



## LTBB HAWKS BASKETBALL PROGRAM YEAR IN REVIEW 2008

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The LTBB Hawks girls 14-18 basketball team enjoyed a near perfect 2008 season.

The team captured first place in the Michigan United Tribal Youth Basketball League (MUTYBL) regular season with a 5-1 record, won all three tournaments (the tournaments were held in Petoskey, MI, Peshawbestown, MI, and Mt. Pleasant, MI) it entered during the regular season and won the MUTYBL season-ending tournament.

Team members were Gaila Vertz, Carrie Eggleston, Cassandra Gibson, Trisha Heron, Sondra Bennett, Mercedes Schmidt, Marlene Powell, Jasmine McFall, Andrea Reese, Breanna Mulholland-Cepeda, Ashley Dominic, Izzy Olson, Amber Nowell, Yarrow Nowell and Brooke Whitaker. Regular season coaches were Larry Denemy and Mike Schmidt, and tournament coaches were J.D. Gibson and Joe Lucier.

"They played so well together and dominated throughout the season," Lucier said. "It was a nice balance because there was quickness at the guard position and the post players dominated inside scoring and re-



2008 Michigan United Tribal Youth Basketball League Tournament Champions  
LTBB Hawks Girls 14-18 Team

bounding."

The boys 9-13 team also captured first place in the MUTYBL regular season, finishing with a 4-0

record. Jeannie Norris and Bernadece Kiogima were the coaches during the regular season, and Denemy was the coach during the tournaments. Both

the girls 9-13 and the boys 14-18 teams finished second in the MUTYBL regular season, finishing with 2-2 records. The boys 14-18 team also

finished second at the tournament held in Petoskey.

The LTBB Hawks basketball program originally was run under the Health Department, but it is now run under the Youth Services Department. The teams practice at St. Francis Xavier School in Petoskey.

"It is great working with the kids because they all love basketball," said Lucier, the Youth Services Coordinator. "What I enjoy the most is seeing the younger kids score for the first time and progress. They shock themselves."

The program is looking for kids nine and up. There is no cost associated with joining. Similar to all the teams in the league, a player must show he or she is a descendent from an Indian tribe. There is no blood quantum required.

If you or someone you know are interested in participating in the LTBB Hawks basketball program, please contact Lucier at 231-242-1593 or at [jlucier@ltbbodawansn.gov](mailto:jlucier@ltbbodawansn.gov).

*The girls 14-18 team photo and the individual photos of the girls on the 14-18 team appear courtesy of Theresa Keshick. The boys and girls 9-13 team photos on page 9 were provided by Joe Lucier.*

## LTBB YEAR IN REVIEW 2008 AS SELECTED BY ODAWA TRAILS STAFF



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

*Editor's note: This is the second section of the "LTBB Year in Review 2008 as Selected by Odawa Trails Staff." The first section of the article appeared in the January issue of Odawa Trails.*

Here is a final look at the significant events of 2008.

The following significant events are listed in no particular order.

### Odawa Casino Resort Unable to Make Annual Service Payment to the Tribe

Because of the sluggish economy and because a \$12.5 million bond interest payment was due on August 14, Odawa Casino Resort was unable to make its annual service payment of approximately \$13 million to the tribe in October. The approximately \$13 million is used to run all of the tribe's

programs, per capita distribution and gaming regulatory. The remaining funds come from grants, and that accounts for approximately \$7 million to \$9 million a year. Bond interest payments on the \$123 million loan to build the casino are due every six months.

In order to continue operating the tribal government and to avoid layoffs on the governmental side in 2008, Tribal Council approved at its October 5 meeting to borrow an amount not to exceed \$4.5 million from the tribal investment fund for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2008. The tribal investment fund was approximately \$15 to \$16 million before the money was borrowed from it.

### LTBB Receives Unique Gift from American Red Cross

The Northern Lower Michigan American Red Cross presented LTBB with the gift of a bear painted by LTBB Tribal Citizen Tom Teuthorn on February 21. The chapter, which serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties, wanted to

show its appreciation for the assistance LTBB provides the American Red Cross.

### Restoration and Rededication of Historic Church in Petoskey, MI

Through the combined efforts of the local Native and non-Native communities, the St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission Church and burial ground in Petoskey was completed in 2008 after three years of hard work.

The mission church and burial ground, 149 years old, was rededicated on July 14.

### LTBB Tribal Community Citizens Featured in Parenting Section

A parenting section inserted into the February 29, 2008 weekender edition of the *Petoskey News-Review* featured several LTBB Tribal Community Citizens. As part of the Parenting Awareness Month Community Scrapbook, five photographs with LTBB Tribal Community Citizens appeared.

In an article by Beth Anne Piehl "Review" continued on page 15.



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**Being Odawa is all about Freedom**

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

**Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement**

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

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*Wishing Pre-Press Graphics Specialist David K. Burks a happy birthday on February 6.*

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

The deadline for the March issue of *Odawa Trails* is January 26.

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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# Departments & Programs

## Waganakising SHKINIIGIK

"Young People From the Place of  
The Crooked Tree"

### LTBB YOUTH WEDNESDAYS!

We meet every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.:

1st Wednesday of each month

Monthly Planning Meeting & Youth Activity

2nd Wednesday of each month

A community project decided on by youths

3rd Wednesday of each month

Youth talking circle & a cultural activity or field trip

4th Wednesday of each month

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting and guest speaker

If there's a 5th Wednesday, there will be a surprise activity!

Free!  
to youths  
ages 12-19

Any tribal community member between the ages of 12-19 are welcome. Bring a friend! The grub is served at 5:30 p.m. and the activities immediately follow. We're located at the "White House," 1345 US-31 North in Petoskey.

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## February Elder Birthdays

### February 1

Sharon Petoskey-Turner

### February 2

Karen Lambert  
Patricia McCarty  
Yvonne Salter

### February 3

Clayton Walker

### February 4

Theodore Engstrom

### February 5

Benjamin Bernard  
Darlene Mulholland

### February 6

John Duvernay, Jr.

### February 7

Daugherty Johnson, Jr.

### February 8

Janet Shell  
Marcia Stratton

### February 8

Frank Thompson  
Agnes Washe

### February 9

Joey Deckrow  
Grace Zerbe

### February 10

Julia Basford  
Arlene Boggs  
Geraldine Hutton  
Sally Spangler  
Ralph Swanson

### February 11

Katherine Beech  
Donna Hielkema

### February 12

Floyd Genia, Jr.

### February 13

Henry Dubiel

### February 14

Mikel Bagby

### February 14

Patricia Dyer-Deckrow

### February 15

Virginia Adams  
Kevin Casey

### February 16

Betty Moses

### February 17

Lee Graham  
Marjorie Williams

### February 18

Margaret Brown

### February 19

Leela Harrison  
Robert Petoskey, Sr.

### February 20

Krystine Rojas

### February 21

Paul Bellmer  
Steven Otto

### February 21

William Vandegriff

### February 22

Ida Sminesvik

### February 23

Arvilla Bateman  
Mashilaa Beam  
Ronald Washegesic, Sr.

### February 24

Johanna Cameron  
Shirley Startup

### February 25

Garland Martell  
Marie Michels  
Dolores Thomas

### February 26

Jeanette Bailey  
Wayne Gasco  
Allan Moore

### February 27

Robert Boursaw

## Elders Program

### ELDERS PROGRAM REPORT

By Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Elders Program Coordinator

Aanii, Kikaajik!

Welcome to winter! It has been a cold and snowy winter so far!

In December, we had a wonderful Elders Christmas Luncheon hosted by Odawa Casino Resort. It was held at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI. It was a delicious meal. We also had our "Evening of Fun" dance for Christmas at the Community Center at the Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development north of Harbor Springs, MI. It was a potluck with great music provided by

the Countryside band. A surprise visit from Santa was well-received.

Currently, we are waiting to see how our budget will be developed as far as any trips or other activities we normally pursue. The main change is my Assistant, Tina Peterson, has accepted a job in Wisconsin to pursue another career and to be with her husband. We wish her well in her new adventure. Kathy McGraw, formerly an Accounting Assistant, is now working as Elders Program Assistant.

Many thanks to Virginia Lewis who worked diligently all year long as she organized groups to make floral crowns for the grave sites. There will



Elders Program Assistant Kathy McGraw

be changes to this, as so many families have been making their own, and the LTBB Elders Association will no longer be supervising the making of the flower crowns.

Burial request program regulations have been delegated to the Hu-

man Services Department. Human Services staff will verify any items submitted are allowable under the Burial Program Statute WOS 2006-017 before processing burial funds request. If you have any questions concerning this, please call Kristi Houghton at 231-242-1632.

I trust this newsletter finds you well and enjoying winter sports.

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

Photos of the Elders Christmas Luncheon and the "Evening of Fun" appear on page 18. Photo of Kathy McGraw by Annette VanDeCar.

## Avoid the headache!

Upcoming Higher Education Deadline:

**February 15, 2009**

Michelle Chingwa Scholarship  
documentation for the  
Winter/Spring 2009 semester



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

COMING  
IN  
FEBRUARY

## "The Elders Speak"

A book by the  
Hon. George Anthony  
A history of the Beaver Islands as  
told by tribal elders.

## Upcoming Elder Trips

The LTBB Elders Program is making travel arrangements for a couple of upcoming conferences.

The first one is the Annual Critical Issues Conference to be held in Mt. Pleasant, MI, on March 12-14, 2009.

The second one is the 15th Annual Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference to be held in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, on March 26-29, 2009.

These trips are on a first-come first-serve basis, and you may attend one or the other. Space is limited, so please make sure to call 231-242-1422 or 231-242-1423 as soon as possible if you are interested in attending either of the conferences.

**The LTBB Trust Fund Board invites all LTBB Tribal Citizens to attend its remaining 2009 meetings on the following dates: April 19, July 19 and October 25.**

**The LTBB Trust Fund Board held its first meeting of the year on January 18. All LTBB Trust Fund Board meetings are held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.**

**Board Members**  
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# Language Program

## NOONJ GEGO ZAAGICHIGAADÉ (DIFFERENT THINGS ARE LOVED)

Submitted by the Language Program

Baatiinad maampii akiing gego ezaagichigaadeg. Noonj zhinkaademigad. Kaawin gweta bimaadizijik daa'aaziinaa'aa zaagidwin. Wesiinhiik go gewiinwa daa'aanaa'aa zaagidwin. Miinwaa kina gego emaa-jiigiing maampii akiing, mooshtoon go gewii wi ezhinikaadeg zaagidwin.

Aanin bimaadizijik maajiik-toonaa'an waa'aaskone'en. Giishpin weweni gnovenjigaadeg ne'en, miigwa kendang zaagin wa waa'aaskone. Miidash naangwadnong enji mno-geng miinwaa enjignaajiwaang ne'an waa'aaskone'en, zaam giikendaanaa'aa zaagindawaa.

Aanin ezhi-ngodwewangizijik pane bemijiwaa'aan ndobinoojiin-hwaan pii kognaaziwaad. Kaawii gwaji nchike miyaasiwok binoojiin-hak. Giikendaanaa'aa dash gwanda binoojiin-hak zaagindawaa. Pii dash nentaawgiwaad, mii mooksek wi aaniish gaabzhikognendwaa. Weweni nemaadiziwok.

Giishpin ge gwaya ndo-daabaanan weweni gnovenimaad, miigwa wa daabaan kendang zaagin, miidash weweni mibizad. Kaadash maaba daabaan daabiig-daabaaneshkaasii zaam weweni gi-ibignowenjigaaza.

Naangwadnong bimaadizid nookaadizi odeng. Giikendaanaa'aa dash wesiinhiik maaba bimaadizid batiintood wi zaagidwin. Kaawii gejbwesiiwok pii waabimaa'aad nandan enookaadzinjin.

Giishpin weweni gnovenmaayi-ing ishkakimikwe, miigwa jikendang zaagaayiing. Nangwa nshinaa-jizhawebad gwajiing, giizis zaami

gzhaasige, niibna gchi-gmiwan mi-idash mooshkaang, zookpwa gwa gi-zookpwasnok, chi nangzi aki, noodin chi biimskwaasin, noonj gwa gego geyaabi. Aabidek bimaadizijik wii'aanjitooanaa'aa ezhi-gnoven-maa'aad ishkakimikwen, kaawii gi-ishpin geyaabi gwaya gibeyiing daayaasii maampii akiing. Aabidek gwiishinoomowaanaa ishkakimikwe zaagaayiing.

**Translation**  
There are lots of things here on earth that are loved. It is called different things. It is not only human beings that have love. The animals also have love. Also, everything that grows here on earth is able to feel what is called love.

Some people grow flowers. If they are well taken care of, the flowers know that they are loved. That is why the flowers sometimes grow so well and so beautiful, because they know they are loved.

Some families always spend time with their children when raising

them. The children are not alone. These children know they are loved. When they become adults, then, it is seen how well they were raised. They lead good lives.

If someone takes really good care of their car, that car knows it's loved, then, it will drive good. This car will not break down because it was well taken care of.

Sometimes, a person has a soft heart. The animals know that this person has lots of love. They do not run away when they see this soft-hearted person.

If we take good care of Mother Earth, she will know we love her. Today, there is crazy weather outside, the sun is overly hot, it rains so hard that it causes floods, it's snowing where it didn't snow before, earthquakes, hurricanes; there are many more things. People have to change how they take care of Mother Earth, otherwise, there will be nobody here much longer on earth. We have to show Mother Earth that we love her.

**VALENTINE CARDS  
NOW AVAILABLE  
IN ANISHINAABEMOWIN**

Because our holiday cards went over so well, we have now added Valentine's Day greeting cards.

Sayings are in our Anishinaabe Language with a translation on the back of the card. All original art, photography and design. Stop by the Language Department Office to purchase cards or give us a call at 231-242-1450 or 1-888-652-5822.



## ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE STUDENT FEATURED CARTOON

Submitted by the Language Program

is by Alex Fisher.

Translation: [Cupid descends] Laura says, "I love Billy." Billy says, "I do not like Laura." Cupid says, "These are the ones," and shoots Billy. Billy says, "Ow," and Laura says "Noooooo!" Billy says, "I love Laura Will you be my sweetheart?" Laura replies, "Oh, yes Billy. I love you, too."

Students in our language class at Harbor Springs High School created cartoons using our language on their own for their teacher, Doreen Peltier.

This month's featured cartoon



**Animate Object(s)**

Nzaagaa \_\_\_\_\_



Nzaagaa Nbazigim.  
N zaa gaa N ba zi gim  
I love my sweetheart.

**I LOVE... (singular object)**



Nzaagtoon \_\_\_\_\_

Nzaagtoon endaa'aanh.  
N zaag toon en daa aanh  
I love my home.

**Inanimate Object(s)**



Nzaagtoon \_\_\_\_\_

Nzaagtoon ndoshkimkizinan.  
N zaag too nan n do shkim ki zi nan  
I love my new shoes.

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**Nzaagaak \_\_\_\_\_**



Nzaagaak Ngitziimak.  
N zaa gaak N git zii mak  
I love my parents.

**I LOVE... (plural objects)**



## Moving?

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

Forms are also available at [www.lbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.lbbodawa-nsn.gov). Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address verification form.

If you are a custodial parent, please provide proof by documentation.

Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark you as undeliverable.

If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.

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

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

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

## Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

If you live in Michigan and need assistance with fuel oil, propane, electric, natural gas or wood/coal and are low income, please stop by Human Services at 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI or call 231-242-1620 for an application.

You can apply once during January 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 for each type of assistance available.

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

Applications for all programs are accepted until funds run out.

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

# Health Department

## Important Facts You Should Know About Indian Health Service Contract Health Service

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

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- You must reside in the Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA).
- Be an enrolled member or descendent of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians or be able to prove social or economic ties to the community.
- A Native American claiming eligibility for CHS has the responsibility to furnish the tribal program with documentation to substantiate the claim.
- You must have an active and complete file with Contract Health before a reference number can be given.

**Remember!!!!**

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

**Referrals:**

Physicians write referrals when patients need medical

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

If a referral is denied for CHS payment, the patient may elect to obtain medical services at his or her own expense. In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one medical appointment. Please call Contract Health Services at 231-242-1600 prior to any follow-up appointments for approval to make sure your coverage is still in effect.

**Alternate Resources:**

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

**Priority system:**

Medical referrals are approved for payment by a priority system.

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

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

## After Hours Clinics for LTBB Tribal Patients

**Weekend Urgent Care Alternatives**

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

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

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.



**Biindigen Business Hours:**  
Mon. - Thurs. 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Sat. 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
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2169 US 31 N  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-487-1093

Grab a slice of delicious pizza!  
Coke 2-Liter \$1.49  
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Bread \$.99 (White bread)  
Groceries (Basic)  
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BP Gift Cards Available  
Cheapest Smokes in town!

Biindigen is always accepting applications for clerk positions.

### 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 27, 2009. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420.

### Save on your next computer with Dell

Tribal Citizens and Employees can save money on their next computer purchase when shopping with Dell. It's easy, just log on to [www.dell.com/EPP](http://www.dell.com/EPP) or call 1-877-289-9437 and enter Member ID#: CS25031222 to take advantage of the discount.

If you have any questions, please call Purchasing Technician Mandy Ragland at 231-242-1439.

### LTBB Natural Resource Department Reminder

**All tags should be returned by February 1, 2009.**

For more information, contact the LTBB Natural Resource Department at 231-242-1670.

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# A. R. C.

Valentine's Sobriety Dance

Association of Recovering Motorcyclists

Hannahville Indian Community Center  
Wilson, Michigan  
February 14, 2009  
6 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Events	Contacts
6 p.m. - Potluck	Darrel Hardwick 906-280-2083
7 p.m. - Meeting	Rodney Fry 906-399-2853
8 p.m. - Dance	

# Education Department

## COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY HELPS STUDENTS GET MUCH NEEDED CASH FOR COLLEGE

Submitted by the Education Department

More than 550 volunteers will help college-bound Michigan students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA during statewide *College Goal Sunday* events on Sunday, February 8, 2009. For the second year in a row, LTBB will serve as a *Michigan College Goal Sunday* location.

*College Goal Sunday* is a collaborative effort among the Michigan Guaranty Agency, the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association and EduGuide. The program is designed to increase the number of Michigan students who continue education beyond high school and earn post-secondary degrees. The FAFSA is required of any student seeking financial aid including grants, loans and many scholarships.

"Parents should not underestimate the amount of financial aid that is available," said Diane Sprague, Director of the Michigan Guaranty Agency. "As lead sponsor of *Michigan*

*College Goal Sunday*, MGA wants to ensure that students have the opportunity to submit their FAFSA by the March 1 priority date so they are eligible for both state and federal financial aid programs."



Statistics show students who complete and submit FAFSA forms are more likely to go on to college.

On *College Goal Sunday*, financial aid experts will be available to guide students through each step of

completing and filing the FAFSA. Students under 23 years of age are encouraged to attend with a parent or guardian. Parents and students should bring their families' completed 2007 IRS 1040 tax return (if possible) or their W-2 and 1099 forms.

Twenty-nine sites across Michigan will host *College Goal Sunday* on February 8, 2009.

For additional information and a complete list of sites, go to [www.micollegegoal.org](http://www.micollegegoal.org).

More than \$6,000 in gifts and prizes will be handed out during *College Goal Sunday* events, including scholarships, a Dell laptop computer and Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Additional support for *College Goal Sunday* was provided by the C.S. Mott Foundation, the Lumina Foundation for Education and the DTE Energy Foundation.

For more information on the *Michigan College Goal Sunday* event hosted by LTBB, please contact the Education Department at 231-242-1480.

Courtesy graphic.

# FEB. 8, 2009

### MAKE THE DATE. MAX THE CASH.

**You could lose out on thousands of dollars for college.**

Don't let that happen. If you are graduating from high school in 2009 or you're already in college, you need to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To get the most, your application needs to be turned in by March 1.

Make sure you do it right. Come to *College Goal Sunday*, Feb. 8 anytime between 2-4pm, to have an expert help you fill out the FAFSA—FREE—at one of 29 locations in Michigan.

Not sure about college? Apply for the money and decide later. If you wait, chances are you'll get less.

**Go to [micollegegoal.org](http://micollegegoal.org) to:**

- 1) Get a checklist of tax records, maps and other things to bring to *College Goal Sunday*.
- 2) Sign up for tips and reminders.
- 3) Tell a friend through our website and win cool stuff.

**3 WAYS TO WIN!**

1. Text the word **College** to 25827 for a chance to win an iPod nano!
2. Go to [micollegegoal.org](http://micollegegoal.org). Send an invite to a friend for a chance to win a Dell Laptop Computer!
3. Come to *College Goal Sunday* for a chance at more than \$5,000 in scholarships & gift cards.

For complete contest & prize rules, please visit [www.micollegegoal.org](http://www.micollegegoal.org)

# Health Department

## PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6 WEAR RED TO SUPPORT WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE AWARENESS

Friday, February 6, 2009, is National Wear Red Day—a day when Americans nationwide will take women's health to heart by wearing red to show their support for women's heart disease awareness. Although significant progress has been made in increasing awareness among women from 34% in 2000 to 57% in 2006—most women fail to make the connection between risk factors and their personal risk of developing heart disease.

You may already be aware Michigan residents have higher rates of heart disease than most of the nation, and Native American statistics are higher than those of the general population. Just being Native American puts one in a higher risk category for heart disease.

National Wear Red Day is an annual event held on the first Friday in February. On this day, women and

men across the country will wear red to unite in the national movement to give women a personal and urgent wake-up call about their risk of heart disease. Everyone can participate by showing off a favorite red dress, shirt, or tie or by wearing the Red Dress Pin (available at [www.hearttruth.gov](http://www.hearttruth.gov)).

Join this national effort by wearing red on February 6, and encourage your family, friends, and co-workers to do the same.

By participating in National Wear Red Day, LTBB is joining The Heart Truth. The Heart Truth is a national awareness campaign to alert women about their risk for heart disease and to motivate them to take steps to lower their risk. The centerpiece of the campaign is the Red Dress—the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness. What's a Red Dress got to do with it? A simple Red Dress works as

a visual red alert to get the message heard loud and clear: "Heart Disease Doesn't Care What You Wear—It's the #1 Killer of Women." Sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the campaign is reaching women with important heart health messages in community settings through a diverse network of national and grassroots partner organizations.

Please join in and help spread the word about women and heart disease. For ideas and tools to help you participate in National Wear Red Day or to order a free Red Dress Pin, visit [www.hearttruth.gov](http://www.hearttruth.gov).

*This information is provided by the American Heart Association, and submitted by Regina Brubacker-Carver, LTBB Health Educator.*

## DAY CARE ASSISTANCE

Applications for the 2008-2009 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.**

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-119 231-487-9390	ALANSON 7722 US 31 NORTH (NEXT TO SUBWAY) 231-548-5997	KALKASKA 559 S. CEDAR (131) 800-757-5997
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**Traditional Healer**  
**Jake Pine**  
is available for appointments  
on  
February 23 and 24, 2009.

All appointments at the  
**LTBB Community Health Department**  
1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI

For more information or to  
schedule an appointment,  
please call 231-242-1601.

## It's Maple Syrup Making Time! Ziisbaakdakaan

The LTBB Youth Services Department, Community Health, Cultural Preservation and MSU Tribal Extension Education are holding the first annual Youth Sugar Camp in Brutus.

Camp will be held when the sap is running (end of February - early March). This is a hands-on class. All supplies and equipment are provided. Please dress appropriate for the weather.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664, Joe Lucier at 231-242-1593 or Emily Proctor, MSUE, at 231-439-8927.

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# Housing Department

## Housing Department Programs

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

**Short Term Rental Assistance:** This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used **ONE TIME ONLY** and the rent requested must be affordable and may not exceed 30% of the household's monthly income. Please note the application packet must be received and approved in advance of your moving into the rental in order to qualify for this program.

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

**Down Payment Assistance:** This program offers up to \$3,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home.

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

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

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

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

# Department of Commerce

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

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is officially changing your address with the Enrollment Department. All RTMs are verified through Enrollment. Enrollment in turn sends the Department of Commerce (DOC) notification of your status. Please note on your Address Verification Form (AVF) 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 vehicles. It also applies to affixation to your primary place of residence. There is a form that needs to be filled out to request a Tribal Certificate of Exemption (TCE). The **request** for this form (Request for TCE) can be found on the LTBB website [www.ltbb-](http://www.ltbb-)

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

**Please note:** All RTM updates are sent to the State of Michigan on a monthly basis as close to the end of the month as possible. If you plan to purchase a vehicle or do any remodel-

ing 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 Twp. (all)	Readmond Twp. (all)
Friendship Twp. (all)	West Traverse Twp. (all)
Little Traverse Twp. (all)	City of Harbor Springs (all)
Resort Twp. (partial)	Bay Twp. (partial)
Hayes Twp. (partial)	Bear Creek Twp. (all)
City of Petoskey (all)	

City of Charlevoix (only **NORTH** of the bridge)

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

1. Sales Tax (6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Single Business Tax (1.9 % of the applicable tax base)
5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (currently 32 cents per gallon unleaded and 28 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

- \* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.
  - \*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.
  - \*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.
- Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Citizens ONLY! Purchasing tax exempt fuel and tobacco for non-tribal citizens is strictly prohibited!**
- Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit (MI Form 4013)**

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



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



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

### Application Availability Notification

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

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

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

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



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

# Enrollment Department

## Yearly Notarized Minor Address Verification Form Necessary

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

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

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

# LTBB ID CARDS

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

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

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



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



### MINOR CHILD/WARD OF THE COURT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM

(All minor children 17 and under MUST complete his form.)

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

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

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

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTARY PUBLIC

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

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

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

# February

Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntam-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niiwo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naano-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
1 <b>Groundhog Day</b>	2 <b>Elders Open Swim</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  <b>Housing Commission Meeting</b> 3:30 p.m.  <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	3 <b>Elders Luncheon at noon.</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do Classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  <b>NCMC Nish Class</b> 6 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.	4 <b>Elders Open Swim</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  <b>Tribal Council Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting</b> 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.  <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	5 <b>Elders Luncheon at noon.</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do Classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  <b>Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m.  <b>NCMC Nish Class</b> 6 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.	6 <b>Indian Child Welfare Commission Meeting</b> Noon	7 <b>Tribal Council Work Session</b> Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
8 <b>Tribal Council Meeting</b> Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 <b>Elders Open Swim</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  <b>Health Commission Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m.  <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	10 <b>Elders Luncheon at noon.</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do Classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  <b>NCMC Nish Class</b> 6 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.	11 <b>Elders Open Swim</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  <b>Natural Resource Commission Meeting</b> 6 p.m.  <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	12 <b>Elders Luncheon at noon.</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do Classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  <b>Election Board Work Session</b> 6 p.m.  <b>NCMC Nish Class</b> 6 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.	13 <b>Language Immersion</b> Mshkikigamik 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>  <b>Language Immersion</b> Mshkikigamik 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
15 <b>Language Immersion</b> Mshkikigamik 8 a.m. - noon	16 <b>Presidents Day</b>  <b>Elders Open Swim</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	17 <b>Elders Luncheon at noon.</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do Classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  <b>NCMC Nish Class</b> 6 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.	18 <b>Elders Open Swim</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  <b>Citizenship Commission Meeting</b> 5 p.m.  <b>Tribal Council Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting</b> 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.  <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	19 <b>Elders Luncheon at noon.</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do Classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  <b>Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m.  <b>NCMC Nish Class</b> 6 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.	20	21 <b>Tribal Council Work Session</b> Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
22 <b>Tribal Council Meeting</b> Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	23 <b>Elders Open Swim</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  <b>Election Board meeting</b> 6 p.m.  <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	24 <b>Elders Luncheon at noon.</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do Classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  <b>NCMC Nish Class</b> 6 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.	25 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  <b>Elders Open Swim</b> Odawa Hotel pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.  <b>Natural Resource Commission Meeting</b> 6 p.m.  <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	26 <b>Elders Luncheon at noon.</b>  <b>Tae Kwon Do Classes</b> Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  <b>NCMC Nish Class</b> 6 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.	27	28 <b>Education Commission Meeting</b> 10 a.m.  <b>Tribal Council Appropriations and Finance Committee Budget Hearing</b> 10 a.m. - noon

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# Education Department

## CHECK OUT THESE NEW ARRIVALS TO THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY LOCATED IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

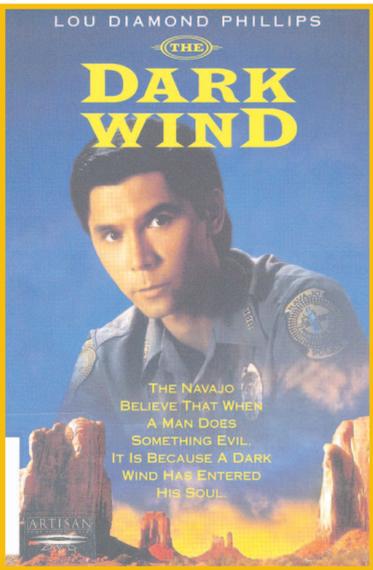
Tired of all the wintery, cold weather?

Stay inside, drink a hot beverage and enjoy a new arrival from the LTBB Cultural Library, located in the Education Department at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

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

### "Dark Wind"

This movie, released in 2003, is based on the Tony Hillerman novel of the same name.



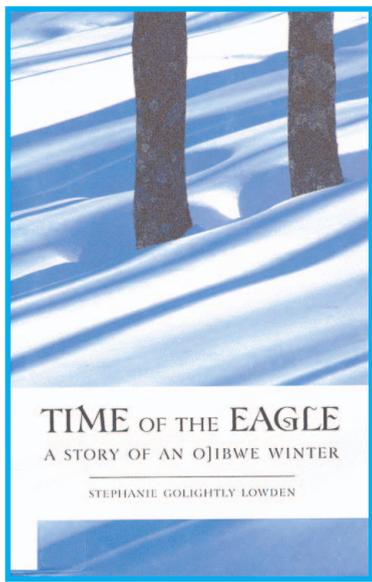
The following is a synopsis of the film that appears on the Fandango website: "Noted documentary filmmaker Errol Morris made his dramatic feature debut with this story about murder and other dirty dealings on an American Indian reservation. Recent college graduate Jim Chee (Lou Diamond Phillips) has just taken a job with the Navajo Reservation Police in Arizona, where he helps keep the peace with his superior Joe Leaphorn (Fred Ward) on land earmarked for joint use by the Navajo and Hopi tribes. Cowboy Dashee (Gary Farmer), a sheriff from the Hopi law enforcement group, discovers a decaying and unidentified body in the desert, an event he thinks may

be linked to a recent robbery at the reservation's trading post. The shop's Hopi manager, Jake West (John Karlen), is convinced that Joe Musket, a Navajo drug dealer and ne'er-do-well, is responsible, and as Chee and Leaphorn investigate the murder, the robbery, and a mysterious plane crash, they find themselves drawn into a web of corruption, prejudice, and deceit."

### Time of the Eagle

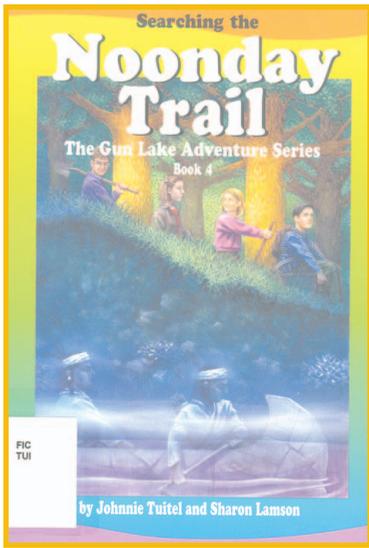
This novel, written by Stephanie Golightly Lowden and published in 2006, is intended for children ages 9-12.

The following is a product description of the novel that appears on the Amazon.com website: "When smallpox strikes her family's lodge, 13-year-old Ojibwe girl Autumn Dawn flees into the forest with her little brother. Together, the two youngsters must draw on survival skills and learn to tell friend from foe as they travel in search of a safe haven. As winter's grip descends on the north woods, what will the two do for food? Can they build a fire? Find shelter? The winter trek of Autumn Dawn and Coyote Boy offers a tale of courage and resourcefulness near the shores of Lake Superior, the realm of soaring eagles and home of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe/Chippewa). Set in the fur trade era of the 1700s, this is the story of one girl's heroism and strong spirit."



*Searching the Noonday Trail*  
This novel, written by Johnnie Tuitel and published in 2000, is the fourth in the Gun Lake Adventure series. It is intended for children ages 9-12.

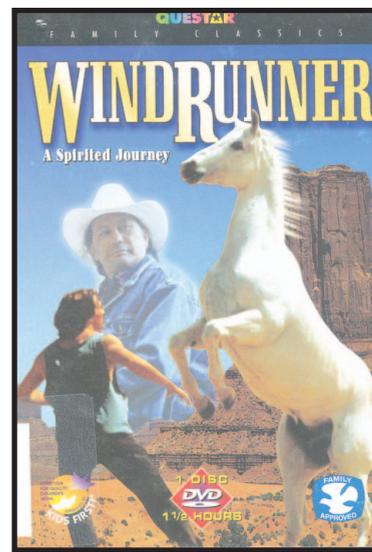
The following is a synopsis of the novel that appears on the Cedar Tree Publishing website: "The first day at a new school proves to be challenging for Johnnie Jacobson. But he wonders if it will be as adventuresome as the summer was? A secret football play and a field trip to where Chief Noonday and the Ottawa tribe used to live put the Gun Lake kids hot on the trail of another exciting adventure."



"Windrunner: A Spirited Journey"

This film, starring Russell Means, was released in 2003.

The following product description of the movie appears on the Amazon.com website: "Family approved by the Dove and Kids First Association, this film follows a high school boy who reluctantly moves with his mother to a small town in southern Utah. There he visits his father in prison, meets a girl, makes the football team and befriends a mysterious Native American Indian. Wa Tho Huck reveals himself as the earthly spirit of the legendary Carisle Indian College athlete Jim Thorpe, who delivers the message that one can overcome any obstacle to fulfill life's



dreams in this exciting action-adventure film."

### When Beaver Was Very Great: Stories to Live

This novel, published in 1995, was written by Anne M. Dunn, an Ojibwe author and storyteller who lives in Cass Lake, MN.

The following is a brief description of the novel from its publisher's notes: "Seventy-five short, purposeful traditional tales and original fables by a Native American (Ojibwe) storyteller. Each gives gentle guidance on issues of social justice, living in harmony with nature, and personal growth."

### Native Athletes in Action

This novel, written by Vincent Schilling and published in 2007, is part of the Native Trailblazers series. It is recommended for young adults (grades four through eight).

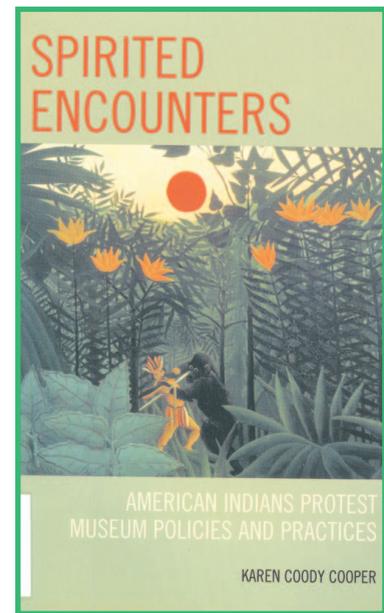
The following is a *Booklist* editorial review of the novel that appears on the Amazon.com website: "Along with well-known figures such as Jim Thorpe and National Hockey League hit man Jordin Tootoo, Schilling introduces Olympic wheelchair racer Cheryl Becerra-Madsen, speed skier Ross Anderson, ice dancer Naomi Lang and eight other less familiar Native American athletes of the present and recent past. Most of the portraits are based on personal interviews; all

include tribal affiliations, career notes, brief sidebars and small, black and white action photos."

### Spirited Encounters: American Indians Protest Museum Policies and Practices

This novel, written by Karen Coody Cooper and published in 2007, examines the process of repatriation.

The following is a product description of the novel that appears on the Amazon.com website: "During the 20th century, American Indians across North America organized protests against traditional museum treatment of Native materials and the Native community. In response, museums began to change their methods. *Spirited Encounters* provides a foundation for understanding museums, examines how museums collect



Native materials, and explores protest as a fully American process of addressing grievances. Now that museums and American Indians are working together in the processes of repatriation, this book can help each side understand the other fully."

*Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.*

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



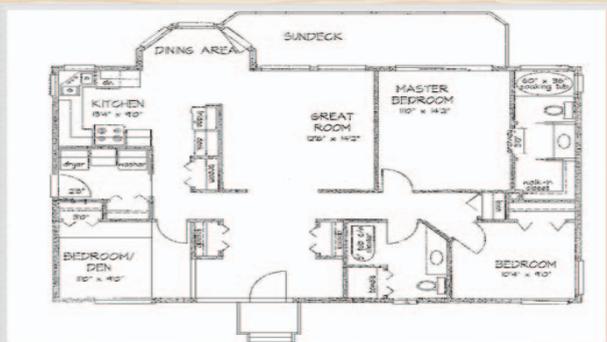
The LTBB Hawks boys 9-13 basketball team is pictured on the left. The team finished first in the MUTYBL regular season standings with a 4-0 record.



The LTBB Hawks girls 9-13 basketball team is pictured on the right. The team finished second in the MUTYBL regular season standings with a 2-2 record.

## Welcome Home!

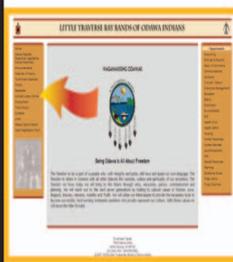
The LTBB Housing Department is building a stick built home in the Village of Pellston to be available for occupancy by early summer 2009. We are seeking interested applicants to purchase this house with a conventional mortgage. The purchase price of the home will be approximately \$100,000 or \$650 per month with a 30 year mortgage. Most lenders will require a gross monthly income of approximately \$2500 to be able to afford this home.



Any qualified tribal citizen interested in purchasing this home should apply to the LTBB Housing Department or call 231-242-1540.

## The LTBB Cultural Library is now just a click away!

You can now visit the library from your very own computer! Our catalog is online and easy to use.



- Go to [www.lttbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.lttbbodawa-nsn.gov)
- Select "Cultural Library Online" directly from the left menu on our LTBB homepage
- Browse over 1,600 books, movies, CDs, DVDs etc.
- You can search by title, author, subject or keyword

Don't remember the title or author? There are pictures of book covers to browse. Find the information you need.



For more information or to hold an item for you, contact us at 231-242-1487

## Executive Branch

### FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK

#### Ambassadorial Activities

**Breakfast for Champions:** The Petoskey Chamber of Commerce annual awards event was held at Ovation Hall at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, on December 2. This was the second time we hosted this event. This year, everything went well as we didn't have the sound system issues that occurred last year. We received praise for the food, the staff and the facility. The retiring Chairman of the Board for the chamber is Marty VanDeCar who will remain on the board as the past chair for another year.

**National Congress of American Indians (NCAI):** We had the monthly NCAI conference call of the Executive Board on December 2 in the afternoon. I serve on the board as the Alternate Vice President for the Midwest Area. We talked about the agenda for the Obama transition team and who is being considered for Secretary of the Interior. We also planned the pre-meeting for the tribal leaders meeting with the Obama Transition Team on December 9.

**Harbor Springs Kiwanis:** We hosted a monthly meeting of the Kiwanis at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on December 3. The Vice Chairman (Bill Denemy, Sr.) and I attended and welcomed the attendees. This event provides great networking opportunities and gives us a chance to answer questions for business owners and community members from Harbor Springs.

**Obama Transition Team Meeting in Washington D.C.:** I flew to Washington, D.C. early on the morning of December 9. We met first at the NCAI offices to prepare for the meeting at the National Museum of the American Indian after lunch. There were 26 leaders from across Indian country invited to attend the meeting. Michelle Stanley from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and I represented the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Executive Board at the meeting. I presented the three main points the board had decided on: 1. to restructure the Indian budgeting process at the Office of Management and Budget; 2. recommitment to a true consultation process across the federal government; and 3. more funding for Indian Health Care (IHS) programs. Stanley also spoke about labor issues. We just had time to finish our presentation and had to get a cab to go to the airport to catch the flight home. It was a long but very productive day. We are hopeful our presentations will have an impact on the Obama Native agenda.

**Middle Village Park Management Committee:** The meeting for December 9 was postponed until January as we didn't have each of the townships' approval of next year's budget yet. It has since come in, and we met in January.

**Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (GLRC):** The annual meeting of the GLRC was held by conference call on December 10. I serve as the tribal representative on the Executive Committee, and I gave a 10-minute overview of Indian country accomplishments and issues from this past year. Each of the other Executive

Committee members also gave a short report. We then took comments and discussion from the public.

**Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA):** The December CORA meeting was held on December 11 at Grand Traverse Resort near Traverse City, MI. We had a holiday luncheon at which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Director Steve Johnson addressed the CORA members, and he took questions for approximately 30 minutes. The EPA Deputy Director Ben Grumbles and the EPA Director of Native American Programs Carol Jorgensen also attended.

We also discussed the Cross Village Township Supervisor's request for assistance with the design and construction of a new boat ramp to replace the worn out one now being used. CORA has set aside some funds for this purpose, but the funds haven't been previously requested.

**Michigan Travel Commission:** The Henry Ford in Dearborn, MI, hosted the commission meeting on December 12. We discussed the new winter Pure Michigan promotion and reviewed the new TV and radio spots. This is the first winter campaign in several years.

**Tribal State Forum:** This conference call was on December 15. We provided a draft Climate Change Accord for discussion and have agreed we will work on this for the Annual



Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik

Summit meeting with the governor (Jennifer Granholm) in the spring. We proposed this Climate Change Accord as an outcome of my work on the Michigan Climate Action Council which is preparing a report for the governor which is due in February 2009.

**United Tribes of Michigan (UTM):** We held an Executive Board conference call on December 16 to discuss a tuition waiver issue, bulk purchasing proposal, our upcoming meeting in February and insurance policies for UTM.

**Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA):** On December 18, we met with representatives of the NLEA to discuss their thoughts on how LTBB could become a member of the alliance. We indicated we were not in a position at this time to make a financial commitment, but we came up with several possible joint activities to work on while we were considering their proposal. We suggested working to implement the addendum to the Tribal State Economic Accord in which we agreed to establish an Economic Development Fellows program. We will work further on how this might be brought about.

**Stafford's Annual Appreciation Event:** The Perry Hotel was the site for this annual event on December 22 from 4 -7 p.m. I attended and spent the evening networking with community leaders from the Harbor

Springs and Petoskey area. They prepared several food stations for the attendees. I spoke with the owner of the Holiday Inn Express in Petoskey who informed me he is working on the Petoskey Pointe Project and hopes to bring a Holiday Inn franchise to the project.

**Native Vote:** Su Lantz submitted a final report on 2008 Native Vote. We had participation by all of the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan.

#### Implementation of Statutes and Resolutions

**Signing:** All of the resolutions and statutes passed by Tribal Council in December have been signed.

**Notary Public Statute:** We have been working with Insurance Agent Velissa Naganashe who has found a company agreeing to provide the Surety Bonds for our notaries. We were in the final steps of implementing the bonding applications and expected to have this in place by the time of the January 11 meeting.

#### Oversight of Commissions and Programs

**2010 Executive Budget:** On December 4 and 5, the Chief Financial Officer (Valerie Tweedie), the Tribal Administrator (Albert Colby, Jr.), the Vice Chairman and I conducted 2010 budget hearings for Executive Department Directors. We discussed their thoughts on the draft 2010 budget we have been working on through the fall. After considering the results of these hearings, we prepared and submitted our 2010 budget to the Tribal Council Office.

**Staff Holiday Luncheons:** These were held on December 17 at the LTBB Governmental Center and December 19 at the Health Park in Petoskey. These meals were potluck with Denemy, Sr., Colby, Jr. and I providing ham for the meals.

#### Enterprise Oversight

**Odawa Enterprise Management (OEM):** I have been meeting and having phone conferences with OEM Director Chuck Schofield regarding progress at Bell's Fishery in Mackinaw City, MI, and Biindigen in Petoskey. In short, we are in better shape than previous years, but still struggling at Bell's; Biindigen is coming along better. We ended tax free cigarette sales early in December 2008 as we had sold our quota for the year. Sales resumed in 2009.

**Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.:** We had our monthly meeting on December 17. We still are working on projects for Nimkee Technologies, but so far, there has been no change in our financial report. With the exception of the past two holiday weeks, we continue to have a weekly conference call for the Nimkee board.

**Odawa Casino Resort:** We continue to monitor the economy and its effects on our business at the casino. On December 10, I attended the awards luncheon for Odawa Casino Resort team members at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey. The casino workgroup continues to meet to close out the construction project. Many of the closeout items are being completed, so we are meeting once monthly now instead of every two weeks.

## Environmental Services

### WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE KWIS & TIIO COMICS

You may have noticed the Kwis & Tiiio comic strips printed here over the last year. The comic strips were made by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe located in New York. While the St.

Regis Mohawk Tribe is different than the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, we can all appreciate the Native humor and environmental lessons in these comics.



### DUE TO BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, RESIDENTIAL DRINKING WATER TESTING NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL CITIZENS

Submitted by the Environmental Services Department

Due to recent tribal government budget cuts, the Environmental Services Department will no longer be providing drinking water testing for tribal citizens using private residential wells. Anyone interested in having their home drinking water tested should contact the local Health Department. For Emmet and Charlevoix County residents, please contact the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at 231-347-6014 (Emmet) or 231-547-6523 (Charlevoix) for more information.

The tribe will continue federally required drinking water testing at the

LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, Biindigen Gas Station and Convenience Store in Petoskey, MI, and Community Housing located north of Harbor Springs. However, Environmental Services will no longer be monitoring some of the other LTBB locations including 1345 U.S. 31 North ("the White House") in Petoskey, the Natural Resource building in Harbor Springs, the Pow Wow Grounds in Harbor Springs and the Osbourne Road property in Readmond Township, MI.

Please contact the Environmental Services Department at 231-242-1571 if you should have any questions.

Boozhoo,  
Baapaasaandip ndizhnikaa, Waganakising Odawa ndonjiba.

Hey, I was wondering if anyone has a science question?

Are you curious about what happens to recycled materials? Want to know a little more about wetland functions or the groundwater cycle? Do you have a picture of a tree or an animal that needs to be identified? Just ask me, BAAPAASAANDIP "Know it all!" If I don't know the answer, I will find someone who does!!

**Send us your questions and/or pictures by e-mail!!**

Each month, we will select a question or two submitted by LTBB Citizens and Employees and will post the Q/A in the upcoming Odawa Trails!

Submit questions or pictures/images to:  
[EnvironmentalServices@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:EnvironmentalServices@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
or mail to:  
Ask Baapaasaandip  
Attn: Environmental Services  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI  
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# Legislative Corner

Tribal Council, as the Legislative Branch, appropriates funds through a constitutionally mandated budget formulation process for the three branches of government (Executive, Judicial and Legislative), the Prosecutor's Office and the Election Board.

Currently, Tribal Council's Appropriation and Finance Committee is reviewing budgets for 2010.

As reported in the December

at ways to diversify our economic development. As you may recall, we had a feasibility study completed for the "old Victories Casino site" in Petoskey. We are currently assessing the next steps to implement the results of the study.

On the Legislative front, Tribal Council has several statutes that have been posted for your comments and suggestions, including the Sex Offender Registry Statute, Sex Offenses



2008 *Odawa Trails* article, Tribal Council is closely watching the revenues of Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, to see the impact for the fiscal year 2009 budget.

A plan has been submitted by the resort's General Manager to make the annual service payments to the tribal government. These payments from the resort allow the tribal government to provide services and programs for our tribal citizens.

We will not know until mid-February if the resort's plan for payments is going to come to fruition. By mid-February, we should have a real good idea as to whether we are on target or whether we are going to need to make some further reductions. Recognizing all of the time and energy the General Manager and the resort employees have put into finding ways to reduce costs and increase profits, we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for all of their efforts to make Odawa Casino Resort a success.

Furthering the fiduciary duties of Tribal Council, we are also looking

Statute and the Indian Preference in Employment Statute. Please see these statutes on the LTBB website ([www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov)) along with other work products before Tribal Council.

Please remember if you are in the northern Michigan area on a weekend, Tribal Council holds work sessions and Tribal Council meetings twice a month. Our calendar of work sessions and meetings are in this *Odawa Trails* newsletter on page 13 as well as on our website at [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov).

We now have our own direct toll-free phone number which is 1-866-927-0077. This number will get you directly to the Legislative Office. As always, we are interested in hearing from you.

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Submitted by Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law and Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick.

*Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*

# Youth Services Department

## TRIBAL YOUTH LEND A HELPING HAND TO THE LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

As part of LTBB Youth Wednesdays, the youth group usually picks a community service project every month.



The projects are voted on by the youth and usually occur on the second Wednesday of every month.

Among the community service projects completed so far include gardening and snow removal for the elders at the Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development located north of Harbor Springs, MI; stripping, staining and painting the arbor at the Pow Wow grounds in Harbor Springs; making flower crowns/wreaths at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs; and decorating Halloween and Christmas cookies to give to the elders at Elders Luncheons. Jen Boda baked the cookies for the youth to decorate.

"It was a consensus among the youth that they wanted to do service projects to give back to the community that supports them," Youth Services Coordinator Joe Lucier said. "It's good for the kids to gain responsibility, and they feel good about helping others. We get good attendance for the services projects (15-20 youth)."

Approximately 20 youth participate in the youth group, mainly boys and girls in their teens.

Lucier wanted to thank the following individuals for their help during the service projects: Richard Wemigwase, Virginia Lewis, Steve Clausen and Boda.

The youth will continue to do



other service projects in the future.

Through the Youth Services Department, varsity jackets were purchased for the youth. The youth will have to earn the varsity jackets by raising money in fundraisers, and they will have to earn patches for them by participating in service projects.

*Courtesy photos.*



# Enrollment Department

## Preparation of Tribal Directory

The tribal enrollment department is in the process of compiling a tribal directory which will contain the names and addresses of all tribal citizens, 18 years and older.

\*Those listed as undeliverable will not be included—please make sure your address is current with the tribe if you wish to be included in the directory. Request an address verification form if you have recently moved.

Tribal citizens have the option of having their information excluded from the directory. If you wish to have your name and address excluded, please sign, date and return this page to the Enrollment Office by February 13, 2009.

- You may mail, fax or deliver this form to the Enrollment Office:
- MAIL: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Tribal Enrollment  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
  - Fax: 231-242-1526
  - Phone: 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521

Directories will be available for the membership to purchase for \$5 after March 1, 2009.



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Enrollment Department  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Do not wish to have my information published in the 2009 tribal directory.

Printed tribal citizen's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of tribal citizen

\_\_\_\_\_  
Enrollment number

## 26th Annual MSU POW-WOW OF LOVE

**FEBRUARY 21 - 22, 2009**  
JENISON FIELD HOUSE, EAST LANSING, MI

PRESENTED BY MSU'S NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS STUDENT ORGANIZATION  
[WWW.MSU.EDU/~NAISO](http://WWW.MSU.EDU/~NAISO)

GRAND ENTRY TIMES:  
SATURDAY AT 1 PM & 7 PM  
SUNDAY AT NOON

DANCE AND DRUM CONTEST - PRIZES TBA

DANCER AND DRUMMER REGISTRATION STARTS AT 10 AM  
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For More Info Contact:  
deneaue1@msu.edu  
Vendors: adamska9@msu.edu  
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# On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by *Odawa Trails* staff

Michigan	Minnesota	Contact Information:
<p>February 21-22 26th Annual Powwow of Love Jenison Fieldhouse on the Michigan State University (MSU) campus in East Lansing, MI Grand entries: 1 and 7 p.m. on February 21 and noon on February 22 Contact Information: Pat Dyer-Deckrow at 517-353-7745 or pat-dyer@msu.edu or visit the website www.msu.edu/~naiso.</p> <p>March 21-22 20th Annual Central Michigan University (CMU) Celebrating Life Contest Pow Wow Rose Arena on the CMU campus in Mt. Pleasant, MI Grand entries: 1 and 7 p.m. on March 21 and noon on March 22 Contact Information: Colleen Green at 989-774-2508 or e-mail NAP@cmich.edu</p> <p>April 11-12 37th Annual Ann Arbor "Dance for</p>	<p>Mother Earth" Powwow Bowen Fieldhouse on the campus of Eastern Michigan University (EMU) in Ypsilanti, MI Contact Information: 734-565-8670 or send an e-mail to powwow_committee@yahoo.com</p> <p>February 13 St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Program Monthly Traditional Pow Wow American Indian Magnet, located at 1075 East Third St., in St. Paul, MN This pow wow is from 6-8 p.m. Contact Information: 651-293-5191 or www.indianeducation.spps.org</p> <p>March 13 St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Program Monthly Traditional Pow Wow American Indian Magnet, located at 1075 East Third St., in St. Paul, MN This pow wow is from 6-8 p.m.</p>	<p>www.indianeducation.spps.org</p> <p>March 28 Augsburg College First Annual Traditional Pow Wow Augsburg College Gymnasium in Minneapolis, MN Grand entries: 1 and 7 p.m. Contact Information: Jennifer Simon or Brent Belisle at 612-330-1144, simonj@augsborg.edu, belisle@augsborg.edu or www.augsburg.edu/aissp/</p> <p>April 10 St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Program Monthly Traditional Pow Wow Battle Creek Middle School, located at 2121 North Park Drive, in St. Paul, MN This pow wow is from 6-8 p.m. Contact Information: 651-293-5191 or www.indianeducation.spps.org</p>

## 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

## Commissions, Boards and Committees

### Notice: Current Vacancies

Commission	Term/Yrs.	Positions Open	Term Expires
Economic Development	3 yr. term	1	2011
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	1	2009

The following information is provided for LTBB Tribal Citizens who are seeking nominations for an appointment to a LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee. Those interested in an appointment, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume' to:

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

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

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

*Sage*  
Gourmet Excellence

**Mardi gras**  
Celebration Dinner  
February 24  
\$40 per person

**Amuse**  
Fried Okra  
Creole Mustard Sauce

**Appetizer**  
Smoked Duck and Andouille Sausage Gumbo

**Entree**  
New Orleans BBQ Shrimp  
Cheddar Cheese Grit Cake  
and  
Crawfish Etouffee  
Steamed White Rice

**Main**  
Mushroom Duxelle Stuffed Beef Tenderloin  
Roasted Eggplant Gatin & Sauce Marchand de Vin

**Dessert**  
New Orleans Dessert Duo  
Bahamas Fosters  
Rum, Caramel, Vanilla Ice-Cream  
Fried Beignets  
Powdered Sugar & Raspberry Jam

### Tentative Schedule 2009 Elections

With a Primary Election (With No Primary Election)

Monday, January 5 (Monday, January 5)

Call to Election sent to all eligible voters

Monday, February 9 (Monday, February 9)

Last to register for the Primary Election by 5 p.m.

Friday, February 13 (Friday, February 13)

Nomination Petitions due back to the Election Board by 5 p.m.

Election Board certifies the Candidate Nomination Petitions

Friday, February 27 (Monday, March 2)

Candidate information mailed to all registered voters as of February 9, 2009

Friday, March 27 (Friday, March 27)

Last date for candidates to withdraw from election in writing to the Election Board

Tuesday, March 31 (Tuesday, March 31)

Last date to register for the General Election by 5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1

Election Board approves the final ballot for the Primary Election

Saturday, April 4

Candidates Forum in Lansing, MI

Monday, April 6

Primary ballots mailed to all registered voters as of March 31, 2009

Saturday, April 25

Candidates Forum at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI

Friday, May 8

Election Board finalizes the ballot for the General Election

Monday, May 11

Primary Election Day, Tribal Courtroom

Friday, May 15

Ballots for the General Election mailed to all registered voters as of March 31, 2009

Friday, May 22

Primary Election certified ballot for General Election finalized

Tuesday, May 26

Ballots for General Election mailed to all registered voters as of March 31, 2009

Monday, June 29

General Election Day, Tribal Courtroom

The following dates will be the same even if we have no Primary Election.

Monday, July 13

General Election certified

Sunday, August 16

Oath of Office for newly elected officials

### ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTM's):

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 questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce 231-242-1584

# 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  
December 7, 2008

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:34 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law  
Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Marvin Mulholland  
Absent: Councilor Shirley Oldman  
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Assistant Rebecca Atkinson, Vice-Chairman William Denemy, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie

Guests: Virginia Lewis, Fred Kiogima, Jody Werner, Kevin Gross, Billy McNamara, Gunnar McNamara, Carol McFall  
Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt the agenda with additions for December 7, 2008 in honor of Thomas Andrews who walked on November 27, 2008.

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

Motion carried.  
Councilor Harrington, Jr., spoke regarding Tribal Finances.

9:58 a.m. Councilor Oldman arrived.  
Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to approve the minutes for November 16, 2008 as presented.

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

Motion carried.  
Tribal Elders Comments: no comments at this time.

10:15 a.m. Recess called.

10:21 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

10:22 a.m. Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to go into closed session for legal.

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

Motion carried.  
10:55 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to return to open session.

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

Motion carried.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount spoke with regard to Governmental employee layoffs compared to the retention of Commissions. Billy McNamara spoke regarding the allowance of employee traditional time off. Kevin Gross spoke regarding Elder housing issues and his wish to volunteer his services.

12:09 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:14 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:54 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

1:56 p.m. Closed session.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Mulholland to go into closed session for legal.

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

Motion carried.

2:37 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Mulholland to return to open session.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve confidential memo 120708-01.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept Chairperson Kiogima from the Land and Reservation Committees, verbal report.

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

Motion carried.

Tribal Elder Diane Naganashe drew the winning name of the Pendleton Blanket given through the Land and Reservation Committee Survey. The winner was Mary Ann Yoder.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Legislative Leader Law and

written report for December 7, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

3:01 p.m. Public Comment Opened: Diane Naganashe spoke regarding the Tribe thinking ahead and notifying Tribal Citizens far in advance with regard to Per Capita possible cut-backs in the future. Michele LaCount spoke regarding the Casino employees who are currently in school losing educational hours. Rita Shananaquet spoke regarding not cutting health or educational services.

3:08 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept Councilor McNamara verbal report.

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

Motion carried.

3:14 p.m. Councilor Mulholland departed the meeting.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept Treasurer Chingwa verbal report.

Vote: 7 → Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr., Councilor Mulholland)

3:38 p.m. Councilor Kiogima departed the meeting.

3:29 p.m. Councilor McNamara departed the meeting.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick verbal report.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to approve the Health Clinic Policies.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to approve the Gaming Regulatory Commission Regulation Amendment with recommendations.

Vote: 4 → Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Harrington, Jr.), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Oldman), 3 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland, Councilor Kiogima, Councilor McNamara)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Fiscal Year 2009 Solid Waste Management Grant Program.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -yes, Councilor Kiogima-absent, Councilor McNamara-absent, Councilor Mulholland-absent, Councilor Oldman -yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Planning Grants Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -yes, Councilor Kiogima-absent, Councilor McNamara-absent, Councilor Mulholland-absent, Councilor Oldman -yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution Approval to Sign Memorandum of Understanding between Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -yes, Councilor Kiogima-absent, Councilor McNamara-absent, Councilor Mulholland-absent, Councilor Oldman -yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept the Tribal Chairman report for December 7, 2008 with confidential items contained therein.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington,

Jr., and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to post the Receiving Grants, Donations or Other Funding Policy to the Draft Work Products on the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to pass the Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2008-013 Labor and Management Relations Statute.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -yes, Councilor Kiogima-absent, Councilor McNamara-absent, Councilor Mulholland-absent, Councilor Oldman -absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to post the Tribal Treasurer's Responsibilities Draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr.,

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2009

**February 7 Work Session**  
**February 8 Council Meeting**  
**February 21 Work Session**  
**February 22 Council Meeting**

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

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

## Legislative Tribal Council Members

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

to move the remainder of the Draft Work Products to the next Tribal Council Agenda.

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

Motion carried.

4:41 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adjourn.

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

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected.

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date

**December 21, 2008**

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:45 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Dexter McNamara  
Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Marvin Mulholland

Absent: Councilor Shirley Oldman  
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present:

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik

Guests: Sheran Patton, Fred Kiogima, Roger Emery, Judy Pierzynowski

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt the agenda for December 21, 2008 with additions.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the minutes of December 7, 2008 with one addition.

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

Motion carried.

Elder Comments: Alice Yellowbank spoke in support of the Winter Solstice Party.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to appoint Matt Lesky to the position of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Prosecutor for a 3-year term beginning on or about January 8, 2009 after being sworn in.

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

Motion carried.

10:44 a.m. Recess called.

10:56 a.m. Meeting Reconvened.

Elder Housing Issues were discussed with regard to mechanical safety issues.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to acknowledge the receipt of the draft budgets for 2010 from the Executive Branch, the Tribal Court, the Prosecutor Office, the Election Board, and the Legislative Office for Tribal Council and the 2009 Gaming Board of Directors budget.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Motion carried.

Discussion only, regarding interim suspension of Tribal Citizens distribution of Per Cap for FY 2009. No action was taken at this time.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Roger Emery spoke with regard to Tribal Council suspending additional meeting and travel stipends for 2009. Andrew Stich spoke with regard to the Prosecutor vote.

11:57 a.m. Public Comment closed.

12:05 p.m. Councilor Oldman arrived.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to pass the Gaming Board of Directors FY 2009 Budget at \$101,305.00 including the suspension on the National Indian Gaming Association Annual Membership dues in the amount of \$15,000 from the Gaming Board of Directors budget.

Vote: 5 → Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Mulholland), 3 - Abstained (Councilor Kiogima, Councilor Yellowbank, Councilor Oldman), 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

12:59 p.m. Lunch recess called.

2:30 p.m. Meeting Reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Treasurer's verbal report for December 21, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Land and Reservation Chairperson Kiogima verbal report for December 21, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick verbal and written report for December 21, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

3:29 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:29 p.m. Public Comment closed.  
Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve the Commissions, Boards and Committees Stipend and Compensation Policy.

Motion Withdrawn.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington,

Jr., and supported by Councilor Mulholland to declare that the Odawa Casino Resort has an outstanding balance owed to the Tribe as of September 30, 2008 in the amount of at least \$6,550,718.50; and is required to retire these debts to the Tribal Government in full.

Above, motion on hold in consideration of recess.

4:10 p.m. Recess called.

4:20 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Above motion continues.

Vote: 7 → Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Kiogima), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Oldman), 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to post the Sex Offender Registry draft Statute on the Legislative Calendar under Draft Work Products.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to post the Sex Offense draft Statute on the Legislative Calendar under Draft Work Products.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to post the Amendment to the Health Commission draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar under Draft Work Products.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to post the Gaming Management draft Statute on the Legislative Calendar under Draft Work Products.

Vote: 7 → Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Kiogima), 1 - Abstained Councilor Oldman), 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor McNamara to post the Gaming Management Chartered Corporation to Draft Work Products.

Vote: 7 → Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Kiogima), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Oldman), 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to post the Economic Development Management draft Statute on the Legislative Calendar under Draft Work Products.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor McNamara to post the Economic Development Management Chartered Corporation to Draft Work Products.

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

Motion carried.

4:40 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Chingwa 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

**Coming in  
June 2009  
LTBB Elders  
Association  
Flea Market  
Watch for  
more details  
in upcoming  
issues of  
Odawa Trails.**

# Lines From our Membership



## BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to our granddaughter, **Avery**, on February 25. We love you baby!!!! Grandma Michele and Grandpa Guido.

Happy second birthday to **Avery Elizabeth** on February 25. Gi zah gin! Love always, Mama.

Happy birthday to **Tina Peterson** on February 19. We love you, Uncle Bill, Aunt Gina, Brittany, Matt and Max.

Happy birthday new mommy, **Stacy (Stacerella) Skippergosh!!** You too have given me one of life's most precious gifts, a new grandchild. And you too, "are your mother's daughter" ... you can dance!! (Not quite as good as yours truly) Ha. Ha. Ha. All my love, Mom.

If you see **Carla McFall** on February 25, wish her a happy birthday. Love, cuz Pauline Boulton.

I love you **Savannah Shonibin!** You're Mommy's biggest blessing. Happy birthday baby!

Big birthday wishes to **Becky Shenoskey** (February 2), **Kylee Crampton** (February 2), **Paul Shananaquet** (February 3), **Amanda Shananaquet** (February 7), **Dominic Schansema** (February 9), **Virginia Schansema** (February 11), **Willie Laughlin** (February 11), **Julia Yates** (February 12), **Aya Khalaf** (February 14), **Roger Yates** (February 15), **Justin Shananaquet** (February 20), **Jeffrey Boda** (February 20), **Sandra Marlene Naganashe** (February 20), **Carole Marble** (February 22), **Emily Naganashe** (February 25) and **Ashley Berry** (February 26). From Uncle Don and Aunt Dorothy Boda.

Happy birthday to **Pauline Boulton** on February 3. She's a great daughter, mother, wife, sister, auntie, niece, cousin and friend! Have a wonderful day! Love, Nagushi.

Happy birthday to my big bro, **David K. Burks**, on Feb. 6! Love, Radio Burks.

Happy birthday **Mommy!!** I love you. Owen Buki.

Happy 13th birthday **Amber and Yarrow Nowell!** From Mom.

Happy birthday to our wonderful mother, **Grace Zerbe**, on February 9. Love, Dawn, Pauline and Jeremy.

Happy 37th birthday to **Kathy VanDeCar** on February 24. You

## BIRTHDAYS

look great. Keep up the good work. Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy birthday to my big sister, **Netawn Alice Kiogima-Smith**,



who celebrates on February 19!! I hope you have a special day; wish I was there, too!! Gzaaguhn, Lil' Gina.

Happy birthday **Sherry!** Love, Loretta, Jim, Wenona and Pete.

Happy birthday **Kristy (Pickle) Skippergosh!!** It's so hard to believe you went and grew up on me and turned into such a beautiful young lady. But, you will always be my "baby girl" no matter how old you get ... and remember what Laura always says, "You are your mother's daughter!!!" Ha. Ha. Ha. All my love, Mom.

Happy birthday **Dad/Poppa/Steve!** We love you! Have a great birthday on February 21! Love, Tara, Bob, Orion, Sidra and Damek.

Happy birthday to me, **David K. Burks**, the greatest son, brother and uncle whose lousy family forgot to put in his birthday wish!

Happy birthday to **Derek McNamara** on February 2. Have a great day. We love you very much. Love, Dad, Mom, Shane, Billy, Gunnar, Grandma and of course ... Bucket.

Happy birthday **Wenona!** Love, Dad, Mom, Pete, Matthew and Owen.

Happy birthday to my "baby sister" **Tina Peterson** on February 19. Have a wonderful day. Love, "Big Sis."

MinoDibishkaak Nzigozis **Grace Zerbe**, miinwaa Grace daansan **Pauline Boulton**, niitaawis. Midash niingoniskwe **Netawn Kiogima** miinwaa aanke-niingoniskwezenhs **Reyna McFall**. Pane besha ndo'odeng noshenh, **Waabzii Myah Flore** zhinkaaza, naano-biboongiza. Mnodibishkaan **Crystal Greensky**, naasaap niin gewii Crystal dibishkaa- niizhtana shi naanan (25<sup>th</sup>). Aapiji Gzaagigoom - Chi Niibna.

Happy 39th birthday to the **Flying Monkey** on February 6. I hope you have a rainbow day. From the Wicked Witch.

## Anniversary

Big happy anniversary wishes to **Martin and Rachel Crampton** (eight years). From Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Don Boda.

## Lovelines

*Cathy D., will you be my Valentine? I'm yours forever. Tony D.*

*Happy Valentine's Day to my wife, Shannon Portman. From your husband, Don.*

*To Ellie Payton: Happy Valentine's Day, Baby! From Mike Lyons.*

*To Kati, Chris, Travis, Hope, Jared and Preston: Happy Valentine's Day. I love you all so much. Love, Mom/Dawn.*

*To my Buzigan (Melissa Wiatrolik), I never believed in love at first sight until I saw you. You make me happy everyday. I am very grateful to have such a strong Anishinaabe Kwe by my side. Happy second anniversary, your Buzigan, Archie S.S.*

*Brian: You make me feel special (almost) every day, and I can never thank you enough. Regina.*

*Mother (Theresa Yoder): Thanks for everything you do for us. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. With love, Deb and Wally.*

*To the General: Thanks for all of your tough love over the years. Happy Valentine's Day. From all of your kiddies.*

*I love you Savannah Shonibin! You're mommy's biggest blessing. Happy Valentine's Day baby!*

*Samantha VandeGriff, my precious honey girl, you are life's greatest treasure! Happy Valentine's Day. My love always, Mama.*

*Aanii Ubazigim! Enwed Nimkii, No'enh. Mino Zaaqidwin Siizhigal. Aapiji gzaagin, Pane. Gdoknem, Moko'anangkwe.*

*Chi-Miigwech for all the love, patience, understanding, guidance and friendship you show me everyday! Gzaagin Ubuzigan (Archie Kiogima S.S.)! From your Buzigan Melissa Wiatrolik.*

*To Bobby: My love, my life, my*

## Lovelines

*everything. PPC! Love, with all my heart, Tara.*

*Happy Valentine's Day Loretta! I love you! Jim.*

*To Mike: Cheers to another four years, Baby! Ellie.*

*To my children, their spouses and my grandkids: I love you. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. With love, Mom/Grandma (Debra Smithkey-Brown).*

*To Ken: Happy Valentine's Day. From your adoring wife, Dawn.*

*Happy Valentine's Day to my Mom, Suzanne Portman. From your son, Don.*

*Happy Valentine's Day to the Ax Man. Love, Michele.*

## Walking On...

**Thomas W. Andrews, 61**  
Thomas W. Andrews, 61, walked on while surrounded by his loving family at Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Hiland Cottage in Petoskey, MI, on November 27, 2008. He was born on September 10, 1947, to Lawrence and Gladys Andrews. He attended a one-room schoolhouse in Good Hart, MI, until his family moved to Harbor Springs, MI, where he attended Harbor Springs High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the 101st Airborne Division. He was honored with many medals, including two Purple Hearts, and a Silver and Bronze Star, to name a few. He was a hardworking mason and ran his own successful business, Tom Andrews Masonry from 1979-2000. He was a member of the American Legion, the Eagles and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He enjoyed hunting, boating, riding recreation vehicles and skiing. His favorite hobby was spending time with his family. He is survived by his children, Tonia Andrews of Cheboygan, MI, Thomas (Brenda) Andrews II and Jared Andrews, all of Harbor Springs; grandchildren, Vivean, Rebecca and Thomas; sisters, Virginia Lewis of Pellston, MI, Francis Holdorff of Washington, and Lorelie (Ed) McGlynn of California; brother, Richard (Lisa) Andrews of Petoskey, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by both parents and a brother, Lawrence Andrews.

**Kenneth Marvin Skippergosh, Sr., 57**  
Kenneth Marvin Skippergosh, Sr., 57, walked on December 3, 2008. He was born on October 24, 1951. "Skip" as he was known to his friends and family is survived by his three children, Marie Frances Skippergosh, Tina Louise Larsen and Kenneth M. Skippergosh, Jr. Grandpa "Skip" is survived by his grandchildren, Jennifer, Kristie, Hailey, Dominick, Harold "Trey" and Aliyah and great-grandchild, Adrian. He is also survived by his brothers, Larry, James, Jerry, Mike and his sisters, Marilyn and Joyce. Just as the sunset over the mountains is a sight to remember, you too will be remembered. The world that was his fam-

## Walking On...

ily will miss him, but we know we now have another to guide us and watch over us. We hope he can now find the peace he was searching for (because with a family this big, it can get pretty noisy). We love you and will miss you, the Skippergosh family.

**Lorraine G. LaCroix, 79**  
Lorraine G. LaCroix, 79, of Boyne City, MI, walked on December 4, 2008 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility. She was born the daughter of William and Ella (Behling) Harley on October 11, 1929 in Petoskey, MI. She worked many years in Boyne City and Petoskey as a beautician. She loved traveling, playing bingo and going to the casino. She was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She is survived by her sister, Darlene Thompson; sister-in-law, Edna LaCroix; nieces and nephews, Bill (Tammy) Thompson, Sheri (Larry) Patton, Ben LaCroix, Dave (Jennifer) LaCroix, Bill (Carol) LaCroix, Rocky LaCroix, Tim LaCroix and Noland "Buzzy" LaCroix. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Norman LaCroix and Noland LaCroix; and nephew, Neil LaCroix.

**Joseph Maurice Compo, 58**



Joseph Maurice Compo, 58, of Grand Ledge, MI, was at Ingham Regional Memorial Center in Lansing, MI, when he walked on due to complications with cancer. He walked on December 13, 2008 to a much higher realm to be with his Creator. He worked much of his life for Heat Treating in Lansing. He was a devoted father, beloved brother and loving uncle. He had a great fondness for bluegrass and country music. He was a long-time member in good standing at Mr. Ed's in Lansing and a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. His joy for life, "flapping his lips," and witty humor will be missed tremendously by his brothers and sisters (John Keshick, Sr., Elmer Keshick, Emily Harrington, Marie Keshick, Margaret Compo, Amelia Compeaux, Peter Compo and Gary Compo), his children, cousins, friends, many nieces and nephews and his Hannahville family. He was born in Escanaba, MI, on August 17, 1950 to the late Lucy Keshick Compo (nee Peaine), a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and the late Joseph Compo, a member of the Grand River Band of Ottawa. He was also preceded in death by his son, James Compo, and his sister, Rosella Crampton Hemstreet (nee Keshick). He was married to Elsie Jackson of Mt. Pleasant, MI, and has five surviving children, Joseph, Kimberly and Howard of Mt. Pleasant; April of Lansing; and Harold of Hannahville, MI. A celebration of life ceremony to be held at Indian Point in St. Jacques, Nahma will be announced at a later date. A celebratory dinner will be held in Hannahville near the middle of June 2009.

titled, "Native American Parenting Traditions Focus on Family Support." LTBB Tribal Community Citizens were quoted.

#### State of Michigan, LTBB and the Little River Band Settle Club Keno Lawsuit

On March 21, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians announced a settlement in the long-standing lawsuit over the Club Keno game. The agreement settled the question of whether Club Keno terminated the tribes' obligation to pay a portion of their tribal casino revenues to the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF).

Under the settlement, the percentage of slot machine revenues paid by the tribes were reduced to 6% in most cases. In return, the tribes agreed to changes in their revenue sharing agreements that would make the payments more stable in the future.

The agreement also split approximately \$52 million in electronic gaming revenue from the tribes that had been held in escrow since the dispute began in April 2005. It included more than \$33 million paid in by Little River and \$19 million-plus from LTBB. The state of Michigan received half of the escrowed money, approximately \$26 million, to be used for economic development efforts through MSF. LTBB received approximately \$10 million with Little River receiving almost \$16 million.

#### Convening of Indigenous Nations Gather to Heal Mother Earth

In the shadows of the ancient Mayan pyramids, more than 200 leaders from 71 Native American nations in Mexico, the United States and Canada gathered in Palenque, Chiapas, Mexico, for the *Convening of Indigenous Peoples for the Healing of Mother Earth* held March 10-13.

The gathering facilitated discussions among indigenous peoples in North America on environmental health issues facing their communities and what it is we need to do as human beings to help Mother Earth to restore her and our families and communities back to health, harmony and balance.

The document titled, "*The Message of the Living Spirit from the Convening of Indigenous Peoples for the Healing of Mother Earth from the Traditional Land of the Mayas*" was drafted there.

#### George Anthony Selected as LTBB Appellate Justice

On March 20, Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco swore in LTBB Tribal Citizen George Anthony as an Appellate Justice. He was appointed for a six-year term, replacing Rita Gasco-Shepard. The Appellate Court consists of Chief Justice Wenona Singel, Appellate Justice James Genia and Anthony.

#### Australian Delegation Visits LTBB

An Australian delegation visited LTBB April 28-30 to share the Traditional Knowledge Revival Pathways (TKRP) Project with the tribal community and to learn about LTBB.

TKRP works to strengthen traditional knowledge for the benefit of the community and country before we lose our invaluable knowledge systems of indigenous people.

TKRP is based on ensuring the survival of cultural knowledge and the opportunity to demonstrate practices

that have the ability to "innovate" contemporary management and community outcomes for the benefit of all generations to come.

#### Kronk Selected as LTBB Associate Judge

On April 21, Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco swore in Jenny Lee Kronk, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as an Associate Judge. It is Kronk's second term as Associate Judge. She served a two-year term from February 18, 2006 to February 18, 2008.

#### LTBB Tribal Chairman Appointed to Climate Action Council

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik was appointed to fill a term on Michigan's Climate Action Council, which expires at the end of 2008. The Climate Action Council consists of representatives of state government, academia, agriculture/forestry, general public and industry.

The council produces an inventory and forecast of greenhouse gas emissions and offsets in Michigan, compiles a comprehensive climate action plan for Michigan with specific recommendations for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and works with local units of government and institutions of higher education to assist them in meeting the challenges of climate change.

#### Woodland Singers an Opening Act for Ulali

The Woodland Singers, based in the northern Michigan area, were one of the opening acts at the March 22 Ulali concert in Grand Rapids, MI. The women's hand drum group performed three songs. The members, who made the trip to Grand Rapids, were Vicki Lynn, Virginia Schansema, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Janelle Smith, Andrea Otto, Marilyn Hume, Yvonne Walker-Keshick and Kim Naganashe. Members of the Woodland Singers held fundraisers and received donations so the group could charter a bus to the event.

#### Native Gold Medal Olympian Visits Northern Michigan

Gold medal Olympian Billy Mills was the keynote speaker at the May 21 Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan kickoff event at Ovation Hall inside Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI.



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

#### LTBB Facilitates National Bone Marrow Donor Day Sites

LTBB participated in National Bone Marrow Donor Day on May 13 by hosting two bone marrow donor sites at the Health Department and at the Human Resources Department.

Between the two sites, approximately 40 people joined the National Marrow Donor Program registry.

#### Odawa Casino Resort Hires New General Manager

In mid-May, Sean Barnard

started as the General Manager at Odawa Casino Resort. Originally from England, he has worked in the gaming industry for 30 years. He became a U.S. Citizen in 1999.

#### Albino Whitetail Deer on Display

On October 12, 2007, the Natural Resource Department received a donated albino whitetail deer from an Emmet County, MI, resident. Unfortunately, the deer was struck by a vehicle on M-68 east of Alanson, MI, and it died. LTBB Tribal Citizen and Master Taxidermist Robert Parkey of Parkey's Taxidermy located in Indian River, MI, worked on the deer.

On June 27, 2008, the deer was put on display at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

#### Odawa Casino Resort Staff Reorganization

On August 11, Odawa Casino Resort announced a staff reorganization which resulted in the reduction of 55 full-time and 45 seasonal and part-time positions. Rising fuel costs, combined with an overall harsh local, state and national economy resulting in fewer visitors to the area, was the basis for the decision.

#### GTB Tribal Member Crowned Miss Odawa 2008-2009

On August 9 at the 17th Annual Odawa Homecoming Jingtamok, Cheyenne Petoskey was named Miss Odawa 2008-2009. Petoskey, a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, previously held the title of Miss Three Fires 2002-2003. In February, she became the only female to place in the teen division at the 18th Annual World Championship Hoop Dance Contest. She finished third in the division.

#### Cranbrook Institute of Science to Return Native American Remains

The Cranbrook Institute of Science, located in Detroit, MI, plans to hand over the remains of approximately 60 Native Americans. It has not yet been determined who the bones will be released to.

LTBB asked Cranbrook for the remains in 2007. The bones have been in the back rooms of the museum for decades as part of its vast collection of artifacts from cultures around the world. The bones were of Native people who hunted and fished in what is now Oakland County, MI, hundreds of years before the first Europeans came.

#### Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. Offers Business Loans for LTBB Tribal Citizens in Three-County Area

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. (NSLF) was established as a non-profit corporation on February 2, 2007, and its office opened in late August 2008.

It was formed for charitable and educational purposes to promote economic and social development for LTBB in the three-county reservation area of Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties as a way of encouraging growth in the "homeland."

Interested LTBB Tribal Citizens can apply for a business loan and seek other financial services from NSLF by contacting Executive Director Lisa McComb at 231-347-6753 or visiting her at the NSLF office located at 1131 West Conway Road in Harbor Springs.

The short-term goal is for NSLF to become a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), and the long-term goal is to establish a fully functioning credit union.

CDFIs are private-sector financial institutions that focus on markets historically underserved by traditional financial institutions with the shared goal of developing communities.

#### LTBB Deer Hunting Opportunities Expanded in 2008

Due to the signing of the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, there were two firearm deer seasons available to LTBB Tribal Citizens based on the type of property being hunted.

Licensed tribal citizens were able to use a firearm to hunt deer on public land, tribal citizen owned land or tribal government owned land during an early firearm season (September 2 to October 31) and a late firearm season (November 15 to January 4).

LTBB Tribal Citizens who wished to hunt on private property, not owned by a tribal citizen, were restricted to the seasons and methods that were no less restrictive than the State of Michigan seasons or methods.

#### LTBB Finishes Second at Michigan Indian Family Olympics

On July 25, LTBB finished second out of seven teams at the 21st Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics with 333 points. The Huron Potawatomie finished first with 349 points.

#### LTBB Construction Project Completed

The widening of Lears Road east of U.S. 31 in Petoskey and the creation of a smoother curve where Hager Drive meets Lears Road was completed in November. It was paid for by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funds.

#### Odawa Casino Resort Announces Employee Recall Update

On September 12, Odawa Casino Resort announced it had been able to offer re-employment to nearly 60% of the workforce displaced by the August 11, 2008 reorganization. Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Sean Barnard stressed at the October 18 Tribal Council Informational Session for Tribal Citizens the 60 tribal citizens and employees put back to work filled positions which became available when other people had left the positions, people had been promoted or those positions became naturally available. He went on to say, "They were not additions to staff, and the majority of the positions were not full-time positions."

#### Odawa Casino Resort Announces Employee and LTBB Tribal Citizen Discount

Effective September 20, Odawa Casino Resort employees and LTBB Tribal Citizens were entitled to a 20% discount for all restaurant and gift store purchases at the resort.

In order to receive the discount, employees and tribal citizens must present their LTBB Tribal Identification card or Odawa Casino Resort gaming license. The discount does not include alcohol, tobacco, gift certificates, sundry or sale items, and discounts cannot be combined.

#### Land and Reservation Committee Established

On January 25, the Land and Reservation Statute was enacted, establishing a Tribal Council Standing Committee whose purpose is to provide a process on how recommendations regarding land and reservation are ascertained and provides for the ability of the committee to interact with the Executive Branch and the Judiciary Branch on matters related to land and reservation.

Committee members are Chairperson Melvin L. Kiogima, Regina

Gasco-Bentley and Dexter McNamara.

Tribal Council held a two-day training session for the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary leadership and LTBB Tribal Citizens on "Our Land: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" on September 8 and 9.

The training was sponsored by Tribal Council and through a grant by the Indian Land Tenure Foundation.

The training session focused on the history of our land, current land resources and future acquisitions of land.

#### LTBB Law Enforcement Officers Cross-Deputized

On October 30, LTBB Law Enforcement Officers Nate Stead and Robert Turbiak took their oaths of office as Deputy Sheriffs of Charlevoix County, MI, from then Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater. LTBB Law Enforcement Officers first became cross-deputized with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office in 2004.

#### Tecumseh Adams Captures Cross Country State Championship

LTBB Tribal Citizen Tecumseh Adams, a senior at Harbor Springs High School, won the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Division 4 Boys State Cross Country Championship on November 1.

In winning the race in 15:22.4, he broke both the Division 4 state championship record and his own school record.

Adams, the son of LTBB Tribal Citizen John Adams and Anahid Adams, was also the Lake Michigan Conference champion and the East Jordan Regional champion. He led his team to Lake Michigan Conference and regional titles and to a third place finish at the state championship.

#### David Silversmith Helps Shepherd High School Win a State Championship

LTBB Tribal Citizen David Silversmith helped his Shepherd High School boys cross country team win the MHSAA Division 3 Boys State Cross Country Championship on November 1.

It was only the second boys state title in school history. He ran the second-fastest time on his team at the state championship, setting a personal best at 16:28.8 and finishing 36th overall.

He also helped his team win Tri-Valley Conference Central and Division 3 regional titles. He finished 13th at the Carson City regional, and earned first team all-conference honors.

Remarkably, it was only his second year competing in cross country.

He is the son of Paul and Julie Pego and Cecil Silversmith, Jr. and the grandson of Owen and Dorothy Smith.

*The photos of Billy Mills and the St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission Church and burial ground are by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar. The photo of the Odawa Casino Resort gaming floor appears courtesy of the Odawa Casino Resort Marketing Department.*



# Native News

The article titled "Southern Cloud Blends His Native Religion with Art" by Dawn Parker appeared courtesy of the Lansing State Journal. However, we were not granted permission to reprint the article in the online version of the Odawa Trails. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN COMPLETES MORRIS K. UDALL FOUNDATION NATIVE AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



*Editor's note: The following is a Morris K. Udall Foundation press release dated January 2, 2009. Cynthia Biro is the daughter of James Biro and Valerie (Laughlin) Biro.*

In the summer of 2008, Cynthia C. Biro, Aniishnaabe from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in Harbor Springs, MI, successfully completed the Morris K. Udall Foundation Native American Congressional Internship in Washington, D.C.

The 2008 class of interns consisted of 12 students from 11 tribes and 11 colleges and universities. Since its inception in 1996, 149 Native American/Alaska Native students from 98 tribes will have participated in the program.

Raised in a small city just outside of Detroit, MI, Biro graduated from the University of Michigan in April 2007 with a B.A. in American Culture. Her interest in tribal governance and public policy began with her active involvement with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) with the NCAI Youth Commission.

Biro hopes to "positively change Indian country by protecting our sovereignty, improving our economies, and always remaining involved with our youth."

Biro completed the intensive, 10-week internship in Washington, D.C. this summer, working full-time at the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Indian Education and observed the federal executive and legislative processes first-hand. Special enrichment activities provided her with opportunities to meet with

key decision-makers in Washington, D.C.

Regarding the internship, Biro stated, "The Udall Internship is paramount in placing leading Native American students and young professionals at the forefront of legislative affairs. The opportunities waiting in Washington, D.C., are unbelievable! Over the 10 weeks, I built a stronger character, streamlined my career goals and obtained a renewed sense of purpose. The Udall Native American Internship Program is a vital component within the collective efforts across Indian country to ensure that our voices are heard."

The Morris K. Udall Foundation was authorized by Congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Udall's legacy of public service. The foundation is supported by a trust fund in the U.S. Treasury and contributions from the private sector. Congressman Udall served in the House of Representatives for three decades, a career distinguished by civility, integrity and consensus. He championed the rights of Native Americans and Alaska Natives, using his leadership in Congress to strengthen tribal self-governance and national environmental policy.

The deadline to apply for the 2009 Native American Congressional Internships in Washington, D.C., is January 30, 2009. For a complete listing of the 2008 Udall interns or to obtain more information on the Morris K. Udall Foundation, please visit our website at [www.udall.gov](http://www.udall.gov) or contact Program Manager Colin Ben at 520-901-8568 or by e-mail at [ben@udall.gov](mailto:ben@udall.gov).

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## Native News Briefs



### LTBB Head Start Children Make Holiday Visit

The children from the LTBB Head Start Program made a holiday visit to the elders at the Elders Luncheon on December 16 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

They sang to the elders and gave the elders Christmas ornaments they made. The children visit the elders every month during an Elders Luncheon.



Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

### 26th Annual Powwow of Love at Michigan State University

The North American Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO) of Michigan State University (MSU) will present the 26th Annual Powwow of Love on **Saturday, February 21, 2009** and **Sunday, February 22, 2009** at the Jenison Field House, located on the MSU campus in East Lansing, MI.

Grand entry will begin at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and at noon on Sunday. Dancer and Drummer

registration starts at 10 a.m. each day and before the grand entry. The dance and drum contest prizes are to be announced.

The doors will open to the public at 10 a.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors and FREE for children under the age of six and MSU students. Weekend passes are available.

This year's hospitality host is the East Lansing Howard Johnson Hotel. Reservations may be made by calling 517-351-5500. Remember to ask for



"The Powwow Rate." For any questions regarding hospitality, please contact Ashley Ryerse, the NAISO Hospitality Chair, at [ryerseas@msu.edu](mailto:ryerseas@msu.edu).

For questions regarding vending, please contact Kathryn Adams, the NAISO Trader Chair, at [adamska9@msu.edu](mailto:adamska9@msu.edu).

For more information, please visit the NAISO website at [www.msu.edu/~naiso](http://www.msu.edu/~naiso) or contact Pat Dyer-Deckrow at 517-353-7745 or at [patdyer@msu.edu](mailto:patdyer@msu.edu).

*Courtesy graphic.*

### 15th Annual Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference

The 15th Annual Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference will be held March 26-29 at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Centre in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Conference highlights include Anishinaabemowin Art and Drama, Anishinaabe Resource Development, Youth and Children's Track/Activities, Anishinaabemowin Stories and Music, Preservation Initiatives, Feast and Social, Scholarship Awards and Banquet and Fiddle and Step Dance

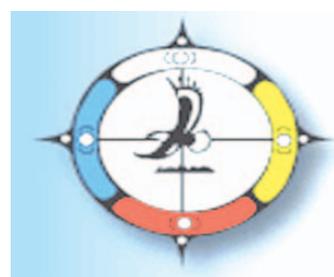
Night.

The early registration fee is \$195 for adults, \$112.50 for elders or students and \$67.50 for children or youth. Payment and registration form must be received by Friday, February 4. Please mail your registration form accompanied by your payment to the following address: Joyce Johnson, Conference Coordinator, Anishinaabemowin-Teg, Inc., 4 Peltier's Trail, Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0. Groups of 20 or more will receive a 10% discount.

For registrations received after February 4 and before March 11, the registration fee is \$250 for adults, \$125 for elders or students and \$75 for a day rate. Groups of 20 or more will receive a 10% discount.

The banquet is not included in this year's registration fee. Banquet tickets are \$25 for each adult or child.

The host hotel is Kewadin Convention Centre; you may reach it at 1-



800-539-2346.

For more information, please contact Johnson at [jv-johnson@hotmail.com](mailto:jv-johnson@hotmail.com) or please visit [www.anishinaabemowin-teg.org](http://www.anishinaabemowin-teg.org).

*Courtesy graphic.*

### Check out RezKast: A Native Video and Music Sharing Site

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe, based in Plummer, ID, launched RezKast, a Native Video and Music Sharing Site, in July 2008 in hopes of preserving the Native culture, history and language.

According to RezKast.com,



"RezKast is a place where we can create our own tribal shows, our own tribal programming and our own Native content. It is our hope and intent that people will use technology's greatest strengths to preserve their greatest truths."

It allows you to upload and view videos, articles, audio, photos and games. You can also create and join community groups, post on community bulletins and shoutouts and blog. It is free to become a member on the website. Once you become a member, you can invite others to join it.

*Courtesy graphic.*

### Television Series Scheduled to Appear on PBS Depicts American History from a Native Perspective

A television series chronicling more than 350 years of history told from an American Indian perspective is scheduled to premiere on PBS in April 2009.

"We Shall Remain" is a five-part series of 90-minute documentary films that will air each week for five consecutive weeks beginning on April 13. The documentary films include "After the Mayflower," "Tecumseh's Vision," "Trail of Tears," "Geronimo" and "Wounded Knee."



"After the Mayflower" deals with the 17th century European invasion and first contact with the Wampanoag Indians in Massachusetts, and the decades leading up to

the King Phillips Wars, which devastated the northeastern woodlands tribes and settlers.

"Tecumseh's Vision" deals with Tecumseh and his vision of a pan-Indian movement and Tenskwatawa, who was also known as the Prophet.

"Trail of Tears" relates the tragic ethnic cleansing of the Cherokee Nation from its southeast homeland during which 4,000 Cherokee died of disease and starvation along the way to Oklahoma.

"Geronimo" is the story of the Apache warrior seen by some as a hero, seen by some as a troublemaker and seen by white settlers as a savage.

"Wounded Knee" examines the political and economic forces leading up to the emergence of the American Indian Movement (AIM) in the late 1960s and the events leading up to the group's takeover of Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota and the ensuing 71-day standoff with federal troops.

The films combine re-enactments of the historical narratives with commentary from contemporary tribal members, elders, historians and other scholars.

In addition to the documentaries, "We Shall Remain" has a massive multi-media and community outreach component. It includes mentoring emerging Native filmmakers, a national library initiative and a coalition of Native organizations and tribes, historical societies, museums, schools and other groups to plan and sponsor activities to promote understanding of local Native history and contemporary life.

To view clips of the documentaries, please visit [www.pbs.org/we-shallremain](http://www.pbs.org/we-shallremain).

*Courtesy graphic.*

# LTBB Tribal Community Continues the Tradition of the Three Kings Supper

*Odawa Trails staff report*

Approximately 60 people attended the Three Kings Supper held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on January 6.

Before the Europeans arrived, the Odawa people held mid-winter, spring and summer feasts. The Europeans forbid the Odawa people to hold these feasts. In order to still maintain their traditional feasts and because the majority of the Odawa people were Catholic, the Odawa people aligned some of their feasts with Christian holidays.

The mid-winter feast became the Three Kings Supper, the spring feast became the Return Supper, the summer feast became the Summer Solstice Celebration and the Ghost Suppers traditionally held in late spring/early summer were aligned with the Christian holidays of All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2).

Odawa elders recalled the Three Kings Supper used to be held at different Odawa family residences for several years. It was then held at a church or parish hall before being held at the governmental center in

more recent times. The tribal community continues this tradition, and people bring a dish to pass to the event.

Beverly Wemigwase organized the event and continued her family's tradition of making the biscuits. One biscuit contained a dime, one biscuit contained a nickel, one biscuit contained a penny, 35 biscuits contained a bean and some biscuits contained nothing. Each person in attendance picked a biscuit.

The people, who selected the biscuits with the coins, are the "Three Kings" and are the hosts for the Re-

turn Supper held in the spring, and the people, who selected the biscuits with beans, bring food and help with the Return Supper. The hosts for the Return Supper are Ronda Ellis, Theresa Shawanese and Alex Dewey. Ellis picked the biscuit with the penny, Dewey picked the biscuit with the dime and upon the request of Shawanese, Tyler Laughlin picked a biscuit for her and that biscuit contained the nickel.

In addition to making the biscuits, Wemigwase also prepared fry bread. Sarah VanDeCar prepared corn soup and fry bread. Jim and Ar-

lene Naganashe and Frank and Rochelle Ettawageshik provided paper products.

Beverly Wemigwase wanted to thank the Ettawageshiks, the Naganashes, Sarah VanDeCar, Virginia Lewis, Winnay Wemigwase, Rose Smalley, Jim Bransky and Annette VanDeCar for their assistance. Beverly Wemigwase also wanted to thank everyone who continued the tradition by attending the event and bringing a dish to pass.

*Beverly Wemigwase, Yvonne Walker-Keshick and Sarah VanDeCar contributed to this article.*

# LTBB Christmas Festivities 2008




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Photos by Annette VanDeCar except for the three photos in the bottom row. Those three photos were taken by Marie "Tootsie" Miller.



## New Year and New Optimum Rewards Club Look

Submitted by **Mary Roberts**, Odawa Casino Resort Executive Casino Host

Happy New Year to everyone from the Player Development Team!

The New Year brought a new Optimum Rewards card at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI!

The card may look new, but you can still enjoy all of the benefits you have received in the past.

### Optimum Reward Card

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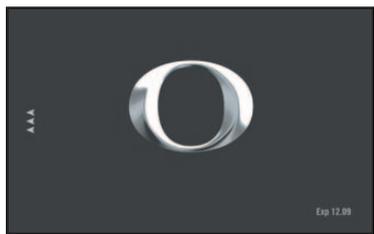
- 10% discount in the Quill Box gift shop
- 5% discount when you stay at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey
- \$5 off special events

We are planning some very fun and exciting events in 2009 to ensure

you "Simply the Best" isn't just a slogan, but a culture here at Odawa Casino Resort.

### "O" Card

The new "O" club was launched



December 9-13 to all who qualified with 50,000 base points during a 12-month period. Starting January 1, those "O" members had more reasons to stay and play at Odawa Casino Resort. The membership includes exclusive offers, rewards and invitations not available to other players.

### The Membership Benefits in "O" includes

- Birthday gift
- Anniversary gift
- Hotel upgrade to a suite
- Host personalized assistance with room and restaurant reservations
- 20% discount in Sage and Waas-no-dé Buffet

- 20% discount on cash sales at the Quill Box gift shop
- Advanced notice of events
- Two complimentary tickets for all concerts and events
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- Preferred parking
- Instant e-mail notifications
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- Access to "O" lounge
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- Access to Ozone with complimentary pod
- Escalade service
- Express line service

As always, we thank everyone for their loyalty to Odawa Casino Resort. If you are not currently a part of the club, all you need to do is stop by Optimum Rewards and sign up for a Players Card. Use your card every time you visit and see what benefits being a member gives you. We look forward to seeing you soon!

*The graphics appear courtesy of Odawa Casino Resort.*

## White Feather Wellness Project Sponsors New Year's Eve Pow Wow



*Editor's note: The following is a White Feather Wellness Project press release dated January 1, 2009.*

White Feather Wellness Project Chairman Bill Nash said, "We've got some good news," to the 100 people in attendance at the First Annual Straits Area Youth New Year's Eve Sobriety Pow Wow at Cheboygan High School in Cheboygan, MI, on December 31.

He went on to say, "We just found out on December 23, we are going to get Camp Pellston (the former prison closed on December 31, 2001). We will now be able to pursue opening up a residential White Feather Wellness youth wellness center there."

Families from all over Michigan enjoyed dancing, feasting, door prizes and rock painting.

Winners of the hand drum contest were Jeremy Joy and Jannan Cornstalk who both took home the prize of new handmade drums.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the "bottle dance," a variation on the potato dance contest where pairs of dancers have to keep an object secured between their foreheads while

completing tricky dance moves. Two youth pairs won the contest. They were Cheyenne Worthington and Will King and Yarrow Nowell and Devin Grundy.

The evening was capped off with a giveaway during the New Year's countdown.

The White Feather Wellness Project would like to thank the Cheboygan Area Schools, Superintendent Dan Bauer, Cheboygan High School Principal Dr. Michelle Ackerman and Chris and Barb Borowicz for granting us use of the school and especially, for going above and beyond in helping make this pow wow a success.

The White Feather Wellness Project would also like to thank the following sponsors: Evangelical Covenant Church of Cheboygan, Arby's, Police Association, Big Boy of Cheboygan, Ken's Market, Citgo Gas Station of Mackinaw City, MI, Simon Otto and all the donors and volunteers who made the event a success.

For more information on the White Feather Wellness Project or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the project's general fund, please visit [whitefeatherwellness.org](http://whitefeatherwellness.org) or call Nash at 231-238-0898.

*Courtesy photos.*



## Come Join the Fun at the 2009 Goonignebig Games on March 7

Saturday, March 7, 2009, 11:00 a.m.—?? at the LTBB Governmental Center

Lunch will be served 12 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

Snacks and drinks available throughout the day. Bring a dish to pass.

### Registration

1. Competitors must complete a registration form and:

- Mail to Snowsnake Games Registration, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
- Or drop off at 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI
- Or e-mail to [cgibson@lbt-bodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:cgibson@lbt-bodawa-nsn.gov)
- Or call 231-242-1601

2. Registrations accepted until 11 a.m. on March 7, 2009

3. Competitors must register in appropriate category. Individuals 18 years old who are not in school must participate in the 18-34 year old category.

- Nine male categories
  - Nine female categories
- Preschool, Ages 1 – 4 yrs. old,

Kindergarten – 2nd grade, 3rd – 5th grade, 6th – 8th grade, 9th – 12th grade, 18 – 34 yrs. old, 35 – 49 yrs. old, 50 – 64 yrs. old, 65 & over

### Competition

- Competition begins at 11 a.m. on March 7, 2009
- The snowsnake track schedule will be posted at the registration booth.
- Each competitor is allowed two throws in his/her category. Any snowsnake thrown which jumps the track after five feet is considered a throw.
- Personal snowsnakes cannot be used by more than one person in the same age and gender category.
- Competitors without a snowsnake may choose a snowsnake from the designated rack for public use.
- Snowsnakes are not required to be a certain length, diameter or weight. Lead may be used for weight.

- Completely metal snowsnakes will not be allowed.

### Awards

- Awards given to the top three competitors with the longest throws in each male and female category.

Please complete the registration form and return it by one of the methods listed earlier in this article. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.

Tribal youth will assist the Community Health Department in making the snowsnake track on February 25 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and March 4 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. If you would like to help, you are welcome to come.

### 2009 Goonignebig Games Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Circle the appropriate category\*\*\*

SNOWSNAKE CATEGORIES	Preschool Ages 1-4	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	18-34 yrs. Old	35-49 yrs. Old	50-64 yrs. Old	65 & over
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## Native American Issues Shape New CMU Classes

*Editor's note: This information was posted on the Central Michigan University website on December 12, 2008. It is reprinted here with permission from Central Michigan University.*

Graduate students will expand their knowledge of Native American issues through new classes at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, MI. Beginning in January 2009, a CMU graduate program will include an option for students to study Native American issues in modern culture.

The new classes, which are a course study within CMU's Master of Arts in Humanities degree program, are interdisciplinary and will include topics such as Native American history, contemporary culture, film, religion, indigenous literature and others.

"Contemporary issues affecting Native American tribes like tribal sovereignty and cultural education tend to take a back seat to Indian gaming," said Joseph Sowmick, spokesman for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. "It is refreshing to see CMU take a lead academic role in bringing these important contemporary issues into the classroom for proper discourse."

"This program has long been very attractive to people thinking beyond and through barriers," said Ronald Primeau, English professor and director of CMU's Master of Arts in Humanities. "By taking classes in literature, history, film, music and the other arts, students are able to study in a way that makes connections in new ways."

CMU also offers an interdisciplinary minor in American Indian studies. Along with requiring that students gain elementary competency in the Ojibwe language, the program teaches students about the histories and cultures of Native people of North America, with special emphasis on the ways in which racism has impacted these communities both historically and in the contemporary period.

"This program will give added opportunities to those who want to work with tribal communities or educate students on tribal sovereignty and culture," adds Colleen Green, director of Native American Programs at CMU.

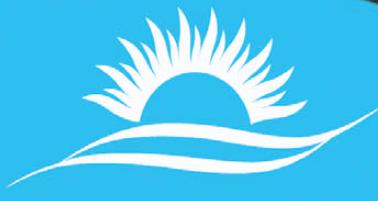
More information about the Master of Arts in Humanities degree can be found at [www.grad.cmich.edu/programs.htm](http://www.grad.cmich.edu/programs.htm).

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