

ODAWA TRAILS

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SECOND ANNUAL CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM HONOREES

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Selected by their peers, seven LTBB Governmental Employees received Circle of Excellence honors on January 12 at the Second Annual Circle of Excellence LTBB Government Employee Appreciation Dinner.

The 2006 Circle of Excellence group included Grant

Writer Heidi Yaple, Community Health Outreach Representative Carol Kiogima, Environmental Assistant Regina Gasco, Geographic Information Systems Director Alan Proctor, Natural Resource Director Doug Craven, Law Enforcement Officer Jake Guenthardt and Elders Maintenance Richard Wemigwase.

Here's a closer look at the honorees:

Heidi Yaple

Heidi Yaple, who grew up in central Illinois, started working as the Grant Writer in 2004. She earned a Bachelors degree with a History major and a Political Science minor from Illinois State University and received her Secondary Education certification there. She then earned a Masters degree in Education from Grand Valley State University. Yaple previously worked as a teacher in a grant-funded education department where she helped the department write a proposal to renew the grant funding for a program within the department. Although her office is located in the Accounting Department section of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, Grants is its own department.

"I've always been a separate department, and a team of one," Yaple said. "I have to know what the focus of the tribe is and know what the departments want."

"Grant writing can be compared to writing a term paper for a fussy professor. Training helps, but the best way to learn it is by doing it. It is fun to see good things happening to tribal citizens. It's rewarding to know you have impacted people's lives positively."

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Yaple encourages all LTBB Department and Program Directors and Coordinators to forward her funding opportunities when they come across them.

"I like it when department and program directors invite me to meetings with their staff where they discuss what is wanted in their departments," Yaple said.

"That way, I know exactly what they want to do and how I can best assist them."

Yaple is part of the LTBB Energy Workgroup and the LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007. She would like to help with the Long Term Care and Assisted Living Task Force created by Executive Directive #4-01232007-01 which was signed by Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik on January 23.

Yaple was instrumental in LTBB being selected as one of 72 communities nationwide to receive a \$20,000 grant for the Big Read Initiative from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The Big Read is an initiative of the NEA designed to restore reading to the center of American culture.

"It's a great feeling when you get awarded a competitive grant like that," Yaple said. "I like challenges, and I like to learn new things."

"It is an honor to work here. I can do my job and not be held back. It's liberating to do a job I love. It's a cliché, but it's neat to

get paid for what I love to do."

Yaple has been married to David Yaple, the Victories Casino and Hotel Purchasing Manager, for 33 years. They have hosted five foreign exchange students at their Suttons Bay, MI, home. They have four sons, Jared, 30, Dustin, 20, Eric, 19, and Christian, 16.

Carol Kiogima

Carol Kiogima, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as a Community Health Outreach Representative in 1996. She grew up in Petoskey, MI, and graduated from Petoskey High School. She is certified through the Community Health Representative Program.

Carol Kiogima assists the Health Department in various ways.

"I like helping elders and other tribal citizens," Kiogima said. "I feel like I am making a positive difference in people's lives. I enjoy what I do."

Carol Kiogima said having taken care of her elderly parents, the late Archie Kiogima, Sr. and the late Dorothy (Adams) Kiogima, helps her in her job.

"It helps because I know what they went through," Carol Kiogima said. "I have more empathy for people because I was a caregiver for both of them."

Carol Kiogima said she would have never received the award without her co-workers.

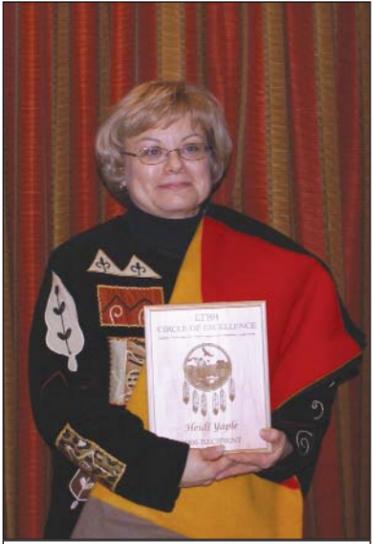
"To me, this award is for everyone in the Health Department," Carol Kiogima said. "I receive help from others working in the three departments (Community Health, Contract Health

and Health). We work as a team. I enjoy working with everyone here."

"I work in a very supportive environment."

Carol Kiogima has three children, Keith, Jr., 20, Tamara, 19, and Tonya, 19.

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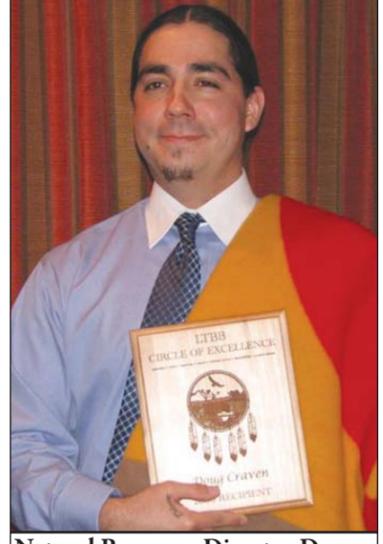
Grant Writer Heidi Yaple.



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Natural Resource Director Doug Craven.



(Left to Right) Carol Kiogima, Heidi Yaple and Regina Gasco in the front row. Alan Proctor, Doug Craven, Jake Guenthardt and Richard Wemigwase in the back row.



Community Health Outreach Representative Carol Kiogima.



Law Enforcement Officer Jake Guenthardt.



Environmental Assistant Regina Gasco.

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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

Dbandiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'iing. Geyaabi gda'aana miinwa gda'nwemi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'iing dbandiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbandiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naaknigewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mndooowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbandiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaana-maajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaan, jimigwe'iing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'iing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbi-maadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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

The deadline for the April issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 26. 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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DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH

UNDERSTANDING, RECOGNIZING AND TREATING CHILDHOOD DEPRESSION

By **Linda Woods**, Substance Abuse Director

Once more, it is time to write about a topic that may or may not interest you, but is a big interest to us because this is what we see every day in the people we serve - you, your family members, neighbors, elders, children, married couples, couples. I would like to address one of the topics we see in our children.

Childhood Depression

Yes, our children do suffer from depression. They are not able to express in ways that adults can, but they do have feelings about their lives and their families. Children can be faced with many difficulties they are not ready to handle emotionally: Divorce, learning disabilities, health issues, domestic violence in their family, abuse of all sorts (sexual, physical, emotional, verbal), family break-ups, substance abuse and the list could go on. We often think our children don't know what's happening, but they are so sensitive and can feel our troubles and our pain. Children feel powerless about doing anything about what is happening in their lives, and the effects can remain with them well into adulthood. Last month, I spoke about how devastating substance abuse is upon a child. While there are situations that may be depressing to any of us, including children, sometimes a child may suffer from depression,

and a very important factor to consider is it may be a biologically based illness or a chemical imbalance. Children with an inherited tendency for depression will be highly susceptible to the strains caused by the need for peer acceptance. Because it is caused by an imbalance in brain chemistry, it may appear to you there is nothing so severely wrong in your child's life that would merit being depressed. Just as with adult depression, a child's perception of the world may be distorted. He or she may feel unlovable, stupid or bad even though these things simply are not true nor were they told this (as in verbal abuse). Furthermore, young children cannot communicate their feelings about what is happening to them. They may not even realize they are not experiencing "normal" feelings. To a child, it may seem this is "just the way life is."

There are some things to help identify a depressed child:

Recognition

There are symptoms to watch for simply because children are not as articulate as adults. For example, they can't say, "I'm depressed" as an adult might. So as adults, parents, grandparents, family members, we have to watch for certain signs. There are basically four categories: Emotional, cognitive, physical

and behavioral. Not every child will experience the same symptoms, and the severity will vary as well.

Emotional

Look for sadness. They may cry easily yet some will hide their tears by becoming withdrawn. They may seem to have lost interest in things or pleasure in things they have enjoyed. For example, they may have enjoyed sports and seemingly all of a sudden, they don't enjoy it anymore or they may feel "bored" or reject offers to participate in an activity which they enjoyed in the past. Look for anxiety. They may become anxious, tense and panicky. The source of their anxiety will give you a clue of the cause of their depression. Look for turmoil. The child may feel worried and irritable or may brood or lash out in anger.

Cognitive signs

A depressed mood may bring about negative thinking, self-defeating thoughts like "No one likes me" or "I have no friends." They have difficulty organizing their thoughts, concentrating or remembering, which leads to problems in school or they may be unable to complete tasks. They may have a negative view and become pessimistic, perceiving themselves, their life and their world in a very negative light ("Everything sucks.") They may

feel worthless and experience guilt over their perceived faults or failures ("I can't do anything right.") Or they may feel a sense of helplessness or hopelessness since they feel there is nothing they can do to relieve their feelings of depression. They may have feelings of isolation or they may have been picked on by other children and become very sensitive to slights from peers. Suicidal thoughts and thoughts about dying are not limited to the adults; children may wish they were dead and express these thoughts.

Physical Signs

Depression is not just an illness of the mind; it can cause changes physically as well. Watch for appetite or weight; they will either decrease or increase. Children who have a healthy appetite may suddenly lose interest in eating or respond in the opposite way by eating too much by "self-medicating" their feelings. Watch for sleep disturbances. Are they having problems falling asleep and staying asleep? Or do they wake up too early or oversleep? That would lead to having problems staying awake during the day at school. Are they sluggish? Are they less active than they used to be? Other physical signs are agitation, fidgeting and not being able to sit still.

Behavioral Signs

Some of these are most obvious. They may avoid or withdraw and are not able to enjoy everyday activities or responsibilities. They may withdraw from family or their friends, and the bedroom becomes their favorite place to escape and find solitude. Maybe they are clinging and demanding and become more dependent or revert to more childlike ways because of their sense of insecurity. The child may also seem to be out of control in some of their activities like spending long hours playing a video game. Sometimes, they may appear restless and start to act out in class or not do their homework in school. Self-injury is another example of a self-harming behavior, and children learn the physical pain is better than the emotional pain.

These are some of the signs. The next step is to find the help you need for your child. Call our office, and we can provide some assistance in this area. You are not alone in dealing with depression. Maybe your child simply needs a medication for the brain chemistry or other therapy may be required. We are here to help.

You may call either 231-242-1640 or 231-242-1642 for an appointment.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

DEER AND TURKEY TAG LIST

Please remember to turn in all used and unused deer and turkey tags to the Natural Resource Department located at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

The following is a list of people who have not turned in either their deer or turkey tags:

Jared Andrews
Richard Andrews
Thomas Andrews
Brian Anthony
Thomas Antoine
George Anziano
Patricia Baker
Greg Barrette
Corrine Bauer
Paul Bauer
Mindi Beaver
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Anthony Boda
Doug Boda
Jesse Boda
Patrick Booth
Barry Bott
Blayne Bott
Jacob Boyd
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Dwayne Couillard
Jeff Couillard
Matt Crossett

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Kevin Cutler
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EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK

Ambassadorial Activities**Letter to the State of Michigan:**

The State of Michigan is preparing to provide translations in several languages of its official website. I sent a letter to the Michigan Department of Information Technology requesting they include Anishinaabemowin as one of the translations.

US vs. MI, Hunting & Fishing Rights Case:

This case continues to require a great deal of time for conference calls and meetings for the Executive Office, Legal Department, Natural Resources Commission and Natural Resource Department. Our Status Conference in federal court was February 21, and we were still hoping to be able to report progress at this time.

United Tribes of Michigan:

No activity since our last report.

Burt Lake Letter:

At the request of Chairman (Curtis) Chambers of Burt Lake, I called Kimberly Teehee in Congressman (Dale) Kildee's office about the letter the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians had entered in the November 13, 2006 Congressional Record that I reported about last month. I then sent a letter to Congressman Kildee that I copied to Burt Lake Chairman Chambers, Congressman (Bart) Stupak, and Senators (Carl) Levin and (Debbie) Stabenow. I stated the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is no longer opposed to Burt Lake's federal recognition as Burt Lake has disavowed their 1997 claims to LTBB Territory.

NCAI (National Congress of American Indians)**Dues Increase Proposal:**

NCAI responded to issues raised at the Annual Meeting in Sacramento, CA, last fall. The key changes result in a smaller dues increase for LTBB (\$10,000 instead of \$25,000), and the ability to phase the increase as our budget process allows. This seems more palatable to me. I've also talked with our NCAI Midwest Area Vice President, Chairman Bob Chicks of Stockbridge-Munsee, who said discussions at the Executive Board meetings indicated NCAI is aware that with the increase in dues, many tribes will be less likely to come up with additional funds to answer special funding requests throughout the year. At this point, with the new changes, I am inclined to support the increase when we consider this issue at the February NCAI Executive Session in Washington, D.C.

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA)/Great Lakes Resources Committee (GLRC) Meetings:

We held a two-day special meeting at Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, MI, on January 18-19 to discuss US v MI Inland issues. We also had a meeting on the lake trout issues in northern Lake Michigan. These meetings will continue as we still have not reached consensus. A CORA/GLRC meeting was held Feb-

ruary 15 at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI.

Implementation of Statutes and Resolutions Marriage Statute:

I signed this statute on January 16 along with **Executive Directive 3-01162007-1** that assigned the duties of Marriage Clerk to the Enrollment Department. We have approved departmental procedures and forms implementing the provisions of the Marriage Statute and the Executive Directive.

Quill Work Video Project:

We have assigned this project to the Archives and Records Department.

Executive Directive:

On January 23, 2007, I signed **Executive Directive 4-01232007-01 Long Term Care and Assisted Living Task Force**. This task force is to research and report its findings in order to assist us in planning our next steps to securing these services for our elders.

Oversight of Commissions and Programs**General Commission and Program issues:**

The Executive Office has provided the December 15 FY 2008 Executive Budget Proposal budgets to each program director and commission. Several Directors and Commission Chairs have expressed concerns they may not have sufficient funds to meet their obligations under tribal laws and regulations. We have told them they will get an opportunity to express these concerns and to document them for us to provide to the Appropriations and Finance Committee as appropriate.

We have also been getting several funding issues raised over the FY2007 budget levels as well. Sometimes, these concerns can be addressed within our existing funding, but in some cases, we may be bringing these concerns to Tribal Council as requests for your consideration.

Public Performance Licensing of Tribal Videos:

We have been asked for a public performance license for one of our tribal video productions. Instead of bringing these on an individual case by case basis, we are instead seeking authorization to establish an across the board licensing process for our productions. Our thoughts are to require a public performance would have to be without charge to the attendees at an event or on-air performance.

Enterprise Oversight**Victories Casino:**

The Vice Chairman (Bill Denemy, Sr.) and I have been attending Gaming Board and Gaming Regulatory meetings during the last month.

New Casino Project Report:

I recently approved a site visit and tour by representatives of the design and construction team for Grand Traverse Band's new Turtle Creek Casino expansion project. Many

tribes accommodated us for similar tours during the early stages of our project.

Odawa Enterprise Management (OEM):

OEM Manager Chuck Schofield attended the Tribal Council's work session on January 13 and was formally introduced to the Tribal Council members.

Recommendations for Legislative Action**Signing Statement for Marriage Statute:**

A signing statement was prepared on January 16, 2006 on the occasion of the Executive's signing of the Marriage Statute. I raised several issues for Tribal Council consideration in the statement that I am recommending for future legislative action. These include divorce, annulment and child custody issues.

Tribal tort claim statute:

This issue has once again been raised, this time in relation to potential police and conservation officer incidents involving natural resource issues. We have several other areas in which we would be much better being proactive on a broad scale instead of having to deal with this issue on a case by case basis as potential claims arise. I am recommending this issue be addressed in legislation, and I would be glad to work with the Tribal Council on ideas for consideration.

Federal Adam Walsh Act requirements:

This has been a topic of discussion already at Tribal Council, but I wanted to keep it on the front burner as July is fast approaching. The information below is from an e-mail sent by Jeff Davis of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Grand Rapids, MI. It contains a very good outline of the issues:

Dear Tribal Colleagues, on July 27, 2006, the President signed into law HR 4472, Pub. L. No. 109-248 ("Adam Walsh child Protection and Safety Act of 2006"), this is a rather large bill with numerous provisions; below are a list of sections that will have an effect on Tribes:

Under Title I, Subtitle A - Sex Offender Registry and Registration and Notification:

1. Section 111 (9) (H) includes federally recognized tribes as part of definition for Jurisdiction, for Sex Offender Registry;
2. Section 127. Election By Indian Tribes

This section provides a federally recognized tribe may, by resolution or other enactment of the tribal council or comparable governing body —

(A) Elect to carry out this subtitle as a jurisdiction; (B) Elect to delegate its functions under this subtitle to another jurisdiction or jurisdictions (consistent with jurisdictional definitions - I read this to mean state or states in which the tribe is located); within which the territory of the tribe is located and to provide access to its territory and such other cooperation and assistance as may be needed to enable such other jurisdiction or jurisdictions to carry out and enforce the requirements of this subtitle;

HERE IS THE LANGUAGE TRIBES NEED TO BE AWARE OF:

(2) IMPUTED ELECTION IN CERTAIN CASES. A tribe shall be treated as if it had made the election described in paragraph (1)(B) if—

...

(B) the tribe does not make an election under paragraph (1) within one year of the enactment of this act or rescinds an election under paragraph (1)(A), or

(C) The Attorney General determines the tribe has not substantially implemented the requirements of this subtitle and is not likely to become capable of doing so within a reasonable amount of time (once election to create a registry is made, the law provides the jurisdiction with three years from enactment to implement, see section 124(a)(1))

In other words, this is not the "opt in" type of legislation the tribes have seen in the past, where if nothing is done, it does not apply — here, if the tribe does not by resolution or other mechanism indicate it is going to establish a sex offender registry (for member offenders and those living on their reservation), it will automatically defer to the State. Moreover, to effectuate the registry, the state will be provided with access to the tribe's territory.

Other provisions in the act

that mention tribes:

1. Chapter 109B - Sex Offender and Crimes Against Children Registry

Section 2250 (c) Crimes of Violence, includes a crime of violence under Indian tribal law.

2. Title II - Federal Criminal Law Enhancements Needed to Protect Children from Sexual Attacks and Other Violent Crimes

Section 215 - amends Section 1153(a) of Title 18, Major Crimes Act, and adds — "felony child abuse or neglect"

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Since the statute does not define felony child abuse or neglect for federal purpose, 18 U.S.C. 1153(b) provides state law shall be used to define and punish the offense — similar to burglary or robbery (use state crimes to determine elements and possible sentence).

The act is pretty substantial, with a number of other provisions that will affect some cases in Indian country, like child sexual assault cases, but these are more generic. I have tried to provide the information that is most important. Hopefully, we will get further guidance from DOJ (Department of Justice) in Washington, D.C., but until then, the clock is ticking on the tribal election provision runs to July of 2007. If you have any questions, give me a call. If I can't answer them, I will find someone who can. Miigwetch !!!

Both the Tribal Police Chief Jeff Cobe and Prosecutor William Gregory have contacted my office expressing their concerns on this issue to me. As I read this, we don't have to have the statutory framework enacted by July 2007, only a tribal resolution indicating our intention to enact our own statutes on this issue. We would then have three years to enact and implement the necessary laws. However, we will need to make sure this is the case before we follow this course of action. There appears to be other implications of sections of this federal law we will need to study in case there may be other tribal statutes that will help us protect our tribal sovereignty from federally authorized state interventions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Anishinaabemowin Odamina-Giizhigak Language Game Day



March 24

LTBB Governmental Center

7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI

10 a.m. Boozhiigen, Register

11 a.m. Maajtaami, Games Begin

1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Chiwiisinimi

(1 p.m. Lunch & 6 p.m. Dinner)

8 p.m. Awards & Prizes



A Little Bit of Competition &
A whole lot of FUN!
Please Bring a Dish to Pass.

Cards * Board Games * Guessing Games * Team Games * Snowshoeing

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Anishinaabemowin Language Program

231-242-1454, 231-242-1456 or 1-888-309-5822

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

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

Eligibility Criteria:

- You must reside in the Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA).
- Be an enrolled member or descendent of the

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians or be able to prove social or economic ties to the community.

- A Native American claiming eligibility for CHS has the responsibility to furnish the tribal program with documentation to substantiate the claim.
- You must have an active and complete file with Contract Health before a reference number can be given.

Remember!!!!
Indian Health Service Con-

tract 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 refer-

ral 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.

EXERCISING WITH THE ELDERS OFFERED BY LTBB COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Regina Brubacker, Health Educator

For several years, the Community Health Department has sponsored Rez Robics for the elders. For a half hour every Tuesday and Thursday before the Elders Luncheon held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, a group of very dedicated elders works out with a video program.

This past January, we expanded our program to include Qi Gong (pronounced Chee Gung) on Thursday, and continued with Rez Robics on Tuesday. We plan to try other exercises in the future such as stretching, gentle yoga and tai chi.

Qi Gong is a several thousand-years-old practice of self care that uses a form of moving meditation. The deep regular breathing and gentle techniques improve health by revitalizing the body. More than 80 million people in China practice Qi Gong every day, and it is especially beneficial to elders because of its gentleness. Practitioners claim regular practice brings a peaceful mind and a healthy invigorated body.

If you are interested in trying something new, we invite you to join us on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 231-242-1601.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



(Left to Right) Health Educator Regina Brubacker and Bob Yellowbank.

Tribal Elder Mary Keshick at the Qi Gong class offered by the Health Department.

Tribal Elder Carol McFall participated in the Qi Gong class held on January 25.

(L to R) Regina Brubacker and Bob Yellowbank in the front row. Mary Gasco in the back row.

(L to R) Alice Yellowbank, Regina Brubacker and Bob Yellowbank in the front row. Mary Gasco and Mary Keshick in the back row.

Glenna Kimball performs Qi Gong before the Elders Luncheon on January 25.

HEALTHY ANISHNABE WOMEN'S PROJECT GRANT FUNDS QUILTING WORKSHOPS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Community Health Department offered Quilt and Learn Workshops at the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI.

Workshops were January 6, January 17, January 31 and February 21. The last one is March 3.

LTBB received a \$5,000 Healthy Anishnabe Women's Project grant from Indian Health Service, and the grant funded the workshops. The funds flowed through the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC).

On the award letter, it said, "Through this program, we hope to extend the opportunity to participate in a program or retreat to as many Native women across the state as possible."

Participants of the workshops made individual quilts and a group quilt. As a result of the workshops, 24 quilting projects were started by the 23 women involved in the project. When completed, the group quilt will be donated.

Teaching about healthy food and lifestyle choices were a part of the workshops.

Community Health Director Michele Keshick was the Project Coordinator.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan is a consortium of Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes (Hannahville Indian Community, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians,



Tribal Elder Virginia Lewis works on the group quilt project during the Quilt and Learn Workshop on January 31.

(L to R) Chris Peariso, Marie "Tootsie" Miller and Beth Kiogima.

Kathy Hosford works intently on the group quilt at the workshop.

Marian Sedlak (in the yellow shirt), Virginia Lewis (in the blue shirt), Beth Kiogima (in the black shirt) and Regina Brubacker (in the light blue shirt).

Tribal Elder Beth Kiogima worked on the group quilt on January 31.

Regina Brubacker prepares to cut a string of thread off the spindle.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, The Gun Lake Pottawatomi, LTBB and Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians).

ITC acts as a forum for member tribes, advocates for member tribes in the development of programs and policies which will improve the economy, education and quality of life for Michigan Native Americans and pro-

vides technical assistance to member tribes, including the development of tribal laws and regulations.

The Health Services Division of ITC is organized to provide technical assistance and consultation to the federally recognized Indian tribes within the state of Michigan in the following areas: health and human services

system planning, program evaluation, resource development, networking, advocacy and liaison activities, quality assurance, programming, communication, orientation, training and education, management information systems, and health and human services legislation education.

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UNIQUE "DRIVE THROUGH" FLU SHOT CLINIC A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



(L to R) Yvonne Fuerte and Marie "Tootsie" Miller drove up for Fuerte's flu shot.



Maternal Child Health Nurse Tina Shawano (in the grey sweatshirt) gives Yvonne Fuerte a flu shot.



Dr. Paul Kaplan receives a flu shot from Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski.



Maternal Child Health Nurse Tina Shawano gives Nate Stead a flu shot.

The Department of Community Health of Northwest Michigan and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians held a unique "drive through" flu shot clinic on January 29 at the LTBB Health Department in Petoskey, MI.

People came inside the LTBB Health Clinic to get their flu shot or a medical professional came outside and gave people a flu shot in the warmth and comfort of their vehicle. It takes about two weeks for protection to develop after the vaccination, and protection can last up to a year. Flu shots were free for LTBB Tribal Citizens and \$25 for the general public.

"It was a convenient option, especially for the older people who have

trouble walking," Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski said of administering the flu shot in a vehicle. "It is important to get your flu shot every year because you're preventing illness in yourself and those around you. If you don't get immunized against influenza, anyone you come in contact with could become infected if you have the disease but don't yet have symptoms."

A bioterrorism/emergency preparedness grant awarded to LTBB through the State of Michigan from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funded the advertising and coordination costs for the clinic. It was 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"It was a takeoff of a pandemic flu exercise conducted in a three-

county area (Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan Counties) on Friday (January 26)," Safety Coordinator Norm Emery said. "Giving flu shots at the Health Clinic was part of the exercise.

"As part of the exercise, I notified the tribal police for crowd control and notified Emmet County Emergency Operation Center of the situation."

Discussion is already underway with the Department of Community Health of Northwest Michigan for a second collaborative sponsorship of a similar "drive through" flu shot clinic in October.

Public education about pandemic flu has been identified as a key role of the American Red Cross. Understanding many people are concerned about

what will happen if an actual flu pandemic occurs and knowing what to expect can help bring peace of mind to the public. It can also provide the confidence they need to make informed decisions to lessen the impact of flu pandemic on their lives. Planning for the possibility of natural and fabricated disasters and pandemic flu outbreaks is extremely important.

"It served as a practice run if we have to do mass immunizations due to an agent, natural or an act of bioterrorism," Sierzputowski said.

"The flu shot vaccine has been available since October, but it was still important for people to get it because the flu season lasts through March and April. It was especially important

for older people, children and for those with chronic illnesses to receive it. They're at a higher risk to develop flu complications."

Sierzputowski said a common misconception is you can get sick from a flu shot.

"You can't get ill from a flu shot," Sierzputowski said. "The initial feeling people can get of catching a cold is the body's buildup of antibodies."

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times, it can lead to death. On the average, 20% of the U.S. population gets the flu every year.

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MAAJTAAG MNOBMAADZID SERVICES OFFERED BY COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



(L to R) Maternal Child Health Nurse Tina Shawano and Community Health Director Michele Keshick.

Maaajtaag Mnobmaadzid is a Healthy Start program funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

In the Odawa language, Maaajtaag Mnobmaadzid means "A Start of a Healthy Life."

The program's goal is to reduce the risk of infant mortality and low birth weight among Native Americans in Michigan through community-based maternity care services, education, referral and follow-up programs, home visiting by nurses and outreach workers, risk reduction and health promotion events, and a statewide consortium of parents, service providers, community leaders, policy makers and

organizational partnerships.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC) received a \$900,000 grant for 2006.

ITC distributed funding to Bay Mills Indian Community, Hannahville Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Native American Community Services of Grand Rapids (Michigan) and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

LTBB's Healthy Start program is a Health Department program. Community Health Director Michele Keshick oversees the program run by Maternal Child Health Nurse Tina Shawano. Regina Kiogima, Sr. is the



Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker.

Approximately 80 families receive services through the program.

The following services are provided free to Native American women of child bearing age, Native American prenatal women and their infants up to two years of age and Non-Native women carrying Native babies living in the 27-county service area:

- Home visits by the Maternal Child Health Nurse and/or the Outreach Worker. Parental support and newborn care as needed or requested by outside agencies.
- Referrals to community services as needed.

- Follow-up services.
- Breast feeding support and supplies.
- Nutrition counseling.
- Health education.
- Immunization information.
- If needed, transportation to Obstetrics and Gynecology, health care provider and Women, Infants and Children appointments, and other family service offices or programs is available.
- Community health promotion and risk reduction events.

"The program intertwines traditional and western teachings as it pertains to the circle of life from conception through the age of two," Keshick said. "Integrating the best of both worlds, giving our babies the best start we can."

Shawano is currently looking for funding to host a cradleboard workshop in the future.

A cradleboard is a board or frame on which an infant is secured, as by binding or wrapping in a blanket, used by certain Native American peoples as a portable cradle and for carrying an infant on the back.

"Our babies feel safe and secure swaddled in a cradleboard," Keshick said. "Our ancestors cared for our babies in this way because they knew it would keep them safe."

Shawano, a member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, earned her Bachelors of Nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Before working for LTBB, she worked as a Rural Infant Health Outreach Worker for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin for eight years. Shawano teaches cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes and is a certified child passenger safety technician.

"I like working with babies and their parents when they (babies) first come," Shawano said. "It's fun to see how the family interacts with babies."

Kiogima, Sr., a LTBB Tribal Citizen, has worked as the Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker for a year. Her job duties include making home visits and data entry.

For more information on the LTBB Healthy Start program or to enroll in the program, please contact Shawano at 231-242-1614.

For more information on the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, visit www.itc.mi.org or call 906-632-6896.

Frank Buswa, who lives in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, designed the Healthy Start logo next to the photo featured with this article.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

DIABETES AND EYE CARE

Submitted by the Community Health Department

You may have heard diabetes causes eye problems and can lead to blindness. People with diabetes have a higher risk of blindness than people without diabetes. However, many people who have diabetes only have minor eye disorders. You can prevent these minor problems from advancing to blindness by getting a yearly dilated eye exam. There are treatments that often work well if a problem is detected and taken care of right away. Diabetic eye disease, called retinopathy, can only be detected early through a dilated eye examination, and if discovered in time, severe vision loss or blindness can be prevented.

As part of "Prevent Blindness

America" and "National Eye Health Month," the Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network focused its efforts upon the importance of yearly dilated eye exams for people with diabetes. The Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network is a statewide effort to create innovative partnerships to strengthen prevention, detection, and treatment throughout Michigan.

It is estimated more than 593,300 people age 18 and older have been diagnosed with diabetes in Michigan. Another one-third of Michigan adults have diabetes, but have not been diagnosed. In 2005, more than 30% of people with diabetes did not have annual dilated eye exams according to the

MI 2005 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey.

During a lifetime, nearly half of the people with diabetes will develop some degree of diabetic retinopathy, the most common form of diabetic eye disease. Diabetic retinopathy damages the tiny blood vessels in the retina, the light-sensitive tissue that lines the back of the eye. As many as 25,000 people annually go blind from this disease, making it a leading cause of blindness among working-age Americans. More than 90% of these cases can be prevented with early detection and timely treatment.

It is important for people to understand the need for yearly dilated eye

exams before vision is lost. Usually, diabetic retinopathy has no early symptoms, and visual changes or impairment do not develop until the disease has advanced into its later stages when damage may be permanent. At this point, vision lost cannot be restored.

The Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network wants to make this information common knowledge among people with diabetes so they realize eye disease is a possible complication of diabetes. We need to convey this message so people with diabetes in Michigan can prevent vision loss by getting annual eye exams.

Medicare usually covers at least part of this exam. If people need fi-

nancial assistance for the exam or treatment, they should contact their local Lions Club, call the TIPDON office, or visit our website for assistance resources.

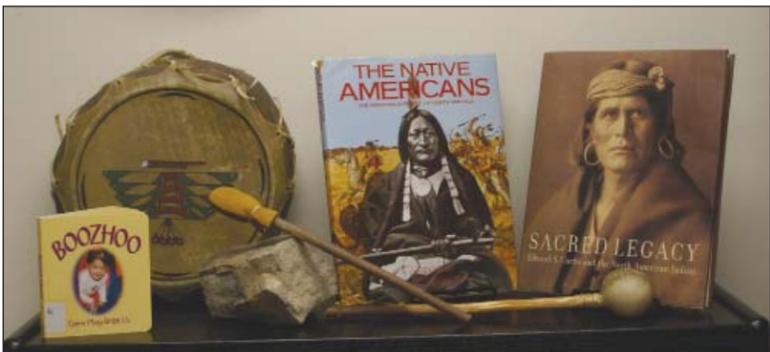
For more information or a brochure on Eye Care, contact TIPDON, Northern Michigan's Diabetes Outreach Network, at 231-237-9861 or 1-800-847-3665 (Michigan only), visit www.diabetesinmichigan.org or e-mail TIPDON at tipdon@diabetesinmichigan.org.

If you have any questions or you would like more information, please contact Community Health at 231-242-1601.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

INS AND OUTS OF THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



The Cultural Library, located in the Education Department at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, offers something for everyone.

The library features fiction and non-fiction books; books on tapes and compact discs; reference books; pamphlets; language tapes and compact discs; Native American contemporary music and pow wow music on tapes and compact discs; children's books suitable for all ages; periodicals; reference material and movies available on VHS and DVDs. LTBB Tribal Citizens can check out items for three weeks.

Library hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We try to focus on providing regionally appropriate materials, books written by Native authors, movies with Native themes or Native actors in them, relevant reference material and items that would enhance the educational classroom by teaching non-Natives about the Native culture," Education Director Melissa Claramunt said.

"Our primary goals since 2005 have been to enhance and

expand our resources, to buy the appropriate software in order to create a system to inventory and catalog items and to hire a contractual librarian to work in the library."

Librarian Francine Thuston started volunteering in November 2005, and she was hired as a contractual librarian in January 2006.

The library has been in its present location since 2003. It is funded through a \$6,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

The IMLS grant is called a Native American Library Services Grant - Basic Grant with Educational/Assessment Option. Native American Library Services grants provide funds for core library operations, technical assistance, and innovative project grants for libraries serving Native American and Alaska Native villages.

"We are blessed because the library is used by the tribal citizens," Thuston said. "People come in here every day. We are only successful because people use the library."

"We are a resource to the

area communities. Because we share information with the local teachers, we are raising cultural awareness and are advising them how to teach Native students. I maintain professional relationships with all the local librarians. If we don't have something a person wants, I can tell the person where to find it at a local library."

People have donated various books to the library, and donations are welcome depending on the commonality or rarity of a book. If it is rare, it is for reference only, and it may not be checked out of the library. If it is signed or autographed, a copy of the book is made, and the original is stored by the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department.

"We have some rare treasures here because of the generosity of people," Thuston said.

Claramunt said the library looks to grow in the future.

"We want it to be more interactive in the future," Claramunt said.

Thuston also has a vision for the future.

"I'd like to have more space for titles in the future, and I'd like to see us do more with multimedia," Thuston said. "It would also be nice to have computers in the library."

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

FRANCINE THUSTON FOUND HER "LITTLE LIBRARY" AT LTBB

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Librarian Francine Thuston always wanted a little library she could cultivate.

Thuston found one in the Cultural Library located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. She started volunteering at the Cultural Library in November 2005, and she was hired as a contractual librarian by the Education Department in January 2006. Thuston has worked for 15-plus years as a professional librarian.

"The Creator sent me here," said Thuston, 50. "I have no doubts about that. Originally, I wanted to be a university bibliographer. This is my retirement job. "This is what I have always wanted - a little library. I feel honored to work for LTBB."

Thuston, originally from the northern Ohio area, last worked for the Northern Michigan Hospital (NMH) Medical Library in Petoskey, MI. She worked there until April 2006. She heard about the Cultural Library because a LTBB Tribal Citizen worked at NMH.

"I showed up in the Education Department, and I asked Melissa (Claramunt, the Education Director) if I could volunteer," Thuston said. "I enjoy my work here."

Thuston earned a Bachelors degree in Cultural Anthropology from Ohio State University, a Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin and a Masters degree in Telecommunications from St. Mary's University of Minnesota.

Claramunt said the Education Department is very pleased to have Thuston as part of the contractual staff.

"Her experience and training in both anthropology and library science bring vast amounts of resources and knowledge to the library," Claramunt said. "She is dedicated to assisting the members of the LTBB Community as they visit the library to expand, to enhance and to broaden their own lives through books, videos, compact discs and more."

Thuston has been married to her husband, Mark Thuston, for 25 years, and they live in Alanson, MI. Her husband's family is originally from the Detroit, MI, area, but his family summered in northern Michigan, and his parents retired in northern Michigan.

Mark Thuston is retired after having a career in computers and volunteers with the American Association of Retired Persons doing taxes for senior citizens.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

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 Education Department, 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.

YOUTH SERVICES

GREETINGS FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

By Robert "R.J." Smith, Youth Services Coordinator

Boozhoo, R.J. Smith ndizhni-aaz, Mishike dodem, Ojibwe Assiniboine Anishnabe indow, Odahwahzahga'iganing ndoon-jibaa, Petoskey miinwaa.

Greetings. My name is R.J. Smith. I am Turtle clan from the Lac Courte Orielles, WI band of Ojibwe and Fort Peck/Wolf Point, MT Assiniboine Nation. I live in Petoskey, MI, now.

I am the new Youth Services Coordinator, and I am honored to say "Aanii!" for the first time from the LTBB Youth Services Department. I have been enjoying my first winter here in Little Traverse Bay, especially seeing old friends and meeting new ones. I look forward to the rest of 2007 and to the opportunities available for Native youth and families. I am truly

humbled by the warm reception I have received, and I will do everything I can to live up to the expectations before me.

NCAI (National Congress of American Indians)

On February 26-28, LTBB will send two youth representatives to the National Congress of American Indians 2007 Executive Winter Session in Washington, D.C. Alicia Nowell and Cynthia Biro attended the meeting held at the Wyndham Hotel. The summit included a lobbying workshop, the Ninth Annual NCAI Leadership Banquet, a Capitol Hill reception and a chance to visit our own representatives on Capitol Hill. Congratulations to these two amazing young people, who are showing their continued dedica-

tion to serving their people. Biro serves as the alternate female representative and Nowell is the secretary for the NCAI Youth Commission.

Drum Practice

I am facilitating intertribal pow wow drum practices at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Practice is free. For more information, see the flyer on page 23.

GEAR UP/College Day Program

Northern Michigan University's GEAR UP/College Day Program is sponsoring a Summer Leadership Program for Michigan students entering the sixth, seventh and eighth grades from June 24-30. This program is designed to give students, who are traditionally underrepresented in

higher educational settings, an opportunity to stay on a college campus, experience college classes and learn about career choices. College students provide chaperoning and lead the students in games and field trips which stress teamwork and problem solving. A shared dorm room, all meals and snacks are provided. Campers are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the NMU campus in Marquette, MI. Application forms are available from school guidance counselors and Title VII personnel. Campers will be notified of their acceptance by June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Camp Director Shirley Brozzo at 906-227-1554.

Youth Submissions/

Youth Information

Youth Services seeks artwork, poems, short stories, etc. from LTBB Youth and other Native youth to be published as part of the Youth Services section of *Odawa Trails*.

We are also asking for submissions of information which may be of interest to our youth, whether it be workshops, scholarships or any other youth and family-oriented activities. Submissions should include your contact information and will not be returned unless requested.

For further information on these and other upcoming youth and family events, please call the Youth Services Department at 231-242-1593.

ELDERS PROGRAM

Elder Birthdays

March 1
Margaret Kaestner

Juanita Taylor

March 2
Kathryn Boda
Pricilla Dickerson

March 13
Mary Ann Fasburg
Alice Hughes
Marie "Tootsie" Miller
Rosalie Springfield

March 3
Linda Collins
Leonard Dashner-Gasco
James Fisher

March 14
Mary Gibson

March 4
Camilla Jensen
Deanne W. Samuels

March 15
Frank Cripps
Lucy Daniels
James Lasley
Arlene Naganashe

March 6
Leon Kiogima

March 16
Carla Hilyard

March 7
James Vincent

March 17
Isabelle France
Gary Otto

March 8
Mary Lawler

March 18
Eleanor Barber
Gertrude Bonneau
Anna Field
William Kiogima
Gene Massey, Sr.

March 9
Marsha Gibson
Elmer Keshick, Sr.
Neomi Simons

March 21
Richard DeMoines
James Hardwick
Laura Kieliszewski

March 22
John Kiogima
Judith Kosequat

March 23
Francis Boda
Dean Samuels

March 24
Mildred Shomin

March 26
Harry Fenner

March 27
Janet Sagataw

March 29
Nancy Gardner

March 30
Pauline Bowers
Sherline Dieboll
Jo Ann Seay

March 31
Wanda Thompson

ELDERS PROGRAM REPORT

By Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Elders Program Coordinator
Aanii LTBB 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, there are close to 800 elders registered with the tribe. That means some of you are "coming of age" this year!!

Be careful of what you ask for as we now have plenty of snow here in north country.

We have sent out the applications for the 2007 food and utility program, and you should have received it by the time you read this. It is very important you read the application and follow the directions on the accompanying cover letter. Start saving your 2007 utility receipts and 2007 food receipts. When you accumulate receipts totaling \$200 for utilities and \$200 for food, send them in with your completed application.

We are hoping to minimize the expense of postage, so be sure the LTBB Enrollment Department has your correct address so the application can reach you in a timely manner. The Enrollment Department can be reached at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

Applications for the food and utility reimbursement will be accepted until the end of September 2007. The food and utility applications will be accepted from every tribal citizen who will reach the age of 55 in 2007.

cepted until the end of September 2007. The food and utility applications will be accepted from every tribal citizen who will reach the age of 55 in 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. The Human Services 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 Theresa Boda at 231-242-1626.

Tribal Chairman Frank Etawageshik signed Executive Directive #4-01232007-01 which establishes a Long Term Care and Assisted Living Task Force. (Please see related information on page 23.) We know we have a long road ahead, but we are happy to start the process of assessing the need for independent living, assisted living and long-term care facilities.

A final Chi miigwetch to the Tribal Council and the Department of Health and Human Services for supplying our funds for the Elders Program. We are eternally grateful for you giving us a great start to 2007!

LANGUAGE PROGRAM

EPIICHAAK

TIME

WIIBA	EARLY
WIKAA	LATE
BAAMAA	LATER
SHKWAA	AFTER
JIBWAA	BEFORE
KCHIZHAASHIGO	LONG AGO
NGO-DABAGIISWAAN	ONE HOUR
NGO-GIIZHIK	ONE DAY
NGO-NAME-GIIZHIK	ONE WEEK
NGO-GIIZIS	ONE MONTH
NGO-BIBOON	ONE YEAR
KIZHEP	MORNING
NAAKWE	NOON
SHKWANAAKWE	AFTERNON
NAAKSHI	EVENING
NIIBAADIBIKAT	NIGHT
JINAAGWA	YESTERDAY
WASNAAGWA	DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY
NANGWA	TODAY
WAAABANG	TOMORROW
WASWAABANG	DAY AFTER TOMORROW
DIBIKONG	LAST NIGHT
ZHEBAA	THIS MORNING (PAST)

NOTICE: TO CHANGE FROM SAYING "IT IS ...O'CLOCK" TO SAYING "AT ...O'CLOCK": TAKE AWAY THE 'T' AND ADD THE 'K' AT THE END.

NAAKWE.	IT IS NOON.
NGO-DABAGANET.	IT IS 1
NIIZHO-DABAGANET.	IT IS 2
NSO-DABAGANET.	IT IS 3
NIIWO-DABAGANET.	IT IS 4
NAANO-DABAGANET.	IT IS 5
NGODWAASO-DABAGANET.	IT IS 6
NIIZHWAASO-DABAGANET.	IT IS 7
NSHWAASO-DABAGANET.	IT IS 8
ZHAANGSO-DABAGANET.	IT IS 9
MDAASO-DABAGANET.	IT IS 10
MDAASO SHAA BEZHİK DABAGANET.	IT IS 11
AABTAA-DIBIKAT.	IT IS MIDNIGHT.

NAAKWEK.	AT NOON.
NGO-DABAGANEK.	AT 1
NIIZHO-DABAGANEK.	AT 2
NSO-DABAGANEK.	AT 3
NIIWO-DABAGANEK.	AT 4
NAANO-DABAGANEK.	AT 5
NGODWAASO-DABAGANEK.	AT 6
NIIZHWAASO-DABAGANEK.	AT 7
NSHWAASO-DABAGANEK.	AT 8
NHAANGSO-DABAGANEK.	AT 9
MDAASO-DABAGANEK.	AT 10
MDAASO SHAA BEZHİK DABAGANEK.	AT 11
AABTAA-DIBIKAK.	AT MIDNIGHT.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Name-Giizhigat	Shkwaa-Name-Giizhigat	Niizh-Giizhigat	Zoozep-Giizhigat	Spinganwang	Jiibaatig-/Jiibaato-Giizhigat	Maanii-Giizhigat
Prayer Day	Day After Prayer Day	2nd Day after Prayer Day	Joseph's Day	Day of Ascension	Cross Day/Spirit Day	Mary's Day
Nwebi-Giizhigat	Ntam-Giizhigat	Niizho-Giizhigat	Aabitoo-/Nso Giizhigat	Niiwo-Giizhigat	Naano-Giizhigat	Ngodwaaso-Giizhigat
Day of Rest	First Day	Second Day	Halfway Day Third Day	Fourth Day	Fifth Day	Sixth Day

MAAMWETOON (PUT IT TOGETHER)

ANWAGN

AWWAGSANA

INHASAK

PKEIHZ

ENWAKA

HINTS:
1) TODAY
2) DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY
3) EVENING
4) MORNING
5) NOON

Word search grid with letters and shapes.

BONUS SOLUTION ON PAGE 14

Anishinaabemowin Language Program
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Toll free 1-888-309-5822 Fax 231-242-1455

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

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

Cartoon with speech bubbles: "Aanii Nitaawis!", "Baamaa Wiisinidaa!".
Caption: Dennis Dominic mzinbiiged
Text: WHAT IS THE EVENTUAL RELATIVE CONNECTION THAT ALL ODAWA PEOPLE DISCOVER WITHIN TEN MINUTES OF MEETING EACH OTHER?

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

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

Department of Commerce

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

- Sales Tax (6% of retail price)
- Use Tax (6% of purchase price)
- Income Tax (4% of Adjusted Gross Income)
- Single Business Tax (1.9% of the applicable tax base)
- *Motor Fuel Tax (32 cents per gallon unleaded and 28 cents per gallon on diesel)
- *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.

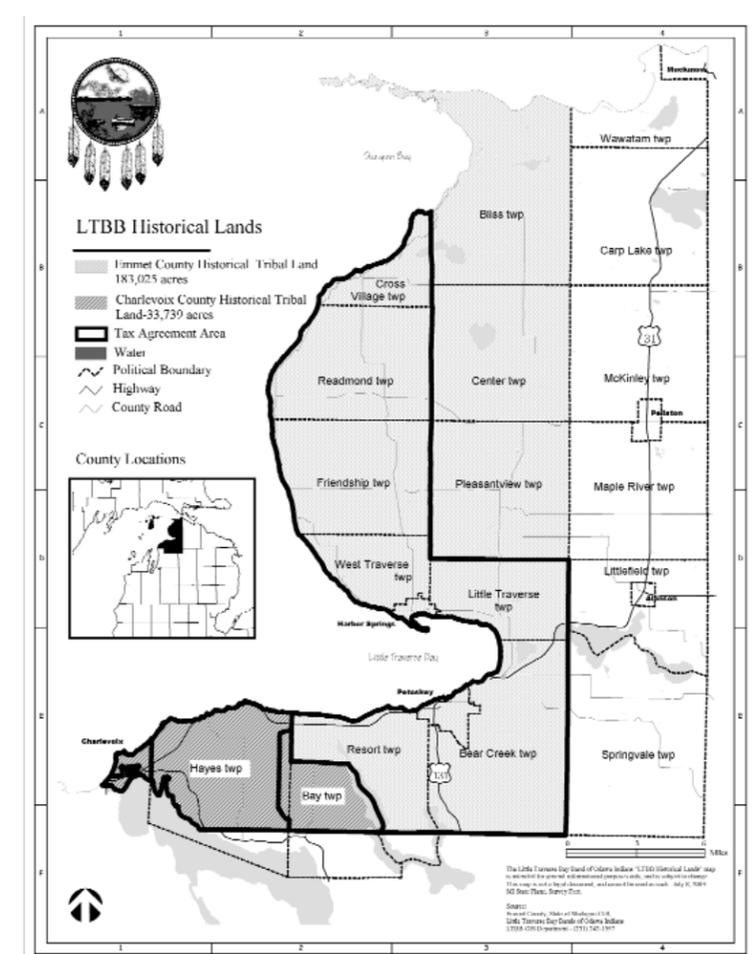
Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!

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.

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 Agree-

ment, 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.

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

2008 Elders Calendar

Deadline for accepting pictures is May 18.

Original Pictures of Veterans in Uniform Wanted

The Elders Association is making a Veterans Calendar for 2008. The calendar will include all veterans and any elder veterans not included in the 2007 calendar. If you are interested in submitting a picture, please send it with the following information: **Name, Dates of Service, Branch of Service and Return Address.**

Send to: Elders Association

7500 Odawa Circle

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

For more information, call 231-242-1610.

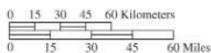
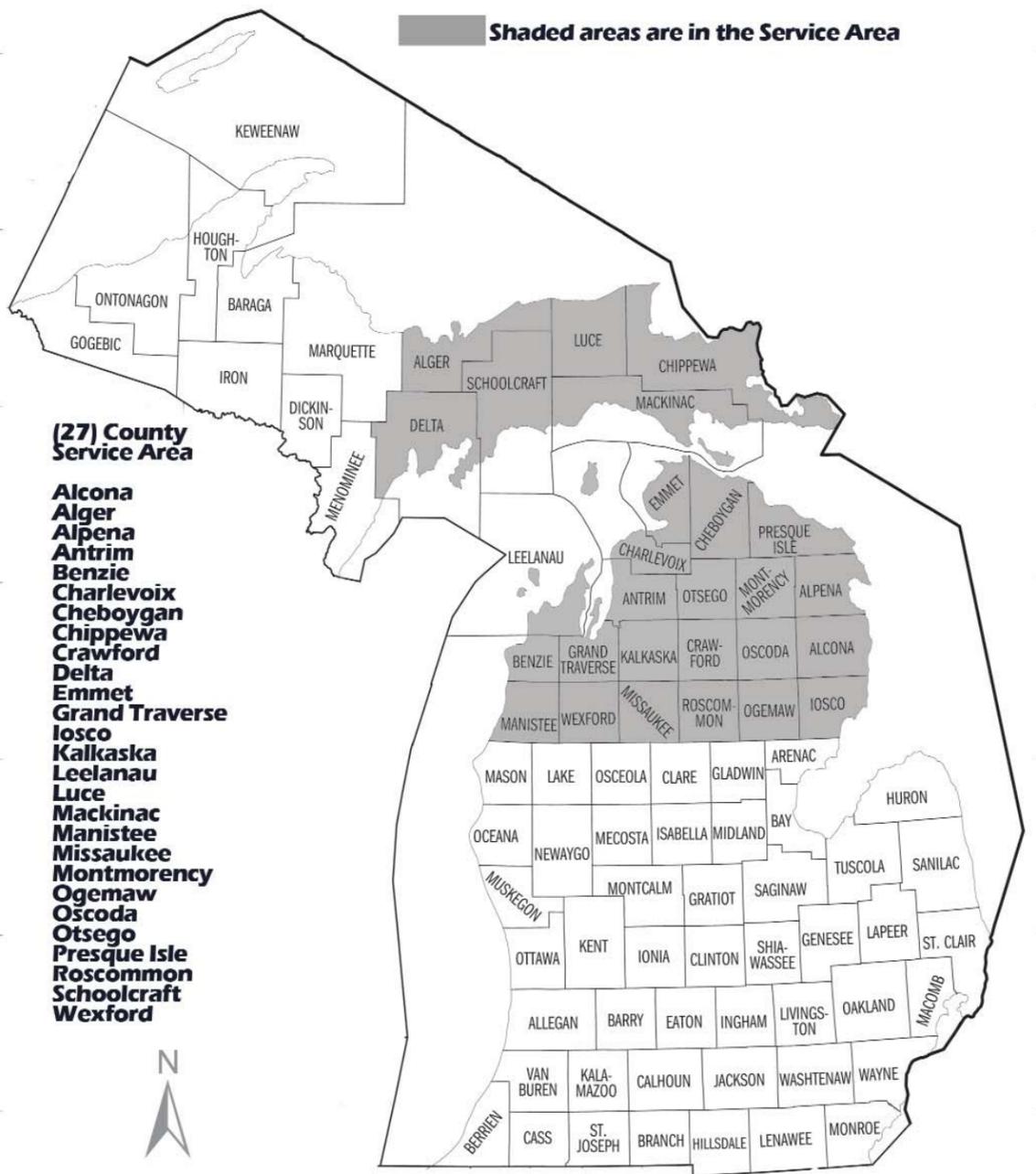
Attention Elders

The Elders Program is in the process of making travel arrangements for the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) Meeting. The dates are April 17 - April 19. 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.

Miigwetch! - The Elders Program

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area



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

2007 PROJECTED ELECTION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 10 NOTICE OF ELECTION MAILED
 FEBRUARY 9 NOMINATION PETITIONS DUE BACK TO ELECTION BOARD
 FEBRUARY 10 LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARY ELECTION
 MARCH 27 LAST DATE TO WITHDRAW FROM ELECTION IN WRITING
 LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
 ELECTION BOARD FINALIZES THE PRIMARY BALLOT
 MARCH 28 CANDIDATE INFORMATION MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
 APRIL 11 BALLOTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
 APRIL 21 PRIMARY ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM"

FRIDAY MAY 11, PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

MAY 25 PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED AND GENERAL ELECTION
 BALLOTS MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
 JUNE 9 GENERAL ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM"

MONDAY JUNE 25, GENERAL ELECTION DAY

JULY 10 GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED

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

Housing Department Programs

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area.
 For more details on the service area, please refer to the map on page 9.

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 of 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.

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

If you live in Michigan and need assistance with Fuel Oil, Propane, Electric, Natural Gas or Wood/Coal and are Low Income, please stop by Human Services at 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.

You can apply once during October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007 for each type of assistance available:

1. **Direct:** Any assistance not an emergency
2. **Emergency:** Will help with Shut-off or tank less than 10%
3. **Weatherization:** Insulation, storm door, etc.

Applications for all programs are accepted until funds run out.

A limited supply of heaters, window plastic kits and weather-stripping is available for pickup at the Human Services Building during regular business hours.

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: 231-242-1558

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

HUMAN SERVICES

FOSTER PARENT PROGRAM:

HOW TO GET STARTED

By Shann Davenport, Indian Child Welfare Worker

For those individuals and families who are interested in becoming foster parents, an information packet will be provided describing the licensing and certification process.

An application form and mandatory background check will

be the first step in the licensing process. Once the requisite background clearances are received, an intake session will be scheduled to complete a foster home evaluation.

When all information has been gathered, LTBB Social Serv-

ices then submits the completed Home Study to the Indian Child Welfare Commission (ICWC) for their review and approval.

The Social Services Department will then notify the applicant of the results. The foster care license will be issued after the approval by the ICWC.

Now, you are ready to become a foster parent(s) to one of our tribal children. Foster parenting can be a very rewarding experience. You can make a dramatic difference in the life of a child.

If you think you want to become a foster parent, please give the Social Services Department a call at 231-242-1620.

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

**YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE
 2007 TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**

**TO CHECK IF YOU ARE REGISTERED OR IF YOU
 WOULD LIKE THE FORMS TO REGISTER, CALL
 DENISE PETOSKEY AT 231-881-2994
 OR CAROL QUINONES AT 616-774-9534.**

Women's Wellness Circle March 17

Noon at the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI. Attend this preventive health seminar taught by U of M medical students. Topics include nutrition, exercise, smoking cessation, and stress relief and how to integrate changes into your lifestyle. Followed by a Talking Circle for you to help teach the medical students about your personal and cultural responses to the seminar, and how they can best help their Indian patients. Your help is needed to shape tomorrow's doctors!

**\$20 Pre-registration is required by March 1.
 Includes dinner and lunch.**

**Application at <http://umich.edu/~rhrose/wwc>
 For more information, contact Rachel Rose
 at rhrose@umich.edu (preferred) or 734-476-7667.**

GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

THE GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING AGAIN. THE DEADLINES TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUESTS ARE MARCH 31 AND AUGUST 31. IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN APPLICATION, 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.

NATIVE NEWS

LTBB COMMUNITY CITIZENS PARTICIPATE IN MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The City of Cheboygan Human Relations Board presented a Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 14 at the Cheboygan Opera House in Cheboygan, MI.

The theme for the third annual celebration was "Building a Better Community Through Empathy." Na-

tive Americans from the northern Michigan area participated in the event.

The Woodland Singers sang four songs, and joined the Cheboygan Catholic Children's Choir for the musical finale, a rendition of Three Dog Night's "Black and White."

The Woodland Singers are

Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Vicki Olson, Jannan Cornstalk, Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Andrea Otto, Virginia Schansem, Jenny Kronk and Veronica Medicine. Walker-Keshick, Olson, Cornstalk, Kishigo-Booth, Schansem and Medicine are LTBB Tribal Citizens. Kronk is the Associate Judge for the LTBB Tribal Court

and is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Aaron Wayne Otto, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, played Native American flute before Curtis Chambers, the Chairman of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, gave the keynote speech.

Simon Otto, a LTBB Community

Citizen and a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, gave the closing prayer.

The Strongheart Drummers also performed.

An audience of more than 200 people attended the event.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Tribal Citizen Aaron Wayne Otto played Native American flute at the celebration.



The Woodland Singers performed four songs and sang with the children's choir.



Jannan Cornstalk (at the microphone) introduced the members of the Woodland Singers.



The Woodland Singers perform during one of their songs at the MLK celebration.



The Cheboygan Catholic Children's Choir sang throughout the event on January 14.



Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Chairman Curtis Chambers spoke.



The Strongheart Drummers performed throughout the celebration on January 14.



Tribal Community Citizen Simon Otto gave the closing prayer to conclude the event.

MUTYBL 2006 AWARDS BANQUET

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

MUTYBL FINAL STANDINGS				
	Wins	Losses	Pts For	Pts Agst.
Girls 13 and Under Division				
1. Grand Traverse Band	6	0	215	109
2. U.P. United	4	2	210	185
3. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe	1	5	146	167
4. Little Traverse Bay Bands	1	5	113	220
Boys 13 and Under Division				
1. Grand Traverse Band	5	1	415	202
2. U.P. United	3	3	338	250
3. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe	4	2	239	334
4. Little Traverse Bay Bands	0	6	117	323
Girls 14-18 Division				
1. Little Traverse Bay Bands	5	1	237	168
2. Grand Traverse Band	5	1	228	184
3. U.P. United	2	4	241	205
4. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe	0	6	121	265
Boys 14-18 Division				
1. Grand Traverse Band	6	0	394	286
2. Little Traverse Bay Bands	2	4	314	295
3. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe	2	4	276	316
4. U.P. United	2	4	274	342

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hosted the Michigan United Tribal Youth Basketball League (MUTYBL) 2006 Awards Banquet on January 13.

More than 100 people attended the event held at Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI. The MUTYBL consists of the LTBB Hawks teams, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians teams, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe teams, and U.P. United which has players from Bay Mills Indian Community, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

The LTBB Hawks 14-18 girls team finished first in its age division with a 5-1 record, and the 14-18 boys team finished second in its age division with a 2-4 record.

Please see the chart above this article for the 2006 MUTYBL standings.

LTBB Hawks players, Cassandra Gibson and Eli Olson, were named the 14-18 girls and the 14-18 boys most valuable players respectively.

U.P. United players, Gertie McGeshick and Justin Hartzog, were named the 13 and under girls and the 13 and under boys MVPs respectively.

LTBB Hawks players, Pat Otto and Jon Mulholland, both received graduation jackets. All of the league's seniors receive graduation jackets similar to lettermen's jackets.

The LTBB Scrapper Awards went to Carrie Eggleston for the girls 13 and under team, Zachary Schlappi for the boys 13 and under



(L to R) J.D. Gibson, Alicia Shenoskey, Breanna Cepeda-Mulholland, Trisha Heron, Carrie Eggleston, Cassandra Gibson and Sondra Bennett.

(L to R) Sam Rojas, Josh Garlitz, Eli Olson, Tony Cepeda-Mulholland, Devin Grundy, Anthony Bear and J.D. Gibson.



Eli Olson (on the left) won MVP honors for the 14-18 boys teams.



MUTYBL players from across the state attended the awards banquet.



Cassandra Gibson (on the left) won MVP honors for the 14-18 girls teams.

team, Mariah Sweeney for the girls 14-18 team and Josh Garlitz for the boys 14-18 team.

A candidate for the scrapper award is someone who puts his or her heart, soul and body and gives all he or she has to the game of basketball and to the team.

Special jackets were given to LTBB Hawks coaches, J.D. Gibson, Larry Denemy and Chris Lynn. J.D. Gibson coached the boys 14-18 and girls 14-18 teams while Denemy and Lynn coached the 13 and under boys and girls teams.

A potluck dinner was served, and a players versus adults game was contested.

Tribal Community Members Pat Naganashe, Raymond Martell, J.D. Gibson, Jim Naganashe, Kenny Dewey and R.J. Smith graciously accepted the honors of singing the opening and closing songs in honor of all MUTYBL participants.

Tribal Council Secretary Shirley Oldman was the guest speaker and her husband, Steve Oldman, gave the opening prayer.

The Community Health Depart-

ment staff presented a shawl to Shirley Oldman and a ribbon shirt to Steve Oldman in recognition of their participation.

The Community Health Department staff wanted to thank the drum group, the LTBB Hawks parents and players for their attendance at the event.

Cathy Gibson, the unofficial LTBB Hawks Youth Basketball Coordinator, contributed to this article.

Photos appear courtesy of Theresa Keshick.

"HONOREES" CONTINUED FROM COVER

Regina Gasco

Regina Gasco, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as an Environmental Assistant in 2004. In 2006, she took on the additional duties of the Recycling Coordinator and the Water Quality Assistant. She had previously worked part-time as an Administrative Assistant in the Environmental Services Department from February 2000 to February 2001.

"I do a little of everything," Gasco said. "It is nice to do a variety of things. I like I am not always stuck behind a desk. I like going out in the field. I like learning new things."

Environmental Services Director Rachel Schwarz said Gasco is more than just an assistant to her department.

"Regina takes a leadership role in implementing the recycling program," Schwarz said. "She often gives positive input on new and more efficient ways to perform tasks within the department. She is always willing to obtain the skills necessary to improve her job performance and provide better services to the tribal community."

"When she receives a request from a tribal citizen or another department, she will go above and beyond to ensure the request is fulfilled."

Gasco was born in Petoskey and eventually graduated from Petoskey High School, but lived in Lansing, MI, for several years. She received certification through the Bay Mills Community College Business Administration program.

"After graduating from high school, I had a few odd jobs before I enrolled in the program (Business Administration)," Gasco said. "A part-time position opened up, and I really enjoyed working in the department. I was happy to eventually move into a full-time position in the department. I fell into a job, and it turned into something more than that."

Gasco wanted to thank her co-workers for nominating her and giving her the award.

"It is kind of surreal even now," Gasco said of receiving the award. "It's a nice honor."

Gasco is married to Jimmy Gasco, who works in the Regulatory Department, and they have a son, Mkoohns, 4. Mkoohns means Little Bear.

Her parents are Archie Kiogima, Jr., a Biologist in the Natural Resource Department, and Regina Kiogima, Sr., the Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker.

Alan Proctor

Alan Proctor, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Director in 2003. The GIS Department provides spatial data management, technical support and access to current GIS/GPS (global positioning system) hardware and software for LTBB Departmental Operations. In addition to these duties, the GIS Department is available to LTBB Tribal Citizens for spatial data and GIS/GPS support.

The GIS Department has

several maps for download via the World Wide Web. If you visit the website, www.ltbbodawa-nnsn.gov/GIS/GIS/%20Available%20Maps.htm, you can download LTBB Reservation, Ceded Territory, Service Area, Trust Land maps.

"GIS is applicable to many different things," Proctor said. "While the majority of my work is currently with three departments: Natural Resource, Environmental Services and Planning, Zoning and Building, we are slowly broadening GIS and GPS into other areas. For example, GIS is currently mapping incident data with the LTBB Law Enforcement Department, and establishing a policy and procedure with the LTBB Archives and Records Department to aid in cultural preservation."

Proctor has taken part in workgroups such as the LTBB Energy Workgroup, Culturally Significant Areas Working Group and Master Plan Working Group. He came up with the idea of establishing the Michigan Tribal GIS Group which brings GIS users from all Michigan tribes into one location for the purpose of networking and training.

"I started working in GIS sort of by accident," Proctor said. "GIS was not very well known in the mid-1990s. After graduating from MSU (Michigan State University), I took a GIS class at Lansing Community College and was introduced to a contact from a local Urban Planning and Design firm who was undertaking a three-county land use/land cover update in mid-Michigan. I was fortunate enough to secure a full-time position with them, and I've been doing GIS work ever since."

"Since then, GIS has really broadened in scope and application. From Urban Planning and Engineering to Natural Resources, there are many future careers using GIS technology within many disciplines."

Proctor earned a Bachelors of Science degree with an emphasis on Forestry from Michigan State University. He has a wife, Paula, and two sons, Jason, 5, and Jude, 3.

"It's always nice to be recognized by your peers," Proctor said of receiving the award. "I was very surprised because what I do is mostly behind the scenes."

Although Proctor grew up in Lansing, MI, his father is from Cross Village, MI, and his mother is from Beaver Island, MI.

"I've always felt a part of the northern Michigan community," Proctor said. "Paula and I immensely enjoy living here, and we feel our quality of life has definitely improved."

Proctor encourages anyone with GIS questions to contact him at 231-242-1597 or at aproctor@ltbbodawa-nnsn.gov.

Doug Craven

Doug Craven, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as the Natural Resource Director in 2002. His department issues inland hunting/fishing licenses for the LTBB Reservation and the 1836 Ceded Territory areas and issues commercial fishing licenses for the Great Lakes 1836 Treaty

area; gathers and analyzes Great Lakes fish data and wildlife data; develops management plans, strategies and regulations; and enforces tribal regulations within the jurisdiction of the LTBB Tribe and Treaty lands. He is the supervisor to nine full-time employees in his department in addition to seasonal workers and interns.

"It's nice to be recognized, but this reflects well on my department as a whole," Craven said. "It's a team award. We do a lot of behind the scenes stuff. It's not glamorous work."

Craven earned a Bachelors of Science degree with a double major of Natural Resource Management and Environmental Studies from Western Michigan University.

"I've always liked hunting and fishing," Craven said when asked why he was interested in Natural Resource Management.

"It's not a field many tribal citizens get into although our culture teaches us to preserve Mother Earth and her resources for future generations."

Craven grew up in Perrinton, MI, but his grandparents lived in Harbor Springs. He has a wife, Sarah, and three sons, Weengush, 6, Noodin, 5, and Waasmowin, 17 months. Weengush means sweetgrass, Noodin means wind and Waasmowin means lightning.

Jake Guenthardt

Jake Guenthardt, who grew up in Manistee, MI, started as a Law Enforcement Officer in 2004. He earned an Associate of Applied Arts and Sciences Police Licensure Program degree from West Shore Community College. He became interested in law enforcement because an uncle and a cousin were law enforcement officers.

"They (his uncle and cousin) turned me on to it, and the excitement of the job interested me," Guenthardt said. "I like being a problem solver, and I like helping people."

"The toughest cases are those that involve children."

Guenthardt said he enjoys working in a culturally rich environment.

"When I first heard about this opening, I thought it was a great opportunity," Guenthardt said. "I knew it would be an interesting job because of the multi-jurisdiction between the federal, state and tribal courts. The cross-deputization made it appealing also."

LTBB Law Enforcement Officers became cross-deputized with the Emmet County Sheriff's Office in 2000 and with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office in 2004.

Guenthardt has a wife, Tanya, and two daughters, Madison, 3, and Bailey, six months.

Richard Wemigwase

Richard Wemigwase, a LTBB Tribal Elder, started as Elders Maintenance in 2001. He is a landscaper by trade, but acquired a variety of skills from previous jobs. Wemigwase previously worked for a 162-apartment complex in Dearborn Heights, MI. He worked

there for nine years and learned the majority of his skills from the head maintenance man.

He performs electrical, plumbing and carpentry work; works on furnaces and hot water heaters; mows lawns and shovels snow at the LTBB Housing Development site in West Traverse Township, MI.

"I've had a lot of on the job training," Wemigwase said. "I tend to pick things up pretty easily. If something major comes up, they call in outside people, but I can do most of it myself. I like the variety of jobs I do. It never gets monotonous."

"I have a carefree, positive attitude, and I like to help people."

Housing Director Deleta Gasco Smith said Wemigwase goes above and beyond what is required of him.

"Nights, weekends, holidays, anytime of the day or night, you'll find him out there doing whatever needs to be done," Smith said. "He never complains, he always has a smile on his face, and he is always knocking on doors to see to the well-being of our elders. We couldn't do without his presence at the Housing Development site."

"Richard is highly respected

by everyone he comes in contact with, and I consider it a privilege to have him in my department."

Wemigwase, 60, plans on working until he is 70.

"It keeps me fit and active," Wemigwase said.

Wemigwase is the Chairman of the LTBB Elders Association for the third year.

"I started as the spokesperson for the association," Wemigwase said. "I'm not afraid to speak for the elders and help them get things they need."

Wemigwase was born in Petoskey, and has lived most of his life in Harbor Springs. He earned his general education diploma while living in Westland, MI. Wemigwase served in the U.S. Army for three years (1965-1968) and served 1½ years in Vietnam.

"Getting the award inspires me to do more," Wemigwase said. "It was a big honor. I was kind of shocked, but I guess a lot of people say I go out of my way to help people."

Wemigwase wanted to thank the following people: Smith, Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco, Beverly Wemigwase, Josh Wemigwase, Patrick Wemigwase and Shannon Wemigwase.

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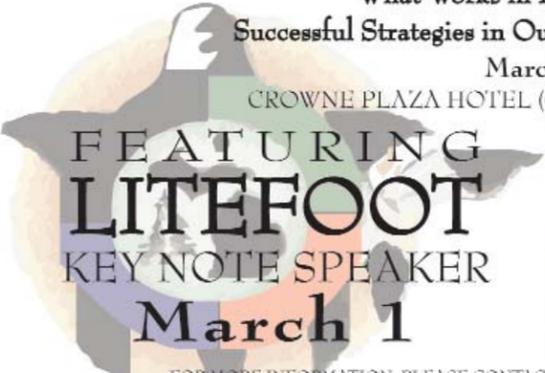
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SECOND ANNUAL CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM A SUCCESS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



This sign greeted the Circle of Excellence LTBB Government Employee Appreciation Dinner attendees.



Regina Gasco (on the far right) with her sister, Netawn Kiogima, and her grandmother, Alice Yellowbank.



Tribal Council Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima congratulates Carol Kiogima.

The Second Annual Circle of Excellence LTBB Government Employee Appreciation Dinner was held January 12 at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI.

The Circle of Excellence Program provides the LTBB Governmental Team a chance to recognize seven team members for their hard work, dedication, teamwork, dependability and commitment to customer service.

The 2006 Circle of Excellence group included Grant Writer Heidi Yaple, Community Health Outreach Representative Carol Kiogima, Environmental Assistant Regina Gasco, Geographic Information Systems Director Alan Proctor, Natural Resource Di-

rector Doug Craven, Law Enforcement Officer Jake Guenthardt and Elders Maintenance Richard Wemigwase. (Please see related story on the 2006 Circle of Excellence Honorees that starts on the cover of this *Odawa Trails*).

After eating hors d'oeuvres, Human Resources Director Ken Fegan welcomed everyone in attendance. Communications Assistant Aaron Wayne Otto played Native American flute in honor of those who had walked on since the last Circle of Excellence Program in 2006. Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima gave the opening prayer before the dinner.

After dinner was served, Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik spoke a few words, and he introduced the keynote speaker, Larry Plamondon. Plamondon, the author of the book *Lost from the Ottawa: The Story of the Journey Back*, spoke of his life's journey.

Plamondon was born in 1945 to mixed blood Indian parents at a state mental hospital and was adopted by a white, Catholic family the following year. After being sent to a reform school at 15, he found himself in the anti-war 1960s counterculture. He was indicted in 1969 for bombing a clandestine Central Intelligence Agency office in Ann Arbor, MI, and became a fugitive in 1970. He landed a spot on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Ten Most Wanted list after becoming a fugitive. After spending 32 months in jail, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in his favor, and he was released from prison in 1972.

In 1975, he worked as a bodyguard for Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band's national tour. In 1980 after years of drug and alcohol abuse, he began his road to recovery. In 1981, he met an Ottawa holy man, became sober and found his Ottawa relatives.

After being married in 1984, he wrote Native American cultural features for WMUK, a National Public Radio affiliate; he served as a tribal field archaeologist at an ancient dig site in downtown Grand Rapids, MI; he was a founding member of a native theatrical group called Theater of the Three Fires; he wrote a play depicting

the history of Detroit, MI, called "Once Was Paradise," he wrote, co-produced and narrated "Sky Legends of the Three Fires" at the Kalamazoo Planetarium in Kalamazoo, MI; he joined the Michigan State University Museum's Master Storyteller Program; he wrote traditional Ottawa stories for the University of Michigan video/multimedia production; and wrote the book, *Lost from the Ottawa*.

Following Plamondon's keynote speech, the Human Resources Department played a PowerPoint presentation showing LTBB Governmental Employees at various activities during 2006.

Fegan talked about the Circle of Life Tour sponsored by the Circle of Life Planning Committee. (An article about the Circle of Life Fall Tour appeared in the November 2006 issue of *Odawa Trails*).

The 2005 Circle of Excellence Group was recognized.

That group included Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase, Purchasing Technician Mandy Ragland, Payroll Angela Friend, Safety Coordinator Norm Emery, Certified Physicians Assistant Cari-Anne Wcisel-Jeffers, Sergeant Mike Givens and Substance Abuse Director Linda Woods. Once individuals are chosen for the Circle of Excellence, they remain there and are not eligible to be nominated again.

The 2006 Circle of Excellence group was then announced, and Fegan read a little about why each individual was selected for the honor.

Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr. received an eagle feather.

The Biidaasige Singers ended the event with an honor song and a traveling song.

The hors d'oeuvres and dinner were prepared by Victories Hotel staff.

The appetizers included a vegetable display, shrimp cocktail, bacon wrapped scallops, beef kabobs, asparagus straws with prosciutto and sausage stuffed mushroom caps. Dinner included mixed greens salad, green beans, rice pilaf, bourbon chicken and chocolate decadence cake with raspberry sauce.

Ettawageshik and Vice Chairman Bill



Larry Plamondon wrote the book, *Lost from the Ottawa: The Story of the Journey Back*.



Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik introduced keynote speaker, Larry Plamondon.



(L to R) The Biidaasige Singers performed during the dinner on January 12.

Denemy, Sr. were in attendance as were all of the Tribal Council Members (Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Regina Gasco-Bentley, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Alice Yellowbank and Councilor Dexter McNamara).

Victories Casino and Hotel Convention Services Supervisor Suzanne Sipe contributed to this article. The biographical information about Larry Plamondon appears on his website www.punplamondon.com. You can order his book on the website.

Photos by Annette VanDeCar.

WERTZ WARRIORS RAISE \$285,000 ON 2007 ENDURANCE RIDE

By Sara Wilson, Communications Assistant



(L to R) Wayne Reams, Diane Bott and Mark Fidrych. Bott displays the plaque given to Victories Casino and Hotel.



The Wertz Warriors' final stop on their 2007 Endurance Ride was Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI.

Imagine traveling through Michigan's winter weather for nearly a week and almost 1,000 miles on top a snowmobile.

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For the Wertz Warriors, this dream was a reality, and they did it all for a good cause.

On January 28, the Wertz Warriors embarked on their 26th Annual Snowmobile Endurance Ride to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Michigan (SOMI). The 900-mile, six-day journey began in Chesterfield, MI, and zigzagged across the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, ending Feb-

ruary 3 in Petoskey, MI, at Victories Hotel.

The 2007 Wertz Warriors consist of 44 snowmobile riders and 28 support crew members. They stopped at more than 35 locations along the ride route, raising donations along the way for SOMI. Since their first ride in 1982, the warriors have traveled more than a combined 937,000 miles on their snowmobiles and have raised more than \$7.1 million.

"Each rider must donate \$3,500 for the privilege of participating on the ride," Wertz Warriors Board of Directors Chairman Vic Battani said in a press release. "They must also use their own snowmobile and pay for any equipment they require in order to ride."

The Wertz Warriors come from all walks of life, and whether as a rider or as a member of the support crew, all work toward raising money for Special Olympics Michigan.

"Each Wertz Warrior takes a week out of their lives to participate in the endurance ride," Battani said in a press release. "They are all dedicated to this cause and raise money all year long. They are a tremendously dedicated and caring group of people."

Victories Hotel hosted a dinner for Special Olympics Michigan and the Wertz Warriors to conclude the 2007 Endurance Ride.

After dinner, the Wertz Warriors presented Special Olympics Michigan with a check for \$285,000, the amount they raised on the Endurance Ride. With a donation of \$3,000 from Victories Casino and Hotel, along with donations from other northern Michigan area businesses, the

Wertz Warriors hope to raise at least \$400,000. Victories Casino and Hotel have been involved with the Wertz Warriors for more than five years.

Victories Casino and Hotel Public Relations and Communications Manager Diane Bott said Victories Hotel hosts a dinner for the Wertz Warriors every year, but since this was the last stop on their 2007 Endurance Ride, it was a momentous event.

"It's really an honor to have them here knowing they raised \$285,000 for Special Olympics Michigan," Bott said.

Bott said Victories Casino and Hotel plans to continue hosting dinners for the Wertz Warriors during their annual endurance rides.

"Once you start acts of goodwill to those in need, you don't want to stop," Bott said.

Special Olympics Michigan Public Relations Manager Jennifer Wilt said Victories Hotel and Casino was selected as the last stop for the 2007 ride due to their hospitality last year and also because they offered a great room rate.

The Wertz Warriors is one man's dream transformed into reality. Vic Wertz, former Detroit Tiger and Hall of Fame first baseman/outfielder, had a dream to underwrite the direct costs of the Special Olympics Michigan State Winter Games. He set out and succeeded to enlist many of his friends to help him.

Together, Wertz and his newly founded warriors considered a variety of ways to generate the money needed to fund winter sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Michigan. After consid-

ering many alternatives, the Wertz Warriors contacted SOMI and completed their first snowmobile endurance ride in February 1982, raising \$26,000. They are still riding strong 26 years later and hope to raise nearly 15 times that amount.

Special Olympics Michigan offers more than 15,200 athletes with intellectual disabilities, regardless of ability level, a fair opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills through training and competition in 23 different sports and allows them to participate as productive and respected members of society-at-large.

More than 20,000 Michigan volunteers contribute their time, energy and expertise to make the Special Olympics program a reality. They serve as coaches, sports officials, committee members, on-site volunteers at competitions and in many other capacities. Special Olympics Michigan is a non-profit organization supported entirely by private funding. All SOMI programs and activities are available at no cost to Michigan athletes or their families. The generosity of Michigan organizations, individuals, and statewide businesses enable the program to continue.

Donations to SOMI can be made at www.SOMI.org, at 1-800-644-6404 or at Special Olympics Michigan, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859.

Special Olympics Michigan Public Relations Managers Jennifer Wilt and Vanessa Walsh contributed to this article.

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Wilt and Wertz Warrior, Bob Sassanella.

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LTBB of Odawa Indians' Food Distribution Program Warehouse Schedule

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On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Sutton



Michigan

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April 14
All Tribes Council 14th Annual Pow Wow
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720 Fourth Ave. South
St. Cloud, MN
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Patrick Tom at 320-308-6424

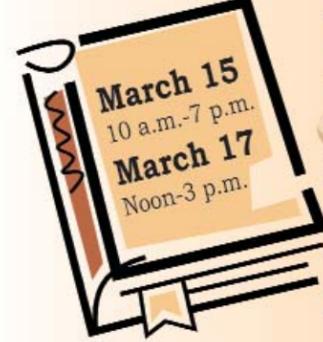
March 24
23rd Annual Circle of Nations Indian Association Pow Wow
Morris, MN
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Mike Miller at 320-589-6094
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April 27-29
Council of Indian Students Traditional Pow Wow
Birchmont Dr.
Bemidji, MN
Contact Information:
Beemus Goodsky at 218-755-2032

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St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Traditional Pow Wow

April 28
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- 1) NANGWA
 - 2) WAASNAAGWA
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The Little Traverse Bay Bands
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Tribal Council Meeting
January 14, 2007
Tribal Court Room
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9:15 a.m. Smudging
9:30 a.m.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to add the revised Investment Statute to the Legislative Calendar.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor McNamara, Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion Carried

of \$10,000.

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

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution # 011407-04 Resolution for Funding Travel to NCAI Executive Session, and 64th Annual Convention for NCAI Youth Delegates and Chaperone in FY 2007 in the amount of \$21,849.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution # 011407-05 Resolution for Michigan Department of Transportation.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-absent, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve the Legislative Leader's report with confidential items with in.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Treasurer Oldman to approve the Tribal Council Secretary's verbal report.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to accept Treasurer Oldman's verbal report.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to accept verbal reports from Councilor Harrington and Treasurer Oldman.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

10:40 a.m. Councilor McNamara arrived.

11:07 a.m. Recess called.
11:18 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

11:47 a.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.
11:47 a.m. Public Comment closed.

11:57 a.m. Lunch Recess called.
1:34 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution # 011407-01 Request for Funding from the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2007 Tribal Youth Program.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Roberts to approve List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated December 20, 2006, for a total of 11.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution # 011407-02 2007 Tribal Support for Michigan Indian Education Council Conference and Anishinaabemowin Teg in the amount of \$3,000 each.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution # 011407-03 2007 Tribal Support for NCAI Embassy of Tribal Nations Capital Campaign, Native American Rights Fund and Supreme Court Project in the amount of \$5,000 each for a total

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2007

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

April 14 Work Session
April 15 Council Meeting
April 28 Work Session
April 29 Council Meeting

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

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MARY ROBERTS, COUNCILOR
RITA SHANANAQUET, COUNCILOR
ALICE YELLOWBANK, COUNCILOR
DEXTER MCNAMARA, COUNCILOR

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Treasurer Oldman to allow Tribal Council attendance at the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Impact Week in March 2007.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Roberts to allow Tribal Council attendance at the 10th Annual Southwestern Indian Gaming Conference & Expo in February 2007.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion Carried

3:15 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington to adjourn.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion Carried

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:

Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary
Date

Closed Session: no

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:33 a.m.

Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.

Absent: Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Executive Office Present: Rebecca Fisher-Executive Assistant

Legal Staff Present: none

Staff Present: Michele LaCount-Legislative Office Manager

Commission, Boards, and Committees: none

Guests: Marie (Tootsie) Miller

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt the agenda for January 14, 2007, as amended, in honor of Frank Chingwa for emulating bravery, Zeke Lasley for emulating courage, Debra Dominic for emulating hope, and Margaret Wright for emulating the truth.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Gasco Bentley, Councilor McNamara, Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Oldman to approve the minutes of December 17, 2006, as presented.
Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Gasco Bentley, Councilor McNamara, Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion Carried

10:03 a.m. Councilor Gasco Bentley arrived.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to add the revised Budget Formulation Statute to the Legislative Calendar.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor McNamara, Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion Carried

Clan System & Diabetes Workshop

Victories Hotel Petoskey, MI

March 24, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lunch is provided

****Space is limited, please call ahead****

This workshop will be presented by

Ronald Wakegijig

Mr. Wakegijig is a resident of Wikwemikong Unceded Reserve and a member of the Wikwemikong Odawa branch of the Three Fires Confederacy on Manitoulin Island.

He is a descendant of five families that left Cross Village, MI, on or about 1790 to settle at what is now the village of Wikwemikong.

He is a fluent speaker of the Odawa and Ojibway dialects, and he has lectured at a number of colleges and universities such as the University of British Columbia, University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, Trent University and Saskatchewan Federated College. He has also been the main speaker at a number of medical conventions throughout Canada.

He is currently the Resident Healer at the Wikwemikong Health Center on a full-time basis. Medical specialties include treatment of diabetes, cancer, dermatitis, and emotional problems.

For more information, contact

Marie "Tootsie" Miller 231-242-1422 or Michele Keshick 231-242-1606

This workshop is sponsored by

LTBB Elders Program, Community Health Department and the LTBB Elders Association.

MEET THE NEW EMPLOYEES SERVING LTBB



Veronica Sanders

Veronica Sanders started as the Contract Health/Dental Receptionist in the Health Clinic on January 22. She was working for Victories Casino as a member of the soft count team since August 2006.

Sanders was born in Charlevoix, MI, and lived in South Dakota for six years. When she was nine, her family relocated to Ann Arbor, MI, where she attended Ann Arbor Pioneer High School and Washtenaw Community College.

In August 2006, Sanders moved her children from Ann Arbor to the Petoskey/Harbor Springs, MI, area, following in the footsteps of many family members.

"I thought raising the kids up north would be better," Sanders said.

Her uncle, Kevin Gasco, is a Gaming Inspector in the Regulatory Department. Her cousin, Jimmy Gasco, also works in the Regulatory Department. Her cousin-in-law, Regina Gasco is the Environmental Assistant in the Environmental Services Department.

Her parents are Karen (Gasco) Brewer and Randy Brewer of the Oglala Sioux Tribe from South Dakota. Her stepfather, Richard Snake, of the Muncie Delaware Indian Nation from Canada works part-time as a driver for the Elders Program. Her grandparents are Elizabeth (Kishigo) Gasco and Clarence Gasco.

Previously, Sanders worked eight years as an Inpatient Unit Clerk at the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor.

In her free time, Sanders enjoys reading and writing. She hopes to be published someday.

Sanders has three children: Tahir, 12, Kiara, 10, and Alex, 4, who all love living "up north." Sanders is glad she moved her family to the area, and she said, "Everyone with LTBB is very friendly and helpful."

Sanders is very happy to be working for LTBB.

"I want to be able to help my people," Sanders said. "I want to go back to school in social work and work for the tribe in that capacity."



Melissa Young

Melissa Young started as an Accounting Clerk in the Accounting Department on January 22. She was previously a temporary employee, working as an Administrative Assistant in the Contract Health, Substance Abuse/Mental Health and Natural Resource Departments before starting her current position.

Young is from Plymouth, MI, and graduated from Canton High School in Canton, MI.

Young has several family members who work for LTBB: Her brother, Stephen Young; her dad, Gary Young; her aunt, Gail Neidling; her uncle, Gilbert Young; and her cousin, David Craven, are all employed by Victories Casino. Her cousin, Doug Craven, is the Natural Resource Director.

Her parents are Gary and Debbie Young. She has a sister, Andrea, 9, and a brother, Jacob, 7. Her grandparents are Gilbert Young and the late Rosalie (Isaac) Young.

In her free time, Young likes to watch movies and hang out

with her family.

She is engaged to Nels Uutinen, and they are planning a June 2008 wedding.

Young is very happy to work for LTBB because she feels it is a great opportunity. She is also proud so many of her family members work for LTBB.



Melissa Chartier

Melissa Chartier started as a Janitorial Worker at the Health Clinic on January 29.

Chartier is a lifelong resident of Petoskey, MI, and attended Petoskey High School. She is attending North Central Michigan College and hopes to earn a degree in sociology.

Her sister, Andrea Cone, is the Executive Assistant to Victories Casino General Manager Barry Milligan. Her aunt, Carol Field, is a Contract Health Specialist in the Health Department. Her parents are Eileen (Field) Dennis and David Dennis. Her grandparents are Anne (Kesick) Field and Henry Field.

Chartier was a stay-at-home mom for 12 years and ran a day-care out of her home. In her free time, she loves to do arts and crafts projects with her children as well as the day care children she still takes care of in the evenings after working at the Health Clinic.

Chartier is married to Dave Chartier, and they have three children: Marissa, 13, Miranda, 9, and David, 6.

She is very happy to be working for LTBB and said, "Working for the tribe is like working with your family!"

Articles and photos by Communications Assistant Sara Wilson.

THIRD ANNUAL MINO AYAWIN-DIBISHKO MEWINZHA

(GOOD HEALTH LIKE BACK IN THE DAY)

NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PLUS ONE NON-NATIVE MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

APRIL 20-22

LAC DU FLAMBEAU PUBLIC GRADE SCHOOL

AGE 16 AND OVER

ENTRY FEE: \$150 PER TEAM

12 TEAM LIMIT/DOUBLE ELIMINATION

FIRST PLACE \$1,000, SECOND PLACE \$500 THIRD PLACE \$300

(BASED ON 12 TEAM ENTRIES)

ENTRY FEE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 6

ADMISSION \$2 A DAY OR \$5 FOR A WEEKEND PASS

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO FUND THE TOURNAMENT AND LDF YOUTH CHOICES GROUP

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT

RACQUEL STARR AT 715-614-0313.

Give a woman a quilt and she will keep warm; but teach her to quilt and she'll get so much more.

The Community Health Department offers quilt making classes.

March 3 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

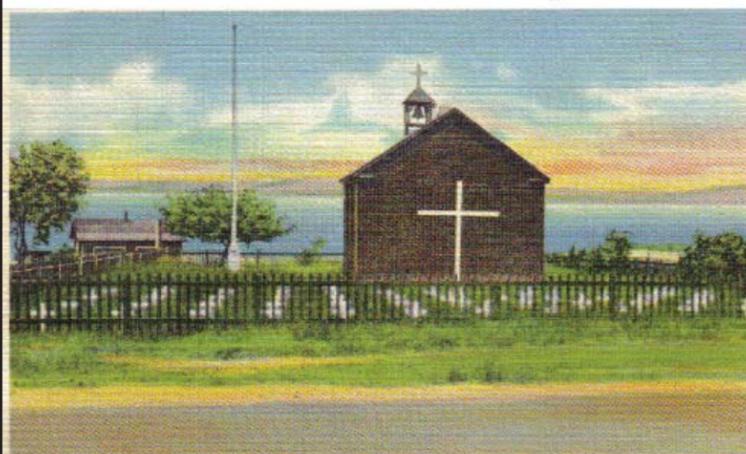
Call 231-242-1601 for more information or to sign up.

Tribal Contractors Wanted For New Casino Construction



Call Tom Ollman at Clark Construction 231-487-0338

Help preserve St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission Church and burial grounds



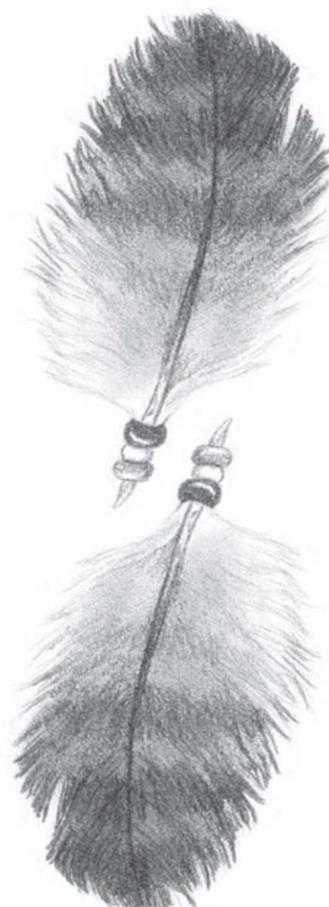
93—Old Indian Mission Church, Northern Michigan SA-N1827

Second Annual Swiss Steak Dinner
Petoskey High School Culinary Hospitality Students
March 24, 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
At Knights of Columbus
1160 Charlevoix Ave.
Petoskey, MI 49770

Tickets available at St. Francis Xavier Church rectory
231-347-4133 or from any committee member.

Pre sale \$12 adults or \$13 at the door.
\$6 Children six-12, Five & under free

All proceeds go toward
ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS INDIAN MISSION CHURCH RESTORATION FUND.



BIG READ PROJECT UPDATE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



On October 31, 2006, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) announced the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians was one of 72 communities selected nationwide to receive a \$20,000 grant for the Big Read initiative.

The Big Read is an initiative of the NEA designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. It provides citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book with their communities. LTBB chose *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 started in January and runs through June. Programming is expected to run from April to June.

Several activities are being considered by the planning committee. Please look for specific information on upcoming events in future issues of *Odawa Trails*.

Copies of *To Kill A Mockingbird* in various forms will be distributed throughout the northern Michigan area free of charge. Although the books have not yet arrived, several items have. Among those are a 60-second public service announcement, teacher's and reader's guides, DVDs, bookmarks, posters and two banners.

Communications Assistant Aaron Wayne Otto designed the project's logo. (See above).

Education Director Melissa Claramunt, the Project



(L to R) Education Director Melissa Claramunt, Librarian Francine Thuston and Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr.

Director; Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr., the Spokesperson for the project; and Librarian Francine Thuston were recently photographed with one of the banners hanging outside the Education Department located at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. (See above photo).

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation awarded \$3,500 to the Big Read Project recently.

For more information on the Big Read, visit www.ne-abigread.org.

If you would like more information on the LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007, please contact me at 231-242-1427.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

We have jobs!

Victories Human Resources announcement! Attention all tribal citizens who wish to become part of the new Odawa Casino Resort team! We have targeted the following open dates exclusively to Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians tribal citizens and current team members for all positions: March 1-March 15. We will accept applications and screen for the interview process for all open positions. The positions will be posted on our website at www.victories-casino.com. If you or any other tribal citizen is interested in becoming a part of this extraordinary event, please apply online and contact us immediately, so we can assist you in your career choice.

Contact Information

Victories Casino and Hotel Human Resources

911 Spring St.

Petoskey, MI 49770

231-439-5380

Recruiter: Lynn M. Trozzo.

Employment Manager: Mary Roberts.

Employment Representative: Laura Mulholland.

SNOWSHOEING FUN



The Community Health Department offered snowshoeing on January 27 and February 24 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. On January 27, people walked through the woods near the governmental center to the pow wow grounds and back.

Photo courtesy of Marie "Tootsie" Miller.

HEADSTART CHILDREN ENTERTAIN TRIBAL ELDERS



Children from the LTBB Headstart Program entertained the elders in attendance at the Elders Luncheon on January 30 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. The children sang three songs. The children periodically visit the elders at the Elders Luncheon. Their last visit was December 14, 2006 when they sang Christmas carols.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

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:

mcolby@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.

ODAWAFORUM.COM

Bringing Tribal Members Together

Come join the newest tribal website

<http://odawaforum.com>

SHARPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

COME VISIT THE LTBB EDUCATION COMMISSION

MARCH 1, 2 AND 3

AT THE

37TH ANNUAL CRITICAL ISSUES CONFERENCE (CIC)

CROWN PLAZA HOTEL & RESORT

5700 28TH STREET SE

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546

The LTBB Education Commission will have an informational table in the CIC Exhibit Area. We will have scholarship information and materials regarding LTBB Educational Programs that assist tribal citizens with their academic goals. For more information, call the LTBB Education Department at 231-242-1480.

Kaawaabinim!



2007 Snowsnake Games

Winners of the 2007 LTBB Goonignebig Games

Men's Divisions		Women's Divisions	
65 and over		65 and over	
First place – Gordon "Flash" Shepard	232 ft.	First place – Rita Gasco-Shepard	201 ft.
Second place – Bill Denemy, Sr.	112 ft.	Second place – Rosie DeLand	111 ft.
Third place – Jim Naganashe	93 ft.	Third place – Arlene Naganashe	60 ft. 6 in.
50 – 64		50-64	
First place – Steve Oldman, Sr.	318 ft.	First place – Sandra McSawby	323 ft.
Second place – Bill Denemy, Jr.	283 ft.	Second place – Val Williams	269 ft.
Third place – Art Debres	233 ft.	Third place – Hope Reines	199 ft.
1-4		1-4	
First place – Jack Sova	56 ft.	First place – Jacquelyn Cabarrubia	19 ft.
Second place – Daniel Debres	50 ft.	Second place – Evelyn Gibson	10 ft.
Third place – Xavier Schansem	37 ft.	Third place – Jasmine Cabarrubia	3 ft.
Kindergarten – Second grade		Kindergarten – Second grade	
First place – Jacob Cabarrubia	119 ft.	First place – Jalissa Cabarrubia	119 ft.
Second place – Rueben Sova	110 ft.	Second place – Kieyna Sevener-Sova	32 ft.
Third place – Stanley Dewey	88 ft.		
Third – Fifth grade		Third – Fifth grade	
First place – Thomas Berensten	324 ft.	First place – Kristina DeLand-Phillips	305 ft.
Second place – Nick Sleeman	282 ft.	Second place – Lila Debres	146 ft.
Third place – Zack Sleeman	277 ft.	Third place – Josephine Laughlin	136 ft.
Sixth – Eighth grade		Sixth – Eighth grade	
First place – Jake Berensten	352 ft.	First place – Andrea Reese	317 ft.
Second place – Chris Lynn	327 ft.	Second place – Courtney Schneider	301 ft.
Third place – Michael Keshick	287 ft.	Third place – Becca Lynn	280 ft.
Ninth – 12th grade		Ninth – 12th grade	
First place – Al Debres	268 ft.	First place – Cassandra Gibson	430 ft.
Second place – Clayton Mooney	93 ft.	Second place – Carolyn DeLand-Phillips	418 ft.
		Third place – Ashley Boda	133 ft.
18 – 34		18-34	
First place – Ryan Keshick	424 ft.	First place – Kathleen Willis	305 ft.
Second place – Chris Dominic	287 ft.	Second place – Julie Wolfe	285 ft.
Third place – Stephen Oldman, Jr.	155 ft.	Third place – Crystal Greensky	267 ft.
35 – 49		35-49	
First place – Brian Carver	580 ft.	First place – Cindi McIlrath	427 ft.
Second place – Brian Gibson	539 ft.	Second place – Cathy Koon	418 ft.
Third place – Brian Williams	514 ft.	Third place – Cathy Gibson	410 ft.



This photo appears courtesy of Theresa Keshick.



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On February 3, approximately 110 people attended the 2007 Goonignebig Games held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Chi Miigwech to everyone who participated in the event and who assisted the Community Health Department. Chi Miigwech to Brian Carver, J.D. Gibson, Brian Williams, Patrick Balgenorth and everyone else for your hours of hard work.
 LTBB COMMUNITY HEALTH/DIABETES DEPARTMENT. Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar unless otherwise noted.



INAUGURAL ODAWA CASINO RESORT CAREER FAIR EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

By Sara Wilson, Communications Assistant



With the successful completion of its first public career fair on January 15, The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians made its mark in the northern Michigan area.

Department managers from Victories Casino and Hotel held the first of three public career fairs for the Odawa Casino Resort at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI.

Approximately 1,200 guests attended the career fair, far above the expected 500 to 700.

Almost 7% of the guests were LTBB Tribal Citizens and members of other Indian tribes.

"The turnout exceeded my expectations," Victories Casino and Hotel Recruiter Lynn Trozzo said. "The number of people who showed up was astronomical in our minds."

The second career fair was February 12, and it drew approximately 400 guests. The final career fair is March 10.

Victories Casino and Hotel Employment Manager Mary Roberts said there was such a large turnout due in part to the difficult times Michigan's economy is currently facing.

"The career fair was an example of the amount of people who are displaced, who are desperately looking for an opportunity, and looking at our resort as that opportunity to secure their quality of life for their future," Roberts said. "Placing tribal citizens in this enterprise will impact Indian Country greatly if we can secure them employment."

The career fair attracted people from all over the state of Michigan as well as the country. Long lines of eager attendees waited for the chance to speak face-to-face with hiring managers from several departments, including Human Resources, Facilities, Marketing, Foods and Beverage, Slots, Table Games, Finance, Executive Team, Security and Management Information Systems.

Bill Schneider, of Colorado, recently relocated to East Lansing, MI to be closer to his family, but would like to move to the Petoskey area. He attended the career fair to speak with the hiring managers in the Food and Beverage Department and hoped his 30 years of experience, including having owned a restaurant, would give him the competitive edge managers were looking for.

Allen Keenan traveled from Brimley, MI to attend the career fair. Keenan, a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community, has been a self-employed commer-

cial fisherman since 1981, but is eager to relocate to the northern Lower Peninsula and obtain a steady job. Keenan also has four skill trades in heavy equipment, welding, hazardous waste, and excavating which he hopes will help him obtain a maintenance position.

Some guests attended the career fair to look for possible future job opportunities. Janice Cottrell, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, is from East Lansing, but wanted to attend the career fair to see what types of jobs were being offered in the Human Resources Department. Cottrell is currently a graduate student at Michigan State University in East Lansing, but is looking to eventually relocate to the Petoskey area after she graduates in 2009.

Other guests were northern Michigan residents wanting to change careers.

Shanna Wemigwase, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, is from Harbor Springs, MI, and is interested in being a nightclub supervisor at the Odawa Casino Resort. She is currently working, but wants to work for LTBB. Wemigwase has several family members who work for LTBB.

Another local resident in attendance was Mary Jane Ulrich, from Petoskey, who currently works at Petoskey Bridal. Ulrich attended the career fair to see what types of opportunities existed.

"I am an independent woman and have to look out for myself, and I want to take advantage of better opportunities that are available," Ulrich said.

Ulrich has extensive telephone and customer service experience, and also was a flight attendant for eight years. Ulrich is interested in obtaining a position with the Marketing Department in the new resort.

"I'm so excited for the opportunities the Odawa Casino Resort will give this community," Ulrich said.

Roberts said she was not surprised people from all over Michigan and various parts of the country attended the career fair.

"You are up in the most beautiful place in northern Michigan," Roberts said. "You don't have to dream about the weekends you can make it up here; you're here Monday through Sunday. And, it doesn't cost you anything to walk on the beach. It doesn't cost you anything to watch the sunset. It doesn't cost you anything to look for Petoskey stones.

"And, the community; it's so

welcoming up here."

Roberts said some people simply are not able to retire yet, and by creating 550 new positions, the Odawa Casino Resort can possibly provide jobs to those most in need.

Trozzo said she was surprised to see such a varying age of attendees, from teenagers up to those in their 70s.

"We had a lot of retirees from Ford (Motor Company) and GM (General Motors) which I found interesting," Trozzo said. "The career fair caught the interest of those people who took a buyout, but are not ready to retire. They worked at a plant or a manufacturing company for 30-plus years and want something fun to do now."

Trozzo said the career fair was planned perfectly.

"I don't think we'd do anything differently," Trozzo said. "It was wonderful."

Trozzo made it a point to shake the hands of those people who were standing in the line for the career fair, some since 8:30 a.m. that morning, and to thank them for being there.

"It was really important they knew we really did appreciate the community support, especially on such a cold, snowy day," Trozzo said.

Hundreds of people vied for spaces to sit and fill out their applications. They were in the lounge, lobby, hallways, conference room and anywhere else a seat could be found.

Roberts said she was pleased with the high level of performance the hiring managers displayed during the career fair.

"We were bombarded with guests who were looking for jobs and through it all, they kept the smile, and they kept the interaction very high," Roberts said.

"They treated each guest applicant without hesitation or reservation as if it was the first person they had interacted with."

The recruiting campaign for the Odawa Casino Resort began in September 2006 with several career fairs and Meet and Greets launched in October 2006.

There were five career fairs held as part of existing university functions. These took place at Central Michigan University, Michigan Tech, Ferris State University, Northern Michigan University and Michigan State University with another in conjunction with the Michigan Hospitality Educators Alliance (MHEA) career fair in Grand



Guests fill out paperwork during the Odawa Casino Resort Career Fair held January 15 at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI.



Approximately 1,200 guests attended the Odawa Casino Resort Career Fair. Some arrived before 8:30 a.m. despite the noon start.



Employment Representative Laura Mulholland (in the white sweater) and Benefits Assistant Eliza Searles (in the tan blazer) assist a guest at the fair.

Rapids, MI.

Trozzo said each of those career fairs brought in about 200 to 500 people, but MSU's was by far the largest at almost 800.

The Odawa Casino Resort is earning LTBB national recognition. Pechanga.net, one of the largest tribal websites, has picked up numerous stories about the resort, scheduled to open in June.

Currently, Indian tribes provide 600,000 jobs in the United States that are a direct extension from casinos. This includes positions generated by businesses such as resorts, gas stations, stores and governmental entities.

What is not included in this figure are those positions filled by surrounding communities, such as supplies, food and beverage items, maintenance and contractors, all of which earn a profit because of Indian tribes, according to Trozzo.

"All that it takes to make a casino of this nature and this level to work... that's a lot of jobs in the United States," Trozzo said. "We're going to add another 550 jobs to that 600,000, so we're making our mark."

Another way LTBB will make its mark is at the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) 2007 Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention this March in Phoenix, AZ. Approximately 3,500 people from all over Indian Country will attend this convention.

Representing LTBB, Trozzo will present her paper entitled, "Employing Your Own!" Trozzo is very excited about this opportunity as she feels it will place LTBB on the national scene.

"For us to make our mark there, that's a pretty big deal," Trozzo said. "For a tribe this size and this new in this industry... we're going to be competitive with all of the other larger tribes in the United States."

Trozzo said it is exciting to see LTBB evolve.

"We're more excited to know people are coming from all over the country to come home and work," Trozzo said. "Chicago (IL), California, Ohio, Lansing (MI), Grand Rapids (MI) ... our tribal citizens want to come home and work for this.

"They want to be part of the excitement. They want to be part of this community."

Photos by Sara Wilson.

LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP...

Birthdays

Congratulations **Kenny Burks** on celebrating your birthday on February 6.
Love, Mama, Poppie and the rest of the gang.

Happy belated birthday to **Aunt Deleta** – one of the best Aunts in the World – who celebrated on February 20. You constantly amaze me at your amount of wisdom. I thank you for your never ending guidance.
Love, Jennifer.

Belated birthday wishes for **Gayla Keshick** who celebrated on February 25.
Love, Mom.

MinoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaaganak! Niingnisak **Carter McFall, Jr., Jaime Chamblee, Justin McFall** miinwa niitaawis **Clint Boulton**. Gzaaginim!

Happy 14th birthday to **Christopher Lynn**.
Love, Sara and Tavien.

Happy birthday wishes to **Margaret Pontiac** who celebrates on February 28.
From your family, especially your grandchildren, Andrew and Victoria.

Happy birthday to **Billy Mac** on March 17. This comes from the people who love you the most, Gunnar, Dad, Debbie, Derek, Shane, Grandma and Cheryl. May the love and the luck of the Irish always be with you bub.
Love, Dad.

Birthday greetings to **Mary "Monique" Abdallah!** On March 2, she'll be celebrating her 35th year on this Earth. So watch out Motor City, she'll be out and about Friday night!! Cheers! All our love, your northern Michigan cousins, Theresa, Linda and Yvonne and Aunt Tootsie.

Happy birthday to **Joe Shomin** down in Grand Rapids, MI, who celebrates on March 7. Bet you thought I'd forget. Got ya. Bev.

Happy 55th birthday to **Theodore Sky-Eagle, Jr.**
From your wife, Peggy.

Happy belated birthday to our daughter, **Deleta Smith**, who celebrated her birthday on February 20. We love you.
Love, Mom and Dad.

Happy belated birthday to my big sister, **Deleta Smith**, who celebrated her birthday on February 20.
Love, Joe.

May the Creator bring many blessed days for **Seth VanBerger** on his 31st birthday! Hope it is grand!
Love, Aunt Tootsie.

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Happy birthday to **LeRoy Shomin** and **Joseph Shomin**. From your favorite sis and Alec and Alicia.

Happy birthday on March 27, **Mom!!!** Thanks for everything you do and much more.
Love, the Bertrams and family.



Mno Dibishkaak (L to R) **Haga Miinwa Nizu Yellowbank!** Gindaasso Bezhig on March 2nd.
Gazaagim big brother Kunu, Ma-Ma, Da-Da, Nokomisag and Choka.



To my handsome boy, **Collin Sutton**, who celebrates his first birthday on March 6. Sending you many birthday hugs and kisses.
Love, Aunt Tina.

Happy "extreme" birthday to my nephew, **Jeff Gokee**.
Love, Aunt Tootsie.

Hope you have a very happy birthday and a grand year grandson, **Josh Kamenicky**.
Love, Maime.

Grand happy birthday wishes go out to our brother, **Yammer**, on March 9.
Love, Tootsie and Amelia.

Shtaa taa haa! MinoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaaganak! Nmisenh **Regina Kiogima**, Niitaawis **Judy Pierzynowski** miinwa Ngwis **Cody Bigjohn**. Kina giigin-daadziwok Naabdin Giizisong, Mdaaswe sha Niizh. Aapiji Gzaaginim!

Happy birthday **George Shomin**. You're getting up there. I hope being OTR (over the road) isn't too much fun for you to handle.
Love ya, your niece.

Happy birthday to my caboose, **Seth VanBerger**. I love you.
Love, Mom.

Best wishes for a happy birthday year to my sister, **Tootsie**.
Love, Amelia.

Very happy birthday wishes go out to **Jeff Gasco** who celebrates on March 7, **Ashlee Gasco** who celebrates on March 19, and **Marlene Gasco** who celebrates on March 31. Hope you all have a happy and fun-filled year!
From the Gasco family.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to my little cousin, **Collin Sutton**, on March 6.
Love, Brittany.

Happy birthday to **Jeff Gokee** on March 21. Time has gone by so fast since the day you were born. I've been blessed to have such a wonderful son. Thank you for all that you are.
Love always, Mom (and Kacie, too).

Cheers and happiness to our favorite **Auntie** who celebrates her birthday on March 13.
Love, Linda and kids.

Happy birthday **Uncle "Yammer"** on March 9. We hope your day is special.
Love, Linda and kids.

Birthday wishes to "**Melino**" who celebrates his big day on March 19. How OLD will YOU be? 42 or 45? Hope you have a great day!
Gokee.

Happy birthday to **Chris Lynn, Jr.** on March 30 and **Jordan Kay** on March 25. I love you guys.
Love, Aunt Gina.

Happy, happy birthday to **Raymond Bottoms** on March 19.
From your sisters and brothers.

Deshawn and Dillan wish their nana, **Sharon Sanders**, a happy birthday on March 24 along with sisters, brothers and daughter Tammie.

Happy birthday to **Jo Ann Seay** on March 30. The family wishes you a special birthday and a great day this year.

Happy birthday wishes to **Marie "Tootsie" Miller** on March 13.
From your sister, Emily Harrington.

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ALERT! Notice to Students

Students should beware of anyone calling who claims to have educational grants or scholarships available and asks for personal information. Never give out personal information, such as a bank account number or a social security number, to an organization or agency who claims to be offering grant funds. Legitimate organizations and governmental agencies that award such educational grants or scholarships do not handle such business over the telephone and do not ask for this type of information verbally (such as bank account numbers).

For information regarding college financial aid and scholarships, please contact the Education Department at 231-242-1480. Online resources you may consider are www.fastweb.com, www.collegesavings.com, www.petersons.com and www.collegefund.org.

Please contact our office should you have any questions or concerns.

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2008 Budget Hearings

The 2008 Budget Hearings are March 17 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Tribal Courtroom located at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If necessary, it will be extended into the afternoon after lunch beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Please contact the LTBB Legislative Office for additional information at 231-242-1406.

Attention Tribal Hunters

The LTBB Conservation Department has a portable blind left on the Drier Road Property, located northwest of Van. The blind was placed on the property during this past hunting season of 2006. It is stored at the LTBB Natural Resource Department in Harbor Springs, MI. Please contact a Conservation Officer to identify and reclaim your blind. Tribal Citizens are reminded to try and pull these blinds after our hunting season has ended.

The LTBB Conservation Department will offer a Hunter Safety, an International Bow Education Program (Bow Safety) and a Snowmobile Safety class, which is new this year. All classes are state certified programs. The department will post the times and locations at a later date. If you have any questions regarding any of these classes, please contact Conservation Officer Roger Willis at 231-242-1674.

The Natural Resource Department wants to remind anyone who is going to be spearing to make sure they have obtained a harvest report card from the department. The harvest report cards are required to be turned into the NRD office within seven days of spearing. For more information, please contact NRD at 231-242-1670.

Potluck and Video Series

When: March 9, Potluck feast at 6 p.m. and video at 7 p.m.

Where: Burt Lake Band (BLB) Tribal Office, 6461 East Brutus Road, Brutus, MI.

Video: From "Indian Country Diaries," Modern Issues from Across Indian Country.

Please bring a dish to pass if you can.

If you need more information, please call 231-529-6113 or 1-888-BL-TRIBE.

Summer Volunteers Sought to Make Flower Crowns

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.

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Volunteers Sought to Discuss Domestic Violence

I would like to form a volunteer group to discuss domestic violence in our Native community. If you are interested in participating, please contact Yvonne Fuerte at yfuerte@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, ykeshick@yahoo.com, 231-242-1475 or 231-622-4568.

Traditional Storytelling Event

The Anishnaabe Egno-munjik Ewaawyeyak (the Native American Student Organization at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI) invites everyone to attend a traditional storytelling event on March 6 from 5-8 p.m. at the NCMC cafeteria. An Indian taco dinner will be served. Dinner tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$1 a piece. Raffle prizes include a Pendleton blanket; "The Four Hills of Life" by Thomas Peacock and Marlene Wisuri; "People of the Seventh Fire" by Dagmar Thorpe; "The Ledger Book of Thomas Blue Eagle;" a watercolor painting; a Waganakising Odawa beaded jacket; a dream catcher; two easy field guides; a care basket with roasted corn, maple syrup, wild rice, two compact discs and soap; "God is Red" and "Custer Died for Your Sins" by Vine Deloria; "Ishi's Journey" by James Freeman, "Kewadino-quay" by Lee Boisvert and a blanket-wool bag with a violet design.

To purchase dinner and/or raffle tickets, call Kalie at 231-881-3980 or send an e-mail to ncmc_naso@hotmail.com. Proceeds go toward sending NASO students to the Anishnaabemowin-Teg Language Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, on March 29-April 1. NASO hosted "A Night of Storytelling and Food" on December 12, and that event raised \$1,600.

David Kagabitang Accepts Adjunct Instructor Position

David Kagabitang, a Mental Health Therapist in the LTBB Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department, recently accepted a position as an adjunct instructor for Grand Valley State University's Master of Social Work (MSW) Program.

Starting with Winter Semester 2007, Kagabitang will teach SW670 Social Work Practice with Individuals. The class focuses on teaching counseling theory to help social workers to develop their own personal style of providing psychotherapy based on the leading theories in the field of social work and psychology.

Kagabitang is a Limited License Clinical Masters Social Worker (LLMSW) and has met all the requirements to become a fully Licensed Clinical Masters Social Worker (LMSW) when "LINES" CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

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the next license renewal cycle is due. He had to accumulate 4,000 hours of supervised experience under a LMSW after he earned his MSW degree in May 2004. He also had to pass the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Clinical Social Worker Examination; a 170-question test covering social work theory, mental illness diagnosis, individual-group-community-oriented interventions; and other aspects of clinical social work practice.

Kagabitang is also a Certified Addictions Counselor Level 2 (CACII) for the Michigan Certification Board of Addiction Professionals (MCBAP). He had to accumulate 4,000 hours of supervised counseling experience and 360 hours of addiction education. He also had to pass the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc.

(ICRC/AODA) Addiction Counselor Exam, a 150-question test covering knowledge aspects of a professional substance abuse counselor and the Case Presentation Method (CPM), a 45-minute oral examination demonstrating skill in utilizing the 12 core functions of a substance abuse counselor.

Kagabitang will continue to work as a Mental Health Therapist in the Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department. He will work on publishing some articles on his practice as it relates to using Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy (REBT) and Anishinaabe Philosophy in the near future.

Kagabitang would like to give a Chi-Megwech to his family and fellow employees at the Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department for the love and support that has helped him to achieve his goals.

Wedding Announcement

Matthew Paul Crossett and Jo Ellen Mary Keller, both of Cross Village, MI, were married January 6 at Cross Village Beach. Reverend Amanda Keller performed the double ring ceremony at noon in the presence of many family members.

The bride is the daughter of Audrey and the late Joe Keller of Cross Village. The groom is the son of Lawrence and the late Orba Crossett of Newberry, MI.

The bride was escorted down to the beach by her brother, James Keller.

The bride's sister, Martha Alvarez, smudged the bridal party and guests as they arrived with cedar.

Over her dress, the bride wore a pink hand sewn traditional wedding ribbon shawl. She carried yellow roses with sweetgrass, tobacco, cedar and sage in her bouquets wrapped around with four directions colored ribbons.

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Vocalists, Amanda Keller and Kristin Keller, sang "Annie's Song" a cappella.

The maid of honor was Audrey Decker, the daughter of the bride. The best man was Michael Louis Keller, the bride's cousin.

The maid of honor wore a pink, flowered skirt and sweater and carried a similar bouquet to the bride's. The groom, best man and the bride's escort wore traditional hand sewn ribbon shirts.

During the ceremony, the bride and groom offered tobacco and placed their feathers on the sand.

After the wedding, a gathering and feast were held at Diane Keller's house where a hand-crafted wedding cake made by the Village Café in Cross Village was served.

A honeymoon trip to the Canadian Rockies is planned at a future date.

The groom is a commercial fisherman and master pipe fitter. The bride will graduate from North Central Michigan College in May with a Journalism degree. The couple makes their home in Cross Village.

Miigwech

I would like all the LTBB Governmental Employees to know I have enjoyed working with you for the past 2½ years. I am going to miss all of you dearly. If you get a chance to pop in to the Human Resources Department at the casino, make sure you say, "Hi." A special thank you goes to the Education Department for providing some of the best times in my life. I may be gone, but I know you can't forget me! Love to you all, Katie Bauer.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Don A. Portman, Sr., Donald A. Portman II, Donald J. Portman** and **Suzanne Portman** who all bowled well at the 2007 4-H Bowling Invitational on January 20. They bowled in the "Scotch Doubles" Bowling team category. One youth and one adult mentor comprised a team. Teams are grouped by the youth's age. In the 13-15 age group, Don A. Portman, Sr. and Joey Vierville finished first with a total three-game series of 459. In the 16-17 age group, Donald A. Portman II and his father, Donald J. Portman, finished first with a total three-game series of 549, and Suzanne Portman and Derek Mugerdichian finished second with 447.

Correction

Tony Cepeda-Mulholland was incorrectly identified as Tony Cepeda in a photo that appeared in the February issue of *Odawa Trails*. The LTBB Communications Department regrets the error.

Walking on...

Milo F. Lasley, 66

Milo F. Lasley, 66, of Harbor Springs, MI, walked on January 10 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. He was born September 18, 1940, in Petoskey to John and Agnes (Gibson) Lasley. He grew up in the Good Hart, MI, area and attended school in Harbor Springs. Following school, he worked for several area contractors including Woodland Builders in Harbor Springs. He enjoyed being outdoors and hunting. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He is survived by his children, Ronald (Margaret) Lasley of Westland, MI, Donald (Sherrill) Lasley of Clinton Township, MI, Lisa (Andrew) Miller of Shelby Township, MI, and Douglas Lasley of Roseville, MI; brothers, John Lasley of Harbor Springs and Vernon Lasley of Good Hart; sisters, Viola McNamara of Harbor Springs, Evelyn Andrews of Jackson, MI, and Mary Lou Bowers of Good Hart; eight grandchildren and a great-grandson. He is also survived by his close friend, Michael Heinz, of Harbor Springs. He was preceded in death by his sister, Myrtle Carroll, and his brothers, Gordon Lasley, Stanley Lasley and Roger Lasley.

James A. Petoskey, Sr., 92

James A. Petoskey, Sr., 92, walked on January 6 in Milwaukee, WI, surrounded by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and he was a photographer for the *Milwaukee Journal* for many years. Survivors include sons, Robert (Kathy) Petoskey, Larry (special friend Becky) Petoskey, Joseph (Sandra) Petoskey, Sr., James (Christine) Petoskey, Jr., Richard Petoskey and Joseph (Marlene) Bailey; sister, Donna (Harold) Newton, 29 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wives, Margaret, Ann and Josephine; his sister, Louise Hellmer; and his daughter, Patricia Vollmar.

Margaret B. Wright, 73

Margaret B. Wright, 73, of Harbor Springs walked on January 12 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. She was born December 22, 1933, in Petoskey to Henry and Anna George. She grew up in the Petoskey and Bayshore area and attended school in Petoskey, Lawrence, KS, and Kansas City, MO. She received her licensed practical nurse degree from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Kansas City. She fulfilled her dream of working with newborns at St. Luke's neonatal unit for 13 years. She was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the LTBB Elders Association. She attended Greensky Hill United Methodist Church. She enjoyed going to the casino, watching sports and soap operas, music, traveling, church, attending LTBB Elders Program activities and spending time with

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her grandchildren. She is survived by her daughters, Catherine Wright of Tucson, AZ, and Artie (Jorge) Romero of Kansas City; son, Douglas (Lee) of San Diego, CA; five grandchildren (Adam, Alyce, Chance, Anna Marie and Natasha) and one great-grandchild (Samuel). She is also survived by sisters, Leona Honson of Petoskey, Adeline Lyons of Redlands, CA, and Kahtnee Tobiasageshik of Elmira, MI; and brothers, Carl George of Alba, MI, and James Tepakeyah of Newaygo, MI, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by sisters, Mabel Engle and Joanne George.

Paul Sully Petoskey Antoine, 55

Paul Sully Petoskey Antoine, 55, of Elmira walked on January 24 at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, MI. He was born June 18, 1951 to Peter Sully Petoskey and Doris (Antoine) Petoskey in Petoskey. He attended schools in East Jordan, MI, until his graduation. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Petoskey Club. Survivors include sisters, Arlene (Jim) Naganashe of Petoskey, Audrey Hegenbarth of Blain, MN, Margaret Brown of Detroit, MI, and Cathy Devers of East Jordan; brothers, Danny Anthony and Stanley Anthony, of East Jordan; sister-in-law, Sue Antoine, of Midland, MI, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by both parents, Peter and Doris Petoskey; brothers, Martin Petoskey, Peter Antoine and John Anthony.

Donald Amos Anthony, 70

Donald Amos Anthony, "Walking Bear," 70, of St. Ignace, MI, walked on January 23 at Tender Care in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. He was born July 27, 1936, in Sault Ste. Marie. He finished school and enlisted in the U.S. Army at the end of the Korean War. He served for six years, much of it in Germany. He was a Great Lakes commercial fisherman most of his working life, but the last 12 years was in security at Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and was a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5114 in St. Ignace. Survivors include his wife, Verna Anthony; a son, Brian (Diane) Anthony, of East Jordan; daughters, Dannon Anthony of Shingleton, MI, Donzel Anthony of Beaver Island, MI, Theresa Wabininkee of South Haven, MI, Daneen Anthony of Charlevoix, MI; brothers, George (Paulene) Anthony of Traverse City, MI; sisters, Bernice Suhr of South Haven, Darlene Sholes of South Haven, Evon Pirsein of South Haven, Janice Grooms of South Haven, Margaret Mallory of Levering, MI; stepchildren, Constance Bullis of South Haven, John Pensinger of Charlevoix, George Pensinger, Jr. of South Haven; 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by sons, Darrel Anthony and Donald Anthony, Jr.

Walking on...

Jay Lewis Harrington, Sr., 82

Jay Lewis Harrington, Sr., 82, of Petoskey walked on January 24 at his home in Petoskey. He was born July 18, 1924 in Petoskey to Jay Lewis and Louise (Taylor) Harrington, Sr. He grew up in Petoskey and later attended high school in Madison, WI. He served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946. He served in the European Theater and was wounded in the battle of Anzio. He received an honorable discharge in 1946 and returned home. On November 20, 1948, he married Noreen Keway in Harbor Springs at Holy Childhood Catholic Church. Noreen preceded her husband in death in 1990. He worked as a mechanic for Brown Motors for many years. He later owned his own company, Jay's Decorating, which he operated for many years. His hobbies included refinishing furniture and car detailing. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Greensky United Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is survived by his close friend and companion, Dixie Garver of Petoskey; his son, the Reverend Jay (Judith) Harrington of Harbor Springs; his daughter, Brenda (Dennis) Schoolcraft of Indian River, MI; his grandchildren, Heidi (Les) Bosma of Harbor Springs, Tiffany Harrington of Jenison, MI, Howard Keshick of Indian River, Aaron Keshick of Indian River, Lindsay Schoolcraft of Indian River and Marshall Schoolcraft of Indian River; his sister, Thelma (Louie) Fisher of Harbor Springs; three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Noreen, and his brother, Fred Harrington, Sr.

James A. Petoskey, Sr.



James A. Petoskey, Sr., 92, the oldest living descendant of Chief Ignatius Petoskey, walked on January 6, surrounded

by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a great teacher, devoted father and loving grandfather. He was immensely proud of his Indian heritage, which was reflected by the way he spoke. When he would see the tribal logo, he would remark, "That's us. We're part of history." When it was time to leave, he would say, "I will put on my buffalo robe, so we can go." He spoke often of his childhood years when he would ride a lake freighter across Lake Michigan from Milwaukee to visit relatives in Harbor Springs and Cross Village, MI, with his father. He never complained, possessed endless energy and a sense of humor surpassed by none. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him and those whose lives he touched.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK SIGNS EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE ESTABLISHING LONG TERM CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING TASK FORCE



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Executive Directive # 4- 01232007-01 Long Term Care and Assisted Living Task Force

In the Waganakising Odawak Constitution, Article I, Section B, Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, the Tribal Government is directed to “promote with special care the health...of all the people, especially our children and elders...” and further to “Regard the raising of the level of nutrition... and the improvement of public health as among their primary duties.” The Tribal Government is also to “Establish and maintain within the limits of their economic capacity...effective provisions for securing the right to ... assistance in ... old age, sickness and disablement, and in other cases of need...”

The need for independent living, assisted living and long term care facilities for our tribal citizens can be easily documented. However, in order to meet these needs research must be done to determine the best and most feasible way for us to address the needs within the limits of our financial resources. A taskforce is hereby created to study and create a report on Elder Care for our tribe. The task force is charged with the responsibility to create a report that outlines their research and make recommendations to the Executive on how best to meet the needs of our tribal elders as it relates to the aforementioned housing and care issues. This task force will meet at least monthly but as often as necessary over the next twelve months. The task force will conduct at least one public meeting to gather input on the extent of the needs and other concerns on these issues from tribal citizens.

The members of the task force will be 1) Tribal Administrator Albert Colby (or his designee), 2) Housing Director Deleta Smith, 3) Community Health Nurse Michele Keshick, 4) Elders’ Program Coordinator Marie “Tootsie” Keshick, 5) Richard Wemigwase from the Housing Department Staff and the Elder’s Association, 6) Carol Kiogima Community Health Representative, and 7) Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik (or his designee). Additionally, a representative from the Planning Department and Accounting Department are authorized to attend as needed. The workgroup will be chaired by Marie “Tootsie” Keshick.

This Executive Directive becomes effective January 23, 2007, and will remain in effect until the task force issues its final report or until rescinded by a subsequent Executive action.

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman



Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik reads from Executive Directive #4-01232007-01.



Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik signs the Executive Directive at the Elders Luncheon.



Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik answered questions after the signing on January 23.



Grindstone Lake Singers, LCO WI 2006

Photo by Netawn Krogma

DRUM (DEWE'GAN) PRACTICE

INTERTRIBAL POW WOW DRUM PRACTICE IS BEING HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY IN MARCH FROM 5:30 P.M.-7 P.M. AT THE LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER IN THE TRIBAL COURTROOM. EVERYONE INTERESTED IN SHARING AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT WOODLAND STYLE DRUMMING AND SINGING, AND THOSE WHO JUST WANT TO GET TOGETHER AND SING, ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS NOT NECESSARY. PRACTICE IS FREE AND BEING FACILITATED BY YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR R.J. SMITH.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL YOUTH SERVICES AT 231-242-1593 OR CELL: 231-838-5473

Tribal Citizens

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

They 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.

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.

ODAWA CASINO RESORT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



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Photo by Sara Wilson.

On February 8, the Communications Department (Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar and Communications Assistants Aaron Wayne Otto and Sara Wilson) joined a group of elders on a tour of the Odawa Casino Resort construction site in Petoskey, MI. The Communications Department will return every month to take updated photos to share with the tribal community until the Odawa Casino Resort project is completed in June. To view more photos, visit www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and click on photos.