

## 1964 GOLD MEDAL OLYMPIAN BILLY MILLS: "DON'T LET PERCEPTIONS CONTROL YOUR DESTINY"



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

It was called the greatest upset in Olympic history.

Billy Mills, an Oglala Lakota (Sioux), stunned the world by winning the 10,000-meter run at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. He remains the only American ever to win a gold medal in the event.

Mills, who grew up on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, earned a track scholarship to the University of Kansas and is a member of the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame.

His life was the inspiration for the 1983 movie "Running Brave," which tells the story of Mills' life on the reservation and the many obstacles he overcame to become an Olympic champion.

Major obstacles were being orphaned by age 12 and being hypoglycemic. His mother died when he was 9, and his father died when he was 12. Hypoglycemia causes an abnormal decrease of sugar in the blood.

"That moment (winning the 10,000-meter run at the 1964 Olympics) was very, very special for me," Mills said to the audience assembled in Ovation Hall inside Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, for the Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan (LGMNM) kickoff event on May 21. "I truly felt as if I had wings on my feet. I was told the moment was magical. I was told it was electrifying. However, that is not what I took from sport.

"It was the journey, not the des-

tinuation that I took from sport. In life whether it is pursuing fitness or winning the gold medal at the games, starting your own business or starting a family, it is the journey not the destination that empowers us. I also took from sport, but it applies to life again, it is the choices we make daily in our lives, not necessarily the talent we have, that choreographs our destiny."

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, the Charlevoix Area Hospital, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Odawa Casino Resort, the Michigan Heart and Vascular Specialists and Priority Health sponsored Mills visit to northern Michigan.

Prior to the kickoff event, which included a health fair, he spoke to students at Harbor Springs High School in Harbor Springs, MI, and spoke to students enrolled in the Anishinaabemowin Language class at the high school.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Tec Adams introduced Mills in Anishinaabemowin before the assembly at the high school.

Mills' message was "the greatest challenge we face in this rapidly changing world is what I call perceptions." He told stories to illustrate this point. One story involved the 10,000-meter run at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

Khalid Skah from Morocco and Richard Chelimo from Kenya were

"running shoulder to shoulder at the 5,000-meter mark." A teammate of Skah's, despite being a lap behind, cuts in behind Chelimo like he is in third place. The Moroccan, who is a lap behind, attempts to trip Chelimo with his trail leg, and Chelimo stumbles.

Several laps later, the lapped runner runs alongside his teammate Skah, breaks in front of Skah and breaks Skah's stride. As Skah's stride is broken, he bumps into Chelimo, and they both almost fall. With three laps to go, the lapped runner again runs alongside his teammate Skah, and the Moroccans start to converse in their native tongue.

People in the audience assume they are plotting against Chelimo, and the audience wants both Moroccan runners out of the race. In reality, Skah was telling his teammate to leave him alone and let him compete fairly against Chelimo. On the final lap, Skah sprints ahead and wins the race. Upon Skah winning the race, the audience demands the gold medal be taken from Skah and given to Chelimo.

But logic prevailed when someone said you should review the tape to determine the appropriate winner instead of possibly giving the wrong person the gold medal. After reviewing the film, Skah was awarded the gold medal, and Chelimo was awarded the silver medal. Both were happy to win their medals.

Perceptions almost unfairly took



the gold medal away from the appropriate winner, Skah.

Another story illustrating Mills' message occurred immediately following that race. Members of the U.S. media said the 10,000-meter race between Skah and Chelimo was the greatest distance race in the history of the Olympic Games. Another person disagreed saying the 10,000-meter race "that Indian guy" won was still the greatest.

Not knowing Mills, his wife and his daughter were standing close by, someone asked, "Whatever happened to that Indian guy?" Another man said, "I'll tell you what happened to that Indian guy. He's like all the rest of them. He is alcoholic, he is drug addicted, and he is a quitter; that's the way they all are." Mills' daughter, who knows Mills does not drink alcohol or take drugs, said to her father, "Daddy, say something to those men."

"I couldn't speak; perceptions broke me," Mills said. "Again, my daughter said, 'Daddy, say something to those men.' Fighting back the tears, I broke. My daughter said, 'Daddy, are you OK? Say something to those men.'

"Finally, I stood up and put my hand on my daughter's shoulder and simply said, 'Are you talking about Billy Mills, the Oglala Sioux, the gold medalist from 1964, Tokyo, Japan? Let me tell you about Billy. I know very well by choice, alcohol does not cross his lips; by choice, he has never taken drugs. It is by choice, he serves young people in different countries throughout the world talking about

his concept of self-empowerment."

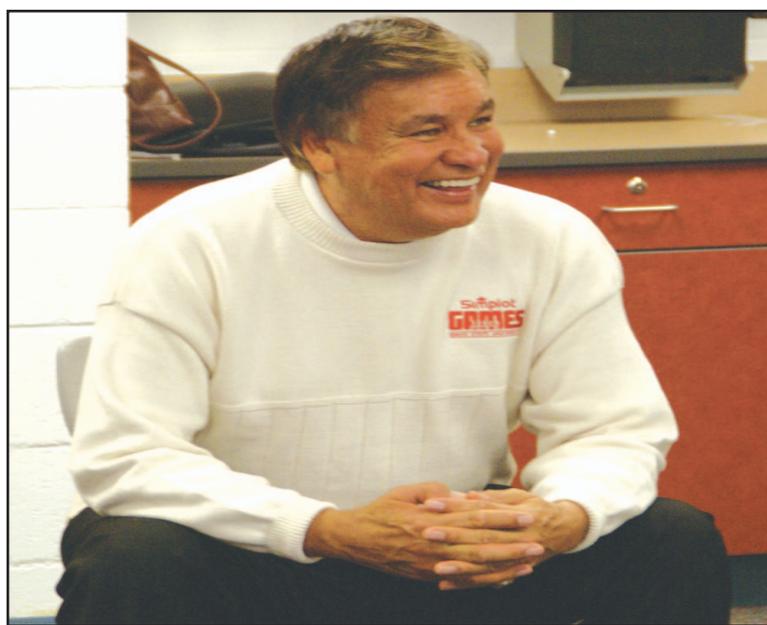
Mills didn't allow other people's perceptions of him or Indian people control his destiny. You can do the same.

In addition to his athletic success, Mills and Eugene Krizek founded Running Strong for American Indian Youth. Running Strong for American Indian Youth began in 1986 as a project of Christian Relief Services Charities.

Its mission is to help American Indian people meet their immediate survival needs – food, water and shelter – while implementing and supporting programs designed to create opportunities for self-sufficiency and self-esteem. Programs include food distribution and nutrition, water wells, youth programs, cultural and language preservation and housing assistance. For more information on the organization, please visit [www.indianyouth.org](http://www.indianyouth.org).

Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan is a regional 100-day fitness initiative designed to encourage people to be active on a regular basis and to develop grassroots advocacy for an active community environment. It began May 21 and ends on August 28. In 2006 and 2007, the program had approximately 12,000 participants who logged approximately 2.7 million miles. For more information on LGMNM, please visit [www.lgmnm.org](http://www.lgmnm.org).

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**Being Odawa is all about Freedom**

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

**Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement**

Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'aana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniwinan, maadiziwin miinwa mndooaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiiten-daakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazi-naa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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Happy 4th of July!

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 August issue of *Odawa Trails* is June 23.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in 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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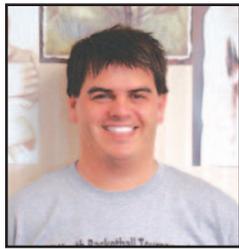
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# Departments & Programs

## MEET THE NEW EMPLOYEES SERVING OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY



**Billy McNamara**

Billy McNamara, a LTBB Tribal Citizen who previously worked at Victorias Casino in Petoskey, MI, for 3.5 years, started as a Facilities Worker in the Health Department on May 5.

McNamara, who grew up in Harbor Springs, MI, graduated from Harbor Springs High School, and earned three certificates through the Waganakising Odawak Business Technology Training (WOBTT) Program. He is currently working toward earning a degree at Ferris State University.

His father is Tribal Councilor Dexter McNamara, and his brothers, Derek, and, Shane, work at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey. Derek works in Slots and Shane in Facilities.

He has a son, Gunnar, 8, who attends Petoskey Montessori School and plays soccer and tennis.

Billy McNamara, who played basketball and tennis when he was younger, coaches his son's Petoskey Parks and Recreation soccer team and assists with his son's tennis team. Billy McNamara also coaches indoor soccer at the Petoskey YMCA. Last year, Billy McNamara coached Petoskey Parks and Recreation baseball and soccer teams.

Billy McNamara, a member of the Natural Resources Commission, enjoys hunting, fishing and camping.



**Kaye Rowland**

Kaye Rowland, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as the Housing Programs Specialist in the Housing Department on May 12 and previously worked as the Human Resources Clerk at Odawa Casino Resort.

"I started at HR, but it was my intent to work my way up," Rowland said.

Rowland, who grew up in Lansing, MI, and graduated from Lansing Everett High School, spent 17 years working in the mortgage business as an Office Manager and Processing Manager prior to moving to northern Michigan.

"This is not much different from working in the mortgage business except for the fact this involves a lot less paperwork," Kaye Rowland said. "I picked up the Housing Department Programs quickly."

Her parents are Henry and Darlene (Dashner) Rowland, and her grandparents were Charles Chester and Rosanna (Nongueskwa) Dashner.

Her brother, Hank Rowland, works at Odawa Casino Resort where he supervises the restaurants.

She has three daughters, Rachel Rowland, Jessica Wisniewski and Carrie Carrasco, and has nine grandchildren with another grandchild on the way.

She enjoys helping others, fishing and spending time with her children and grandchildren.



**Amber Lechowicz**

Amber Lechowicz started as a Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) Curriculum Coordinator on May 19.

Lechowicz, who graduated from Pellston High School in Pellston, MI, is the Curriculum Coordinator for the Entrepreneurship Essentials and New Media certificate programs.

After being awarded a five-year, \$2.1 million grant by the U.S. Department of Education's Native American Career and Technical Education Program, LTBB created WOCTEP. Through WOCTEP, LTBB is partnering with North Central Michigan College to offer certificate programs in Entrepreneurship Essentials, Certified Nurse's Aide, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy and New Media.

"I am excited for this opportunity," Lechowicz said. "Even though we're still in the developmental stages of the program, we are off to a good start."

Lechowicz earned a Bachelor's Degree in Health Communication from Grand Valley State University and earned a Master's Degree in Health Communication from Michigan State University. She completed an internship with Planned Parenthood where she worked in Communications and Health. Lechowicz still volunteers with Planned Parenthood, writing articles for its newsletter.

Lechowicz and her fiancé Patrick are engaged to be married on September 27, and they are currently building their house in Bliss Township, MI. They enjoy spending time at a family cottage on Burt Lake.

Besides planning her wedding and building her house, Lechowicz enjoys hiking, snowshoeing and spending time with her family and her puppy.



**Heidi Bosma**

Heidi Bosma, a LTBB Tribal

Citizen, started as a WOCTEP Curriculum Coordinator on May 19.

Bosma, who is on the Indian Child Welfare Commission, is the Curriculum Coordinator for the Certified Nurse's Aide, Phlebotomy and Medical Assistant certificate programs.

"This position involves finding resources for educational needs and advising others so it fit with my educational background," said Bosma, who grew up in Harbor Springs and graduated from Harbor Springs High School.

Bosma, who worked as the Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker for a year, earned an Associates Degree in Liberal Studies from North Central Michigan College, and is currently a senior pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis on Public Relations and Social Work from Lake Superior State University.

She has a husband, Les, and two children, Anna, 6, and Jake, 2.

Bosma enjoys going to the beach and spending time with her family.

*Articles and photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*

## Commissions, Boards and Committees

### Notice: Current Vacancies

Commission	Term/Yrs.	Positions Open	Term Expires
Health	3 yr. term	1	2009
Housing	4 yr. term	1	2010
Education	4 yr. term	1	2010
Economic Dev.	3 yr. term	1	2011
Gaming Board	Indefinite	1	Indefinite
Citizenship	4 yr. term	1	2010

The following commissions have terms ending in September 2008: Economic Development and Regulatory

The following information is provided for LTBB Tribal Citizens who are seeking nominations for an appointment to a LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee.

Those interested in an appointment, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume' to:

Tribal Chairman  
LTBB of Odawa Indians  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Fax 231-242-1419  
E-mail chairman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

The Executive Office notifies applicants when letter and resume' are received. The Chairman's nominations are forwarded to Tribal Council. Thereafter, the Legislative Office handles all interview scheduling and correspondence.

**Compensation:** Commissioners will be compensated according to LTBB Statute and current LTBB Government Policy.

## July Elder Birthdays

**July 2**

Jim Naganashe

**July 3**

LaVern Cherette  
Lawrence Minor

**July 4**

Robert Cutler  
Marylin Genia  
Arvilla Gibbs  
Donald Sloniker

**July 5**

Clarence Daybird  
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John Sharkey

**July 6**

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**July 7**

Arthur Brewer  
Gregory Swanson

**July 8**

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**July 9**

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Samuel Leo  
Lawrence Shananaquet

**July 10**

Mary Evans  
Sandra Walker

**July 11**

Hermenia Boucek  
Gerald Chingwa  
Betty DeLorme

**July 12**

Dorothy Gasco  
Mary Swingle

**July 13**

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**July 14**

Theresa Henry  
Viveca Thomas

**July 15**

Rochelle Ettawageshik

**July 16**

Basil Naganashe  
Darlene Nowak  
Michael Peters  
Constance Steele  
Carole Thomas

**July 17**

Roberta Foster  
Catherine Metzger

**July 18**

Mary Hoar  
Margaret Hudson  
Louise McNamara

**July 19**

Cornelius Sochay

**July 22**

Delores Bajt  
Audrey Hegenbarth  
Mary Longstreet  
Roland Petoskey  
Nancy Shananaquet

**July 23**

Joel Kilborn  
Mary Remley  
Richard Wemigwase

**July 24**

Ricky Samson  
Marilyn Williams

**July 25**

Duane Kiogima  
Adeline Lyons  
Archie McMillan, Sr.  
Bernice Suhr

**July 26**

Patricia Borck  
Robert Field  
Leon Jackson  
Gary Kiogima  
Sandra Merrifield  
Samuel Shenoskey  
Lucille Shull

**July 27**

George Leo  
Darlyne Oakford  
Lu Shananaquet

**July 28**

Odemin Gatougeshik Waymegwance

**July 29**

Nicholas Naganashe  
Geraldine Smith  
Bernice Wardrop

**July 30**

Ireta Persing  
Brazil Petoskey, Jr.

**July 31**

Rita Blacklock

## GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

The Grants and Donations Program has implemented a new application process. Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. Donations are available for native or non-native organizations. The deadline for submitting an application is August 29, 2008. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolak at 231-242-1420.

## Nokomis Learning Center is proud to offer

### Anishinaabemowin Language Class

Learn the basics of Anishinaabemowin in a supportive atmosphere with Native fluent Odawa teacher and talented storyteller, George Roy! Saturdays 10 a.m. - noon. Call 517-349-5777 to register!



### Traditional Craft Night

Join master craftswoman Rose Deland every Monday to learn or to work on your own traditional Anishinaabe craft projects. Craft Night is scheduled to run Mondays 6 - 9 p.m., May 5 through October 27, except for Memorial Day and Labor Day.



### Drum Social Night

Come join us each Friday evening for drum practice and dancing. Drum Social Night will run Wednesdays, 6 - 9 p.m., May 21 through November 12.



All ages and abilities welcome. Events are free and open to the public. Donations are encouraged to help keep them going. Suggested donation is \$5, but give what you can.

For more information, please contact:  
Nokomis Learning Center  
A Native American Cultural Center  
5153 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
517-349-5777 or [www.nokomis.org](http://www.nokomis.org)

## DAY CARE ASSISTANCE

Applications for the 2007-2008 Day Care Assistance Program are now available.

If you live in Emmet, Charlevoix, or Cheboygan County and would like more information, please stop in at Human Services, 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application. You may also call 1-866-652-5822 and ask for Human Services.

This is an income based program.

# 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.

tiate the claim.

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

### Remember!!!!

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

### Referrals:

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

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

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

### Alternate Resources:

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

### Priority system:

Medical referrals are approved for payment by a priority system.

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

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

## LTBB FACILITATES NATIONAL BONE MARROW DONOR DAY SITES



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians participated in National Bone Marrow Donor Day on May 13 by hosting two bone marrow donor sites at the Health Department and the Human Resources Department.

The drive at the Health Department took place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with approximately 33 people joining the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) registry, and the drive at the Human Resources Department took place from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with eight people registering.

Every year, more than 10,000 Americans get life-threatening diseases that can only be cured with a bone marrow transplant from an unrelated donor. The patients do not have a family donor, and transplant is their only hope for a cure. Since NMDP began operations in 1987, it has facilitated more than 30,000 marrow or blood cell transplants for patients who did not have matching donors in their families. Approximately 72 percent of the transplants were given to patients diagnosed with leukemia, lymphomas or other blood cancers.

The Health Department was one of the two LTBB departments serving as bone marrow donor sites on National Bone Marrow Donor Day on May 13. Approximately 33 people joined the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) registry there. The Human Resources Department was the other LTBB site. Eight people registered there. Pictured from left to right are Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski and Contract Health Specialist Carol Field.

More than 100 of the patients were Native American. Native Americans are the smallest percentage of people on the registry, so it is important healthy Native Americans join it.

To register, people had to be between the ages of 18-60, be in good health, they had to complete a short health questionnaire, and they had to give four samples of cheek cells.

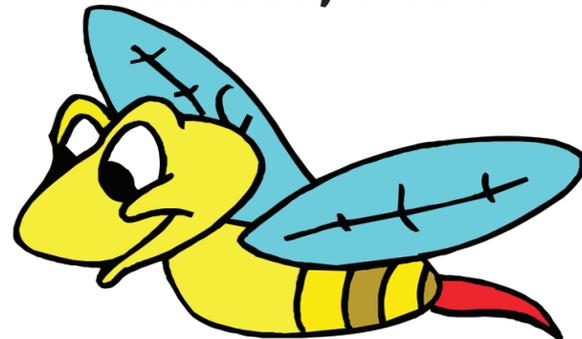
The National Marrow Donor Program helps people who need a life-saving marrow or blood cell transplant and connects patients, doctors, donors and researchers to

the resources they need to help more people live longer and healthier lives. NMDP searches its registry, the largest listing of volunteer donors and cord blood units in the world; supports patients and their doctors throughout the transplant process; and matches patients with the best donor or cord blood unit using innovative science and technology.

For more information, please visit the National Marrow Donor Program at [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org)

The photo appears courtesy of the Health Department.

## THIS BEE MAY LOOK FRIENDLY, BUT...



DR. TERRY SAMUELS WANTS TO REMIND EVERYONE ALLERGIC TO BEE STINGS TO CHECK THE DATE ON THEIR BEE STING KITS TO ENSURE THEY ARE UP TO DATE. IF IT IS OUTDATED, PLEASE RENEW YOUR BEE STING KIT. A BEE STING CAN BE FATAL WITHOUT THE PROMPT USE OF A BEE STING KIT.

## Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

Gain valuable work experience?

Work in the tribal community?

Make a little extra money?

Gain experience in several fields?

## Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!

Temporary assignments can last one day or as long as a month or more. Contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Human Resources Department today!

Call: 231-242-1563

# Health Department

## 2008 LTBB Health Fair Offered a Plethora of Activities and Information for LTBB Tribal Community Citizens

Submitted by the Health Department



More than 75 people attended the LTBB Health Fair on May 9 at the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI.



Participating LTBB Departments/Programs included Law Enforcement, who performed certified car seat checks and inspections and completed child ID kits; Health Department display of Child and Adult



Immunizations; Community Health display of "Stop Smoking" and Freedom from Smoking; Healthy Start Program display and raffle for jogging



strollers (winners were Mike Sutton and Ryan Chamblee); Community Health Department performed health screens such as glucose testing, blood pressure checks, foot exams, personal wellness profiles and patient education; the Language Program issued a Gitzemak Kidwinan (Parents Words) and CD, which were Anishinaabemowin words and phrases to say to your children; and the Head Start



Program had a table with Mickey Kilpatrick and Natalie Sovo.

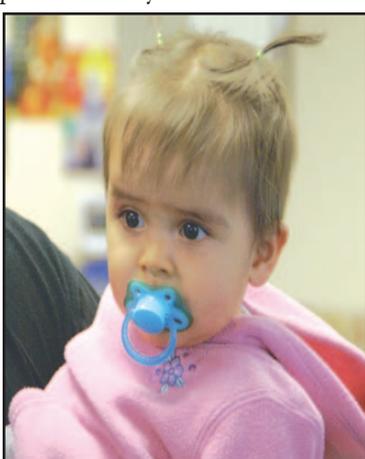
Participating outside agencies included the Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency – Head Start (A Brain Development presentation by Kaye Frang on the importance of touch/talk with your child and how it affects brain development); the Inter-



Tribal Council of Michigan (Healthy Start presentation by Rick Haverkate and Sean Kutzler on the impact the tribal Healthy Start program has made within Michigan Indian communities); Department of Human Services of Emmet County (A Safety



for Children presentation by Community Resource Director Shirley Gillespie on car safety tips and summer safety tips); CSCS of Sports Medicine (table and presentation by Sandy Willoughby PT); and Emmet County Michigan State University Extension (Family Nutrition Program presentation by Extension Educator



Carolyn Penniman on healthy food and nutrition information for families and children).

Other services provided at the health fair included a clown house for children, hair cuts by Virginia Schansema, chair massages by Andrea Otto, table massages by the Blue Heron Academy volunteers, a poker walk game throughout the health fair (Jeff Wiatrolik finished first and won a one night complimentary stay at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey and Vicki Olson finished second and won a dinner for two at Waas-no-de Buffet located inside Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey) featuring stations by Contract Health, Dental, Healthy Start, Community Health and the Gidaaki Mikanahs walking trail; and raffle and door prizes (horseshoe sets, croquet sets, frisbees, exercise videos and equipment, walking gear, bocce ball set and other items).

The Health Department would like to thank Odawa Casino Resort for the poker walk prize donations, Youth Services Coordinator Joe Lucier for manning the clown house, Virginia Schansema, Andrea Otto, Greg Keway and all the participating outside agencies and tribal agencies whose contributions made the event a success.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

## COME JOIN THE FUN AT THE 21ST ANNUAL MICHIGAN INDIAN FAMILY OLYMPICS

Submitted by the Community Health Department

The 21st Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics (MIFO) will be held July 25 at Bennett Track on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

If you would like to participate on the LTBB team, please complete the registration form below this article and mail or fax it to the Community Health Department. Please mail it to Community Health Department, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49720 or fax it to 231-242-1619. If you live in the area, you can stop by the Community Health Department located at 1080 Hager Drive in Petoskey, MI, and fill out a registration form. The Community Health Department will cover registration fees. Deadline for registration is July 11 before 5 p.m.

The MIFO will feature two new

events this year: Long Bow Archery for ages 16 and up and Fitness Circuit for the 7-15 age groups. The top three archers from each tribe regardless of gender will compete in Long Bow Archery. Each archer will have five attempts from 20 yards away and will earn points through the various rings that are hit on the circular target. There will be three stations in the Fitness Circuit: Push-ups, sit-ups and jump rope. Each participant will get one minute to do as many reps as he or she can at each station. Participants will get five minutes total to complete all three stations. This allows for a one minute rest period.

If you would like to be a volunteer for the event, please contact Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601. For each volunteer a tribe has, the tribe will get two team points. A maximum of 10 points can be earned by each tribe this way.

For more information, please contact Gibson at the aforementioned phone number.



MIFO PARTICIPANT NUMBER  
(EVENT DAY USE ONLY) #

**21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MICHIGAN INDIAN FAMILY OLYMPICS**  
Friday, July 25, 2008-Central Michigan University—Bennett Track

**Registration Form**

\*\*\*Registration Fee: \$5.00 per person for ages 5-54\*\*\*  
\*This event is open to all Native Americans and their family members who reside in the state of Michigan\*  
\*This is an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Free Event

FIRST NAME (PLEASE WRITE IN UPPER CASE LETTERING)										GENDER			
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AIS (American Indian Services)			BMIC (Bay Mills Indian Community)			DU/NAIA (Det. Urban Native American Indian Assoc.)							
CH (Chickamauga)			GLT (Gan Lake Tribe)			GR (Grand River)							
GTB (Grand Traverse Bay Band)			HIC (Hannahville Indian Community)			HP (Huron Potawatomi)							
IHFS (Indian Health and Family Services)			KBIC (Keweenaw Bay Indian Comm.)			LRB (Little River Band)							
LTBB (Little Traverse Bay Band)			MSCG (Mascoque)			PP (Pikagami Potawatomi)							
SCIT (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe)			SSM (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe)			WI (Walpole Island)			OTHER _____				

Please accept my entry in the 2008 Michigan Indian Family Olympics. I hereby state that I have conditioned myself properly for the activities I will participate in. I waive any right that I have against the Family Olympics officials, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and all the participating groups for damages or injuries occurred by my participation in the 2008 Michigan Indian Family Olympics.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be signed by a parent or guardian if participant is under 18 years old)

**PRE-REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AT:**  
<http://www.sagchipp.org/fitness/mifo/index.htm>

\*If you are sending this form to a team coordinator then they may do online registration for you.  
By pre-registering, it will allow the registration process go much quicker on the day of the event.  
For questions, please contact Jaden Harman, MIFO Event Coordinator @ (989) 775-4694

## FLOWER MAKING

Share your talent and creativity! Now is the time to start working on crepe' paper flowers for this fall's flower crowns. Crepe' paper is available for pickup any Tuesday or Thursday during the Elders Luncheon. Please contact Virginia Lewis at 231-539-8633, Harriet Kishigo-Booth at 231-838-6547 or the Elders Program at 231-242-1422 for more information.

# Education Department

## Summer Vacation Can Be the Perfect Time to Stimulate Young Minds with a Good Book from the LTBB Cultural Library

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

While your children are enjoying their summer vacations, stimulate their imaginations with some fun, fascinating books from the LTBB Cultural Library located in the Education Department at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

LTBB Tribal Citizens can check out any of the following books for three weeks.

### *The Mask Maker*

This fictional novel, written by Diane Glancy and published in 2002, was an Oklahoma Book award winner in 2003. This novel is appropriate for older children. The following is an editorial review from *Publishers Weekly* that appears on the Amazon.com website: "A Native American woman with a mixed heritage uses the art of mask making to try to reconstruct her identity after a difficult divorce in this third novel by Glancy, an unconventional but one-dimensional book that picks up protagonist Edith Lewis as she lands a part-time job traveling to an Oklahoma public school to teach her craft. Lewis' interest in masks goes far beyond her profession as the art of making them becomes her way of relating to the world after she splits up with her husband, Bill, and finds herself frustrated, angry and adrift at her loss and her inability to find a place for herself in the world. The novel alternates between problematic interludes at school and scenes with Lewis at home in Pawnee with her erstwhile boyfriend Bix and her two sons, with virtually every aspect of each scene processed according to Lewis' ability to transform the interaction into an appropriate mask. It's fascinating to watch Glancy build an entire novel around her protagonist's ability to use masks to deal with every facet of her

life from Lewis' job problems and her struggles to successfully integrate a man into her life to issues involving character and spirituality."

### *A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray*

This fictional novel, written by Ann Martin and published in 2005, is appropriate for children in grades four to six. The following is an editorial review from *School Library Journal* that appears on the Amazon.com website: "From the comfort of her new home, a dog provides a retrospective narrative of her 10 years as mostly a stray. Squirrel's voice is consistently gentle even as she describes her surroundings and life-changing events. She describes the circumstances of her birth, and conveys sadness and grief upon the disappearance of her mother, separation from her brother, and fear when fighting mean, starving dogs."

### *Men on the Moon: Collected Short Stories*

This collection of short stories, written by Simon Ortiz and published in 1999, is appropriate for older children. The following is an editorial review from *Publishers Weekly* that appears on the Amazon.com website:

"Ortiz is best known as a foremost contemporary Native American poet; his short fiction, written with a poetic emphasis on dense, potent language, is collected here for the first time. These 26 stories penned between the late '60s and the early '80s demonstrate the diversity of Native experience in modern America. Speaking in homage to, and solidarity with, his own Acoma Pueblo heritage, the author depicts American Indians in a wide range of social and geographic settings from reservations to urban

another way as two brothers listen to an old drunk tell the story of Tecumseh's war; they know Indians today need a new vision of themselves, another story to build a powerful Indian identity. A sense of gentleness and wonder pervades the piece in which a father builds his son his first kite and watches the boy's exhilaration. The language of these rich narratives reflect both Ortiz's poetic gift and his intimate knowledge of oral storytelling."

### *Not Enough Indians*

This fictional novel, written by Harry Shearer and published in 2006, is appropriate for older children. The following is an editorial review from *Publishers Weekly* that appears on the Amazon.com website:

"Shearer, probably best known for his work on 'The Simpsons' and 'This Is Spinal Tap,' sets his farcical first novel in the world of Native American-owned casinos. After being 'savaged by downsizing, by outsourcing, by plant-closing,' the citizens of withering Gammage, NY, successfully petition Washington to be recognized as the Filaquonsett tribe so they can build a casino. Their gambling operation has a negative impact on the

casino of a neighboring tribe, and that tribe settles the score by having a toxic waste dump built next to the Filaquonsett casino. It's a silly setup, and Shearer uses it to beat home points about greed, materialism and ethnic identity."

### *The Loon Feather*

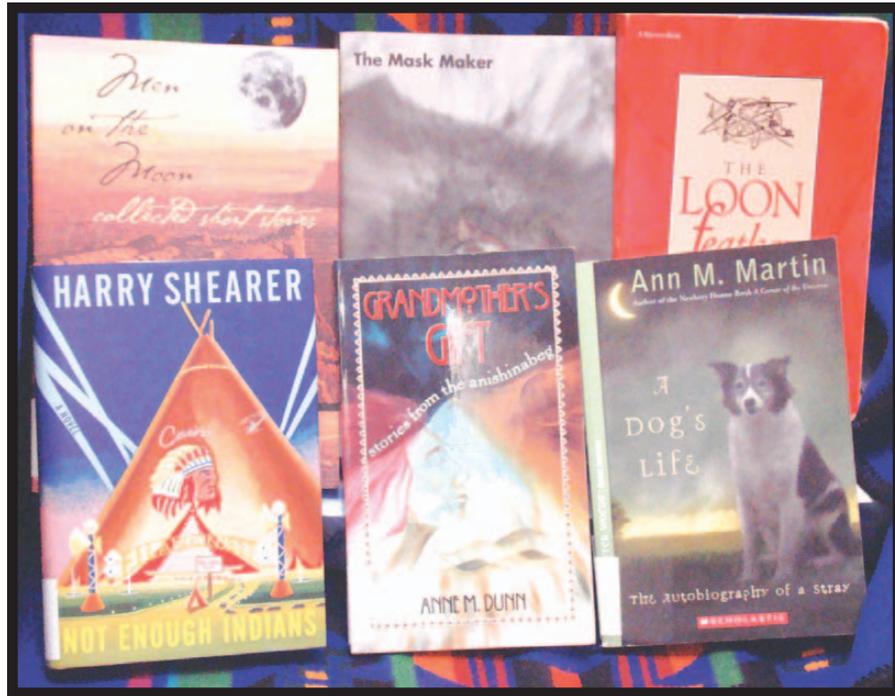
This fictional novel, written by Iola Fuller and published in 1940, was unanimously selected as the fiction winner in the Avery and Jule Hopwood awards contest for 1939 at the University of Michigan. This novel is appropriate for older children and takes place in Mackinac Island. It has been called "one of the most popular books ever written about the conflict of alien peoples." The following is a description of the novel from its back cover: "*The Loon Feather* is the story of an Indian girl, Oneta, daughter of Tecumseh, destined to grow up with the incompatible traditions of her own people and of the white traders on Mackinac Island. She learns French from a 'black coat' in a mission school, gradually becomes bound to the world of her French stepfather, Pierre Debans, and is educated in a convent in Quebec. Only when Debans, unable to reconcile tribal ways with his European background, nearly sparks an Indian uprising does Oneta make a choice between her two heritages."

### *Grandmother's Gift: Stories from the Anishinabeg*

This is a collection of 40 myths and legends told from a Native elder's perspective. It was published in 1997 and written by Anne M. Dunn, an Ojibwe author and storyteller, who lives in Cass Lake, MN.

Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



landscape. Many tales are melancholy as they trace the fates of maligned, misunderstood and often visionary characters. In the title story, an aged Pueblo man watches television for the first time, sees astronauts walk on the moon and senses a sudden, irreversible loss of mystery. A young war widow takes a job at an Indian boarding school and must say goodbye to family and friends in the short "Home Country." Another tale, set in Oklahoma, juxtaposes generations in

## It's Not Too Late. . .

You can still register for the following Entrepreneurial Essentials summer classes:

### ENT 120 Financing and Entrepreneurial Business

Meets July 8, 10, 15 and 17 from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### ENT 140 Technology and Entrepreneurship

Meets July 29, 31 & August 5, 7 from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

## Coming Soon!

Soon, you will be able to register for the fall Entrepreneurial Essentials and also in the four certificate programs below:

- Phlebotomy
- Medical Assistant
- Nurse Aid
- New Media

Classes are offered at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI and are part of the certificate program offered in partnership with North Central Michigan College (NCMC).

For more information or to register, please call Dawn at 231-242-1485 or Debbie at 231-242-1489.

**The Natural Resource Commission 2008 Annual Hunting and Fishing Meeting will be held August 23 in Lansing, MI, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Please look for more details in the August issue of Odawa Trails.**



## Upcoming Higher Education Deadlines

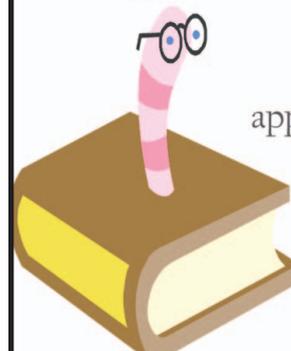
**August 1, 2008**

LTBB Elders Assoc. Scholarship application for 2008-2009 academic year

**August 1, 2008**

Merit Scholarship applications for grade reports from 2007-2008 academic year

**For applications or more information, please call Melissa Colby at 231-242-1492.**



# Housing Department

## Housing Department Programs

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. An application packet must be completed and returned to the Housing Dept. for processing to determine qualification. To obtain an application, please contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540.

**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. Please note the application packet must be received and approved in advance of your moving into the rental in order to qualify for this program.

**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 \$3,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home.

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

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

**Credit Counseling:** We provide confidential advice and referrals to assist tribal citizens in regaining their financial stability and credibility.

**Tribal Housing Rental Program:** This program is designed to assist families, for a limited time, until permanent housing can be found. Please submit a letter of interest and your application will be put on our waiting list for when LTBB rentals become available.

# Department of Commerce

## How To Become a Resident Tribal Member (RTM)

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is officially changing your address with the Enrollment Department. All RTMs are verified through Enrollment. Enrollment in turn sends the Department of Commerce (DOC) notification of your status. Please note on your Address Verification Form (AVF), you should note the township you reside in. This alerts the Enrollment Department for RTM status. When you change your address with the Michigan Secretary of State's office, you will be asked if you would like to register to vote; by doing so, it will note the township you reside in. Otherwise, ask one of the Enrollment Department staff when filling out your AVF.

Your RTM status does not become effective until the first day of the following month in which you moved.

**Example:** I changed my address with the Enrollment Department on May 3. My RTM status does not go into effect until June 1.

**It is VERY important you notify Enrollment immediately when you move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA).**

It is your responsibility to notify Enrollment of any changes in address or name; the DOC cannot backtrack or backdate documents in order to qualify for RTM status.

Being an RTM exempts you from paying state sales tax on large tangible items such as vehicles, boats, snowmobiles and off the road vehicles. It also applies to affixation to your primary place of residence. There is a form that needs to be filled out to request a Tribal Certificate of Exemption (TCE). The **request** for

this form (Request for TCE) can be found on the LTBB website [www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov) or by calling the DOC at 231-242-1584. Tribal Form 3998, which is the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption, may only be issued by the DOC with certain authorized signers. The signing order is as follows: DOC Assistant Theresa Keshick, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr., Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. and Chairman Frank Etawageshik (in the absence of DOC).

**Please note:** All RTM updates are sent to the State of Michigan on a monthly basis as close to the end of

the month as possible. If you plan to purchase a vehicle or do any remodeling to your residence, please wait until after your RTM status is effective (after the first day of the following month in which you moved); otherwise, the State of Michigan will deny your claim for a refund.

Being an RTM also exempts you from sales/use tax on utilities such as phone, Internet, satellite, gas, electric, propane and cellular service. Please fill out the **Residency Form for Tax Agreement** and return it to the address noted on the bottom of the form.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following **Michigan** taxes:

1. Sales Tax (6% of retail price) via Form 4013
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 (currently 32 cents per gallon unleaded and 28 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$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 Citizens ONLY! Purchasing tax exempt fuel and tobacco for non-tribal citizens is strictly prohibited!**
- Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit (MI Form 4013)**

The Department of Commerce mailed out Tribal 4013's (Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit) in January. Instructions were included with the form. If you have any questions regarding the form, please contact Department of Commerce Assistant Theresa Keshick at 231-242-1584. These forms were mailed only to those tribal members residing within the Tax Agreement Area.

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Housing Department**  
**7500 Odawa Circle**  
**Harbor Springs, MI 49740**  
**231-242-1540**  
**Fax: 231-242-1550**

**WAH-WAHS-NOO DA KE**  
**Elder Housing Development**

### Application Availability Notification

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Housing Department is accepting applications for our Elder Housing Development located in Harbor Springs, MI. The Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development consists of twelve, two (2) bedroom units nestled in a peaceful, country setting north of Harbor Springs, MI. Applicants must meet the following guidelines:

- MUST BE A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE
- MUST BE 55-YEARS OF AGE, HANDICAP AND/OR DISABLED OF ANY AGE
- MUST BE INCOME QUALIFIED - RENT BASED ON INCOME

Please note that Tribal identification and ALL household income/asset information must accompany your application.

Please contact the Housing Department for more information at 231-242-1540.



**Barrier Free Units Available**  
**Equal Housing Opportunity**  
**TDD: 800-649-3777**

# Enrollment Department

## Yearly Notarized Minor Address Verification Form Necessary

All minors need to have a notarized Minor Address Verification form completed yearly before November 30. No faxed or electronic versions are accepted because all forms require original signatures. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned

address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship or custodial issues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

**Editor's note:** *The Minor Address Verification form running along with this article is only an example and may not be used. However, you can download and print the Minor Address Verification form off the LTBB website, [www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov), or call the Enrollment Department to have a form mailed to you.*

# LTBB ID CARDS

If you live out of the state of Michigan 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 Biindigen Gas Station for a discount on gas and other products. The identification cards are also used for secondary proof of identification when applying for a Michigan Driver's license.

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

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
 Enrollment Office  
 7500 Odawa Circle  
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 (231) 242-1520 ■ (231) 242-1521

**MINOR CHILD/WARD OF THE COURT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM**  
 (All minor children 17 and under MUST complete his form.)

- Parents/Legal Guardians must complete this original form AND have it notarized.
- This form must be updated every year.
- DO NOT SEPARATE.
- Photocopies or Faxes are not accepted.

I am a Parent or Legal Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree that this child or ward is entitled to receive a per capita distribution check from the net gaming revenues of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. I will ensure that these funds are used for the health, education or welfare of my child or ward AND for absolutely no other purpose. I understand that I may be required to submit an accounting of the expenditure of these funds to the Tribe.

Minor children who may be wards of the Tribal Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction will have their checks forwarded to the Tribal Court and the Judge will determine to whom the funds will be disbursed for the child's health, education, welfare, and require such accounting as the Court deems appropriate.

Printed Full Name of Minor Child \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

Acknowledged before me in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day), 20\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Stamp/Seal \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Commission Expires on \_\_\_\_\_

TO BE COMPLETED BY LTBB STAFF-Do not write below this line.

Copy: Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_ DOE: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy: Accounting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

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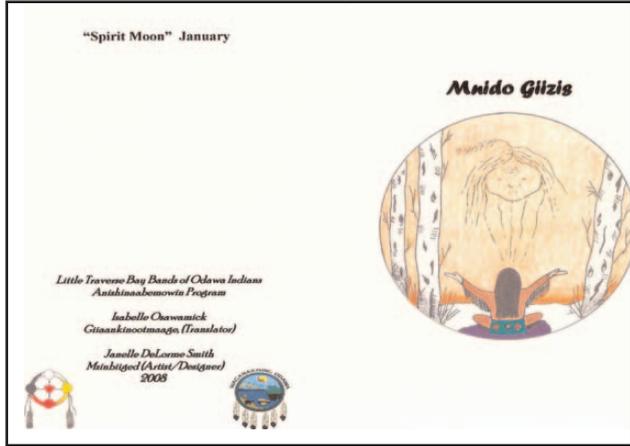
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		<b>Elders Luncheon at noon 1</b> <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>Elders Open Swim 2</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon 3</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Fourth of July 4  LTBB Governmental Offices Closed.	<b>Tribal Council 5</b> <b>Work Session</b> Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>Tribal Council Meeting 6</b> Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>Elders Open Swim 7</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  <b>Election Board Meeting</b> 1345 U.S. 31 North Petoskey, MI 6 p.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon 8</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>Elders Open Swim 9</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  Natural Resource Commission Meeting 6 p.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon 10</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.  LTBB Pow Wow Committee Movie Night LTBB Governmental Center Commons Area 7:30 p.m.	Keweenaw Bay 11 <b>Immersion</b>	<b>Economic 12</b> <b>Development</b> <b>Commission Meeting</b> 9:30 a.m.  <b>Keweenaw Bay</b> <b>Immersion</b>
<b>Keweenaw Bay 13</b> <b>Immersion</b>	<b>Elders Open Swim 14</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  <b>Health Commission Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m.  <b>Housing Commission Meeting</b> 3:30 p.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon 15</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Citizenship Commission Meeting 5 p.m.  Anishinaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>Elders Open 16</b> <b>Swim</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon 17</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Bay Mills 18 <b>Community</b> <b>College Immersion</b>	<b>Tribal Council 19</b> <b>Work Session</b> Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  Bay Mills Community College Immersion
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27	<b>Elders Open Swim 28</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon 29</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Elders Open Swim 30</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon 31</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.		

# Language Program

## Anishinaabemowin Resources



### Monthly Feature



The LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program has greeting cards, designed by Janelle Smith, available for sale.

You can purchase a single card at \$4 each or purchase a set. Included with each card or set is a vocabulary sheet in the language so you have the option of writing something in Anishinaabemowin on the inside of the card.

#### The 13 Moons

- \$20 per set includes 13 different designs, envelopes and vocabulary sheet.
- Mnido Giizis - January, "Spirit Moon"
- Mkwa Giizis - February, "Bear Moon"
- Naabdin Giizis - March, "Snowcrust Moon"
- Bopogimenh Giizis - 13th Moon, "Broken Snow Shoe"
- Ziisbaakdake Giizis - April, "Sugar Moon"
- Nmebine Giizis - May, "Sucker Moon"
- Waabgonii Giizis - June,

#### "Blossom Moon"

- Miin Giizis - July, "Berry Moon"
- Mnomin Giizis - August, "Rice Moon"
- Waabagaa Giizis - September, "Autumn Moon"
- Bnaakwii Giizis - October, "Falling Leaves Moon"
- Baashkaakodin Giizis - November, "Freezing Moon"
- Mnido Giizisoonhs - December, "Little Spirit Moon"

#### The Seven Teachings

- \$12 a set includes seven different designs with inscriptions inside the card.
- Nbwaakaawin - Wisdom
- Aakde'ewin - Bravery
- Dbaadendizwin - Humility
- Mnaadendmowin - Respect
- Zaagidwin - Love
- Gwekwaadziwin - Honesty
- Debwewin - Truth

#### Miigwech "Thank You"

**Note Cards**  
Set of 10, same design, \$10 per set.

# Love Lines



Tom Teuthorn miinwa Gwen Gasco with their daughters Tikibiinhs miinwa Tawnee. Miigwech

Netaawgijik ndaawmi, ngimkaanaa ezhiniizhiyaang aapiji nendwendamaang wiikendamaang Anishinaabemowin miinwa wiiAnishinaabemiyaang. Aapiji nzaagtoonaa gdinwewininaa. Ndebetwetamami maanda ezhizaaktoowaang Anishinaabemowin mii maanda gaaninji kweshkwadaadiiyaang, mii ge gimkaamaang shkizaagidwin. Maanda sa ji zaagidwin, ngiizhiwenmigomi ndobinoojiiminaanik. Ndobagwasendaami dash gewiinwaa jizaagtoowaad maanda Anishinaabemowin.

*As adults, we found that we both shared a strong desire to learn and speak Anishinaabemowin. We both have a great love for our language. We believe that our love for Anishinaabemowin is what brought us together, in this new kind of love. Because of this love, we have been blessed with our children. We hope that they will develop a love for Anishinaabemowin also.*

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

#### Nwebii-Giizhgodon

Baatiinwok bimaadzijik edaapinangik nwebii-giizhigadong pii niibing. Mii maanda pii binoojiinshak ezhaasgwaa kino-maagegamigong. Mii dash pii zhisewaad gwanda binoojiinshin eyowaajik wiipaa'odetowaad. Aanin Anishinaabek paazhaawok jingtamok miinwa bekish paanbwaachwewok oodi. Aanin ge'ngwaji bekaan paazhaawok, chi'odenaang paa'odetowok dekaashiiying paazhiyaawok.

Gwanda endaaajik odenaang paazhaawok ktigaankiing. Gwanda endaaajik ktigaankiing paazhaawok odenaang. Naangwadnong aanin bimaadzijik nigii'ewok shkwa'odetowaad wiikwenwebwaad jiiwbwaa maajinokiiwaad.

#### Vacation

There are many people that take their vacation during the summer. This is when the children do not go to school. This is when those ones with children have time to take a trip. Some Anishinaabeg go to the pow wow, and they also visit there. Others go somewhere else; a trip to the big city as a tourist.

Those who live in the city go to the countryside. Those who live in the countryside go to the city. Sometimes, some people go home after a trip to take a rest before they go back to work.



Archie Kiogima III miinwa Melissa Wiatroluk  
Miigwech

Gegwa aapto-jiinaake, gwaya gemjiginaasood ggodeng.  
*(Do not hold in your arms, what you cannot hold in your heart.)*



## Only the Best . . .

Since 1937, the Miss Odawa Nation crown has been worn by young Odawa ladies who demonstrate the finest qualities.

To be considered for Miss Odawa, you must be:

- Between the ages of 13-20
- Knowledgeable in all aspects of your culture
- Have a positive attitude
- Participate and dance in Pow Wow
- Be a role model for all Native American youth
- Represent the Odawa people

### Complete Entry Requirements

- Using the prompt, "What the title Miss Odawa Nation means to me." This essay should be 1½ - 2 pages double spaced in Times New Roman and a point size no larger than 11 pt.
- A 1 - 2 page personal biography
- Signed release forms (if under 18, include parent or guardian's signature)
- Public Speaking, Interview and Dance Exhibition

If you possess these qualities and would like to be considered for Miss Odawa Nation, please complete the registration forms. Each **COMPLETE** entry **MUST** have a completed essay and signed release forms or will not be considered. **The deadline for entry is July 20, 2008 by mail or fax only. No e-mail entries will be accepted.**

**For entry submission:**  
Miss Odawa Nation Pageant  
LTBB Governmental Center  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
231-242-1430 Fax

**For more information or to obtain registration forms:**  
Winnay Wemigwase 231-242-1400

Registration forms can also be obtained at the LTBB Governmental Center Front Desk or you can visit:  
[www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov) and click on the Announcements tab.

## GED PREP Classes

**Tuesday, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.**  
Odawa Casino Resort  
Administration Offices,  
911 Spring St., Petoskey, MI

**Wednesday, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.**  
LTBB Governmental Center,  
Harbor Springs, MI

**Mike Breen, Instructor**

**For more information, please call the Education Office at 231-242-1480.**

## Anishinaabe Family Wellness, Culture & Language Weekend

### Manistee, MI

July 24 - 27, 2008

**Meals Provided!  
No Registration fee!**

### Sample Itinerary

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise ceremony)	1:15 p.m. Presentations/workshops
8 a.m. - Opening Ceremony & Breakfast	2:45 p.m. Presentations/workshops
9:15 a.m. Presentations/workshops	4 p.m. Anishinaabemowin bingo or Anishinaabe baseball
10:45 a.m. Presentations/workshops	5 p.m. Dinner
12 p.m. Lunch	7 p.m. Talent Show

Some presentations are cultural teachings, language learning, drum making and others. These presentations and workshops are for all ages and are taught in English and Anishinaabemowin. We politely ask English be the second language used at this camp. First come first serve for the camping area and showers available. This great event will take place at the corner of M-22 and US 31, across from the casino. Bring your nation flag and please bring a gift for the giveaway.

Generously sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe Nation and Little River Casino Resort.

For more information or for a detailed itinerary, please visit [www.anishinaabemdaa.com](http://www.anishinaabemdaa.com) or call 231-933-6891.

# Legislative Corner



Submitted by Beatrice A. Law, Legislative Leader

*Editor's note: The following is the Annual Report of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council 2007-2008 presentation given by Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law during the May 10 Annual Membership Meeting. Complete coverage of the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting will appear in a future newsletter.*

Aanii and welcome to all Waganakising Odawa Citizens and others in attendance.

In February 2005, the new Odawa Constitution was voted on by us, the citizens, and passed. It was then we entered into a new era of Odawa history of tribal government. Three branches of government were formed, the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial, when the vote was made to accept the new Constitution as the governing document to direct the tribe in developing new and in some cases, revising old laws to govern the Odawa people who live, work and reside on our Odawa lands and nation.

Tribal Council as we knew it changed because of this document. Thus, the Legislative Branch of government was born, and the Constitution set out the 24 duties prescribed to the Legislative Branch. The Tribal Chairman heads up the Executive Branch. Tribal Council consists of nine members as opposed to seven, and the Legislative Leader is elected by Council and chairs Council meetings. The constitutional separation of powers created a new environment in the way we do business.

The Constitution states, "Tribal Council shall have the power and responsibility to make laws not inconsistent with the Constitution, including statutes and resolutions necessary to exercise tribal jurisdiction."

Statutes are passed by Council and are not enacted until the Executive Branch, the Chairperson, signs on or within 30 days. When the Chairperson signs on or within 30 days, the statute then becomes law. Should the statute not get signed within 30 days, it is deemed enacted. Should the Executive send back to Tribal Council a vetoed statute, Council can override the veto with an affirmative vote of seven of nine, and it becomes law or we may agree with the veto and the proposed legislation dies. Previously, we passed only by motion all Council business whether it be law or to buy land. Other Council responsibilities include approving land use and leases, approving all sales of dispositions of tribal lands, employing legal counsel, adopting rules of conduct to govern all levels of tribal government, raising revenues and negotiating with any other governments. Those are only a few of Council's responsibilities.

We as legislators have had to learn a new way of dealing with the challenging job outlined in the new Constitution. I believe you have a good legislative body working for you, the tribe and all its citizens. Other tribal citizens who are very essential to the work done by Council are Legislative Office Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount and Administrative Assistant Michael Smith. The outstanding work these folks do keeps the Legislative Office and Council running smoothly.

Since 2005 to date (May 10, 2008), there have been 49 laws passed and/or enacted. Although all laws are important, a few examples are the Juvenile Justice Statute, Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act revised, the Budget Formulation Process Statute and Disclosure of Public Documents.

Presently, Council continues to develop and revise laws, regulations, procedures and policies. Example: Land Use Building Regulation and Zoning Statute, Natural Resources Protection Statute and the Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute.

Another responsibility and power of Council is to establish Commissions, Committees and Boards. Over the past year, Tribal Council has established two new Committees, the Finance and Budget Committee and the Land and Reservation Committee. These Committees provide a great service to Council by doing work that helps Council run more efficient. Chairpersons of these Committees, Melvin Kiogima for the Land and Reservation Committee, and Gerald Chingwa for the Finance and Budget Committee, will speak to you after my remarks. The power to establish Commissions, Committees and Boards is under the duties of Article VII, number 16.

I would like to mention Article I which states Reserved Rights of the Membership, item number three says, "Citizens can make recommendations to the Tribal Council for future tribal enterprises, services and policies."

Just a reminder, all Tribal Council meetings are open to you the citizens. During Sunday Tribal Council meetings, there is time set aside for public comments. We welcome those comments. Additionally, the Legislative Office is available to assist tribal citizens.

Out in the hall on the Council table are items for everyone, including a copy of the Constitution, comment sheets and a drop box for those comments. All comments will be answered by a letter. The Odawa Register is located on the LTBB website, [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov), and is available to keep tribal citizens informed. We also have the Legislative Corner in the *Odawa Trails* newsletter; please look for that section usually every month.

We the Tribal Council would like to say Miigwech to you the tribal citizens for allowing us to serve. It is a pleasure, and we will be back later in the program for the question and answer period.

Miigwech to Marci Reyes (General Membership Speaker) and her team for arranging this annual meeting.

Miigwech Tribal Council Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law.

## LAND AND RESERVATION COMMITTEE CREATED BY STATUTE

Submitted by Mel Kiogima, Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson and Tribal Councilor

On January 25, 2008, the Land and Reservation Statute was enacted.

This statute established a Tribal Council Standing Committee whose purpose is to provide a process on how recommendations regarding land and reservation are ascertained and provides for the ability of the committee to interact with the Executive Branch and the Judiciary Branch on matters relating to land and reservation.

The LTBB Constitution has delegated certain powers regarding land and reservation to Tribal Council, the legislative body of our government: The power to purchase, receive by gift, or otherwise acquire lands, interests in land, personal property or other intangible assets which the Tribal Council may deem beneficial to the LTBB; request lands be placed in trust with the United States for the benefit of the LTBB when the Tribal Council deems this beneficial to the tribe; approve land use plans and zoning of lands subject to the jurisdiction of the LTBB; approve leases for tribally owned land and lands held in trust for the LTBB by the United States subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior if required by federal law; and approve all sales or dispositions of tribal lands provided such sale or disposition must also be approved by a majority vote by referendum or by a quorum at an annual membership meeting. It was because of these duties and authorities the committee was created to advise and make recommendations to the Tribal Council on these matters.

The Standing Committee is composed of three members of Tribal Council. They are Mel Kiogima, Committee Chairperson, Regina Gasco-Bentley and Dexter McNamara. The committee has met several

times already. The short-term goal is to gather together information of all that has already been done by the tribe, compile and assess it and set some short- and long-term goals for land reacquisition and the reestablishment of our reservation boundaries.

A grant has been applied for through the Indian Land Tenure Foundation of Little Canada MINN, which will allow the committee to present training over a three-day period to provide information on the strategic process and to identify important principles of land planning for the tribe. The training is intended to establish leadership vision, give staff direction and acquire community consent as LTBB refocuses its resources in achieving its land and reservation goals.

The committee is in the process of developing a survey that will be utilized to determine the needs and desires of tribal individuals, our citizens in general, tribal programs and our future generations. From the results of the survey, and with awareness of previous land activities, LTBB's strategic land management plan will be developed.

The committee encourages and welcomes your input on land and reservation matters. Please visit the Land and Reservation site on the Odawa Register under the Legislative Branch for committee member contact information, authorizing statute and the minutes to our meetings. The Land and Reservation site is located on the LTBB website, [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

*Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*

*Pictured from left to right is Tribal Councilor Dexter McNamara, Legislative Office Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Tribal Councilor Regina Gasco-Bentley and Tribal Councilor Mel Kiogima.*



### Attention Fall 2008 Students

Please remember to complete a new Michelle Chingwa Scholarship application for the new academic year. Applications are available on the LTBB website within the Education Department page ([www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)). Students can access the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver and the Merit Scholarship applications from the webpage also.

The scholarship award levels for Fall 2008 while funds are available:	
Class 1 (LTBB sponsored courses):	\$25/credit hour
Class 2 (community colleges):	\$150/credit hour
Class 3 (4 year universities):	\$250/credit hour
Class 4 (graduate level courses):	\$350/credit hour
Class 5 (free courses):	\$15/credit hour

Please contact Melissa Colby with any questions at 231-242-1492 or [mcolby@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:mcolby@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

## The Second Annual Three Fires Message Run/Relay August 17, 7 a.m.

*Kitchigame Masbiganing*  
(Lake Michigan)

**The Odawa Institute would like to announce the Second Annual Three Fires Message Run/Relay from Harbor Springs to Charlevoix. Our message Run is reminiscent of a time when messages along with a stick were passed between villages via runners and the message would then be passed on to the next runner.**

**This is an open race and participants may compete solo or as a team. The course is 26.2 miles along Blackbird Path. Water and first aid stations will be provided. Pre-registration is encouraged.**

**For more information, please contact Matt Lesky at [lesky1mw@hotmail.com](mailto:lesky1mw@hotmail.com) or visit [www.marathon.odawa.info](http://www.marathon.odawa.info).**





# Tribal Certificates of Exemption (TCEs)

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

As stated in previous *Odawa Trails* newsletters, LTBB has moved to using Tribal Certificates of Exemption (TCEs) as of January 1, 2008. Resident Tribal Members (RTMs) are exempt from sales tax on certain enumerated items such as vehicles, watercraft, and snowmobiles and other off the road vehicles. Affixations to your primary residence are also tax exempt. This portion does not include furniture. Items purchased for tribal fishing are also exempt. This would include vehicles, boats, trailers, nets, etc.

The following is the process to receive a TCE:

The RTM must request the TCE by filling out a Request for TCE form. This form is on the LTBB website [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) and the P-drive (so any LTBB Governmental Employee should be able to print it). There are also forms at the Department of Commerce (DOC) Office at 1345 U.S. 31 North in

Petoskey, MI, and at the main receptionist's desk at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The RTM then fills out the form and returns it to the DOC. There, RTM status is verified as well as the item(s) being requested to make sure it/they fall within the guidelines for exemption under the Tax Agreement. The DOC will then fill in the appropriate information and make two originals for the RTM. One will go to the vendor or seller, and the other the RTM should keep in their files. One copy will be kept in the DOC Office.

When filling out the request form, please note the following:

1. When purchasing a vehicle, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is needed prior to receiving the TCE along with Year, Make, Model and the dealership name, address and telephone number. Dealership paperwork is preferred. The same information is needed when purchasing a vehicle from an individual.
2. When making affixations to

your primary residence and you are doing the work yourself, please make a list of all the materials and supplies needed to complete the job. This will save time and stop DOC from making several phone calls.

3. When purchasing a modular or mobile home, the Mobil or Modular ID Number, Year, Make and model will be needed along with the seller's name, address and telephone number.

4. If you are using a contractor to complete the affixations to your primary residence or for new construction, the contractor will have to fill out Form 3772, MI Sales & Use Tax Certificate of Exemption, in addition to the TCE issued by DOC.

5. Cost of item(s) being purchased.

Please remember DOC Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you plan to purchase a tax-exempt item on the weekend, please contact DOC prior to doing so, so your paperwork may be completed.

Megwetch.



## Elders Program Report

By Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Elders Program Coordinator

Aanii Kikaajik!

Welcome to summer! I hope by the time you read this, the memory of spring with all the trilliums, marsh flowers and migrating birds are still fresh in your mind, and you are looking forward to our summer events.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Mt. Pleasant, MI, will host our next Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting, July 14-16. We look forward to meeting with our fellow tribal associates. Nominations for the President and Secretary of MIEA will be taken.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is hosting the Anishinaabe Family Wellness, Culture and Language Weekend again this year, July 24-27.

The 21st Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics (MIFO) is the same weekend; you can contact Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601 for registration information.

I like the way our cafeteria style luncheons are coming along. The elders now have a month's menu in advance. As soon as we get the monthly

menu, it is sent to our dietician for her comments and for any changes. Then, we make copies to give to the elders at lunch.

We often have guests at our luncheons, but in June, we went to the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' luncheon in Charlevoix, MI. That was a nice change for our meal time.

The Food and Utility Program funding for elders, who will reach the age of 55 in 2008, has been greatly received. To receive reimbursement for food and utilities, the food purchased or utilities paid must be purchased or paid for during 2008. Please read the application letter carefully; not doing so could result in a long delay in getting your reimbursement. Remember to send in the signed application form with your receipts before September 30!

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

The Elders Program is finalizing its policies and procedures manual. It feels great to have these policies and procedures in place.

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

## Summer Fun For Everyone At The Library!



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## ODAWA HOMECOMING Canopy Policies

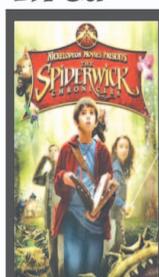


### ATTENTION!

- All Canopies must have at least one participant (dancer/singer).
- Set-up begins at 5 p.m., Friday, August 8 (NO EXCEPTIONS!).
- Canopy space is limited to a 10' x 10' area.
- YOU are responsible for canopy area CLEAN UP before leaving.
- All interested parties MUST check in with Pow Wow Committee Member prior to setting up.
- Canopy is limited to ONE per FAMILY even if there are multiple participants (NO EXCEPTIONS!).

LTBB Pow Wow Committee  
Presents  
**A Night at the Movies**  
July 10 @ 7:30 p.m.  
LTBB Commons Area

Come join us as we present  
**"The Spiderwick Chronicles."**  
Admission is free and concessions will be available.



Contact Annette VanDeCar at 231-242-1427 or Winnay Wemigwase at 231-242-1453 for more information.

# On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Annette VanDeCar

## Michigan

July 4-5

27th Annual Sault Tribe Pow Wow and Summer Gathering in Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Contact Information: Josh Homminga at 906-632-7494 or jhomminga@sault-tribe.net or www.saulttribe.com

July 5-6

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 14th Annual Traditional Jiingtamok in Manistee, MI

Contact Information: 1-888-723-8288 or 231-723-8288

July 25-27

30th Keweenaw Bay Traditional Pow Wow in Baraga, MI

Contact Information: 906-524-4411 or 906-353-6623

July 26-27

Bellevue Dancing Cranes Pow Wow in Bellevue, MI  
Contact Information: Frank Snyder or Leslea Boyd at 269-763-3197

July 26-27

Traditional Gagaguwon Pow Wow in Oscoda, MI

Contact Information: Joe and Sue Ireland at 989-739-1994 or Oscoda Chambers at 1-800-235-4625

August 1-3

24th Annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Pow Wow in Mt. Pleasant, MI

Contact Information: Angel Loonsfoot at 1-800-746-2157, ext. 55701, Melissa Montoya at 989-775-4110 or Maia Montoya at 989-775-4227

August 8-10

26th Lac Vieux Desert "The Place Where Eagles Dance" Honoring Our Elders Traditional Pow Wow in Watersmeet, MI

Contact Information: 906-358-4577, ext. 108 or www.lvdtribal.com

August 9-10

17th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow in Harbor Springs, MI

Contact Information: Winnay Wemigwase at 231-242-1453 or Annette VanDeCar at 231-242-1427

Vendor Information: Marci Reyes at 231-838-4172

August 9-10

Third Black River Pow Wow and Historical Gathering in Wadhams, MI

Contact Information: 810-985-8669 or www.blackriverpowwow.com

August 9-10

32nd Leonard J. Pamp Traditional Pow Wow in Union City, MI

Contact Information: 810-459-8258

August 15-17

16th Gathering of the Eagles Pow Wow in Hessel, MI

Contact Information: 906-484-2727 or www.saulttribe.com

August 15-17

Peshawbestown Traditional Pow Wow in Peshawbestown, MI

Contact Information: 231-534-7750 or 231-534-8410

August 23-24

Rendezvous at the Straits Pow Wow in Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Contact Information: Darryl Brown at 906-643-8717 or 1-800-338-6660

August 30-31

23rd Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa (Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest) Contest Pow Wow in Dowagiac, MI

Contact Information: Michaelina Magnuson at 269-591-5616 or Michaelina.magnuson@pokagon.com

August 30-31

16th Honoring Our Elders Traditional Pow Wow in Hart, MI

Contact Information: 231-894-8361

## Wisconsin

July 4-6

36th Annual Oneida Contest Pow Wow in Oneida, WI

Contact Information: 920-496-7897, 1-800-236-2214, www.oneidanation.org or lpowless@oneidanation.org

July 5-6

30th Annual Red Cliff Traditional Pow Wow in Red Cliff, WI

Contact Information: 715-779-5597, 715-779-3700, www.redcliff-nsn.gov or mark.montano@redcliff-nsn.gov

July 11-13

26th Annual Bear River Anniversary Traditional Pow Wow in Lac du Flambeau, WI

Contact Information: 715-588-3333 or bobbelm@hotmail.com

July 17-20

35th Annual Honor the Earth Traditional Pow Wow in Hayward, WI

Contact Information: 715-634-8924, www.lcoschools.bia.edu or lco\_hte@yahoo.com

July 18-20

Neesh-La Pow Wow in Baraboo, WI

Contact Information: Jerry Cleveland at 608-355-9608

July 25-27

Ninth Annual Nations of Warriors Traditional Pow Wow in Antigo, WI

Contact Information: Sue and Stan Halving at 715-588-3695

August 1-3

42nd Annual Menominee Nation Contest Pow Wow in Keshena, WI

Contact Information: 715-799-5113 or 715-799-4849

August 22-24

29th Annual Bad River Traditional Pow Wow in Odanah, WI

Contact Information: 715-682-7151 or 715-685-9989

August 22-24

34th Annual St. Croix Wild Rice Fest Traditional Pow Wow in Danbury, WI

Contact Information: 715-656-4406 or 1-800-236-2195, ext. 5338

## Minnesota

July 3-6

Red Lake Nation Independence Day Traditional Pow Wow in Red Lake, MN

Contact Information: 218-679-3341 or 218-679-3224

July 4-6

Aabita-Niibing Traditional Pow Wow in Cass Lake, MN

Contact Information: 218-335-7400, 218-335-7034 or jerry.morgan@leechlakegaming.com

July 11-13

Prairie Island Contest Pow Wow in Welch, MN

Contact Information: 1-800-554-5473 or www.prairieisland.org

July 18-20

Mee-Gwich Mahnomen Days Pow Wow in Cass Lake, MN

Contact Information: Mary Bebeau at 218-246-2554, Tana Morgan at 218-246-3156 or Luke Wilson at 218-335-4404

July 25-27

Onigum Traditional Pow Wow in Onigum, MN

Contact Information: 218-335-7034, 218-335-7400 or jerry.morgan@leechlakegaming.com

July 25-27

Pine Point Traditional Pow Wow in Ponsford, MN

Contact Information: 218-573-2154 or 218-573-3007

July 26

Keepers Traditional Pow Wow in Pipestone, MN

Contact Information: Bud Johnston at 507-825-3734 or www.pipekeepers.org

August 1-3

15th Annual Dakota Traditional Wacipi Spirit of the Eagle in Granite Falls, MN

Contact Information: 320-564-6016, 320-564-2360, www.upperprouxcommunity-nsn.gov or theresa@prairiesedge-casino.com

August 1-3

30th Annual Honoring Sobriety Traditional Pow Wow in Sawyer, MN

Contact Information: 218-879-6731

August 8-10

Grand Portage Rendezvous Traditional Pow Wow in Grand Portage, MN

Contact Information: 218-475-2239, 218-475-2415 or www.grandportage.com

August 15-17

Red Lake Nation Fair Traditional Pow Wow in Red Lake, MN

Contact Information: 218-679-3341 or zaagaate@paulbunyan.com

August 15-17

42nd Annual Mille Lacs Traditional Pow Wow in Mille Lacs, MN

Contact Information: 320-532-7496, 320-532-8800 or mj@grandcasino.com

August 15-17

Shakopee Mdewakanton Contest Pow Wow in Prior Lake, MN

Contact Information: 952-445-8900, 952-496-6160, www.shakopeedakota.org or www.mysticlake.com

August 22-24

28th Annual Cha Cha Bahning Traditional Pow Wow in Inger, MN

Contact Information: jerry.morgan@leechlakegaming.com, Donna Cloud at 218-659-2995, Dorothy Robinson at 218-659-2708 or Selma Jackson at 218-659-2704

August 23

Callaway Community Kiimiiwin Traditional Pow Wow in Callaway, MN

Contact Information: 218-375-4900 or roymas@arvig.net

August 29-31

Wee Gitchie Ne Me E Dim Contest Pow Wow in Cass Lake, MN

Contact Information: 218-335-7400, jerry.morgan@leechlakegaming.com

## WILL YOUR 2008 PER CAPITA BE LATE?

Adults: If you are 18 and up, you must have an address verification form on file. If you turn 18 by November 20, 2008, contact the Enrollment Department.

-If your mailing and physical address are the same, you must have your address verification form WITNESSED.

-If your mailing and physical address are not the same, you must have the address verification form notarized.

\*Individual tribal citizens may have their checks mailed to an address other than their own, but they MUST complete two forms: Designee address verification form AND address verification form. Example: Incarcerated.  
Minors/Legally Incompetent: All minors must have an address verification form each year before a check is issued.

### IMPORTANT

If your address is not current or your minor child does not have a 2008 address verification form on file, this will delay the 2008 per capita check in December 2008.

Verification forms can be obtained online at <http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment.htm>.

For any questions, please call us at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORMS TO:**

**LTBB Enrollment Office  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740**

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Head Start is a great place to start your child's education. Here's why:

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7 - 10 YEARS	JUNE 23 - 27	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
11 - 14 YEARS	JULY 7, 9, 11	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

**SPACE IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER YOUR CHILD SOON! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 231-242-1480.**

## To Honor the Graduates

The Education Department and the Education Commission will host a Graduation Celebration for the LTBB tribal community on Friday, August 8, at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Dinner and ceremony begin at 6 p.m.

If you are a graduate or a family member of a graduate and would like to attend, please contact the Education Department at 231-242-1480 to RSVP.

Again, we are hoping all graduates (High School, GED, Vocational, College and Post-graduate) contact us with their graduation information.

# Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

## The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

### Tribal Council Meeting May 4, 2008

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:32 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Alice Yellowbank  
Council Present: Legislative Leader

Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Marvin Mulholland

Absent: Councilor Shirley Oldman

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Executive Assistant Rebecca Atkinson

Guests: Marie Miller, Fred Kiogima, Marty VandeCar

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt the agenda for May 4, 2008 with additions.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the Minutes of April 20, 2008 as corrected.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

No Elder's comments at this time.

Tribal Resolution #040608-01: Tribal Council revokes the Tribal Chair's Authority to Establish a Commercial Plan for the Victories Site and Provides for a Preliminary Analysis and Feasibility Study for Victories Site in the Amount of \$35,000 from Prior Period Funds. This Resolution was deemed enacted without the Executive signature and was on the agenda for discussion only.

10:22 a.m. Recess called.

10:31 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Council Resolution: Tribal Council Code of Conduct and Ethics Committee Hearing Procedures.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

The Natural Resources Protection Statute proposed legislation, was reviewed for changes.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to place the Fair Employment Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Harrington, Jr., Councilor Mulholland), - 0 Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to place the Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to place the Trust Fund Board Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

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

11:46 a.m. Public Comment closed.

12:01 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:32 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Mulholland to place the Management and Labor Relations Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Harrington, Jr.), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

The Third Quarter Executive Program Reports were reviewed.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution: Tribal Prosecutor Responsibilities in State Court Child Welfare Proceedings.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Kiogima to pass the Enrollment for Citizenship Statute.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to pass the Dissolution of Marriage Statute.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

3:09 p.m. Public Comment opened: Fred Kiogima spoke regarding the Management and Labor Relations Statute with regard to picketing, the simultaneous breakdown of slot machines with regard to the time it took to get the machines to produce cash outs, the Enrollment for Citizenship Statute blood quantum quotient history of how calculations are computed.

3:19 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:19 p.m. Recess called.

3:25 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated April 16, 2008 for a total of 4.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Kiogima, Councilor McNamara, Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to approve Enrollment List B - Declination Ineligible dated April 16, 2008 for a total of 1.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Harrington, Jr.), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Kiogima, Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Mulholland to send to the Land and Reservation Committee Tribal Resolution request Approval for Residential Lease of Tribally Owned Land.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report with confidential items contained therein.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

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

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept Councilor Harrington, Jr., Bay Mill's Board of Regents travel report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept Councilor Harrington, Jr., Bay Mill's Board of Regents travel report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept the Legislative Services Attorney's verbal and written report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Yellowbank for Tribal Council attendance at the United Tribes Meeting in May 2008 in Lansing, Michigan and the Tribal / State Summit in June 2008 in Manistee, Michigan.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

4:01 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adjourn.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected.

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary  
Date  
May 18, 2008

Closed Session: none

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

Opening Ceremony: Dexter McNamara  
Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2008

**July 5 Work Session**  
**July 6 Council Meeting**  
**July 19 Work Session**  
**July 20 Council Meeting**

**August 2 Work Session**  
**August 3 Council Meeting**  
**August 16 Work Session**  
**August 17 Council Meeting**

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### Legislative Tribal Council Members

**Beatrice A. Law**, Legislative Leader  
**Regina Gasco-Bentley**, Secretary  
**Gerald Chingwa**, Treasurer  
**Shirley Oldman**, Councilor  
**Melvin L. Kiogima**, Councilor  
**Fred Harrington, Jr.**, Councilor  
**Alice Yellowbank**, Councilor  
**Dexter McNamara**, Councilor  
**Marvin Mulholland**, Councilor

A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Marvin Mulholland, Councilor Shirley Oldman

Absent: Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.  
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice Chair William Denemy  
Guests: Fred Kiogima, Tom Teuthorn, Rebecca Atkinson

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt the agenda with additions for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, in honor of Tribal Citizen Rita Gasco Shepard. We wish Rita well and send her our heartfelt prayers during her illness. Rita formerly served as the Elder Appellate Justice for Tribal Court for many years and was the First Chief Appellate Justice under the Tribe's new Constitution until she retired earlier this year. She has touched many lives in her work with the formation of the peacemaking program for the court and was one of the facilitators in its first talking circle. She has been

instrumental in turning around the lives of many of our youth struggling with substance abuse issues. Her contribution to the Odawa Youth Healing to Wellness Team and participants will forever be carried in the hearts of these individuals and families and will continue to assist and be a reminder to these participants on their road to wellness.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the Minutes of May 4, 2008, as corrected.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

There were no Elder Comments at this time. Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Legal Confidentiality of Historical Report and Records.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Approval for Residential Lease on Tribally Owned Land 2008-01 at Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke Tribal Housing.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplement Funding for Natural Resource Department Fish Hatchery Construction in the Amount of \$300,000 to come from Prior Period Funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding for Elders Program for Food Assistance and Utility Reimbursement Program in the Amount of \$38,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2008 to come from Prior Period Funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act Supplemental Appropriation of \$163,650 to Fund Current Scholarship Levels and Rates for FY 2008 from Prior Period Funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

10:34 a.m. Recess called.

10:44 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Using Sustainable Foods and Ecological Approaches for Community Health Promotion Project.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor Mc-

Namara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.  
Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution Approval for Grant Agreement Between the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians - Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism, 08-09.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report with confidential items contained therein.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

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

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

11:44 a.m. Public Comment opened: Tom Teuthorn spoke regarding \$640 per month daycare costs and the request for the Tribe to have a daycare for employees. Fred Kiogima spoke commending Tribal Council for the two month start-to-finish action regarding the old Victories Casino site feasibility study. Fred also spoke regarding Tribal preference and the enforcement of the statute. Tom Teuthorn again spoke regarding the Tribal Preference in hiring and the creation of jobs for Tribal Citizens.

11:53 a.m. Public Comment closed.  
Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Chingwa to accept the verbal and written Land and Reservation Committee report given by Councilor Kiogima, Chairperson.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the verbal and written report from the Ethics Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the verbal and written report from the Ethics Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to dissolve the Ethics Ad Hoc Committee.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Councilor McNamara's verbal report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Services Attorney's verbal and written report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara for Tribal Council attendance at the rescheduled United Tribes Meeting in June 2008 in Manistee, Michigan.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to adjourn at 12:45 p.m.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary  
Date

Lines  
From our  
Membership



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy belated 80th birthday to my Dad, **Augustine Kiogima, Sr.** Love ya, your son Fred.



Happy birthday to **Chandler Kiogima** on June 29. Love, your family.

The Gasco family would like to wish our sister **Pearl (Gwen)** a very happy birthday on July 8. May your special day be everything you dreamed of. Love, the Gasco Clan.

Happy birthday to my little seeeester **Kimmy Symanski** on July 18. We love you!! Michele and Greg.

Happy birthday to cousin **Laura Jean Boda**. We love you, sweetie. Mary Burks, Eddie and family.

Happy birthday to **Rita Blacklock** on July 31. Wishing you happiness and joy on your special day. Love, Linda and Kacie.

Happy birthday to **Grandpa Petoskey**. My wish for you is you have many more birthdays. Love, Michael.

Happy birthday **Mom**. You're the greatest! Love, Alonzo and Alexa.

Happy birthday to **Michael Arthur**, our own Mick Jagger. From the Slick sisters & Sunshine.

Happy birthday to **Uncle Joey Lucier** on July 8. Lots of love from your Little Sister and Nephew.

Happy 50th birthday to **Brian Carver** on July 19. Now, you can use that AARP card and get some discounts! Love from the Woman of the House and your kids.

Happy birthday to my sister, **Sandra Yoder**, on July 5. Have a wonderful day! Love from your sister, Deb.

Happy birthday wishes to **Patrick** and **Richard Wemigwase**. With love, from Shannon and Charlotte.

**Michael Arthur** is having a birthday and is wished the best of everything by Aunt Shirley, Uncle Stu and the whole Adkins family.

Happy birthday to our little niece and godchild **Isabella Kimberly Portman** on July 14 and her mama Shannon on July 24. Love you both! (Aunt) Michele and (Uncle) Greg.

Happy 20th birthday to **Justine Keshick** on July 30. Love, Aunt Linda and Kacie.

## BIRTHDAYS

We wish to say happy birthday to **Gloria Uleski, James Naganashe, Brandon Berry, Kenneth Dewey, Kim Yates, Eli Boda, Stanley Bozelle Dewey, Arlena Chauce, Melissa Naganashe, Brandon Shenoskey, Basil Naganashe, Veronica Shananaquet, Eric Naganashe, Ronald Boda II, Trisha James, Nancy Shananaquet, Diane Herny, Cole Hume, Annette K., Sam Shananaquet, Jr., Nicholas Naganashe, Felicia Wilson Boda** and **Maddison Bott. From Dorothy and Dan Boda.**

Happy birthday to **Dianna Lynne** on the 31st of July. It's been a pleasure having you around this summer. Good luck at Google! Aunt Gina and Brian.

Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear **Andi**, happy birthday to you! May you have cheer and joy on July 13. Keep those strikeouts coming. Love, the Gasco and Searles families.

Happy 28th birthday to **Joe Lucier** on the 8th. You've come a long way, and we're happy for you. From Aunt Gina and Brian.

Happy birthday cousin **Rita Blacklock** on July 31. May all your wishes and dreams come true this year! We love you, Suzanne (Don), Michele/Greg, Dan/Joie, Kim/Tim, Don/Shannon and all the kids!

**Grandpa**, I hope your birthday is as special as you are. Hope your day is full of fun and happiness. Love, Tina and Jason.



Happy birthday to **Cathy Portman** on July 19. Don't clown around tooooooo much! Love ya cousin, Michele and Greg.

Happy birthday to my cousins, **Rita (Napont) Blacklock, Maritza Fuerte** and **Zoe Russell** on July 31 and birthday wishes to my nephew, **Justin Keshick**, on July 30. Hope you all have wonderful days!!! Love, T and the boyz.

Happy birthday to **Stella Kay** on July 15, and **Dianna Kay** on July 31. Love, Sara and Tavien.

Happy 21st birthday to my niece, **Mitz**, on July 31. Have a fun and safe birthday! Aunt Lin and Kacie.

Happy birthday to **Great-Grandpa Petoskey** who will be celebrating his birthday on July 22. Hope your day is as special as you are. Love, Little Michael.

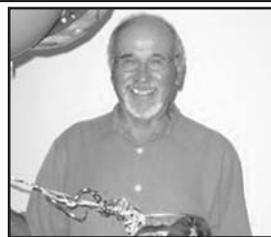
## BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to **Thomas Teuthorn** on July 14. Hopefully, this year will bring peace and serenity to you. Oh, we already have a dinner planned at a restaurant in Traverse City for ya! The Gascos.

We are sending lots of love and birthday wishes to our "**Mom**" **Marilyn Williams** on July 24. Enjoy this very special day. Your children, Robin, Dorothy, Kelly and Brook.

Happy birthday **Suzeque** on the 15th. Have fun at the pool, sis. Gina.

Gchinendam Dibeshkan **My brother, younger brother**, happy birthday. You will forever be my brother in my heart and spirit. Gzaagin and many more M.A.D. From your brudder Anthony.



If you see this old timer around, wish him a happy 80th!!!! Love you **Dad!!!** Jen and Glory-B.

Wishing **Bill McMillan** a very happy birthday on July 12 from Tarbaby, Aunt Nell and the rest of the Harmon tribe. Also, from your family in Gaylord.

Happy birthday nephew, **Michael Arthur**. We love you the muchest. Aunt Mary & Eddie.

Happy belated birthday to **Kathy Stilwell** and her daughter, **Vada**, on June 16. I miss you both very much. Love, Mom/Grandma Deb.

Happy birthday on July 11 to the best daughter anyone can ask for. I hope your day is as special as you are, **Eva!** Love, Mom, Dad and your brothers.

The family and friends of **Ronald Bottoms** wishes him a happy birthday on July 24. Have a great day and a great year.



Happy 37th birthday to **Gwen Gasco** on July 8. My, how cute you were as a little girl. What happened? Just kidding. Hope you have a great day and a great year. From Guess Who. Gotcha.

Happy birthday to our birthday girl, **Joyful**, on July 27! Love, Mom, Dad, Mshkoadekwe, McKenzie and Cameron.

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to my **Dad, Roland Petoskey**, who will be celebrating his 85th birthday on July 22. Love, Marcia.

Happy birthday **USA**, the best place in the world to be. Mary Burks.

## Chi Miigwetch



### Thanks a Million

Sometimes, there are times when it seems like saying thank you just isn't enough, and this is where I find myself. I want to say, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart" to all the special people who are thinking of me. Many would stop by just to say, "Hi," and ask, "How are you doing?" To these people, I say thank you. Many pray for me (and still do) and I say, "Thank you." Some send me cards saying, "Thinking of You," and I say thank you. I get calls from friends across the miles just to say I wanted to call to ask, "How are you feeling?" and I say thank you. Thank you for everyone's generosity. Thank you to everyone who gave to the fundraisers held on my behalf. It took a lot of organizing and planning from a lot of extraordinary people. Many donated items for the raffle, bake sales, silent auction and dinner, and many made monetary donations. To all of them, I say thank you. To anyone who purchased a ticket, raffle item, attended the dinner or participated in any way, I want to say, "Thanks a Million" and "Many Miigwetches" to the doctors and nurses and professionals who are helping me through this journey. Finally, thank you from the bottom of my heart to the best community in the whole wide world. From Shirley Naganashe-Oldman and family.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Happy anniversary to **Joe** and **Cassy Lucier** on July 22. Love, Sara and Tavien.

Happy anniversary to **Justin** and **Chris Shananaquet, Glorie** and **Jean Uleski** and **Russell** and **Kim Worthington**. From Dorothy and Don Boda.

## CONGRATSS!

Congratulations to **LTBB Tribal Citizen Tec Adams**, who finished fifth in the 3,200 meter run at the Division 3 Track and Field State Finals on May 31.

## CONGRATSS!



Congratulations to **Tony Lyle**, our nephew and grandson of Marilyn Williams, who recently graduated from Davenport University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Management with a specialty in Governance in Leadership. He also earned Associate degrees in Arts and Arts in Business Administration from Grand Rapids Community College. We are very proud of you! Your Aunt Robin, Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Brook.

## Birth Announcements



**Anthony James Atkinson** was born on March 12. He weighed six pounds and three ounces. His parents are Anthony and Rebecca Atkinson of Harbor Springs, MI. His grandparents are James and Cloenda Fisher of Harbor Springs and Gretel Stevenson of St. Elizabeth, Jamaica.



**Wedaase Marcus Gasco** was born on May 2 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI. He weighed seven pounds and 5.6 ounces and was 19.25 inches long. His parents are Regina and James Marcus Gasco of Petoskey. His sibling is Mkoohns Gasco. His grandparents are Regina, Sr. and Archie Kiogima, Jr. of Levering, MI, James Walter Gasco of Petoskey and Esther Marcus of Petoskey.

## BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to our beloved mother **Eva "Evil" Hinmon** from your sons, Nick and Luis. We love and miss you. We'll be back together soon.

# Environmental Services

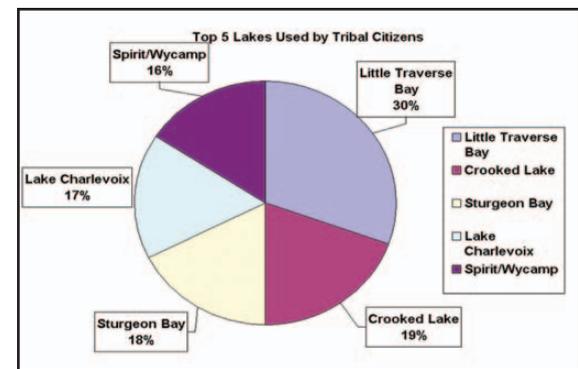
## TRIBAL WATER QUALITY SURVEY RESULTS

Submitted by the Environmental Services Department

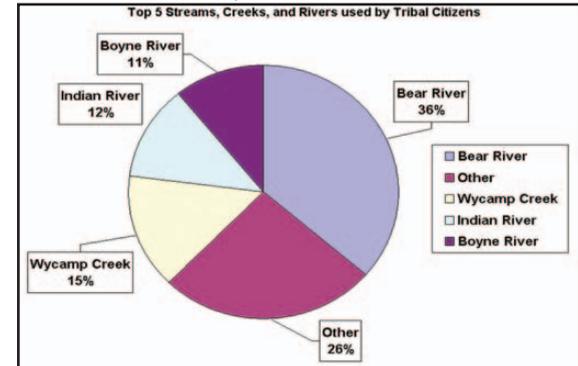
The Environmental Services Department wants to thank everyone who participated in the Tribal Water Quality Survey as well as congratulating Doug Craven on winning the kayak! Your information is of great help to the Environmental Services Department's Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program.

Tribal Citizens were asked to identify lakes and streams, creeks and rivers they use for swimming, boating, fishing, cultural and sightseeing purposes. Their choices of lakes, streams, creeks and rivers were water bodies adjacent to or within the treaty delineated reservation boundaries. They were also asked during what seasons and how often they went to these water bodies for these specific purposes. This survey will identify Tribal Uses, influence program and future regulation decisions and show whether or not monitoring and data needs are being met to protect water bodies based on Tribal Uses. We had 46 Tribal Citizens take the survey and 54% of persons surveyed showed interest in participating in a Tribal Water Quality Workgroup.

The top five lakes used by Tribal Citizens for various uses are depicted in the pie chart below.

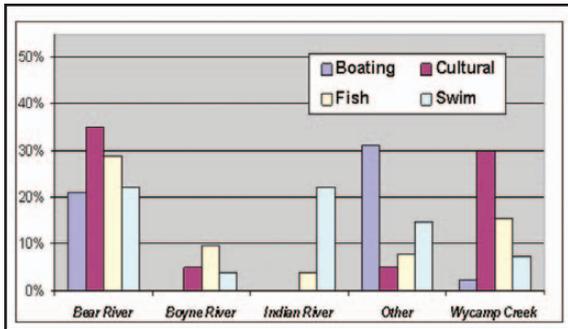


The top five streams, creeks and rivers used by Tribal Citizens for various uses are depicted in the pie chart below. The pie labeled **other** is a stream, creek or river not on the list of choices provided. Some of these **other** water bodies include but are not limited to: Cheboygan, Sturgeon and Jordan Rivers, Inwood and Magees Creek in Charlevoix County, MI, and Porter Creek in Gaylord, MI.



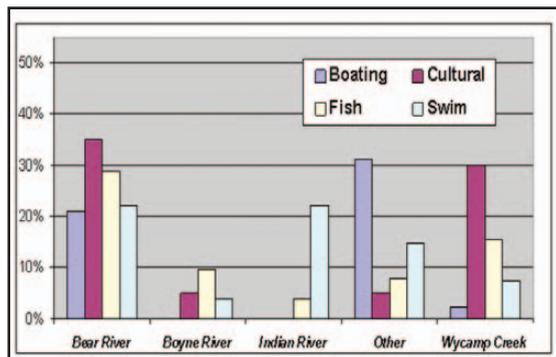
### Lakes

The following chart is a percentage breakdown of the uses (boating, cultural, fishing and/or swimming) among the top five lakes. Spirit/Wycamp Lake has the highest percentage of Tribal Citizens using local lakes for cultural/ceremonial purposes. Little Traverse Bay was used the most by swimmers followed by Sturgeon Bay. Crooked Lake was used the most by local boaters and fisherman.



### Streams, Creeks, & Rivers

The chart below is the same as above except it relates to the top five streams, creeks and rivers. The Bear River has the highest percentage of Tribal Citizens using the water for cultural/ceremonial purposes. Indian River has the highest percentage for swimming. Boating, which includes kayaking and canoeing, is done on other water bodies not given as a choice in the survey. Fisherman chose the Bear River as their top fishing spot out of the five streams, creeks and rivers.



Again, thank you to all who participated in this survey. If you were unable to attend or take the survey at the Annual LTBB Community Meeting but have an interest in participating or have any questions regarding the Tribal Water Quality Survey results, please feel free to contact Water Quality Specialist Kira Davis at 231-242-1572 or kdavis@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

### LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT FOURTH ANNUAL HUNTERS SAFETY COURSE

JULY 19 AND 20, 2008

CLASSROOM TIME JULY 19, 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
NRD BUILDING IN HARBOR SPRINGS MI.

RANGE TIME JULY 20, 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

HARBOR SPRINGS GUN CLUB IN HARBOR SPRINGS MI.

BRING A SACK LUNCH.

THE CLASS IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 20 STUDENTS TO REGISTER.

TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASS, PLEASE CALL 231-242-1670.

### Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

If you live in Michigan and need assistance with fuel oil, propane, electric, natural gas or wood/coal and are low income, please stop by Human Services at 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI or call 231-242-1626 for an application.

You can apply once during October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 for each type of assistance available.

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

Applications for all programs are accepted until funds run out.

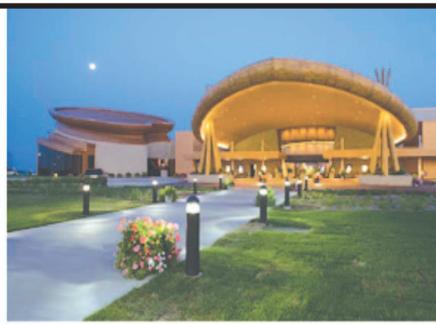
A limited supply of heaters, window plastic kits and weatherstripping are available for pickup at the Human Services Building during regular business hours.

### We Have Jobs!

Tribal Citizens, it's not too late to get your dream opportunity at YOUR Odawa Casino Resort!

Please apply online at [www.odawacasino.com](http://www.odawacasino.com) and check out the list of available jobs.

You may direct any employment questions to Recruiter Lynn Trozzo at 231-439-5380.



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8430 M-119  
231-487-9390

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(NEXT TO SUBWAY)  
231-548-5997

KALKASKA  
559 S. CEDAR (131)  
800-757-5997

## Health Department

### AFTER HOURS CLINICS FOR LTBB TRIBAL PATIENTS

Weekend Urgent Care Alternatives

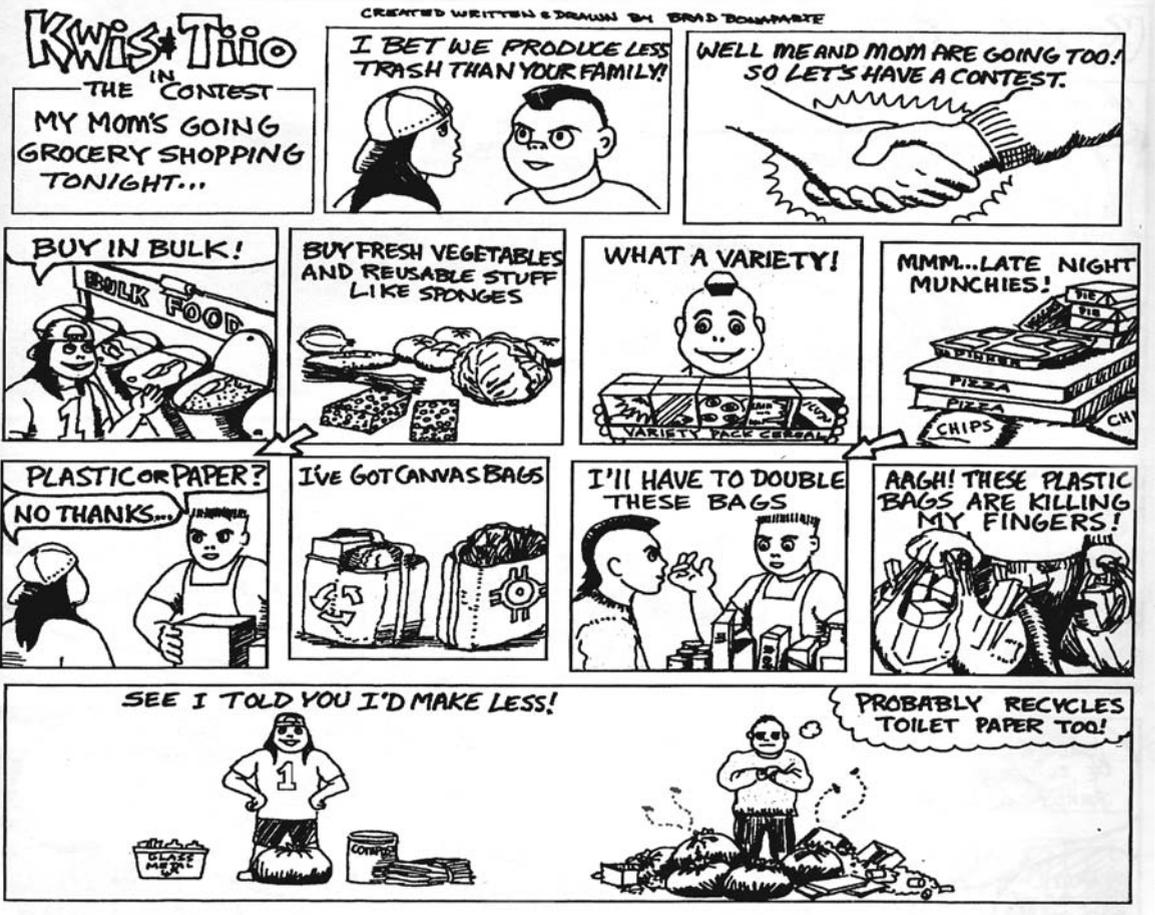
Quick Care Walk-In Medical Center  
116 W. Mitchell Street  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-348-2828



Boyne Country Urgent Care  
1937 M-119  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-348-9200

These clinics can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.

When using one of these providers, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.



# Native News



## TIPS FOR SAVING MONEY ON CAR FUEL

under-inflated tires aren't just dangerous — they devour fuel economy by as much as 25%! Over-inflated tires aren't efficient either. Keep your tires balanced and in alignment.

### Lighten Your Load

Carry only the bare necessities — don't haul things in your trunk. For every extra 250 pounds your engine hauls, the vehicle loses approximately one mile per gallon in fuel economy.

### Use the Right Octane Level for Your Car

Using premium gasoline in an engine designed to run on regular doesn't improve performance.

### Don't Top Off Your Tank

Trust the auto shutoff. Overfilling can lead to wasted gas.

### Be Sure Your Gas Cap is Tight

Some studies found improperly

sealed gas caps allow 147 million gallons of fuel to vaporize every year in the U.S.

*Drive at a Constant, Moderate Speed*  
Edmunds.com found the best way to improve fuel efficiency was to accelerate slowly and to brake over a longer distance. Aside from purchasing a new vehicle, *this is the single most effective step you can take to reduce your costs.* According to [fuel-economy.gov](http://fuel-economy.gov): "As a rule of thumb, you can assume each five miles per hour (mph) you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.20 per gallon for gas."

### Don't Idle

Turn off your engine if you'll be idling for more than 30 seconds. Starting your vehicle does use a burst of fuel, but not as much as allowing the engine to idle too long.

By **Bob Bateman**, Biindigen General Manager

*Editor's note: With fuel prices continuing to soar, Bob Bateman offers some helpful tips for LTBB Tribal Citizens. Bateman, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, has worked as the Biindigen General Manager since October 30, 2006.*

### Vehicle Maintenance

A dirty air filter can reduce gas mileage up to 20%. Spark plugs in poor condition can reduce gas mileage up to 12%. In addition,

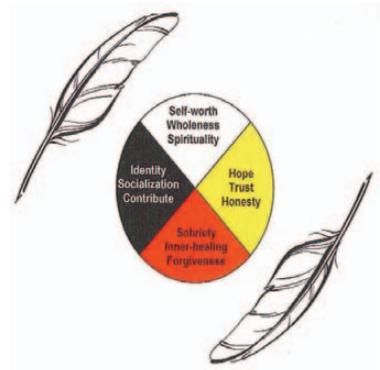
## White Feather Wellness Project Thanks LTBB, Welcomes Public to Open House

By **Ellie K. Payton**, LTBB Tribal Citizen

The Directors of the White Feather Wellness Project (WFWP), a non-profit corporation, wish to offer a sincere thank you to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Grants and Donations Program for awarding the project a \$870 grant to help fund its July 12 Open House at Camp Pellston in Pellston, MI.

The funds will be used to provide food and portable toilets for the visitors to the former prison (it closed on December 31, 2001). The open house will feature a walk through

tour of the facilities from noon to 4 p.m., a feast at noon, storytelling,



drumming, a fire and talking circle, a sunrise ceremony and a sweat lodge.

Information will be shared with the public on the need for a local residential substance abuse and behavioral treatment center for youth, ages 12-17. Currently, there are no such treatment centers in northern Michigan. Public opinion surveys and comments will be taken at the open house.

For further information on WFWP, please call Chairperson Bill Nash at 231-238-0898 or e-mail any questions to [whitefeathergroup@hotmail.com](mailto:whitefeathergroup@hotmail.com).

## 2008 MICHIGAN NATIVE VOTE KICKOFF

Submitted by **Su Lantz**, Native Vote Michigan State Lead

In 2004, Native Vote was spearheaded by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This was a groundbreaking non-partisan campaign to register and turn out a record number of American Indian and Alaskan Native voters. The culmination of the Native Vote efforts in 2004 and 2006 was a resounding success for tribal governments nationwide. It empowered Native voters and raised the profile of Native issues in the eyes of politicians. It was a historic moment for all of Indian Country. Native voters proved we as Native people can make our voices heard with the power of the vote.

For the 2008 General Election, the (NCAI) Native Vote Michigan State Lead Su Lantz and our team of Tribal Coordinators kicked off the Michigan 2008 Native Vote Initiative

with a conference call on April 17, 2008. We have a very supportive team comprised of a Tribal Coordinator from each of the 12 federally recognized Indian tribes in Michigan as well as a State Lead to coordinate efforts and ideas. The infrastructure of the Native Vote Michigan Tribal Coordinators Team will only breed success.



The team will focus on Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) efforts and provide a plan for a Native Vote Election Protection Project (NV-EPP). We will target every level of potential voters including the youth and first time voters, sporadic voters, elders and those needing transportation, ed-

ucation and assistance. We will pay particular attention to voters with special needs such as in holding mock elections for training or assistance with absentee voting for shut-ins. Our public education efforts will include hosting feasts and other public gatherings associated with GOTV and NV-EPP.

If you are not a registered voter in Michigan and will be eligible to vote on November 4, 2008, you need to register by October 6, 2008. Look for more information in the next issue of *Odawa Trails* on how and where to register. Our team is here to help. We will have voter registration forms available and someone to assist you. You can also access information on voting by visiting [www.nativevote.org](http://www.nativevote.org) and clicking on your state.

Let's Get-Out-The-Vote, and let our Native American voices be heard!

## Native Vendors Sought for the Fifth Annual North American Indian Art Fair

The Andrew J. Blackbird Museum and the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring the Fifth Annual North American Indian Art Fair on July 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harbor Springs waterfront next to the tennis courts.

This event is intended to honor as well as perpetuate American Indian heritage, culture and history.

Native American vendors who wish to sell arts and crafts can buy space for \$20 if they pre-register by July 11 or \$25 after July 11.

To request a vendor application or for more information, please call 231-526-2705.



**Biindigen Business Hours:**  
Mon. - Thurs. 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Friday 6 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
Sat. 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
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Cheapest Smokes in town!



Biindigen is always accepting applications for clerk positions.

## Moving?

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

Forms are also available at [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://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.**

## Sisters Lead PHS Varsity and JV Softball Squads

LTBB Tribal Citizens Andi Gasco and Carly Searles both enjoyed successful softball seasons at Petoskey High School (PHS) in Petoskey, MI.

The sisters are the daughters of Sue Gasco and Randy Searles and the granddaughters of Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco and the late Vernon Gasco.



Andi Gasco, a junior pitcher, led the PHS varsity to a 27-8 record, a No. 3 ranking in Division II, a Big North Conference title and a Division II district title.

She earned first team All-Conference, All-District and All-Regional honors. She is the first PHS player to earn first team All-Regional honors.

She set the PHS single season record for triples with nine and be-

came PHS' career strikeout leader with 955. On the mound, she posted 25 victories and threw 12 shutouts. She hit a team-high .402.



Carly Searles, a freshman pitcher, infielder and outfielder, received the PHS junior varsity team's top hitter award with a .569 batting average and had 33 hits. She tied for the team lead with three doubles and a home run, she was second on the team with 48 stolen bases, and she was third on the team with 35 runs scored. She posted a .672 slugging percentage and a .667 on-base percentage. On the mound, she was 8-0. She was the only freshman on the junior varsity.

*Courtesy photos.*

## Save on your next computer with Dell

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# Rendezvous At The Straits

## St. Ignace - New France Discovery Center

# POW W O W

### August 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> - 2008

**Grand Entry**  
1 p.m. Saturday  
and Sunday

\$3.00 For Adults  
\$2.00 For Seniors  
Children Under 14 Free

**Host Drum - Bahweting Singers**  
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## Native News Briefs from Across Odawa Country

Compiled by Odawa Trails staff

### LTBB Tribal Elders Win Awards



LTBB Tribal Citizens William Dennis King and Duane Kiogima received North Country Community Mental Health 2008 Consumer Recognition awards. They received their awards at the 11th Annual 5K Competitive Run and 1-Mile Walk held May 3 at the Waterfront Park in Petoskey, MI.

The main speaker at the event was former Detroit Lions quarterback Eric Hipple. North Country Community Mental Health, who serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego counties, sponsored it. May was Mental Health Month, and it was one of the free events sponsored by North Country.

These particular awards have been given out for about 10 years, and recipients must be nominated for the awards.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

### Huron Potawatomi Head Start Announces Open Enrollment

The Huron Potawatomi Head Start is pleased to announce enroll-

ment is underway for the upcoming school year. It is a tribal based program targeting Native American families living in the Grand Rapids, MI, area. Eligible children have to be three by December 1, 2008 and cannot turn five by that date. As a center, we provide breakfast, lunch and a healthy snack Monday through Thursday with transportation in the immediate Grand Rapids area. Interested families are encouraged to either call Family Services Coordinator Matt Blumke at 616-356-2197 or stop by the center located at 850 Chatham NW. Spots fill up quickly, so interested families should act quickly!

### LTBB Hawks Update

On May 17, LTBB hosted a Native American Youth Basketball Tournament at Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI. Here are the top finishers in each age category: In the boys 14-18 division, the Native American Indigenous Games team finished first and the LTBB Hawks finished second; in the girls 14-18 division, the LTBB Hawks finished first and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) fin-

ished second; in the boys 13 and under division, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) Eagles finished first and GTB 1 finished second; and in the girls 13 and under division, the LTBB Hawks finished first and the SCIT Eagles finished second.

At the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Tournament on May 24, the 14-18 girls LTBB Hawks team finished first and the 13 and under girls LTBB Hawks team finished second.

Congratulations!

Photo by Pre-Press Graphics Specialist David K. Burks.

### LTBB Tribal Community Citizen Wins Mother's Day Contest

Marian Smith, the wife of LTBB Tribal Citizen Richard Smith, won the title of 2008 Super Mom, a Mother's Day promotion where 41 people from across Charlevoix and Emmet counties in Michigan were nominated by children and friends who admire them. The staff of the *Petoskey News-Review* selected her for the title.

The Petoskey, MI, native is a mother of four, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of two.

Smith received a day of pampering at Trillium spa in Petoskey and re-

ceived four dinner vouchers from the Dam Site Inn in Pellston, MI.

Her daughters, Renee (Smith) Faustmann, Tina (Smith) Foltz, Corrine (Smith) Bauer and Lauree (Smith) Kirchoff, wrote the winning entry entitled, "Against the Odds."

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

### Young Author a Reading Rainbow Finalist

LTBB Tribal Citizen Miigwaans Faith Smith of Hayward, WI, was selected as a Reading Rainbow finalist winner for the third grade category, "Young Writers and Illustrators" con-



test held April 6 in Duluth, MN.

She wrote a story about her dog, Animoons, and created drawings along with the story. Her story is in English, but with some Ojibwe words in it. She loves to read and write in both languages. She attends Waadookadaading Ojibwe Immersion School.

There were 4,312 entries submitted for the contest, and the top 30 entries were selected for each grade.

She is the great-granddaughter of Tribal Councilor Alice (King) Yellowbank, the granddaughter of Archie, Jr. and Regina, Sr. Kiogima, and the daughter of R.J. and Netawn Kiogima Smith.

Miigwaans Smith is nine years old, and her Anishnabe name is Waabzi Aanakwot, and she is of the Mishike doodem. Miigwaans Smith is also active in gymnastics and soccer.

## ATTENTION LTBB ARCHERS!

Michigan Indian Family Olympics' new event is archery and LTBB needs you! Tryouts will be held **July 21, at 6 p.m.** at the Pow Wow grounds. Here's how the competition works:

- Archers must be at least 16 years old
- Three archers per co-ed age group
- Archers will have 5 attempts at 20 yards
- Points are earned by hitting the various rings on the circular target

If you have a long bow and would be willing to loan it to the Community Health Department, your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

For more information, please call Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.



# Native News

## Who Am I?

By **Kyan Kiogima**, LTBB Tribal Citizen

*Editor's note: Kyan Kiogima recently completed her sophomore year at Grand Valley State University where her major is Music Education, and she is the newly selected drum major. She is the daughter of Mel and Nancy Kiogima of Traverse City, MI.*

Aannii, in Anishinaabemowin, means "Hello!" I am a half-blood member of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, located in Petoskey and Harbor Springs, MI. I have always struggled with stereotypes, and people assuming who we are and all we have gone through, yet never knowing the real story. The more I thought about this, the more I realized how little I knew about the Native American culture. I also never realized how important it was in my own personal life until the past few years.

Growing up, I danced at pow-wows and wore the traditional clothing and accessories. I also was taught a few words in our language. As I got older, I stopped dancing, but I still enjoy a long day at the pow wows watching dancers compete. One thing I love to hear at these events is people speaking the Odawan language even if it is just a "Baa Maa Pii," the closest translation to "Goodbye," or "Miigwetch," which means "Thank You." It was not until a few years ago I learned my tribe's language is dying out. My Great Uncle, Ray Kiogima, can speak the language fluently. The unnerving thought about it though, is the fact he is one of only five people left in our tribe who can do so. Uncle Ray wrote a book called "Odawa Language and Legends." The book contains Odawa to English translations of more than 1,000 common words and also has hundreds of phrases. I did not realize until I got older how important our language is to our people. If we lose it, we lose a huge chunk of our culture, and we

would be culturally lost without it. "It would be like a person without a home or a man without a country," Uncle Ray said. "He would be lost." Kaa maaba da yaa zii gojibi waa dat, which translates to, "This man has nowhere to live."

Being Odawa, to me, is so much more than just knowing or learning the language, although it is a huge part. It is about pride. Pride in where we came from, our customs, religion, and how we got to be where we are today. One thing I strongly dislike is stereotypes. My family and I have struggled a lot in our lives with prejudice people. My mother is, by no means, Native American, which is why I am only half. She grew up in Traverse City, MI, which is mainly a white community. In 1967, she and her family moved to Harbor Springs, which is a very Indian-based community. Until then, she had never been around "real natives" before and was told by her peers to stay away from them because they were "savages!" Hearing this made my mom scared. So scared that instead of going to the Catholic school in town, which was an Indian Boarding School, she rode 10 miles away to Petoskey to go to a Catholic school there. It was not until later in her life that she met some Indians at a skating rink and realized what her peers had said were not true. As time went on, she met "the love of her life," my dad, who is Native American. This experience affected my mom greatly, but receiving the harsh remarks firsthand is something nobody should ever have to go through.

My mom told me a story about when I was in elementary school, but she refrained from telling me until recently because she knew I was not ready for the horrible truth of how some people still are. When I was in fourth grade, there was a girl I had considered my best friend, who was raised very Christian. When I invited her back to my house for another sleepover, my friend explained to me she could not because her mother does not allow her to listen to the music I listen to. My mom had heard from another parent the real reason was because her mom did not want

her hanging around with me because I was Indian. I do not know how I would have reacted if I had known the truth when I was so young. Yet still today people stereotype, whether it is intentional or not. It is my goal to educate people and bring them to a more reasonable understanding of the Native American culture. Because of our history, we do get certain rights and benefits that only apply to us. Some have actually said it is "unfair" for Indians to get all of the privileges we do.

Yes, we go to college for free, but there are restrictions. Yes, we have different hunting and fishing rights than everyone else. But no, it is not all "just



Kyan Kiogima, LTBB Tribal Citizen

because they took our land." Our people were almost completely annihilated! We were stripped of our lands, and the Europeans tried to deny us the learning of our own language, religion, and customs. We were not recognized as a sovereign nation until 1994! We had treaties made and signed in 1836 and 1855, regarding what areas we were allowed to live in and what our rights were, only to then be broken by the government, months later. In the 1980's, the federal courts would not recognize us, being known back then as the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association (NMOA), because we were not an organization. We then reorganized and took the name Little Traverse Bay Bands in 1982. In 1994, President (Bill) Clinton signed the bill that

gave us federal recognition through reaffirmation. In the treaties of 1836 and 1855, we maintained hunting and fishing rights in specific areas where our reservation grounds are. We were also designated U.S. Citizens, recognized as a sovereign nation and were free to carry on our customs, cultural values, and religion ... Is that fair?

My father, Wiiin Netaamiptot, or "One Who Runs Great," is one person I look up to greatly. He is a very proud Odawan, and I believe he represents everything good in our culture. My dad is the person who got me excited about our culture, how to represent myself positively, and stand my own ground for what I believe in. He has been through many hardships in his life, and I am very proud of all he has accomplished, as I know he is proud of me for all I have succeeded in and for wanting to be engaged culturally. My dad has said this about our society:

"I have wondered why the predominant non-Native of this society continually insisted we be labeled, i.e. Native American, but more so Indian, and are continually reminding us who we were, especially when some negative event occurs involving an Indian or a group of Indians. It's like when we succeed, they accept us for becoming 'one of them;' but when we fail, it's because we are an Indian. However, when I look at our people – those that have found it hard to understand why they continue to label us – it is easy to understand it is for the convenience of a quick reference. For instance, when a non-Native is drunk, he is just a drunk; but when an Indian is drunk, he's not just a drunk, he's a drunk Indian. Even when we succeed, we get stereotyped. When I was hired by the State of Michigan, I was told (jokingly) I was hired so someday we would have a real 'chief' heading up our department."

My father had the opportunity growing up to attend schools intended for the education of Indian people. He said they were only

human, and they all had different personalities and it comes out in those isolated environments. He attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM, where everyone was of Native American descent. But unifications and divisions occurred even there. "It was a microcosm of the great society," Dad said. "In some venues, members of various tribes were pulling together on a sports team or in the theater, and in other venues, conflicts were occurring between different groups of students." For example, Navajos versus Sioux, Eskimos versus Seminoles, traditionalists versus progressives, artists versus athletes, etc. "But it was the common thread of us all being Indian that brought some comfort being segregated from the bigger society. It allowed us to grow by working out the differences amongst ourselves." He also says while we are just individuals in this world, we move and strive together as one. We become good neighbors and "become equal partners with our conquerors in moving this world forward."

How does this define me? you ask.

What my parents went through growing up is everything I went through. Things that affected them then, still affect me today. Society has not changed much since their time, so I feel it is not only their job, but mine as well, to educate people about our culture and what we had to fight for. I am faced with stereotypes everyday, but each one I hear or have to deal with, is just one that makes me stronger.

I am still very young and have much to learn and understand about my culture. From everything I have learned so far, I have never been more proud to be Native American. More specifically, Odawa. In the words of my father, "It is an exciting time to be an Odawa. It is good to see our people pick themselves up, dust themselves off, and move steadily onward, hopefully for generations to come." The future of the Odawa is in my hands, and this time we, as people, will not falter. Miigwetch.

## Odawa Casino Resort

### THE APPLICATION PROCESS IN EMPLOYMENT



By **Lynn Trozzo**, Odawa Casino Resort Recruiter

There are two ways in which an applicant can apply for a position with Odawa Casino Resort; one, the traditional method is to stop in the office at 911 Spring St. in Petoskey, MI, between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday

through Friday or apply online at [www.odawacasino.com](http://www.odawacasino.com) and whereby one may check the positions posted at the same time. Applications for employment by and large are basically the same everywhere. They all generally ask work history, education and references. These three things are the crux of the whole application. However, applicants cannot forget the most important piece of information...the phone number. I can't tell you how many times applicants have filled out applications to a nice finalized complete document only to forget to write their phone number or write it correctly. This holds up the process when we are trying to locate the individual when we have to call the references listed, so this really does turn out to be the most critical on the application process.

Applicants will at times pick up an application, fill it out and sometimes, have others drop it off and, therefore, the Human Resources (HR) Clerk receiving it never has an opportunity to review the application in hand with the applicants. I would venture to say 99% of the time if a LTBB Tribal Citizen walks through our doors at 911 to apply for a position, then that applicant will not leave until they meet with me in person. It is my practice to meet and greet and have some one-on-one time with the tribal citizen who wants to come and work at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. If I am unavailable, then this applicant would see Employment Manager Mary Roberts so there can be some discussion as to what the applicant is looking for, and what kind of employment would be a good fit.

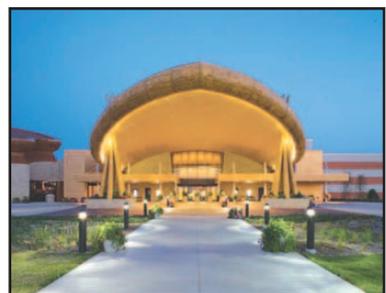
Then, we make our recommendations to those departments seeking team members.

We always tell our LTBB Tribal Citizens to check in at least once a week, so they don't miss out on any opportunity to interview. We ask they call and check on the status of their application and make any changes with the HR Clerk at this point regarding their phone number or best time to reach them. This works for us because maybe we have been trying to reach that particular tribal citizen and the phone number has changed or their voicemail has not been working. There are various reasons, but the important thing is they are encouraged to call and check in and check in often.

Many times, we have heard from applicants, "Oh, I feel like I am both-

ering you or bugging you all or harassing you." But, that is just not so. We need to hear from you! Call often, check in or stop by at 911 Spring St. in Petoskey, and see us. Let us hear from you, let us know if we can meet your employment needs or just help you with your application and/or resumé.

Hope you are all enjoying the summer days!



# Election Board Prepares LTBB Tribal Citizens for the Upcoming 2009 Elections

Submitted by **Carol Quinones**, Election Board Secretary/Treasurer

The Election Board has been busy with registering tribal citizens to vote in the 2009 elections.

Those of you who have registered to vote should have received your Voter Registration Cards. We want to thank all of those who have registered thus far and encourage those who have not to do so. Once you register to vote, you are always registered. We would like to remind tribal citizens when you change your name and/or address with Enrollment, you also need to change your information with the Election Board. We realize this might present somewhat of a problem, but we need to have updated information for our Call to Election notices and other information we may need to pass on to the membership.

We are in the process of preparing for another mailing of Voter Registration forms. We are trying to assure all those who meet the qualifications to register to vote have the opportunity to do so before the 2009 Election deadlines. A tentative schedule for the 2009 Elections accompanies this article.

We would like to take this opportunity to try and answer some of the concerns we have heard from the membership in regards to the election process.

We are often asked what the Election Board does in the year between the elections.

We review what took place in the last election and what changes we need to make for the following election cycle. We review our statute to make sure any changes we need to make keep us in compliance with all of our duties and responsibilities as

written in the LTBB Constitution (adopted on February 2, 2005). We always find some area we need to tweak.

Once the Call to Election goes out, we cannot make any changes to our statute or procedures. Setting the Election Schedule is not an easy task, and we go over it several times to make sure the timelines are being followed. The date for the General Election will always be the last Monday in June. If we need to hold a Primary Election, it will be held 45 days prior to the General Election, which usually falls around the middle of May.

What constitutes the need for a Primary Election?

We will be required to hold a Primary Election any time we have more than two candidates per open position. The primary narrows the field of candidates to two per open position.

In the 2009 Election, we will be voting for the Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman positions and for five Tribal Council seats.

How is the list of candidates determined?

When we send out the Call to Election, we include all of the necessary documentation and rules for declaring your candidacy for any open position. We understand the turnaround seems very short, but we need to adhere to a very tight schedule to accomplish the goal of providing the election in a timely manner.

Why is there such a short turnaround time for the return of the ballots?

Studies show the longer you give people to return information, the less of a response you will receive. We want every vote to count. That is why we stress you read the information you receive and act in an expedient

manner to return the ballot to us. Please make sure you sign your ballots in the required areas so they may be counted. We try to make every effort on Election Day to obtain the signatures of those who forget to sign so we can count their ballots.

Why don't we have absentee ballots?

Our elections are absentee. Each eligible registered voter receives his or her ballot in the mail. You have the option of returning it by mail, dropping it at the Post Office Box of the Election Board in Conway, MI, or bringing it to us on Election Day only. No Election Board member can deliver any ballot other than their own. The only ballots handled by the Election Board prior to Election Day are the undeliverable ones. We make every effort possible to try and find as many undeliverable citizens as we can so they have the opportunity to vote. We also have procedures in place to replace a ballot if needed.

Between now and the election, we will be placing articles in the *Odawa Trails* to try and answer your concerns regarding the election process and to keep you informed as to what the Election Board is working on.

If you have a particular question you want answered, please feel free to contact anyone on the Election Board.

We are listed below:

Chairperson Denise Petoskey at 231-881-2994, Vice Chairperson Eleanor (Harrington) Barber at 231-242-0587, Secretary/Treasurer Carol (Martell) Quinones at 616-774-9534, Board Member Alice (Gasco) Hughes at 231-537-2446 or Board Member Martin VanDeCar at 231-883-7690.

Tentative Schedule 2009 Elections	
	<b>Friday, January 9</b> Call to Election sent to all eligible voters
	<b>Friday, February 13</b> Nomination Petitions due back to the Election Board by 5 p.m. Last to register for the Primary Election Election Board certifies the Candidate Nomination Petitions
	<b>Friday, February 27</b> Candidate information mailed to all registered voters as of February 13, 2009
	<b>Tuesday, March 31</b> Last date for candidates to withdraw from election in writing to the Election Board Last date to register for the General Election
	<b>Wednesday, April 1</b> Election Board approves the final ballot for the Primary Election
	<b>Saturday, April 4</b> Candidates Forum in Lansing, MI
	<b>Friday, April 10</b> Primary ballots mailed to all registered voters as of February 13, 2009
	<b>Saturday, April 25</b> Candidates Forum at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI
	<b>Friday, May 15</b> Primary Election Day
	<b>Friday, May 29</b> Primary Election certified ballot for General Election mailed to all registered voters as of March 31, 2009
	<b>Monday, June 29</b> General Election Day
	<b>Monday, July 13</b> General Election certified
	<b>Sunday, August 16</b> Oath of Office for newly elected officials

## Regulatory Director Vince Cook Honored for 20 Years of Service to His Country



(Left to Right) Nadine Cook, Vince Cook and Rob LaPoint.

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

On May 29 during the Elders Luncheon held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, Regulatory Director Vince Cook received a Meritorious Service Medal, a plaque from the members of the first company of the 182nd Battalion based in Bay City, MI, and an eagle feather.

Cook, a member of the Tlinket tribe in southeast Alaska, received the medal for "meritorious service while assigned to the Michigan Army National Guard."

Cook, who served in Baghdad, Iraq from October 2004 to December 2005 and received a Bronze Star Medal for the good he did while serving there, spent 12 years of active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps and spent eight years in the U.S. Army National Guard before his retirement on March 1, 2008. He retired as a Staff Sergeant.

Rob LaPoint, the Commander of B-Battery in the first company of

the 182nd Battalion, presented Cook with the medal and a plaque signed by all of the members of the first company. LaPoint, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is still in the U.S. Army National Guard.

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik sang an honor song for Cook after LaPoint's presentation.

Following the honor song, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr. spoke of how appreciative everyone was of Cook's past service and LaPoint's continued service.

Richard Wemigwase, a Vietnam War veteran, presented Cook and LaPoint with an eagle feather.

The Woodland Singers (Rochelle Ettawageshik, Marilyn Hume and Yvonne Walker-Keshick) sang an honor song for Cook and LaPoint following the eagle feather presentation.

Cook's wife, Nadine, a Pit Boss in Table Games at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, attended the luncheon.

*Photo by Annette VanDeCar.*

## VIETNAM MEMORIAL TRAVELING TRIBUTE WALL HONORS THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE



By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

During Armed Forces Week, May 28-June 1, several northern Michigan area organizations and businesses sponsored the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Tribute Wall at the Emmet County Fairgrounds in Petoskey, MI.

The 370-foot replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. displays more than 58,000 names of fallen soldiers. It stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War.

It was made for the purpose of helping heal and rekindle friendships and to allow people the opportunity to visit loved ones in their hometown who otherwise may not be able to make the trip to Washington, D.C.

Nine large memorials with gold dog tags displaying the names of those who have died since Vietnam, including those killed during 9/11 and a Michigan Remembrance Wall, which is 25 feet long with 26 plaques listing the names

of all the fallen soldiers from Michigan who served during the Vietnam War, were also at the fairgrounds.

More than 3,600 names are displayed on the Michigan Remembrance Wall.

Opening ceremonies were held May 28 at 7 p.m., at which time the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Tribute Wall was open 24 hours a day for viewing until the closing ceremonies on June 1 at 4 p.m.

Leonard "Joe" Mitchell and An-



Fred Kiogima, a veteran who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, visited the tribute wall.



thony Davis performed a sunrise pipe ceremony there on May 31.

Honor ceremonies were held every day at 8 p.m., and a special honors ceremony featuring the Petoskey High School Band and steel drum band was held May 31 at 1 p.m.

Major sponsors of the traveling tribute wall included Rotary Club of Petoskey, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2051 of Petoskey, American Legion Post 194 of Petoskey, Vietnam Veterans Chapter 68 of Petoskey, Fletch's of Petoskey, Sturgeon River Pottery and Wild Bird Supply, Alanson Littlefield School Fundraiser, Wal-Mart, American Legion Post 281 of Harbor Springs, MI, American Legion Auxiliary of Harbor Springs, Donations at Emmet County Fair, Marine Corps League, Kiwanis Club of Petoskey, First Community Bank, Eagles Club of Petoskey and American Legion Post 228 of Boyne City, MI.



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Odawa Casino Resort

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