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DARRON MUNSON FINISHES HIS SUCCESSFUL HIGH SCHOOL CAREER IN STYLE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Versatile Darron Munson, a Charlevoix High School senior, has excelled in three sports (football, basketball and track).

Darron Munson saved the best for last.

Munson, a three-sport senior standout at Charlevoix High School (CHS) in Charlevoix, MI, earned 2006 Class C first team all-state honors in football, and he was an integral part of the Rayders' basketball team that reached the 2007 Class C state semifinals.

Munson, a member of the Sault

Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hopes to cap off his successful high school career with another trip to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Division III state track meet. He is the son of Amy Munson, the grandson of Joyce Munson and the great-grandson of the late Ivan Munson and the late Ione Munson. Although he is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Amy and Joyce Munson are LTBB and the late Ione Munson was LTBB.

"I never expected my career to turn out the way it has, especially in football because I am small," said Munson, who is 5-foot-10 and 160 pounds. "People were amazed we got that far in basketball, but we expected to do it. (Varsity basketball) Coach (Keith Haske) said we were one of the most athletic teams he'd ever had (in his 10 years at CHS).

"In track, I'd like to get to the state meet again."

Although Munson has been successful in all three sports, his favorite sport is football where he was a two-way starter at wide receiver on offense

and free safety on defense his junior and senior years. He started at cornerback on defense as a sophomore.

"He is a great all-around player; he is the complete package," CHS varsity football coach Don Jess said. "Besides starting on offense and defense, he returned kickoffs and punts.

"Our philosophy was we wanted to get the ball in his hands as much as possible because he always made good things happen. He is elusive. He does a good job of making people miss because of his quickness (he runs the 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds)."

Jess said Munson did a good job of picking up yards after the catch.

"That is where he shined," Jess said. "Once he got the ball in his hands, look out."

In earning all-state honors as a senior, Munson caught 51 passes for 712 yards at wide receiver, scored 10 touchdowns and recorded nine interceptions at free safety. He also earned 2006 All-Lake Michigan Conference and 2006 *Petoskey News-Review* All-Area Football Team honors. Munson was a three-year varsity football player.

"I've always been fast ever since I was little," Munson said. "Most kids have a hard time catching up to me. I like wide receiver and free safety equally. As a wide receiver, I have good concentration, and I want to go get the ball no matter what. I'm competitive, and I don't want anyone else getting it. I have the same mentality when I play free safety.

"I would like to play football in college, but I might run track also."

Colleges interested in him for football include Wayne State University, Albion College, Hope College, Alma College and Ferris State University. North Park University and Grand Rapids Community College are interested in him for football and track.

"I haven't made a final decision yet, but Wayne State is one of the best colleges for physical therapy which is what I want to study in college," Munson said. "I like to help others get better. I like to figure out what is wrong with people and help them."

Jess said he wasn't surprised by Munson's successful career.

"I always knew how talented he

was," Jess said. "The hardest thing was getting him to know it and be confident in his abilities. He wasn't sure of his abilities as a sophomore, but he was very confident as a senior.

"I have no doubt he will make the team wherever he chooses to go in college. I think the sky's the limit for him. He could be a starter by his sophomore year of college."

Munson helped Charlevoix post its best record, 8-2, since 1997 last season, and the Rayders won the Lake Michigan Conference title with a 6-1 record. Charlevoix made its fourth state playoff appearance, losing 42-14 to Kingsley in a Division 6 district.

"I wish we would have done better in the playoffs, but I was very happy to be named all-state," Munson said. "It was amazing to reach that goal because all of my hard work paid off. I spent a lot of time in the weight room getting stronger and bigger."

Munson was a starting guard on the Rayders' basketball team that finished 23-4 and won Lake Michigan Conference, district and regional titles before losing, 67-54, to Saginaw

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LTBB COLLABORATES WITH AREA HIGH SCHOOL TO ESTABLISH LANGUAGE CLASS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Harbor Springs High School in Harbor Springs, MI, are working collaboratively to establish what is believed will be the first Anishinaabemowin Language class offered in a Michigan high school for graduation credit.

Harbor Springs High School Principal Susan Jacobs approached the LTBB Education Department about the possibility of having the class to help meet the second language requirement. The class will be offered in the fall along with French and Spanish.

Jacobs is working with staff from the LTBB Education Department, the LTBB Language Program and the LTBB Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department.

"We're very excited to have this opportunity," said Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase, a Harbor Springs High School graduate. "It's exciting to see it happen because I never thought it would in my lifetime. It's humbling and kind of scary because I want to make sure it is done right. I know what it was like to be

there as a student and not have any incorporation of my culture there. We are trying to incorporate cultural aspects into the school's overall curriculum as well."

The class will be offered during sixth hour, generally known as the vocational education hour, so it can be open to all students in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and to any community member free of charge. Curriculum Specialist Anne Stander is doing a formal curriculum for the class. They are in the process of hiring a language instructor for the class, but 20 students are already signed up.

"It's nice to see there is a mixture of Native and non-Native kids signed up," Wemigwase said. "We want to revitalize our language, and this is just one way to do that. It will be an immersion-style class."

Wemigwase said the class fits perfectly into the tribe's Waganakising Odawamowin Project which is funded by an Administration for Native Americans Language Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.



(L to R) Megan Keller converses with Howard Kimewon during a Language Table at Harbor Springs High School. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.



Language Curriculum Specialist Anne Stander assists Tec Adams at a Language Table at Harbor Springs High School. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.

lies. In the second year of the three-year grant, a language instructor will be hired to teach the language class using the curriculum developed in the first year of the grant. The instructor's salary will be paid through the grant, and a Harbor Springs couple, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated \$15,000 toward establishing the class. Area artists are being contacted to help with graphics and illustrations for class materials.

"This class is a community effort because the Native and non-Native communities are working together to make it happen,"

Wemigwase said.

In order to increase interest for the class and to get the students used to learning a new language, the Language Program has been facilitating a Language Table every Tuesday and Thursday during the two lunch periods at the high school. Howard Kimewon, a fluent speaker from the Wikwemikong Unceded Reserve in Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada, speaks to the students in Anishinaabemowin, and he is assisted by Stander. Kimewon works contractually for the Language Program as an Elder Speaker.

"Howard calls the Language

Table 'Maaajtaadaa Anishnaabemowin,' which means come and speak Anishinaabemowin," Stander said. "At the language table, we stress verbal conversation. We felt students needed some extra contact hours to get used to hearing the language. It takes a while for someone to get used to and understand the language."

The Language Table will continue until school ends on June 8.

"It gives students the opportunity to train their ears," Wemigwase said. "For kids that age, there is a strangeness to hearing our language. We wanted to ease them into it."

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BEING ODAWA IS ALL ABOUT FREEDOM

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

ANISHINAABEMOWIN INTERPRETATION OF THE LTBB MISSION STATEMENT

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

The deadline for the June issue of *Odawa Trails* is April 23. 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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By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

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

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

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

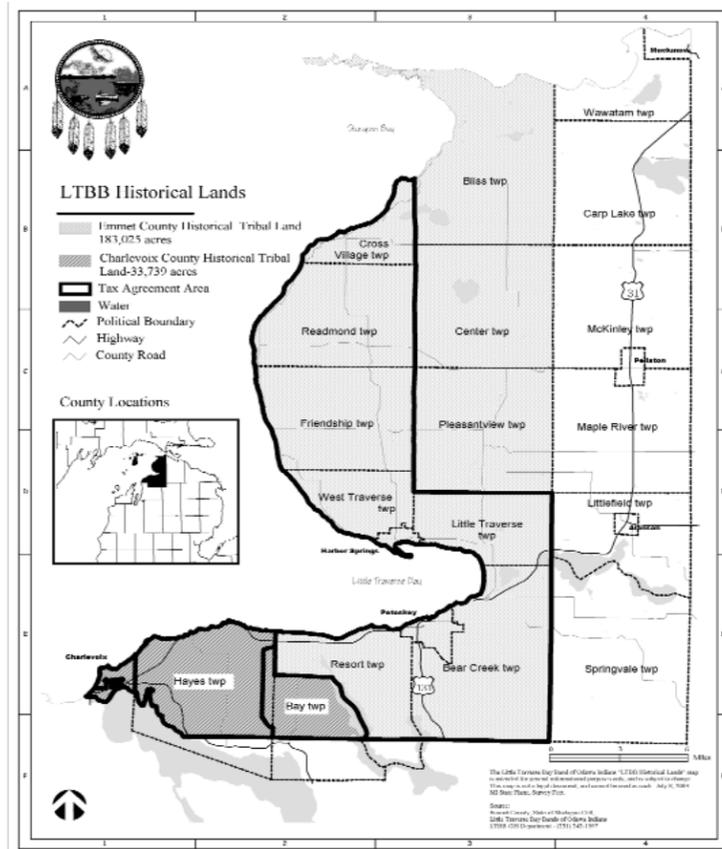
Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!

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

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

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

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



will be happy to get one to you. These are available on LTBB's P-Drive, so any Tribal Government Employee can print one for you.

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

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

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

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

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

Elders Program

ELDERS PROGRAM REPORT

By Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Elders Program Coordinator

Aanii Kikaajik!

The LTBB Elders Program is committed to utilize resources available to provide a permanent accessible tribal support system for all LTBB Tribal Elders. Currently, we have 791 eligible elders listed with the tribe.

We've had some busy months.

On March 24 at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI, the Elders Program along with the Community Health Department and the LTBB Elders As-



Ronald Wakegijig speaks at the Clan System and Diabetes Workshop.



Ronald Wakegijig is the resident healer at Wikwemikong Health Center.

sociation sponsored a Clan System and Diabetes Workshop. Presenter Ronald Wakegijig is a resident of Wikwemikong Unceded Reserve and a member of the Odawa branch of the Three Fires Confederacy on Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada. He is currently the resident healer at the Wikwemikong Health Center. Medical specialties include treatment of diabetes, cancer, dermatitis and emotional problems. He is a fluent speaker of the Odawa and Ojibway dialects.

The first part of Wakegijig's workshop focused on why the clan system was so important to the Anishinaabe governance and society, and why it is important today to keep the connectivity of our past and future. The second part of the workshop focused on the effects of diabetes on Native people. He emphasized we are the caretakers of our bodies, and explained why a healthy diet is so important.

As of April 2, there have been 322 food and utility reimbursements processed for \$130,412.71. Please remember to

Elder Birthdays

<p>May 1 Carol Gagnon Elisabeth Kiogima George Pamp Sharon Sierzputowski</p> <p>May 2 Joseph Petoskey</p> <p>May 3 Alvin DeGraff Luella Moore Patrick Naganashe Philip Notari Ardene Romer</p> <p>May 4 Mary Keshick William Shananaquet, Sr. Jerry Stromske</p> <p>May 5 Joseph Petoskey, Sr.</p> <p>May 6 Millard Piler Kathleen Reick Nancy Wanshon</p> <p>May 7 Shirley Firovich Viola McNamara</p> <p>May 8 Marie Boda Marie Deckrow Robert Parkey Mary Rivers Anna Stead Donna VanPelt</p> <p>May 9 Juanita Churchill David Weaver</p>	<p>Charles Zehe</p> <p>May 10 Maralee Cary Elizabeth Gasco</p> <p>May 12 Amelia Compeaux Norman Leo Michael McKeown</p> <p>May 13 Della Petoskey Rita Smith</p> <p>May 14 Shirley Chippewa Gordon Groleau Gloria Miller</p> <p>May 15 Elizabeth Jordan Marilyn Napont Melvin Napont</p> <p>May 16 Geraldine Masse</p> <p>May 17 Dorothy Sagataw Judith Sandoz</p> <p>May 18 Shirley Lark Joseph Parkey Steven Potter</p> <p>May 19 Joseph Nadeau, Sr. Mary Shananaquet Martina Starr</p> <p>May 20 Wilfred Sharkey Owen Smith, Sr.</p>	<p>May 21 Lawrence Nadeau Lawrence Skippergosh</p> <p>May 22 Dorothy Boda Shirley Davenport Ruth McGraw Lucile Rich</p> <p>May 23 Donna Newton Cheryl Samuels Diane Trafas</p> <p>May 24 Christine Shomin</p> <p>May 25 Susie Searles</p> <p>May 26 Mary Gasco Patricia Szewko</p> <p>May 27 Gloria Chisholm Peter Dayson Rose Silvey</p> <p>May 28 Jennie Hackbarth Augustine Kiogima, Sr. Catherine Merryman Dwain Walker</p> <p>May 30 Yvonne LaPalm</p> <p>May 31 James Kiogima, Sr. Veronica Medicine</p>
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send in the signed application form with your requests. **All food and utility bills must be from the year 2007!**

By the time you read this, some of the elders will have attended the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting held April 17-19 in Manistee, MI. The next MIEA meeting is scheduled for July.

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

have any questions, please call Theresa Boda at 231-242-1626.

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

Photos by Annette VanDeCar.

Mental Health/Substance Abuse

UNDERSTANDING, RECOGNIZING AND TREATING ADOLESCENT ADDICTION

By Linda Woods, Substance Abuse Director

A special series about addiction on HBO called "Addiction: An HBO Documentary Films Series" premiered on March 15. I wanted to highlight some of the things that pertain to adolescent addiction because anything that deals with our children is of great concern for all of us. Once again, let me say ADDICTION IS A TREATABLE DISEASE. Often times, parents are very concerned, baffled and ashamed if their child is involved with alcohol and drugs, and they don't know what to do. There is chaos in the family, episodes of rage and anger, missed school or grades dropping or theft of prescriptions and the list goes on as a result of the adolescent using drugs. Currently, if you listen to the news on television, abuse of prescription drugs is on the rise among youth. Please, if you use prescription drugs that are highly addictive – narcotic, sedative, tranquilizers, pain relievers (OxyContin/Vicodin) or stimulants (Ritalin, Concerta or Adderall) – please monitor them very closely. All it takes is one visit from one person who looks in your medicine cabinet for these types of drugs to be taken by the person. Home break-ins to look for drugs are also on the rise. One tribal community in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan says it is one of their major problems. People are bored and looking for something to do, so they look for drugs to take. BE AWARE.

According to the HBO special, "Vast amount of people who suffer from addiction encountered the beginnings of their illness when they were teenagers. Ninety-five percent of people who are dependent on alcohol or other drugs started before they were 20 years old."

"The adolescent's brain is different from that of an adult," National Institute on Drug Abuse Director Dr. Nora Volkow said. "That leads to behaviors that definitely put them at much higher risk to want to try drugs."

In addition or at the same time, teens are dealing with high levels of stress and widely available drugs. Often, a teenage person who begins to drink alcohol progresses to marijuana and from there, the rest of the drugs – whatever are available. Alcohol is still the primary drug of choice with marijuana second. As stated above, however, abuse of prescription drugs is on the increase.

Five things to know about ado-

lescents' brain development and their use of drugs:

1. The brain's "front end," the part above the eyes, exists to slow us down or stop our impulsive behaviors. It considers the risks and benefits of our actions, and it helps us to "hit the brakes" when we consider doing things too risky.
2. This front part of the brain is still developing connections to the rest of the brain until adulthood, so adolescent brains lack some of the wiring that carries "brake" or "stop" messages to the rest of the brain.
3. Drugs of abuse are often available to adolescents. These drugs feel good, but they can be very harmful. Lacking some of the "wiring" for the "stop" message, adolescent brains may not fully weigh the risks of drug use.
4. The two drugs that cause the most deaths are the most available drugs: Tobacco and alcohol. Late adolescence, before the brain is fully matured, is the peak time for developing dependence on these and other drugs.
5. Heavy drug use during times of critical brain development may cause permanent changes in the way the brain works and responds to rewards and consequences. Therefore, it is important to begin to address a developing substance use problem as early as possible.

Early signs an adolescent might be using drugs or alcohol:

The most obvious sign of alcohol use, of course, are signs of intoxication, smelling alcohol on breath or the smell of marijuana or tobacco on clothing. Finding alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia such as pipes and rolling papers in your teenager's room, clothing or car are also signs. Do not be afraid to have a frank discussion with your teen when you find any of these signs. Sometimes, parents allow this type of activity to occur as drinking or using may be a "normal" event in the family. IT IS NOT NORMAL

to allow your teenager or child to drink alcohol or to smoke marijuana or tobacco. This is an illegal activity. **A change in your child's previous level of functioning can be another important sign. For example, look for:**

Change in school performance – decline in grades, decreased motivation to complete assignments or involvement in school activities and skipping classes/truancy.

Significant changes in personal habits – sleeping more or less, level of activity, increased or decreased appetite or hygiene.

Significant changes in behavior and/or mood – increased irritability, aggression, decreased motivation, disregard for rules, mood swings, depression and expressing suicidal thoughts or behaviors.

Decreased involvement in positive social activities – team sports, school related activities and loss of interest in favorite hobbies.

Association with a peer group engaging in unacceptable behaviors, gang involvement and legal problems.

Any of these changes may mean having a sit-down heart-to-heart talk with your teen about any concerns or problems. Don't feel you have to handle this alone. There are clinical professionals with experience and training in evaluating and providing substance abuse and mental health treatment options. Often, adolescents are at higher risk of having a co-occurring mental health issue along with the substance use such as depression, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or anxiety, so ask for a full assessment.

What a parent can do:

Seek early evaluation and intervention or treatment.

Be an involved parent. I would add be a sober parent and a sober role model.

Be open and honest and respectful in your communication.

Get the help you need – don't be afraid to try and understand this impacts the whole family, not just the one drinking or using.

Experts have long known addiction can negatively affect all family members and disrupt family relationships. But, recent studies have also shown recovery from addiction can also exert great strain on family members and family relationships at the very time family relationships have to be readjusted to meet the realities and demands of recovery.

Middle School Homework Lab

Where: Little Traverse Bay Bands' Governmental Center

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

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

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

For More Information and Sign Up,
Call Cheryl Halfacer, Harbor Springs Title VII Coordinator
231-526-4835
Or Dorothy Perry, K-12 Student Services Coordinator
LTBB Education Department
231-242-1482

SNACKS ARE PROVIDED



May 2007 Peacemaking Advisory Committee Meeting and Peacemaking Training Sessions

May 8 Peacemaking Advisory Committee Meeting
3:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom

May 22 Peacemaking Training Session
3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom

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

This is especially true if the adolescent is involved with a court program.

Things families can do to support adolescents when they are in recovery from addiction:

Educate yourself on the recovery process for individuals and families.

If your recovering family member is living with you, provide a sober environment to support that recovery. This is especially crucial for recovering adolescents.

Seek professional and peer support from a group like Al-Anon for your own physical and emotional health. Support your family member's involvement in treatment aftercare meetings and recovery support groups.

Assist the recovering family member with assistance in locating sober housing, school and/or employment, transportation and other recovery support needs.

Do not be afraid to assertively re-intervene in the face of any relapse episode.

These things will also help the adult who is in recovery. I will add recovery is very challenging at times because it means the person must change everything about their lives, their friends, their outlook, their

behaviors and way of thinking in addition to struggling with withdrawal and cravings. It takes a very courageous person or family to actually BE in recovery from addiction. Sometimes, relapse occurs, and the person may have to start over again. Encourage and support them to "get back up and get on track again." Addiction is devastating and is a downward spiral, whether young or an adult (and the family) in just about every area of life: Relationships, employment, school, family life, health, etc. It is reasonable recovery from addiction MUST impact every area of life. When one relapses, it is even more courageous to continue with recovery. It is the hardest thing I have ever done, but so have others, INCLUDING adolescents. They can and do recover. It is one of the most rewarding events in life. THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE.

If you have any concerns about your child or any questions, please do not hesitate to call us for an appointment at 231-242-1640 or 231-242-1642. You are not alone.

For more information on the documentary film series, please visit www.hbo.com and click on Addiction An HBO Documentary Films Series.

Tae Kwon Do Gear Recall

The Waganakising Martial Arts Club would like to thank all past and present participants in the Tae Kwon Do club for their interest and support. At this time, we want to do an inventory of our available gear. If you have been a member, and have uniforms or sparring gear at home (with the exception of mouth guards) you are not using or have outgrown, and you don't plan to rejoin the club, please return them to the Community Health Department, so we can reassign them to a current member. The Community Health Department is located at 1080 Fager Drive in Petoskey, MI. If you have any questions about this, please contact me at 231-242-1601.

Migwech! Regina Brubaker, LTBB Health Educator.

FOSTER CARE HELP NEEDED

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

If you can:

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

And you are willing to:

- Obtain background check clearances.

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



Health Department

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

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

Eligibility Criteria:

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

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

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

Remember!!!!

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

Referrals:

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

If a referral is denied for CHS payment, the patient may elect to obtain medical services at his or her own

expense. In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one medical appointment. Please call Contract Health Services at 231-242-1600 prior to any follow-up appointments for approval to make sure your coverage is still in effect.

Alternate Resources:

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

Priority system:

Medical referrals are approved for payment by a priority system.

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

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

ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH

By Regina Brubacker, Health Educator

Asthma is not the first health problem that comes to mind when you think about Native American health issues, but it is still a serious problem that affects many Michigan tribal members. One of the most at-risk populations is our children; six million children in the United States have asthma, and Native American children have the second highest rates for the disease.

Asthma is a chronic respiratory condition which can cause permanent damage to the airway. Environmental triggers, such as secondhand cigarette smoke, make it worse.

While it can lessen as a person gets older, or only occur with exercise, it may be with the person the rest of his or her life.

Exercise-induced asthma (EIA) occurs when the stress of activity makes the airways contract and makes breathing difficult. If you work with children, would you know what to do if someone experienced an asthma attack?

The Minnesota Department of Health has developed a program that can help. Called "Winning With Asthma," it consists of a free 30-minute online tutorial program developed specifically for coaches,

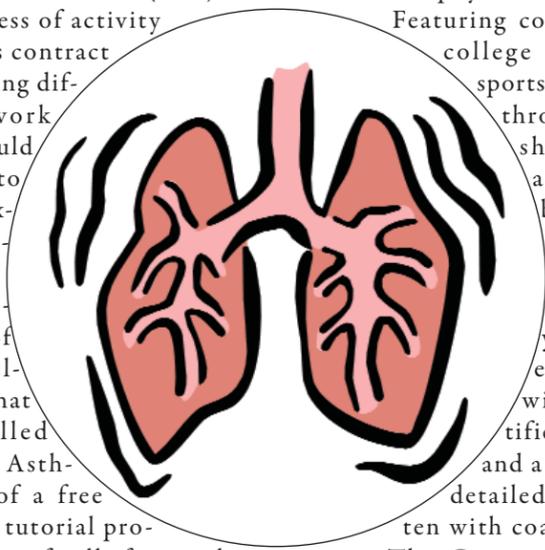
referees and physical education teachers.

Featuring coaches from major college and professional sports teams, it takes you through a pre-test, a short education about asthma, the best way to help a child through an asthma attack, and a post-test. When you have completed the program, you will be sent a certificate of completion and a booklet with more detailed information written with coaches in mind.

The Center for Disease Con-

trol has made it one of its priorities to increase awareness about the seriousness of asthma. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Health Department encourages anyone who works with children, especially in sporting activities, to educate themselves, so they know what to do if such an emergency occurs.

To find the program, go to www.winningwithasthma.org. If you have any questions about asthma or about this program or if you're not sure if this program applies to you, please contact the LTBB Health Department at 231-242-1601 or e-mail me at rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.



Education Department

STUDENT RECOGNITION NIGHT HONORS CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Education Director Melissa Claramunt serves as the WOBTT Project Director. LTBB works with Ferris State University to offer the program.



Victories Hotel Director Martin VanDeCar, a WOBTT certificate recipient, spoke about the importance of education and lifelong learning.



LTBB Tribal Citizen Aaron Wayne Otto played Native American flute. He played an honor song for the certificate recipients in attendance.

On March 7 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, a Student Recognition Night honored the achievements of 52 Waganakising Odawak Business Technology Training (WOBTT) program students in Supervision and Hospitality Management.

The Education Department, through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, offers the WOBTT program. LTBB works with Ferris State University (FSU) to provide career-building opportunities. Courses are offered three semesters every year at the LTBB Governmental Center. Instructors for the FSU certificate programs are Hal Dorf, Jack Salem and Carrie Carlson.

To open the night, LTBB Tribal Citizen Aaron Wayne Otto played Native American flute, and he later played an honor song for the students who received certificates.

Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. welcomed those in attendance. Education Director Melissa

Claramunt, who is also the WOBTT Project Director, spoke about the WOBTT program, and Victories Hotel Director Martin VanDeCar spoke on the importance of education.

FSU officials, Roberta Teahen, Van Edgerton and Michael Harris, spoke about the partnership between Ferris State and LTBB. Teahen is a Dean for the University Center of Extended Learning, Edgerton is an Assistant Dean for the Dean's Office and Student Academic Affairs, and Harris is the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Students in attendance received their certificates from FSU and LTBB Representatives.

Claramunt gave some closing words and a reception ended the night.

Other FSU officials in attendance were Becky Kowalkowski, Annette Keyt and Nancy Reddy. Kowalkowski is the Education Counselor for the Dean's Office and Student Academic Affairs, Keyt is a staff member from the Dean's Of-



The WOBTT certificate recipients in attendance at the Student Recognition Night on March 7 posed for this photograph afterwards. The Student Recognition Night honored the 52 people who earned WOBTT certificates from Ferris State University.

fice and Student Academic Affairs, and Reddy is the Executive Director of Ferris State University of Northern Michigan.

Currently, two 12-credit certificate programs, one in Advanced Business and Management and one in Supervision, are being offered through WOBTT at the LTBB Governmental Center.

The Advanced Business and Management certificate program consists of four classes, Accounting 201: Principles of Accounting,

Management 447: Business Ethics and Social Responsibility, Management 373: Human Resource Management, and Management 375: Negotiation.

The Supervision certificate program consists of four classes, Management 301: Applied Management, Management 302: Organizational Leadership, Management 305: Supervision and Leadership and Management 370: Quality/Operations Management.

In the current grant cycle that

started in 2002, 279 students have earned 162 certificates and 3,085 credit hours through the WOBTT program.

For more information on the WOBTT program, please contact WOBTT Program Assistant Sandi Wemigwase at 231-242-1484.

WOBTT Program Assistant Sandi Wemigwase contributed to this article.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

NEW ARRIVALS TO THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Playing Indian

This book was originally presented as Philip Deloria's thesis before it was published by Yale University Press in 1998. The author is the son of the late Vine Deloria, Jr. and is a Professor of History and American Culture at the University of Michigan.

The following is a description of the book from Amazon.com:

"This provocative book explores the way non-Indian Americans have appropriated Indian dress and acted out Indian roles since the Boston Tea Party and the reactions of Indian people to these imitations of their native dress, language and ritual. The author shows white ideas about Indians have shaped national identity at different times in American history, and that Indians have been both idealized and villainized, humiliated and empowered, by these imaginings."

Yellow Woman and a Beauty of the Spirit: Essays on Native American Life Today

This book was published in 1996, and the essays were written by Leslie Marmon Silko.

The following is a description of the book from Amazon.com:

"Bold and impassioned, sharp and defiant, Leslie Marmon Silko's essays evoke the spirit and voice of Native Americans. Whether she is exploring the vital importance literature and language play in Native American heritage, illuminating the inseparability of the land and the Native American people, enlivening the ways and wisdom of the old-time people or exploding in outrage over the government's long-standing, racist treatment of Native Americans, Silko does so with eloquence and power, born from her profound devotion to all that is Native American. *Yellow Woman and a Beauty of the Spirit* is written with the fire of necessity. Silko's call to be heard is unmistakable. There are stories to remember, injustices to redress and ways of life to preserve. It is a work of major

importance, filled with indispensable truths. It is a work by an author with an original voice and a unique access to both worlds."

"The Red Road to Sobriety"

This documentary was released in 1995.

The following is a synopsis of the documentary:

"The contemporary Native American Sobriety Movement is flourishing throughout the Indian communities of North America. This vital social movement combines ancient spiritual traditions with modern medical approaches to substance abuse recovery. In this spirited, inspiring, and hopeful documentary, American Indian health practitioners and traditional medicine people reveal the importance of tribal values and spiritual awareness in the recovery process.

As the film vividly illustrates, substance abuse in Indian communities must be understood within the context of the 'American Holocaust.' Few Americans today are aware the U.S. and Canadian governments intentionally used alcohol in their attempts to destroy indigenous cultures and obtain Indian lands. The devastating effects of these policies were compounded by the propagation of the 'drunken Indian' stereotype.

Faced with the loss of their religion, land, culture, freedom, and pride, Indian families experienced a debilitating syndrome known as intergenerational trauma, an experience shared by many families affected by the Holocaust in Europe.

Despite its powerful indictment of governmental abuse, the driving force of this film is the positive spirit emanating from the Indian people featured in it. Continuing in the ancient traditions of 'The Dreamkeepers' and 'The Wounded Healers,' these people offer a new sense of hope to all those in recovery.

Told in large part by recovering Native Americans, many of whom work as counselors, the film presents methods and tools

that specifically enable alcoholics to help themselves. There is a strong emphasis on spiritual guidance and traditional Native thinking, both designed to encourage dignity and self-worth as a treatment plan.

"The Red Road to Sobriety" is essential viewing in a variety of courses in Native American studies, religious studies and comparative religion, cultural anthropology, public health, psychology, and American history and studies."

The Four Hills of Life: Ojibwe Wisdom

This book was published in 2006, and it was written by Thomas Peacock. Peacock is a member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and is an Associate Professor of Education at the University of Minnesota Duluth where he teaches educational leadership. This is his sixth book.

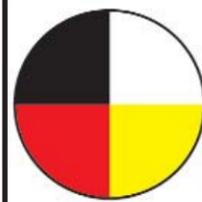
The following is a description of the book from Amazon.com:

"The Four Hills of Life tells the wise and beautiful Ojibwe story about the path we walk through the seasons of life from the springtime of youth through the winter of old age. The hills we climb along the way are the challenges we face and the responsibilities we accept. The path is not always easy; some of us lose our way. We question the meaning of life. But when we walk the Good Path – when we commit to values and fulfill our goals – the meaning of life finds us.

Through engaging text, illustrations and activities designed especially for children, *The Four Hills of Life* shows how everything in creation follows this path in the great circle of life. It is a timeless Ojibwe teaching for all young readers."

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

Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.



The 16th Annual Greensky Hill Church Benefit Golf Scramble May 20 at noon Antrim Dells Golf Course Atwood, MI

- Four-Player Teams-no handicap scramble.
- \$70 per player-includes Skins and Mullies (cash or check only)
- Cash Prizes in three divisions: Men's, Ladies, and Mixed Play
- Many contests holes for skill levels
- All U.S.G.A. rules apply
- Awards, Prizes, and dinner buffet immediately following the tournament
- Deadline to register is May 13
- All entries are secured by advanced reservations only!

For more information or to register your team, please call Mike McCreery at 231-487-9146.

All proceeds support Greensky Hill Native American Methodist Church in Charlevoix, MI.



FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

WAGANAKISING ODAWA BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

The Waganakising Odawa Business Technology Training (WOBTT) program and Ferris State University are partnering again to bring certificate opportunities to the LTBB Community.

The WOBTT program offers:

- Small class sizes
- Courses offered on-site
- Friendly atmosphere
- Flexibility
- Quick 12-credit Certificate Programs

Earn credits toward your degree, advance your career, gain skills and experience all with one program. Stop in or call the Education Department at 231-242-1484 for details. The Education Department is located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Hurry, summer courses begin **May 15!**

Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department

LTBB IN POSSESSION OF THE COUNCIL TREE

Submitted by the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department



The section of the Council Tree removed from Readmond Township, MI. Because of its cultural significance, LTBB worked to gain possession of it.



Facilities Worker Tom Teuthorn assists an Emmet County Road Commission worker in loading the Council Tree onto a flatbed trailer for transport.



The Emmet County Road Commission worked collaboratively with LTBB to remove the section of the Council Tree knocked down by the storm.



The bulldozer, operated by an Emmet County Road Commission worker, places the Council Tree onto the flatbed trailer for transport.



The bulldozer, operated by an Emmet County Road Commission worker, works to position the Council Tree onto the flatbed trailer for transport.



Facilities Worker Eric Meyer gathered the small branches and other debris from the Council Tree before it was loaded onto the flatbed trailer.

A storm knocked down a large portion of the Council Tree in early March. The Council Tree, located in Readmond Township, MI, was the site for many council fires for the tribes living in the northern Michigan area.

Because of the Council Tree's cul-

tural significance, LTBB obtained the necessary approvals to acquire the portion of the Council Tree. On March 8, LTBB worked cooperatively with the Emmet County Road Commission to remove the portion of the Council Tree and load it onto a flatbed trailer.

LTBB took possession of it at that time.

LTBB is contemplating how to respectfully utilize the remnants of the Council Tree in a way that embraces its cultural significance. Some ideas being considered are using the wood

to make a tribal staff and talking sticks and utilizing some slabs of wood to make commemorative plaques to display in tribal buildings.

The Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department will keep some slabs as accession items

within its collections for archival and exhibit purposes. Further use of the slabs may be useful in researching the age of the Council Tree by reviewing the number of growth rings.

The photos appear courtesy of Mike Lyons.

Housing Department Programs

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

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

Home Improvement Program: This program offers up to \$2,500 for non-cosmetic home repairs and may be utilized once every five years.

Down Payment Assistance: This program offers up to \$5,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and **Can Be Used to Purchase or Re-finance a Home.**

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

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

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

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

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

*Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians*

Annual Citizenship Meeting

Date: May 12

**Time: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.*
Lunch served at 1 p.m.**

**Place: Petoskey Middle School
Auditorium/Cafeteria in Petoskey, MI**

**Presiding Member:
Ken Harrington**



*Agenda for the annual meeting will be included in a tribal mailing.

TEMPORARY HELP WANTED

WOULD YOU LIKE TO:

Gain experience?

Work in an office?

Make a little extra money?

Work in the tribal community?

Are you a tribal citizen?

TEMPORARY POSITIONS

NOW AVAILABLE!

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

CALL: 231-242-1555

Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion Course Summer Semester 2007

Accredited courses offered by
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians through
Bay Mills Community College
Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program

**Basic Immersion: Six Credits
Mondays & Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.
May 14 - August 16**

Weekend Immersion: Eight Credits

Five Weekends: May 11, June 15, July 6,
August 3 & August 24

TIMES: Fridays 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. (dinner provided),
Saturdays 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. (lunch & dinner provided),
Sundays 8 a.m. - Noon

**LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program
231-242-1454, 231-242-1456, 1-888-309-5822**

Register Now

Elders and potential class participants are all welcome to attend the last immersion weekend of winter semester on April 27, 28 and 29 at LTBB Mskiki Gumik Health Park, 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI.

GRAND RIVER BANDS OF OTTAWA INDIANS

Three Fires Artist Needed

The Homecoming of the Three Fires Pow Wow Committee is seeking a t-shirt design for the pow wow to be held June 9-10. The t-shirt design will be selected from submissions that meet the following criteria:

• Artist must be a member or descendent from a Three Fires Tribe (Ottawa, Chippewa, Potawatomi) and submit a copy of their tribal I.D. or other documentation.

• Original artwork must be submitted and becomes the property of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians.

• Include artist's name, address, telephone number and/or e-mail address on the back of the design.

• **Theme: Honoring our Songs from the Heart.**

• **Deadline: May 1, received in our office.**

• **Size Limitations: 8 1/2" x 11"**

• Colors: Four maximum (To be considered for t-shirt design.)

• Any work submitted after the deadline will not be considered for the t-shirt logo, but may be used in promoting the pow wow.

Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians
ATTN: Ron Yob
1251 Plainfield, N.E., Ste. B
P.O. Box 2937
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-2937

Odawa Institute

Ninth Annual Niibin Jiibaakwe (Summer Feast)

June 19

June 20 on Beaver Island

June 21 on Beaver Island

June 22 at Osborne Road in Readmond Township, MI

June 23 at Indian Hills in Petoskey, MI

June 24

Paddle to Beaver Island, MI, from Cross Village, MI.

Anishinaabemowin Immersion and Sunset Ceremony.

Sunrise Ceremony, Anishinaabemowin Immersion and

Paddle to Cross Village, MI.

Fire Starting Ceremony (4 p.m.) and Feast for Pipes and Drums (6 p.m.)

Making Drums (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.), Making Flutes (10 a.m. - 5

p.m.) and "Anishinaabe Meal and a Movie" (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

Crossing the Bay, (8:30 a.m. at the break wall in Petoskey) and

Feast at Indian Hills in Petoskey (noon).

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

Detailed descriptions of these events will appear in the June issue of Odawa Trails.

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.ltbodawa-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.

Walking Challenge 2007

The Grand Traverse Band Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe have issued a walking challenge to all other Michigan tribes. Beginning March 21 and running until July 13, we are asking our mightiest walkers and other strong competitors to put on a pedometer and keep track of your activities for 16 weeks. If you do not enjoy walking, we have conversion sheets that can tell you how many steps your chosen activity would equal. At the end of the 16 weeks, a winner will be determined and announced at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics. For more information or to sign up, please call Cathy Gibson or Regina Brubacker at 231-242-1601 or contact Brubacker at rbrubacker@ltbodawa-nsn.gov. You may sign up until June. Let's show them what we're made of LTBB!

Graduation Announcements Sought

Please feel free to submit graduation announcements for publication in the June issue of *Odawa Trails*. Please e-mail, fax or call your announcements in by April 23. Please e-mail to newsletter@ltbodawa-nsn.gov, fax to 231-242-1430 or call them in to 231-242-1427. Please limit each announcement to 20 words or less and to one photograph.

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.

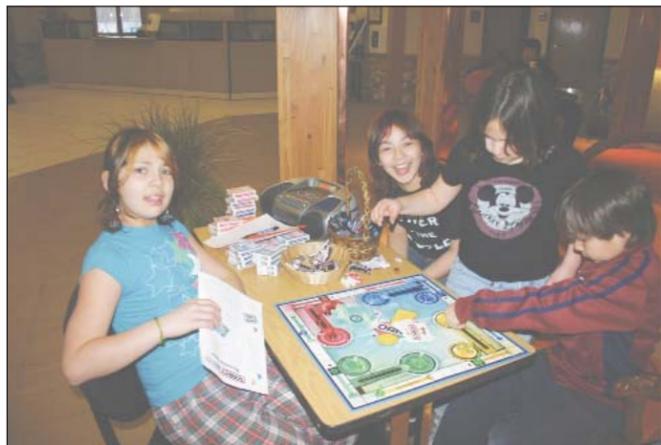
Language Survey

The LTBB Archives and Records Department will conduct a survey as a part of the ANA (Administration for Native Americans) Language Project within the Waganakising Odawa Community. We will first survey all LTBB Governmental and Enterprise Employees, and then, we will call all tribal citizens for a phone survey. This survey seeks attitudes about the language, and hopes to discover what barriers exist that would make it harder for tribal citizens to learn the language. This will hopefully allow us to design language programs to reach tribal citizens who have some interest, but who might not otherwise directly seek language classes. Your cooperation in this survey project is greatly appreciated. Miigwech!

Language Program

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CITIZENS OF ALL AGES ENJOY AAMBE ODAMINIDAA

By Carla McFall, Language Program Coordinator



(L to R) Yarrow Nowell, 11, Amber Nowell, 11, Kacie Gokee, 8, and Alex Boulton, 8, enjoy playing a game of Sorry during Aambe Odaminidaa.



Danette Cutler (in the pink shirt), Cheryl Hoppe (in the grey shirt), Jesse Salsovski (in the blue hooded sweatshirt) and Beatrice Plotkowski (in the olive green sweater).



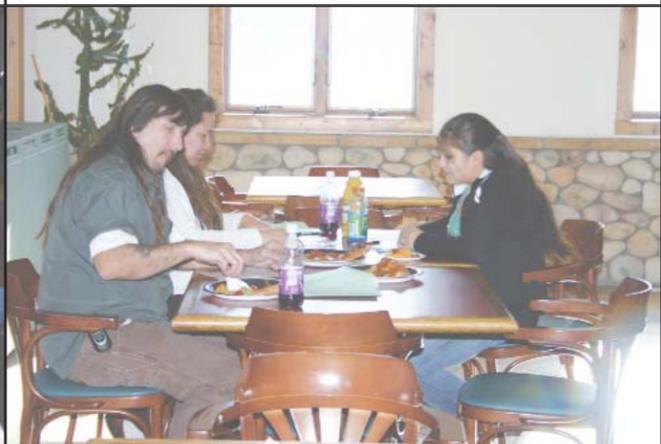
(L to R) Tribal Elders Sam Shenoskey, Glenna Kimball, Ed Shenoskey and Mary Keshick enjoy a game of cards during Aambe Odaminidaa.



(L to R) Cheryl Hoppe and her mother, Cheryl Cutler, read the instructions before playing a game at Aambe Odaminidaa on March 20.



(L to R) Tim Thomas, Jannan Cornstalk, Attorney Matt Lesky and Controller Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky enjoy a game of Sorry during the event.



(L to R) Facilities Worker Tom Teuthorn, Health Administrative Assistant Gwen Gasco and Tawnee Mickalacki, 14, take time out to eat pizza.

On March 20 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, the LTBB Language Program sponsored Aambe Odaminidaa, a Language Game Night and Pizza Party for children, youth, teens, adults, elders and families.

It was a huge success with 100 people in attendance to participate in the language games, eat pizza and socialize in Anishinaabemowin.

The Language Program has revised common games most everyone is familiar with and play at

home during their own family game nights such as Bezhik Gwetago (only one left, "Uno"), Gaawin Jida (I'm "Sorry"), Yaatzii (Yahtzee), Ogiigoonhken! (Go Fish!), Miigaadwin! (War!), Mjimendan! (Remember, "Concentration"), Giiw-naadiziwok Nshwaaswe'ak (Crazy Eights), and much more.

Currently, the Language Program is revising numerous other common games to future language events and reference.

Everyone had a great time par-

ticipating in friendly competition and left with full bellies. An abundance of language and laughter could be heard throughout the evening in a language immersion atmosphere. The event featured door prizes drawn for registered participants, and everyone left with a gift, a copy of their own favorite game revised in Anishinaabemowin! Through the development of common games most people are familiar with, it opens up the opportunity to pick up and recognize the spoken language and brings it back to the

home. Hopefully, everyone who took home a language game is putting it to good use and speaking the language at home while they play.

The Language Game Night was a great success and lots of fun. Miigwech to the Language Program staff who were constantly on their toes helping players and hosting such a wonderful event. A special miigwech goes out to Michael Lyons who took photos and saved the day during the "Pizza Emergency" by making several pizza runs throughout the evening to accom-

modate the ever growing crowd. Miigwech to Tom Teuthorn, Gwen Gasco, Michele Keshick, Jannan Cornstalk and Tim Thomas for all their help volunteering. Your help is always appreciated and never overlooked. And, a ChiMiigwech (big thanks) to all the participants who help keep our language alive.

Keep up the good work and enthusiasm, language learners, and look out for the next Language Game Day!

The photos appear courtesy of Mike Lyons.

SPRINGTIME

By Isabelle Osawamick, Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor

Mnookimik

Miisa miinwa gegpii mnookimik. Kina gwaya gitchinendam geyaabi zookposnok. Eshkamgwa mnogizh-gat gwajiiing ensa giizhigak. Baatiin-wok gwajiiing bibaamsijik. Kina gwaya dbishigendaan gwajiiing yaad. Miigwa zhaazhigwa niibna waaskone'ing zagibooniik. Noonj naandeenon waaskone'an miinwa kina gwa noonj zhinaagadoon. Mtigook ge gnaajiwok zaagibooniivaad. Miinwa aapiji getin pichi ngama ensa kizhep. Miisa miinwa jiiingtamok jimaadsingak kina gwaji. Kina gwaya gitchinendam miinwa nkwehkaadwaad. Nishin sa gwa gego miinwa maadsemgak.

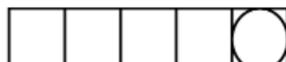
Springtime

It is now finally spring. Everybody is happy it is not snowing anymore. It is already starting to be a good day outside every day. Lots of people are walking outside. Everybody likes to spend time outside. There are already lots of flowers blooming. The flowers are in different colors, and all of them look different. The trees are beautiful when they are in bloom. The robin is also singing loud every morning. And, the pow wows are starting everywhere. Everybody is happy to be meeting each other again. It is always good to have a start to something.

MAAMWETOON (PUT IT TOGETHER)

THEME: NIIBING (IN THE SUMMER)

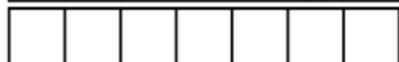
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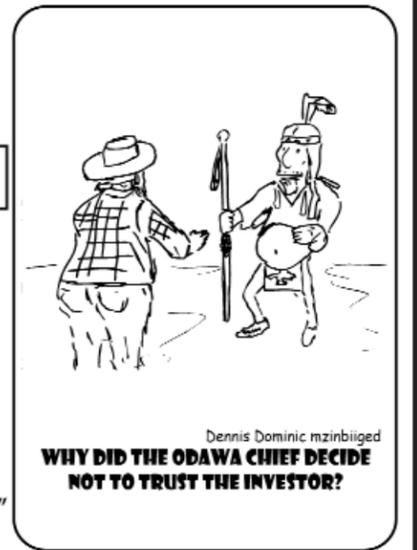
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- HINTS:**
 1) PLANT (VERB)
 2) LIGHTNING (NOUN)
 3) RAIN (VERB)
 4) SWIM (VERB)
 5) THUNDER (VERB)

BONUS SOLUTION ON PAGE 13

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LTBB of Odawa Indians' Food Distribution Program Warehouse Schedule

Days for Distribution

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

Hours of Distribution

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

Are You Interested in Working for the LTBB Government?

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

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

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

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

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



Legislative Branch

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

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The Tribal Council's duties are listed in Article VII of the Constitution. Of the many duties listed (24 to be exact), the foremost responsibility is to the people who Tribal Council represents, you, the Tribal Citizens.

Each month, minutes are published from Tribal Council meetings, both in the *Odawa Trails* newsletters and on the LTBB website at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, but I would like to take this moment to share with you some of the highlights and activities of the Tribal Council over the last few months that you may not have noticed in the minutes.

Because of the importance of building strong support and relationship both on the national and local levels, Tribal Council passed motions to fund the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Embassy in Washington, D.C., the restoration of the St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission Church and Burial Ground and the Quill Art of the Waganakising Odawa.

Each one of these organizations is beneficial in different ways. NCAI is one of the oldest National Indian organizations in the country; it was established in 1944. NCAI stresses the need for unity and cooperation among tribal governments for the protection of treaty and sovereignty rights. LTBB is a member of NCAI.

Equally as important is the preservation and restoration of the St. Francis Church. This church is one of the original Indian missions in the Petoskey, MI, area, and its land contains many of our ancestors' graves. This church holds a very significant cultural history for a significant number of our tribal citizens.

Lastly, the Quill Art of the Waganakising Odawa is a very special project that also preserves our culture in a unique fashion. The quill box artistry of the LTBB is known for the finest quality form of this traditional work, and the Tribal Council

has authorized a video of the artists in the "Quill Art of the Waganakising Odawa."

Of the legislation Tribal Council passed during the last two months, the Waganakising Odawa Investment Statute and the Waganakising Odawa Budget Formulation Process Statute are important to mention.

The Investment Statute provides LTBB will invest its funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow needs of the tribe. This new process complies with all applicable federal laws or regulations regarding federal program monies received and administered by the tribe. The financial assets include federally funded contracts and programs, grants, and funds derived from LTBB Enterprises. These assets are accounted for in various bank accounts held in the name of LTBB.

The Budget Formulation Process Statute outlines steps to ensure the Tribal Council allocates the funding for the Executive, Legislative, Judiciary, Prosecutor and Election Board in an equitable and fair manner, but it also sets the funding priorities within a balanced budget without deficits.

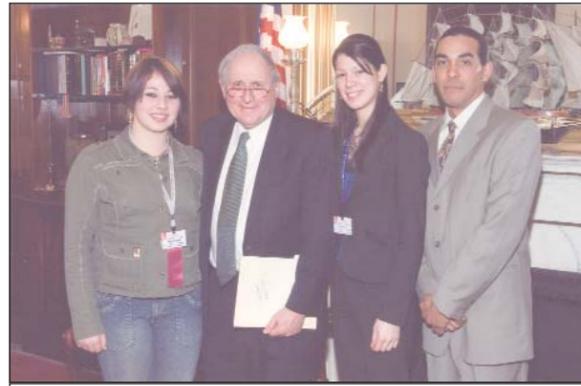
The last item of business I would like to highlight is the recent hiring of the Legislative Attorney. Tribal Council has on staff at the Legislative Office, LTBB Tribal Citizens, Michele LaCount as Office Manager and Michael Smith as Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Council and Donna L. Budnick as Legislative Attorney. As always, our staff is here to assist you with your suggestions, comments or concerns. You can reach us toll-free at 1-888-309-5822 or you can stop by our office located at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

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

Youth Services Department

GREETINGS FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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



(L to R) Alicia Nowell, Senator Carl Levin (D-Michigan), Cynthia Biro and Youth Services Coordinator Robert "R.J." Smith.

Intertribal Drum Practice

Since February, Wednesdays have been a musical night at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. That's when the first drum practice was offered by the LTBB Youth Services Department. The practice sessions were started in order to offer a healthy alternative for Native American youth as well as provide other tribal community members who have an interest in pow wow music a time to come together. Participants have ranged from those with almost no musical experiences to some who have been at it for years. Together, stories and many of the basic teachings of the drum are shared such as respect and how to work together. The true hope of such a "class" is to show how those teachings and activities from our past have relevance and value for our people today, and why they're important for our survival in the future as Anishnabe. Everyone with an interest in pow wows and pow wow music is invited to participate.

The schedule for May is as follows: May 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 5:30-7 p.m.

There will be NO PRACTICE on May 30.

NCAI 110th Executive Council

On February 26-28, Alicia Nowell, Cynthia Biro and I attended the 110th Executive Council of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) held in Washington, D.C.

Nowell and Biro are members of the NCAI Youth Commission, Nowell as Secretary and Biro as an Alternate Representative.

The Youth Commission provides a youth perspective with issues that concern the youth, is a resource to NCAI and tribal leaders, is an opportunity to acquire knowledge from NCAI and tribal leaders about the process of NCAI and tribal politics, enhances youth leadership skills and utilizes those we may have obtained prior. Most importantly, the NCAI Youth Commission is an avenue to provide a unified voice for ALL Native American and Alaskan youth.

The Youth Commission met for a brainstorming and planning session for the 2007 Mid-Year Conference to be held in Anchorage, AK. Biro was asked to give a presentation to the attending youth regarding current youth activities. In addition to attending the Youth Track portion of the council, we attended the Executive Council Assemblies.

Other speakers at the Executive Council included reports from NCAI President Joe A. Garcia and Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-Sixth-NJ), Quechan Indian Nation President Mike Jackson, Congressman Tom Cole (R-Fourth-OK), Senator John Tester (D-MT), Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND), Congressman Dale Kildee (D-Fifth-MI) and Congressman Rick Renzi (R-First-AZ).

Other events around the council included the Ninth Annual NCAI Leadership Awards Dinner and the Capitol Hill Legislative Reception co-hosted by NCAI and the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian.

We were fortunate to be there with Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law and Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik. Together, we paid a visit to Congressman Kildee (D-Fifth-MI), with Law and Ettawageshik sharing much about the who, what, when, where and whys of Washington, D.C. We also visited the office of Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) and had lunch with the staff of American University's Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS) Program. WINS gives students of sovereign American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) nations the opportunity to build leadership skills while living, studying, and interning in Washington, DC., offering qualified students full scholarships funded by American University and sponsoring organizations. Participating students gain professional work experience through interning at a federal agency or private firm, take courses focusing on Native American public policy concerns and enjoy engaging social and cultural extracurricular activities.

The only glitch of the week came because of the weather, discouraging many people from attending the council, and the LTBB Delegation to seek an early flight home.

On behalf of Nowell, Biro and I, we would like to thank the Tribal Council for continued support of LTBB Tribal Youth's



Matt Davis, Robert "R.J." Smith, Matt Lesky, Archie Klogima III, Austin Schlappi, 11, and Joshua Shenoskey during Intertribal Drum Practice.



(L to R) Matt Davis, Archie Klogima III, Joshua Shenoskey, Austin Schlappi, 11, Matt Lesky and Robert "R.J." Smith.

ongoing participation in NCAI. On my own behalf, I'd like to take this opportunity to commend Nowell and Biro for representing their families and the entire LTBB Community, as well as all native youth, to the best of their abilities and with the utmost respect and dignity. These experiences are important building blocks in the development of the next generations of native leadership, and I look forward to more of these opportunities in the future. Chi-Miigwetch.

GEAR UP/College Day Program

GEAR UP/College Day Program is for students entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades in fall 2007. This leadership program is hosted by Northern Michigan University and made possible by the King "Chavez" Parks College Day Program Initiative. Camp dates are June 24-30. For more information, please stop by the Education Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center or call the Education Department at 231-242-1482.

Mother Earth Water Walk

A group of Anishnabe-kwe and supporters have taken action regarding the water issue. With a bucket of water, they walked around Lake Superior in spring 2003 and have walked around all of the Great Lakes except for one. This year, they will be walking around Lake Erie as the final leg of their journey to complete the circle. This walk is to raise awareness of how, we, the human beings on this planet, need to take care of our precious resource, the water.

For more information, visit <http://www.motherearthwalk.com> or mandamin@shaw.ca.

Anishnabe Future Leaders Camp

The Anishnabe Future Leaders (AFL) Camp is August 19-23 at Clear Lake near Shingleton, MI. Space is limited to 40 youth, ages 13-18. There is no fee for Anishnabe youth. The AFL Camp provides an opportunity for youth from the Three Fires - Ojibwa, Potawatomi and Ottawa - to learn and practice culturally-based leadership skills and to make connections with Native youth from across Michigan. Deadline for registration is June 20. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan website at www.itcmi.org.

National Indian Youth Leadership Project Middle School Camp

This summer camp is June 17-23 in Wilson, MI, and it is for 40 middle school students. The main objectives of the National Indian Youth Leadership Project Camp is to address the issues of today's youth and to help them develop the skills needed to become functional, competent, independent adults and the leaders of tomorrow. Applicants must currently be in the fifth, sixth or seventh grade, complete a registration form and an adult must complete a recommendation form. For more information, contact Camp Director Richard Sgarlotti at 906-466-2952, ext. 124 or richs@hvl.bia.edu.

The Intertribal Drum Practice photos were taken by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar on March 21 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Other regular participants not pictured in the photos include Larry Denehy, Kacie Gokee, Dave Keller, Robert Keller, Susan Pitawanakwat, Colin Walham, Carl Wesaw and Frank Ettawageshik. The NCAI photo appears courtesy of Robert "R.J." Smith.

Story Time for Kids!

Free! programs at the Library. No sign-up required.

- PARENT/CHILD LAP SIT • kids under 3w/adult
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Natural Resource Department

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by the Natural Resource Department



Stacy Skippergosh tries to coax the disoriented Horned Grebe, a small bird common to the northern Michigan area, into a box for safekeeping.



(L to R) Law Enforcement Officers Jake Guenthardt and Nate Stead place the Horned Grebe into the box for transport to the Natural Resource Department.



(L to R) Stacy Skippergosh and Hailey Kay Field, 5, pose with the Horned Grebe before it was turned over to the Natural Resource Department.

It's that time of year again. Our waterfowl and other local birds are migrating back into our area to raise their young as are many other animals. The LTBB Natural Resource Department receives an increase in calls from tribal citizens in the spring regarding injured or abandoned young wildlife. The provided photos illustrate an example of a common migratory bird scenario.

The water bird was found by a tribal citizen outside a home on Jack-

son Street in Petoskey, MI. The bird would not fly away and appeared to be injured.

LTBB Conservation Officers and Tribal Police worked together and handled this complaint. After taking possession of the bird, Conservation Officer Roger Willis contacted Natural Resource Department biologists who helped correctly identify the bird and assess its condition. The water bird was identified as a fully mature

Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*).

The Horned Grebe is a small bird very common to the area but seldom seen due to its tendency to dive under water when approached. Unfortunately, this time of year, these birds along with other water birds are commonly reported by concerned individuals as injured. With the snow melting and the lack of large open water, these birds and other waterfowl mistake large puddles and wet asphalt

as ponds and streams. The birds land in these areas thinking they are shallow ponds and/or streams and unfortunately, they knock themselves senseless. In some cases, they have been found dead. This little bird was a little knocked out of sorts. It was later released and flew away.

Tribal Citizens are encouraged to call and report any wildlife concerns to our Natural Resource Department at 231-242-1670. Unfortunately, there

is not much the department can do for the birds or animals unless they are federally threatened, endangered and protected. In most cases, it is best to leave the bird or animal alone. Often times, the animal recovers on its own or is soon reunited with its mother in the case of abandonment.

The photos appear courtesy of Judy Field.

Executive Branch

FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK

Waganakising Odawak Office of the Tribal Chairman April 2007 Executive Oversight Report

The article that follows is based on the monthly Executive Oversight Report I provided to Tribal Council as required by the Constitution. It has been edited slightly by removing references to attached documents for instance. With attachments, this report is usually more than 100 pages. I have also tried to spell out things such as CORA (Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority).

Ambassadorial Activities

Great Lakes Day on Capitol Hill:

On March 7, I attended the Great Lakes Day in Washington D.C. I was there to testify on behalf of the Native American Caucus from the Great Lakes.

MAST: The Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week was March 11-15 in Washington, D.C. We use this annual event to get updates

from federal agencies and to take our issues to Congress. We had good attendance this year with representatives from tribes from each of the states of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Cultural Economic Development

Plan: Director Bill Anderson of the Michigan Department of History Arts and Libraries invited me to participate along with a group of approximately 35 people from various state and local agencies and arts orientated non-profits in the development of a Cultural Heritage Economic Development Plan for the State of Michigan.

Michigan Travel Commission and Tourism Conference: On March 25, the Michigan Travel Commission met at Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, MI. I gave a report on the legal status of the commission since its status was changed by Governor (John) Engler in 1999.

EPA and DHHS Presentations

in Washington, D.C.: I went to Leesburg, VA, and Washington D.C. from March 27 to March 29. Environmental Protection Agency's American Indian Program Office Director Carol Jorgensen invited me to be a member of the planning committee for the first North American Indigenous Environmental Health Conference to be held spring 2008. On March 28, I went to Washington D.C. to give testimony on child welfare funding issues at the 2009 Budget Consultation for Indian programs at the Department of Health and Human Services.

NIGA Annual Meeting: The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) held its meeting in Phoenix, AZ, March 25-28. Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. represented us there and was elected by the Midwest Area Caucus as our representative to the NIGA board.

Lobbying Reports: Our lobbyist in Lansing, MI, Mary Lindemann, has

been working on our issues in the state agencies and in the state legislature. We have been successful in getting the state to agree Anishinaabemowin will be one of the languages for which translations will be made available for the state website. We have been working on additional funding from the state for Indian Elder programs and on preserving the Indian Tuition Waiver program.

Our lobbyist in Washington D.C., Lydia Hofer, was very busy this month working on the CORA funding request (from which we benefit greatly if successful), working on arranging meetings for me during the MAST Impact Week and assisting me during the trip for testimony at Great Lakes Day. We are continuing to monitor the Title IV (e) Foster Care Funding issue and have secured Congressman Dave Camp's commitment to co-sponsor the legislation that would allow direct funding to tribes instead of having to contract with the states for these funds. We have secured a joint letter from our senators' offices for CORA funding, coordinated by Senator (Debbie) Stabenow's staff.

Implementation of Statutes and Resolutions

The Vice Chairman and I and our office staff communicate several times a week with the Legislative Leader (Beatrice A. Law) and the legislative staff about issues that arise from our offices. I also meet with the Legislative Leader to address issues she communicates from the Tribal Council after each meeting.

Regulations: We have more sets of interim regulations posted for public comment and additional regulations are under review for posting at this time.

Oversight of Commissions and Programs

The Vice Chairman and I attended several commission, workgroup and task force meetings this past month in our ongoing oversight duties. We meet regularly with our office staff and the Tribal Administrator (Albert Colby, Jr.), Chief Financial Officer (Val Tweedie) and Human Resources Director (Ken Fegan) as well as program directors and other staff as needed.

Departments and Programs Report: We want to report the workgroup for the tribal Housing Community Center Project has arrived at a construction budget that meets the funding level approved by Tribal Council. Construction should begin this summer. We are about to begin construction of the showers at the pow wow grounds in Harbor Springs, MI, and we expect to soon begin phase two of the pavilion building for the Osborne Road property in Readmond Township, MI.

Enterprise Oversight

New Casino Project Report: We report each month to the Tribal Council on the progress on the new Odawa Casino Resort. So far, we are still on schedule and within our budget. The date for the opening of the gaming floor and the buffet restaurant is set for June 20. More details will be sent to all tribal citizens in a special mailing in a few weeks. The Legislative Leader has conveyed to the Executive Office the Tribal Council's request for a full detailed progress report at the May 19 Tribal Council Work Session.

On March 21, Law, Denemy, Sr., Tweedie, Barry Milligan and I met with Christy Jackson and Gary Gregory of Bank of America to discuss the FF&E (furniture, fixtures and equipment) loan that will be the final funding needed for the new casino. After a tour of the construction site, we had a lunch meeting at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI. In our original project budget, we allowed for up to \$20 million for the FF&E financing. We believe, however, due to the current progress on the project, we will only need to borrow approximately \$10.4 million. Tweedie and our attorneys are working on the loan documents, and we should have them ready for submission to Tribal Council in early April.

Odawa Enterprise Management (OEM): We are getting ready for the summer season at Bell's Fishery in Mackinaw City, MI. Biindigen has been doing well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

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<http://odawaforum.com>

On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Sutton



Michigan

June 9-10

28th Annual Homecoming of the Three Fires Traditional Pow Wow

Riverside Park in Grand Rapids, MI

Contact Information: N. Joe Leo at 616-458-8759 or grboi3fpw@yahoo.com

June 16-17

Two Worlds Lodge Spring Gathering
Lakeola Road in Reed City, MI

Contact Information: Dale and Betty Hyatt at 218-924-4018 or polttwil@wcta.net

June 23-24

Restoring the Circle
224 S. Hudson in Lowell, MI

Contact Information: Lori Shustha at 616-364-4697

June 29-July 1

Bay Mills Honoring Our Veterans Contest Pow Wow
11386 W. Lakeshore Drive in Brimley, MI

Contact Information: Richard LeBlanc at 906-248-3715 or releblanc@bmic.net

June 30-July 1

Sixth Annual Mending the Sacred Hoop Pow Wow
300 W. Russell Road, Calzorn Park in Tecumseh, MI

Contact Information: Abel Cooper at 517-263-3233

Minnesota

May 5

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Honoring Our Graduates Traditional Pow Wow

Fond du Lac Ojibwe School gym in Cloquet, MN

Contact Information: Esther Humphrey at 218-879-0745 or my3gsc@yahoo.com.

May 25-27

Third Annual Seven Clans Contest Pow Wow

Seven Clans Casino in Thief River Falls, MN

Contact Information: 1-800-881-0712, ext. 6095, 218-681-4062, www.sevenclanscasino.com or ralussier@sevenclanscasino.com

May 25-27

Leech Lake Spring Traditional Pow Wow

Veteran's Memorial Gardens in Cass Lake, MN

Contact Information: 218-335-7034 or 218-335-7400

May 28

Veterans Memorial Day Traditional Pow Wow

Mille Lacs Indian Museum in Mille Lacs, MN

Contact Information: 320-532-3632 or www.mnhs.org

June 1-3

Sah-Gii-Bah-Gah Traditional Pow Wow

Pow Wow Grounds in Nett Lake, MN

Contact Information: 218-757-3261 or bf_powwow@yahoo.com

June 2-3

Fourth Annual Dakota Homecoming Traditional Pow Wow

Pavillion Lake Park in Winona, MN

Contact Information: 507-452-2278 or www.dakota-homecoming.org

June 8-10

30th Annual Lower Sioux Traditional Pow Wow

Pow Wow Grounds in Morton, MN

Contact Information: 507-697-6185 or www.jack-potjunction.com

June 15-17

Lake Vermilion Traditional Pow Wow
Vermilion Reservation in Tower, MN

Contact Information: Tracey Dagen at 218-753-7713 or tdagen@fortunebay.com

June 15-17

139th Annual White Earth Traditional Pow Wow
Tribal Grounds in White Earth, MN

Contact Information: 1-800-950-3248, ext. 1337 or henryf@whiteearth.com

June 15-17

Grand Casino Celebration Contest Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Hinkley, MN

Contact Information: 1-800-472-6321, ext. 4843 or 1-800-472-6321 ext. 4913

June 16-17

22nd Annual Bear Creek Traditional Pow Wow
Olmsted County History Center in Rochester, MN

Contact Information: 507-367-2697 or www.nacsm.org

Wisconsin

May 18

End of the School Year Celebration Pow Wow
Woodland Bowl in Keshena, WI

Contact Information: 715-756-2354

May 26-28

Ho-Chunk Wazijaci Memorial Contest Pow Wow
Red Cloud Memorial Park in Black River Falls, WI

Contact Information: 1-800-294-9343 ext. 1123 or 608-847-5694

June 1-3

17th Annual LCO Ojibwe School Contest Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds in Hayward, WI

Contact Information: 218-634-8924 or www.lcoschools.bia.edu

June 7

Fifth Annual ICS Youth Traditional Pow Wow
ICSA Campus in Milwaukee, WI

Contact Information: 414-345-3561, 414-345-3060 or fernandez_p@ics-milw.org

June 16-17

22nd Annual Strawberry Moon Traditional Pow Wow
Camp Grounds in Mole Lake, WI

Contact Information: 715-478-7605 or tinavz30@newnorth.net

June 16-17

18th Annual Honor the Fire Keepers Traditional Pow Wow

Dunn Field in Lake Geneva, WI

Contact Information: 262-248-2794

June 22-24

15th Annual St. Croix Casino and Hotel Contest Pow Wow

Mak'oodo Arena in Turtle Lake, WI

Contact Information: 1-800-236-2195 or www.stcroix-casino.com

2007

Young Native Writers Essay Contest

YOUNG NATIVE WRITERS



ESSAY CONTEST

Holland+Knight
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National Museum of the American Indian

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

- Victoria Anne Stone (Ojibwa)

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Student scholarship winners from the 2007 Young Native Writers Essay Contest while in Washington, D.C.

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

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

2007 Essay Contest

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

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

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

Prizes

The following prizes will be awarded to winning essayists:

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS
JUNE 1, 2007**

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

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
March 11, 2007
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle
9:15 a.m. Smudging
9:30 a.m.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2007 Museum Services Project.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion carried.
11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Michele La-Count
11:50 a.m. Public comment closed.
12:05 p.m. Lunch recess called.
1:38 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Closed Session: none
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.
Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.
Absent: Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Alice Yellowbank

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency FY 2007 Pollution Prevention Grants Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Pollution Prevention Project.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Roberts for Tribal Council to attend the interview for the Appellate Justice position on April 12, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.
Vote: 6 - Yes, 2 - No (Treasurer Kiogima, Councilor McNamara), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried.

Executive Office Present: Rebecca Fisher-Executive Assistant
Legal Staff Present: Donna Budnick-Legislative Services Attorney

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Fiscal Year 2007 Tribal Solid Waste Management Assistance Project.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Treasurer Oldman to accept Legislative Leader Law's report including confidential materials for March 11, 2007.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried.

Staff Present: Michele LaCount-Legislative Office Manager, Annette VanDeCarr-Communications Director

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 2007 Basic Library Services Grant.
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

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

Commission, Boards, and Committees: none

Guests: Virginia VonderLippe

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

9:41 a.m. Councilor Yellowbank arrives.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley 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 McNamara to adopt the agenda for March 11, 2007, as amended.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Secretary Kiogima to accept Tribal Council member reports from Councilor Yellowbank, Treasurer Oldman, and Councilor Harrington, Jr.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve the minutes of February 25, 2007, with corrections.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried.

2:40 p.m. Recess called.

2:46 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to reject the Burial Request Programs Regulations as presented at today's meeting.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve Tribal Council attendance at the 14th Annual Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium in June 2007.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor McNamara)
Motion carried.

10:40 a.m. Recess called.

10:50 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Grant Program

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Oldman to approve Citizenship list "A" Eligible for Citizenship dated February 21, 2007, for a total of thirteen (13).
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve Citizenship List "B" Declination Ineligible dated February 21, 2007, for a total of seven (7).
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2007

May 5 Work Session
May 6 Council Meeting
May 19 Work Session
May 20 Council Meeting

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

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

LEGISLATIVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

4:08 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

4:08 p.m. Public Comment closed.

4:24 p.m. Recess called.

4:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Kiogima to acknowledge the receipt of the nomination of James M. Genia for Appellate Justice of the Tribal Court from the Executive.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adjourn at 5:03 p.m.
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

LTBB ID CARDS

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

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

Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee 231-242-1521
Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520

2007 ELECTION SCHEDULE

BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES,
NO PRIMARY ELECTION IS NEEDED
GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED TO
REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY

MAY 25
GENERAL ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI.

JUNE 9
GENERAL ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI.

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

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 9

1)KTIGE
2)WAASMOWIN
3)GIMIWAN
4)BIGIZA
5)NIMKII

BONUS: HE WAS A "BROKER"

Lines From our Membership...

Birthdays

Happy birthday to **Bart Gasco** on May 11. Hope you have a good day.
Love, Gina, Bill, Brittany and Matt.

Happy birthday to a great Dad, **Bart Gasco**, on May 11. We love you!!
B.J., Josh and Holly.

Happy birthday to **Mom**, who will turn ... on May 7, and still going strong.
Love, Dexter, Debbie, Derek, Shane, Billy, Gunnar, Cheryl, Brian, Manice, Joe, Macklin and Jada.

Happy birthday to **Mary Keshick** on May 4! To the best mom and grandma in the world. We love you very much, and che meg-wetch for all you have done for us. May the Creator bless you always!!
All our love, Theresa Christine, Michael and Jordan.

Birthday greetings to **Uncle John "Jr." Keshick** on May 27. Thanks for taking me hunting!! Hope we can do it again this year!
From Michael, Jordan and Theresa.

Belated birthday greetings go out to **Anjanette Greenlaw**! She celebrated her big 3-0 on April 16. Hope you had a great day, cuz!
Love, Theresa, Michael and Jordan.

Birthday wishes to our cousin, **Jai-leah Miller**, who celebrates her big day on May 23!! Hope you have a great day!!
Love, Theresa, Michael and Jordan.

Happy birthday to our grandson, **Andrew**. We love you!!!
Grandma Michele and Grandpa Guido.

Happy birthday to our brother, **Dan**. One more year.
We love you, Michele and Greg.

Happy birthday to my big sis, **Bustos**. You may be able to kick my butt anytime you want, but you will always be older, and I respect my elders.
Love, Pearl.

The Gasco family would like to send a very big happy birthday wish to **Susan Gasco**, who celebrates her birthday on May 27.

Happy birthday to my personal trainer, **Denise Petoskey**, who celebrates her special day on April 26.
Thanks for always being such a good friend by encouraging me and everyone else to be all that we can be. Chi-miig-wetch for your support.
Love ya, Marci.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to my darlin' daughter, **Jai-leah Kamenicky**, on her May 23 birthday! I hope you have an awesome year!
From Mommy Dearest.

Mno Dibishkaak to **Theresa Keshick** on her milestone birthday. Hope you have many more! Gazaagian.

From your favorite aunties, Tootsie and Amelia.

Mno Dibishkaak to **Mary Keshick** on her birthday. Hope it is fun and American Beauty gives you the big "ka ching."
Love, Tootsie and Amelia.

To **John Keshick, Jr.** Hope the big one doesn't get away as the years are getting away.
From your favorite aunties, Tootsie and Amelia.

Happy birthday and many happy returns to our niece, **Bing Crampton**, and our nephew, **Brian Wagner**.
Love, Aunties Tootsie and Amelia.

Here's hoping you (**Amelia Compeaux**) have an awesome birthday on May 12. Go get 'em granny.
Love, your favorite sister, Tootsie.

Happy second birthday to **Kelsey** and **Klayton Wiatrolik** on May 31!
We love you endlessly.
Love, Daddy and Mommy.



Happy first birthday to **Msko Mgizi (Tavien) Lucier**.
Love, Mommy.

What's older than day old bread, but not old enough to be stored in Archives and Records? Me!!!!
Happy birthday to **me** on May 27!!!!
Jannan J. Cornstalk.

Happy belated birthday to our wonderful sister, **LaVerne Bottoms**, who celebrated her special day on April 12.
From your family.

Happy birthday to **Theresa Keshick** on May 17.
All my love, Mom.

Happy birthday to **John Keshick, Jr.** on May 27.
All my love, Mom.

Happy birthday to **Mary Keshick**, the most wonderful, loving and caring Mom ever, on May 4. We love you very much, and hope your day is as special as you are.
Love and hugs, Yvonne and Maritza.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to **Rebecca Prater** on May 29. Thinking of you.
All my love, Grandma Mary.

Happy birthday to **Marilyn and Melvin Napont** on May 15. Thinking of you.
All my love, Aunt Mary.

MinoDibishkaak Nwiitaawis **Sharon Sierzputowski** miinwa Nwiijikenhwis **Shann Davenport!**

Aanii Nsyenh, **Raggy Mjiikwis** MinoDibishkaan! Aapidji Gazaagigo, Pane.
Gdanwendaaganak

Happy 26th birthday to **David King** on May 10. We hope you have a great day.
From the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy birthday to our wonderful husband and father, **John Bott**, on May 17.
Love, Johnny, Blayne, Barry and Diane.

Happy birthday to my Beaver Island cousins, **Marilyn and Melvin Napont**, on May 15. Let's celebrate at the Shamrock this summer along with a grand tour of the Emerald Isle as only we can do!
Affectionately, Yvonne.

Happy birthday to my younger sister, **Theresa Keshick**, on May 17. Wishing you the best ever!
Love, Yvonne and Maritza.

Happy birthday to my older brother, **John Keshick III**, on May 27. Do you find yourself having more "senior" moments? Just don't let it affect your driving, aye! Have a wonderful birthday.
Love, Yvonne and Maritza.

We are truly blessed to have a mother and grandmother like you, so this birthday wish is being sent with warmest wishes and loving thoughts, too. May your birthday be the best on your special day! Happy birthday **Mom and Grandma** on May 4.
Love always, Linda, Kacie and Jeffrey.

Happy birthday to my brother, **Jr.**, on May 27 ... gobble, gobble, gobble in practice (ha ha ha).
Love, your sister, Linda.

Happy birthday to **Theresa Keshick** on May 17. May your birthday be the best on this special day, and may many of life's finest things always come your way!
Love, Linda and kids.

Happy birthday to **Rebecca Byard-Prater** on May 29.
Love, Linda and kids.

Happy birthday to **Patrick Naganashe** on May 3.
From the Oldman Clan.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to **Anna Mae Stead** on May 8.
From the Oldman Clan.

Happy birthday to **Stephen Oldman, Jr.** on May 28.
From the Oldman Clan.

Happy birthday to **Barbara Laughlin** on May 28.
From the Oldman Clan.

Announcements



Brayden Jacob Greensky was baptized at Greensky Hill United Methodist Indian Mission Church in Hayes Township, MI, on March 18. He is the son of Ray and Amanda Greensky, the grandson of Steve and Laura May of Petoskey, MI, Jacob and Lowana Greensky of Minnesota, and Leslee and Woody Pearson of Charlevoix, MI. He is the great-grandson of Ray and Katherine Rychart of Minnesota, Katherine Olson of Minnesota, and Ray and Susan Bice of Bayshore, MI. Brayden Greensky is a direct descendent to Peter Greensky, a Chippewa missionary to his people who founded Greensky Hill Church in the 1850s. Brayden Greensky was baptized in the original log structure Peter Greensky erected at that time.

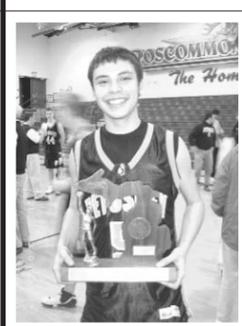
Summer Volunteers Sought to Make Flower Crowns
The LTBB Elders Association seeks summer volunteers willing to assist in making flower crowns to be placed on tribal graves in cemeteries around the northern Michigan area. The flower crowns will be placed on graves in late October.
If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, contact Harriet Kishigo-Booth at 231-838-6547 or Virginia Lewis at 231-330-8491.



Avery Elizabeth Hanel was born on February 25 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. She weighed 7.11 pounds, and she was 20 inches long. Her parents are Elizabeth Murner and Josh Hanel of Boyne City, MI. Her grandparents are Michele and Greg LaCount of Petoskey, Bill Murner of Petoskey, and Judy and Steve Hanel of Afton, MI.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Daniel P. Gasco**, a 15-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen, on a successful varsity basketball season. Gasco, a 6-foot-2 freshman guard/forward for Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor, MI, received Honorable Mention Class C All-State honors from Bankhoop.com, and he was an All-League Selection in the East/West Division of the Detroit Catholic League. He helped his team post a 19-6 record this past season, the program's best record in 17 years. His team won the Catholic League's East/West Division title with a 9-1 record and won the C-D Division championship at the Catholic League tournament. His team also won its first district championship since 1997 before losing to Detroit Community in a Class C regional final. He is the son of Gretchen and Wayne Gasco and the grandson of Elizabeth Gasco and the late Clarence Gasco.



Congratulations to **Elias "Eli" F. Reyes-Olson**, a 17-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen, on a successful varsity basketball season. Reyes-Olson, a 6-foot junior guard for Petoskey High School (PHS) in Petoskey, MI, helped the Northmen compile an 18-6 record, win a second straight Class B district title and win a share of the Big North Conference title. His team compiled a 3.5 combined grade point average to place Petoskey among the top three Class B teams in the state. Reyes-Olson also made the PHS honor roll for the first semester. He is a member of the LTBB Hawks 14-18 boys team, and he helped his team finish second in the Michigan United Tribal Youth Basketball League (MUTYBL) in 2006. Reyes-Olson won the 2006 Most Valuable Player award for the 14-18 boys teams in the MUTYBL. He is currently playing in his third varsity baseball season, his first for PHS after moving to the area from Washington. Reyes-Olson is an infielder and pitcher. He is the son of Vicki Olson, and the grandson of the late Victoria (Kishigo) Reyes.

Congratulations to **Claus Nowell**, a 12-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen, on a successful middle school wrestling season. Nowell, a sixth-grade wrestler for Harbor Springs Middle School in Harbor Springs, MI, finished with a 10-2 record. During the season, he won five gold medals and one silver medal. Nowell is the son of Ellie Payton and Richard Nowell and the grandson of Harriet Kishigo-Booth and the late Jacob Booth.

Congratulations to **Jeffrey Wiatrolik** on your May 11 graduation where you will receive your Business Certificate from Bay Mills Community College!! We are so proud of you! Love, your family - Kara, Kelsey and Klayton.

I want to say congratulations to **Wesley Andrews** for obtaining a new position with the Seminole Tribe of Florida as a Reviewing Archeologist. I also want to express my disappointment that we have lost Wes, for a while, to the Everglades. He is an invaluable member of our community and has humbly accomplished things for our people that honor who we were, are and will be as Waganakising Odawak. Miigwetch, Wes, and good luck!! Winnay.

Native News

Ms. Nowell Goes to Washington

By Alicia Nowell, LTBB Tribal Citizen

"Alicia, don't step in the... Alicia, watch out for the..."

If I had a dollar for every time I was told that in Washington D.C., I could probably buy a new pair of shoes.

New Youth Services Coordinator Robert "R.J." Smith accompanied Youth Commissioners, Cynthia Biro and I, to the 110th Executive Council of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) held February 26-28 in Washington D.C.

With it being my first time to the Executive Council in Washington D.C., there was so much to learn and see. Captivated by the majestic architecture and political figures I saw everywhere, I couldn't keep my eyes on the ground in front of me.

The Executive Council did not have a strong youth focus, so the youth used the session as an opportunity to learn from the adults in the group. We spent

the entire first day as a Youth Council. Even though only six youth, two youth leaders and NCAI Youth Coordinator Jennifer Rackliff were present, we made a lot of progress during our meeting. The agenda was laid out for our Mid-Year Session to be held June 10-13 in Anchorage, AK. We compiled a list of topics to cover, and a lineup of speakers we would like to have, and the time allotted for each speaker.

Two experiences stood out: Meeting Congressman Dale E. Kildee from Michigan's Congressional Fifth District and LTBB Congressional Lobbyist Lydia Hofer.

The meeting between Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik and Kildee was very informative and refreshing. It was like watching two old friends catch up, but still not stray far from the business at hand.

Walking down the street with

Hofer, my thought the entire time was, "What a great person to have as our lobbyist in D.C." Hofer didn't walk a block without at least one person stopping to hug her and say hello. She seemed very well connected. Biro, Smith, Ettawageshik, Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law and I all enjoyed a meal at the Democratic Club thanks to Hofer. Our original lunch plans had been scrapped when a fire alarm went off in the Capitol Hill cafeteria.

Our time spent in Washington D.C. was wonderful, worthwhile, fun and educational. It is an inspiring and beautiful place to visit. I hope to go back in the future and spend some more time touring the monuments, museums and historic sites.

Miigwetch Tribal Council for sending Cynthia (Biro) and I to such an awesome place.

Courtney Schneider Places in Poetry Contest

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant



Courtney Schneider

Congratulations go out to **Courtney Schneider**, the daughter of Mary and Robert Schneider of Alanson, MI, for receiving honorable mention in the Seventh Annual Bob Schulze Poetry Contest hosted by the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. The contest was open to all middle school students in the northern Michigan area. Students participated from the following schools: Alanson-Littlefield, St. Francis Xavier in Petoskey, Pellston, Harbor Springs and Petoskey. A total of 83 poems were submitted for the contest. Schneider is the granddaughter of Susan and Darwin Swadling.

"The Little Fighter" is reprinted

here with Courtney Schneider's permission:

Sierra Jade Anthony is her name,
Liver Cancer was to blame.
The day it all started,
Was the worst day to me.
The day it all happened,
Was Memorial Day 2003.
The call that I got,
Tore me up inside.
I tried to run.
I tried to hide.
She was six months old,
Still an infant you see.
Why Lord,
Couldn't it have happened to me?
So much happened,
In such little time.
Now it was Sierra's turn,
To wait in the Life Line.
A liver transplant,
Is what she would need.

If she didn't have it,
She would have died indeed.
Eight months of Chemotherapy,
Six months in a hospital bed.
Every time I think of it,
It surly messes with my head.
Finally all that waiting,
Had paid off in the end.
For a little boy or girl,
Had a helping hand to lend.
But that little boy or girl,
Who had a helping hand to lend,
I pray for them everyday,
Because for them it was the end.
She's almost two years old now,
Living well and alive.
And I know that little fighter,
Will be the one to thrive.
Sierra Jade Anthony is her name,
Her courage and survival gave her fame.

The photo appears courtesy of Theresa Keshick.

WAGANAKISING MARTIAL ARTS CLUB UPDATE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Members of the Waganakising Martial Arts Club along with Master Marti Lynn, Grandmaster B.C. Yu and Dr. Terry Samuels, who are left to right in the middle row.



(L to R) Master Marti Lynn, Grandmaster B.C. Yu, Bill Denemy, Jr. and Dr. Terry Samuels after Denemy, Jr. received his black belt at the March 31 testing.



Members of the Waganakising Martial Arts Club huddle together after the March 31 testing at Native Way II gym in Harbor Springs, MI.

On March 17, 13 members of the Waganakising Martial Arts Club competed at the Tae Kwon Do Institute of America Tournament held at Whitmore Lake, MI. The tournament featured competitors from seven different schools or dojangs around the state.

Congratulations to the following individuals on placing at the event:

- Lori Willis** (white belt): First place in forms.
- Megan Keller** (green belt): Second place in forms.
- Brittany Bentley** (red belt): Third place in forms and third place in sparring.
- Eric Keller** (red belt): First place in sparring and third place in forms.
- Chris Lynn, Jr.** (red belt): First place in forms and third place in sparring.

- Sean Miller** (brown belt): Second place in forms.
- Derek Willis** (red-black belt): First place in forms.
- Alex Fisher** (red-black belt): First place in sparring and third place in forms.
- Taylor Fisher** (red-black belt): Second place in sparring.
- On March 31 at the Native Way II gym in Harbor Springs, MI, 16 members of the Waganakising Martial Arts Club tested and advanced.
- Congratulations to the following individuals on their promotions:
- Bill Denemy, Jr.**: Black belt.
- Regina Brubacker**: Brown-black belt.
- Kathy McGraw**: Brown-black belt.
- Taylor Fisher**: Brown-black belt.
- Alex Fisher**: Brown-black belt.

- Jared Willis**: Brown-black belt.
 - Derek Willis**: Brown-black belt.
 - Sean Miller**: Red-black belt.
 - Mikayla Miller**: Red-black belt.
 - Eric Keller**: Brown belt.
 - Chris Lynn, Jr.**: Brown belt.
 - Brittany Bentley**: Brown belt.
 - Nicole Laughlin**: Blue belt.
 - Megan Keller**: Purple belt.
 - Matt Carson**: Green belt.
 - Lori Willis**: Yellow belt.
- Health Educator Regina Brubacker contributed to this article.
- Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

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"MUNSON": CONTINUED FROM COVER

Nouvel in the state semifinals. "My defense was my strength," Munson said. "Coach Haske told me to use my speed to shut down guys. It was fun trying to guard their best scorer. I used different strategies against guys. I would sag off the quicker guys and play the slower guys up tight."

Haske said Munson's role expanded in his final season. Munson was an honorable mention selection on the 2007 *Petoskey News-Review* All-Area Basketball Team.

"As a junior, he was a role player off the bench who helped us defensively," Haske said. "As a senior, we expected him to score more. He did a better job of scoring and making better decisions with the ball. He was the most comfortable taking the mid-range jumper."

"I think he realized his defense could help the team the most. He thought it (his defense) was an important part of what he could do with the gifts he had."

The Rayders have reached the

state semifinals four times since 1999 under Haske, but it was Munson's first time being there and playing at the Breslin Center on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing, MI.

"It was awesome just being a part of the team," Munson said. "It was a totally different atmosphere playing there. The lights were so bright, and there was such a huge crowd."

"It was sweet being on that floor. Just to say you played on that court is amazing."

Munson is currently competing in his final track season. As a junior, he qualified for the 2006 MHSAA Division III state meet in the 200-meter and 400-meter runs, and he was on Charlevoix's 1,600-meter relay and 3,200-meter relay teams there. The 3,200 relay team finished third there. He competes in the 200, 400, the 1,600 relay, the 3,200 relay and the long jump.

"Track helps me keep my speed and endurance for football," Munson said. "I have the stamina to keep pace

with the guys in the middle distance races and sprint it out at the end. The shorter distances are too fast for me. "I'd like to get back to the state meet in the 400 and the long jump."

The Rayders finished third at the 2006 Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Division III team state final. Munson finished fourth in the long jump and fifth in the 400 there. At a Division III regional last season, Charlevoix won the title as Munson helped the 400 and 1,600 relay teams finish first, and he finished second in both the 200 and 400.

"We have some really fast kids on the team again this season," Munson said. "I expect this season's team to be just as good or better than last season's."

The portrait of Darron Munson by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ATTEND ANNUAL RESERVATION ECONOMIC SUMMIT

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

Every year, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) hosts a Reservation Economic Summit (RES). This year was the 21st Annual Summit and Indian Business Trade Fair held March 12-15 at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas, NV.

RES is considered to be the premier networking event for Alaska Native and American Indian businesses, tribal representatives, corporations and government agencies.

This year's theme was "Creating Sustainable Economies: Exploring and Leveraging Assets - Developing Economic Opportunities." NCAIED President Ken Robbins of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe said the summit targets the concept of working together as the key to long-term sustainable economic success in Indian business and economic development. The corporation's vision is to develop healthy, self-sufficient American Indian economies, both on and off the reservation.

NCAIED is a national 501(C)(3) non-profit American Indian economic and business development organization. They are the oldest and largest American Indian specific economic and business development organization in the nation. The organization consists of nine offices staffed with more than 50 employees, who supply management and technical assistance to Indian businesses and tribes nationwide.

The four-day event hosted a variety of breakout sessions with well-noted figures in Indian Country for guest speakers. Some of the tracks were Frontiers of Finance in Indian Country-How to Finance Technology Ventures, Creating Tribal Energy Business Strategies for Energy Opportunities, Economic Diversification-Building Bridges and Developing and Implementing Marketing Strategies to name a few. Some of the guest speakers were Mr. Tex Hall, Chairman and CEO of the Inter-Tribal Economic Alliance and former President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI); Mr. Lance Morgan, President and CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc.; Steven Preston, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration; and Mr. Wes Old Coyote, Chief Information Officer for Indian Health Services for the Tucson Region.

On March 15, the American Indian Business Trade Fair opened at 9:30 a.m. with an official ribbon cutting ceremony and a dance exhibition by the Las Vegas Paiute



Enterprise Manager Chuck Schofield (on the right) with a representative from Red Circle Agency.



Las Vegas Paiute Tribe's Native Dance Troupe performed a dance exhibition at the American Indian Business Trade Fair opening.



Lickity Split Chocolate Studio, based in New Mexico, received the 2007 Youth Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Tribe's Native Dance Troupe. The trade fair consisted of more than 270 businesses. One company in particular is operated by 35 Navajo and Ute tribal youth between the ages of 9 and 15. Lickity Split Chocolate Studio, LLC has a 15 year-old CEO - Andrew Dayish. He has been with LSC for three years now. President of Sales and Marketing is 11-year-old Hubert Dayish. Both boys are members of the Navajo Nation. They live in San Juan County, NM, where poverty rates reach upwards at 40%, and less than 1% of the businesses established are native owned despite the native population being more than 50%. Lickity Split Chocolate Studio makes native designed chocolates. This year, the company received the 2007 Youth Entrepreneur of the Year award during the awards banquet held on Wednesday evening with a standing ovation from the crowd. Recently, LSC completed a \$3,000 order from a large utility company in Utah. Their website can be viewed at www.lickitysplitchocolate.com.

Attending RES2007 from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians were Enterprise Manager Chuck Schofield, Patricia Dyer-Deckrow and John Bott from the Economic Development Commission, and Department of Commerce Assistant Theresa Keshick.

The photos appear courtesy of Theresa Keshick.

NASO STORYTELLING EVENT RAISES \$1,855 FOR CONFERENCE

By **Aaron Wayne Otto**, Pre-Press Graphics Specialist



Isabelle Osawamick told stories in Anishinaabemowin. Photo by Aaron Wayne Otto. Larry "Pun" Plamondon entertained those in attendance. Photo by Aaron Wayne Otto.



The Woodland Singers performed at the event. Photo by Aaron Wayne Otto. A male drum group performed at the event. Photo by Aaron Wayne Otto.

On March 6, the Anishinaabe Egomunjik Ewaaweyyak (Native American Student Organization) hosted another "A Night of Storytelling and Food" at the North Central Michigan College (NCMC) Cafeteria in Petoskey, MI. NASO raised \$1,855 to help fund a trip to the 12th Annual Anishnaabe-

mowin-Teg Language Conference held March 29-April 1 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. "A Night of Storytelling and Food" held in December 2006 raised \$1,600. Native storytellers, Larry "Pun" Plamondon, Tony Miron, Simon Otto, Tony Davis, Isabelle Osawamick and Yvonne Walker-Keshick, entertained the

crowd with their stories. Other Native entertainers included the Woodland Singers and a male drum group of Robert "R.J." Smith, Matt Lesky, Matt Davis, J.D. Gibson and Joshua Shenoskey. I also played Native American flute.

Here are the raffle winners from the event:

1. Pendleton blanket: **Laura Lonchar.**
2. *The Four Hills of Life* by Thomas Peacock and Marlene Wisuri: **Darin Kimbler.**
3. *People of the Seventh Fire* by Dagmar Thorpe: **Carrie Carlson.**
4. *The Ledger Book of Thomas Blue Eagle*: **Robin Moyer.**
5. Watercolor painting: **June Cross.**
6. Waganakising Odawa beaded jacket: **Craig Searles.**
7. Dream catcher: **Judy Gasco.**
8. Two easy field guides titled "Night sky" and "Petroglyphs": **Paula Welmers.**
9. Care basket with roasted corn, maple syrup, wild rice, two compact discs and soap: **Jonie Abella.**
10. *God Is Red* by Vine Deloria: **Denise Petoskey.**
11. *Custer Died for Your Sins* by Vine Deloria: **June Fletcher.**
12. *Isbi's Journey* by James Freema: **Mike Givens.**
13. *Kewadinoquay* By Lee Boisvert: **Cliff Cutler.**
14. Blanket-wool bag with violet design: **Zhaa Zhaa Greensky.**



Grindstone Lake Singers, LCO WI 2006 Photo by Netawn Krogma

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LTBB YOUTH ICE HOCKEY PLAYERS ENJOY SUCCESSFUL SEASONS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Corey Bailey never imagined he would skate on the same ice that his favorite team, the Detroit Red Wings, call home.

Bailey, a 12-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen, played at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, MI, as his Petoskey Pirates ice hockey team won the 12-and-under Pee Wee House title at the 2007 Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) Kids College Classic on March 18. His team scored three goals in the final period to beat Brighton-Howell, 4-3, in the final.

"It was such a nice surface to skate on," said Bailey, the son of Fiona (Chingwa) Banfield and Ben Banfield, and the grandson of Nathaniel and Mary Chingwa. "The lights were so bright in the arena. There were a lot of people there. It was a great atmosphere."

Bailey said he was nervous playing there because he wanted his team to win. "We played a lot of tough teams in the tournament," Bailey said. "I was nervous because I didn't know if we would win or not. We won because we had good shifts."

"It was a fun year, and winning that tournament was great."

Ben Banfield was an assistant coach for his son's team. The team finished 18-10-7. "They play as a team, and they pass the puck," Ben Banfield said when asked why the team was so successful. "Brighton-Howell played one shift of players, but our kids played equal shifts there. Their kids got tired, but our kids stayed fresh."

Bailey was one of five northern Michigan area LTBB Tribal Citizens who played ice hockey thanks to the Grants and Donations Program. Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. The other tribal youth who benefited from the grant were Brendan Bailey, 10, Dakota Peavey, 10, Ryan Schlappi, 16, and Jeff Gokee, 17. The grant paid for their registration fees and their monthly ice times.

"By far, expense is the biggest thing stopping more tribal youth from playing," Ben Banfield said. "It would have cost us more than \$400

a month in ice fees for both kids (Corey and Brendan Bailey), most league registration fees are more than \$100 per kid, and that doesn't even include equipment and travel. Before they played this past season, they hadn't played for three years because we couldn't afford it."

April Peavey, the mother of Dakota Peavey, said she was grateful to receive the help. "He has always enjoyed playing, and I'm glad he was given the opportunity," April Peavey said. "It teaches him sportsmanship and teamwork."

"He meets kids from other schools in the area, and he makes new friends."

Corey Bailey, who plays left and right wing and center, has played hockey since he was five. His team is a part of the Petoskey Area Hockey Association (PAHA).

"I am good at skating and stopping," said Corey Bailey, a seventh-grader at Petoskey Middle School in Petoskey, MI.

Brendan Bailey, Corey's younger brother, played for Petoskey Lightning, a squirt team in the PAHA. Brendan Bailey, a right wing, has played for four years. He is the son of Fiona (Chingwa) Banfield and Ben Banfield and the grandson of Nathaniel and Mary Chingwa. Brendan Bailey is a fifth-grader at Ottawa Elementary School in Petoskey.

Brendan Bailey's team also played in the 2007 CCHA Kids College Classic, but only the finals of the tournament were played at Joe Louis Arena. Like his older brother, his favorite team is the Detroit Red Wings.

"It was fun and exciting to be there," Brendan Bailey said of watching his brother play at Joe Louis Arena. "I started playing hockey because it looked fun. I'm good at skating."

Dakota Peavey plays for the Petoskey

Flames, a squirt team in the PAHA. Dakota Peavey, the son of April (Blumke) Peavey and Craig Peavey and the grandson of Norman Blumke and the late Rita (Kenoshmeg) Blumke, has played hockey since he was five. He started watching hockey on television at a young age and wanted to play.

"I instantly liked it when I tried it, so I started taking lessons," said Dakota Peavey, a fourth-grader at Alanson-Littlefield Elementary School in Alanson, MI.

Dakota Peavey plays defenseman and right and left wing. His favorite team is the Detroit Red Wings and his favorite player is Mathieu Schneider. He likes Schneider because they share the same number, 23, and both play defense and have a left-handed shot.

"It is fun playing defense," Dakota Peavey said. "This season, I worked on picking my feet up more when I skated. I am skating faster now. I'm better handling the puck also."

Petoskey Flames Coach Brown Spencer said Dakota Peavey, who recorded three assists during the season, tends to scare off the other kids because he is an aggressive player.

"He covers his position well, and he's a

smart player," Spencer said. "He worked hard this season on being more aggressive. He likes to get in the way of the offense."

Spencer selected Dakota Peavey to be his team's captain.

"He's a great kid," Spencer said. "He always tries to do the right thing. He listens well, and he is very respectful to everyone. He is pretty quiet, but he leads by example."

Gokee, a junior at Harbor Springs High School in Harbor Springs, MI, played on the Mackinaw City Midget BB team. The Mackinaw City Midget BB team is a part of the Mackinaw City Skating Association. His team won the district tournament and finished second in the state tournament. Gokee, who started playing in fourth grade, plays center.

"I thought it was cool, and I liked skating," said Gokee, who is a skateboarder. "I always went to the skate park. I would pick up a stick and a puck and play around with them."

"I pass the puck well, and I skate well. I score goals, and I set people up to score."



Dakota Peavey, 10, played for the Petoskey Flames team.



Besides playing ice hockey, Jeff Gokee, 17, enjoys skateboarding.



Jeff Gokee, 17, played for the Mackinaw City Midget BB team.



Ryan Schlappi, 16, played for the St. Ignace AA travel team.

Gokee.

Schlappi, a sophomore at Pellston High School in Pellston, MI, played on the St. Ignace AA travel team that played in the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League. His team is a part of the St. Ignace Hockey Association, and it played teams from all over the country.

Schlappi, a center and forward, started playing hockey when he was six. His long-term goals are to play hockey in college and to play for USA Hockey. Schlappi's favorite team is the Detroit Red Wings, and his favorite player was Steve Yzerman. He is the son of Barb and Kevin Schlappi, the grandson of Forrest Richard Schlappi and the late Ann Schlappi and the great-grandson of the late Lila Gibson and the late Norman Gibson.

For more information on the Grants and Donations Program, please contact Melissa Wiatrolak at 231-242-1420.

The photos appear courtesy of Ben Banfield, April Peavey, Kevin Schlappi and Linda Gokee.

LTBB AND THE GREATER COMMUNITY BIG READ PROJECT 2007

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Marilyn Hume shows off the complimentary Big Read brown bag she received after the Elders Luncheon.



Education Director Melissa Claramunt hands a Big Read brown bag to Tribal Elder Sarah VanDeCar.



Education Director Melissa Claramunt (on the left) gave 2006 Miss Odawa Akeshia Trudeau a brown bag.



Elders Program Coordinator Marie "Tootsie" Miller received her complimentary Big Read brown bag.

Programming for the LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 began March 16 as a group of tribal elders watched the movie "To Kill a Mockingbird" at the LTBB Tribal Courtroom in Harbor Springs, MI. Popcorn and refreshments were provided to the approximately 20 tribal elders in attendance.

On March 22 at the LTBB Governmental Center, elders received complimentary Big Read brown bags containing a book (*To Kill a Mockingbird*), a button (a button with the project's catch phrase, "What Page Are You On?"), a bookmark (a National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read bookmark), bottled water, a piece of bubble gum and a Baby Ruth candy bar.

On April 13 at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI, Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik spoke about the lessons that could be drawn from *To Kill a Mockingbird* and

how they could be applied to our communities today. Every person in attendance received a complimentary copy of the book. It was a part of the Luncheon Lecture series.

A kickoff event was scheduled for April 28 at the Annual Family Resource Fair to be held at the LTBB Governmental Center. A complimentary copy of *To Kill a Mockingbird* along with other resources and giveaways were to be given away to each family in attendance there.

Because of deadline constraints, coverage of Ettawageshik's speech and the kickoff event will appear in the June issue of *Odawa Trails*.

For a complete list of upcoming events, visit www.neabigread.org, click on Community Calendar of Events and click on Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

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K-12 Student Services Coordinator Dorothy Perry wheels out the popcorn for the elders movie event.



Tribal Elders watched the movie "To Kill a Mockingbird" on March 16 in the Tribal Courtroom.



Dale Hull from the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra picks up Big Read promotional materials to distribute.



Barb Cook from the Petoskey Public Library picks up a box of books to distribute during the library's events.

BOOK AND BAKE SALE BENEFITS LTBB HEADSTART PROGRAM



Harlen Wells/O'Brien looks over the selection of children's books available for purchase at the Book and Bake Sale on March 15.



Controller Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky surveys the selection of books available for purchase at the Book and Bake Sale on March 15.



(L to R) Marian Smith, her granddaughter, Maisy Kiogima, 7, and Simon Otto look at books following the Elders Luncheon that day.



Natalie Sova assists Francis Stead during the Book and Bake Sale on March 15 at the LTBB Governmental Center.



Tribal Elder Glenna Kimball reads one of the books for sale at the Book and Bake Sale held at the LTBB Governmental Center.



Environmental Assistant Regina Gasco and Water Quality Specialist Kira Davis check out a book at the Book and Bake Sale.



Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick looks over a book for sale at the Book and Bake Sale.



(L to R) Howard Kimewon, Lead Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick and Tribal Administrative Assistant Melissa Wiatrollik.



Language Program Coordinator Carla McFall looks at the children's books for sale at the Book and Bake Sale on March 15.



(L to R) Education Commission Treasurer Harriet Kishigo-Booth and Natalie Sova worked during the Book and Bake Sale.

The LTBB Education Commission sponsored a Book and Bake Sale on March 15 and March 17 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. All proceeds will benefit the LTBB Headstart Program. LTBB Tribal Citizens and Employees donated books and baked goods for the sale. The event raised \$481.28. The Education Commission wanted to thank everyone who helped with the event, and a special thank you goes out to those who baked goods and donated books. Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

HOLY CHILDHOOD CHURCH DONATES SIX PEWS TO LTBB ELDERS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Holy Childhood Church in Harbor Springs, MI, donated six pews to the LTBB Elders. On March 10, the pews were moved from the former Holy Childhood School to the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs. They were made in the late 1800s and were located in the second floor chapel at the school. They are now located in the Tribal Courtroom, in the courtroom's hallway and outside of the Enrollment Office. They will eventually be in the Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke Community Building upon its completion. The Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke housing site is located in Harbor Springs, and it has 12 units.

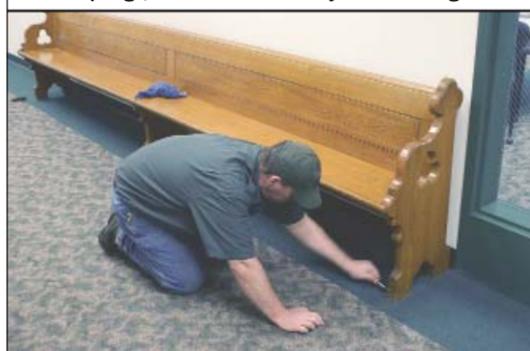
Background information on Holy Childhood Church and School: Father Pierre De'jean founded the school in 1829. Indians built a church and the first school building. The school was a boarding and day school with 25 boarders in its initial enrollment of 63 Indian boys and girls. They were taught in French, and they were taught writing, reading, arithmetic and vocational skills. Father De'jean was followed by Father Frederic Baraga in 1831. Franciscan Fathers arrived in 1884, and the School Sisters of Notre Dame arrived in 1886. The boarding school closed in 1983, and a daycare center for children was opened the same year. It was run by the School Sisters of Notre Dame and local tribal people. The daycare center closed in 1993. In 2006,



Facilities Worker Eric Meyer helped to move the six pews from Holy Childhood to the LTBB Governmental Center. Photo by Mike Lyons.



Four of the pews from the former Holy Childhood School in Harbor Springs, MI. It served as a day and boarding school.



Facilities Worker Eric Meyer works on a pew sitting outside the Enrollment Office at the LTBB Governmental Center.

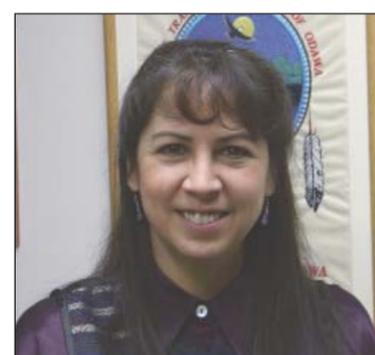


Elders Program Coordinator Marie "Tootsie" Miller wipes off one of the pews located in the LTBB Tribal Courtroom.

it was announced the school/daycare building would be torn down in the future.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar unless otherwise noted.

MEET LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY DONNA L. BUDNICK



Donna L. Budnick

Donna L. Budnick has recently been hired as the Legislative Attorney for the Tribal Council. Budnick is a LTBB Tribal Citizen and has been involved with the tribe in various capacities since 1991. She served as Tribal Council Treasurer from 1991-1995 and served as an Appellate Justice since 1999 until her recent resignation. Budnick has worked for the past 10 years as the American Indian Affairs Specialist for the State of Michigan's Department of Civil Rights. She

is the former chair of the American Indian Law Section, former Executive Director of the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs and has served on the Board of Regents for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

Budnick grew up in Jenison, MI. After graduating from high school, she attended Michigan State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and Thomas M. Cooley Law School where she earned a Juris Doctorate. Budnick has been a licensed attorney since 1990.

Budnick has recently moved to the northern Michigan area with her husband of thirteen years, Jeff.

Her parents are Don and Myrle Minor. Her siblings are David Minor and Ann Persons.

Budnick has a stepdaughter, Amanda Hill.

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Leased small boats

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

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\$175 to make a 16" Drum (price includes concert ticket)
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