

DAWA TRAILS

JUNE 2007 WAABGONTI GITZIS (BLOSSOM MOON)

LTBB PROVIDES BOYNE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH UNFORGETTABLE LESSONS



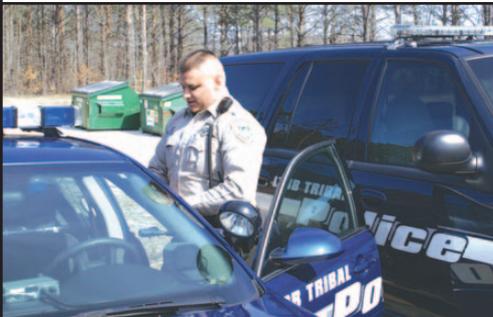
Archives Technician Yvonne Walker-Keshick explains how our tribal documents are preserved.



Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase spoke to the students throughout their tour.



Research and Repatriation Assistant Eric Hemenway explained what the Cultural Preservation Dept. does.



Law Enforcement Officer Ryan Roberts gave the students an up close view of the department's vehicles.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Boyne Falls High School sophomore Whitney Woiteshek called it the most educational field trip she has experienced in high school.

Boyne Falls High School Teacher Doug Tippett called it a once in a lifetime opportunity for his Michigan History students to receive a message of tolerance and understanding from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Twenty-eight Michigan History students from Boyne Falls High School in Boyne Falls, MI, visited the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on March 23 to learn les-



The Michigan History classes from Boyne Falls High School in Boyne Falls, MI, visited the LTBB Governmental Center on a field trip. Doug Tippett (far right in the back row) teaches the two sections of the class.

sons no history book could teach them.

While touring the governmental center and the Natural Resource Department Building and learning about the various programs LTBB offers its tribal citizens, misconceptions and stereotypes were dispelled.

"I thought LTBB only had a casino (Victories Casino in Petoskey, MI and Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, has a scheduled soft opening for June 20), but I realize now there is so much more to the tribe," Boyne Falls High School sophomore Sharmai Wheaton said. "I learned so much I never would have otherwise.

"I'll admit I had some stereotypes before this experience because they don't talk about the stuff we learned here in history books. I learned everything you have is because the government made treaties with you for your land, and that they are not privileges. I never knew Indian children were taken from their homes and forced to attend boarding schools in the past. I wasn't sure you still had your traditions. I never knew how much money you give back to the community, and how it benefits the local communities in the area."

The 11 students interviewed for this article said this was the first time they were given a contemporary view of Native Americans and Indian tribes.

"I thought you would be dressed the way Indians are dressed in the movies," Boyne Falls High School sophomore Lance Rypkowski said.

Said Boyne Falls High School sophomore Roslyn Fiel: "I thought everyone would be wearing moccasins and feathers. I wasn't sure what went on there (at the governmental center). I thought it would be a place fenced off that was only accessible to your people.

"The whole experience opened our eyes to how things really are."

Boyne Falls High School sophomore

Nicole Wineman said their history books only talk about how Indians were in the past.

"It was good to see how you are in a contemporary setting and to see you are a lot like us despite having your own unique beliefs and traditions," Wineman said. "I can see now the information we read in our history books is outdated."

Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase said she is still surprised by the amount of misinformation and generalizations out there about the tribe. Wemigwase has given cultural presentations since the fifth grade because she was a jingle dress dancer, a member of a dance troupe and as a part of her job in the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department. She spoke to the students throughout their visit.

"A lot of people see us as a special group of people who receive special treatment," Wemigwase said. "People don't understand why things are that way. Things are that way because of the treaties and because we are a sovereign nation.

"I see it as a chance to dispel myths and to help other people understand us. I think it's even more important to honor these requests because of the increased visibility of the tribe. I do not want people thinking we are only about the casino and gaming."

The students were divided into two groups after a welcome and introductions. The groups visited the Natural Resource Department and the LTBB Pow Wow grounds before they returned to the commons area in the governmental center.

Legislative Attorney Donna L. Budnick spoke to the students and gave them a brief history of the Michigan Indian tribes before they watched the "Journey to Sovereignty" video. Budnick gave presentations to many different types of groups in her previous job as the American Indian Affairs Specialist with



The students watched "Journey to Sovereignty," which documents LTBB's journey to reaffirmation.



Legislative Attorney Donna L. Budnick presented a brief history of the Michigan Indian tribes.



Natural Resource Biologist Steve Lenart spoke to the students and answered their questions afterwards.



Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee explained how the Durant Roll is used to verify a person's ancestry.

the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

There was a question and answer period after Budnick's presentation.

"I wanted the students to understand there is a lot of history not in their history books," Budnick said. "Hopefully, it encouraged them to seek out more information other than what is in the history books. It was a great group of students. They asked very good questions. They showed a willingness to learn. I hope teachers take more initiative in teaching our history because there is still a lot of bias in the history books.

"There is still more to be done. There is still a lot of inaccurate information out there."

The "Journey to Sovereignty" video made a lasting impression on the students. President

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

ANISHINAABEMOWIN INTERPRETATION OF THE LTBB MISSION STATEMENT

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

The deadline for the July issue of *Odawa Trails* is May 21. You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in. Please e-mail submissions to newsletter@ltbbodawa-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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TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

Department of Commerce

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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| 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.

Elders Program

ELDERS PROGRAM REPORT

By Marie "Tootsie" Keshick, 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 791 eligible elders listed with the tribe.

Twenty-six elders attended the 13th Annual Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, from March 29 to April 1. There were a wide array of presenters to share their knowledge and wisdom to assist us in retaining and revitalizing Anishinaabemowin. Our language is slowly disappearing and attending conferences such as this shows we are taking the right steps in keeping it alive.

Ten elders attended the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting in Manistee, MI, from May 17 to May 19. Tony Miron graciously donated a flag staff, so we could carry our tribal flag as requested from MIEA. It was definitely the nicest looking flag staff amongst them all! There were some very nice items donated for the auction from the attending tribes. As usual, the auction was a lot of fun! The next MIEA meeting will be hosted in Watersmeet, MI, by the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in July 2007.

The Long Term Care and As-

sisted Living Task Force will send a questionnaire for you to fill out. Please take a few minutes to read it and return it to us. This project fulfills Area Agency on Aging requirements for both the Title VI Nutrition and Caregiving Grants, so we encourage your participation.

As of April 20, 405 food and utility reimbursements have been processed for \$157,084.90. Please remember to send the signed application form with your requests. **All food and utility bills must be from 2007!**

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

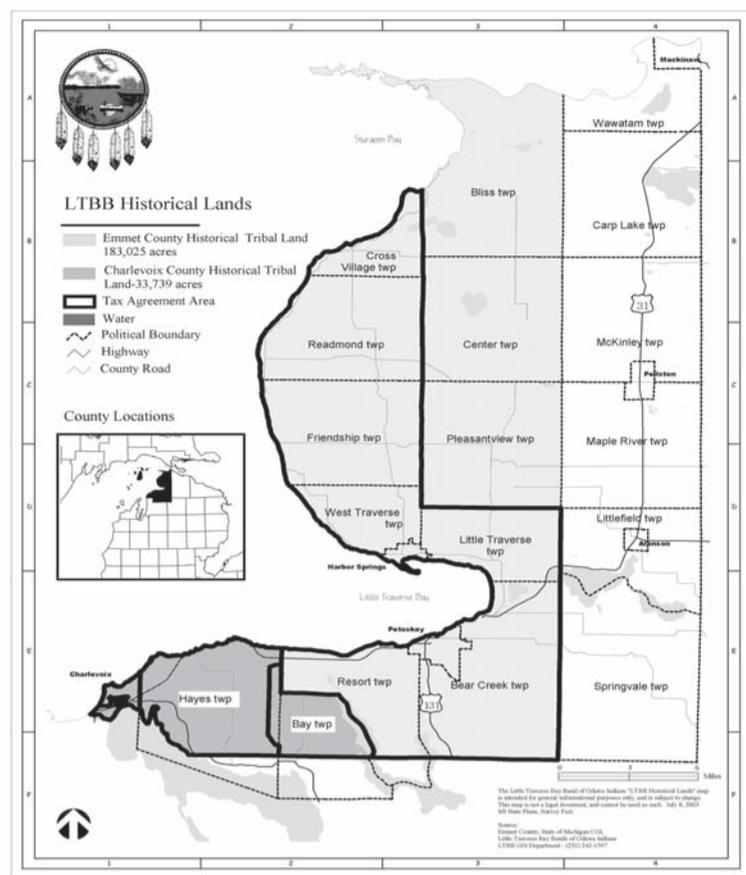
We're so happy to see spring has finally arrived here in northern Michigan. The elder portion of the Educational Gardens at Arlington Park in Petoskey, MI, will be turned over to us to take care of once again.

If anyone would like to donate time to the garden, please contact me. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to call us at 231-242-1423 or 231-242-1422.

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

June 1
Jerome Kiogima
Nancy Shaffer
Robert Thompson

June 2
Samuel Lasley
Angela Patterson
Stewart Walker

June 3
Moses Bernard, Jr.
Gerald Garrow
Charles Massey, Sr.
Warren Petoskey

June 4
Lucille LaFreniere

June 5
Ronald Boda, Sr.
Melvin Hardwick
Jean Schlappi
Sandra Shepard

June 6
Oralee Stevens

June 7
Marilyn Austin
Cynthia Wunderlich
Floyd Cutler

June 8
Ramona Baisch
Emery Iliff
Deborah Medina

June 9
George Santiago

June 10
Anthony Genia, Sr.
Carol McFall

June 11
Scott Charvez
Arlene Foreman
Helen Lind
Jeanette Root
James Scott

June 12
Philip Keway
Dorothy Watkins

June 13
Catherine Rotan

June 14
Henry Lasley
Edwin Sagataw

June 15
Donald Boda
Mary Gaus

June 16
Clifford J. Cutler
Pearl Poole
Marcia Sutton
Edward Wilson

June 17
JoAnn Carey
Doylene Fockler
Rosella Rakowski
James Smith III

June 18
Bonnie Harris

June 19
Terry Erno
Ernest Harrington

June 20
Ronald Allison
Francis Holdorph

June 21
David Dominic

June 23
Francene McCorkle

June 24
Lawrence Crossett
John Gasco, Jr.
Linda Hogge
William Meshekey
Grace Pamp

June 25
Louis Kiogima

June 26
Robert Boda
Elmer Bruette
Betty Iliff-DeBusk
Evon Pirsein

June 28
Rosanna Campbell
Jacquelyn Chambers
Eugene Nadeau

June 29
Twyla Hyde
Colleen Kilpatrick
Victoria Vogel

June 30
William Dunlop

Communications Department

BREAKING NEWS FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Communications Department wishes LTBB Tribal Citizen Aaron Wayne Otto, who most recently worked in the department as a Pre-Press Graphics Specialist, the best of luck on his new career endeavor.

Otto's last day was April 26. He started his Production Artist position with Victories Casino and Hotel on May 7. He first started working in the department on a contractual basis in January 2005 before filling Communications Assistant and Pre-Press Graphics Specialist positions.

Otto designed a new masthead for *Odawa Trails*, numerous ads and many other items that made the newsletter more visually appealing. He also scanned in all the photos used in the newsletter, laid it out, and transmitted it to the printer and to our Management Information Systems Department to be posted on the LTBB website.

I thank him for his contributions to *Odawa Trails*. He is a big reason the newsletter is where it is today.

Otto also gladly helped other de-

partments with their projects and designed the logos for the LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007. We will miss his talents.

Hopefully, by the time you read this article, we will have hired someone to replace Otto. LTBB Tribal Citizen David K. Burks, who worked as a temporary employee in the department, assisted me in finishing the June newsletter Otto started.

As a department, we will continue to produce a newsletter that is informative and timely.

Education Department

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@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. We will prepare our invitation list for the August 10 celebration, so be sure to e-mail to mclaramunt@ltbbodawa-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: _____

NEW ARRIVALS TO THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Water Dancers

This book was published in 2003, and it was written by Terry Gamble.

A following is a description of the book from Terry Gamble's website, www.terrygamble.com:

"*The Water Dancers* is the story of Rachel Winnapee, a poverty-stricken, 16-year-old Native American orphan who goes to work at the opulent March family summer home on the shores of Lake Michigan in the post World War II summer of 1945. A young woman with no delusions about her place in this world of privilege, she quickly adapts to her role as an obedient servant expected to remain silent and unobtrusive while catering to her employer's wishes. Surrounded by a wealth she never imagined, she strives to remain invisible until she is assigned the task of caring for the family's tragically scarred, emotionally scarred young scion, Woody March.

A veteran who lost a leg in the Pacific conflict, March is haunted by his injuries and battlefield experiences and by the loss of the older brother he emulated. He now desires only relief from his twin agonies of pain and memory. He recognizes a kindred spirit in this gentle and mysterious child-woman, who is so unlike anyone he has ever known, yet, who understands the depths of human suffering. In Winnapee's eyes, March is a noble, tortured prince, and her fervent wish to help ease his torment soon metamorphoses into more intense and irrevocable

feelings of love and need.

But, if Winnapee is a young woman with no future, March's has already been mapped out in intricate detail. As the last surviving March son, he is to run a successful banking business, marry the well-bred Elizabeth, and raise a family who will carry on the March name and distinction. Yet the obligations he never questioned prior to the war are becoming increasingly odious to him, especially now as he feels himself becoming irresistibly drawn to Winnapee in ways no one else in the world would understand or tolerate. As the relationship intensifies, they move toward the one pivotal event that will alter their lives in ways both heartbreaking and profound."

According to her website, Gamble based her first book on the area in northern Michigan where six generations of her family had gone every summer. She had intended to write about Michigan, especially the little town of Harbor Springs, which has had so many incarnations, starting with the Native Americans on through the lumbermen and the fur trappers, the farmers, and ultimately, the summer people.

In Beauty May I Walk ...Words of Peace and Wisdom by Native Americans

The poetry book was published in 1997, and it was edited by Helen Exley.

The following is a brief description of the book from the Alibris website, www.alibris.com:

"It has meditative words that capture the heart and soul of Native American wisdom with quotes on peace and beauty, and the love of the earth."

Living Sideways: Tricksters in American Indian Oral Traditions

This book was published in 2004, and it was written by Franchot Ballinger.

The following is a description of the book from the M. Hofferber Books website, www.web-com.com:

"Native American tricksters can be buffoons, transformers, social critics, teachers and mediators between human beings, nature and the gods. A vibrant part of American Indian tradition, the trickster has shown a remarkable ability to adapt into the 21st century. In *Living Sideways*, Franchot Ballinger provides the first full-length study of the diverse roles and dimensions of North American Indian tricksters. While honoring their diversity and complexity, Ballinger challenges stereotypical Euro-American treatment of tricksters.

Each chapter concentrates on a particular aspect of the trickster theme. *Living Sideways* also includes illustrative trickster stories at the end of each chapter. Examining both the sacred power of tricksters and the stories as literature, *Living Sideways* is the most thorough book to date on Native American tricksters."

How the Eagle Got His White Head

Middle School Homework Lab

Where: Little Traverse Bay Bands' Governmental Center

When: Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Drop off: Harbor Springs Public School Bus or parent drop off

Pick up: Parent pick up at 5 p.m. at the Governmental Center

For More Information and Sign Up,

Call Cheryl Halfacer, Harbor Springs Title VII Coordinator
231-526-4835

Or Dorothy Perry, K-12 Student Services Coordinator
LTBB Education Department
231-242-1482

SNACKS ARE PROVIDED



June 2007 Peacemaking Advisory Committee Meeting and Peacemaking Training Session

June 12 Peacemaking Advisory Committee Meeting
3:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom

June 26 Peacemaking Training Session
3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom

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

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.

This book was published in 2002, and it was written by Jane Chartrand. It is intended for children in kindergarten to fourth grade or ages five to nine.

The following is a description of the book from the University of Manitoba website, www.umani-toba.ca/outreach/cm/vol9/no19/howtheeagle.html:

"This tale employs the narrative device of a contemporary Algonquin grandmother telling her young grandson, Heyden, a story about how as the title indicates, the eagle came to have its white head. Had Chartrand, the author, wished, she could have added and 'and How the Hummingbird Got its Ruby Throat' to the title for the story is almost more about the little bird than it is about the larger one. As the traditional story is used as a teaching, Nokomis tells Heyden how he shares Hummer's qualities. In addition to an Algonquin prayer, the book concludes with a statement of the symbolic role of both the eagle and the hummingbird to Native peoples.

With the exception of the first two illustrations, the stylized art of Algonquin artist Tsun captures the nature aspect of the story."

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Seasons of Life and Land, a Photographic Journey

This book of photography was published in 2003, and the photographs were taken by Subhankar Banerjee.

The following is an editorial review from the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* posted on the Amazon.com website:

"Banerjee's photographs provided irrefutable evidence of the refuge's rich ecological diversity as well as its fragile and unmatched beauty."

LTBB Tribal Citizens can visit the Cultural Library located in the Education Department at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, and check out any of these new arrivals for three weeks.

Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.

Health Department

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

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.

Legislative Branch

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

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The Tribal Council is responsible for passing laws and resolutions, and approving regulations, appropriations and donations. This last month, we had each of these responsibilities before us. Although we publish minutes of our Tribal Council meetings in this newsletter (*Odawa Trails*) and on the LTBB website (www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov), I would like to take this moment to share with you some of the highlights and activities of the Tribal Council over this last month.

The regulations we received from the Executive Branch were the *Burial Request Program Regulations*. Regulations for various programs are drafted by the Executive Branch and are submitted to the Tribal Council for approval. The Burial Regulations provide procedures on how the burial requests are processed through the tribe and what funeral expenses are paid. The Tribal Council, with just a few changes, approved this regulation.

The appropriations process was completed for the 2008 funding period. Tribal Council approves all of the appropriations for the three branches of government (Executive, Judicial and Legislative), the Prosecutor's Office and the Election Board and submits the appropriation bill to the Executive for the Chairperson's signature. Many thanks to Tribal Council Appropriations and Finance Committee members, Shirley Oldman, Alice Yellowbank and Rita Shananaquet, for all of the many hours of holding testimony, hearings and meetings.

Recognizing the importance of protecting our children and keeping them safe, Tribal Council passed a resolution for *Protecting Tribal Authority on Tribal Lands by Electing to Participate in the United States National Sex Offender Registry System*. This resolution will allow the tribe to monitor sex offenders who live, work or go to school within our tribal boundaries.

A resolution for cleaning up and maintaining the ancestral burial grounds within the 1855 Treaty Area passed in the amount of \$10,000. This effort has been needed for a number of years, and the tribe is appreciative to the Waganakising Odawak Cultural Preservation Department for their work in protect-

ing the Burt Lake (MI), Good Hart (MI), Cross Village (MI), Bay Shore (MI) and other burial grounds within our reservation.

We also passed a resolution approving a residential lease for a tribal citizen. The tribe has several vacant lots within our housing complex. If you are interested in leasing one of the properties, please contact our office for a resolution, and we would be happy to assist you with the necessary information from the Housing Department.

Tribal Council holds monthly two work sessions and two Tribal Council meetings. The work sessions are where the Tribal Council reviews regulations, laws, resolutions and other materials that need approval at a Tribal Council meeting. The work sessions have a posted agenda of what the Tribal Council will be working on. These meetings are open and informal. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on any of the agenda items, we invite you to attend and participate in the work sessions. As always, you are invited to attend the Tribal Council meeting, and we look forward to having tribal citizenship participation.

This last month, the Annual Citizenship Meeting was held in Petoskey, MI. The Tribal Council passed a resolution to fund the meeting, lunch and mailing. We were delighted to see so many tribal citizens attend the meeting. There was a suggestion box available to leave comments or suggestions for the Tribal Council. We appreciate all those who filled out a card. If you did not get a chance to leave a comment or suggestion, our office is always interested in hearing from you. We can be reached by our toll free number at 1-888-309-5822.

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



RABIES SHOT CLINIC A SUCCESS

Submitted by the Health Department



Jeff Wiatrolik (on the left) with Scooter Skywalker.



Margaret (on the right) and Emma Gasco, 4, with their kittens.



Marci Reyes with Sable, the Skins' softball team mascot.



(L to R) Melissa Barber and Inez Rodriguez with their cats.

The Health Department in cooperation with the Indian Health Service's Environmental Health Services Division, Rhinelander Office, sponsored a free rabies shot clinic for LTBB Tribal Citizens and LTBB Employees' pets on April 5.

Fifty dogs and cats received shots at the event held at the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey, MI. Attending veterinarian Joseph Woltanski, DVM administered the shots. Woltanski is the Veterinary Medical Officer for the United States De-

partment of Agriculture, and he provides animal and plant Health Inspection Services and Veterinary Services.

The photos appear courtesy of Gwen Gasco.

MICHIGAN TRIBAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Submitted by the Health Department

On April 17 and 18, the Health Department hosted the Michigan Tribal Health Directors Association (MTHDA) meeting at the Mina Mskiki Health Building in Petoskey, MI.

Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski welcomed the attendees, and Facilities Worker Tom Teuthorn offered a prayer as the meeting began.

Several representatives from state, local and tribal agencies were in attendance. Some included the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC), MDCH Office of Public Health Preparedness, Indian Health Service (IHS) Environmental Health Services, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCMI) and MTHDA Tribal Health Departments.

The meeting is held every three months and is hosted by participating Michigan tribal health departments.

In attendance for LTBB were Sierzputowski, Health Coordinator Marcia Sutton, Safety Coordinator Norm Emery, H/R Generalist Susan Gasco and Health Commissioners Arlene Naganashe, Bill Denemy, Jr. and Greg Keway.

Photo by Health Administrative Assistant Gwen Gasco.



Language Program

POSITIVISM MOVES PEOPLE TO REVITALIZE THREATENED LANGUAGES

Submitted by the Language Program

Positivism is the state or quality of being positive. As I continue to transcribe interviews with Maori about their experiences with the Maori language, part of what I am finding is a positive attitude about the future of the language as well as a renewed sense of self. I have also heard this same attitude voiced by participants in the Voices of the Earth: Threatened Languages Poetry Reading.

Being able to share their language with others, even in this limited fashion, has renewed their hope for language continuing into the future.

And, it seems his positivism is catching. The more people believe in a positive future, the more others become interested in learning and using threatened languages.

In 1994, Joshua Fishman told us the situation was hopeless. We have made a liar out of him and converted him to the cause. A few years ago, the projection was 90% of the world's languages would disappear. According to more recent articles, the estimate has dropped to 50%.

We are gaining ground. Every word you learn and use and teach

someone else moves us that much closer to completely revitalizing our languages.

My hats off to you!

George Ann Gregory, Ph.D., Choctaw/Cherokee, sends this message in Anumpa Achukma/Good News: Language Loss Can Be Reversed, an online newsletter. To be added to the mailing list, e-mail Gregory at hohabitubbe@gmail.com or find more information about Ho Anumpoli!, a non-profit organization in New Mexico, at <http://www.geocities.com/hoanumpoi>.

WAABGONII GIIZIS

By Isabelle Osawamick, Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor

Aasina kina gego gnajoon maanda pii Waabgonii Giizis. Noonj nandenoon waabgonii'en. Niibna mtigok zhaazhigwa zhaawshkwaa waabgoniikwak zhiitaawaad wiizhi-towaad niibiishan. Nimkiik giibidg-washinok. Naa'aan giibewiijiwaawan gmiwanan. Makkiik geyaabi gitchingamawok naakshik. Mii ge'e maanda pii wiigwaas ebaabigwabinin

wiigwaaso-mtigonh. Miinwaa deminan baatiindoon maanda pii. Binooji-inhak ge'e giizhiitaawak kinomaa-gaazawaad. Kina gwaya zhiitaa wiipa jingtamwaad.

Translation Blossom Moon

Everything is so beautiful during Blossom Moon month. The blossoms are many different colors. Many trees

already have green buds ready to create leaves. The thunder beings have arrived. They came with the rain. The frogs are still singing at night. This is also the time when the birch bark is pulled from the birch tree. And, there are lots of strawberries at this time. The children are also finished with school. Everybody is getting ready to attend pow wows.

WENESH QUIZ BOWL GAABAKINAAGEJIK?

Submitted by the Language Program

The LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program held its first-ever Anishinaabemowin Quiz Bowl on April 25 at the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey, MI.

Fifteen brave participants competed on teams that consisted of two or three players.

The light competition was more entertaining than serious as everyone had a very good time. A few people commented it was hard, but the

buzzers and timers were a bit intimidating until the players got used to them.

The team of Dean Samuels and Chris Dominic took first place. The team of Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Theresa MacIntyre and Sam Shenoskey finished second. The team of Glenna Kimball, Sharon Sierzputowski and Bob Yellowbank finished third.

Other teams included Trish Kishigo, Carol McFall and Richard Snake; Thomas Hill and Ed

Shenoskey; and Anne Kishigo and Alice Yellowbank.

All the questions and answers were given in Anishinaabemowin. The questions were generated from several pictures and posters.

Most of all, everyone had fun. The main focus of the evening was laughter. Everyone is looking forward to doing something similar again in the fall.

Photos by Language Program Coordinator Carla McFall.



(L to R) Anne Kishigo and Alice Yellowbank compete as a team during the first Anishinaabemowin Quiz Bowl on March 25.



(L to R) Glenna Kimball, Chris Dominic and Dean Samuels participated in the event. Dominic and Samuels won first place.

Mental Health/Substance Abuse

Good Choices Make Good Memories

By Linda Woods, Substance Abuse Director

Happy spring! Mushrooms are heading our way; of course, by the time you read this, you will have had your fill of them! May you find many! Springtime is another time to consider the newness or the birth of a lot of things: New leaves, new flowers, new babies and the smell of fresh clean air after a rain. But, spring is also a time when some of us think about the nearing of the end of the school year. That means graduation, proms, etc. Graduation and proms seem to be considered as "rites of passage" for young adults and are meant to provide a lifetime of joyous memories of fun with friends and families. It is an exciting time, too, when young adults are thinking about their future and what is in store for them. "Shall I go to col-

lege?" or "Where shall I go to college?" or "Should I just work?" or they may consider moving away to see what's out there in the world. It all comes down to them making decisions and choosing how to live their lives. Sometimes, unwise choices are made during these special events.

Last month, I discussed drugs and how they affect a young person's brain, etc., but the reality is alcohol continues to be the drug of choice for young people, who most frequently obtain it from friends, family members and other adults (they know who they can buy it from), and who often choose to drive afterwards. Despite increased alcohol education and underage drinking prevention efforts, alcohol-related car accidents continue

to take lives in staggering numbers. We know that all too well. Did you know traffic crashes are the number one cause of death for teenagers in the United States? Young drivers between 15 and 20 years old account for 14% of all drivers involved in fatal crashes, and almost 30% of these drivers had been drinking. As high school students are ending the school year with prom parties and graduation celebrations, let us do everything we can to ensure it's done in a safe and sober way that will be remembered for a lifetime. *Making good choices; making good memories.*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 231-242-1640 or 231-242-1642.

Attention All Tribal Citizens



In 1999, we named and opened Victories Casino in Petoskey, MI, and it was to represent one victory of many to come.

Now, be the first to witness what our patience and determination has become.

Come visit your Odawa Casino Resort on June 20 beginning at sunrise and share in another historical endeavor. The morning's events will be kept as private as possible with an exclusive entry to the gaming floor and other amenities for tribal citizens 18 and over. An itinerary of events will be available on that morning.

Odawa Casino Resort is a facility with stunning architecture and decor that offers a legendary gaming experience. Odawa Casino Resort was built with a conscious effort to weave LTBB's history into the interior art and architecture.

Your personal invitation will arrive soon for your first look into the future.

See you there!



Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick prepares before the Quiz Bowl. The pictures shown on the table were used to generate questions.



(L to R) Carol McFall, Trish Kishigo and Bob Yellowbank look at the picture held by Language Program Assistant Crystal Greensky during the friendly competition.

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.

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 less) and **Can Be Used to Purchase or Re-finance a Home.**

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

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

Credit Counseling: Our counseling provides tribal 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.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

The Grants and Donations Program is up and running again. The deadline to submit your requests is August 31. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik 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.

TEMPORARY HELP WANTED

WOULD YOU LIKE TO:

Gain experience?

Work in an office?

Make a little extra money?

Work in the tribal community?

Are you a tribal citizen?

TEMPORARY POSITIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

WORK AS LITTLE AS ONE DAY OR AS LONG AS A MONTH!!!
CONTACT THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BAND OF ODAWA INDIANS' HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TODAY!

CALL: 231-242-1555



Odawa Institute

Ninth Annual Niibin Jiibaakwe (Summer Feast)

- June 19 Paddle to Beaver Island, MI, from Cross Village, MI.
- June 20 on Beaver Island Anishinaabemowin Immersion and Sunset Ceremony.
- June 21 on Beaver Island Sunrise Ceremony, Anishinaabemowin Immersion and Paddle to Cross Village, MI.
- June 22 at Osborne Road in Readmond Township, MI Fire Starting Ceremony (4 p.m.) and Feast for Pipes and Drums (6 p.m.)
- June 23 at Indian Hills in Petoskey, MI Making Drums (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.), Making Flutes (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and "Anishinaabe Meal and a Movie" (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)
- June 24 Crossing the Bay, (8:30 a.m. at the break wall in Petoskey) and Feast at Indian Hills in Petoskey (noon).

For more information or to sign up, please call 231-347-3789 or 231-347-5187.

NORTHERN CELLULAR & PAGING

Is offering special discounts to LTBB Citizens and Employees

- Up to 15% OFF CELLULAR ONE Monthly Access Charges
- Discounted Phone Prices
- 25% OFF Accessories
- GSM Statewide and National Plans available
- \$9.99 Partners on Select Plans
- Most plans include free long distance, unlimited nights & weekends and free mobile-to-mobile calling plus call waiting, caller ID and voicemail
- Unlimited smart phone and wireless internet services available

(Certain terms and conditions apply)

**For more information, contact Sheldon Slicker at:
Cellular 231-620-1260 Toll Free 1-800-366-9166**

CELLULAR ONE - AHAD Request Form

For LTBB Employees & Citizens
(Account Hierarchy/Business Advantage Discount)

Date Submitted:

Root Account: LTBB Odawa Indians - ACCT # 0170110714

Cycle: 22

Attached Accounts

ACCT#: _____ Cycle: _____ Liable X

Your account number and cycle can be found in the upper right hand corner of your Cellular One billing statement. For example, if the billing date is May 22, 2006, your cycle is 22.

Requested by / Sales Representative: Sheldon Slicker / Northern Cellular & Paging - N3

Contact Number: 231-620-1260

Customer / Account Name: _____

Customer Signature: _____

Customer Contact #: _____

(please include proof of employment)

Fax To: 231-938-4949

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area



(27) County Service Area

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

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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						1 Indian Child Welfare Commission Meeting 915 Emmet St. Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m.
3 Elders Swim Class Victories Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Immersion Class Mskikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m. Housing Commission Meeting Room 312 3:30 p.m.	4 Elders Luncheon at noon 5 Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik Room 312 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	5 Elders Swim Class Victories Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Language Class Mskikigamik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	6 Elders Luncheon at noon 7 Tae Kwon Do classes Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Immersion Class 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m. Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	7 Bay Mills Community College Pane Immersion 8 Election Board Meeting 1345 U.S. 31 North Petoskey, MI 6 p.m.	8 Tribal Council Work Session Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bay Mills Community College Pane Immersion Economic Development Commission Meeting 9:30 a.m. Meet the Candidates Forum 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	9
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Executive Branch

FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

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May 2007 Executive Oversight Report

Ambassadorial Activities

Clean Water Action: I met with David Holtz and the Clean Water Action staff attorney on April 3 at their offices in Lansing, MI, to discuss their plans for legislative advocacy in the coming year. We discussed how their agenda and our tribal agenda on water issues may have common items and how we could work together. I have since had further discussions with the Legislative Affairs staff person at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council on the same issues.

Cultural Economic Development Plan: On April 3, I attended the second meeting to work on this plan at the invitation of Director Bill Anderson of the Michigan Department of History Arts and Libraries. At a meeting on March 23 in Lansing, we reviewed the draft plan developed over the last several months and developed suggestions for an implementation plan. At this April 3 meeting, we reviewed the comments from our last meeting and made specific recommendations for the finished plan the Director (Bill Anderson) will present to the Governor (Jennifer Granholm).

The LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007: On April 13, the Luncheon Lecture Series at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI, featured the LTBB Big Read program. I was asked to talk about the lessons that could be drawn from the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* and how those lessons could be applied to our community today. My speech at the event appears in this issue of *Odawa Trails*.

Earth Day Conference at Michigan State University: This conference had attendees from across the Great Lakes region. Several people from the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task

Force in New York State and from Cornell University were there to speak about their issues and some tribal leaders from Ontario, Canada, also attended. I was asked to give the keynote address at the lunch on April 20 and specifically asked to talk about the Tribal and First Nations Great Lakes Water Accord.

Outdoor Lighting Forum: I attended the annual awards luncheon for the Outdoor Lighting Forum at the City Park Grill in Petoskey on April 24. Each year, this group gives awards for development projects that are outstanding examples of good light engineering. As you may recall, we received one of their awards in 2004 for the lighting we did in the redevelopment of the Victories Hotel in Petoskey. Stefan Graf was the speaker from IlluminArt ilq in Ypsilanti, MI.

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority/Great Lakes Resource Committee Meetings: The current meeting was held April 26 in St. Ignace, MI, at the Little Bear Arena hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Rotary: On May 23, we hosted the meeting of the Petoskey Noon Rotary at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs. They met here last year, and asked if they could return for another meeting. The program for the meeting was about the new Odawa Casino Resort.

Lobbying Reports: Each month, we receive a report from Mary Lindemann of Michigan Tribal Advocates, our lobbyist, in Lansing. We have been following the recent announcement by State Representative (David) Agema from Grandville, MI, that he is introducing a bill to repeal the Tuition Waiver Act. So far, he didn't have any co-sponsors as of the writing of this re-

port, but we expect that to change soon.

Our Washington D.C. lobbyist, Lydia Hofer, reported to us today (April 25) the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee reported to the full House, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Reauthorization Bill. They also passed the Lumbee Recognition bill and the Virginia Tribes Recognition Bill. These bills will still need to come up for a vote by the full House of Representatives. We still do not know how they will fare in the U.S. Senate. Also being considered is a joint resolution by the House and the Senate to apologize to Native peoples for past actions of the U.S. government.

Implementation of Statutes and Resolutions

Club Keno Case: As (General Counsel) Jim Bransky and I reported in person at the last Tribal Council Work Session, a Settlement Conference was held in Federal Court in Grand Rapids, MI, before Judge Breneman on April 9. We also had a couple of conference calls with Little River Band representatives and a subsequent call with representatives of the State of Michigan. At this point, we are awaiting the judge's ruling on the Summary Judgment motions argued in court on April 13. The trial was scheduled to begin the week of May 21 and was expected to last approximately two weeks.

FY 2008 Budget: On April 18, I signed Tribal Resolution 032507-03 adopting the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget as passed by Tribal Council.

Regulations: Interim regulations have been posted for public comment regarding wetlands. We are working on the comments we are receiving and expect to have signed regulations to

submit to Tribal Council soon. We also finished the public comment period for the Tribal Minimum Control Standards for gaming and I signed and submitted these to the Legislative Office. By the time of the May 6 meeting, I expected to have at least one more set of regulations signed and submitted to Tribal Council.

Oversight of Commissions and Programs

Accounting Report: The monthly report from the Chief Financial Officer (Val Tweedie) was submitted as a part of this oversight report.

Departments and Programs Report: The monthly report from the Tribal Administrator (Albert Colby, Jr.) for departments and programs was submitted as a part of this oversight report.

Commission and Board Reports: First Quarter 2007 reports were submitted as a part of this report.

Funding for Gaming Regulatory Department: We are submitting a request for additional funding for the Gaming Regulatory Department. This was prepared at my request by the Gaming Regulatory Director (Vince Cook) and approved by the Gaming Regulatory Commission. These funds are needed in response to the increased work load due to the workforce expansion at the new casino (Odawa Casino Resort) and to address staffing issues raised in a performance audit. We are also asking that the "fees collected" line item be appropriated for the department's licensing costs.

Tobacco and Fuel Report: We attached a report from the Department of Commerce detailing the 2007 tobacco and fuel sales through the end

of March.

Enterprise Oversight

Victories Casino and Hotel: Either the Vice Chairman (Bill Denemy, Sr.) or I are at almost all of the Gaming Board meetings as we prepare for the transition from Victories Casino to Odawa Casino Resort. We are preparing for the requested report to Tribal Council on May 19.

Odawa Casino Resort Project

Report: Construction was on schedule and within our budget. The water tower was painted, and the logo was expected to be painted soon. The Chief Financial Officer (Val Tweedie) reported our legal counsel was still preparing the loan documents for the FF&E bank financing. The documents were expected to be ready soon. This financing will complete the financing within our approved budget for the Odawa Casino Resort. We are on target for the June 20 soft opening and the July 25 grand opening.

Odawa Enterprise Management

(OEM): I was told today (April 25) our salesperson for the restaurant and wholesale sales has been hired and started on April 23. The OEM staff and the staff at Biindigen (in Petoskey, MI) and Bell's Fishery (in Mackinaw City, MI) are preparing for the summer season. The Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) grant is progressing as planned to open a revolving loan fund for economic development. The plan calls for the CDFI to begin operations in 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Tribal Chairman Speaks on the Lessons Derived from "To Kill a Mockingbird" during NCMC Luncheon Lecture Series in Petoskey, MI

Editor's note: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik gave the following speech at the Luncheon Lecture Series on April 13 at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI. Ettawageshik spoke about the lessons that could be drawn from *To Kill a Mockingbird* and how those lessons could be applied to our communities today.

The Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts Dana Gioia writes on The Big Read webpage, www.neabigread.org, "The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. It is designed to revitalize the role of literary reading in American popular culture. *Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America*, a 2004 NEA report, identified a critical decline in reading for pleasure among American adults. The Big Read aims to address this issue directly by providing citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities."

When Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians filed the Big Read grant application, we didn't expect to be the only tribe awarded a grant. Here in northern Lower Michigan, our project, with all of its community partners, is one of only three projects awarded in Michigan. There are 72 funded in the

United States. Awardees include communities, colleges, local libraries and many other organizations. Our application was funded largely because of all the community partners with whom we collaborated. As a grant recipient, we received supporting written and audio information to help guide us in our public programming. The book we chose to read was *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

I travel a lot in my job as Tribal Chairman and a couple of weeks ago, I was in Maryland for several days for a meeting. I turned on the television in my room to see a young girl saying, "My parents liked *To Kill a Mockingbird* so much, they named me Scout," Scout being the heroine of the book. Maryland Public Television, as I found out, submitted one of the other successful Big Read applications and had chosen the same book as we did here.

Approximately 20 years ago, I read a book by E.D. Hirsh, Jr. titled *Cultural Literacy*. In this book, Hirsh disputes the assertion reading is a skill unrelated to content. Rather, in order to be an efficient reader in the United States, it is important to be literate in American culture, to have a basic understanding of concepts and information that can be mentally accessed quickly enough while reading to affect both reading speed and comprehension. Hirsh took this idea further by including at the end of the book a pre-

liminary list of words and concepts every culturally literate American would need to know. He also said this list would not be static, but rather be dynamic; each year, there would be both additions and deletions.

Hirsh's *Cultural Literacy* has had a profound effect on my world view in spite of the fact, or maybe even because of the fact, Hirsh's ideas have generated a vigorous discussion concerning list-driven educational curriculum and if any list can adequately reflect a diverse population. One of the things I've kept in my mind over the years from reading *Cultural Literacy* was Hirsh's discussion of the importance of understanding our common culture even while we celebrate our diversity. I've been thinking of how to apply these ideas in the drafting of tribal laws and developing programs and projects that will enhance the strengthening of cultural literacy for our tribal nation, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. What educational goals should we strive for, what information should we assure is available to our tribal citizens when they seek to learn our culture and history? One of the outcomes of this thought process in our tribal programs has been the production of written and video works on our tribal history. A key component of our strengthening and maintaining a common culture is the reading of a common literature.

Scout's experience with her teacher when she starts school and is already able to read was both comical and sad at the same time. I could relate to this from my experience in the second grade. I was ill several times for a total of 12 weeks of that year. I was nearly held back, but for the promise my mother made to my teacher to work with me on my reading. We worked at home during the summer, and by the time I started the third grade, I was reading at the ninth grade level. This caused me to have some interesting interactions with my teachers for the rest of elementary school. I read a book a day until I was running out of books to read in the school library.

When I was serving as the State Chairman of the Michigan Humanities Council, we participated in a Federation of State Humanities Councils' project titled "The Art of Association." This title came from Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America* published in 1835 and 1840. Alexis de Tocqueville was a French citizen, who toured and observed the United States. One of the things he noted was our propensity for forming organizations or associations seemingly at the drop of a hat. These organizations worked well because of how well we knew each other as neighbors and because we shared a strong sense of place. Today, organizations have become less cohesive and harder to manage. The Hu-

manities Council's thought was the primary reason for this decline was our increasing isolation from our neighbors causing us to have to work harder to reach consensus amongst strangers. The projects we developed to combat this declining functionality of organizations were group storytelling based on common artifacts from our organizational lives and group discussions of common readings. We found through this telling of stories and group discussions, members of boards and organizations got to know each other better, and the functionality of their associations increased.

Having a strong sense of place contributes to the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. We develop our sense of place through experiences, through what we share with our families and with our communities, and in my life, through what I've read. Because of the fast-paced lives most of us live these days, many of the elements of this sense of place are weak, nonexistent or not readily available to an increasing number of our citizens. I believe The Big Read project builds on the foundation of *Cultural Literacy* and *The Art of Association* to help combat this weakening of our society.

How do the lessons from *To Kill a Mockingbird* relate to our community? Within the memory of elder In-

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Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik speaks during the event.



The Sturgeon Bay drum opened the event with two songs.

dians living in the Little Traverse region, we recall the "No Indians Allowed" signs posted in some establishments on the main streets of local towns. I was born in 1949 and in the fourth grade in Harbor Springs, when I was introduced to racial issues when one of my classmates wouldn't sit in the desk next to me because I was a "nigger," which I suppose was the term she used for any person of color. One of our LTBB Tribal Citizens, Bill Dunlop, who was born in 1926 in Petoskey, wrote a book of his memories growing up in Petoskey called *The Indians of Hungry Hollow*. The following is an excerpt from that book:

"When a policeman is killed in the line of duty, a shock wave goes through the entire community. ... Petoskey's city officials reacted to the horrendous crime that had been committed. They petitioned the governor's office for help. ... One of the largest

manhunts in the state was soon underway. Unfortunately, the participants' zeal soon overtook their reasoning. They rushed down Main Street, grabbing every Indian in sight. They put them in police cars and took them to jail. Then, they went to all the Indian homes, dragged the male folk out, and took them to jail. In a couple hours, there wasn't an Indian man left in the entire area. ... The cops cleared out the city (jail) cells' normal occupants to make room for the large number of "suspects" being rounded up. Before long, the cells were overflowing. That didn't slow the roundup down one bit. The county jail located across the street was cleared, and more "suspects" began filling those cells. Soon, Petoskey's Indian men and many Indian boys were packed like sardines into both floors of the county jail.

Indians, who'd never been in jail in their lives, were rounded up and put

behind those steel doors. Eighty-year-old Ike Naska, my mother's uncle, was thrown into jail so fast the law officers didn't realize his dog had run in with him. Those lawmen kept bringing in more and more Indians until the jails simply couldn't hold anymore.

Russ Johnson tried to slow and even stop the mad roundup.

"You're all wrong," he told them. "When you catch these killers, they won't be Indian. I've known these people all my life, and I don't believe for one minute any of these men would do this kind of thing. This is just plain foolishness."

His voice was just one among the many. In all the uproar, it was easily ignored. Two days later, a man phoned the police.

"Two strange men just went into my barn," he told the officer answering the call. "I don't have any idea who they are. I just know they don't have

any business being in there."

The lawmen sprang into action. They surrounded the farmer's barn. ... The manhunt had finally come to an end. The dreaded "cop killers" had been found.

The two men were brothers-in-law. They were white, upper middle class locals, who lived on Pill Hill. ...

Russ Johnson's words had come true: "When you catch these killers, they won't be Indian."

Unfortunately for the Indians, finding the truth was not enough to change the deeply ingrained mindset that had caused the massive roundup. The two jails, full of Indians and one dog, were emptied.

Eighty-year-old Ike Naska was so upset by being accused of murder, he hitchhiked to Charlevoix to stay with other Indians. We finally had to go get him and assure him the real killers had been found.

These are the kinds of harassment Indian people had to endure. It sure made the words "You are just as good as anyone else" a little harder to believe.

The Indians of Hungry Hollow, Dunlop and Fountain-Blackledge, University of Michigan Press, 2004, excerpts from pages 153-155.

This story occurred approximately in the same time period as *To Kill a Mockingbird* takes place. The assumption of guilt for people who rep-

resent the "other" in our communities was not only a southern trait in American society. Since that time, all across America, changes have taken place. Laws and attitudes have changed and evolved, but there are still lingering issues, and ideas that show themselves from time to time.

When I recently reread *To Kill a Mockingbird*, I discovered things I had not noticed before, and I revisited things that have long stuck with me. The scene in which Atticus, Scout's father, shoots a rabid dog has long been the most vivid of my memories from both the book and the movie, reinforcing the notion not to quickly judge someone's abilities, to always assume there is a lot more depth to people than what is first apparent. In another passage, Atticus says to Scout, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view, until you climb into his skin and walk around in it." Having many people within our communities participating in this Big Read project all within a matter of weeks is akin to "climbing into his skin and walking around in it." We are all better people when we achieve a better understanding of the points of view of those around us, and especially, when we share a common experience such as The Big Read.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

The Odawa Institute
is sponsoring the First Annual
Gaachin Wiikwedoin Biimskoobtoowin
Little Traverse Bay Marathon
(Around the Bay Run)
We are running to spread the word
Anishinaabemowin is Alive!
Two Relays and One Long Run
7 a.m., August 19
Harbor Springs, MI to Charlevoix, MI
Volunteers and Runners Needed
Sign up at 231-347-3789, details at
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MEET THE NEW EMPLOYEES SERVING OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY



Carla Steingold

Carla Steingold, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as an Accounting Clerk on April 23.

Previously, Steingold worked at Victories Casino in Petoskey, MI, as a cocktail waitress.

Steingold, who grew up in Grand Rapids, MI, graduated from Grand Rapids Central High School and attended North Central Michigan College.

Her parents are Kelly Wesaw and Carl Wesaw.

Her grandparents on her mother's side were the late Frank Compo and the late Viola Shomin. Compo was a member of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, and Shomin was a member of LTBB.

Her grandparents on her father's side were the late Martin Wesaw and the late Viola Vincent/Sprague. Martin Wesaw

was a member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, and Vincent/Sprague was LTBB and Notawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Steingold lives in Alanson, MI, with her husband, Woody Steingold. She has six siblings.

In her free time, she enjoys going to pow wows, sewing, doing beadwork and spending time with family and friends.



Bill Mogford

Bill Mogford started as the Bell's Fishery Sales Representative on April 23.

Mogford works under Enterprise Manager Chuck Schofield in Odawa Enterprise Management and works closely with Bell's Fishery Store Manager Kevin Schlappi.

Mogford brings considerable sales experience to his position. He

first got into sales while driving for Otto Liebold & Co. Wholesale Meats in Flint, MI. After moving to the area in 1978, Mogford worked as a driver/salesman and later a pre-salesman for Coca-Cola in Petoskey. He worked as a sales representative for Philip Morris U.S.A. for 10 years and as a sales representative for Sysco Food Services for 10 years. Prior to taking his current position, he worked in retail management for two years before returning to sales.

"I wanted to return to the challenge of sales," Mogford said. "It's rewarding to open new accounts and to establish and cultivate business relationships. We're looking to establish a new venue for selling Bell's products. We're trying to enter the restaurant end of things.

"We feel there is a lot of profitable potential in that market."

Mogford grew up in Flint and graduated from Flint Northern High School. He attended Mott Community College. Mogford used to travel up north to ski before moving to the area.

His wife, Kelly, works as the attendance/athletics secretary at Petoskey Middle School, and they live in Petoskey. He and his wife are avid walkers. They have two daughters, Abbey, 19, and Amy, 16. Mogford also has a daughter, Beth. Mogford and his wife have two dogs and four cats and are pet lovers.

In his free time, Mogford enjoys spending time with his family. He and his family enjoy traveling to Orlando, FL, to visit the amusement parks, going to the beach and golfing.

Mogford said he feels fortunate to be a part of Bell's Fishery and LTBB's commitment to growth.

Articles and photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Tribal Citizens of LTBB Odawa
Are you a Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Artisan?
Do you create high-quality Native American artwork?
Are you interested in showcasing your high-quality artwork at our new gift shop inside Odawa Casino Resort?
Contact
Juanita Rogers **Suzette Schmalzried**
Casino Services Manager **Retail Manager**
Victories Casino & Hotel **Victories Casino & Hotel**
Office 231-439-0822 **Office 231-439-8866**
Cell 231-838-4948 **Cell 231-758-0917**

LTBB of Odawa Indians' Food Distribution Program Warehouse Schedule

Days for Distribution

1st Saturday	1 & 2 person households
2nd Saturday	3 & 4 person households
3rd Saturday	5+ person households

Hours of Distribution

Open	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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If you missed your pickup, please call 231-242-1627 to make alternative arrangements.

Are You Interested in Working for the LTBB Government?

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

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

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

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

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



Natural Resource Department

INTERNATIONAL BOW EDUCATION PROGRAM

Submitted by the Natural Resource Department

The LTBB Natural Resource Department (NRD) is once again offering a bow safety class for tribal and non-tribal citizens who live in and around our community.

The International Bow Education Program (IBEP) class is eight credits. The class covers the history of bow hunting, wildlife conservation, responsibilities, safety, equipment, how to practice, methods, tree stands, anatomy, shot placement, recovery

and care of game, basic first aid, survival and much more.

The IBEP class is a **specialty** class that covers more than the Michigan Hunter Safety Class covers. The IBEP class is not a substitute for the Michigan mandatory hunter safety class and does not fulfill the mandatory hunter safety training requirements in Michigan.

The class will be held August 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the NRD

Building located near the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. We will go outside for a number of activities, so please wear appropriate clothing.

The class is limited to 30 participants, so pre-registration is required to reserve your spot.

For more information and to pre-register, please contact NRD at 231-242-1670.

LTBB AND CRA TEAM UP TO BENEFIT WILDLIFE

By Jackie Pilette, Wetlands Specialist and Eric Ellis, CRA Biologist/Manager



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) and Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) recently began implementation of the Conservation Innovation Grant they jointly received from the United States Department of Agriculture.

The grant was awarded to fund CRA's Wild Link program which conserves fish and wildlife habitat, water quality and forests on private lands in priority "ecological corridors" of northwest Michigan.

The Wild Link program works with private landowners to provide them with a broad habitat management plan. Often overlooked, private lands provide valuable wildlife habitat and form crucial links between public lands already under management.

Landowner management plans can include, but are not limited to improvements for wildlife viewing, songbird habitat, hunting opportuni-

ties and timber production.

There is no fee to write a landowner management plan, no contracts are involved and no public access is required. The primary goals of this grant are to meet landowners' needs, improve wildlife habitat and ultimately, to protect important species in order to prevent them from becoming threatened or endangered.

In the first few years of this new program, CRA has worked with 20 private landowners in Emmet, Charlevoix and Antrim counties, providing habitat conservation on more than 5,100 acres.

As part of the Wild Link program, the LTBB Natural Resource staff is working closely with CRA Biologists on a Native Plants Initiative. This project involves researching and documenting important habitat types, making management recommendations and providing protection oppor-

tunities for plants of significance to LTBB. They will also provide training for CRA staff, assist with the writing of management plans, review plans from other areas and write a technical bulletin summarizing habitat management recommendations.

CRA and LTBB are searching for private landowners interested in participating in the Wild Link program. We are also seeking tribal citizens interested in participating in the Native Plants Initiative.



For more information on the program and to see whether your property may qualify, please contact Eric Ellis at 231-946-6817 or craeric@chartermi.net or Jackie Pilette at jpilette@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-242-1570.

Courtesy photo.



Indian Hills Gallery



Beads • Jewelry • Books • Music
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Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Summer Youth Camp

June 18-22

4-6 year olds. 8 a.m. to Noon

June 25-29

7-10 year olds. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 9, 11 and 13

11-14 year olds. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Full-day campers need to bring a sack lunch. Come join us for action-packed summer days! For more information and registration, call the Education Department at 231-242-1480.

Drop-off locations:

LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, and the Waterfront in Petoskey, MI.

Attention Elders

The Elders Program is in the process of making travel arrangements for the **July 2007 Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting in Watersmeet, MI.** The dates are **July 11-13.** If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Tina Sutton at 231-242-1423, so your name can be put on the list. **The Elders Program is limited to the number of participants we may take. The selection process is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is important to call as soon as possible. Miigwetch - Elders Program.**

Walking Challenge 2007

Migwech to all of you who have been taking part in the Walking Challenge. As I write this, almost 200 people have joined in. Hopefully, besides helping your tribe, you have also received some benefits: Maybe a little lower blood pressure, a little looser-fitting pants or increased exercise tolerance. There is still more than a month left in the challenge, so it's not too late to "step up" your activity! If you haven't been keeping accurate records, please, don't just quit and throw them out. I will gladly include eight weeks worth of steps over not having any from you at all. Just do the best you can with your log sheets, and don't forget to send them back to me by July 13. I will give them to the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, who will calculate the steps and announce the winner at the 2007 Michigan Indian Family Olympics on July 20. If you have any questions I haven't answered, please feel free to contact me at 231-242-1601 or e-mail me at rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Submitted by Health Educator Regina Brubacker

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.

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.

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.

On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Sutton

Michigan

June 9-10

28th Annual Homecoming of the Three Fires Traditional Pow Wow
Riverside Park in Grand Rapids, MI
Contact Information: N. Joe Leo at 616-458-8759 or
grboi3fpw@yahoo.com

June 15-16

Chi-asin
Chesaning, MI
Contact Information: Lisa Peters at lpeters@sagchip.org

June 16-17

Two Worlds Lodge Spring Gathering
Lakeola Road in Reed City, MI
Contact Information: Dale and Betty Hyatt at 218-924-4018 or polt-
twil@wcta.net

June 22-24

South Eastern Michigan Indians, Inc. "Honoring Mother Earth" Pow
Wow
Gibraltar Trade Center in Mt. Clemens, MI
Contact Information: Piper Locklear at 586-756-1350, ext. 125

June 23-24

Restoring the Circle
224 S. Hudson in Lowell, MI
Contact Information: Lori Shustha at 616-364-4697

June 22-24

Great Lakes Area Traditional Pow Wow "Honoring Our Veterans"
Woodland Valley Gathering Grounds in Wilson, MI
Contact Information: 906-466-7383, 906-466-0009, 906-466-2878,
906-466-9933 or 906-466-2782

June 29-July 1

Bay Mills Honoring Our Veterans Contest Pow Wow
11386 W. Lakeshore Drive in Brimley, MI
Contact Information: Richard LeBlanc at 906-248-3715 or rele-
blanc@bmic.net

June 30-July 1

Sixth Annual Mending the Sacred Hoop Pow Wow
300 W. Russell Road, Calzorn Park in Tecumseh, MI
Contact Information: Abel Cooper at 517-263-3233

July 14-15

Black River Pow Wow and Historical Gathering
Wadhams, MI
Contact Information: Joe Greaux at 810-985-8669 or www.black-
riverpowwow.com

July 21-22

City by the Water
Bay County Fairgrounds in Bay City, MI
Contact Information: Native American Pride Committee at 989-684-
8311 or natam2000@hotmail.com

July 28-29

Bellevue Dancing Cranes Pow Wow
201 West St. in Bellevue, MI
Contact Information: Frank Snyder or Leslea Boyd at 269-763-3197 or
bellevuepowwow@yahoo.com

Minnesota

June 1-3

Sah-Gii-Bah-Gah Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Nett Lake, MN
Contact Information: 218-757-3261 or bf_powwow@yahoo.com

June 2-3

Fourth Annual Dakota Homecoming Traditional Pow Wow
Pavillion Lake Park in Winona, MN
Contact Information: 507-452-2278 or www.dakotahomecoming.org

June 8-10

30th Annual Lower Sioux Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Morton, MN
Contact Information: 507-697-6185 or www.jackpotjunction.com

June 15-17

Lake Vermilion Traditional Pow Wow
Vermilion Reservation in Tower, MN
Contact Information: Tracey Dagen at 218-753-7713 or tdagen@for-
tunebay.com

June 15-17

139th Annual White Earth Traditional Pow Wow
Tribal Grounds in White Earth, MN
Contact Information: 1-800-950-3248, ext. 1337 or
henryf@whiteearth.com

June 15-17

Grand Casino Celebration Contest Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Hinkley, MN
Contact Information: 1-800-472-6321, ext. 4843 or 1-800-472-6321,
ext. 4913

June 16-17

22nd Annual Bear Creek Traditional Pow Wow
Olmsted County History Center in Rochester, MN
Contact Information: 507-367-2697 or www.nacsm.org

July 2-4

Red Lake Nation Independence Day Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Red Lake, MN
Contact Information: 218-679-3341

July 13-15

Dakota Wacipi Contest Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Prairie Island, MN
Contact Information: Shelley Buck-Yeager at 651-385-4126 or
www.prairieisland.org

July 13-15

14th Annual Fond du Lac Veteran's Traditional Pow Wow
Mash-Ka-Wisen Pow Wow Grounds in Sawyer, MN
Contact Information: 218-879-4593 or marynorthrup@fldrez.com

July 14-15

Miigwetch Mahnomen Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Ball Club, MN
Contact Information: 218-246-8055, www.deeriver.org or
driver@deeriver.org

July 20-22

Traditional Pow Wow
National Monument in Pipestone, MN
Contact Information: 507-562-1009

July 28

Keepers Pow Wow
Leon H. Moore Park in Pipestone, MN
Contact Information: Bud or Rona Johnston at 507-825-3734 or
www.pipekeepers.org

Wisconsin

June 1-3

17th Annual LCO Ojibwe School Contest Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Hayward, WI
Contact Information: 218-634-8924 or www.lcoschools.bia.edu

June 7

Fifth Annual ICS Youth Traditional Pow Wow
ICSA Campus in Milwaukee, WI
Contact Information: 414-345-3561, 414-345-3060 or
fernandez_p@ics-milw.org

June 16-17

22nd Annual Strawberry Moon Traditional Pow Wow
Camp Grounds in Mole Lake, WI
Contact Information: 715-478-7605 or tinavz30@newnorth.net

June 16-17

18th Annual Honor the Fire Keepers Traditional Pow Wow
Dunn Field in Lake Geneva, WI
Contact Information: 262-248-2794

June 22-24

15th Annual St. Croix Casino and Hotel Contest Pow Wow
Mak'oodo Arena in Turtle Lake, WI
Contact Information: 1-800-236-2195 or www.stcroixcasino.com

July 6-8

29th Annual Red Cliff Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Red Cliff, WI
Contact Information: 715-779-5437, 715-779-5597, www.redcliff-
nsn.gov or mark.montano@redcliff-nsn.gov

July 6-8

35th Annual Oneida Contest Pow Wow
Norbert Hill Center in Oneida, WI
Contact Information: 920-496-7897, 1-800-236-2214, www.oneida-
nation.org or lpowless@oneidanation.org

July 13-15

25th Annual Bear River Traditional Pow Wow
Indian Village Rd. in Lac du Flambeau, WI
Contact Information: Teresa Mitchell at 715-588-3333 or
bearriver_ldf@yahoo.com

July 20-22

34th Annual Honor the Earth Traditional Pow Wow
LCO Pow Wow Grounds in Hayward, WI
Contact Information: 715-634-8924, www.lcoschools.bia.edu or
lco_hte@yahoo.com

July 20-22

13th Annual Ho-Chunk Neesh-La Contest Pow Wow
Highway 12 across from Ho-Chunk Casino in Lake Delton, WI
Contact Information: 608-355-9608 or 1-800-492-5745

July 27-29

Eighth Annual Nation of Warriors Traditional Pow Wow
Lake Park in Antigo, WI
Contact Information: Stan Haling at 715-588-3695 or food vendors
call Sue Haling at 715-588-3695

2007

Young Native Writers Essay Contest

YOUNG NATIVE WRITERS



ESSAY CONTEST

Holland+Knight
Charitable Foundation, Inc.

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National Museum of the American Indian

"The trip was one of a lifetime that will remain in all of our hearts forever. The essay contest offered these students creative expression. This allowed the door to open on many levels."

- Victoria Isaac Brown (Ojibwa)

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Student scholarship winners from the 2006 Young Native Writers Essay Contest while in Washington, D.C.

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, in association with the National Museum of the American Indian, is pleased to announce the 2007 *Young Native Writers Essay Contest*. This unique writing contest for Native American high school students is designed to inspire honest portrayals of the richness of Native American life and history and offers all-expense-paid trips to Washington, D.C. and college scholarships to the winning essayists.

As an enduring legacy to every Native American who has ever lived, we hope to inspire a sense of honor and dignity to all participants.

2007 Essay Contest

Students responding to this year's writing contest should present in an essay of no more than 1,200 words, (a) specific or general struggles and triumphs of Native Americans in history and in today's world; and (b) how the writer will use his or her talents to enhance the future of his or her own Native American community.

Subject suggestions include Native American involvement in treaties, governments (federal and tribal), languages, education, folklore, religion, entertainment, games, sports, media and current events.

In preparation for writing, students should draw from their own personal knowledge and research information from a variety of sources. Primary and secondary source material could include: historical and reference material, interviews, personal experiences, oral testimonies, official documents, diaries, letters, autobiographies, newspapers, academic journals, films, CD-ROM, and Internet sources.

Prizes

The following prizes will be awarded to winning essayists:

Five First-Place Winners will each receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., (tentatively scheduled for August 2-6, 2007) to visit the National Museum of the American Indian, their Congressional representatives, and other government and historical sites.

The winners will be accompanied by the teachers who inspired their entries into the contest. First-Place Winners will receive a special award for display at home or school and a Certificate of Participation. In addition, each First-Place Winner will receive a scholarship ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to be paid to the college or university of their choice.

Five Second-Place Winners: Each of the five Second-Place Winners will receive \$500, a special award for display at home or school, and a Certificate of Participation.



Graphic Interpretation of the Sun Dance, late 19th c. Painted by Black Chicken (Yanktonai Dakota), Fort Peck Reservation, Montana. 2/3304. Courtesy of NMAI.

"I am pleased that Holland & Knight is encouraging American Indian youngsters to share their thoughts and perspectives. Indian people have made great strides in recent years, but there is still much to overcome. The voices of our youth gives us the perspective of tomorrow's leaders, allowing today's leaders the opportunity to look at these issues through fresh eyes."

The Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell, U.S. Senator-Retired (Northern Cheyenne)



National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy of NMAI.

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS
JUNE 1, 2007**

For contest rules and to download an application, please visit foundation.hklaw.com and click on Young Native Writers' Essay Contest

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting
 March 25, 2007
 Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle
 9:15 a.m. Smudging
 9:30 a.m.

Closed Session: Yes
 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
 Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.
 Absent: Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Executive Office Present: Executive Assistant Rebecca Fisher

Legal Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Staff Present: Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount

Commission, Boards, and Committees: none

Guests: none

Opening Ceremony: Dexter McNamara

9:44 a.m. Councilor Shananaquet arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt the agenda for March 25, 2007, in honor of Nungo-Qwe (Dorothy Sagitaw).
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Roberts to approve the minutes of March 11, 2007, as presented.
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.

9:56 a.m. Recess called.
 10:01 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution Appropriation of \$10,000.00 for the Restoration of all Burial Grounds within the 1855 Treaty Area.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution for Miss Odawa Nation Travel and Supplies Funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 to come from prior year funds.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Appropriation of Funds for the 2008 Operating Budgets and Restatement of Funding Allocation for the 2008 Fiscal Year.
 Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-no, Councilor McNamara-no, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-no, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-no, Legislative Leader Law-yes
 Motion carried.

10:49 a.m. Recess called.
 10:58 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to ap-

prove Tribal Council Judicial and Prosecutor Appointment Procedures revised on March 13, 2007.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington)
 Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's report, verbal and written, for March 25, 2007.
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt Tribal Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, FY 2007 Circle of Flight Project.

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

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.
 11:45 a.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Request for Funding from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, FY 2007 Tribal Criminal History Record Improvement Program.
 Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-no, Councilor McNamara-no, Councilor Roberts-no, Councilor Shananaquet-no, Councilor Yellowbank-no, Treasurer Oldman-no, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
 Motion failed.

12:03 p.m. Lunch recess called.
 1:35 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Burial Request Program Regulations as presented from the Executive.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept the Legislative Leader Law's report with confidential information included.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Secretary Kiogima's verbal and written report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept the Treasurer Oldman's verbal and written report for March 25, 2007.
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to accept the Tribal Council Member verbal and written reports from Councilor Shananaquet and Secretary Kiogima.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.

2:39 p.m. Recess called.
 2:49 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

2:50 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to go into closed session for personnel issues.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Harrington), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.

3:27 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to go back into open session.
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.

3:42 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adjourn.
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.

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

Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary
 Date

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2007

June 9 Work Session
 June 10 Council Meeting
 June 23 Work Session
 June 24 Council Meeting

July 7 Work Session
 July 8 Council Meeting
 July 21 Work Session
 July 22 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
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 RITA SHANANAQUET, COUNCILOR
 ALICE YELLOWBANK, COUNCILOR
 DEXTER MCNAMARA, COUNCILOR



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

2007 ELECTION SCHEDULE

BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES, NO PRIMARY ELECTION IS NEEDED
 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
 MAY 25
 JUNE 9
 GENERAL ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI.

MONDAY JUNE 25, GENERAL ELECTION DAY
 JUNE 10 GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED

NEW TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

Lines From our Membership...

Birthdays

Happy birthday to my favorite Aunt and Godmother, **Marcia Sutton**, on June 16. I love you. Brittany.

Happy birthday to **Bill Bentley** on June 9. We love you. Gina, Brittany and Elizabeth.

Happy birthday to **Joshua Gasco** on June 13. Hope you have a great day. Uncle Bill, Aunt Gina and Brittany.

Happy birthday to **Jim Klogima, Sr.** on May 31. From Christine Backues.

Belated birthday wishes to **Beth Klogima**, who celebrated on May 1. From Christine Backues.

Happy birthday to **Jerome Klogima** on June 1. From Christine Backues.

Happy birthday to my new Daddy (**Phillip James Harmon**) on June 18. Just keep the faith and one of these days, I'll be big enough to hunt, fish, golf and go boating with you. I love you Dad, Peyton James.

Happy birthday to **Phillip James Harmon** on June 18. We love you, Mama Willis and Jen and Sharon.

Happy 32nd birthday to **Jason Oldman** on June 23. From Mom and Dad, your brothers, sister and Alonzo and Alexa.

Happy birthday **Dad!** With love, Maria.

We would like to wish a very happy 33rd birthday on June 12 to the "family chauffeur" **Annette VanDeCar**. We will even give her the day off. Go out and celebrate and play a game of "poker." Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy birthday to my cousins, **Mary Ann Boulton** (June 4), and, **George Santigo** (June 9). Happy birthday wishes to my brother, **Jacob Keshick**, who will celebrate on June 16. May you all have a blessed and spectacular day! Yvonne Fuerte.

Happy birthday to **Kiana Wood** on June 7. We hope you have a happy, happy day! Love you, Mom, Matthew and your sisters.

Happy 13th birthday to my lil sis, **Becca Lynn**, on June 19. Hope you have a great year! Lots of love, Sara and Tavien.

Happy birthday to my beading buddy, **Becca Lynn**, on June 19. Love ya. Aunt Gina.

Birthdays



Happy 26th birthday to **Jimmy Marcus Gasco**, who celebrates on June 16. You're a wonderful husband and the best dad. We love you and like you, Gina and Mkoohns.

MinoDibishkaan! Noshenh, **Aanzhenil Starr BigJohn**, Mdaaswe Biboonigiza; Nzigozis **Carol Jean McFall**; Nsy'enhak **Johnny B. McFall** mi-inwa **Curtis McFall, Sr.**; miidash nshiimenhan bazigiman **Theresa Chingwa**. Aapidji Gzaagigoom!

Happy birthday to **Natalie Denemy** on May 28. From the Denemy family.

Many happy birthday hugs and kisses to my two banoogies on June 15 - **Kinsley Rebekah** and **Maggie Lou!** I hope you have a delightful year! You are the apple of this granny's eye! Gaa zaagian, love Maime.

Happy birthday to my fun-loving niece, **Bobbi Zeefe**. Watch out G.R. on June 5. Love Aunties, Tootsie and Amelia.

Happy birthday to **Jacob, Strawberry, Howard** and **Kaytlyn!** From your favorite Aunties, Tootsie and Amelia.

Happy birthday to my eldest, **Vanessa Meganuph!** Stay on track with a good birthday year. Love, Mom.

Happy 33rd birthday to **Annette VanDeCar!** June 12 has never been the same! From your loving brother, Marty.

Happy birthday to **Cheyenne Shananaquet**, who turns five on June 29! From your parents, Gerald and Stella Shananaquet, and your grandparents, Larry Shananaquet and Carol Quinones.

Happy birthday to **Antoine Royce Burks**, who turns 23 on June 25! Love, your Mom, Unc and Bros.

Belated birthday wishes to **Laura (Adkins) Schrock**, who celebrated on May 17. Love, Mom, Dad and Family.

Happy birthday to our Mom/Grandma, **Marcia Sutton**, on June 16. Love, Tina, Michael, Amanda and Collin.

Happy belated birthday to **Jerry Adkins**, who celebrated on April 23. Late, but not forgotten. Love Mom, Dad and Family.

Announcements

The LTBB Elders Program seeks a lawn maintenance contractor to mow elders' lawns during the summer of 2007. 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.

I didn't think this day would ever come when I would be sending notice of my departure.

It is with a saddened heart I submit this notice. My last day as a LTBB Governmental Employee (Human Services Senior Community Resource Worker) was May 18.

I joined Victories Casino and Hotel (Odawa Casino Resort) as an Administrative Assistant in the Executive Department. This was not an easy decision to make, but I feel it is in my best interests to transfer.

I have enjoyed working for the LTBB Government for the past 12 years, and I cherish the special friendships I have made during my stay. I am looking forward to and am excited about the new challenges that working for Victories Casino and Hotel will provide.

I will miss working with the clients of the Food Distribution, Day Care Assistance and Low Income Energy Assistance Program. I can only hope the individual, who was hired to fill this vacancy, will continue to provide excellent customer service.

It's not goodbye; it's just see you later.

Baamaapii
Theresa Boda

Megwetch to all those who attended the Second Annual Swiss Steak Dinner on March 24 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Petoskey, MI. Of the 500 tickets made up, 485 were sold. We had a wonderful turnout with a representation of Nishnabeg from Charlevoix, MI, Petoskey, MI, Harbor Springs, MI, Cross Village, MI, Burt Lake, MI, Kalamazoo, MI, Pellston, MI, and Houghton Lake, MI.

Megwetch to Victories Casino and Hotel, to Victories Casino and Hotel staff and to Diane Bott for their assistance. We would also like to thank the Culinary Class from Petoskey High School and Chef Hall for preparing and serving the Swiss Steak, to the Knights of Columbus Council 1923 for the setup and clean up, McDonald's of Petoskey and Bayside Beverage Corporation in Petoskey for the beverages and all those who donated items for the raffle and who brought desserts.

Chi Megwetch to the Tribal Council and the Tribal Chairman for your support. All proceeds go toward the restoration of the St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission Church in Petoskey.

Announcements

The fundraiser dinner (the Second Annual Swiss Steak Dinner held on March 24 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Petoskey, MI) was great! We had Chef Roy Hall and his students from the Culinary Arts class at Petoskey High School help make the fundraiser a success by preparing the Swiss Steak. From St. Francis Xavier School in Petoskey, MI, we had Tina Foltz and Liz Gengles supervise the dining room. The students helped the elders take their meals to their seats and helped with the cleanup. We had donations from local merchants in Petoskey and Native items handmade by our daughters, Michele LaCount and Kim Symanski. Victories Casino and Hotel donated all of the Swiss Steak. I contacted my friend, Elizabeth Delene, at the Bishop Baraga Association in Marquette, MI, and told her about the fundraiser. She sent 15 duffle bags to be used for the raffle.

With the help of our committee members, the fundraiser dinner was a success. We made approximately \$6,000 for our little church (St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission Church in Petoskey).

We thank you for your support. Megwech, Don and Suzanne Portman.

Congratulations to Petoskey High School sophomore pitcher **Andi Gasco**, who threw her second career no-hitter with 18 strikeouts in a 1-0 victory over Sault Ste. Marie on May 3.

Birth Announcements



Lillian Helena Bott was born April 11 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. She weighed 6.5 pounds, and she was 18.5 inches long. Her parents are Blayne and Sara Bott of Petoskey. Her grandparents are John and Diane Bott of Petoskey and Evin and Illene Zagoria of Novi, MI.



Zhaawan Raymond Martell was born on April 20 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. He weighed 7.75 pounds, and he was 18.5 inches long. His parents are Raymond Martell and Carrie Heron of Petoskey. His brothers are Giizhig, 4, and Jimaganish, 2. His grandparents are Howard "Kenny" and Jane Martell of Petoskey and Patty Kequom and Mark Heron of Alanson.

Announcements

LTBB Tribal Citizens Encouraged to Take Advantage of Golf Membership Grant

Aanii LTBB Tribal Citizens.

I am very pleased to announce we have been approved for a fitness/wellness Golf Membership Grant through Maple Ridge Golf Course in Brutus, MI.

The purpose of this grant is to encourage an active lifestyle while enjoying a sport enjoyed by all age groups.

This particular grant has been based on a "walking membership," which means walking the course is encouraged.

The grant allows us the following privileges:

12 LTBB Golfers per day with **UNLIMITED** golf!

If an LTBB Tribal Citizen chooses to use a cart, he or she is responsible for paying the \$10 cart fee.

Maple Ridge Golf Course is also offering a tribal discount of \$5 off 18 holes or \$2.50 off nine holes for any tribal citizen and their guests, who do not have a round pass or if the daily membership allowance has been exceeded.

Play is available during any open golf operation hours (restrictions only apply during league play, tournaments and outings). Maple Ridge has two 18-hole courses, so in the event one of the courses is restricted and/or closed, the other should be available.

Should you choose to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, you will be required to present your valid LTBB Tribal Identification card as well as signing the LTBB Golf Membership Grant Log, so we may determine whether this grant has been a successful venture.

If you have any questions regarding this grant, please feel free to call me at 231-487-9146.

Miigwech,
Michael P. McCreery, LTBB Tribal Citizen

The Education Department will host a Graduation Celebration honoring all 2007 graduates on August 10 in the Commons Area at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Please look for more information about the celebration in the July issue of *Odawa Trails*.

The LTBB Elders Association seeks summer volunteers willing to assist in making flower crowns to be placed on tribal graves in cemeteries around the northern Michigan area. The flower crowns will be placed on graves in late October.

If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, contact Harriet Kishigo-Booth at 231-838-6547 or Virginia Lewis at 231-330-8491.

Native News

DO YOU KNOW ANY OF THESE PEOPLE?



If so, please contact the LTBB Archives and Records Department at 231-242-1450.

EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVES OFFERED BY MIEA AND LTBB

ELDERS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE TO ALL LTBB GRADE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS: Once again this school year, the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) will hold a lottery to award incentive monies to all tribal students kindergarten through 12th grade who receive straight A's or had perfect attendance for one or both of the first two marking periods of the current school year. **There are no losers** because the LTBB Elders Association will pay the incentives to any qualifying LTBB Students who are not selected in the lottery. **IN ADDITION**, the LTBB Elders Association will extend this program to pay any LTBB Student who maintains the same level of achievement for the third and fourth marking periods. **ALSO**, if any student maintains at least a B or better grade level on their report card throughout the entire school year, and

they are not eligible for the all A's incentive, they shall be eligible for a \$20 incentive.

Students must submit a copy of their report card together with a copy of their tribal ID to the LTBB Elders Association, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs MI 49740, **after the second marking period and prior to March 1, 2007**. For the second installment or the B or better incentive, students must submit a copy of their report card together with a copy of their tribal ID **after the last marking period of the school year and no later than July 1. Strict rules will apply.** Students must submit their report cards in a timely manner. **ONLY** perfect attendance and straight A's will apply for the \$25 incentives. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** B or better incentives paid only at the end of the school year. **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** MIEA is offering one \$1,000 and four

\$500 scholarships to qualified students. Check with the LTBB Education Department for information and application forms. **ALSO** this year, the LTBB Elders Association is offering four \$500 higher education scholarships to our LTBB College Students. To qualify for these scholarships, the student must be an enrolled LTBB Tribal Citizen, a high school senior or returning college student, enrolled as a full-time student, and have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. **THIS IS NOT A CONTEST.** The winning students are drawn on a lottery basis and the funds are sent directly to the student, not the university or college. Contact the LTBB Education Department for the application form and deadlines.

THESE INCENTIVES ARE SPONSORED BY THE LTBB ELDERS ASSOCIATION.



PATTON SHOWS HER APPRECIATION

On April 10 at the Elders Luncheon held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, LTBB Tribal Citizen Sheran Patton donated a limited edition print to the LTBB Elders Association and donated a basket to the LTBB Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department. It was her way of thanking the tribal elders who had taken up a collection to assist her when a pipe at her home burst this winter. LTBB Elders Association President Richard Wemigwase accepted the print on behalf of the Elders Association, and Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase accepted the basket on behalf of her department. Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Royalty Meets Royalty

2006 Miss Odawa Akeshia Trudeau (pictured on the left) met 2006-2007 Miss Indian World Violet John (pictured on the right) at the Rogers Center Pow Wow in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Trudeau, a member of the Whitefish River First Nation in Birch Island, Ontario, Canada, was crowned 2006 Miss Odawa on August 12, 2006 at the 15th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow in Harbor Springs, MI. Prior to being crowned 2006 Miss Odawa, Trudeau was Junior Miss Wawaskinaga and Miss Wawaskinaga. Trudeau, a fancy shawl dancer, has been dancing since she was 11 months old. Photo courtesy of Akeshia Trudeau.

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- May 28 and 29
- June 25 and 26
- July 23 and 24
- August 27 and 28
- September 24 and 25
- October 22 and 23
- November 26 and 27
- December 27 and 28

All appointments at the LTBB Community Health Department located at 1080 Hager Drive in Petoskey, MI. For more details or to schedule appointments, call 231-242-1601.

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.
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CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY PRESENTATION

Former Public Information Officer Jennifer M. Dale-Burton (shown in the photo to the right) gave a brief overview of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) to the tribal elders in attendance at the Elders Luncheon held April 10 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

CORA member tribes include Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, LTBB and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

CORA regulates most Indian fishing in the 1836 treaty waters. CORA's governing body is comprised of the member tribes' Chairmen and the Natural Resource Entity Chairmen of each tribe. Under the CORA charter, two committees were established: the Great Lakes Resource Committee (GLRC) and the Inland Lands and Waters Resources Committee (ILWRC). The GLRC serves as the intertribal management body for the



treaty fishery in 1836 treaty waters, and is invested with broad powers to carry out its charge. The ILWRC oversees inland resource matters.

CORA "Protecting the Resource" bimonthly newsletter is inserted into

Odawa Trails.

For more information on CORA, please visit www.1836cora.org.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

"LESSONS" CONTINUED FROM COVER

Bill Clinton signed Senate Bill 1357 on September 21, 1994 reaffirming LTBB. LTBB is one of the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan.

"I never realized it was such a struggle to be recognized," Fiel said.

Wheaton said the video made her understand the meaning of sovereignty better.

"You have your own nation," Wheaton said. "What struck me about the video was the tremendous drive of your people. You wanted it so badly. You weren't going to give up no matter how long it took or what you had to do to accomplish it."

After watching the video and having lunch, the students toured the governmental center and listened to presentations by the various departments and programs housed there.

Tippett said the students were blown away by the wealth of information given to them.

"I think it is important to break down stereotypes and racial barriers," Tippett said. "I wanted my students to know the truth. There are a lot of good things happening here. It was good for them to see that firsthand.

Now when they hear LTBB, they are not going to think only of the casino, they are going to think of what they saw here.

"They have more knowledge of

the tribe now than 80% of the area's population. They are informed now. It was an honor to be here, and everyone made us feel welcome."

Even though all the departments gave interesting presentations, the Natural Resource and the Cultural Preservation Departments presentations were talked about the most by the students. After both presentations, there were lengthy question and answer sessions.

"I had no idea people dug up the graves of your ancestors and put their remains into museums," Rypkowski said. "The museums should give the remains and artifacts back."

Said Woiteshek: "Hearing about the bald eagle studies being done (by the Natural Resource Department) was interesting. I didn't know you had your own police officers, laws and court system because you are a sovereign nation."

The students said another highlight was being shown the Law Enforcement Department's police cars by Sergeant Mike Givens and Law Enforcement Officer Ryan Roberts.

Because of the experience, Boyne Falls High School junior Terra Wasylewski said she could now see beyond the stereotypes.

"Everyone who went liked it," Wasylewski said. "It was a good learning opportunity. I think more students and classes should do it."

Said Boyne Falls High School sophomore Allie Jepsen: "I learned more here than I have from reading any history book. It was learning without it being a drag. It was interesting."

Tippett's uncle is Chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis, a LTBB Tribal Citizen.

"The tour was the culmination of a good four years of discussing it," said Tippett, who is non-Native. "It just never worked out before this for whatever reason. I'd like to do it every year, but it depends on the curriculum from year to year. Kevin really took it on his shoulders to make it happen. I have always wanted to honor him as a family member and a friend by understanding who he is and understanding his culture."

Willis said the tribe was pleased to have the students here.

"It was good for the students to see a tribe in their own backyard," Willis said. "We were pleased to provide as much information as we could. We tried to head off misconceptions and educate them about us. It was well-received by the students."

Photos by Annette VanDeCar.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians invites you to the 14th Annual Anishinaabe Family Language / Culture Camp

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July 27

8 a.m. Opening & Breakfast
9:15 a.m. Presentations/workshops
10:45 a.m. Presentations/workshops
Noon Lunch
1:15 p.m. Presentations/workshops
2:45 p.m. Presentations/workshops
4 p.m. Anishinaabemowin bingo
4 p.m. Anishinaabe baseball

July 28

8 a.m. Breakfast
9:15 a.m. Presentations/workshops
10:45 a.m. Presentations/workshops
Noon Lunch
1:15 p.m. Presentations/workshops
2:45 p.m. Presentations/workshops
4 p.m. Anishinaabemowin bingo
4 p.m. Anishinaabe baseball

5 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. Talent show

9 p.m. Entertainment-Helen Roy

5 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. Jingtamok/Pow wow

9 p.m. Entertainment-Helen Roy

July 29

8 a.m. Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Presentations/workshops

10:45 a.m. Presentations/workshops

Noon Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

Presentations include cultural teachings, language learning, pipe teachings, natural medicines, drum making, hoop dancing, flute playing, basket making, hide tanning and games. Presentations and workshops for all ages. We politely ask English be the second language used at this camp. Presentations will be in both English and Anishinaabemowin. First-come, first-serve for the camping area. This event will take place at the corner of M-22 and U.S. 31 across from the Little River Casino Resort. There are showers on site. Bring your nation flag, and we will display it to show the unity of our language and culture. We encourage every family to bring a gift for the giveaway.

Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe Nation

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(L to R) Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law and Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik in the front row. Youth Services Coordinator Robert "R.J." Smith, Cynthia Biro and Alicia Nowell in the back row. All attended the 110th Executive Council of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) from February 26-28. Courtesy photo.

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2007 GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Donald A. Portman II will graduate from Inland Lakes High School in Indian River, MI. He made Honorable Mention on the Honor Roll. In the fall, he will attend North Central Michigan College. Future plans include attending Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) where he hopes to join SVSU's bowling team. Being a talented artist, his field of study is Computer Design. While bowling in a youth league at Cheboygan Bowling Center in Cheboygan, MI, he bowled a 299 when he was 16. This year, he qualified for the Pepsi USBC Youth Championships, and he bowled there on May 19.



Congratulations to **Ashley Keller** on your graduation from Harbor Springs High School in Harbor Springs, MI. We are so proud! Good luck at Grand Valley State University. Love, Mom, Dad and Adam.



Kevin Cranick, the son of Kevin and Debra Cranick and Sharon Cranick and the grandson of Joann and Bruce Kahgee and Reverend and Shirley Cranick, will graduate from Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI, on June 3. He is a member of the varsity wrestling team, and he recently received his Microsoft Certification. He will attend North Central Michigan College and pursue an Associates degree in Business. After his graduation, he will work at Victories Casino as a steward. Congratulations Kevin.



Hollie Shananaquet, the daughter of Gerald and Stella Shananaquet and the granddaughter of Larry Shananaquet and Carol Quinones, will graduate on June 3 from Madison High School in Adrian, MI.



Congratulations to **Ashley Boda**. We are proud of you. Love, Dad, Mom and Jonny.

Congratulations to **Ashley Boda**. Hope you continue on in your education. Love, Grandma Boda and Grandma and Grandpa Naganashe.



Dianna Lynne Kay, the daughter of Dave and Stella Kay and the granddaughter of Rita Gasco-Shepard, will graduate with honors from Centerville High School in Dayton, OH, on June 2. She is a National Honor Society member, and she has competed at the state level at the Business Professionals of America where she came in 11th place this year. She has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, which she has practiced for five years, and is an avid reader. She plans to pursue a degree in Communications, specializing in Web Design, at Michigan State University in the fall.



Alicia Damiana Kishigo Nowell, the daughter of Ellie Payton and Richard Nowell and the granddaughter of Harriet Kishigo-Booth and the late Jacob Booth, will graduate from Harbor Springs High School in Harbor Springs, MI, on June 3. Her family will host a graduation party for her on June 10 from 1-4 p.m. at the LTBB Governmental Center. Hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. The LTBB Community is welcome. Nowell will attend Baker College in the fall to pursue a Bachelor's degree with a Graphic Communications major and a Marketing minor.



Congratulations to **Darron Munson**, who will graduate from Charlevoix High School in Charlevoix, MI. We're proud of all your athletic achievements. Good luck in the future. Love, Uncle Marty and Aunt Rita.



Congratulations **Ariel (Harper)** on graduating with all A's. We are very proud of you! Love you, Mom, Dad, Robert, Stephen and Jordan.

LTBB TRIBAL YOUTH WINS LOCAL ART CONTEST



Alicia Damiana Kishigo Nowell (second from the left) won a \$250 U.S. Savings Bond for capturing first place in an art contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Ladies Auxiliary Post 2051 in Petoskey, MI. The contest was titled, "Patriotism: What It Means to Me." Nowell's painting depicts the Four Directions and medicines. Her accompanying narrative shares the unique perspective of the artist's sense of patriotism to her ancestors' traditions and stories that were here long before the stars and stripes of the American flag. Her painting has been sent to the state level of the art contest. The photo appears courtesy of Ellie Payton.



LTBB HAWKS TEAM FARES WELL AT TOURNAMENTS

The LTBB Hawks girls 8-13 team finished second at both the Mt. Pleasant Tournament on April 14-15 and the Peshawbestown Tournament on April 21 and 23. Chris Lynn coached the team at the Mt. Pleasant Tournament, and Larry Denemy coached the team and Coach Lynn at the Peshawbestown Tournament. The photo of the team with the second place trophy from the Mt. Pleasant Tournament appears courtesy of Ellie Payton.

Spring is here and it's time to get moving!



Whether you want to run a marathon or just be able to run around the block, we can help you reach your goal!

Be a part of the Running/Jogging/Walking Club held Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. All ages and experience levels welcome. Contact Matt Lesky at mlesky@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov for more information.

2007 CIRCLE OF LIFE INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS



Wednesday's group. Photo by Theresa Keshick.



Monday's participants pose with their baskets.



Friday's participants pose with their baskets.



Saturday's group. Photo by Linda Gokee.



Edward Peterson (L) and Renee Wasson Dillard (R).



Marilyn Williams & Isaac Dillard. Photo by Theresa Keshick



Bobbi Zeefe works on her basket. Photo by Theresa Keshick.



Theresa Chingwa (L) and Carla McFall (R). Photo by Theresa Keshick.



Enrollment Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee.



Contract Health/Dental Receptionist Veronica Sanders.



Purchasing Technician Mandy Ragland.



Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton works intently.



Social Worker Jeannie Norris finishes her basket.



Fisheries Technician Randy Seymour with his basket.



Gwen Gasco and Tom Teuthorn with their baskets.



Community Health Outreach Representative Mary Gasco.



Natural Resource Director Doug Craven.



Maternal Child Health Nurse Tina Shawano.



Lead Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick.



Staff Accountant Art Gerhard's basket is almost done.



Department of Commerce Assistant Theresa Keshick.



Staff Accountant Mel Kiogima II.



Fiona Banfield with her basket. Photo by Mike Lyons.



Carol Field with her basket. Photo by Mike Lyons.

RENEE WASSON DILLARD TEACHES LTBB GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES AND TRIBAL CITIZENS THE TRADITIONAL ART OF BLACK ASH BASKET MAKING

By **Theresa Keshick**, Department of Commerce Assistant

During the week of April 9-14, LTBB Governmental Employees and Tribal Citizens had the unique opportunity to make traditional Black Ash baskets.

Renee Wasson Dillard provided instruction during the four Circle of Life informational sessions held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

Wasson Dillard, a Native Cultural Arts Instructor who specializes in Natural Fiber Art, has given many informational sessions of this type to many different groups of people. Her sessions focus on cultural strength and provide a unique educational phi-

losophy.

Wasson Dillard said, "We must understand the past to have a clearer direction for tomorrow."

With the assistance of her son, Isaac Dillard, and her long-time friend, Edward Peterson, Wasson Dillard instructed the groups with a hands-on approach to basket making. Each all-day session started off with a PowerPoint presentation which described the whole process. Next, participants went outside to observe the pounding of the Black Ash. The butt of the axe is used to pound the logs. Some of the participants even took a turn at this century-old technique. Once the splits were peeled up from the log, the group was ushered back inside where Wasson Dillard

demonstrated the splitting of the splits. Wasson Dillard had made it look easy, but it was much harder than it looked. After that, she demonstrated the entire process, pausing, so the participants could each take the time to try it for themselves. In the end, we had all completed our baskets.

It sure makes one appreciate the time and hard work put into these baskets. Wasson Dillard explained that very sentiment throughout the process and explained the teachings that come from making baskets. She has learned patience, humility, love, courage, strength, wisdom and respect. As with most traditionally made crafts, she hoped what she shared with us during the sessions would encourage more Anish-

naabek to become basket makers.

Che megwetch Renee Wasson Dillard, Edward Peterson and Isaac Dillard for your time and

patience and for sharing the love of this centuries old Anishnaabe art.

BLACK ASH BASKET MAKING SESSIONS

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

On April 9, 11 and 13, the Circle of Life Planning Committee sponsored three Black Ash Basket Making informational sessions for interested LTBB Governmental Employees.

The sessions, held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, were led by Renee Wasson Dillard, a Native Cultural Arts Instructor who lives in Lake,

MI. Dillard, a member of the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians, guided the 60 LTBB Governmental Employees through the process of making black ash baskets.

Dillard also guided 16 LTBB Elders and Youth through the process during a session held April 14 at the governmental center. It was sponsored by the LTBB Elders Program.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar unless otherwise noted.

LITTLE TRAVERSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS VISIT LTBB

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The members of the Little Traverse Historical Society visited the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on April 10.

The Little Traverse Historical Society, established in 1905 and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1969, held a meeting at the governmental center, attended the Elders Luncheon that day and received a tour of the governmental center.

Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase is a member of the organization.

According to the organization's website, the organization works "to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Little Traverse Bay area."

The organization acquired and

restored the abandoned Chicago and West Michigan Railroad depot, originally built in 1892 in Petoskey, MI, and the former depot serves as the Little Traverse History Museum. If you would like to visit the museum, it is currently open for the season, but the hours vary, so please call 231-347-2620.

In addition to having exhibits, the museum's resource materials include city directories, historical information on Emmet County, the *Petoskey News-Review* from 1876-1989, photographs from the 1870s to the present, Greenwood Cemetery burial records, St. Francis Cemetery burial records, Bliss Cemetery burial records and Conway Cemetery burial records.

The organization also operates the Bay Harbor History Museum located in Bay Harbor, MI. The Bay Harbor History Museum's hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 231-439-2620.

The organization provides community services related to the museum. For more information about the services offered, visit www.petoskey-museum.org/info/index.phtml.

Because it is a non-profit organization, it relies on volunteers, membership dues, grants and gifts. To obtain a membership or to make a tax-deductible contribution, contact Little Traverse History Museum Director Candace Fitzsimons at 231-347-2620



(L to R) Candace Fitzsimons, Lee Phillips, Winnay Wemigwase and Richard Brown in the first row. Paul Hramiec, Kendall P. Stanley, Joan Annabel, Lynnet Johnson and Carl Moser in the back row. All are members of the Little Traverse Historical Society. Not present was Larissa Flynn.

or you can visit www.petoskeymuseum.org. Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

LTBB Natural Resource Department

Phone: 231-242-1678
 Fax: 231-242-1690
 E-mail: dcraven@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Leased small boats

Attention: According to the 2000 consent decree funds, the Tribal Council and Natural Resource Commission has authorized the Natural Resource Department to make available for lease up to three 16-inch open hull boats equipped with a 30-horsepower motor (and secondary five-six horsepower safety backup motor) and one 20-inch open hull boat equipped with a 115-horsepower motor. The boats are only intended for commercial fishing purposes, and can only be leased by tribal citizens willing to comply with the terms of a very specific lease agreement. However, if you are currently a small boat tribal fisherman or would like to become a small boat tribal fisherman and are interested in learning more about the LTBB Commercial Small Boat Program, please contact Natural Resource Director Doug Craven at 231-242-1678.

Exciting Summer Opportunities

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For more information:
 Contact the Great Lakes NARCH Student Development Office
 Call 1-800-472-7207 or visit www.glitc.org/narch

2007 NCAA Final Four Raffle

Jordan Bussey, 4, won the 2007 NCAA Final Four Raffle sponsored by Biindigen Gas Station and Convenience Store in Petoskey, MI. Bussey won the 10-foot basketball hoop donated by Coca-Cola. He is the son of Theresa Keshick.

Approximately 300 people entered the raffle, which was open to anyone who came to Biindigen. It was limited to one entry per person. Biindigen employees could not enter.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Youth Opportunity

The Idyllwild Arts Summer Program offers workshops in ceramics, painting, photography, creative writing, filmmaking, dance, theater, music and more.

The Native American Student Scholarship is designed for students ages 9 - 18 with current tribal affiliation and financial need (income of no more than \$40,000/year). The expenses covered include tuition, lab fee, registration fee, housing in the dorm, and all meals in the campus dining hall. Students are responsible for their transportation to and from Idyllwild. We are located between Palm Springs and Riverside, in the beautiful San Jacinto Mountains of Southern California. Students should apply as soon as possible to ensure there is space in the workshops they select. Applications will be accepted until all of the funds are used.

Visit www.idyllwildarts.org/summer/summer.html for more information.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Election Board presents the 2007 Election Meet the Candidates Forum



June 9
 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
LTBB Governmental Center, Commons Area
Harbor Springs, MI

Please call Carol Quinones with election questions at 616-774-9534.



Ballots must be returned by June 25.

Attention Elders

The Elders Program is in the process of making travel arrangements for the 2007 Anishnaabe Language and Culture Camp in Manistee, MI. The dates are July 26-29. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Tina Sutton at 231-242-1423, so your name may be put on the list.

The Elders Program is limited to the number of participants we may take. The selection process is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is important to call as soon as possible.
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12th Annual Walk for Sobriety

The 12th Annual Native American Walk for Sobriety will be June 9 at 8 a.m. at the Sixth Street Bridge Park, Grand Rapids, MI. Following a brief ceremony with local speakers, participants will start the 2.5-mile walk along Monroe Ave., and proceed down to the Three Fires Pow Wow Grounds at Riverside Park. Prizes awarded to pledge walkers. Contact Liz IsHak of Native American Family Services for more detailed information at 616-451-6761, ext. 105.



ODAWA CASINO RESORT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Photo taken by Annette VanDeCar on May 11, 2007.



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ELDERS VISIT ODAWA CASINO RESORT SITE



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