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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN LEWIS ADAMS, JR. BRINGS A WEALTH OF HOSPITALITY EXPERIENCE TO THE POSITION OF ODAWA HOTEL MANAGER

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

LTBB Tribal Citizen Lewis Adams, Jr. brings 30 years of experience working in the hospitality field to the position of Odawa Hotel Manager.

Adams, Jr. started as the fill-in Interim Odawa Hotel Manager in early September 2009 for two weeks, and he was recently selected to fill his current position.

"I have always been of the mindset that people remember how you make them feel more than what you did for them," Adams, Jr. said. "Our focus is on guest service. We're looking at giving guests a reason to come back. In the hotel business, it's all about your ability to bring people back to your facility."

"The strength of the hotel is the staff. I am amazed by their abilities."

Focusing on guest service, Odawa Casino Resort has upgraded, is in the process of upgrading or plans to upgrade several amenities at Odawa Hotel.

There is now wireless Internet service in all the rooms whereas in the past, there was only wireless Internet service in the hotel lobby.

At the writing of this article, a business center was being created, new toilets were being installed in all the

rooms, the drains on the bathtubs and sinks in the rooms were being tested to ensure there was no backup of water when being used, sample mattresses were being looked at because new bedding was going to be purchased for the beds in all the rooms and staff were working to get basic cable service along with HBO for all the rooms, which would give guests more channels to watch.

There are plans to refurbish the pool and pool area and to update the reservation service so people can book a reservation online.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to present the hotel to the guests as a place where they will find consistent quality accommodations," Adams, Jr. said.

Prior to accepting his current position, Adams, Jr. worked 11 years in Food and Beverage at Native-owned gaming facilities. He most recently worked as the Beverage Manager in the Rendezvous Lounge located inside Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. He also worked as the

Food and Beverage Manager at the Leelanau Sands Casino in Peshawbestown, MI, and as the Food and Beverage Supervisor at the Little River Casino Resort in Manistee, MI.

"I left behind a strong depart-



ment of Beverage Service Professionals that made my work life a good one," Adams, Jr. said of working as the Beverage Manager in the Rendezvous Lounge.

Adams, Jr. grew up in Harbor Springs, MI, graduated from Harbor Springs High School, attended North Central Michigan College in Petoskey for two years and earned a Small Business Development Certificate from Bay Mills Community College.

His parents were the late Lewis Adams, Sr. and Doris (Kishigo) Adams. His siblings include Liz Chingwa, Susie Swadling, Mary Gibson, Janet Sagataw and John Adams.

In January 2008, the family of Lewis Adams, Sr. received two state proclamations, one signed by Governor Jennifer Granholm and one signed by State Representative Gary McDowell and State Senator Jason Allen, acknowledging Lewis Adams, Sr.'s lifelong contributions to Native culture and his part in the history of the Mackinaw Bridge.

The U.S. Congress honored Doris (Kishigo) Adams for her lifelong commitment to public service at the time of her retirement. She worked for the State of Michigan Department of Labor, served as an Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist for the State of Michigan, served on the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs and was a Civil Rights Representative. She also served as a LTBB Appellate Judge and served on many LTBB committees.

In mid-July 2009, Waganakising

Odawak Statute # 2009-17 created the Lewis and Doris Adams' Tribal Holiday to be held annually on the first Monday of September. According to the statute, "The purpose of the Adams Tribal Holiday is to bestow posthumously upon Lewis Stephen Adams, Sr. and Doris Amelia Kishigo-Adams the Tribe's greatest honors and accolades by setting aside a special day of recognition for their many contributions and gifts to our Tribal community."

"It was a great honor," Adams, Jr. said. "I hope other people are acknowledged in this way because there are a lot of others who deserve recognition for their contributions to LTBB."

Adams, Jr. has a wife, Melony, and his children are Wy, 29, Neena, 28, Chelsea, 21, Caleb, 9, and Hunter, 9. Wy and Neena both graduated from the University of Michigan, and Chelsea is a senior at Baker College.

Adams, Jr. sat on "Four Winds Drum," a civic minded Native traditional drum group for 12 years, is a traditional dancer and is a professional fine art impressionist painter in watercolor and water soluble oil paint.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES' CRIMINAL DEFENSE PILOT PROJECT OFFERS FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL OFFENSES IN THE LTBB TRIBAL COURT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Through a one-year Criminal Defense Pilot Project, the Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) is offering free legal assistance to persons charged with a criminal offense in the LTBB Tribal Court.

The free service is available to those individuals who meet income eligibility and other requirements. MILS will use existing funds to represent defendants facing criminal charges within the LTBB Tribal Court. However, current funding sources prohibit MILS from representing individuals in criminal proceedings in state or federal court.

"LTBB expressed an interest in participating in the pilot project, and we are familiar with several of the people involved with the LTBB Tribal Court," MILS Staff Attorney Cameron A. Fraser said when asked why LTBB was selected for the pilot project. "We have worked with several of them in the past. We trust and respect them."

On November 10, 2009, MILS staff (Executive Director James A. Keedy and Staff Attorneys Cameron A. Fraser and Aaron B. Allen) met with LTBB Staff (Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco, Associate Judge Jenny Lee Kronk, Tribal Prosecutor Matt Lesky, Court Administrator Bernadece Kiogima, Probation/Community Jus-



lice Officer Heather Boening and Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet) to work out the final details surrounding the pilot project.

"We're honored to be selected for the pilot project," said Gasco, who worked as a MILS Staff Attorney prior to starting as the Chief Judge in

June 2006. "We look forward to working with them."

The MILS Criminal Defense Pilot Project will study the feasibility of offering these services in each of the tribal courts in Michigan. A pilot project recently concluded in the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Court with MILS attorneys defending 36 people charged with criminal offenses in the GTB Tribal Court. The MILS main office is located in Traverse City, MI.

"Travel time and expense are the major concerns as to whether to expand the pilot project to include all the tribal courts in Michigan," Fraser said. "Through the pilot project, we

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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 echipiitendaakin: 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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The deadline for the January issue of *Odawa Trails* is November 30, 2009.

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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MEET THE NEW EMPLOYEES SERVING OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY



Candace Worthington

Candace Worthington started as a Police Dispatcher in the Law Enforcement Department on October 2, 2009 after working in the department as a temporary employee since late January 2009.

Prior to accepting her current position, she worked five years for LTBB as a temporary employee in many government departments. Tribal citizens may recognize her from her temping assignment last summer at the tribal Health Clinic. She has also been a substitute teacher for several years in area schools.

Mrs. Worthington has lived most of her life in northern Michi-

gan, attending and graduating from Harbor Springs Public Schools. She earned her Associates degree from North Central Michigan College and Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Spring Arbor University, graduating in 2004.

"I enjoy working with the other police dispatchers and Law Enforcement Officers to ensure the safety of the tribal community," Worthington said.

Candace is married to Forrest "Bubba" Worthington, a LTBB Tribal Citizen. They have four children, Celestine Petoskey (William), Justin Worthington, Forrest Worthington II (Kendra) and Cheyenne Worthington. Four step-grandchildren joined the family last December and a new little brother will be joining granddaughter, Olivia Petoskey, in November.

In her free time, Candace enjoys scrapbooking, reading, doing arts and crafts, watching movies and genealogy research.

Lisa Ronk

Lisa Ronk started as a Tribal Social Worker in the Social Services Program on October 19, 2009.

Prior to accepting her current position, she worked for 14 years in the Social Work field, working as a Social Worker in Virginia, working in foster



care and the licensing of foster care and working at a residential care facility for teens. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Science and Psychology from Central Michigan University.

"I have always wanted to help kids and families," said Ronk, an Indian River, MI, native and an Inland Lakes High School graduate. "We adopted my youngest sister, who was a distant relative, and it sparked my interest."

She has a husband, Levi, and two

daughters, Elizabeth, 2, and Emily, five months.

In her free time, she enjoys outdoor activities, photography, scrapbooking and spending time with her family.

Angela Lambert

Angela Lambert, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as the SPRING grant Clerical Assistant on October 12, 2009.

Prior to accepting her current position, she worked as a temporary worker for LTBB, was a stay at home mom for several years and helped run Barry's Total Home Maintenance & Repairs, LLC, which is owned by her and her husband, Barry Dean. They



started Barry's Total Home Maintenance & Repairs, LLC, three years ago.

"We built it from the ground up with our own money," Lambert said of Barry's Total Home Maintenance & Repairs, LLC. "It's a lot of hard work, but it's definitely worth it."

Lambert is a Petoskey High School graduate, attended North Central Michigan College (NCMC), earned a Bay Mills Community College certificate in Computers and is working toward an Entrepreneurship Essentials certificate from NCMC through the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program.

She and her husband, Barry Dean, have two children, Ben, 5, and

Alisa, 9. She is LTBB on her father's side and Chippewa on her mother's



side. Her mother is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The Lamberts recently bought a new house, so she spends a lot of her free time working on it. She also enjoys traveling and spending time with her family.

Susan Pulaski

Susan Pulaski started as the SPRING grant Prevention Educator on October 12, 2009.

Prior to accepting her current position, she worked in the Prevention field for 18 years, working at the Chip Counseling Center, a substance abuse agency, and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

She earned both her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Public Health and her Masters degree in Counseling from Central Michigan University.

Pulaski grew up in the Alanson and Brutus area and graduated from Alanson High School.

She and her husband, Jeff, have three children, Hunter, Mitchell and Audri. Her children are involved in several sports, and she coaches soccer. She also enjoys running, biking and scrapbooking in her free time.

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December Elder Birthdays

December 1

Danon Ervick
Doreen Wilson

December 2

Pamela Feldstein
Wayne Glazier

December 4

Dolphus Delmas, Sr.
Vera Olsen
Virginia Sherwood
Roger Wemigwase

December 5

Yvonne Slagot

December 6

Marcelino Bernard, Jr.
Edward Ettawageshik

December 7

Louise Amato
Karen Brosseau
Mel Cripps
Florence Indelicato

December 8

Archie Kiogima, Jr.
Linda Smith

December 9

Jon Kilborn
Teresa Seume

December 10

Nathaniel Chingwa

December 11

Wesley Andrews

December 11

Leonard Emery
Grace Hutton
Elna Wakeman

December 12

Alice Yellowbank

December 13

Gary Gilbault
Stephan Minor
Robin Sloan

December 14

Freida Carroll
Barbara King

December 15

Valiere Yother

December 16

Nancy Bennett
Joan Smith

December 17

Anna Bixler
Gloria Miles

December 19

Alice Liebgott

December 20

Mary Brewer
Gaila Carpenter
Carole Crampton
William Engstrom, Sr.

December 21

Robert Duley

December 22

Donald Chippewa, Sr.
Patricia Dehainey
James Kagabitang, Jr.
Theresa Yoder

December 24

Glen Rawls
Roger Smith, Sr.
Leon Trueblood

December 25

Raphael Gasco
Paula Hall
Marilyn Muskovin
Christina O'Banion

December 26

Jean Ansoorge
Allen Gasco

December 27

Janice Shackelford
Michael Sevener
Levi Walker, Jr.

December 28

Dan Casey
Christine Russell

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LOSING OUR WORLD'S LANGUAGES

Submitted by the Language Department

Every 14 days, a language dies. By 2100, more than half of the more than 7,000 languages spoken on Earth-many of them not yet recorded-may disappear, taking with them a wealth of knowledge about history, culture, the natural environment and the human brain.

National Geographic Enduring Voices Project (conducted in collaboration with the Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages) strives to preserve endangered languages by identifying language hotspots-the places on our planet with the most unique, poorly understood or threatened indigenous languages-and documenting the languages and cultures within them.

Why do Languages Die Out?

Throughout human history, the languages of powerful groups have spread while the languages of smaller cultures have become extinct. This oc-

curs through official language policies or through the allure that the high prestige of speaking an imperial language can bring. These trends explain, for instance, why more language diversity exists in Bolivia than on the entire European continent, which has long history of large states and imperial powers.

As big languages spread, children whose parents speak a small language often grow up learning the dominant language. Depending on attitudes toward the ancestral language, those children or their children may never learn the smaller language or they may forget it as it falls out of use. This has occurred throughout human history, but the rate of language disappearance has accelerated dramatically in recent years.

Why Is It Important?

Language defines a culture throughout the people who speak it and what it allows speakers to say. Words that describe a particular cul-

tural practice or idea may not translate precisely into another language. Many endangered languages have rich oral cultures with stories, songs, and histories passed on to younger generations, but no written forms. With the extinction of a language, an entire culture is lost.

Much of what humans know about nature is encoded only in oral languages. Indigenous groups that have interacted closely with the natural world for thousands of years often have profound insights into local lands, plants, animals and ecosystems-many still undocumented by science. Studying indigenous languages, therefore, benefits environmental understanding and conservation efforts.

Studying various languages also increases our understanding of how humans communicate and store knowledge. Every time a language dies, we lost part of the picture of what our brains can do.

Excerpt taken from National Geographic.com.

GIINDAASWINAK (NUMBERS) PART I

0 Kaagego	13 Mdaaswe shi nswe	90 Zhaangsmitana
1 Bezhik	14 Mdaaswe shi niwin	100 Ngodwaak
2 Niizh	15 Mdaaswe shi naanan	200 Niizhwaak
3 Nswe	16 Mdaaswe shi ngodwaaswe	300 Nswaak
4 Niiwin	17 Mdaaswe shi niizhwaaswe	400 Niiwaak
5 Naanan	18 Mdaaswe shi nshwaaswe	500 Naanwaak
6 Ngodwaaswe	19 Mdaaswe shi zhaangsw	600 Ngodwaaswaak
7 Niizhwaaswe	20 Niizhtana	700 Niizhwaaswaak
8 Nshwaaswe	30 Nsemtana	800 Nshwaaswaak
9 Zhaangsw	40 Niimtana	900 Zhaangswaak
10 Mdaaswe	50 Naanmitana	1000 Mdaaswaak
11 Mdaaswe shi bezhik	60 Ngodwaasmitana	
12 Mdaaswe shi niizh	70 Niizhwaasmitana	
	80 Nshwaasmitana	

Anishinaabe Language Classes

Winter Semester 2010

- Monday & Wednesday Class
3:30 - 6:20 p.m., 6 credits, through Bay Mills Community College (BMCC), held in Petoskey, MI, at Mskikigamik, LTBB Health Park
- Tuesday Evening Class
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shi is a 'connector' examples:

23 Niizhtana shi nswe	zhaangsw
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52 Naanmitana shi niizh	357 Nswaak shi Naanmitana shi Niizhwaaswe
61 Ngodwaasmitana shi bezhik	562 Naanwaak shi Ngowaasmitana shi Niizh
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89 Nshwaasmitana shi	

WORD-A-DAY FROM GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Manidoo Giizisoonhs

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Aazyaan <i>Diaper</i>	2 Ngashi <i>My mother</i>	3 Mezinaazigid <i>Photographer</i>	4 Nangonaakshik <i>this evening, tonight</i>	5 ndodabiskaa
6 Waabmowin <i>mirror</i>	7 Waaboowaan <i>blanket</i>	8 Ngitziim <i>My parent</i>	9 Shkinwe <i>young man</i>	10 Shiniikwens <i>Young woman</i>	11 Pishmowin <i>mattress</i>	12 Pkweshmowin <i>pillow</i>
13 Agaak <i>porcupine</i>	14 Zhigaak <i>skunk</i>	15 Shawnoodese <i>coyote</i>	16 Ma'iingan <i>wolf</i>	17 Gzhaabikizgan <i>stove</i>	18 Mkomii-taaswin <i>refrigerator</i>	19 Naabak <i>Male bear</i>
20 Maashtaanish <i>sheep</i>	21 Mishaabooz <i>goat</i>	22 Naabkawaagan <i>scar, necktie</i>	23 Mjikaawinak <i>gloves, mittens</i>	24 Wiikwaan <i>hat</i>	25 Niibaanaamaam <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 Mkak - box Mkakoonhs - <i>little box</i>
27 Biitoobiiskawaagan <i>overcoat</i>	28 Biitoomiikanot <i>underpants</i>	29 Biitoobagwayaan <i>undershirt</i>	30 Biitoomkizinan <i>overshoes</i>	31 Nibwaa nimkwadaading <i>New Year's Eve</i>		



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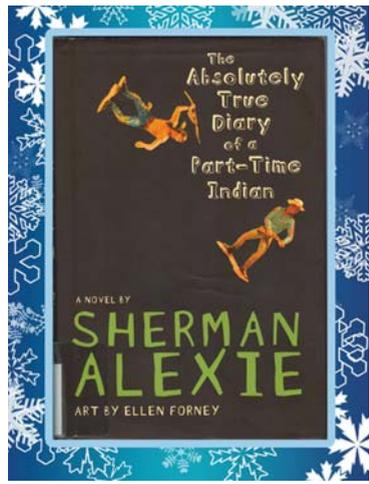
All except for *Gah-Baeh-Jhagwah-Buk* are available for purchase on Amazon.com.

LTBB Tribal Citizens can purchase *Gah-Baeh-Jhagwah-Buk* from the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department for \$50. If you would like the book shipped to you, there is an additional cost of \$7. Contact the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department at 231-242-1450 for more information.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Sherman Alexie is a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian who grew up on the Spokane Indian Reservation in Wellpinit, WA. The award-winning author, poet and filmmaker's latest book is *War Dances* released in October 2009. Even if you haven't read any of his books, you've likely seen the movie "Smoke Signals" released in June 1999.

The following product description of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* appears on Amazon.com: "Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist

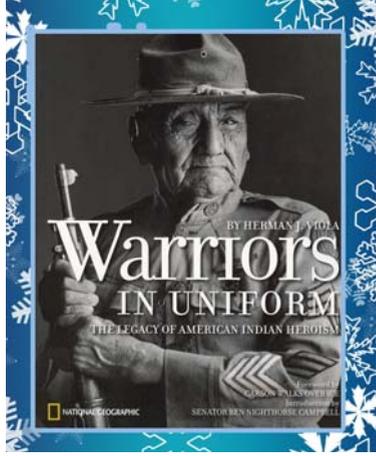


growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking,

funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he thought he was destined to live."

Warriors in Uniform: The Legacy of American Indian Heroism by Herman J. Viola

Herman J. Viola is a longstanding author, educator and curator. He is a former director at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History where he was the driving force in founding the museum's National Anthropological Archives, which kept the first Native American records. He has written more than a dozen history books on Native Americans, on

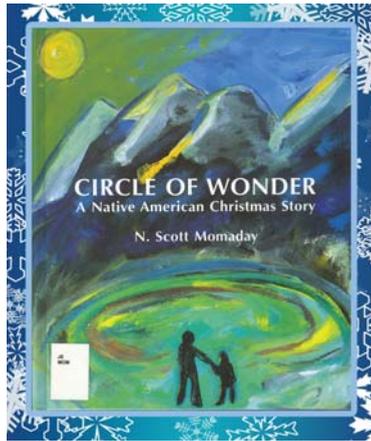


America during the time of Columbus and on war.

The following product description of the book appears on Amazon.com: "Native Americans have willingly served in the U.S. military during each of this country's wars, and their current numbers in the armed forces exceed the percentage of any other ethnic group. Their stories encompass heroism and tragedy, humor and stoicism, loyalty and conflict—all part of the riveting experience of *Warriors in Uniform*. This illustrated history divulges the exploits of the last Confederate general—a Cherokee—to lay down his arms...the code talkers who used tribal languages to thwart the enemy in World War II...the first Native American woman to give her life as a soldier...those serving in Iraq today...and many others."

Circle of Wonder: A Native American Christmas Story by N. Scott Momaday

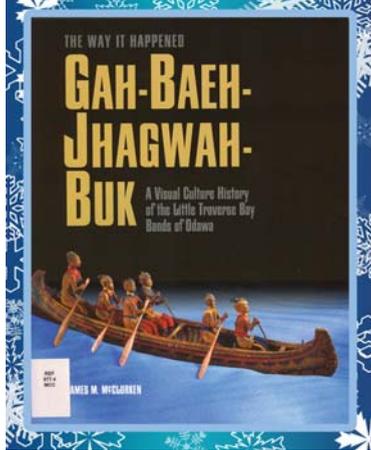
N. Scott Momaday was born on the Kiowa Reservation in Lawton, OK. His novel *House Made of Dawn* led to the breakthrough of Native American literature into the mainstream. He received the Pulitzer Prize



for Fiction in 1969 for *House of Dawn*.

The following *Publishers Weekly* editorial review of *Circle of Wonder: A Native American Christmas Story* appears on Amazon.com: "Drawing on childhood memories of Christmas in a New Mexican village, Momaday produces a poetic story that skillfully blends Christian and Native American traditions. On Christmas Eve, Tolo, a lonely mute boy, is drawn by the spirit of his beloved grandfather to a bonfire in the mountains, where he shares a 'circle of wonder and good will' with an elk, a wolf and an eagle. His heart fills with love for his family, for the Christ child and for all creation, and in this brief glimpse of the interconnectedness of all life, his loneliness is banished forever."

Gah-Baeh-Jhagwah-Buk: A Visual Culture History of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa by James M. McClurken



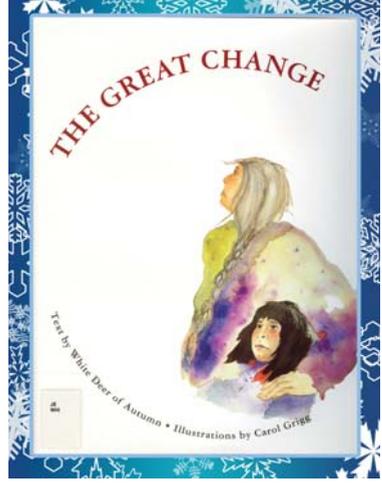
Gah-Baeh-Jhagwah-Buk, first published in 1991, chronicles more

than 300 years of Odawa history. The Michigan State University museum and LTBB collaborated to publish this updated version in 2009. To fund the reissue, LTBB contributed \$8,000, Consumers Energy gave \$10,000 in the form of a grant and the remaining \$8,000 came from revenue generated from the first edition's sales.

The Great Change by White Deer of Autumn (Gabriel Horn)

White Deer of Autumn (Gabriel Horn), Wampanoag, has been a teacher, writer and activist, and was involved in the American Indian Movement during the 1970's. Currently, he teaches at St. Petersburg Junior College.

The following *Publishers Weekly* editorial review of the book appears on Amazon.com: "This wistful text, based on a Native American tale, ponders the meaning of life and death-reaching the sensible if daunting conclusion that one is impossible without the other. Nine-year-old Wanba helps

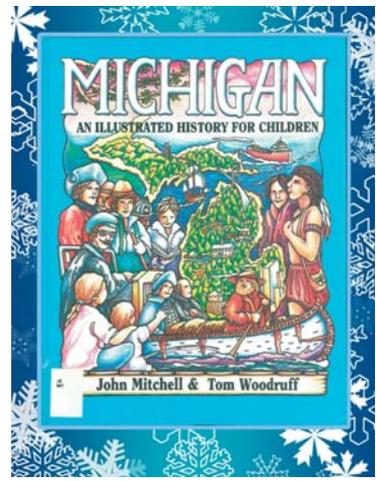


her elderly grandma to catch and clean fish, 'returning what they did not need' to the sea. The dying fish trouble the girl, reminding her of her grandfather's recent death, and she wonders, 'Why does everything have to die?' Drawing on the surrounding vista of ever-changing nature, Wanba's wise relative speaks of a caterpillar becoming a butterfly, of fish as the food of life for pelicans, of death as nothing more than a change within the great Circle of Life."

Michigan, An Illustrated History for Children by John Mitchell and Tom Woodruff

The following product description of the book appears on greatlakeshistory.com:

"Two Michiganders created this beautifully illustrated history book, which takes children through Michigan from the

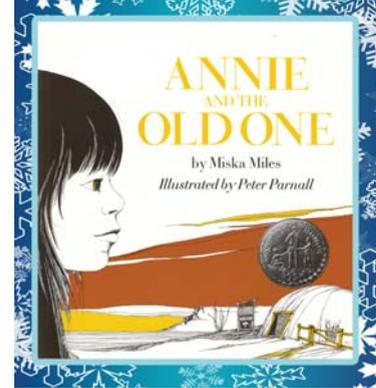


time of dinosaurs to the age of the automobile worker. Children and adults will enjoy learning from the interesting text. This truly is a proud celebration of Michigan."

Annie and the Old One by Miska Miles

Patricia Miles Martin wrote more than 100 stories under her own name as well as the pseudonyms Miska Miles, Patricia A. Miles and Jerry Lane. *Annie and the Old One* received a Newbery Honor and a Christopher Medal in 1972, and it was adapted into a film in 1976. The book is intended for children four through eight.

The following *Publishers Weekly* editorial review appears on Amazon.com: "Annie, an Indian child, resorts to extremes in trying to prevent her dear grandmother from dying. The 'old one' has said she will return to Earth when she has finished helping Annie and Annie's mother to weave their new rug, so the child does everything she can to delay the project. When the grandmother explains her beliefs, Annie understands and no longer attempts to hold back time."



Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.

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NEWS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Submitted by the Health Department

As you can guess, our tribal community has been hard hit with the H1N1 Influenza as is the rest of our area.

To help prevent the spread, we are encouraging people to use their heads and to stay home if they are sick. We are also encouraging people to get their Flu shots if you haven't gotten them yet. We still have Flu vaccines in the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, and all you need is a quick nurse visit, so give us a call to let us know when you can come in.

We are in the process of moving some of our workers and offices around to make way for our Mental Health/Substance Abuse Department

to join us here at the Health Park.

There will be new faces around, and people may not be located where you're used to them being, but when everyone is moved, we will all be conveniently located in one building. We welcome our new neighbors.

The Health Department will be closed Thursday, December 24, 2009 for Christmas Eve and Friday, December 25, 2009 for Christmas Day. We will also be closed on Thursday, December 31, 2009 for New Year's Eve and Friday, January 1, 2010 for New Year's Day.

We have been very busy around here at the Health Department with lots of activity, so forgive us if anyone seems distracted. Happy Holidays to all our tribal community.

After Hours Clinics for LTBB Tribal Patients

Weekend Urgent Care Alternatives

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

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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.

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 descendant of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians or be able to prove social or economic ties to the community.
- A Native American claiming eligibility for CHS has the responsibility to furnish the tribal program with documentation to substantiate the claim.
- You must have an active and com-

plete 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 cover-

age 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.

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Tribal Council Meeting Minutes



**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Court Room
7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs,
MI 49740
October 11, 2009**

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:40 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Gerald Chingwa

Absent: Councilor Marvin Mulholland

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington, Housing Department Director John Givens

Guests: Bea Law, Bill Denemy, Jr., Harvey Gibson, Cathy Portman, Tootsie Keshick, Sarah VanDeCar, Carol McFall, Fred Kiogima, Marcia Sutton, Nicole Grawery, Diane Bott

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to adopt the agenda for October 11, 2009 with additions.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Otto to approve the minutes of September 27, 2009, with corrections.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the minutes of October 10, 2009, with corrections.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Kiogima to ratify into the record the Phone Poll dated October 06, 2009; to approve "Action Item" outlined in Confidential Memo 100509-02 submitted to Tribal Council, from Donna L. Budnick, Legislative Services Attorney dated October 5, 2009, to meet immediate deadlines. The Phone Poll Passed 7-yes, 1-no, 1-abstained, 0-absent.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 1 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

10:58 a.m. Elder Comments: Bea Law spoke regarding news articles. Sarah VanDeCar spoke regarding the Tribe moving forward.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet's verbal and written report for, October 11, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal Treasurer and Appropriations and Finance Committee report for, October 11, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution: Providing for Priority Funding Allocation for 2011 Fiscal Year.

Roll Call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Chingwa-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor Mulholland-absent, Councilor R. Shananaquet-no, Councilor Otto-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson Kiogima's verbal report for, October 11, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept Councilor Otto's verbal Tribal Council member report for October 11, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for, October 11, 2009.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Otto), 1 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

10:38 p.m. Recess called.

10:52 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Kiogima to disapprove the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Minimum Internal Control Standards Amendments REG WOS 2005-06 091609-006

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 1 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the nominations for Commission Boards and Committees received from the Tribal Chairman.

Motion Withdrawn

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the receipt of the nominations for Commission Boards and Committees received from the Tribal Chairman.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to table the Supplemental funding - Pow Wow Committee request per the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

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

Motion carried.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Bea Law spoke regarding knowledge of budget.

11:46 a.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution: Approve Appropriation for Additional Funding to Expand Grants Department.

Roll Call vote: Councilor Bardwell-no, Councilor Chingwa-no, Councilor Kiogima-no, Councilor Mulholland-absent, Councilor R. Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-no, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet-no

Motion failed.

12:16 p.m. Lunch recess called.

2:00 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Tribal Chairman Harrington's verbal and written report for October 11, 2009.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Chingwa motion, based on review of the Murray

Road Development Site Plan as submitted by Coleman Engineering Company, recommendations of Planning Director Bryan Gillett, and recommendations from the Land and Reservation Committee that the Site Plan be approved, Tribal Council approves the Murray Road Site Plan as presented on Page 5 of the aforementioned Murray Road Development document.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept Tribal Chairman Harrington's verbal and written report for October 11, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley Tribal Council authorizes the Executive to sign a letter of engagement as submitted by Legislative Services Attorney Budnick provided that a confidentiality statement accompanies the letter of engagement.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 1 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

2:47 p.m. Recess called.

2:57 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

2:58 p.m. Public Comment opened.

No comments.

3:01 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:01 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to adjourn.

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

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date

October 25, 2009

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:36a.m.

Opening Ceremony: John Bott

Council Present: Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Marvin Mulholland

Absent: none

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington, Vice-Chairman Dexter McNamara, Executive Assistant Rebecca Atkinson, Planning Director Bryan Gillett, Office of Enterprise Management Chuck Schoefield, Gaming Board of Directors: Chairperson Carol McFall, Treasurer Sheran Patton, Board Member Fred Kiogima, Office Manager Cathy Portman, General Counsel James Bransky

Guests: Christina Rohn, Annette VanDeCar, Sarah VanDeCar, Bea Law, Marcia Sutton, Alice Yellowbank, Jannan Cornstalk, Kelly Kiogima, Rosanna Campbell, Virginia VonderLippe, Debra Janney, John Liebgott

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to adopt the agenda with additions for October 25, 2009.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the minutes of Octo-

ber 11, 2009 with corrections.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve the minutes of October 24, 2009 with corrections.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Elder Comments: Bea Law mentioned she wanted more of her comment from the last Tribal Council Meeting written into the minutes and is still waiting for feedback from the comments she made.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal and written report for October 25, 2009.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the verbal and written report from Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick for October 25, 2009.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Otto to accept the verbal Tribal Council member report from Councilor Chingwa.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report from Committee Chairperson Kiogima.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Elder Comments: Sarah VandeCar spoke regarding the Executive attendance at the Tribal Council meeting, and general communication with her and her recall petition.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated October 7, 2009 for a total of 9.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve Enrollment List B - Declination (Ineligible) dated October 7, 2009 for a total of 2.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Otto to Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Under Section 103 of the Clean Air Act, FY 2010 Region 5 Tribal Air Grants, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Clean Air Program.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Chingwa-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor R. Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet-yes.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing an Appropriation of \$76,000 for the 2009 Per Capita Distribution. Funding to come from prior period funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Chingwa-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor R. Shananaquet-yes, Councilor

Otto-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet-yes.

Motion carried.

10:46 p.m. Recess called.

10:59 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet noted for the minutes that a Nimkee Technology report was due to the Tribal Council in October and has yet to be received.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount spoke regarding management responsibility to employees, previous Executive law compliance, and Tribal Council reporting attendance at Commission Boards and Committees closed sessions. Jannan Cornstalk spoke regarding the Executive use of his budget and debt responsibilities. Bea Law asked for the Public Comment policy to be followed for all comments. Alice Yellowbank spoke regarding communication between Tribal Councilors and the Executive, and National Congress of American Indians Tribal Attendance. Jannan Cornstalk also spoke regarding communication between Tribal Council, the Executive and the Tribal Community by having monthly town hall meetings.

12:07 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:08 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:36 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the Tribal Chairman Harrington's verbal and written report for October 25, 2009 with confidential items contained therein.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution Bureau of Indian Affairs Construction Easement at Ninaatig Drive.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Chingwa-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor R. Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet-yes.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the standard American Institute of Architects (AIA) construction contract for housing at the Murray Road property that includes a waiver of sovereign immunity within the terms of the dispute resolution and arbitration enforceable in Tribal Court.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet's verbal and written report for October 25, 2009.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet's verbal and written report for October 25, 2009.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to go into closed session for confidential business matters-Casino.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

3:06 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

3:10 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:11 p.m. Public Comment closed.

"Minutes" continued on page 13.



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) 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 did 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 vehi-

cles. 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 Dexter McNamara and Chairman Ken Harrington (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

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (6% of retail price)
2. Use Tax (6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Single Business Tax (1.9 % of the applicable tax base)
5. *Motor Fuel Tax (31 cents per gallon unleaded and 27 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. *Tobacco Product Tax (\$2 per pack of cigarettes)
(To purchase tobacco products, you MUST be 18 years of age or older!)

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

*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.

*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

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

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



Address Verification Forms Due November 30, 2009

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before November 30, 2009. 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 is-

sues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

Minors who turn 18 by November 30, 2009 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form must be returned by November 30, 2009.

Address verification forms can be downloaded at www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm or you may call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 to have a form mailed to you.

Per Capita Checks will be mailed out no later than 12/10/09.

LTBB ID CARDS

The Enrollment Office has new picture identification cards. YOU DO NOT NEED A NEW PICTURE IDENTIFICATION CARD UNLESS:

- Your tribal identification card has expired
- Your tribal identification card has no magnetic strip
- Your tribal identification card has a post office box and not a physical address

If you have an address change and you want the address change to reflect on your card, there is a \$5 fee. Please keep in mind there is a \$5 replacement fee for the card. Free to elders.

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

DON'T LET YOUR PER CAPITA BE LATE!

Adults/Minors Turning 18:

If you turn 18 by November 30, 2009, you must have an address verification form on file. If your mailing address is the same as your physical address, complete Section 1 on the address verification form and have this form WITNESSED.

If you have a post office box or if your mailing address is not the same as your physical address, you must complete Section 1 listing your post office box or other address AND complete Section 2 listing your physical address.

- o Section 1 is where your per capita payment will be mailed to.
- o Section 2 is your physical address.
- o This form must be notarized.

Minors:

All minors must have an address verification form on file each year before a check is issued. This form must be notarized.

Adults Deemed Legally Incompetent:

An adult over the age of 18 declared incompetent by a court must have his/her guardian complete an address verification form. Must provide proof of guardianship. This form must be notarized.

Designee Address Forms:

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. IMPORTANT If your address is not current on file, this will delay the 2009 per capita check in December 2009.

Address Verification forms can be obtained online at <http://www.ltbodawa-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

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. 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.

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

Adult verification form must be witnessed.
Minor verification form must be notarized.

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

Tax Agreement Reminder

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

LTBB Tribal Directories

The Enrollment Office has LTBB Tribal Directories for sale. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled prior to February 1, 2009, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

Qualifications:

•Must include a copy of your tribal identification card

•A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

Mail to:

LTBB of Odawa Indians
Attn: Enrollment Office
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI
49740

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

Communications Department

Kids! Color Santa and/or send him a letter and you could win a \$20 Walmart gift card



CHILD'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____

Coloring Contest Rules

- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No Exceptions!
- All entries must be the original size.
- All mailed entries must be postmarked by December 7, 2009. No exceptions!
- Limit one submission per child.
- Open to LTBB community citizens.
- **Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.**

Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category.

Letters to Santa Contest Rules

- All letters must be handwritten by the child.
- All mailed entries must be postmarked by December 7, 2009. No exceptions!
- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No exceptions!
- Limit one submission per child.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens ages 10 and younger.
- Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with the top three letters to be published in the January issue of Odawa Trails.
- Please provide a phone number where you can be contacted if you are selected as one of the winners.

Mailing Address:
Letters to Santa/Coloring Contest
Attn: LTBB Communications Department
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Love Lines Sought



We will include Love Lines in the February issue of Odawa Trails to celebrate Valentine's Day. Please e-mail your Love Lines submission by January 4 to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. They must be no longer than 15 words, no photos will be included, and they must be signed. No secret admirers or unsigned Love Lines will be published.

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 Dept. 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 \$5,000 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 Ste. 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.

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



Department of Commerce

Important Reminders from the Department of Commerce

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

Being that it's nearing the end of the year, I wanted to remind people the tobacco quota usually runs out before the end of the year. Please remember the limit is two cartons per adult tribal citizen per week. There has also been a limit set on any OTP (other tobacco products) that comes in similar packaging (20 per pack); that limit mirrors that of the cigarettes, which is no more than 20 packs per week per adult tribal citi-

zen.

Also, please remember the Department of Commerce provides Tribal Notary services; there are AVF (Address Verification Forms) and Minor AVF forms in my office for your convenience.

ATTENTION RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS!

Please remember if you plan to purchase a vehicle, ORV, boat or snowmobile, please see me **BEFORE** you make the purchase. A Tribal Certificate of Exemption may be issued, and you would be exempt from pay-

ing the State of Michigan taxes on any such purchase beforehand. This also applies to any home improvements to your principal place of residency. These must be permanent affixations and do not include furniture or appliances. This also applies if you plan to purchase a mobile home as your principal residence located within the tribe's Tax Agreement Area. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 231-242-1584.



Enrollment Department

The tribal notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute.

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number
Theresa C. Keshick	Active	2/18/2009	2/18/2015	01-09
Rebecca R. Atkinson	Active	2/23/2009	2/23/2015	02-09
Lisa Flynn	Active	2/23/2009	2/23/2015	03-09
Beatrice A. Law	Active	5/11/2009	5/11/2015	04-09

Updated 6/5/09

Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer: 231-242-1520

"MILS" continued from cover.

hope to make an informed decision as to whether we should continue the project at LTBB, expand into other tribal courts or end the program.

"MILS will conduct an ongoing program evaluation with the help of our clients and LTBB staff."

The Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 provides tribal governments shall not deny to any person in a criminal proceeding the right to counsel "at his own expense." A large number of tribes across the country do provide public defenders within their criminal justice system and some have created their own right to counsel under tribal law.

In the LTBB Court Rules, it states, "In all criminal proceedings, the defendant shall have the right to

self-representation unless the Court deems defendant unfit and appoints counsel to represent or assist the defendant. Defendant may hire, at his or her own expense, counsel admitted to practice before the Tribal Court."

The MILS provides civil legal services to low income Indian individuals and tribes to further self-sufficiency and in the past, assisted several Michigan tribes with their federal recognition cases.

"The majority of the federal recognition cases were wrapping up in the 1990's," Fraser said. "At that time, MILS completed a self-evaluation and decided its new focus should be on individual cases.

"We handle civil cases such as evictions, child welfare, garnishments and Indian Child Welfare cases."

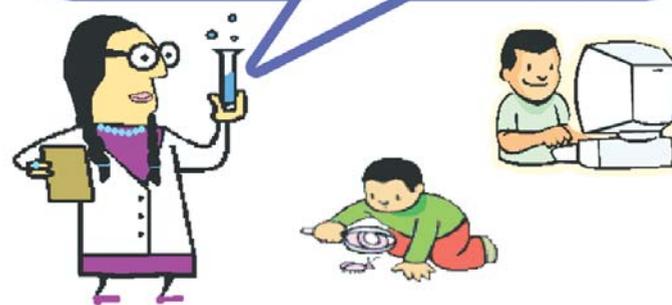
At press time, MILS had not

made a decision on whether to undertake a similar one-year pilot project with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI.

To apply for legal assistance from MILS, call MILS toll-free at 1-800-968-6877.

In the photo by Annette VanDeCar, pictured from left to right in the front row are Associate Judge Jenny Lee Kronk, MILS Executive Director James A. Keedy and Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco. Pictured from left to right in the back row are Tribal Prosecutor Matt Lesky, MILS Staff Attorney Aaron B. Allen, MILS Staff Attorney Cameron A. Fraser, Probation/Community Justice Officer Heather Boening and Court Administrator Bernadette Kiogima.

Send us your questions and/or pictures by e-mail!
Submit questions or pictures/images to:
EnvironmentalServices@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
or mail to:
Ask Baapaasaandip
Attn: Environmental Services
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740



HOMETOWN WIRELESS GROUP will give 15% off all items to any LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN, LTBB EMPLOYEE, OR FAMILY MEMBER OF AN EMPLOYEE. ALL WE NEED IS YOUR TRIBAL ID OR EMPLOYEE BADGE. WE HAVE 3 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU:

HARBOR SPRINGS
HARBOR PLAZA
8430 M-II9
231-487-9390

ALANSON
7722 US 31 NORTH
(NEXT TO SUBWAY)
231-548-5997

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

Youth Group Activities Advocacy

The Eshkiniigijik:
•Are Native and non-Native youth from the LTBB community between the ages of 13-18 years old.
•Eshkiniigijik meet on a weekly basis, Thursdays after school til 7 p.m.
Youth are informed weekly of different meeting places and special events via phone, text, and e-mail. However, it is usually at the LTBB White House.

The Binoojiinhak:
•Are Native and non-Native youth from the LTBB community between the ages of 8-12 years old.
•Meet on a weekly basis, Tuesdays after school til 7 p.m.
Parents are informed weekly of different meeting places and special events via phone, text, and e-mail, but, we usually meet at the LTBB White House.

YOUTH ADVOCACY GROUP

Parents and community members interested in sharing ideas and helping LTBB Staff develop programs are invited to attend Youth Advocacy Group meetings on the first day of every month from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the LTBB White House Youth Center.

VOLUNTEERS/MENTORS

Starting in June, volunteers and mentors are needed to help with Youth Group on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Any help will be much appreciated. To help out with Youth Services programming, please contact Joe Lucier, LTBB Youth Services Coordinator.

Youth Services Coordinator, Joe Lucier
231-242-1593, office: 231-838-5473, cell
jlucier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



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 March 31, 2010. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420.

Attention all Resident Tribal Members (RTMs):

If you are planning to purchase a vehicle, ORV or plan on doing any home improvements to your principal place of residence, **YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME FIRST** before making the actual purchase(s). You must fill out the "Request for TCE" form located on the LTBB website or by contacting my office. I

will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse!!! If you have any question, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

-Theresa Keshick



LTBB Children's Winter Solstice Party
December 12
1 - 5 p.m.
LTBB Governmental Ctr., Commons Area

Potluck dinner, please bring a dish to pass
Pictures with Santa, don't forget your camera.

For more information, call Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420.

On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by *Odawa Trails* staff

Michigan

December 31
New Year's Eve Sobriety Pow Wow
Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Contact Information: 906-635-6050

Minnesota

November 26-28
Thanksgiving Traditional Pow Wow
Minneapolis, MN
Contact Information: 612-824-3118, 612-799-2698 or zoogipocquay@msn.com

November 26-29
Second Annual Wopida Anpetu Thanksgiving Contest Pow Wow
Morton, MN
Contact Information: Kateri at 507-697-6185

December 11
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Traditional Pow Wow

St. Paul, MN
Contact Information: 651-293-5191, www.indianeducation.org or www.indianeducation.spps.org

December 31-January 2
Celebration of Sobriety Traditional Pow Wow
Minneapolis, MN
Contact Information: 612-724-3129

January 8
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Traditional Pow Wow
St. Paul, MN
Contact Information: 651-293-5191, www.indianeducation.org or www.indianeducation.spps.org

Wisconsin

December 12
St. Croix Trails Youth on Red Road Traditional Pow Wow
Webster, WI
Contact Information: Mark Soulier at 715-349-2195 or souliermark@yahoo.com

December 31
First People Many Nations Traditional Pow Wow
Milwaukee, WI
Contact Information: Susanna La-belle-Boyd at 414-744-5664, JK-MAURER@ulmalumni.com or www.fpmn.org

December 31
Menominee New Year's Eve Traditional Pow Wow
Neopit, WI
Contact Information: 715-756-2354

December 31
LCO New Year's Traditional Pow Wow
Hayward, WI
Contact Information: 715-634-8924 or www.lcoschools.bia.edu

December 31
Sobriety Traditional Pow Wow
Oneida, WI
Contact Information: 920-496-7897, 1-800-236-2214 or lpowless@oneidanation.org



NOV. 26-29 2009 MORTON, MN

Lower Sioux Indian Community & Jackpot Junction Casino/Hotel
2ND ANNUAL WOPIDA ANPETU WACIPI (THANKSGIVING POWWOW)

CONTESTS

Adult Men's & Women's 60+ Combined
1st \$2,000 2nd \$1,800 3rd \$1,600 4th \$1,400 5th \$1,200
6th \$1,000 7th \$ 800 8th \$ 600 9th \$ 400

Adult Men's Traditional, Grass, Fancy 39-59
1st \$2,000 2nd \$1,600 3rd \$1,200 4th \$800 5th \$400

Adult Women's Traditional, Jingle, Fancy 39-59
1st \$2,000 2nd \$1,600 3rd \$1,200 4th \$800 5th \$400

Teen Boy's Traditional, Grass, Fancy 13-17
1st \$600 2nd \$500 3rd \$400 4th \$300 5th \$200

Teen Girl's Traditional, Jingle, Fancy 13-17
1st \$600 2nd \$500 3rd \$400 4th \$300 5th \$200

Junior Boy's Traditional, Grass, Fancy 6-12
1st \$300 2nd \$250 3rd \$200 4th \$150 5th \$100

Junior Girl's Traditional, Jingle, Fancy 6-12
1st \$300 2nd \$250 3rd \$200 4th \$150 5th \$100

Tiny Tots 0-5: Day Money

Saturday Night Chicken Dance Special:
1st \$500 2nd \$400 3rd \$300 4th \$200 5th \$100

Singing Contest:
1st \$10,000 2nd \$8,000 3rd \$6,000 4th \$4,000 5th \$2,000
Drum Split: \$5,000

HOTEL:
Jackpot Junction Casino/Hotel, 1-800-win-cash

All Specials, Honoring Ceremonies or Giveaways must be approved by the Powwow Committee.

GRAND ENTRIES: (POINTS BEGIN FRIDAY)

Friday 7 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.

THANKSGIVING NIGHT

ROUND DANCE: Thursday 7 p.m.
MOST DRUM: Midnite Express (Mpls., MN)

SPECIALS:

MENS/WOMENS: Switch Dance Special
Potato Dance Special
Couple Dance Special
More TBD
1st \$300 2nd \$250 3rd \$200 4th \$150 5th \$100

HAND DRUM SPECIAL:
1st \$300 2nd \$250 3rd \$200

ANNOUNCERS: Lawrence Baker (Newtown, ND/Hidatsa)
Keveon Kingbird (Redby, MN/Redlake Nation)

ARENA DIRECTORS: Chaske LaBlanc (Lower Sioux, MN/Dakota)
Rusty Gillette (Newtown, ND/Arakara, Hidatsa)

SINGING JUDGES: Byron Goldtooth (Lower Sioux E. Side, MN Dakota)
Jason Kingbird (Wahpeton, ND/Redlake Nation)

ADMISSION: \$5 for Weekend with wristband purchase or food donation
3 item min per person. 60 & over, 5 & under - free

CRAFT VENDORS: Contact Kateri at 507-697-6185 (Mon-Fri 9-5)

REGISTRATION: Begins Thursday at 6 p.m. - Closes Saturday at noon.
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Soup Station
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Entrées
Carving Station
Herb Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, Au jus
Carved Bone in Ham
With Rum Raisin Sauce
Roasted Tom Turkey with Pan Gravy
Southern Fried Chicken
Tilapia with Herbed crumb Topping
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Sage Restaurant Thanksgiving Menu

Your Choice of an Appetizer, Soup or Salad, Entrée & Dessert
\$45

Appetizers
Seared Crab Cakes
Bacon Sweet Corn Relish, Lemon Oil & Remoulade
Mushroom Strudel
Roasted Garlic, Goat Cheese, Frisee & Dijon Vinaigrette
Tempura Chicken Skewers
Wasabi Lime Mustard & Chilled Soba Noodle Slaw

Soup & Salad
Maple Pumpkin Bisque
Peppered Pumpkin Seeds & Cinnamon Crème Fraiche
Sage "Waldorf"
Dried Cherries, Blueberries & Cranberries, Julienne Apples
Spiced Pecans, Spinach & Apple Rosemary Vinaigrette
Duck Confit & Roasted Beet Salad
Roasted Red & Golden Beets, Goat Cheese Croquet, Frisee & Brioche
Truffle Emulsion

Entrées
Rosemary Maple Roasted Pork Tenderloin
Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Butternut Squash & Apples, Maple Jus
Slow Roasted Prime Rib
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Grilled Asparagus
Red Wine & Horseradish Sauces
Grilled Salmon
Roasted Broccoli, Cauliflower, Fennel, Butternut Squash & Parsnips
Potato & Horseradish Mousseline
Roasted Turkey
Apple Sausage Cornbread Dressing, Creamed Onions & Cranberry Sauce
Glazed Root Vegetables & Turkey Gravy

Dessert
Chocolate Raspberry Torte
Chocolate Crème Anglaise & House Made Vanilla Ice Cream
Apple Fritters
Vanilla Ice Cream, Toffee Sauce
Cinnamon & Vanilla Sugar
Bourbon Pecan Tartlet
Whipped Chocolate Ganache & Passion Fruit Ice Cream
Sage Restaurant Hours
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

"Minutes" continued from page 7.

3:12 p.m. Recess called.
 3:21 p.m. Meeting reconvened.
 Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the amended 2010 Tribal Council Work Session and Meeting schedule.
 Vote: 7 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.
 Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Bott to place the Contempt of Court Statute

on the Legislative Calendar.
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.
 4:31 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to adjourn.
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
 Motion carried.
 These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:
 Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date



2009 Amended Migratory Bird Rules and Regulations

These rules and regulations govern the hunting of migratory birds by LTBB Tribal Citizens within the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory.

Migratory bird seasons and bag limits for 2009 season.

Migratory Bird	Season	Bag Limit
Ducks *	September 15 – December 31	20
Canada Geese **	September 1 – February 8, 2010	20
Mergansers	September 15 – December 31	10
Woodcock	September 1 – December 31	10
Common Snipe	September 1 – December 31	16
Sora & Virginia Rails	September 1 – December 31	20
Mourning Dove	September 1 – November 9	15
Coots & Gallinules	September 1 – December 31	20

- *Ducks - 20/day, including no more than five each of the following species: Hooded Merganser, Wood Ducks, Red Heads, Scaup, Black Ducks, Pintails and Canvasbacks.
- Mallards – 20/day, of which only 5 may be hens.
- Possession limit not to exceed two times bag limit.
- **20/day any geese in aggregate.

Hunting is allowed on the listed tribal properties according to the following provisions:

Open to all hunting	
Waawaashkesh (Deer) Wild Area	80 acres
Murray Road (Old NRD Office)	80 acres
St. Martins Island	47.8 acres
Osborne Road East	40 acres
Drier Road	80 acres
Susan Creek (with permit)	55 acres
Bow Hunting Only	
Housing (Heynig Road)	40 acres
Closed to all hunting except Migratory Bird (Waterfowl)	
Nine Mile Point	Lot
Closed to all Hunting	
LTBB Governmental Center	97.6 acres
Beaver Island Dock	Lot
Bio-Station (Aldrich)	Lot
Odawa Casino Resort	100 acres
Osborne Road West (Pow Wow Grounds)	40 acres
Old Victories Casino (US 131 South)	5.6 acres
Casino Office (911 Spring St.)	Lot
Odawa Hotel	Lot
915 Emmet Street	Lot
1345 US 31 North	Lot

For maps of these areas or for more information, please call the Natural Resource Department at 231-242-1670.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
 Natural Resource Department
 Staff
 Would like to wish everyone
 A Very Joyous
 Holiday Season.

Don't Forget!

Just a reminder: The mandatory hunting tag return date is Monday, January 4, 2010!



This last month, Tribal Council passed a Tribal Resolution creating the "Legislative/Executive Team" to work on restructuring of the notes with the senior unsecured note holders. This team has members from both the Executive and Legislative sides of government. It was created to expedite the flow of information between the two branches of governments for quicker responses to deadlines.

During the 90-day forbearance period, Tribal Council has retained an Operational Consultant. This consultant is a requirement of the forbearance agreement. The goal of the Operational Consultant is to help Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, become the most effective, profitable and directed business it can be. This includes, in particular, seeking to

identify ways to increase revenues, customer traffic and performance at the resort going forward. At its October meeting, Tribal Council voted to retain Warner Gaming as the Operational Consultant.

Warner Gaming is a seven-person operational consulting team with more than 100 years of collective experience in regional gaming enterprises, including leadership roles in the opening of more than 17 casinos, including Silver Eagle Casino, Luxor Hotel & Casino, Venetian Resort Casino, Greektown Casino, Green Valley Ranch Resort & Casino, Thunder Valley Casino and Red Rock Resort & Casino. The team is headed up by Bill Warner, the former COO of Station Casinos, and widely regarded as one of the top consultants in the gaming industry.

Representatives from Warner Gaming will be on site at Odawa Casino Resort over the next month. We are excited to work with the Warner Gaming team and to enlist its expertise in this effort.

Tribal Council will continue to provide updates on the process as matters develop.

If you have questions, please feel free to contract the Tribal Council office at 1-866-927-0077 or attend a Tribal Council meeting. The calendar of meetings is in the *Odawa Trails* newsletters as well as our website at www.lttbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Miigwetch,

Submitted by Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader, and Donna L. Budnick, Legislative Services Attorney



FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN KEN HARRINGTON

Aanii to the membership;
 The Housing Project is moving forward and was scheduled to break ground in November 2009. Originally, the project was scheduled for construction in spring 2010, but Planning, Housing and the Administration has worked diligently to accelerate the schedule which will provide 10 new homes for tribal citizens. Projected completion is summer 2010. On the approved site plan is a location for a "Wind Turbine."

The annual Christmas party has a new format this year. All youth 0 through 18 will receive \$20 on top of their annual per capita payment. This effort is new and is designed to reach outside the service area to all our tribal youth. Tribal Council passed with seven yes votes. The tribe will still host a Children's Christmas party at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, with a potluck meal and pictures with Santa.

I attended the Tribal Leaders summit in Washington, D.C. with

President Barack Obama. While in the meeting, the president signed a memorandum requiring his cabinet to have a written plan within 90 days to ensure the federal government has a solid foundation for a working relationship with the tribes throughout the U.S. Our lobbyist set up meetings for us with Debbie Stabenow, Bart Stupak, Minority Leader Ed Pastor (Chairman of Energy and Water Development) and Mike Honda (Chairman of Appropriations). The introduction and meeting with the congressmen will enhance our lobbyist's abilities to work for our tribe and to help secure funding sources beneficial to our tribe.

The Vice Chairman and I were guest speakers at Leadership Little Traverse (LLT) and spoke on our tribal sovereignty, current events and government to government relations. The "Journey to Sovereignty" film was shown to the local community by team members from Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. I provided a

welcoming address to the Democratic Society of Emmet and Charlevoix counties at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey. This opportunity provided a chance to meet Bart Stupak and Gary McDowell, and more than 100 leaders and advocates attended the event.

Our Tribal Renewable Energy Work group is progressing. We hope to present plans to Tribal Council that can carry the tribe into the renewable energy field such as "Wind Power." Members of the group are attending trainings and searching for funding opportunities. There are many grants for projects and job training that are being explored.

We are very excited our Youth Services Coordinator was able to attend the National Congress of American Indians with four of our tribal youth. They are our future Tribal Council Members/Chairman. The experience for them will be beneficial as individuals, and we hope they can help carry the leadership forward for our tribe in the future.



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Lines From our Membership



BIRTHDAYS

Hats off to a sweet bezer of a girl. Belated fifth birthday wishes to **Braelyn**. I know this will be a super year for you. Gaazagiiian, Maime'.

Happy birthday wishes to my mother, **Theresa Yoder** (Gasco), on December 22nd. From all of us, Debra, Roy Lee, Kathy, Dawn and all of your great-grandkids. We love you Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma.

Happy birthday **Winnay**. When you going to come over to my house for spaghetti? Love, the President of your Fan Club, Anthony Laughlin.

Happy birthday to **Dawnie Poo** on December 28! From the RezCuz, Ken.

Happy birthday to a great brother and uncle **Allen Gasco** on December 26. We love you, Bill, Gina, Brittany and Matt.

Happy ninth birthday **Big D!!** We love you, Mom & Dad, Rocky, Ruby, Rigby, Scratchy and Ms. Cookie Monster.

Happy 40th birthday **Moo** aka **Missy Chartier!!** OMG!! R U getting old or what??? Looking back over the years, you have given me many wonderful, hilarious and happy memories! I love ya, you old hen. Welcome to the "Club"!! LOL All my love, Aunt Judy.

Happy seventh birthday to **Mkooohns "Little Bear" Gasco**, whose special day is December 27th!! We hope that your day is full of wonderful surprises!! Love, Mom, Dad and Little Brother.

Happy birthday to **Shirley Eaves** on December 16. Have a great day. From your family.

Happy birthday to **Valissa Naganashe** on December 9. From your loving husband, Patrick.

Birthday wishes for **Joey Boda** (December 2), **Xavier Schansema** (December 3), **James Crampton** (December 3), **Marsccine** (December 9), **David Miller** (December 13), **Sharon Cojo** (December 14), **Joshua Shenoskey** (December 16), **Carole Crampton** (December 20), **Nicholas King** (December 22) and **Candice Berry** (December 30). From Dorothy and Don Boda.

Happy fifth birthday to **Jack Clancy** on December 22. We love you. Mom, Dad, Grandma Clancy and Grandma Bowers.

Happy birthday to **Aunt Shirley** (Adkins) on December 30! Much love from Nephew #1, Ken.

Happy birthday to the World's Greatest Bowler **Don Portman**. Michele, Greg and family.

Happy birthday to **Yvonne Fuerte** on December 7th!!! All our love,

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Theresa, Michael & Jordan. ☺

Happy birthday **Lori Dukester**. Hope you have a great day as you celebrate the holidays at the same time. May just surprise you one of these days!! Love and miss you! Judy.

MnoDibishkaan Ngashi, **Alice May Yellowbank**. Aapiji gzaagigo – niinwi, kina gdo-niijaansak miinwaa goshenak miinwaa aanike-goshenhsak. *Happy birthday to my Mother. We love you so much. All of us, all your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Happy birthday December 18th to our **big little brother**. Love from Vicki, Nini, Suzeque and the rest of the gang.

Happy 26th birthday to **Jenifer Elaine** on December 20th. Much love from your Pj's.

Happy birthday **Patricia Booth** on December 18th. From your family.

Dawn Pesino will be celebrating her birthday on December 27th. I would like to wish my daughter Dawn a very happy birthday. I love you very much. From your mother.

Many special birthday wishes to my darlin' son, **Brock McClatchey**, the Apache. Wishes for many sprinkler systems and lights; Baa Maa Pii and love. From Mommy Dearest.



Birthday wishes for **Marie Schuyler-Dreaver** on December 31. Wishing you all the best on your special day and in the new year.

Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy birthday to our **coolist MOM**. Love, Chula, Tobey T-Bone and Uncle Homey.

Happy birthday to an awesome brother, nephew and cousin **Merle Carson** on December 26. Thanks for being you, Aunt Gina, Uncle Bill, Brittany and Matt.

Happy 68th birthday to the **Old Man** on December 30. We have to admit you have behaved yourself for the most part this year, but there's still time to get into mischief. Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy birthday to **Archie L. Kiogima, Jr.**, whose special day is December 8th!! You're a great dad and a wonderful grandpa, we hope you have a special day!! Gzaaguahn, Gina, Jimmy, Mkooohns and Wedaase Gasco.

Hope you have a happy birthday **Max Field!** You have grown up way too fast. We are all so proud of what you have accomplished ... thanks to your

BIRTHDAYS

mama. Ha Ha Love you, Aunt Judy.

Mno Dbishka Nokomis, **Alice Yellowbank**, whose special day is December 12th!! We hope you have a wonderfully relaxing day!! Gzaaguahn, Gina, Jimmy, Mkooohns and Wedaase Gasco.

Happy birthday to **Princess** on December 7. It's great to see you dancing again. You've come a long way baby! Keep up the good work in the new year. From your cousin, the Wicked Witch.



Happy birthday **Mom** on December 3. Miigwetch to you and Dad for teaching me to be the person I am today and always being there to listen and help. Thanks for teaching me balance and humility. We love you Mom – Michele, Greg and family.

MnoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaanagak-Mnido Giizisoonh NdoAankiNiingonisak **Mkooons Gasco** miinwaa **Storm McFall**; miinwaa **Archie Kiogima II** (nmisenh wiidigemaagan) miinwaa NiingonisKwezenhsak **Brooke Robinson & Shannon Chamblee** (shkiniikwek). Gzaaginim.

Happy 20th birthday **Jay Field!!** One more year to go, then you are legal. Have a good one! Smokestack to Casper! LOL Love you too, Aunt Judy.

Happy ninth birthday **Donnevon Peter Thomasma** ☺ Love you!!! From your Godmother – Aunt Tiffy.

Happy 24th birthday **William Booth** on December 30th. From your family.

Happy birthday **Noodles (Chris Smith)** on December 25, hope Santa is good to you. Love, your cousin, Brittany.

OK! Now for the real **Yvonne**. Happy birthday and have fun at the evil on the top of the hill. Love, from your favorite Auntie.

Happy birthday to our mother **Dawn Pesino** – we love you mom, you are the greatest – Frankie Ray, Dustin, Alicia, Eric and Deric.

Happy 29th birthday to **Marie Schuyler-Dreaver**.

You are a good Mother, Wife, Sister and Auntie. Hope you have a good day this December 31st. Kanolunkwa Mom, Dad, Harvey, Heather, Nigel, Nelly, Shay, Caden, Maya and Kayla.



Anniversary

Anniversary wishes for **Paul and Beth Shananaquet** on December 28. From Dorothy and Don Boda.

Miigwetch

In June 2009, I had a mysterious illness that hospitalized me for nearly a month. The illness required the medical doctors to induce a coma and to put me on life support systems for seven or eight days. My family who lives in various states across our great country was alerted, and the doctors recommended my family come to visit me one last time before I succumbed. During the days I was hospitalized, not only did my family come to my bedside, but many friends came to my personal and spiritual aid with prayers and financial assistance to get my daughter and grandchildren here from Washington state. Terri and family live five days away by automobile, and they were able to get here with the generous help from friends. I thank you very much for that help. During my recovery, convalescence and rehabilitation, I had visits from friends who told me they prayed for my well-being. I thank you very much for the prayers and wishes of well-being.

I am now nearing full recovery and am resuming a full schedule. Again, I thank all for thinking of me and my family during my time of need.

Jerry Chingwa.

Walking on . .

Martina C. Starr, 82
Martina C. Starr, 82, of Charlevoix, MI, died October 7, 2009, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. She was born May 19, 1927, in Charlevoix, to Leo and Rose (McSawby) Tookolo. She attended Charlevoix Public Schools and was employed by Hoskins Manufacturing for more than 25 years. She was a member of St. Mary Church and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She is survived by her daughter, Kathleen Lewis; grandson, Michael McCann; sister, Dorothy Dyer; all of Charlevoix; and many nieces and nephews. Her sisters, Lillian Peters and Katherine Genia, preceded her in death.

Adelaide "Addie" Cabinaw, 94
Adelaide "Addie" Cabinaw, 94, long-time resident of Pellston, MI, died November 6, 2009, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey, MI. She was born Viva Lola McDonald on January 17, 1915, at home in Bliss, MI, to Orville and Phebe (Shinn) McDonald. The family moved to Petoskey and then Harbor Springs, MI, where Addie, as she became known, grew up and attended school. On September 19, 1936, she married Henry E. Cabinaw. Henry sadly preceded Addie in death in 1957. Addie was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and her children will forever be grateful to her for the many sacrifices she made for the sake of her family. But to Addie, it all came natural, and she would never have looked at anything she gave up for her family as a sacrifice. Addie was a wonderful cook and put her skills

Walking on . .

to use in the kitchens of the Dam Site Inn and Anderson's Restaurant in Pellston. She had a gift for arts and crafts and enjoyed crochet. Addie's years working at the Friendship Center of Emmet County were very special to her; she made many close friends while there and was always willing to offer a helping hand to anyone in need. Addie is survived by her children, Lucius (Rose) Cabinaw of Brutus, MI, Betty Lee DeLorme and Kathy Siler, both of Pellston, and Dave (Sherry) Cabinaw of Blissfield, MI; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are Addie's sister, Lillie McMichael of Cheboygan, MI, and sisters-in-law, Ardith McDonald and Carol Champion; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Addie joins her loved ones: husband, Henry; son, Patrick; stepson, Henry C. Cabinaw; brothers, Gordon, Lee and Robert McDonald; and sisters, Betty McDonald and Leota Boda; as well as her sons-in-laws, William Siler and Harvey DeLorme.

Floyd John Harrington, Sr., 66
Floyd John Harrington, Sr., 66, formerly of Petoskey, MI, walked on November 4, 2009 at his home in Woodhaven, MI. Floyd was born October 19, 1943, in Lake City, MI, to Raymond N. and Cecelia K. (Martell) Harrington and grew up primarily in the Petoskey area. He married Carol Jean Feather. The couple lived in both Grand Rapids, MI, and Petoskey. Carol preceded Floyd in death on September 4, 2002. Family was always first with Floyd; he loved his children and grandkids with all of his heart. His sense of humor was only surpassed by his sense of loyalty to his family and close friends. He was truly at home in the outdoors, hunting and fishing with his kids and grandkids were the times he lived for. Well-known and well-liked, Floyd leaves behind many friends; he will be forever missed. He was a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Surviving Floyd are his children; daughter, Julia (Keith) Nulph and sons, Floyd, Jr. (Shellie), Michael and David and his grandchildren, John, Michael, Alan, William, Karl, Jocelyn, Gavin, Morgan and Britney, step-grandchildren, Bryan, Grady and Melanie. Also surviving are his brother Ernest and his two sisters, Eleanor Barber and Florence Indelicato. Including his wife Carol, Floyd was also preceded in death by his grandson, Riley, his parents and by his brother, Clarence, and sister, Christine Honson.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to my buddy **Dennis King** who will be celebrating on the 30th of December. It's been something Dennis to see us as kids on how we grew up together and now every once in awhile we share a table at Elders Luncheon. Hope you have many more. Don't forget my piece of cake. Your buddy Dexter.

Happy birthday on December 7th to **Gunnar McNamara** who has reached the big number 10. May you have a very special day. We love you very much and are very proud of you. Love, Dad, Papa Dexter, Grandma Deb, Uncle Derek, Uncle Shane and Great Grandma.

Native News

INTRODUCING ARTIST CLAYTON WALKER, A LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN FROM ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL



Clayton Walker liked to paint Disney characters in his early teen years. Clayton did not start painting again until the age of 69 when he started taking art classes two years ago. Last year, Clayton was included in the Arlington Heights Historical Museum's artist exhibition and was invited back again this year. This year, he exhibited at his first art show. Clayton finds painting in oils very fulfilling and relaxing. He is a member of the Odawa tribe.

Courtesy photos.



CENSUS 2010 - "INDIAN COUNTRY COUNTS" PROJECT

By Su Lantz

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has launched a new project, "Indian Country Counts," to overcome barriers that could affect the U.S. Census in 2010 for Indian country. The U.S. Census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years; it is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, so your participation is actually required by federal law, and the federal law protects all the information you share on your census form.

There are several barriers encountered with census participation, including distrust toward government, a general concern for privacy and the inconvenience. The 2000 Michigan census data revealed significant undercounts. This gives a strong indication people do not recognize the importance of census participation and subsequently, how it can affect their daily lives. Unfortunately, there appears to be substantial reluctance or at least significant hesitation from residents throughout the state to complete the census from areas that are potentially undercounted. This includes the Native American communities which are typically consid-

ered "hard-to-count" residents; but, also in the more heavily populated metro areas, for low-income residents, immigrants, homeless and people of color.

Many people do not recognize the potential for their communities by completing a census form. For instance, census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to the states (political representation), to make decisions about what commu-

the 2010 Census will be a short-form only census and will count all residents living in the United States as well as ask for name, sex, age, date of birth, race, ethnicity, relationship and your housing situation (rent, own, lease) – so the 2010 census can be completed in just minutes!

You may want to visit www.indiancountrycounts.org to sign up and find out more information related to the 2010 Census Indian Country Counts Project launched at the 66th National NCAI Convention or you may also visit <http://2010.census.gov> for other information related to the census.

Below are listed some of the key dates related to the 2010 Census:

- February – March 2010: Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.
- April 1, 2010: Census Day.
- April – July 2010: Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.
- December 2010: By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President for apportionment.



nity services to provide and very importantly, to determine the distribution of \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year. The purpose of this release is to protect our Native communities by encouraging every tribal citizen to participate in the 2010 Census.

Here's some really good news about the 2010 Census. The 2010 Census is different because the Census Bureau has changed the way it conducts the national count. We can say, "Goodbye Long Form," because

Holiday Bazaar

December 5
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
LTBB Governmental Center

Vendor Tables
Silent Auction
Tree Decorating Contest
Fry Bread and Chili for purchase

All proceeds to benefit National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), an organization that helps native families stay together during challenging times.

For more information, contact:
Rochelle - 231-242-0957
Audrey - 231-838-6110
Michele - 231-838-9256

Come join us for a community discussion!

The Rising Cost of Food: What is Our Food Future?

December 10, 2009

free 5:30 PM-6 PM Refreshments
6 PM-8:30 PM Discussion

Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke
Elder Housing Development,
5656 Zhou Noong (off Heynig Rd.), Harbor Springs

The Horticulture & Small Scale Agriculture Team, a collaboration between LTBB and Emmet County MSU Extension, invites you to join Emily Proctor, Tribal Extension Educator, and Ann Chastain, Community Development Educator, to explore local food accessibility and various aspects of food production. We look forward to seeing you.

Please register to ensure there's food for all!
Penny Marshall 231-348-1770
Deadline to register - November 30, 2009

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Upcoming Higher Education Deadlines:

February 15, 2010
Michelle Chingwa Scholarship
Winter/Spring 2010 documentation

December 31, 2009

Merit Scholarship application for Summer 2009 grades

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

GED PREP CLASSES

Tuesdays
GED Class 1 - 4 p.m.
GED Study Hall 4 - 7 p.m.
911 Spring St., Petoskey, MI

Thursdays
GED Study Hall 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
GED Class 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
LTBB Gov't. Complex
Harbor Springs, MI

For more information, please call the Education Office at 231-242-0152.

DAY CARE ASSISTANCE

Applications for the 2009-2010 Day Care Assistance Program are now available.

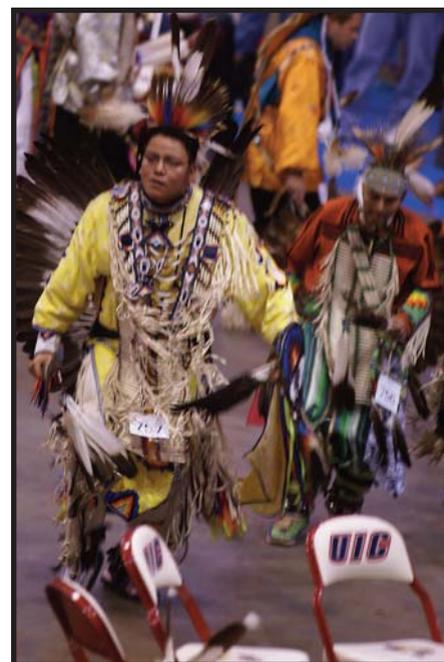
If you live in Emmet, Charlevoix, or Cheboygan County and would like more information, please stop in at Human Services, 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1620 for an application. You may also call 1-866-652-5822 and ask for Human Services.

This is an income based program.

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56TH ANNUAL POW WOW HELD NOVEMBER 7 AND 8, 2009



Photos taken by Annette VanDeCar



SPREAD OF THE H1N1 VIRUS FORCES CLOSURES AND CANCELLATIONS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Odawa Trails staff report

We are in the midst of the first global flu epidemic in 40 years.

During the week ending October 17, 2009, widespread influenza activity was reported in 46 of the 50 states according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website.

As of October 24, 2009, more than 1,000 people in the United States had died from the H1N1 virus, and President Barack Obama declared the swine flu outbreak a national emergency on October 24, 2009.

As of October 29, 2009, the H1N1 virus had led to 157 schools in Michigan closing, including several in the northern Michigan area (Alanson Public Schools, Boyne City Public Schools, Charlevoix Public Schools, East Jordan Public Schools and Harbor Springs Public Schools).

On October 1, 2009, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr. sent an e-mail to all LTBB Governmental Employees stating LTBB had at least one tribal citizen with a confirmed diagnosis of H1N1 flu.

In lieu of that and the various local area school closures, effective October 23, 2009, LTBB temporarily suspended all tribal government sponsored activities until further notice, and all classes at the Native Way gym were temporarily suspended on October 22, 2009. Earlier that week, the LTBB Head Start Program closed because a child had H1N1 flu.

"We are working closely with our Health Clinic and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to monitor flu conditions and will make decisions about the best steps to take to protect the tribal community," Colby, Jr. said in the e-mail. "As you may know, the flu can spread easily from person to person. Therefore, we are taking steps to

reduce the spread of flu in the tribal community."

On November 9, 2009, Colby, Jr. sent an e-mail to all LTBB Governmental Employees stating effective immediately, all gatherings, activities, luncheons, classes and meetings of the Tribe will resume as planned.

"Although the threat of contracting an influenza virus is still high, the reported cases of influenza (including H1N1) has declined to a level warranting the lifting of the suspension of gatherings implemented by the Executive Branch," Colby, Jr. said in the e-mail.

On October 30, 2009, counties served by the Health Department of

18 who have medical conditions such as asthma or lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, neurological disorders, cancer or chemotherapy or immune system disorders.

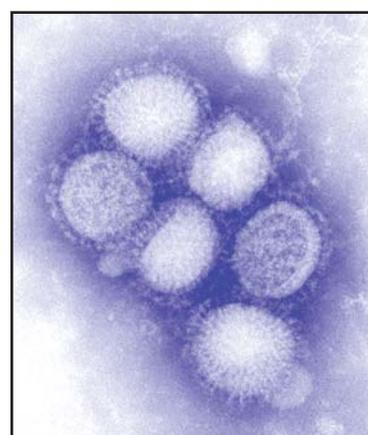
The CDC expects the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine to have a similar safety profile as seasonal flu vaccines, which have a very good safety track record. Over the years, hundreds of millions of Americans have received seasonal flu vaccines. The most common side effects following flu vaccinations are mild such as soreness, redness, tenderness or swelling where the shot was given. Any side effects would be rare.

According to the CDC, H1N1 was first seen in humans in spring 2009. People who are infected usually have flu-like symptoms. Even though some severe illnesses and deaths have been reported, most cases have been similar to seasonal flu and have not resulted in severe illness. Most cases have occurred in children and younger adults.

Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people may also have vomiting and diarrhea. People may be infected with the flu and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.

How is H1N1 flu different from seasonal flu? Seasonal flu viruses change from year to year, but they are closely related to each other. Seasonal flu is caused by the Influenza A, Influenza B and Influenza C viruses. People who have had flu infections in the past usually have some immunity to seasonal flu viruses. The H1N1 flu virus is a new virus strain, and it is very different from seasonal flu viruses. Most people have little or no immunity to H1N1.

Courtesy graphic.



Northwest Michigan had scheduled H1N1 flu vaccine clinics. Vaccination was on a first-come, first-serve basis and was only for those who are most vulnerable to influenza.

According to the CDC's Prevention Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices, the first groups to immunize with vaccine supplies limited are pregnant women; persons who live with or provide care for infants under six months old; health care workers and emergency personnel who have direct contact with patients; children six months through four years old; and children and adolescents five through

NATIVE AMERICAN NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY LENDER RECEIVES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY CERTIFICATION DESIGNATION

Press release dated November 4, 2009.

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. (NSLF), a new non-profit Native American Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) serving entrepreneurs in Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties in Northern Michigan, received the coveted distinction of being the first Native American Community Development Financial Institution in Northern Lower Michigan to receive certification status by the Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institution Fund.

According to the CDFI Fund, a Certified Community Development Financial Institution is a specialized financial institution that works in market niches that are underserved by traditional financial institutions.

CDFI's provide a unique range of financial products and services to economically distressed target markets, such as flexible underwriting and risk capital for needed community facilities, commercial loans and investments to small start-up or expanding businesses in low income areas, as well as providing necessary client technical assistance.

CDFI's include regulated institutions such as community development banks and credit unions, and non-regulated institutions such as loan and venture capital funds.

CDFI certification is a designation conferred by the CDFI Fund and

a requirement for accessing financial and technical award assistance from the CDFI Fund.

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. is incorporated under the Little Tra-



verse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and was a vision through its Economic Development Commission (EDC).

After many years of developing a strong foundation for its launch, Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. opened its doors in August 2008 and is making a large impact in Northern Michigan through providing lending and technical services to numerous local Native and non-Native entrepreneurs struggling to exist in this economic downturn.

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. has assisted more than 50 local entrepreneurs in retaining and creating jobs, maintaining and increasing their revenues, as well as promoting new business development in a very challenging market place.

According to Lisa McComb, NSLF Executive Director, "With the support of an experienced Board of Directors consisting of Laura Blumberg, Chair; Alan Proctor, Vice-Chair; Patricia Dyer-Deckrow, Treasurer; Tim

LaCroix, Secretary; John Bott, Member and Susan Goddard, Member; Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. is able to assist local existing and potential entrepreneurs through loan and technical assistance that traditionally would have met within the conventional financial sector. Due to the recent economic downturn which created tight underwriting requirements within traditional financing institutions, these challenged, yet financially healthy entrepreneurs are falling through the cracks. This could have long-term detrimental effects on our local economy without assistance through corporations such as Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. We are making a large impact in our local economies."

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) CDFI Fund certified Native American microenterprise loan fund located in Harbor Springs, MI, that serves both Native and non-Native entrepreneurs of Northern Michigan with training, business incubation and access to capital that fosters economic development for the Northern Michigan communities of Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties.

For more information about NSLF, please call the NSLF office at 231-347-6753 or visit the NSLF website

at www.northernshoresloanfund.org.

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Spaghetti dinner and Silent Auction Pow Wow Fundraiser

January 15, 2010

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

LTBB Governmental Center Commons Area

The silent auction to begin at 4 p.m.
Spaghetti dinner to begin at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

All proceeds to benefit the 19th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow.



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Native News Briefs

LTBB Tribal Citizen Excels on the Tennis Court for Harbor Springs High School

LTBB Tribal Citizen Matt Matteson, the son of Andrea Matteson and Chuck Matteson and the grandson of Mary Lou Bowers, competed at the Michigan High School Ath-



letic Association (MHSAA) Division 4 Boys Tennis State Finals at Kalamazoo College in mid-October.

Playing at No. 1 singles for Harbor Springs High School, Matteson won his opening match over Whitehall's Matt Hunt 6-1, 7-6 and lost his second match to the eventual state champion, Ann Arbor Greenhills' Chris Song, 6-1, 6-2. Harbor Springs High School finished 16th in the team competition with four points.

The following is an article written by his tennis coach Denny Green. "Matt Matteson first started playing tennis with his dad at the Harbor Springs Community tennis courts. As with every young male, we all want to be able to beat our fathers at whatever sport we are playing.

When Matt decided to tryout for the Harbor Springs boys tennis team his sophomore year, he was still trying unsuccessfully to beat his Dad. He made the squad and played No. 3 doubles that year. He and his partner improved with every match that year and wound up winning the regional championship with a record of 17 wins and 11 losses, helping the team win the regional title.

This sudden success inspired Matt to play with his Dad all the more. He would spend his entire summer going up to the courts and doing battle against his Dad or anyone else willing to play. This drive to improve enough to eventually be able to win sets off his father would catapult him into the position of No. 1 singles his junior year.

As a junior, Matt compiled a record of 14 wins and 12 losses. He was a finalist in both the conference and regional tournaments. By reaching the regional final, Matt was awarded the opportunity to compete at the MHSAA Boys Tennis State Finals. While at the finals, Matt decided that he wanted to bring the entire

team back his senior year.

To help with this goal, Matt went out and started recruiting new players as well as motivating current players to work hard in the offseason to improve. Matt also found a summer job at the Birchwood Country Club where he was allowed to play in with the adult members as well as practice on the courts in his off time. Matt's hard work and determination paid off this fall. He and his teammates qualified for the state finals in Kalamazoo.

While leading his team throughout the season, Matt quietly went about his business, compiling an amazing record of accomplishments as a senior. In my 13 seasons as the boys tennis coach, this is the best season ever by a No. 1 singles player. Matt's record was 25 wins and eight losses against many of the best players in the state. He was the conference and regional champion and is now looking toward an opportunity to play tennis in college.

To be continued."

His family wants to congratulate him on his success and to let him know how very proud we are of him.

Mom, Dad, Jack and Grandma Bowers.

Courtesy photo.

Bell's Fishery Opens Full-Service Outlet in Petoskey, MI

Bell's Fishery, owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, has opened a smoked fish outlet at Biindigen Gas



Station and Convenience Store in Petoskey, MI.

The full-service counter, which features smoked Great Lakes whitefish, salmon and lake trout and whitefish pate, is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Party and holiday platters are available. Samples are available daily.

For more information, call 231-436-7821.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Plans to Build a Hotel and Water Park in 2011

On October 25, 2009, the *Saginaw News* reported the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will build a 120-room hotel with a water park to open in 2011 near the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

The Soaring Eagle Inn and Con-

ference Center, formerly a Holiday Inn, will be torn down in March 2010 to make way for it, and construction will take approximately a year. The 45,000-square foot water park with rides and slides will have a retractable roof or wall to let the sun in during the summer. The tribe also expects to open a 67-space recreational vehicle park next to a 40-acre lake. Construction on that phase will start in spring 2010.

Hannahville Indian Community Resubmits Application for Gaming in Romulus, MI

On October 26, 2009, the *Detroit Free Press* reported the Hannahville Indian Community had resubmitted its application to the U.S. Department of the Interior to build a casino development in Romulus, MI.

The \$300 million project would include a 200-room hotel and retail space. The tribe is asking the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to place a portion of a 27-acre site into trust, allowing tribal members to own the land and use it for gaming as a sort of extension of their 5,500-acre reservation near Escanaba, MI.

In 2003, close to 57% of Romulus residents voted in favor of building a casino in the community.

2010 Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation is accepting applications for the 2010 Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program. This intensive summer program provides college students with an opportunity to work on health policy issues in a congressional office and to engage in original health policy research and analysis under the guidance of Foundation research staff.

College seniors and recent college graduates who have a strong in-



terest in addressing racial and ethnic health disparities or who are themselves a member of a population that is adversely affected by racial and ethnic health disparities are eligible to apply.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. on December 4, 2009. You can download an application at www.kff.org/minorityhealth/bjscholars/bjsapplication.cfm. For questions, contact program manager Jomo Kassey at 202-238-2385 or program director Cara James at 202-347-5270.

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NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2009
 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 A PROCLAMATION

The indigenous peoples of North America—the First Americans—have woven rich and diverse threads into the tapestry of our Nation's heritage. Throughout their long history on this great land, they have faced moments of profound triumph and tragedy alike. During National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize their many accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices, and we pay tribute to their participation in all aspects of American society.

This month, we celebrate the ancestry and time-honored traditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives in North America. They have guided our land stewardship policies, added immeasurably to our cultural heritage, and demonstrated courage in the face of adversity. From the American Revolution to combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, they have fought valiantly in defense of our Nation as dedicated servicemen and women. Their native languages have also played a pivotal role on the battlefield. During World Wars I and II, Native American code talkers developed unbreakable codes to communicate military messages that saved countless lives. Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars. Our debt to our First Americans is immense, as is our responsibility to ensure their fair, equal treatment and honor the commitments we made to their forebears.

The Native American community today faces huge challenges that have been ignored by our Government for too long. To help address this disparity, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates more than \$3 billion to help these communities deal with their most pressing needs. In the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, my Administration has proposed over \$17 billion for programs carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, and other Federal agencies that have a critical role to play in improving the lives of Native Americans. These programs will increase educational opportunities, address the scourge of alcohol abuse and domestic violence, promote economic development, and provide access to comprehensive, accessible, and affordable health care. While funding increases do not make up for past deficiencies, they do reflect our determination to honor tribal sovereignty and ensure continued progress on reservations across America.

As we seek to build on and strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship, my Administration is committed to ensuring tribal communities have a meaningful voice in our national policy debates as we confront the challenges facing all Americans. We will continue this constructive dialogue at the White House Tribal Nations Conference held in Washington, D.C., this month. Native American voices have echoed through the mountains, valleys, and plains of our country for thousands of years, and it is now our time to listen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 27, 2009, as Native American Heritage Day.

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