15 in. \$120	\$102.00 \$96.00 \$90.00	3 col. x 15 in. \$180	\$153.00 \$144.00 \$135.00	4 col. x 15 in. \$240	\$180.00 \$167.50 \$155.00	5 col. x 15 in. \$320	\$240.00 \$220.00 \$200.00
16 inches	1 col. x 16 in. \$64	\$54.40 \$51.20 \$48.00	2 col. x 16 in. \$128	\$108.80 \$102.40 \$96.00	3 col. x 16 in. \$192	\$163.20 \$153.60 \$144.00	4 col. x 16 in. \$256	\$196.80 \$185.60 \$174.40	5 col. x 16 in. \$320	\$256.00 \$232.00 \$208.00

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Departments & Programs

Department of Commerce

Tax Agreement Information

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

Department of Commerce

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (6% of retail price)
2. Use Tax (6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Single Business Tax (1.9 % of the applicable tax base)
5. *Motor Fuel Tax (32 cents per gallon unleaded and 28 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. *Tobacco Product Tax (\$2 per pack of cigarettes)

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

- The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.
- The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

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

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

Tribally Owned Businesses Sought

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce (DOC) is putting together a database of tribally owned businesses. If you are an owner or partner of a tribally owned business, please send the following information to the DOC: name of business, type of business, where it's located (business address), phone numbers, e-mail address and website information. Tribal citizens who've filed a DBA with the DOC will automatically be included. Please feel free to send me the information in any of the following formats: Business cards, letterhead, brochures and/or flyers. Please mail all inquiries (either by e-mail, snail mail, or fax) to:

Department of Commerce
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Fax number: 231-242-1599

Business Registration Certificate (DBA) Filed

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

During the month of June 2007, the following Tribal Citizen(s) filed a DBA through the Department of Commerce:

H³ located in Petoskey, MI, filed by Meredith Henry.

FOSTER CARE HELP NEEDED

Foster parents, individuals or families, are urgently needed to provide permanent and temporary foster care for our tribal children.

If you can:

- Provide love and guidance
- Help maintain our native cultural values and teachings for a foster child.

And you are willing to:

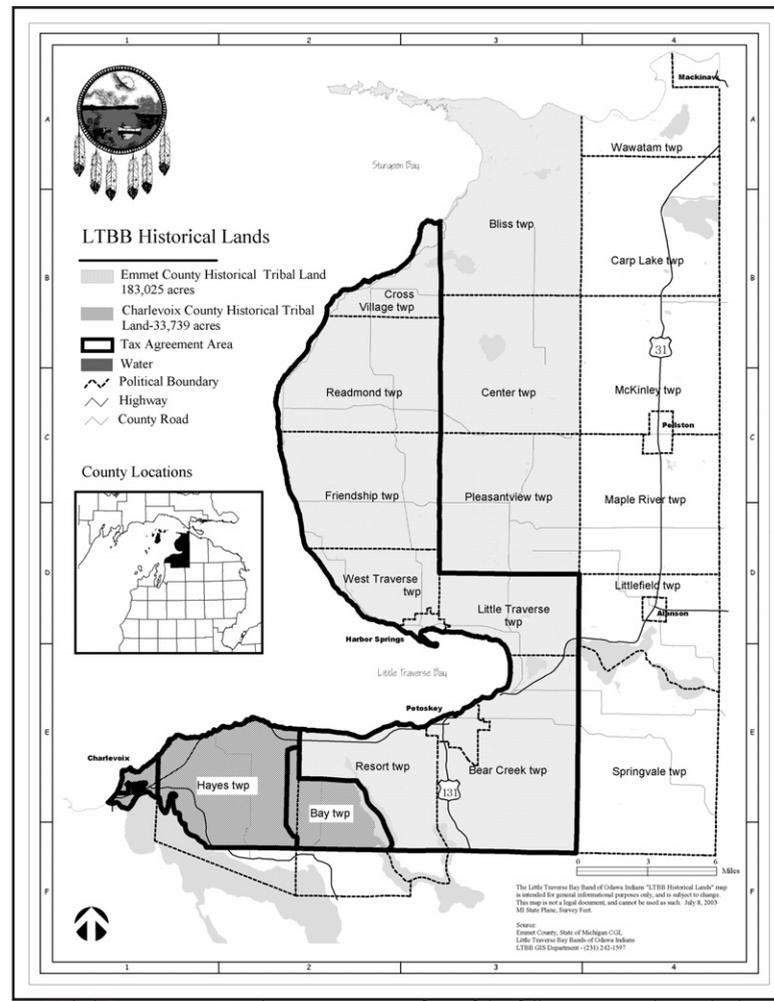
- Obtain background check clearances.

Please contact the LTBB Social Services Program, Human Services Department, at 231-242-1623 for more information.

The Department of Commerce would like to remind the membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement. First of all, I cannot express how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. This must be done in writing.

Being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt. There is a form that needs to be filled out, Tribal Form 3996, which is available at our office located at 1345 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI; and for those RTM's with Internet access, on the State of Michigan website noted at the end of this article. These are mailed out on a quarterly basis to the State of Michigan during the first week of January, April, July and October. Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a **Utility Provider Survey**, please contact our office, and we will be happy to get one to you. These are available on LTBB's P-Drive, so



any Tribal Government Employee can print one for you.

Another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area, your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month. **Example:** I moved to Petoskey, MI, which is in the Tax Agreement Area, on September 5, 2006. My RTM status began October 1, 2006. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible. If you plan to purchase a vehicle or remodel, please wait until after the

first of the following month in which you moved. Otherwise, your refund will be denied by the State.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at: http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1748_23287--,00.html

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I may be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or at tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

The Tax Agreement Area map appears courtesy of GIS Director Alan Proctor.

Elder Birthdays

August 1

Virginia Thomson

August 2

Mary Brimacombe
Harry Gasco
William Keway
Patricia Prendeville

August 3

Gertrude Chingwa
Harvey Gibson
Karin Truman

August 4

Lorain Cloutier

August 5

Mildred Kenney
Frank Kequom
Tracy LaCroix
Joseph Naganashe
Ralph Shawanibin
Randall Stine

August 6

Carol Quinones
Jeanette St. Clair

August 8

Doris Adams
Richard Smith

August 9

Loretta Antoine
Mary Clearing-Sky
Amelia Fritz
Linda Gasco

August 10

Rosemary Baldon
Nancy Biss
Alice Honson

August 11

Betty Christensen

August 12

Mozel Baker, Jr.
Alvina Ruth

August 14

James Deckrow
Robert Dominic
Janice Webb

August 15

Dale Cutler, Sr.

August 16

Alice Arthur
Frederick Blowers
Mary Evans
John Kewaygoshkum

August 17

Leonard "Joe" Mitchell
Joan Ornelas
Joan Robinson
Carla Greensky-Luokkala

August 19

Dianna Naganashe

August 20

Lillian Ervin
Leonard Kosequat
Darlene Sholes

August 21

Lonna Israel
John Keshick II
Clarence Sebeck

August 22

Margaret Compo
Burton Engstrom
Susan Swadling

August 23

Shirlee Coombe

Sharon Merkel

August 24

Sandra Russell

Julia Tanner

August 25

Deborah Martin

August 26

Kathryn Bartlett

Richard Bottoms

Judith Drogmiller

August 27

Velma Bartlett

Arlene Roussin

Leonard Zehe

August 28

Bonnie Landwehr

Betty Stendel

August 29

James Stokes

August 30

Bernadine Campbell

August 31

Benjamin DeMoines

Joseph Miron, Jr.

Language Program

At the Pow Wow



Submitted by the Language Program

wanganiing emaanjidijik, na'ii zhinkaademigad maanda, jingtamok. Baatiinwok eniimijik pii biindigegaa'ad. Noonj zhinakdenoon eniimijik baaskoomwaajin. Aapiji gwa gwetaanaazok gchi-anishinaabe ezhi-gaajik. Aapijigwa gitchinokiiwok enigaangaajik zaam gizhaate gwajiing. Niibna nibiish mnegwena'aa. Kina gwaya gaaskinaabaagwe, genwaamjigejik gegwa. Naangwadnoong menwaagimik mnikwena'aa. Miige maanda pii zaasokwaadenh mnaap-gook, nibwaajidiing gwajiing. Baatiinwak ezhkimaadzjik enkweshdaadjik maanda pii. Aapiji

Enji-Jiingtamok

Ensa ngo-boon baatiinwok shk-



gwa minwendaagwaziwok. Binooji-inhak ge minwendaagwaziwok widokdaadwaad enji miishkoonhskaag. Noonj gwaji kwaamak kwewok nbwaajidwaad. Kina gwaya zhoomiingweni ewaamaad. Kina gwaya baashigendaan maanda Anishinaabe bimaadiziwin.

Translation

Every year, there are many com-



munities that gather together; this is called a pow wow. There are many

dancers during grand entry. The dancers wear different outfits. The traditional dancers have vibrant colors. The head dancers work really hard because it is hot outside. They drink a lot of water. Everybody gets thirsty even the spectators. Sometimes, they drink soft drinks. This is also when the frybread tastes really good, visiting outside. There are many young people, who meet each other at this time. They really have a lot of fun. The children



also have fun playing with each other in the grassy areas. You see in different areas, women visiting each other. You see everybody smiling. Everybody likes this Anishinaabe way of life. Photos by Annette VanDeCar and Aaron Wayne Otto.

Wenesh waakidiyin enji-jiingtamok? (What will you say at the pow wow?)

Aanii, Boozhoo
Aaniish na?
Nishin.
Nminoyaa.
Aapiji gwa Nishin.
Giindash? Aaniish na gegii?
Nishin gwa genii.
Aapiish gdonimadab?
Wiidabamshin.
Wijiishwin.
Nbakade.
Gbakade na?
Aambe, owiisinidaa!
Minapagwat.
Ndepsinii.
Zhiitaan.
Biiskonyen.
Kadenmoshin miinjisan.
Maanda biiskan.
Naadamoshin.
Wewiipaan.
Baabiishin.
Niimidaa!
Ndakenmishin!
Gminwaabimiginagwaz!
Waaninaagwazi.
Wijigaamshin.
NitaaNiimi.
Aanskonyen.
Giizhiitaa na?
Aambe giwedaa.
Baamaampii
Kawaabmin.
Aapiji kiiminwendaagwazimi!
Gzaagin.

Hi, Hello, Greetings.
How are you?
I am good.
I am fine.
I'm great.
And, you also? How are you?
I am also good.
Where are you sitting?
Sit with me.
Come with me.
I'm hungry.
Are you hungry?
Come on, let's go and eat.
It tastes good.
I am full.
Get ready.
Get dressed.
Braid my hair.
Put this on.
Help me.
Hurry.
Wait for me.
Let's dance.
Check me out!
You look good!
She (or he) is cute.
Dance with me.
He (or she) is a good dancer.
Change your clothes.
Are you ready?
Come on, let's go home.
Later.
I'll see you.
What a great time we had!
I love you.

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



"Groundbreaking" continued from cover.

Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Jannan Cornstalk and Andrea Otto) performed.

Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima said a prayer in Odawa followed by a water ceremony performed by Medicine.

Ettawageshik, Housing Director John Givens, Tribal Administrator

Albert Colby, Jr. and Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law all spoke.

Tribal community citizens then spoke. They included Mitchell, Kishigo-Booth, Medicine, Debbie Martin, Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Roy Smithkey and Davis.

Mitchell said, "This is the start of a new day. I remember when we (LTBB) didn't have anything. We have come a long way. I wish my mother and father were here, but I know all the old ones are here with us now. We are here today because of what they did."

Kiogima, a Housing Commissioner, along with five children then dug the first shovels of dirt for the project. They were followed by tribal elders, Ettawageshik representing the Executive Branch, Law representing the Legislative Branch, Miller representing the Elders Program, Colby, Jr. representing Tribal Administration, Givens and Gasco both representing the Housing Department and other tribal community members.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Tribal community citizens like Roy Smithkey (with the shovel) were encouraged to participate in the community center groundbreaking ceremony.



August 2007 Peacemaking Advisory Committee and Peacemaking Training Session

August 14 Peacemaking Advisory Committee Meeting 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the courtroom

August 28 Peacemaking Training Session 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the courtroom.

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

Health Department

IMPORTANT FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE

I.H.S. - CHS coverage is not automatic. You must be registered with CHS. Should you have an emergency situation requiring you to obtain care at a non- I.H.S. facility such as urgent care or the emergency room, you must notify the CHS office at 231-242-1600 within 72 hours of that visit. If you fail to do so, you will be held responsible for the bill.

Eligibility Criteria:

- You must reside in the Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA).
- Be an enrolled member or descendent of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians or be able to prove social or economic ties to the community.
- A Native American claiming eligibility for CHS has the responsibility to furnish the tribal program with documentation to substantiate

the claim.

- You must have an active and complete file with Contract Health before a reference number can be given.

Remember!!!!

Indian Health Service Contract Health is not an entitlement program - not everyone is eligible. Know your status before obtaining services.

Referrals:

Physicians write referrals when patients need medical care that is not available in the Tribal Clinic. A referral is not an implication the care will be paid by CHS. A patient must meet eligibility criteria, medical priorities and use all alternate resources available.

If a referral is denied for CHS payment, the patient may elect to obtain medical services at his or her own expense. In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one medical appointment. Please call Contract Health Services at 231-242-1600

prior to any follow-up appointments for approval to make sure your coverage is still in effect.

Alternate Resources:

Contract Health Service is the payer of last resort. When a patient has Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Assistance, Workman's compensation, private insurance or any other coverage, it is considered the primary carrier.

Priority system:

Medical referrals are approved for payment by a priority system.

The system has highest priority to approve conditions related to life saving or potential death threatening situations, then we approve by severity of condition.

The amount of funding we receive for CHS services is limited. When we run out of money toward the end of the year, then we have to be very strict on referral approvals and may only have the funds to pay for emergency conditions.

LTBB HAWKS BASKETBALL

Submitted by the **Community Health Department**

The LTBB Hawks basketball season will begin on September 8. The age divisions offered are boys and girls 13 and under and 14-18. All participants must be enrolled and ac-

tively pursuing an education and complete the appropriate forms. A sports physical must be on file prior to participating in the first scheduled game. If your children would like to participate, please contact Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601 for more information.



HEALTHY ANISHNAABE WOMEN'S HEALTH GRANT PROJECT

Submitted by the **Community Health Department**

The LTBB Community Health Department staff would like to invite tribal women elders, LTBB Head Start Program and community member mothers to participate in regalia making classes on August 7, August 21, September 4 and September 11 from 2-6 p.m. at the Community Health Department located at 1080 Hager Drive in Petoskey, MI.

During the course of the classes, Community Health Coordinator Michele Keshick and STEPS Health Educator Regina Brubacker will provide health education on healthy lifestyle topics.

The objective is for the participants, as a service to the community, will be able to make the different styles of dance regalia for the LTBB Head Start children. The end result will be knowledge gained of how to make different styles of dance regalia,

and the inspiration to then make regalia for their families.

In addition, each class will teach different aspects of making healthier lifestyle choices for themselves, children and families.

People who fully participate on completion of the project will receive materials to make one dance regalia. Please call Cathy Gibson at 231- 242-1601 to sign up for the class.

ATTENTION TRIBAL CITIZENS

The Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance (MCEA) scholarship program has recently incurred some revisions. There has been a new Tribal Resolution, 070807-02, which was passed by Tribal Council and signed by the Executive, which changes the scholarship levels. Please note **as of August 1, 2007**, all students enrolled at a community college and/or a four-year college or university will be awarded the MCEA scholarship at the rate of **\$200 per credit hour** up to a maximum of 18 credit hours, and all students enrolled in graduate level courses will be awarded the MCEA scholarship at the rate of **\$400 per credit hour** up to a maximum of 12 credit hours.

Additionally, *interim* MCEA scholarship regulations have been approved by the Executive, which identifies the beginning of each academic year as August 1. Please note these regulations also state check processing for MCEA awards will begin on or after the designated August 1 date. Therefore, scholarship applications received before this date for the fall semester will be held for processing until August 1. The interim regulations also identify a student must submit his or her most recent grade report with his or her MCEA application. Students cannot be more than one semester or semester equivalent delinquent in submitting their grade reports as the Education Department must be able to verify cumulative grade point average in accordance with the MCEA statute.

For copies of the above resolution(s) and regulations, please visit the LTBB website at www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov or contact the Education Department at 231-242-1480.

For questions or clarifications, please contact Higher Education Student Services Coordinator Melissa Colby or Education Director Melissa Claramunt.

Legislative Corner

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I truly hope by the time you read this article, you will have had a chance to visit our new Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. My heartfelt appreciation goes out to all those who helped by participating in and attending the June 20 Special Tribal Citizenship Opening and Ceremonies. I was honored to have the opportunity to thank the many, many people, who have worked so hard to make the Odawa Casino Resort dream a reality. As you may be aware, Tribal Council began this endeavor three years ago with the purchase of the land, the approval of the land into trust, appropriation of funding, approving contracts with the architects and the construction contractor as well as establishing the Work Group to get the project started. We, the Tribal Council, could not have done all of this without you, the Tribal Citizens. So, Chi-Miigwech goes out to you, the Tribal Citizens, the most important part of this venture.

As we continue to move forward and carry out the duties and responsibilities under our Constitution, Tribal Council disapproved the Citizenship Regulations this last month that were developed by the Executive and presented to Tribal Council for approval or disapproval (under Article III, D (3) of the LTBB Constitution). Although Tribal Council agreed with a substantive portion of the regulations, Tribal Council found the regulations still required some necessary improvements. They were separation of Constitutional language from non-quoted Constitutional language, some reformatting issues, development of administrative procedures and clarification of terminology.

These suggestions were sent back to the Executive, and Tribal Council is now awaiting resubmission for ap-

proval.

Another regulation submitted for Tribal Council approval was the Tribal Minimum Internal Control Standards (T.M.I.C.S.). These standards ensure the tribe is operating the casino in accordance with the National Indian Gaming standards and state and tribal compacts for the LTBB gaming operations. Tribal Council approved these standards for enactment by the Executive.

Tribal Council also passed a resolution for the Authorization for Execution of Amendments to Tax Agreement. Among these amendments includes one where those living outside the tax agreement area can now also get tax exemption for building a home within the tax agreement area even if you will not be living there until construction of the home is completed.

Please remember if you are in the area on a Tribal Council meeting weekend, held twice a month, *Work Sessions are held on Saturdays and Tribal Council Meetings are held on Sundays*, feel free to stop in. Our calendar of meeting dates can be found in *Odawa Trails* as well as on the LTBB website at <http://www.ltbbo-dawa-nsn.gov>.

We are holding a Legislative Branch Public Open House on August 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. See accompanying flyer.

We now have our own direct toll free number, 1-866-927-0077. This number will get you directly to the Legislative Office. As always, we are interested in hearing from you.

Miigwech, Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law and Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT
WILL HOLD A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ON

AUGUST 10
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

At the LTBB Governmental Center
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Please come and visit the Legislative Offices and learn about the functions of the

three branches of government: Legislative, Executive and Judiciary

- UPDATES FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
- OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT AND ASK QUESTIONS
- VIEW TRIBAL VIDEOS
- HANDOUTS AND MATERIALS
- LEARNING GAMES FOR ALL AGES WITH PRIZES
- REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Enrollment Office Closed August 8

The Enrollment Office will be closed August 8 due to a meeting covering enrollment issues with the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan.

Archives, Records & Cultural Preservation

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CITIZENS ENJOY SWEET GRASS PICKING TIME



Submitted by the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department

The Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department hosted Sweet Grass Picking Time on June 6.

This session featured our largest group so far with 12 participants. Some of the sweet grass pickers were first timers and the rest returnees. The group caravanned to the site. Before cutting the sweet grass, the participants were told to put tobacco down, giving thanks for the opportunity to receive this natural gift.

Instructions were given on how to identify, cut, clean and bundle the sweet grass. Before the group started to leave, the participants were told how to do the heat curing process for the sweet grass and why it was impor-



tant to do the process.

After lunch, we returned to the field to resume picking. A sweet grass song was sung.

LTBB's video producer Rebecca Glotfelty videotaped the event and Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Administrative Assistant

Mike Lyons took pictures of it.

Every year, sweet grass pickers are encouraged to:



Put tobacco down.

Pick for those elders and infirm, who are not able to get to the field.

Pick for our spiritual leaders for use in their ceremonies.

Teach our young people how to



pick and use the plants.

Pick and take only what they are going to use.



Take root stock and transplant sweet grass on tribal property.

Once a person has learned the sweet grass experience, it becomes their responsibility to teach another individual, thus, "passing on" a cultural way.

The sweet grass should be picked before the Fourth of July because after July 4, insects get into the grass, chew the leaves and lay eggs,



causing the leaves to start turning brown.

Another plant growing at the sweet grass field is mint, spreading



throughout the field. Everyone was shown how to pick, clean, bundle and prepare it for drying. Mint makes a great tea in the wintertime. This year's outing was early in the season. The ideal time in the northern Michi-



gan area to pick sweet grass is around the third week in June.

Photos by Mike Lyons.

Environmental Services

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Waabishka-aanakwod Kwe nizhnikaaaz Makwa nidoodem Waa-ganaksing Odawa nidoonigiiba Anishnaabe Kwe inidaaw.

My spirit name is White Cloud Woman. I am Bear clan, my people are from the shores of the crooked tree, and I am a Native American woman.

Aanii, my name is Krystal Kioqima. In 2004, I started going to school full-time at Lansing Community College and completed some of my required core classes. At that point, I didn't know what field of work I wanted to pursue. After observing my father's job activities, (my father is Archie Kioqima Jr., the LTBB Wildlife Biologist) I concluded this type of job

would be a fun career. In addition, my fiancé, Max Field, has a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management. I have taken an interest in this field of work because of my surroundings. I love being outdoors and not stuck in the office all the time.

In the fall semester of 2007, I have to decide what degree I want to pursue: Biology, Environmental Studies/Science or both. In late May 2007, I became an intern in the Environment Services Department. By accepting this opportunity, this internship will help me to decide which route I want to take in my educational path.

During this internship, I will learn all aspects and projects of the department, but I will focus on work related to water resources. Specifically, I will be doing hands-on office work and in the field work related to the Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program and the Wetland Protection Program.

The primary objective of the

Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program is to establish baseline data for all selected bodies of water within and adjacent to reservation boundaries. The baseline assessment will provide the tribe sound data in creating and adopting tribal uses and standards to protect bodies of water, the opportunity to exercise our sovereignty rights and gives the tribe a greater voice in water issues. We will collect monthly samples from several lakes and streams from May to October, and I will be assisting from June to August. The lake parameters are dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, depth, temperature, total phosphorus, total kjeldahl nitrogen, nitrate/nitrite, chlorophyll *a*, habitat assessments, and macroinvertebrates. I am learning why these

parameters are important to water quality. I am also learning to use equipment such as the Hydrolab to measure a portion of the parameters while the others will require lab analysis. Part of the lab analysis is filtering Chlorophyll *a*, which I have started doing. I have gone to many of the water sites and used the Hydrolab, taken velocity readings using a Marsh McBirney flow meter and collected water samples. The worst part is the mosquitoes, but I will have to get used to it.

I will assist the Wetland Specialist (Jackie Pilette) in aspects of the Wetland Protection Program by conducting habitat and floral surveys, wetland delineations and functional assessments for LTBB wetland properties.

I am enjoying working in the Environmental Services Department, and I have been learning a lot. I believe this experience will help to point me in the right direction in my educational path. *Provided photo.*



GIS Department

Geocaching

By Jim Keiser, GIS Assistant

Aanii LTBB Tribal Citizens! Looking for an outdoor activity for the family that is fun, rather inexpensive, gets the kids outside and is educational? Well, here it is! Geocaching! Whether you are 5 or 95, people of all ages are trekking through the woods these days looking for these hidden treasures. Why? Because geocaching is fun!

Take a look for yourself at www.felias.com/geo. The pictures on this website are of visitors of a geocache called feslope. This cache is just off Pleasantview Road in Harbor Springs, MI. I've assembled some background stuff to help you. I hope this sport caches (get it?) your interest!

What is Geocaching? Source: <http://www.geocaching.com/faq/>

Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game for Global Positioning System (GPS) users. Participating in a cache hunt is a good way to take advantage of the wonderful features and capability of a GPS unit. The basic idea is to have individuals and or-

ganizations set up caches all over the world and share the locations of these caches on the internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates to find the caches. Once found, a cache may provide the visitor with a wide variety of rewards. All the visitor is asked to do is if he or she gets something, he or she should try to leave something for the cache.

What are the rules in Geocaching?

Source: <http://www.geocaching.com/faq/>

Geocaching is a relatively new phenomenon. Therefore, the rules are very simple:

1. Take something from the cache.
2. Leave something in the cache.
3. Write about it in the logbook.

Where you place a cache is up to you.

What is usually in a cache? Source: <http://www.geocaching.com/faq/>

A cache can come in many forms, but the first item should always be the logbook. In its simplest form, a cache can be just a logbook and nothing else. The logbook contains information from the founder of the

cache and notes from the cache's visitors. The logbook can contain much valuable, rewarding and entertaining information. A logbook might contain information about nearby attractions, coordinates to other unpublished caches and even jokes written by



visitors. If you get some information from a logbook, you should give some back. At the very least, you can leave the date and time you visited the cache.

Larger caches may consist of a waterproof plastic bucket placed tastefully within the local terrain. The bucket will contain the logbook and any number of more or less

valuable items. These items turn the cache into a true treasure hunt. You never know what the founder or other visitors of the cache may have left there for you to enjoy. Remember, if you take something, it's only fair for you to leave something in return. Items in a bucket cache could be: Maps, books, software, hardware, compact discs, videos, pictures, money, jewelry, tickets, antiques, tools, games, etc. It is recommended items in a bucket cache be individually packaged in a clear zipped plastic bag to protect them.

Before heading out geocaching, you should go to the Geocaching website at www.geocaching.com and register for free, so you can find more cache locations.

At the time I wrote this article, there were more than 100 registered geocaches within 20 miles of Harbor Springs. Below are some local geocache locations that I downloaded from the website:

The Coaster Catcher (In Transit)

N 45° 32' 12"

W 84° 53' 37"

Feslope2

N 45° 31' 52"

W 84° 53' 38"

Wycamp Creek

N 45° 39' 10"

W 84° 59' 53"

bd's cache on Maple River

N 45° 32' 31"

W 84° 45' 38"

Some hints for navigating:

1. Heading is the direction you are actually traveling; Bearing is the direction you want to travel to reach your waypoint.

2. Esc. Button or quit button always takes you back one screen.

3. If you need help converting units between the website and the GPS units, visit the following webpage, www.csgnet-work.com/gpscoordconv.html, and choose the appropriate converter.

If you need assistance in setting up your GPS unit, visit the LTBB GIS Department website at www.ltbodawa-nsg.gov/GIS/GISDownloads.htm and download the full article or contact the GIS Department at 231-242-1597 (Alan Proctor) or 231-242-1576 (Jim Keiser). We would be happy to help.

HAPPY SEARCHING!!

Housing Department Programs

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

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 lower) and can be used to purchase or refinance 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 citizens 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 citizens, age 55 and older. Please complete application and your name will be placed on our waiting list.

Attention Graduates

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 e-mail your information to mclaramunt@lbbodawa-nsn.gov. We will prepare our invitation list for the August 10 celebration, so be sure to e-mail to mclaramunt@lbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax to 231-242-1491 or call 231-242-1481. 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: _____

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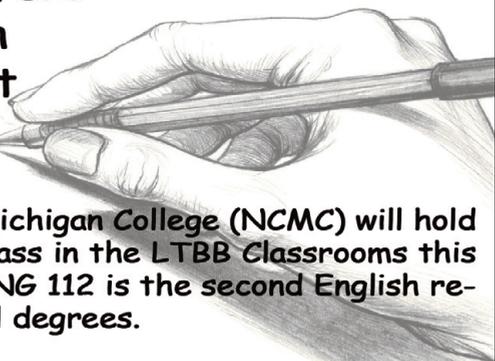
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GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

The Grants and Donations Program is up and running again. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatroluk at 231-242-1420. There are three programs available. Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. Business grants are available for LTBB Tribal Citizens to help with an existing or new business endeavor. Donations are available for native or non-native organizations.

NCMC Offers English Class at LTBB



North Central Michigan College (NCMC) will hold an English 112 class in the LTBB Classrooms this fall semester. ENG 112 is the second English requirement for all degrees.

The class begins the week of September 4 and ends the week of December 17. It will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. with an hour of tutoring available after the class from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information or to register, please contact the Education Department at 231-242-1480 or the Human Resources Department at 231-242-1555. We hope to see a lot of LTBB Tribal Citizens in the class!

LTBB ID CARDS

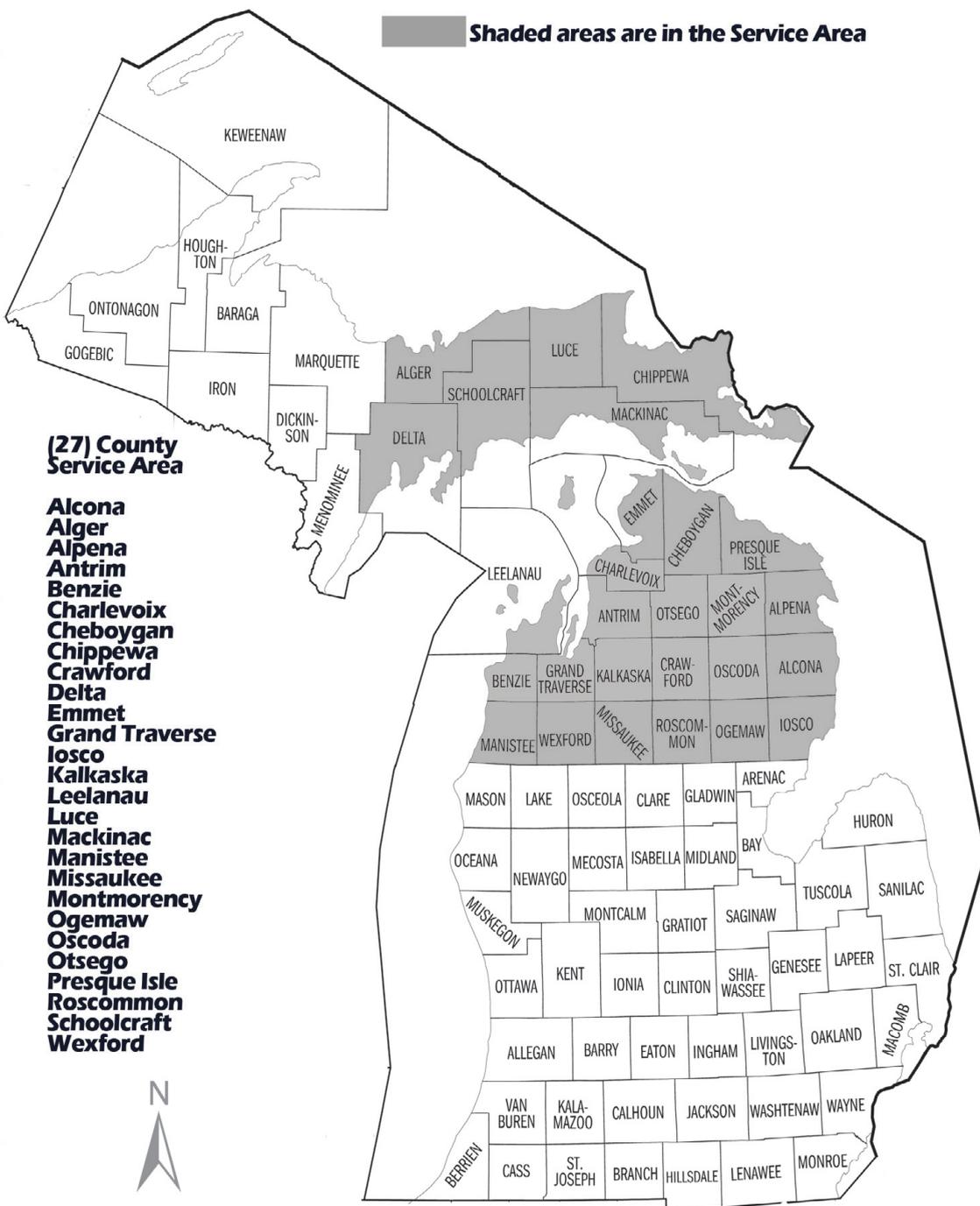
If you live out of state and would like a picture identification card, send us a recent picture of yourself and your signature on white paper with no lines. Please include your date of birth or enrollment number so we can identify you. The identification cards are used at the Biindigen Gas Station for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

If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee 231-242-1521

Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area



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

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Mental Health/Substance Abuse

MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE UPDATE

By **Linda Woods**, Substance Abuse Director

Summer is upon us now. It is good to see the sun and have these wonderful warm days to be out and about. I hope you are all enjoying the summer so far.

First of all, I want to let you know how saddened we are to no longer have David and Amy Kagabintang in our department. Their journey with us is over. Their new journey started with them moving back to Wisconsin where they were before they came here. David Kagabintang came to LTBB in 2001. He worked as a case manager for the Grandmother's Wisdom Program, transferred to the Substance Abuse Program as a Substance Abuse Counselor, and when he graduated with his Masters Degree in Social Work in 2004, he transferred to the Mental Health therapist position.

While he worked here, he made great strides professionally and with his clients. He will be sorely missed in our department. Amy Kagabintang came to us in 2004 as a Project Coordinator of a Department of Justice grant we had, (it ends July 31, 2007) which I described in last month's article. Amy Kagabintang was a tremendous asset to our department with the wonderful work she did in working with local law enforcement and developing the Anishinaabek Perceptions curriculum. She also gave methamphetamine presentations locally. She has a wonderful sense of humor and provided valuable insight and perspective at staff meetings and other events we have had in our department. David Kagabintang provided his valuable insight with the work he did while he was here. We had a special day on June 15 and gave them a good sendoff as they left for Wisconsin. We know they will do good work wherever they go. David Kagabintang got a new job with the Veterans Administration, and Amy Kagabintang returned to her "old" job where she worked before. David and Amy Kagabintang, we miss you!! Miigwech for the wonderful work you did!

This month, I want to describe how very fortunate we are in this department to have Anthony Davis on staff. He started in this department in 2002 as the Traditional Helping Healer, working on a grant to be a cultural link to the community. As that grant ended, he remained working on another grant as the Cultural Advisor, which is what he does now providing much of the same services he did before. Regardless of the title of his position, I want to convey how very valuable he is to this department and to the community to work in the capacity he is in. He is important to both the substance abuse clients and the mental health clients, no matter what age they are. He is our link to the community as he is often out there with you, very visible, very helpful in many ways. He actually uses the *Red Road Approach* in an *Anishnaabe way*. He provides the cultural perspective to counseling as he works with clients and teaches them the values of the Seven Grandfathers (Respect, Love, Truth, Wisdom, Bravery, Honesty and Humility), teachings of the Medicine Wheel, especially using with the 12 Steps of Recovery. He also performs certain ceremonies when he is

called upon to do so. He teaches respect to those who have no self-respect. He uses his skill and insight to address issues that are sometimes painful, but in a way, that is clearly spiritual and kind. He also has a wonderful sense of humor as we hear his laughter ringing out down the hall even when the door to his office is closed. We know the person in there with him is healing at some level. He uses his pipe, tobacco, sage and the sacred plants to heal wounded hearts as he teaches the younger ones about the prayer lodge. He teaches them about their role as a young man or a young woman and other cultural teachings. The children really respond to him and listen when they might not listen to anyone else. It is amazing to watch the interaction.

Medicine Wheel and the 12 Steps of Recovery

When someone is in recovery from substance abuse, and they stop drinking and/or using drugs, there is a 12 Step Program called Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and/or Narcotics Anonymous. The 12 Steps are used to stay clean and sober and to address issues that surface as one is recovering. I will describe each step then describe how the steps fit into the Medicine Wheel concept, which is what Davis uses when he is working with substance abuse clients.

The first three steps were put into the **Waabinong - Eastern** direction of the medicine wheel.

Step 1 – We admitted we were powerless over alcohol/drugs, that our lives had become unmanageable. Beginnings, renewal and light are what are used in the eastern direction of life. When someone starts a new life in recovery, this is the direction he/she will start. Therefore, to start a new life, one must make an admission one is powerless over alcohol and/or drugs by saying "I have a problem." That is the first step. One looks at his/her life and begins to see where life is not what he/she intended it to be. For example, their home life may be in shambles, they are in trouble with the law or they are physically addicted and cannot stop without help. We have in our individual Anishinaabe physical being the knowledge of "Mno-bmaadziwin" or to live a good life. This is because the Creator gave this to us from the start. We have to start over.

Step 2 – We came to believe a greater power could restore us to sanity. We can recognize the spirit within and see the change begin to take place. Everything will start to make sense in

sobriety, and we will begin to see how "crazy" our lives were when we were drinking or using drugs. We begin to see where the Creator will restore us back to the spiritual being we were created to be.

Step 3 – We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him. When the car we are driving begins to lose control in the snow and begins to skid from one side to another, we are told to let go of the steering wheel, slow down, take our foot off the brake and accelerator, and the vehicle will begin to correct itself. So it is with life. If we can surrender control to the Creator, we will learn to live with sobriety. The Creator never intended

achieving humility (one of the Seven Grandfathers). When we admit to another human being, our brother or sister, a friend or a spiritual person about the things we did wrong, it is a very freeing experience. Once more, we can look the world in the eye, and we are once more the spiritual person we were created to be. Knowing the negative part of us is finally out of our spirit, our mind and body is a huge relief. In order to continue walking the Red Road, we must clear away the "wreckage of the past." This step will change us even if others around us do not change.

Step 6 – We were entirely ready to have the Creator remove all these defects of character. Once we have told someone else about who we are and discuss those "defects of character," we then ask the Creator to take them from us. Not that we'll be perfect from now on, but we are simply asking the Creator for a new way of life. The new way of life is without alcohol and drugs and spiritual in nature. We have the courage to face daily tasks and life's challenges. This is a step in bravery, another Grandfather teaching. It takes a brave person to walk the Red Road of life.

The next three steps are in the **Epangishmok -Western** direction of life.

Step 7 – We humbly asked the Creator to remove our shortcomings. This is another step of humility. This step is simply asking the Creator to take all of the character defects that held us back from living as a good human being. The shortcomings are the little things or traits in our personality that keep us from growing spiritually. We humbly ask the Creator to help us to be more loving and attentive to our loved ones, to tell the truth when a situation arises and to be on time when we said we would be, etc. We will need this step to become the Creator's messenger, to assist others to the path of sobriety or to live a good life.

Step 8 – We made a list of all the people we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all. This step takes courage. To make amends or to apologize to someone for mistakes we made is a cleansing experience in our new sober life. Sometimes, others may receive this and look at you in admiration or the opposite. The point is this step is for your own personal recovery. We are "cleaning our side of the road," not anyone else's. We are not trying to impress anyone, but trying to do our best to change our life. Hopefully, the other person will see the sincerity. Sometimes, it may take a long time for someone to make amends to others;

be patient as the Creator will provide the perfect timing.

Step 9 – We made direct amends to people wherever possible except when to do so would injure them or others. Again, we must listen to the Creator as we approach another human being in making amends to them. We do not want to cause more pain or injury by revealing something painful. This step must be done in prayer and again, timing is in the Creator's hands.

The next three steps are in the **Kewadinong -Northern** direction of life.

Step 10 – We continued to take personal inventory. When we were wrong, we promptly admitted it. To remain sober, we must keep constant vigilance on our behavior and be aware we are "a work in progress." We will make mistakes along the way, and we will step on other people's toes. But, if we promptly admit our fault or wrong, we are merely accepting our humanness. We are not saints. We are making spiritual progress everyday.

Step 11 – We sought, through prayer and meditation, to improve our conscious contact with God or the Creator *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry it out. We had established a relationship with our Creator, and we now realize we must maintain contact on a daily basis in order to even know what His will is for us. We realize our will caused us trouble and was the cause of all of our problems.

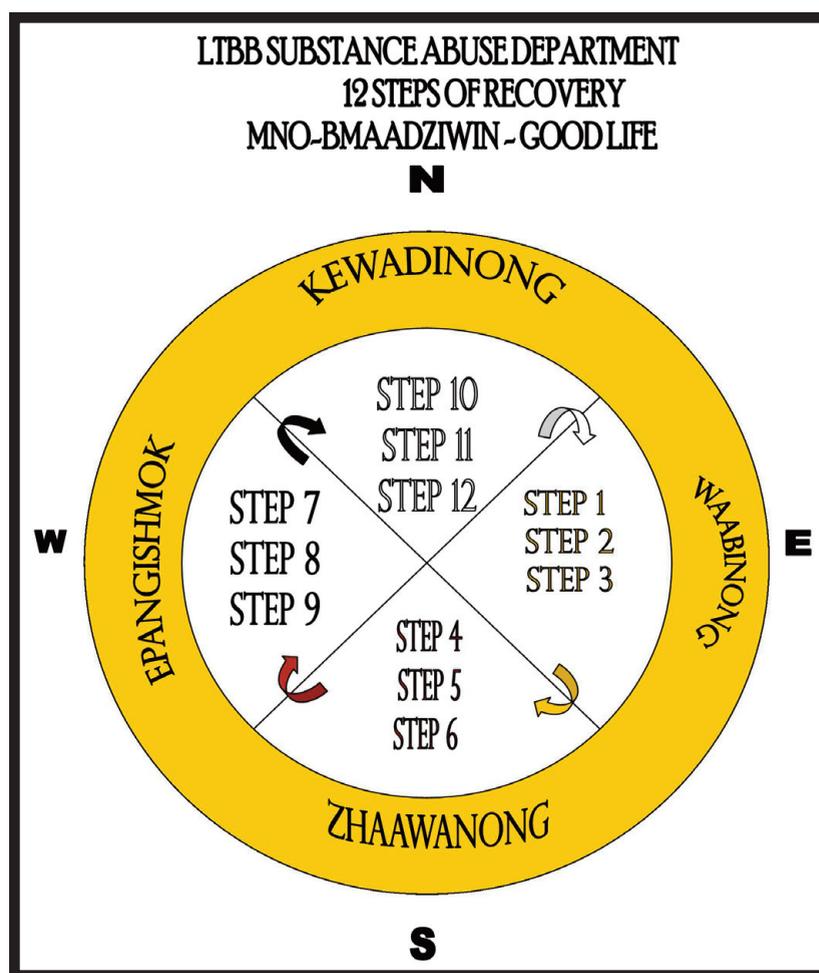
Step 12 – We have had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps. We tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs. Our Jiichaag, soul, is awakened as a result of this program of recovery. We become the person we really are, Anishinaabe, nishin, a good person. That is our spiritual awakening, finding out who we are. By being this good person, we can then help others who reach out for help. We can then guide others because we have been down that same path and found a different path, the Red Road, or the *Anishinaabe Way*. This is a daily path; every day is different because our Creator is always teaching us, guiding us, so we can help our brothers and sisters who are in trouble.

This is a brief description of how Davis incorporates the use of the Medicine Wheel in helping people who come to us for help. This is not "set in stone" because the 12 Steps in the Medicine Wheel can be interpreted differently. It is merely a guide and more can be added to it. Either way, it is a useful tool. Again, I cannot stress enough the value of having Davis in our department.

If you want to change your life, to be on the Red Road or *the Anishinaabe Way*, call for an appointment with Davis, and we will schedule an appointment for you. Our number is 231-242-1640 or 231-242-1642. Remember, you have a powerful mind and are a sacred being. It is our privilege to serve you.

Reminder: The last Wednesday of the month is potluck night at the AA meeting, so please join us on July 25. Potluck starts around 5:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m.

The 12 Steps of Recovery graphic was provided by Linda Woods.



for us to succumb to the alcohol or drugs. We were out of control with our lives. We had no direction or guidance much like when our car skids out of control. We slow down, let go, ask for help and the Creator will then guide us through the circumstances of life.

The next three steps will be in the **Zhaawanong - Southern** direction of life.

Step 4 – We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of our lives. Those who have abused alcohol and/or drugs have caused damage or hurt not only to themselves, but to others around them (spouse, family, children and employers), so in order to help them recover, we must address these issues. We must look within and see where and who we have hurt. For example, we used our anger to yell at others and keep loved ones away. How can we look them in the eye if we do not first see it within our self? We cannot blame others for our behavior. We put on paper what caused the resentment and anger or the fear that caused us pain. To be in balance, we look on the other side also. We must see we did some good things. Our inventory must be in balance. It is an inventory of ourselves, not of someone else and not of "what they did to us."

Step 5 – We admitted to the Creator, to ourselves and to another human being, the exact nature of our wrongs. This step has to do with

Executive Department

From the Desk of the Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik



Odawa Casino Resort Work Group

For the last three and a half years, the central planning and oversight for the Odawa Casino Resort construction project has been provided by a Work Group that was originally created by the Tribal Council.

We met at least twice a month and in most months, more often. This project could never have been accomplished without the dedicated work done by the Work Group members in addition to their regular full-time job duties.

The Vice Chairman (**Bill Denemy, Sr.**) and I served on the Work

Group, and we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following Work Group members: Chief Financial Officer **Valerie Tweedie**, Owners Representative **Kevin Kane**, Gaming Regulatory Director **Vince Cook**, LTBB Planning Director **Bryan Gillett**, Odawa Casino Resort General Manager **Barry Milligan**, Gaming Facilities Director **Barry Laughlin**, Gaming Board of Directors Chairperson **Carol McFall** and the members of the Gaming Board, **Dollie Keway**, **Sheran Patton** and **Judy Pierzynowski**.

We wish to thank all of the Tribal Council members, each of

whom attended some of the Work Group meetings, but specifically, we wish to acknowledge Legislative Leader **Beatrice A. Law** and Tribal Councilor **Alice Yellowbank**, who attended the majority of the meetings over the past three and a half years.

Our LTBB Legal Department deserves a thank you for its work reviewing all of the project contracts and bonding documents.

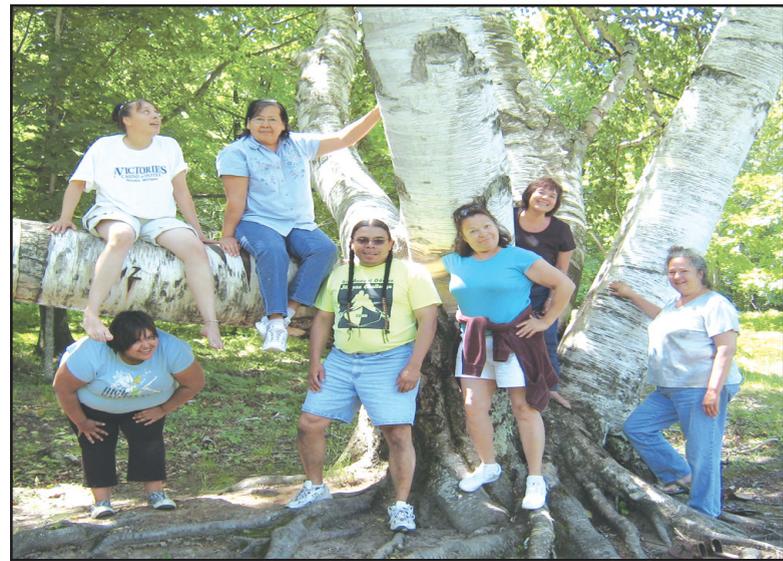
Finally, we wish to acknowledge and thank all the other people, who provided assistance on specific Work Group projects.

Chi-Miigwetch!

Photo by Annette VanDeCar.

Elders Program

ELDERS PROGRAM REPORT



By Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Elders Program Coordinator

Aanii Kikaajik!

The LTBB Elders Program is committed to utilize resources available to provide a permanent accessible tribal support system for all LTBB Tribal Elders. Currently, we have 796 eligible elders listed with the tribe.

I have some very exciting news to report. We had the groundbreaking ceremony for the Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke Elders Community Center on June 28. This was a momentous occasion. The ceremony was well attended by elders and tribal community citizens. It was an awesome day to commemorate those elders who have passed on and those yet to come. We are excited about completing this facility, and we will keep you posted of the progress.

The Elders Program is still accepting signed applications for the food and utility reimbursement pro-

gram until the end of September. Please make sure all receipts from food and utilities are dated 2007.

By the time you read this, 14 elders will have attended the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting in Watersmeet, MI, from July 10-13. There was discussion of establishing an MIEA eagle staff, forming a committee and making a timeline recommendation. MIEA continued dialogue that will lead to a working relationship with the Great Lakes Native American Elders Association.

In the June newsletter, I mentioned the Assisted Living Task Force would be sending a questionnaire for you to fill out. Currently, we are utilizing this survey for Emmet, Cheboygan and Charlevoix counties. There will not be a survey mailed out. But for those of you contacted, this project fulfills Area Agency on Aging requirements for both the Title VI Nutrition and Caregiving Grants. We encourage your participation.

A few elders attended the summer solstice ceremony on Beaver Island held June 21. The weather didn't allow us to paddle our jiimaan (canoe) over as we had done last year, so we took the Beaver Island ferry across. The weather changed the next day, allowing a few people to paddle over to Garden Island. The rest of us stayed and toured the native places on the island. Nothing is more peaceful and serene than our summer solstice time on Beaver Island.

The Burial Request Program regulations have been delegated to the Human Services Department. Burial assistance funds are limited to \$8,000 per deceased tribal citizen. Human Services staff will verify any items submitted are allowable under the Burial Program Statute WOS 2006-017 before processing burial funds request. If you have any questions, please call Kristi Houghton at 231-242-1632.

The LTBB Head Start Program seeks elders to help make regalia for the young students. The regalia will be made for students and will be kept in the school to be used year after year. If you can help make regalia for the children, the classes are August 7, August 21, September 4 and September 11 from 2-6 p.m. at the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI. Please call Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601 if you would like to volunteer.

We are enjoying the wonderful days of summer!

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call us at 231-242-1423 or 231-242-1422.

Photo provided by Marie "Tootsie" Miller.

2007

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL DROP-OFF DATES

AUGUST 4
SEPTEMBER 22

**DID YOU
KNOW YOU
CAN BRING...**

- ACIDS & BASES
- ADHESIVES & SEALERS
- AEROSOLS
- AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS
- CHEMICALS
- CLEANERS & POLISHES
- FLAMMABLES
- MERCURY & MERCURY CONTAINING DEVICES
- OIL-BASED PAINTS, THINNERS & FINISHES
- PESTICIDES
- SOLVENTS
- UNIDENTIFIABLE/MYSTERY MATERIALS* (IF IN DOUBT, BRING IT OUT)

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
THIRD ANNUAL HUNTERS SAFETY COURSE**



AUGUST 28, 29, AND 30

CLASSROOM TIME AUGUST 28 AND 29, 6 P.M.-9:30 P.M.
NRD BUILDING IN HARBOR SPRINGS MI.

RANGE TIME AUGUST 30, 9 A.M.-2 P.M.
HARBOR SPRINGS GUN CLUB IN HARBOR SPRINGS MI.

THE CLASS IS LIMITED TO 30 STUDENTS WITH NO AGE RESTRICTIONS

Day Care Assistance

Applications for the 2006-2007 Day Care Assistance Program are now available.

If you live in Emmet, Charlevoix or Cheboygan County and would like more information, please stop in at Human Services, 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application. You may also call 1-888-309-5822 and ask for Human Services. **This is an income based program.**

Ho-Chunk Nation's 10th Annual All Nations Co-Ed Softball Tournament

Friday through Sunday, August 31- September 2, 2007
Jackson County Fairgrounds, Black River Falls, WI

Held in Conjunction with Labor Day Contest Powwow

Double Elimination
\$275.00 Entry Fee
⇒ 16-Team Limit ⇒

First Place \$3,500.00
Second Place \$2,500.00
Third Place \$1,500.00

Fourth-Sixth Place Based on Registration

Team Traveling the Furthest Distance \$500.00
Second Furthest \$275.00

All Entry Fees Must be Received by August 24, 2007
Schedule Will be Randomly Drawn on August 28, 2007

For Rules and Information contact:

Todd R. Matha at 1-800-434-4070

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UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE NEW EMPLOYEES SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



Janelle Smith

Janelle Smith, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as the Language Program Assistant on July 9. Prior to taking her current position, Smith worked as a temporary employee in the Housing Department for two months. She previously worked as an Administrative Assistant in the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Department for 18 months and worked as an Administrative Assistant for Kewadin

Casinos in St. Ignace, MI, for three years.

"I am excited to work with the language program," Smith said. "It is easier to learn the language when you are using it with others."

Smith and her husband, Chuck, have owned Waters Edge Floor Covering in Cheboygan, MI, for 15 years. She grew up in Pellston and graduated from Pellston High School in Pellston, MI. Smith attended North Central Michigan College and earned a certificate in Administrative Assistant through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Smith has worked with kids in the Native American Youth Culture Group, which is a part of Title VII in the Cheboygan Area Schools. She has helped the children in the group learn Anishinaabemowin and taught them to make Native arts and crafts.

Smith has a daughter, Shaylee, 10, and her mother is Betty DeLorme. Her brother, Chris DeLorme, and her sister, Jill Beair, both work for Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. Her sister, Jolene Judson, works for the LTBB Head Start Center in Pellston.

In her free time, Smith enjoys attending cultural activities like pow wows and language camps, fishing and camping.



Robin Clark

Aanii! Robin Clark ndizhinikaaz. Bahweting ndongibaa. My name is Robin Clark. I am an Anishinaabekwe from Sault Ste. Marie, MI, and I am a Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians member.

I am the new Air Quality Specialist in the Environmental Services Department.

My family and I moved to Harbor Springs, MI, from Lansing, MI, where my husband, Eric Clark, and I attended Michigan State University. I studied Tribal Natural Resource Management and Planning with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' Natural Resource Department. In May, I graduated from MSU with a Masters of Science degree in Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies.

I enjoyed two months of being a stay-at-home mom with Miriam, my

three-year-old daughter. Now, I am happy to be working as the Air Quality Specialist.

In my free time, I enjoy outdoor activities and spending time with my family.

My job is to help LTBB become more active in protecting the air quality for LTBB Tribal Citizens and the greater community. I will be asking for your help, too. You can help by contacting me with any ideas or issues about air quality. My office phone number is 231-242-1425, and I am located in the Administrative suite at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs.

I look forward to working for LTBB and getting my family involved in some community activities. Kawabimim!

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Kids to Kids Invites you to Zhezas Maawnjidwin



Historic Greensky Hill Native American Church

August 25

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Native American Beading
Puppet Making
Music Fun Lunch
Sword Drill Contest





**3 on 3
Basketball
Tournament**



**Introducing
the puppets
Chief Mixmong
&
Billy Beaver**

**To pre-register, call 231-237-9577
or go to www.chxfof.org.**

Kids Ages 6 to 12



"Opening" continued from cover. tribal project includes something for everyone from the gambler to the art lover to the night-life lover. It does not take much imagination to see that it could be a major boost to the local economy and one that is needed desperately in this time of economic instability. It could be an economic crown jewel of the area."

Others participating in the soft opening ceremony were the Sturgeon Bay Singers (Gary Gibson, Joe Medicine, Duaine Gross, Jesse Oldman, Steve Oldman, Jr., Aaron Wemigwase, Dr. Terry Samuels and Doug Craven), Spirit Lodge (Patrick J. Naganashe, Patrick V. Naganashe, Aaron Wayne Otto, Jim Naganashe, Raymond Martell, Mike Naganashe, John Naganashe, J.D. Gibson and Barry Bott), the Woodland Singers (Veronica Medicine, Vicki Lynn, Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Marilyn Williams, Debbie Martin, Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Marilyn Hume, Roberta Shalifoe, Andrea Otto, Sherry Shananaquet and Virginia Schanema), Tim Ettawageshik (master of ceremonies), Matt Davis (carrying the LTBB flag), Richard Wemigwase (carrying the LTBB community eagle staff), Ray "Zee-bee" Kiogima (saying an opening prayer in Odawa), Kevin Kane, representatives from Clark Construction and Leo A. Daly Architects, 2006 Miss Odawa Akeshia Trudeau, Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Tribal Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Tribal Council Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Tribal Councilor Dexter McNamara, Tribal Councilor Mary Roberts, Gaming Board of Directors Chairperson Carol McFall, Gaming Board of Directors Vice Chairperson Judy Pierzynowski, Gaming Board of Directors Treasurer/Secretary Sheran Patton, Gaming Board of Director Dollie Keway, Gaming Regulatory Chairperson Beverly Wemigwase and Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carlin Smith.

For more information on Odawa Casino Resort, please visit www.odawacasino.com.

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On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Sutton

Michigan

August 3-5
Saginaw Chippewa 23rd Annual Pow Wow
7529 E. Tomah Rd. in Mt. Pleasant, MI (tribal campground)
Contact Information: Pow Wow office at 989-775-4071 or sagchippewa@sagchip.org

August 11-12
16th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Harbor Springs, MI
Contact Information: Annette VanDeCar at 231-242-1427 or Winnay Wemigwase at 231-242-1453

August 17-19
Peshawbestown Traditional Pow Wow
Peshawbestown, MI
Contact Information: Steve Feringa at 231-534-8410

August 25-26
Rendevous at the Straits Pow Wow
New France Discovery Center in St. Ignace, MI
Contact Information: Darryl at 906-635-6050, ext. 26330

September 1-2
Honoring Our Elders Pow Wow
Main Street in Hart, MI
Contact Information: Pat Beatty at 231-894-8361 or missbeatty@hotmail.com

September 7-9
Sixth Annual Great North Winds Pow Wow
U.S. 2 in Manistique, MI
Contact Information: John or Ruth at 906-359-4645 or great-northwindspowwow@yahoo.com

September 8-9
46th Annual GVAIL Traditional Pow Wow
Monroe Avenue, Riverside Park in Grand Rapids, MI
Contact Information: Lori Shushta at 616-364-4697 or Wabushna@aol.com

September 15-16
Frank Bush Memorial Walk in the Spirit Pow Wow
2545 S. Charlton Park Road in Hastings, MI
Contact Information: Anne Bush at 616-633-0029

Minnesota

August 3-5
29th Annual Honoring Sobriety Traditional Pow Wow
Mash-Ka-Wisen Treatment Center in Sawyer, MN
Contact Information: 218-879-6731

August 3-5
14th Annual Dakota Traditional Pow Wow
Upper Sioux State Park in Granite Falls, MN

Contact Information: www.upper-siouxcommunity-nsn.gov or theresa@prairiedgecasino.com

August 10-12
Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community Eighth Annual Traditional Pow Wow
1404 Sibley Memorial Highway, St. Peter's Church Grounds in Mendota, MN

Contact Information: Curtis La-Claire at 651-452-4141, mmd-corg@comcast.net or www.mendotadakota.org

August 10-12
Grand Portage Rendezvous Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Grand Portage, MN
Contact Information: 218-475-2239, 218-475-2415 or www.grandportage.com

August 17-19
Red Lake Nation Fair Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Red Lake, MN
Contact Information: 218-679-3341

August 17-19
41st Annual Mille Lacs Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Mille Lacs, MN
Contact Information: 320-532-7496, 320-532-8800 or mj@grandcasinos.com

August 17-19
Shakopee Mdewakanton Contest Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Prior Lake, MN
Contact Information: 952-445-8900, 952-496-6160, www.shakopeedakota.org or www.mysticlake.com

August 31-September 3
35th Annual O-Bah-Shing Labor Day Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Ponemah, MN
Contact Information: 218-554-7474 or 218-574-7347

August 31-September 3
Wee Gitchee Ne Me E Dim Contest Pow Wow
Veteran's Memorial Grounds in Cass Lake, MN
Contact Information: 218-335-7400

September 10
Second Annual Spirit Feast Two Worlds Lodge Traditional Pow Wow
Hyatt Farm in Hewitt, MN
Contact Information: 218-924-4018 or polttwil@wcta.net

September 14-16
Battle Point Traditional Pow Wow
Federal Dam, MN
Contact Information: Tracy Gale at 218-654-5141, Diane Smith at 218-760-7741 or Carol Goose at

218-654-5327

September 21-23
Mah-Kato Traditional Pow Wow
Land of Memories Park in Mankato, MN
Contact Information: 507-388-3418 or rmrolfes@chartermi.net

Wisconsin

August 3-5
41st Annual Menominee Nation Contest Pow Wow
Woodland Bowl in Keshena, WI
Contact Information: 715-799-5997 or 715-799-4849

August 9-12
13th Annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nation Pow Wow
Forest County Potawatomi in Crandon, WI
Contact Information: 1-800-960-5479 or www.fcpotawatomi.com/html/calendar_events.html

August 10-12
31st Annual Mohican Veterans Traditional Pow Wow
Many Trails Park in Bolwer, WI
Contact Information: 715-793-4111 or www.mohican.com

August 18-19
15th Annual Mno Keno Ge Wen Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Carter, WI
Contact Information: 715-478-7374, 715-478-7376 or 715-478-7377

August 24-26
33rd Annual St. Croix Wild Rice Fest Traditional Pow Wow
Hole in the Wall Casino in Danbury, WI
Contact Information: 715-656-4406

September 1-3
Labor Day Weekend Celebration Contest Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Black River Falls, WI
Contact Information: 1-800-294-9343

September 7-9
21st Annual Indian Summer Contest Pow Wow
Maier Festival Park in Milwaukee, WI
Contact Information: 414-604-1000 or www.indiansummer.org

September 14-16
11th Annual Autumn Gathering Traditional Pow Wow
Veteran's Park in Genoa City, WI
Contact Information: 815-675-2380 or harms05@netzero.com

September 15-16
12th Annual Autumn Gathering Traditional Pow Wow
Walworth Company in Genoa City, WI
Contact Information: Sharon at 815-675-2380 or harms05@netzero.com



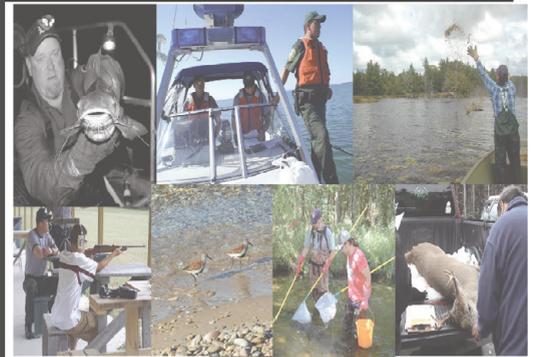
Natural Resource Department 2007 Annual Hunting and Fishing Meeting— September 13, 2007



Date:
September 13

Time:
6-9 pm

Place: Little River Casino Resort in the Odawa Conference Room
2700 Orchard Hwy Manistee, MI



Please come and join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Little River Casino in Manistee, MI. Hear what the Natural Resource Department has accomplished in the last year and plans for the future. We also would like to hear our Tribal Citizens opinion on some hot topics. Meeting will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Door prizes will be given.

Contact person:
Fiona Banfield
231- 242-1670

Highlights

- Overview of US Forest Service MOU
- Inland Negotiations update
- Update on Enforcement Laws
- Question and Answer Session



Little Traverse Bay Bands
Natural Resource Department
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Phone: 231-242-1670



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Biindigen is always accepting applications for clerk positions.

A Better Choice Camp 2007



40 children, ages 8 to 14, from LTBB and GTB attended camp last year. One volunteer Mom also attended camp. Left: Counselors help the campers launch canoes.

Right: Everyone got a chance to test themselves on the climbing wall. Below: Campers made crafts while learning Anishinaabemowin. Other activities included swimming, horseback riding, a high ropes course, storytelling and health-related teachings.



The Community Health Department is now signing up campers for the August 22 through 24 session. Call 231-242-1601 for information or to register.

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
April 29, 2007
Tribal Court Room 7500
Odawa Circle
9:30 a.m.

Closed Session: none
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.
Council Present: Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley

Absent: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Fred Harrington

Executive Office Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Et-tawageshik

Legal Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Bud-nick

Staff Present: Legislative Of-fice Manager Michele LaCount

Commissions, Boards, and Committees: none

Guests: John Kawegoma, Har-vey Gibson, Andrew Stich

Opening Ceremony Melvin L. Kiogima

9:38 a.m. Councilor Shanana-quet arrived.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt the agenda, with amendments, for April 29, 2007.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-stained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Legislative Leader Law)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to ap-prove the minutes of April 15, 2007, as corrected.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-stained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Legislative Leader Law)
Motion carried.

10:05 a.m. Recess called.

10:21 a.m. Meeting recon-vened.

11:04 a.m. Recess called.
11:16 a.m. Meeting recon-vened.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt Tribal Council Resolution Tribal Council Meeting Proce-dures Policy, an amendment to further clarify the conduct of the Tribal Council meetings.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Old-man-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-absent.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution Wa-ganakising Odawak Legislative Branch Operations Govern-mental Employees Personnel Policies Handbook.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Old-man-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-absent.
Motion carried.

11:44 a.m. Public Comment opened: Andrew Stich, John Kawegoma

12:11 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:12 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:44 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

1:44 p.m. Councilor Harring-ton arrived.
Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution Disap-proving the Regulations for the Tribal Minimum Internal Control Standards for the Gaming Operations dated April 14, 2007.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Mc-Namara-yes, Councilor Roberts-abstain, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Old-

man-abstain, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-absent.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Approving the Regulations for the Tribal Minimum Internal Control Standards for the Gaming Op-erations submitted by the Exec-utive on April 29, 2007.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Mc-Namara-yes, Councilor Roberts-abstain, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Old-man-abstain, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-absent.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Cen-ter for Substance Abuse Treat-ment: Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. application for: *Access To Recovery Grant*.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Mc-Namara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Old-man-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-absent.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Re-quest for Funding from the U.S. Department of Educa-tion, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Native American Career and Techni-cal Education Program: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Waganakising Odawa Entre-preneurial and Technical Insti-tute.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-abstain, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Old-man-yes, Secretary Kiogima-

yes, Legislative Leader Law-ab-sent.
Motion carried.

2:47 p.m. Recess called.
2:58 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution Execution of Trust Deed for Cross Village Waterfront Parcel.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Mc-Namara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Old-man-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-absent.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Harrington to ac-cept all Legislative reports.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-stained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Law)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor McNamara to ac-cept the Legislative Services At-torney's verbal and written report for April 29, 2007.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-stained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Law)
Motion carried.

4:03 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.
4:03 p.m. Public Comment closed.

4:03 p.m. Tribal Elder Com-ments opened: no comments.
4:03 p.m. Tribal Elder Com-ments closed.

4:10 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Roberts and sup-ported by Treasurer Oldman to adjourn.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-stained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Law)
Motion carried.

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

Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary
Date

Tribal Council General Election

Results

June 25, 2007

Marvin Mulholland
322

Shirley Naganshe-Oldman
313

Regina Gasco-Bentley
312

Gerald Chingwa
308

Patricia Dyer-Deekrow
245

Theresa Boda
228

Mary Roberts
222

Judith Pierzynowski
148

Totals: 2,098
Total Ballots Cast: 567

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2007

August 4 Work Session
August 5 Council Meeting
August 18 Work Session
August 19 Council Meeting

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

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

LEGISLATIVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

BEATRICE A. LAW, LEGISLATIVE LEADER
SHIRLEY OLDMAN, TREASURER
MELVIN L. KIOGIMA, SECRETARY
FRED HARRINGTON, JR., COUNCILOR
REGINA GASCO-BENTLEY, COUNCILOR
MARY ROBERTS, COUNCILOR
RITA SHANANAQUET, COUNCILOR
ALICE YELLOWBANK, COUNCILOR
DEXTER MCNAMARA, COUNCILOR

Lines From our Membership

Birthdays

We would like to wish **Justin Denemy** a belated birthday. He celebrated on July 9. From the Denemy clan.

Happy birthday to **Pauline Worthington** on August 16! Love, Rosanna & family.

Happy birthday to my little princess, **Brandi Wasilewski**, on August 27! Love, Uncle Kenny.

Happy birthday to **John Kewaygoshkum** on August 16. From your loving sis, Rosanna.

Happy birthday to **Tyler Laughlin** on August 25. What about that pooch? Love you, Aunt Melissa.

Happy birthday to my baby girl, **Lia Burks**, on August 23. Love, your Mama, Mary Burks.

Happy birthday to my wonderful son, **John Givens**, on August 25! Love, Mom.

Happy birthday to **Brandi Wasilewski** on August 27! Love, Andrew.

Happy birthday to **Vicki Lynn**, the best mother and grandmother we could ask for. Thanks for everything. Lots of love, Sara and Tavien.

Happy birthday to my sweet little sis, **Alice Arthur**, on August 16. Love, Big Sis Mary Burks.

Happy belated birthday to **Ronald Bottoms**, who celebrated on July 24. From your family, your friend, Ewkat, and her daughter, Fihene.

Wishing a happy birthday to **Richard Bottoms** on August 26. From brothers, sisters and family.

Happy birthday to "Old Bag" **Debbie Martin** on August 25. Love, your daughter, Melissa Wiatroluk.

Happy 17th birthday to **Marlin Corinne Bertram** on August 16. Love, your mothers, brothers and grandparents.

Happy birthday to "Tinkerbell" **Brandi Wasilewski** on August 27! Love, Nokomis Mary "Snookie" Burks.

Happy birthday **Ninmkee Wesaw**. We love you, TiTi Carla and Uncle Woody.

Happy birthday to our Mom, **Alice Arthur**, on August 16! We love you, Mom, Dena, Dawn and Michael.

Happy birthday to the black wider, **Lia Burks**, on August 23. Love, your bruvo, Ken.

Birthday wishes to my Dad and Pappa, **John Keshick, Sr.**, on August 21. May all your days have Blue Skies. Love, Sue and kids.

Happy birthday to our Mom, **Lia Burks**, on August 23! Love, Gweekie, Prettyboy, Snoots and Wee.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to **Orion Brill**. You are growing up so fast. We hope your ninth birthday is musical! We love you! Mom, Dad, Sidra and Damek.

Happy birthday on August 16 to crazy aunt, **Alice Arthur**! Love, Ken, Marisa, Andrea and Lia.

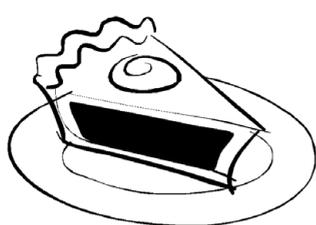
Happy 13th birthday to **Caelan Richardson** on August 8! We hope you have a great birthday. Love, your family.

Birthday wishes to **John Keshick, Sr.** on August 21. We hope you have a wonderful day!! Love, Theresa Christine, Michael and Jordan.

Happy birthday to my little girl, **Brandi Wasilewski**! I'm so proud and happy to be your mother. Love, Mom.

Another year and **Baby Frank** will be a senior citizen. Enjoy your final year of clarity. Have a happy 54th birthday on August 28. From the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy birthday to **Ralph Shawanibin** on August 5. From the King and VanDeCar families.



Happy birthday to **PIENESS**, who turns the big 19, on August 29. Love ya, Cousin Boultons.

MnoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaaganak- NiingonisKwewok **Tubba Doo** (Jii Naanhs) miinwa **Jasmine McFall**; Nwiiikiwenh **Michele Keshick**; Noos **Buddy Gene**; miinwa nBazigim **Lionel**! Gzaaginim.

Happy birthday to Nana/Mom **Dianna Naganashe**, who celebrates on August 19. We love you! Puppa, Meliss, Coley, Josie, T.T. and Rodrick.

Happy birthday, many happy returns and have a great year to **John Keshick, Sr.**, **Margaret Compo** and **Joe Compo** on their August birthdays! From your favorite sisters, Amelia and Tootsie.

Anniversaries

Happy belated anniversary to **Robert, Jr.** and **Beverly Wemigwase**, who celebrated at the end of July. We love you both. From your family.

Happy anniversary to **Barb** and **Barry Laughlin**. Love, the boys and the rest of your family.

Happy 15th anniversary to **Vicki** and **Chris Lynn**. Love, Joe, Sara, Chris, Becca and Tavien.

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Andi Gasco** on having a successful sophomore season of softball at Petoskey High School (PHS) in Petoskey, MI. She led the Northmen to a 25-13 record in 2007 and to their highest ranking ever at No. 5 in Division II. Gasco received All-Big North Conference first team honors, *Petoskey News-Review* All-Area Softball team honors and *Traverse City Record-Eagle* All-Region Softball Team and Dream Team honors. She posted a 20-9 record on the mound with a 0.88 earned run average and 308 strikeouts. Gasco holds all of the PHS pitching records. She led the PHS offense with a .400 batting average, 11 home runs (nine over the fence), a .610 on-base percentage and 47 runs batted in (RBI). Gasco holds the Michigan softball record for most home runs in a season with 11, and she is second on the Michigan softball state list for RBI in a game with eight. She is the daughter of Susan Gasco and Randy Searles and the granddaughter of the late Vernon Gasco and Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco.



Congratulations to **Nicole Laughlin**, a sixth-grader at Harbor Springs Middle School in Harbor Springs, MI. Laughlin placed fourth in the middle school division at a state competition in Battle Creek, MI, for her scale architecture designed home. The model home was a project for her Technical Education class. To qualify for the statewide competition, she placed third in the regional competition. She is the daughter of Melissa Laughlin and the late Richard Laughlin. She is the granddaughter of Thomas and Dianna Naganashe, Thomas Laughlin and the late Virginia "Janet" Kishigo-Laughlin. Keep up the good work Nicole. You make your family proud!

Congratulations to **Andrea Pierce** on being re-elected Vice President of the North American Indian Association (NAIA). The NAIA is the nation's oldest Indian urban association.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Darron Munson**, a 2007 graduate of Charlevoix High School in Charlevoix, MI, for having a successful senior track season. He led the Rayders to a third straight Lake Michigan Conference title and a third straight Division 3 regional title. His team finished third at the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association (MITCA) state finals. At the conference meet, Munson won the 400, he finished second in the long jump, and he helped the 1,600 relay team finish first. At the regional, he won both the 200 and 400, and he helped the 1,600 relay team finish first. At the MITCA state finals, Munson finished third in the long jump, fourth in both the 200 and 400 and helped the 1,600 relay team finish third. At the Michigan High School Athletic Association state meet, he competed in both the 200 and 400, and he ran on the 1,600 relay team there.

Congratulations to **Josephine Laughlin**, a fourth-grader at Shay Elementary School in Harbor Springs, MI. She was presented a certificate of achievement for maintaining an A/B grade point average for the 2006-07 school year. She is the daughter of Melissa Laughlin and the late Richard Laughlin. She is the granddaughter of Thomas and Dianna Naganashe, Thomas Laughlin and the late Virginia "Janet" Kishigo-Laughlin. Josie, you make your family proud. Keep up the good work.

Congratulations to **Ashley Dominic**, an eighth-grader at Harbor Light Christian School in Harbor Springs, MI, for receiving all A's this past school year. Dominic is the daughter of Jennifer and Bill Wilson and Brian Dominic.

Congratulations to **Brandy Dove**. Your mother is so proud of you. Love, Mama.

Congratulations to **Isabella Fuentes** on finishing pre-kindergarten. Great job on your first year of school. Love, Mom, Dad and Jose.

Congratulations to **Jose Fuentes**, who completed second grade at Palominas Public School in Palominas, AZ. He made the honor roll all four quarters. Great job! Love, Mom, Dad and Isabella.

Family Reunion

The **Second Moby Reunion** is August 4 at the Grand Traverse Band Benzie Tribal Center from noon to 5 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided. Bring your pictures to share and any information on your family. We hope to see you there. Thank you for attending the First Moby Reunion and making it memorable. Newsletters will be available at the reunion. If you would like a newsletter, contact Cathy at 231-276-0048 or cphilo504@hotmail.com.

Employee News

LTBB Tribal Citizen **John Givens** started as the Housing Director on June 4. He previously worked in the Housing Department as the Finance Specialist.

LTBB Tribal Citizen **Julie Shananaquet** started as the Senior Community Resource Worker on May 28. She previously worked in the Housing Department as the Occupancy Specialist.

Corrections

The following birthday wishes were inadvertently left out of the July issue of *Odawa Trails*: A very happy birthday to **Andi Gasco**, who celebrated on July 13. From the Gasco family. Happy birthday to **Parris Montez**, who celebrated on July 3. Love, your family. The LTBB Communications Department regrets the omissions.

Birth Announcements



Tiernan Wabb/Shkah/Nimkee (White Thunder) Hinmon was born on June 14 at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan, MI. He weighed seven pounds and two ounces, and he was 19.5 inches long. He is the great-grandson of Melinda Pontiac, Gus Hinmon, Steve Shenoskey and Eva Keway. He is the grandson of Marion Shenoskey and the late Robert Lavere Hinmon, who was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. His maternal grandparents are the late Matthew Blazen and Eileen Ryan. He is warmly welcomed by his parents, Maureen and David Hinmon, and siblings, Matthew, Abigale, Lakota, Patrick and Shania.



Peyton James Harmon was born on April 10 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. He weighed 6.13 pounds, and he was 19 inches long. His parents are Phil Harmon and Jenifer Wagar of Petoskey. His proud grandmothers are Nellie Harmon of Petoskey and Sharon Wagar of Petoskey.

Native News

UNDERSTANDING THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE ODAWA HOMECOMING JIINGTAMOK

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Before the 16th Annual Odawa Homecoming Jiingtamok on August 11-12 in Harbor Springs, MI, I thought it would be helpful to explain the meaning and symbolism associated with the event.

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

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

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

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

Legends tell us the drums were once living creatures who sacrificed themselves for man to use. Drums are made from animal hides, wood and clay from the earth. The materials on

the drum pay homage to the life forces: Animal hides, wood to honor the growing things, pottery from earth and water, the most precious element.

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

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

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



Male dancers have two eagle-feathered bustles, and traditional warriors wear simple buckskin with eagle feathers. These feathers represent the Creator and the One against the Creator. The porcupine quill hair ornament supports the feathers and symbolizes all existence.

Female traditional dancers wear buckskin or cloth dresses. The buckskin dresses with long, flowing fringes



represent a waterfall and are decorated with bright, intricate beadwork. The dancers always carry a shawl on their arms into the sacred circle. Spectators stand to honor these women, who possess the gift of life.

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



The female fancy shawl dance is thought to have originated as the Butterfly Dance. When her mate is killed in battle, the female butterfly mourns and goes into her cocoon symbolized by the shawl. She travels all over the world looking for happiness, stepping on every rock until she finally finds beauty in just one. Her emergence

from the cocoon celebrates freedom and a new life. The regalia consists of a shawl worn around the shoulders and a cloth dress.



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



The men's grass dance is an ancient dance and is the basis for many others. It originated in the Northern Plains of the United States. The elders would ask young men to stomp

down tall grass to prepare a clearing for a ceremony. Early grass dancers wore tufts of sweetgrass, which later evolved into feather bustles. Currently, dancers use strips of leather and yarn to achieve a rippling grass effect.



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

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

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

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Are you the next Miss Odawa?

We are looking for dynamic Odawa *shkinikewok* (young ladies)

Because Miss Odawa:



- Is between the ages of 15-20.
- Is knowledgeable in all aspects of her heritage.
- Has a positive attitude.
- Participates and dances in Pow wow.
- Is a role model for all Native American youth.
- Represents the Odawa people.

Selection Requirements:



- Essay with the prompt, "What Miss Odawa means to me." The essay should be 1 1/2-2 pages double spaced in Times New Roman font and a point size no larger than 12.
- 1 1-2 page biography.
- Signed release forms (if under 18, include parent or guardian's signature).
- Public speaking, interview and dance exhibition.

If you possess these qualities and would like to be considered for Miss Odawa, please complete the registration forms. Each COMPLETE entry must have a completed essay and signed release forms or will not be considered. **The DEADLINE for entry is July 27, 2007 by mail or fax only. No e-mail entries will be accepted.**

For entry submission:

Shanna Wemigwase,
Miss Odawa Entry,
Communications Dept.
LTBB Governmental Center
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
231-242-1430



For more information and registration forms:

Shanna Wemigwase
231-526-7904 or
littlefeather1983@yahoo.com

Registration forms can be obtained at the LTBB Governmental Center Front Desk or at: www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and click on the Miss Odawa Tab.

Tax Agreement Reminder

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA
WAGANAKISING ODAWA

16th Annual Odawa Homecoming Jiingtamok (pow wow)

August 11 & 12, 2007
LTBB POW WOW GROUNDS,
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI

Head Staff:
Host Drum Whitefish Jrs
MC TBD
Head Veteran George Martin
Arena Director David Shananaquet
Head Dance Judges Marie Dreaver & Nigel Schuyler
Head Dancers TBD each session

PUBLIC WELCOME

Grand Entry Times
 Saturday, August 11 - 1 & 7 p.m.
 Sunday 12 p.m.

Registration:
 Friday, August 10, 5 - 8 p.m.
 Saturday, August 11, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Registration fee \$5 per dancer/singer
 Tiny Tots do not need to register.



Sponsored by:
 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
 Absolutely no politics, drugs, alcohol or pets allowed at this event.
 Not responsible for loss of property or accidents.

For More Information:
 Winnay Wemigwase - 231-242-1453 or
 Annette VanDeCar - 231-242-1427

Vendor Information:
 Marci Reyes - 231-838-4172 Phone
 231-242-1666 Fax

Odawa Casino Resort

EMPLOYMENT CORNER

By **Mary Roberts**, Employment Manager
Lynn M. Trozzo, Recruiter

Odawa Casino Resort We Have Jobs!

Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, is finally open! In order to appreciate where we are and look towards our future, I would like to reflect on our not so distant past. August of 2006, we posted, selected and brought on board Lynn Trozzo as the Recruiter. We set the strategy on how we were going to reach the tribal citizens and recruit them for

the employment opportunities available at Odawa Casino Resort. The campaign, "We Have Jobs," was born. We ordered the collateral (banner, recruitment cards, promotional giveaways, ect.), placed ads in *Odawa Trails*, notified tribal citizens in *Odawa Trails* of the locations and cities the recruiter was going to be in, scheduled a tribal recruitment career fair in Grand Rapids, MI, and locally at Victories Hotel (now Odawa Hotel). After all the travel and advertisement, we placed many tribal citizens and other Natives.

Miigwetch to all the tribal citi-

zens, who have accepted positions at Odawa Casino Resort!

Our job is not done and opportunities still present themselves everyday! If you are considering moving home and would like to know about your employment options, please call Employment Manager Mary Roberts at 231-439-0141 or Recruiter Lynn Trozzo at 231-439-0339. You can also visit our website at www.odawacasino.com.

Miigwetch!

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN BRINGS MANY LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS HOME TO WORK

Welcome home Tribal Citizens and Odawa Casino Resort Team Members!

- William McMillan**, Sr./Plumber/Facilities, Allendale, MI
- Tom Kolodgy**, Food & Beverage Management/Florida
- Henry Rowland**, Food & Beverage Management/Lansing, MI
- Bryan Pontiac**, Shipping & Receiving/Grand Rapids, MI
- Bill DeVernay**, Shipping & Receiving/Flint, MI
- Ben Harkema**, Table Games/Zeeland, MI
- Billi Jo Head**, Promotions-Marketing/Houghton Lake, MI
- Terry Evans**, Transportation Services, Management/Florida

- Audrey Atkinson**, Accounting/Decatur, MI
 - Joe Lucier**, Human Resources Compensation Analyst/Ohio
 - Shane McNamara**, Facilities, Lansing, MI
 - Angela McGrath**, Food & Beverage/Suttons Bay, MI
 - Joe, John and Dan Pierzynowski**, Count Team, Traverse City, MI
 - Mozel Baker, Jr.**, Facilities/Ohio
 - Roy Smithkey, Jr.**, Facilities/Lansing, MI
 - Glenn and Tim Stead**, Security & Food & Beverage/Ferndale, MI
- The "We Have Jobs!" recruiting campaign that began just 10 months

ago is not over yet! The property is open and running, the team members are all excited and enthusiastic to see what the possibilities are yet to unfold for Odawa Casino Resort and their own potential growth as team members. Sure, the hard work is over, but the continual growth will have to be sustained over the next year or two. There will continue to be opportunities for those who submit an application and are interested in relocating or moving "home" from other areas to work in the Odawa Casino Resort. Please do not hesitate to phone me with any questions you might have regarding employment opportunities! Welcome and Congratulations!

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- Chrystal Schemanski*
- Justin Shananaquet
- Maria Sweeney

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- Megan Austin
- Marissa Chartier
- Chynna Cone
- Annamarie Goodman
- Johnathan Harrington
- Robert Kiogima
- Jordan McClellan
- Jenny Nanegos
- Timothy Scarff
- Kaitlyn Shananaquet
- Jordan Walker

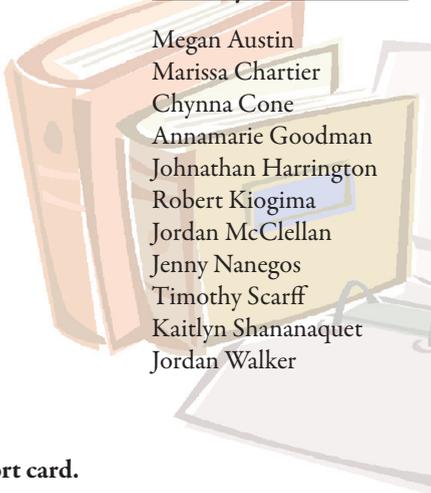
Charlevoix High School

- Amelia Meier
- Shauna Spencley
- Sasha Spencley

Charlevoix Middle School

- Addison Amstutz
- Brittany Musser
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LTBB HEAD START PROGRAM SHOWS OFF NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



Children enjoy the new playground equipment at the Head Start Center in Pellston.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

On June 1 at the LTBB Head Start Center in Pellston, MI, the Head Start Program hosted a ceremony to bless the new playground equipment.

The playground equipment was purchased thanks to a \$5,000 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development grant, fundraisers (Book and Bake Sale, Chicken Dinner Fundraiser and Penny Drive) that raised \$1,107.28 and a \$589 donation from the LTBB

Elders Association. The playground equipment was installed on May 23.

LTBB Elders Association President Richard Wemigwase gave a blessing to open the event. The USDA Rural Development presented an Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. representative, Head Start Director Mickey Kilpatrick and Head Start Teacher Lisa Kurtz a \$5,000 ceremonial grant check. Kurtz wrote the grant application.

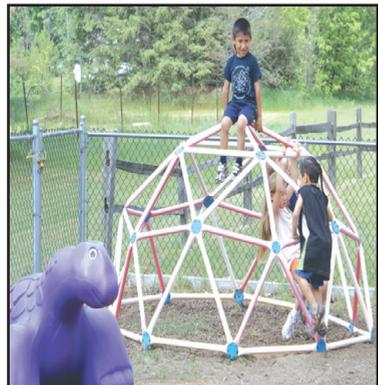
The Woodland Singers (Marilyn Hume, Andrea Otto, Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Rochelle Ettawageshik and Yvonne Walker-Keshick) sang four songs (a morning greeting song, a water song, a turtle song and a traveling song) during the event.

Food and refreshments were served.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Rochelle Ettawageshik (on the far left), Mickey Fitzpatrick (in the white shirt) and Lisa Kurtz (on the far right) pose with representatives from ITC and USDA.



Children, who attend the Head Start Center, played during the ceremony.



(L to R) Marilyn Hume, Andrea Otto, Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Rochelle Ettawageshik and Yvonne Walker-Keshick performed.

Tribal Citizens

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

Forms are also available at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form.

The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

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

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

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

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

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

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

Please contact Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520.

16th Annual ODAWA HOMECOMING JINGTAMOK

ATTENTION! CANOPY SET-UP POLICIES

- ❖ All canopies must have at least one participant (dancer/singer).
- ❖ Set-up begins at 5 p.m., Friday, August 10 (NO EXCEPTIONS!).
- ❖ Canopy space is limited to a 10' x10' area.
- ❖ Canopy areas are assigned on first come, first serve basis (NO EXCEPTIONS!).
- ❖ YOU are responsible for canopy area CLEAN UP before leaving.
- ❖ All interested parties MUST check in with Pow Wow Committee Member prior to setting up.
- ❖ Canopy is limited to ONE per FAMILY even if there are multiple participants (NO EXCEPTIONS!).



LTBB Hosts TRIBAL LIBRARIAN DAY

Submitted by **Francine Thuston**, Tribal Librarian

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hosted a Tribal Librarian Day on June 14 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor

Springs, MI. The following people attended the initial meeting of our new group, Michigan Tribal Librarians: Jami Cromley, who represented the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan; Kim Green and Mindy

Kavanaugh, who both represented the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; Melissa Alberts, who represented the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians; and Melissa Claramunt and Francine Thuston, who represented LTBB.

Each librarian discussed the history and background of their respective library. We talked about our library patrons, policies, technology, individual organizational goals, library collections and finances. It was a very fun and productive meeting for everyone.

We enjoyed our Elders Luncheon that afternoon.

We agreed to meet regularly and share ideas and teachings.

Overall, our day was a resounding success.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



(L to R) Melissa Alberts, Francine Thuston, Jami Cromley, Kim Green and Mindy Kavanaugh participated in Tribal Librarian Day.

The LTBB Elders Program seeks a snow plow contractor to plow elders' driveways during the winter of 2007-2008.

Interested individuals should submit an application to the Accounting Department located at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI or call Kristina Baller at 231-242-1443.

LTBB AND THE GREATER COMMUNITY BIG READ PROJECT 2007



(L to R) Bill Denemy, Sr., Mary Badham, James Grant, Melissa Claramunt and Dale Hull.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

As part of the LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians welcomed Mary Bad-

ham to the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on June 15.

Badham, 54, played Scout in the 1962 movie "To Kill a Mockingbird." The event included a Meet and Greet with Badham and a book discussion

about the novel.

Project Coordinator Melissa Claramunt introduced Badham, who spoke to the crowd and answered questions. Badham later autographed people's *To Kill a Mockingbird* novels.

Claramunt gave participants a trivia challenge for *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The questions and answers were: 1. In what town in Alabama does the story take place? Maycomb. 2. Who wrote *To Kill a Mockingbird*? Harper Lee. 3. Who was the author's very close literary friend? Truman Capote. 4. What was Atticus' nickname when he was a boy? Ol' One Shot. 5. Name at least two items found in the tree. Watch, string and gum. 6. Who is the character Dill modeled after? Truman Capote. 7. Who was originally the

first choice to play Atticus in the movie? Rock Hudson. 8. What character is Scout in the school play? The ham. 9. What is the name of the recluse who lives next door? Boo Radley. 10. Which superhero claims "To Kill a Mockingbird" is his favorite movie? Clark Kent.

Dale Hull answered seven questions correct and Donna L. Budnick and Linda Gokee both answered six correct. All three received prizes.

James Grant, a composer, attended the event. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO), a community partner in the Big Read Project, commissioned Grant to compose a song cycle for mezzo soprano and chamber orchestra titled "Scout." The premier performance was June 16 at

St. Francis Church in Petoskey, MI. Another performance was June 18 at the Cross in the Woods National Catholic Shrine in Indian River, MI. Badham provided the narration during the piece at both concerts.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Mary Badham (L) autographed books.

POW WOW ETIQUETTE AND PROTOCOL FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Specific seating is usually provided for elders.

Keeping the pow wow grounds clean is everyone's responsibility. Car-

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

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

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

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

Respect the head male and head female dancers. Their role entitles them to start each song or set of songs. Please wait until they have started to dance before you join in. In some traditions, it is considered improper to pass the head male or head female dancers within the arena.

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

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

Certain items of religious signif-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you have a question, ask. Most dancers, singers, elders and staff are happy to help. J19



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AKESHIA TRUDEAU THRIVES DURING HER YEAR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Akeshia Trudeau attended the June 20 soft opening of Odawa Casino Resort.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Akeshia Trudeau is still soft-spoken, but there is something different about her now.

After spending the last year as the 2006 Miss Odawa, Trudeau is forever changed.

"I've learned so many things about myself," said Trudeau, 15. "I used to be shy. I am a lot more open now. I liked having the responsibility.

"It'll be a bittersweet moment when I crown the next Miss Odawa (on August 11 at the 16th Annual Odawa Homecoming Jiingtamok in Harbor Springs, MI). It will feel good to pass the crown on, but I'll miss it also because I had a lot of fun this past year."

Trudeau, a member of the Whitefish River First Nation in Birch Island, Ontario, Canada, was one of five Miss Odawa contestants last year. It was her third title, but her first outside her reserve. She was Junior Miss Wawaskinaga and Miss Wawaskinaga.

"It was a great honor to represent everyone," Trudeau said. "I not only represented LTBB, but I also represented my own people and all Odawa people.

"My own people were proud of me. They put an article in the newspaper back home."

Trudeau said the experience has also changed her as a fancy shawl dancer.

"I was shy there also," Trudeau said. "I have more fun with it now. I do more moves."

One of her more memorable moments from the past year came at the 24th Annual Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque, NM. (Editor's note: An article about Trudeau's experience there appeared in the July issue of *Odawa Trails*.)

"These three little girls came up to me there," said Trudeau, who lives in Blind River, Ontario, Canada. "They talked to me, and they wanted their picture taken with me.

"I felt really proud they looked up to me. I feel honored when people want their picture taken with me. It was strange at first, but I got used to people coming up to me."

It was Trudeau's first time at

Gathering of Nations.

"I never thought I would go there," Trudeau said. "The pageants there were beautiful. There are so many different kinds of Indians. I learned a lot from the people I met there.

"I want to be Miss Indian World when I am older."

Trudeau has a message for Native youth.

"Some youth currently drink, and I wish they wouldn't do that," Trudeau said. "I hope they would instead spend their time learning their culture and learning the language."

During the public speaking portion of the Miss Odawa selection process, Trudeau was asked, "What is one of the issues facing Native American youth today?" She answered by speaking on the importance of preserving our Native languages.

"Language is something we can't lose because it's a part of who we are," Trudeau said. "My parents and my aunt always instilled in me the importance of learning to speak and preserve our language. My parents (Lucy Ann Trudeau and Don Trudeau) are both fluent speakers, especially my dad. He is taking a course to be a language teacher.

"I am not a fluent speaker, but I learn as much as I can."

As part of being Miss Odawa, Akeshia Trudeau was required to attend the Fourth of July parades, attend at least four pow wows in

Michigan and attend two tribal community events. She fulfilled those requirements and more. Akeshia Trudeau attended the Fourth of July parades, the 12th Annual Sovereignty Day Celebration, the Traditional Jiingtamok and the soft and grand openings of Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI.

"I have made so many new friends this year," Akeshia Trudeau said. "They (LTBB Tribal Citizens) treat us (her and her family) like we are one of them. It is cool I get invited to events like this (the soft opening of Odawa Casino Resort). It's so beautiful.

"My parents think it is amazing I

can do this. My dad said I am an amazing kid."

Akeshia Trudeau wants to be a general practitioner or a teacher someday. She has an older sister, Donnelley Trudeau, and a younger brother, Donald "Little Man" Trudeau. Her sister is a jingle dress dancer, and her brother is a traditional dancer.

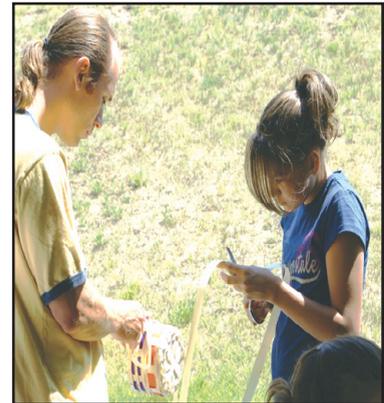
Miigwetch to Akeshia Trudeau for always being accommodating when the LTBB Communications Department requested an interview, photo or an article for Odawa Trails. You always represented LTBB, your own people and all Odawa in a respectful manner.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



(L to R) Donald "Little Man" Trudeau, Lucy Ann Trudeau, 2006 Miss Odawa Akeshia Trudeau and Don Trudeau.

ODAWA INSTITUTE'S NINTH ANNUAL NIIBIN JIIBAAKWE



By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

On June 23 outside Indian Hills Gallery in Petoskey, MI, people enjoyed various cultural activities as part of the Odawa Institute's Ninth Annual Niibin Jiibaakwe celebration.

Ken Roberts and Matt Koontz assisted participants in making Native American flutes. Participants carved their dodems and shaped and tuned their flutes.

Renee Wasson Dillard took par-

ticipants through the process of making traditional black ash baskets. Dillard is a Native American Cultural Instructor and a member of the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians. Her long-time friend, Edward Peterson, also assisted participants. Participants kept the black ash baskets they made.

Fred Harrington, Jr. led participants through the process of making drums. Participants left the event with their own hand drums.

Members of the LTBB Elders

Association worked on making flower crowns, which will be placed on deceased LTBB Tribal Citizens' graves in the northern Michigan area.

All of the activities were free.

The Odawa Institute is a non-profit organization formed by a group of Anishinaabe people committed to revitalizing the use of Anishinaabemowin and Anishinaabe culture.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



ODAWA INSTITUTE RECOGNIZES LTBB TRIBAL ELDER



The Odawa Institute presented Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima with a Waganakising Odawa National Treasure Award on June 24 during a feast at Indian Hills Gallery in Petoskey, MI. The award reads, "The Odawa Institute presents this award to William Ray Kiogima for openly and respectfully keeping and teaching the Odawa culture and traditions."

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

GBOD Meeting Location and Protocol Changes

The Gaming Board of Directors previously held public meetings at 911 Spring St. in Petoskey, MI, or at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey. Upon completion of Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, the Gaming Board of Directors started holding meetings there. This is a natural choice because the business of the Gaming Board of Directors is the management of Odawa Casino Resort. To access the meetings, please go to the Team Members entrance. There are signs directing you to this area from the main entrance. Please tell the security guard you wish to attend the meeting, and you will be escorted to the meeting.

Attention Tribal Citizens

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

Tribal Chairman
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Harbor Springs, MI 49740
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or: chairman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

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