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HERITAGE VOICES PROGRAM PROFILE OF THE ANISHINAABEMDAA LANGUAGE PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTOR KENNY PHEASANT

By Alexandra Tafoya Israel, Linguistics and Language Special Major at Swarthmore College

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About the Program Director

Kenny Pheasant is the director and sole language instructor of Anishinaabemdaa, an Anishinaabe language program located in Manistee, Michigan. He is from the Wikwemikong Anishinaabe First Nation and grew up on the Manitoulin Island reservation in Ontario, Canada. Pheasant has been teaching Anishinaabemowin to people of all ages for

over twenty years, partly because his childhood was steeped in traditional Anishinaabe language, culture, and history. "When I was growing up, everybody spoke Anishinaabemowin," recalls Pheasant. "We used it in the schools, on the playground, everywhere."

Pheasant also learned about the history of his Anishinaabe tribe through the reservation's elders and through everyday life. "My history, I was living it," he says. "It was a very important component in our daily lives." This childhood spent on the isolated reservation, learning about his people's history and culture, left Pheasant with an immense sense of pride in his identity as an Anishinaabe and allowed him to overcome the prejudice that he faced when he left Manitoulin Island to attend high school in Espanola, a town an hour away from Manitoulin Island.

Pheasant's first teaching experi-



Kenny Pheasant, from Wikwemikong Anishinaabe First Nation, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada, is the director of the Anishinaabemdaa language program.

encing Anishinaabemowin words and phrases to the customers. Unlike his fellow high school students, who used to taunt him because of his Indian heritage, the customers enjoyed speaking Anishinaabemowin. "I would ask what they wanted, and they would answer in Anishinaabemowin, and the owner of the store thought it was the greatest thing in the world," says Pheasant. "It didn't offend anybody."

It was clear even in high school that Pheasant had a passion for sharing his language and culture with the world. As a result, Pheasant chose the preservation of Anishinaabe as his life's mission, continuing to share the culture and language whenever possible.

"I never turn down a chance to do a presentation in a school," he says, "because I want people to understand our ways." For Pheasant, education allows him to address the lack of knowledge in North America about his people and culture. Ultimately, he hopes to overcome the type of prejudice he encountered.

About the Program

The Anishinaabemdaa program was founded in 1988 to teach Anishinaabemowin, the ancestral language of the Anishinaabe people, to members of various Anishinaabe tribes in Michigan. Pheasant operates elementary school and community-based classes for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, Michigan, and began offering a for-credit high school language class in the fall of 2009.

The program also includes a summer language camp that attracts over 700 people, two language-teaching CD-ROMs, and an interactive language Web site. All aspects of the program are overseen by Kenny Pheasant.

Pheasant continued his impromptu meat counter classes when he relocated to Michigan and began working at another local grocery store. There he encountered a native Anishinaabe who, upon hearing that

Pheasant was fluent in the ancestral language, asked him to teach a class at the local college. With his only teaching experience limited to the phrases he shared with his customers, he reacted by saying, "I'm not a teacher."

But the native Anishinaabe was persistent, talking him into teaching the class by telling him, "You know the language. You just have to say the words." To Pheasant's surprise, his first class at Northwestern Michigan College was so popular that students had to be turned away. It was then that Pheasant found his calling as a language teacher.

The classroom-based part of the program has expanded far beyond the original community language classes. In addition to continuing the community program for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and the newly formed high school classes, Pheasant also works with fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders in different elementary schools. He has also spent time teaching classes for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Band, the Grand Rapids Indian Education center, and the Odawa institute.

"It gets a little crazy sometimes," says Pheasant, "but I love it; I love 'Pheasant' continued on page 11.

LTBB YEAR IN REVIEW 2009 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 2009 as Selected by Odawa Trails Staff." The first section of the article appeared in the January 2010 issue of *Odawa Trails*.

Here is a final look at 2009's significant events.

All of the following significant events were reported in the July 2009 to January 2010 issues of *Odawa Trails*.

Odawa Casino Resort Heralded as the Best Casino in Michigan

In May 2009, Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, received a "Best

in Michigan" award for "Best Casino" from Michigan Meetings and Events Magazine. The winners of the magazine's fourth annual "Best of Michigan" awards were selected through an online reader poll. Odawa Casino Resort finished ahead of runner-ups MGM Grand Detroit and Motor City Casino, both located in Detroit, MI.

Sisters Elevate PHS Softball Team to New Heights in 2009

Sisters Andi Gasco and Carly Searles, both LTBB Tribal Citizens, led the Petoskey High School (PHS) varsity softball team within a victory of its first-ever state finals berth in 2009.

Gasco, who finished her career as the best pitcher in PHS history, and Searles, the team's leading hitter, saw their storybook season come to an end in a 1-0, 21-inning Division 2



Carly Searles, shown in this photo squaring up to bunt, along with her older sister, Andi Gasco, led the Petoskey High School softball team to a school record 32 victories and to a Division 2 regional title in 2009.

state quarterfinal loss to Clio on June 9, 2009. It lasted more than three and

a half hours, tying the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) record for the third-longest game in state history. Gasco recorded 32 strikeouts in the game, tying the MHSAA record originally set by Pincinning's Angie Rosich in 1993 for strikeouts in a single game.

Prior to 2009, PHS had never captured a regional softball championship despite trips there in 2006 and 2008. The Northmen won Big North Conference, district and regional titles in 2009 after winning a school record 32 games.

Gasco, her team's MVP, became the first PHS pitcher to earn Division 2 First Team All-State honors in 2009 after being named to the All-Big North First Team, All-District First Team and All-Regional First Team. She also received 2009 Louisville Slugger/NFCA High

School All-North Region Second Team honors.

In her senior season, Gasco compiled a 26-7-1 record with a 0.75 earned run average (ERA) and 409 strikeouts. She hit .331 with 20 extra-base hits (six doubles, four triples and 10 home runs) and 41 runs batted in (RBI). She owns every PHS single-season and career pitching record and owns five Michigan High School state records.

Gasco is currently a freshman at Division III Trine University in Angola, IN, where she is playing both volleyball and softball.

Searles, an infielder and pitcher, led PHS with a .350 batting average in 2009 and recorded 24 RBI, hitting in the leadoff spot in her first season on the varsity. Despite her slender 5-foot-6-inch frame, she can hit with power

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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 mndidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazi-naa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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The deadline for the March issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 1, 2010.

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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LETTER TO THE LTBB ELDERS FROM FORMER ODAWA CASINO RESORT GENERAL MANAGER SEAN BARNARD

Editor's note: Former Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Sean Barnard composed the following letter, and it was read to the elders at the Elders Christmas Luncheon on December 10, 2009. It is reprinted here in its entirety. Sean Barnard is the Senior Vice President/General Manager at Ameristar Casino & Hotel in Kansas City, MO, and worked as the Odawa Casino Resort General Manager from mid-May 2008 to December 4, 2009.

To: The respected Elders of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, from Sean Barnard, former General Manager for the Odawa Casino Resort.

Aanii,

In my absence, I have asked for Marty (VanDeCar) to deliver my message of respect and thanks to you today. Already on the road to my next adventure in life, I regret that I cannot be with you right now, but trust that you will forgive my not speaking with you personally.

As you know, I served as your General Manager for just a short time, but I do want to begin by telling you all that I have memories that will last a lifetime.

As I have said many times; during my service to the Tribe, I learned so much from the Elders.

Alice Yellowbank was one of the first who gave me the most valuable of lessons. It was she, who sat me down in one of my very first meetings with the Work Group, and gave me a lesson in the Seven Grandfathers. She handed me a copy and gave sage ad-

vice, "If you live by the honorable standards set by our forefathers, you will succeed here."

From Frank Ettawageshik and Bea Law, I learned how to show respect for the members of this wonderful tribe as they shared years of history with me. Because of their teachings, I know so much now of the struggles that the Tribe has endured over the years, right up until September 21, 1994, when President (Bill) Clinton signed the bill that gave the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Federal recognition through Reaffirmation.

From the Gaming Board of Directors, I learned humility and bravery as I watched them work hard to oversee a multi-million dollar enterprise survive the worst economic crash of our lifetimes. It is because of their leadership, support and direction that we have enjoyed much of our success. It has been a privilege to work with each of them, and I cannot thank them enough for hiring me. Chi-Miigwech Carol (McFall), Judy (Pierzynowski), Sherri (Patton), Dolie (Keway) and Fred (Kiogima).

Without the wisdom from so many of the Tribe to make some of the toughest decisions and do what I believed to be the right thing, would have been impossible. I have so much respect for the leadership and dedication of Barry Laughlin, Lewis Adams, Sarah Sheaffer, Marty VanDeCar, Dennis Shananaquet, Susan Keller, Andrea Cone, Tim

Ettawageshik, Cathy Portman

and so, so many others. Each of them taught me how best to communicate with the Gaming Board, Tribal Council and the Elders and how to present the tough decisions with the words of wisdom they needed to hear.

From the Team Members, I learned how honesty and truth was always the best policy. Good news or bad - our employees will understand if you explain the reasons for your decisions and just give it your best effort.

Just tell them the truth and be honest is the best advice I would share with any future General Manager.

But from the Tribe - I learned the love first hand. So many of the Tribe showed me the examples of the Seven Grandfather's and to them, I will always be grateful.

I leave you in good hands. Your Directors are dedicated, experienced and hard working. They will protect your interests and keep your casino safe and profitable until your Gaming Board has chosen a new General Manager.

Finally, and no less importantly, I want to thank you for my beautiful parting gift. I am honored, grateful and humbled by your generosity. I truly love the quill box and thank Arnold Walker for his remarkable God-given talents.

I shall cherish it and always think of it as a symbol of the goodness within this Tribe.

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The first one is the Annual Critical Issues Conference to be held at Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, on March 4-6, 2010.

The second one is the 15th Annual Anishinaabemowin-Teg Language Conference to be held in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, on March 24-25, 2010.

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.

February Elder Birthdays

February 1
Sharon Petoskey-Turner

February 2
Karen Lambert
Patricia McCarty
Yvonne Salter

February 3
Clayton Walker
Denise Zimmer

February 4
Theodore Engstrom

February 5
Benjamin Bernard
Darlene Mulholland

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The Horticulture & Small Scale Agriculture Team, a collaboration between LTBB and Emmet County MSU Extension invites you to join Emily Proctor, Tribal Extension Educator, Larry Dyer, Tribal Extension Educator and Ann Chastain, Community Development Educator to explore local food accessibility and various aspects of food production. We look forward to seeing you on **February 10th, 2010!**

Please register to ensure there's food for all!

Penny Marshall 231-348-1770

Deadline to register - February 1st, 2010



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**Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin
Language Department**

LOVE MANIFESTS ITSELF IN MANY DIFFERENT FORMS

Submitted by the Gijigowi Language Department

Baatiinad "Zagidwin" maampii Mshkalmikweng. Noonj zhinaagwad maanda zaagidwin. Aanin bimaadizijik zaagtoonaa'aa dowiiyowaa. Miigweta aapiji naagdowendmowaad ezhi-naagziwaad. Kwe aapiji naayii wiignaajiwed. Nini aapiji maajii wi-imnwaaminaagwazid.

Aanin bimaadizijik pane aapiji namaawok, namegamigong maage endaa'aad biindik. Mii gwanda ezaagtoowaad dojjaakmowan. Aanin ge'e zaagtoonaa'aa kooknaasewin. Aapiji zaagaa'aan dobinoojiinhwan, miidash pane binoojiinhik paawijii'ooowaad gitziimwan noonj gego paanankiwaad.

Aanin ge'e zaagtoonaa'aa wi moodye. Miigweta gwanda wi-imnikwewaad. Negagwaanaa'aa wi mnikwewin. Aanin bimaadizijik zaagtoonaa'aa gnowaamjigewaad. Kina gego meznatessek kiikendaanaa'aa. Ki-ikenmaa'aan ge'e emaanjiinj.

Aanin ge'e zaagtoonaa'aa nbwaachwewaad. Egwendik gwa

genoonawaan. Aapiji gwa bishigen-daanaa'aa giigidowaad. Aanin ge'e zaagtoonaa'aa maanenjigewaad. Mii gwanda edaminajik zhooshaadweng, Pkwaakdakeng maage enjizhoonyaataageng. Aapiji sa wiigwa zaagtoonaa'aa maanenjigewaad.

Aanin ge'e zaagtoonaa'aa pajaawaad enji-jiingtamok. Mii zhinda waamaa'aad wiikiwenhwan. Kina gwaya mnwendaagwazi niimid minwa nbwaachiwed. Aanin ge'e bimaadizijik zaagtoonaa'aa chike yaawaad. Aanin ge'e zaagtoonaa'aa bimaadziwin. Baatiinad eteg maadzeweng. Debenjiged giimiingwanaa naaknegewin ensa bebezhiigwayiing maampii akiing. Giinwi dash aabidek maampii maadzeweng gwi-inikendaanaa waazaagtooweng.

There is lots of "Love" here on Mother Earth. This love comes in different types. Some people love their body. They always take care of their appearance. The lady always puts on make-up to look pretty. The man always exercises to look good.

Some people always pray in

church or inside their home. These people love their spirit. Some of the people love parenting. They really love their children; therefore, the children always go places with their parents who go out to do different things.

Other people love the bottle. These people just want to drink. The drink does pitiful things to them. Other people love looking at movies. They know everything about movies. They also know the actors.

Some people love to visit. They talk to anybody. They just love to talk. Some people love competition. These are the ones that play hockey, baseball or at the casino. They just love to compete.

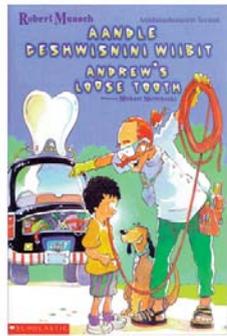
Some people just love going to the pow wow. This is where they see their friends. Everybody has fun dancing and visiting. Some people love being by themselves. Others love life. There are lots of things in life. The Creator gave each of us a certain thing in this world. It is up to everybody in their life to find what they love.

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Just bring your copy of the book in to the Gijigowi Language Department, office located in LTBB Administration Building, and we will provide the audio CD at no cost - WENPASH (free). Note: These books are written by well-known children's author Robert Munsch and produced by Scholastic Canada, CanCopy. They are available to purchase for \$10 each from Sault College Native Studies Program, online at <http://www.saultc.on.ca/Academics/NativeEducation/LanguageResources.asp>.

**MKWA GIIZIS
BEAR MOON, FEBRUARY**

<u>Name-Giizhigat</u>	<u>Shkwaaname-Giizhigat</u>	<u>Niizh-Giizhigat</u>	<u>Nso-Giizhigat</u>	<u>Niwo-Giizhigat</u>	<u>Naano-Giizhigat</u>	<u>Nwebi-Giizhigat</u>
	1 Zaagidwin <i>Love</i>	2 Aakde'ewin <i>Bravery</i>	3 Gwekwaadziwin <i>Honesty</i>	4 Nbwaakaawin <i>Wisdom</i>	5 Dbaadendizwin <i>Humility</i>	6 Mnaadendamowin <i>Respect</i>
7 Debwewin <i>Truth</i>	8 Niizhwaaswe Kinoomaagewinan <i>Seven Teachings</i>	9 Enh <i>Yes</i>	10 Kaa <i>No</i>	11 Gnabach <i>Maybe</i>	12 Gye ngiikendziin. <i>I don't know. .</i>	13 Kaa Maamdaa. <i>Can't.</i> <i>I/You/He/She can't.</i>
14 MnoZaagidwin Giizhigat <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 Gzaagin. <i>I love you.</i>	16 Gzaagigo. <i>We love you.</i>	17 Gzaagigoom. <i>We love you(s).</i>	18 Gmezinin. <i>I miss you.</i>	19 Ndozaagaa. . . <i>I love. . him/her.</i>	20 Nbishigenmaa. . <i>I like . . him/her.</i>
21 Gnooshin. <i>Talk to me.</i>	22 Bignooshin. <i>Call me.</i>	23 Ode <i>Heart</i>	24 Nbazigim <i>My Sweetheart</i>	25 Jiimshin. <i>Kiss me.</i>	26 Jiimaan. <i>He is kissing her.</i>	27 Jiimaan <i>Canoe, boat</i>
28 Aabitoo-Jiinshin <i>Hug me.</i>						



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Emotional Recovery: Local Tribal Citizens Participate in the Recovery of Ancient Remains and Funerary Objects for Michigan Tribes

By Christina Rohn, *Petoskey News-Review* Staff Writer

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Winnay Wemigwase

Winnay Wemigwase has worked on these cases before.

But this time around, the 34-year-old cultural preservation director for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, said she became emotionally connected.

Wemigwase, 34, and 33-year-old Eric Hemenway, cultural preservation assistant for the tribe and member of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee, have been working since 2007 to recover the remains of 102 Native Americans from Michigan and nearly 780 funerary objects from the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

Hemenway said the remains are around 3,000 years old, and were brought to the museum by both professional and amateur archeologists.

In 2007, when Hemenway contacted the museum and spoke to Marilyn Merdzinski, director of collections, about recovering the remains, he said she was surprisingly supportive of the idea.

"I explained to her that these aren't collections or items, these are our people," he said. "This is probably the best museum we've worked with to date, as far as their communication and willingness to work with us."

In early 2008, Hemenway and Wemigwase, along with two volunteers from the tribe, paid a visit to the museum to perform a sacred bone wrapping ceremony.

"We were basically going down there as an apology ... to apologize for being their ancestors and descendants and letting them sit there for so long," Wemigwase said. "We wanted to let them know that we would be back for them."

Upon their arrival, Hemenway, Wemigwase and the tribal volunteers were taken to a back work room at the museum where they began looking through more than 100 banker's boxes where the remains and funerary

objects had been stored.

After more than two hours, Wemigwase said she came across an old Quaker Oats container in one of the file boxes.

Hemenway said everyone noticed this, and the room fell silent.

"We were all standing around working, and we said 'that's an odd container,'" he said. "We all stopped and looked."

As she opened the box, Wemigwase said she expected to find teeth or fingers, but was shocked to find the full skeleton of an infant.

"In this profession, sometimes you have to keep things light and stay removed, but that just ended that," she said. "For me, it was almost like that stomach dropping feeling ... it felt like all the air was taken out of the room."

Wemigwase said she immediately felt connected to the child and its ancestors.

"I thought about the parents of this child, that were probably my age now, and I felt all the anticipation and all the hopes they had for that child," she said. "To know they went through a ceremony, and all the steps they took to put that child in the ground — that's where the child was supposed to be forever."

Hemenway said, once Wemigwase made this discovery, the group stopped working.

"It lingered ... it put things into



Eric Hemenway

perspective," he said. "When you start dealing with kids, it takes a whole different turn."

And the emotion didn't stop there.

On Oct. 30, Wemigwase, along with three members representing the tribes of Michigan, and officials from the Grand Rapids Public Museum arrived in Sarasota, Fla., to present a disposition to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee for the recovery of these remains and funerary objects.

During her portion of the presentation, Wemigwase said she had to fight back tears.

"I was surprised because I got emotional and I didn't expect it ... it just totally caught me off guard," she said.

Hemenway, who is part of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee, said after this presentation, the com-

mittee voted unanimously to give a recommendation to Ken Salazar, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, to return the sacred items to the tribes of Michigan.

Hemenway said, although there are still several steps left in the process, he believes the case should be closed by spring or early summer of 2010.

At that point, Wemigwase said the tribes of Michigan will have to collectively decide how to rebury the remains.

Hemenway said the reburials are special moments for him.

"I can't really explain the feeling of gratification when you do the reburial," he said. "It's sad and it's rewarding at the same time."

"It's always been a prevalent belief for us that you take care of your ancestors."

Wemigwase said, as these items and ancestors are returned to their rightful place, it heals the tribes.

"It's all about making things healthy," she said. "It's not just something we're doing for my family, or his family, it's something we're doing for the whole community."

Hemenway said, so far, he has recovered more than 250 ancestral remains for the tribes of Michigan, as well as additional remains and cultural items for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.



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.



SIMILAR TO MARY HAIR, YOU CAN WRITE YOUR OWN WOCTEP SUCCESS STORY

Submitted by the WOCTEP Program

Mary Hair graduated in December 2009 from North Central Michigan College with her certificate of development in Entrepreneurship Essentials.

The certificate of development is part of WOCTEP (Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program) – a program designed to provide additional resources and services to students enrolled in the certificate of development.

She chose Entrepreneurship Essentials because she plans to develop and manage her own gift shop. She will be the only employee for awhile, so this certificate of development was important to her.

"It taught me how to write a business plan and what to expect when I am a business owner," Mary explained.

During her internship at Grandpa Shorter's Gifts in Petoskey, MI, she was able to apply concepts she had learned in her classes to better help her communicate with customers.

"I had the basic knowledge of how to approach the selling aspect of a business," she said.

Mary believes Entrepreneurship Essentials has been very valuable to

her: "It has taught me so much more about what it takes to run a business than my classes for my Associate's degree in business management."

Mary feels a real benefit is the smaller class sizes, and she found the instructors were not only knowledgeable in their field, but were also very dedicated to the students gaining something from the course.

One class in particular Mary enjoyed was *Anishinaabek Culture*. She liked the outings and activities the class was able to participate in. The only thing she *didn't* like about the course was she felt it was too short.

"I think we should meet every week or maybe even for the entire semester," she elaborated. "It was all so interesting to me. I could not wait for the next class."

After graduation, Mary plans on finding funding for opening her gift shop in Indian River, MI.

For more information on the Entrepreneurship Essentials certificate of development or on WOCTEP, please call 231-242-1493.

After Hours Clinics for LTBB Tribal Patients

Weekend Urgent Care Alternatives

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

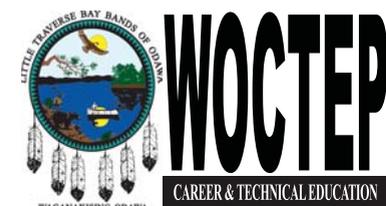
Quick Care Walk-In Medical Center

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-threaten-

ing 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.



"YIR" continued from cover.

and recorded nine extra-base hits (four doubles, four triples and one home run) in 2009. Although she started the majority of the season at third base, she was the team's No. 2 pitcher, compiling a 6-1 record with a 1.55 ERA.

With her older sister's graduation in 2009, Searles will be the Northmen's No. 1 pitcher as a junior in 2010.

She recently completed her junior season of volleyball at PHS and earned Class B Honorable Mention All-State, First Team All-Big North Conference and *Petoskey News-Review* All-Region Dream Team honors in 2009. She is currently playing on the PHS varsity girls basketball team.

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

LTBB Collaborates with the MSU Museum to Reissue Gah-Bach-Jhagwah-Buk

Gah-Bach-Jhagwah-Buk (The Way It Happened): A Visual History of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians written by James McClurken was first published in 1991, and it chronicled more than 300 years of Odawa history. The Michigan State University Museum and LTBB collaborated to publish an updated version of the book, and it was available for purchase in late April 2009.

It is available to purchase through the LTBB Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department. For LTBB Tribal Citizens, the cost is \$50. For non-tribal citizens, the cost is \$53. If you would like the book shipped to you, there is an additional cost of \$7. For more information, please contact the LTBB Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department at 231-242-1450.

LTBB Participates in the Children of the World in Harmony Festival

The 17th Children of the World in Harmony Festival was held July 28-August 2, 2009 at various locations around northern Michigan. Featured at the festival were youth choirs and dance ensembles from Mongolia, China, Mexico, the United States, Canada, the Czech Republic and Vietnam.

Voices Without Borders, Inc. was



incorporated in Michigan to promote, support and sponsor choral music performances and other performing arts activities for young people in the schools and community. As its first project, the corporation produced the 2009 Children of the World in Harmony Youth Choir and Dance Festival.

LTBB Tribal Community Members participated in the welcoming ceremony held at Ottawa Stadium in Harbor Springs, MI, on July 30, 2009. The Woodland Singers, the Spirit

Lake drum, flutist Aaron Wayne Otto, male hand drummers and the Waganakising Eshkiniigijik Youth Group all participated in the welcoming ceremony.

Odawa Casino Resort Celebrates Two Grand Openings

On its second anniversary on June 20, 2009, Odawa Casino Resort celebrated the grand openings of the Gourmet 2 Go gift shop with a ribbon cutting ceremony and unveiled the Ice Cream Shop located inside the Copper Café.

Gourmet 2 Go is described as a unique specialty shop for food and gift items which feature a blend of Michigan businesses. It specializes in custom gift baskets and features several specialty gift items.

The Ice Cream Shop features scoops of House of Flavors Ice Cream as well as shakes, malts, sundaes and other cool treats such as ice cream cakes and take home pints of ice cream.

LTBB Recaptures MIFO Title

On July 24, 2009, the 160-member LTBB team won the 22nd Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics (MIFO) title with 424 points. LTBB had won the title in



2004, 2005 and 2006 and had finished second in 2007 and 2008.

Michigan Governor and Michigan Indian Tribes Agree to Work Together to Combat Global Warming

On June 11, 2009, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and leaders of the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan signed an inter-governmental accord stating their commitment to combat global warming through the reduction of greenhouse gases.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Concludes Outstanding High School Track Career

Tecumseh Adams, a LTBB Tribal Citizen and 2009 Harbor Springs High School graduate, earned First Team All-State honors by finishing second in the 1,600-meter run at the 2009 MHSAA Division 4 Track and Field State Finals on May 30, 2009. He finished ninth in the 3,200-meter run at the event.

Adams, the son of John and Anahid Adams, won the 1600-meter and 3,200-meter runs at the Bellaire Regional on May 16, 2009 and won three individual events (800-meter, 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs) at the 2009 Lake Michigan Conference Championships on May 20, 2009.

LTBB Works to Restructure Odawa Casino Resort Debt

On August 11, 2009, LTBB commenced the process of negotiating a consensual restructuring with the holders of a majority of its \$122 million senior unsecured notes due 2014. The notes were originally issued in 2006 to support construction of Odawa Casino Resort. As of press

time, this process was still ongoing.

Makayla Webkamigad Crowned Miss Odawa Nation 2009

Makayla Webkamigad, a traditional dancer who is Ojibway, Odawa and Potawatomi, was crowned Miss Odawa Nation 2009 on August 16, 2009 at the 18th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow. She is a member of the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, and she lives in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.

She comes from a dancing family: Her grandmother, Bea Shawanda, her mother, Elizabeth Edgar-Webkamigad, and her older sister, Cassidi Webkamigad, are all traditional dancers and her older brother, Keith Edgar, and her younger brother, Everett Webkamigad, are both grass dancers.

LTBB Awarded NPS Grant to Develop Repatriation Manual

The National Park Service (NPS) awarded the LTBB Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department a grant to create a repatriation manual. The manual will deal exclusively with the best practices associated with the return of human remains and items that fall under the jurisdiction of the Native American

Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). The project started in October 2009, and look for the completed repatriation manual when the project ends in July 2011.

The NPS-NAGPRA

Documentation Grant received by LTBB is unlike other grants under the NAGPRA Program because it is highly competitive and is awarded to only one applicant per year. Both museums and tribes are eligible for the grant. The project proposed by the LTBB Cultural Preservation Staff was notable for its uniqueness and emphasis on collaborating with many other tribes across the country.

2009 LTBB General Election Results

The LTBB General Election took place on June 29, 2009 with a new Tribal Chairman and a new Vice Chairman being elected and five Tribal Council members being elected.

Ken Harrington and Dexter McNamara were elected as the Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively with 504 votes. Aaron Wayne Otto (399 votes), Belinda Bardwell (439 votes), John Bott (520 votes), Melvin L. Kiogima (402 votes) and Julie Shananaquet (543 votes) were elected as Tribal Council members. They are all serving four-year terms until 2013.

On August 23, 2009, the newly elected officials were sworn in by Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco. The Tribal Council Officers Election was also held that day. Shananaquet was selected as the Legislative Leader, Regina Gasco-Bentley as the Secretary, and Bott as the Treasurer. They are serving two-year terms until the next election in 2011.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Attends Junior National Young Leadership Conference

Hope Drogmiller, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, was among the select few

middle school students representing Michigan at the Junior National Young Leadership Conference held August 8-13, 2009 in Maryland. Her fifth grade teacher nominated her to attend the conference based on her academics and leadership. She was the youngest middle school student (10) at the conference with the majority of the students being 11 and 12 with some 13-year-olds.

The Junior National Young Leadership Conference helps scholars develop and sharpen their leadership skills. The students, who came from across the country, were in the 2009-2010 academic year as sixth and seventh-graders.

Odawa Casino Resort Hosts Flag Raising Ceremony

Odawa Casino Resort hosted a flag raising event on August 14, 2009. Three flags (the American flag, the LTBB flag and the Odawa Casino Resort flag) were raised eight stories high in the northern Michigan sky. The flag poles were specially engineered and constructed to display the flags which each measure 25 feet high and 40 feet wide.

LTBB Receives SPRING Grant

In July 2009, LTBB received a federal grant, SPRING, which stands for Significant Prevention Resulting in New Generations. This is a form of a federal grant that is actually a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements are distinguished from other grants because substantial involvement is anticipated between the awarding office and the recipient (the LTBB Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department). The purpose of the SPRING grant is to reduce substance abuse and its related problems within the LTBB Service Area. It focuses on tribal citizens of all ages from the unborn through the elder population and focuses on the entire LTBB Community. The SPRING grant is a four-year grant (July 2009-July 2013), and SPRING is under the umbrella of the LTBB Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department. SPRING grant employees are housed at the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey.

Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Honors Two LTBB Tribal Citizens

In mid-September 2009, the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society honored LTBB Chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis by naming him the Patricia M. Zakovec Memorial Conservation Officer of the Year 2009. He received the award at the 2009 Great Lakes Regional Conference. At the same conference, former LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik along with Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Ogema Larry Romanelli, former Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Chairman Bob Kewaygoshkum, former Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairman Aaron Payment and Bay Mills Indian Community Chairman Jeffrey Parker received the Glen Miller Tribal Leader Award 2009. They were selected for the award because they were the tribal leaders involved in the negotiation of the historic 2007 Inland Consent Decree.

Both Willis and Ettawageshik are LTBB Tribal Citizens.

Michigan Anishinaabemowin Inc. Established

Michigan Anishinaabemowin Inc., a new, non-profit organization, started meeting in April 2009. It is an organization of Anishinaabe tribes, organizations, universities, colleges,

Native urban centers and individuals (students, elders and community members) who are contributing to the revitalization of Anishinaabe language. The overall goal of the organization is to unite in revitalization efforts throughout the state of Michigan and to build support for community issues involving Anishinaabe language.

MILS Criminal Defense Pilot Project Comes to the LTBB Tribal Court

Through a one-year Criminal Defense Pilot Project, the Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) offers free legal assistance to persons charged with a criminal offense in the LTBB Tribal Court. The free service is available to those individuals who meet income eligibility and other requirements. MILS uses existing funds to represent defendants facing criminal charges within the LTBB Tribal Court. However, current funding sources prohibit MILS from representing individuals in criminal proceedings in state or federal court. The MILS Criminal Defense Pilot Project will study the feasibility of offering these services in each of the tribal courts in Michigan.

Tribal Chairman Attends Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C.

On November 5, 2009, LTBB Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the Tribal Nations Conference held at the U.S. Department of the Interior. The leaders from more than 400 federally recognized tribes met with President Barack Obama and other top administration officials to discuss issues facing Native American tribes. The conference was the first such meeting since President Bill Clinton hosted one 15 years ago. At the conference, President Obama signed a memorandum of understanding asking every cabinet agency to give him a detailed plan to improve the government's relations with Native Americans and vowed it was the first of a number of meetings to address issues facing the tribes.

Spread of the H1N1 Virus Forces a Temporary Suspension of Tribal Sponsored Activities

On October 1, 2009, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr. sent an e-mail to all LTBB Governmental Employees stating LTBB had at least one tribal citizen with a confirmed diagnosis of H1N1 flu. In lieu of that and the various northern Michigan area school closures, effective October 23, 2009, LTBB temporarily suspended all tribal government sponsored activities until further notice, and all classes at the Native Way gym were temporarily suspended on October 22, 2009. Earlier that week, the LTBB Head Start Program closed because a child had H1N1 flu. On November 9, 2009, Colby, Jr. sent an e-mail to all LTBB Governmental Employees stating effective immediately, all gatherings, activities, luncheons, classes and meetings of the tribe would resume as scheduled.

NSLF Receives Department of Treasury Certification Designation

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. (NSLF), a non-profit Native American Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) serving entrepreneurs in Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties in northern Michigan, became the first Native American Community Development Financial Institution in Northern "YIR" continued on page 16.



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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.ltbodawa-nsn.gov or by calling the DOC at 231-242-1584. Tribal Form 3998, which is the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption, may only be issued by the DOC with certain authorized signers. The signing order is as follows: DOC Assistant Theresa Keshick, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr., Vice Chairman Dexter McNamara and Chairman Ken Harrington (in the absence of DOC).

Please note: All RTM updates are sent to the State of Michigan on a monthly basis as close to the end of the month as possible. If you plan to purchase a vehicle or do any remodeling to your residence, please wait until after your RTM status is effective (after the first day of the following month in which you moved); otherwise, the State of Michigan will deny your claim for a refund.

Being an RTM also exempts you from sales/use tax on utilities such as phone, Internet, satellite, gas, electric, propane and cellular service. Please fill out the Residency Form

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.

for Tax Agreement and return it to the address noted on the bottom of the form.



Address Verification Forms Due November 30, 2010

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before November 30, 2009. No faxed or electronic versions are accepted because all forms require original signatures. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship or

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

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

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

LTBB Tribal Directories

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

Qualifications:

- Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
- A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

Mail to:

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

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

LTBB ID CARDS

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

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

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

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



Housing Department Programs

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

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

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

Down Payment Assistance: This program offers up to \$5,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Application Availability Notification

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

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

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

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

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

Moving?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.**

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 6, 2009

Closed Session: yes

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

Opening Ceremony: Julie Shananaquet

Council Present: Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Marvin Mulholland

Absent: Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Rita Shananaquet

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington, Vice-Chairman Dexter McNamara

Guests: Christina Rohn, Marcia Sutton, Lisa McComb, Laura LaCroix Blumberg, Bea Law, Carol McFall, Tootsie Keshick, Paige Thomas

9:50 a.m. Treasurer John Bott and Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt the agenda with additions for December 6, 2009.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the minutes of November 22, 2009 with corrections.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. presentation.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Chingwa to accept Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet's verbal and written report for December 6, 2009 with confidential items contained therein.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Mystic Lake Climate Change Declaration signed by six Tribal Council members present.

Federal Tax Exemption discussed.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Chingwa to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal Treasurer and Appropriations and Finance Committee reports for December 6, 2009.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Mulholland to amend the agenda for December 6, 2009 to include a closed session for legal purposes.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

11:04 a.m. Recess called.

11:16 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

11:17 a.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Kiogima to go into closed session for legal.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

12:13 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

12:13 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

12:13 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:13 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:35 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

DRAFT Non-Gaming Employment Benefits on hold.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to adopt Tribal Resolution National City Bank Loan Refinancing.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to place Indian Preference in Tribal Employment Draft Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Kiogima, Councilor Chingwa), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written reports for December 6, 2009.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Bott to amend the agenda for December 6, 2009.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the December 5, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Action Request: Tribal Resolution Suspension of Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Hiring Process - suspended.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: Bea Law spoke regarding the previous Casino General Manager, Es-

tablishment and Structure of Executive Departments and Legislative Offices, the Gaming Delegation Authority Statute and Indian Preference in Tribal Employment Draft Statute

3:07 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:08 p.m. Recess called.

3:35 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution Repeal Tribal Resolution #071209-08 Regarding Tribal Government Budget Revision for Fiscal Year 2009.

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

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima that Tribal Council approves the issuance of a liquor license for sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at Odawa Casino Resort, which is located on land held in trust for the Tribe by the United States at 1760 Lears Road, Petoskey, MI 49770, and an "off-premises" license for wine sales at the Gourmet 2 Go gift shop at the same address, until the date of approval of WOS 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign the license.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley that Tribal Council approves the issuance of a liquor license for sale of alcoholic beverages solely for consumption on the premises at the Odawa Hotel, which is located on land held in trust for the Tribe by the United States at 1444 US 131 S, Petoskey, MI 49770, until the date of approval of WOS 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign the license.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Kiogima that Tribal Council approves a liquor license for Biindigen for "off-premises" license to sell alcohol at 2169 US 31 North, Petoskey, MI 49770 until the date of approval of WOS 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign the license.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima that the Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc. (WOD) that was created to formulate a partnerships with the Northwest Band Shoshone Nation (Shoshone Nation), and has formed such partnership known as Nimkee Technologies, LLC (Nimkee) wherein 2 of the Board members of the Nimkee have been suspended by the Shoshone Nation. Tribal Council is requesting a plan of action from the WOD Board to address the suspension of Nimkee Board members, the impact it has on the partnership and any potential liability for WOD and report such requested information to Tribal Council by its next regularly scheduled meeting, December 20, 2009.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Acknowledgement of letters from Citizen Warren Petoskey regarding hunting and fishing right and health needs.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Bott that Tribal Council authorizes the payment of COLA that was previously suspended for Legislative staff for FY '09 provided that Tribal Resolution "To Repeal Tribal Resolution #071209-08 Regarding Tribal Government Budget Revision for Fiscal Year 2009" is enacted into law and the Executive shall administer his oversight authority to the extent necessary to ensure that funds are adequately administered.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Bardwell to rescind the Addendum to Contract for Employment for the Legislative Services Attorney, Donna L. Budnick that was approved on January 25, 2009 and directs the Legislative Leader Shananaquet to sign such rescission and authorizes the payment of COLA for FY'09 provided that Tribal Resolution "To Repeal Tribal Resolution #071209-08 Regarding Tribal Government Budget Revision for Fiscal Year 2009" is enacted into law and the Executive shall administer his oversight authority to the extent necessary to ensure that funds are adequately administered.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

The following were tabled to the next agenda:

Gaming Authority Statute - Proposed Legislation (RS)

Whistle Blower Protection DRAFT Statute (posted 11/8/09)

Health Department DRAFT Statute (posted 11/8/09)

Treasurer's Responsibilities DRAFT Statute (posted 11/8/09)

Tribal Burial Grounds DRAFT Statute (posted 09/16/09)

Department of Education and Cultural Learning Center DRAFT Statute (posted 9/16/09)

Civil Traffic DRAFT Statute - (posted 09/16/09)

Probate Code for Small Estates DRAFT Statute (posted 11/22/09)

Establishment and Structure of Executive Departments and Legislative Office DRAFT Statute Offices (Posted 11/22/09)

Odawa Economic Development Inc., Corporate Charter.-DRAFT (RS)

Contempt of Court DRAFT Statute - (posted 10/27/09)

Gaming Regulatory Statute (Discussion)

5:03 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary
Date

Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2010

**February 6 Work Session
February 7 Council Meeting
February 20 Work Session
February 21 Council Meeting**

**March 6 Work Session
March 7 Council Meeting
March 20 Work Session
March 21 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

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve Compensation, Stipend and Travel Policy for the Tribal Council dated December 6, 2009 to allow Tribal Council members to receive their salary in bi-monthly installments instead of once a month payment as currently receiving.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell that Tribal Council approves an extension for the Forbearance Agreement between Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and MFC Global Investment Management (US) LLC, BlackRock Financial Management Inc., Regiment Capital Advisors, and Pioneer Investment Management Inc., for a period of 45-days with the same terms contained within the original agreement to be negotiated by the Executive.



CHECK OUT THESE EXQUISITE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN ASSOCIATED ART BOOKS AVAILABLE AT THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

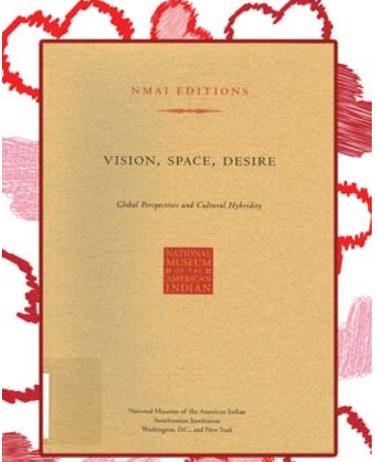
The Library of Congress donated 17 art books associated with the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) to the LTBB Cultural Library, located in the Education Department at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

I profiled eight of those books in last month's article, and I am profiling the remaining nine in this article.

LTBB Tribal Citizens can check out any of the following art books for two weeks except for *First American Art: The Charles and Valerie Diker Collection of American Indian Art*, which is for reference only.

Vision, Space, Desire: Global Perspectives and Cultural Hybridity

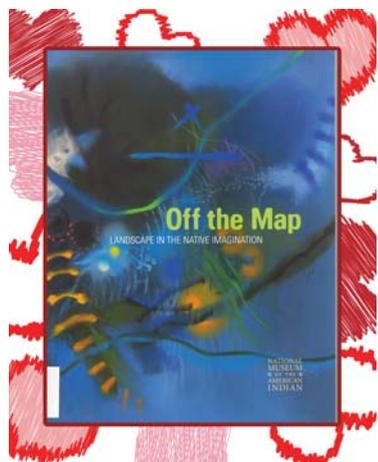
This book resulted from an international art symposium held by NMAI in December 2005 and features contributors from Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, New Zealand, Turkey and the United States.



The following product description appears on the museum's website: "Vision, Space, Desire: Global Perspectives and Cultural Hybridity features a lively exchange of ideas among Native and non-Native museum directors and curators, artists, critics and scholars and opens new possibilities in contemporary art practice and engagement."

Off the Map: Landscape in the Native Imagination

This book features paintings, sculpture and multimedia productions of contemporary artists Jeffrey Gibson (Mississippi Band of Choctaw/Cherokee), Carlos Jacanamijoy (Inga), James Lavadour (Walla Walla), Erica Lord

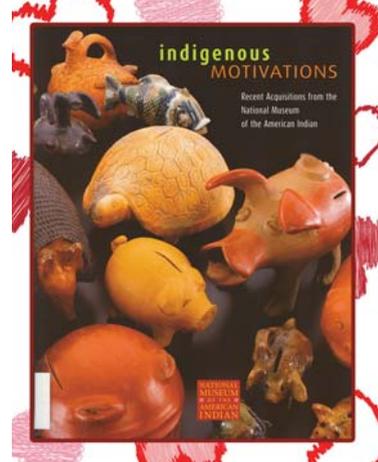


(Inuit/Athabaskan) and Emmi Whitehorse (Navajo).

The following production description appears on the museum's website: "As a subject for Native artists, the landscape is laden with history and expectation. Land is home, culture and identity, but it also represents violence, isolation and loss. In strikingly beautiful images and insightful essays, *Off the Map: Landscape in the Native Imagination*, explores the complex relationship between Native art and the representation of landscape."

Indigenous Motivations: Recent Acquisitions from the National Museum of the American Indian

In 1989 when the U.S. Congress created NMAI as part of the Smithsonian, its collections included 800,000 objects. Since then, the museum has added 15,000 pieces. *Indigenous Motivations: Recent Acquisitions from the National Museum of the American Indian*

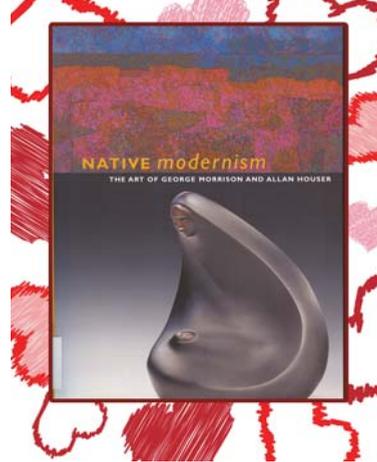


the American Indian "highlights some of the most important, interesting and amusing works made by Native artists and craftsman in the last few decades and added to the museum's collections since 1990."

Native Modernism: The Art of George Morrison and Allan Houser

This book accompanied a major

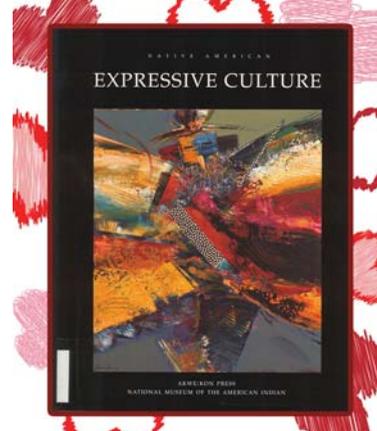
inaugural exhibition at the NMAI that showcased paintings, drawings and sculptures by highly acclaimed artists George Morrison (Grand



Portage Band of Chippewa, 1919-2000) and Allan Houser (Warm Springs Chiricahua Apache, 1914-1994).

Native American Expressive Culture

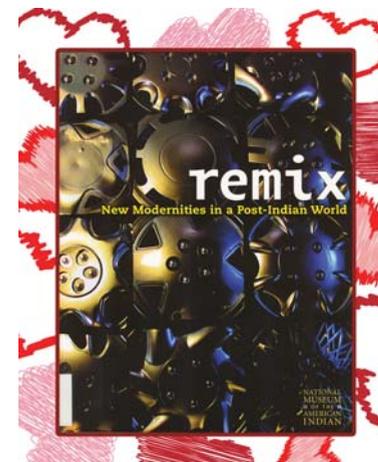
The NMAI and Akwe:kon Press



collaborated to publish this book. The NMAI's George Gustav Heye Center in New York City, NY, hosted a series of presentations of Native American music, dance, media and visual arts, theater, storytelling and oratory. The series was complemented by the program book, *Native American Expressive Culture*, which features 28 Native writers.

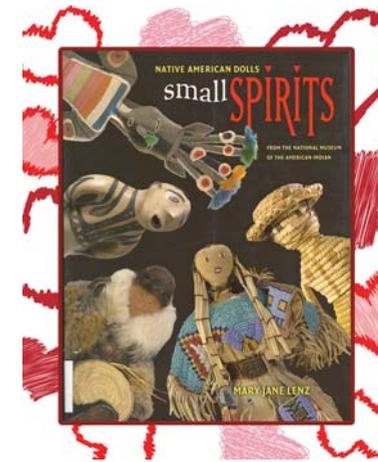
Remix: New Modernities in a Post-Indian World

This book features the work of 15 artists of mixed Native/non-Native heritage from the United States, Canada and Mexico. They include Dustinn Craig (White Mountain Apache/Navajo), Kent Monkman (Cree), Anna Tsouhlarakis of Navajo and Greek heritage, Fausto Fernandez (Mexican/American), Luis



Gutierrez (Mexican/American), David Hannan (Metis), Gregory Lomayesva (Hopi/Hispanic), Brian David Kahehtowanen Miller (Mohawk), Franco Mondini-Ruiz (Mexican American/Italian), Nadia Myre (Anishinaabe), Alan Natachu (Zuni), Hector Ruiz (Kickapoo/Mexican American), Kade L. Twist (Cherokee), Bernard Williams (African American/American Indian) and Steven Yazzie (Navajo).

Small Spirits: Native American Dolls from the National Museum of the American Indian



This book features a variety of Native American dolls from prehistoric ceramic figures to contemporary figures by Inuit and Pueblo artists.

First American Art: The Charles and Valerie Diker Collection of American Indian Art

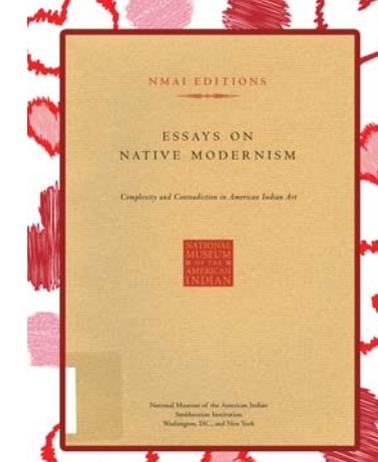
This book is for reference only

and cannot be checked out of the LTBB Cultural Library. The NMAI and the University of Washington Press co-published this book in conjunction with the exhibition of the same name.

Essays on Native Modernism: Complexity and Contradiction in American Indian Art

This book resulted from a symposium held by NMAI in May 2005 and explores the legacies of George Morrison (Grand Portage Band of Chippewa, 1919-2000) and Allan Houser (Warm Springs Chiricahua Apache, 1914-1994), whose work was exhibited at NMAI's museum on the National Mall during its opening year.

The following product description appears on the museum's website: "Essays on Native Modernism: Complexity and Contradiction in American Indian Art features essays



by curators, scholars and writers who have been instrumental in shaping the discourse on contemporary American Indian art."

Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.

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

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- Select "Cultural Library Online" directly from the left menu on our LTBB homepage
- Browse over 1,900 books, movies, CDs, DVDs etc.
- You can search by title, author, subject or keyword

Don't remember the title or author? You'll find cover images to help you find the information you need.

LTBB Cultural Library

LTBB IS HOSTING A HOMEWORK LAB BEFORE YOUTH GROUP ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS STARTING DECEMBER 1ST.

When: youth 8-12-Tuesdays
Youth 13-18-Thursday
Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm
Where: The White House

School bus transportation may be provided with signed permission slips from your parents.

For more information and sign-up please contact Jeannie Norris at (231) 838-4886 or Dorothy Perry, LTBB Education Department at (231) 242-1482. You may also contact your title VII worker for more information

Avoid the headache!

Upcoming Higher Education Deadline:
February 15, 2010
Michelle Chingwa Scholarship
Winter/Spring 2010 documentation

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

Middle School → Homework Lab → High School

Where: Little Traverse Bay Bands Government Complex
When: Wednesdays ***** Starting December 2, 2009

* 3:30 pm — 5:00 pm *

Drop off: Harbor Springs Public School bus or parent drop off
Pick up: Parent pick up at 5:00 pm at Government Complex

FOR MORE INFORMATION & SIGN-UP

Please call Cheryl Halfacer, Harbor Springs Title VII @ 231-526-4835 or Dorothy Perry, K-12 Student Services LTBB Education Dept. @ 231-242-1482



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“Pheasant” continued from cover. what I do.” He adds that he frequently signs letters and emails by saying “My job is my life,” a statement that speaks to the deep passion that he has for teaching his native language and culture.

Another indication of the commitment Pheasant has to his language is the language-learning technology he has authored. The Anishinaabemdaa Web site and the Anishinaabemowin and Anishinaabemdaa language CD-ROMs were created using a grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). “I was getting a lot of phone calls, questions about the language,” says Pheasant, “and it was overwhelming.”

He envisioned the CD-ROMs and the Web site as going hand-in-hand with each other; if people were using the CDs and had an unanswered question, they could consult the language-learning module on the Web site. Both the Web site and the CD-ROMs are now used to teach Anishinaabemowin to more people than Pheasant could possibly reach in person. Students are forming Anishinaabemowin practice groups at universities, and schools all over the country are purchasing the CD-ROMs to use in their classrooms. Pheasant understands that teaching with technology is an important facet of his lan-

guage program. “We live in an electronic world,” he says, “and I’m just trying to keep up with everything.”

Pheasant has had opportunities to experience first-hand the impact that this technology has had on Anishinaabemowin students. “I was at a conference,” he recalls, “and this man stops and sits down with me and tells me, ‘When you came up with these CDs, I had my doubts. But my grandchildren’s school bought them, and I’ve seen an amazing growth in their language, and I want to thank you.’”

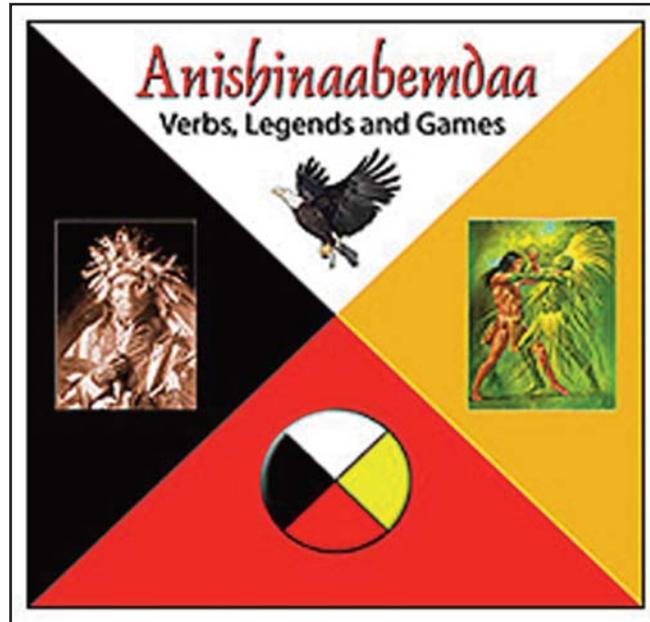
The Anishinaabe Family Language/Culture Camp is another important aspect of the Anishinaabemdaa program. The three-day language and culture camp is now in its sixteenth year and draws over 700 people from as far away as California, Oklahoma, and Canada.

The camp is a place where Anishinaabemowin is spoken first, no matter what a particular speaker’s skill level. It also includes cultural presentations, craft workshops and demonstrations, traditional song and dance, and discussion of Anishinaabe spirituality.

The intent of the camp is not to teach the complexities of the Anishinaabemowin language, which Pheasant knows would be impossible in the course of three days, but rather to get people interested in their language, culture, and history. “It brings a lot of people, it brings curiosity, and it creates interest,” says Pheasant, adding, “When people go back home after the camp, they’ll have an understanding of what the language brings to us.” Pheasant believes that both the culture and the spirituality of the Anishinaabe are contained in the language, and he sees

the language camp as a way to get his people interested in preserving their culture, spirituality, and history through their traditional language.

Beginning in the late 19th century and continuing until the mid-20th century, Native American history is full of stories of children who were forcibly taken from their families and sent to boarding schools run by the United States government or, in



the case of Pheasant’s family, the Canadian government. At these schools, “children were forced to assimilate to the dominant culture,” says Pheasant. “They were dressed alike, taught the history of the colonial powers, and beaten if they spoke their native languages.”

Pheasant’s own father was a product of the Canadian residential school system. “The first time he got caught speaking his own language, he was hit in the face by a priest,” says Pheasant,

noting that Indian children were not allowed to speak their mother tongues anywhere on the property.

Despite the pressure to assimilate, Pheasant’s father was lucky; he managed to hold on to his identity as an Anishinaabe. “The things he taught me were so rich in Anishinaabe culture and language,” recalls Pheasant. “He would take the time to explain things in the finest detail.”

Most students did not maintain their Indian identity in the way that Pheasant’s father did; in fact, according to Pheasant, “most children were assimilated; they dressed just like the other person ... they learned to be servants, to work for other people.”

Pheasant blames the residential schools for the catastrophic language loss suffered by American Indian communities over the last century. “I firmly believe that all Native Americans have been affected by residential schools,” says Pheasant, “because if it wasn’t for the residential schools, all of us would still be speaking our language.” Despite the setbacks that his tribe has faced, Pheasant still has hope that Anishinaabe language and culture can be restored and once again become a source of pride. He hopes that “people will speak their language one day, the way it used to be, the way I remember it.” According to Pheasant, “Anishinaabemowin is the spirit of the Anishinaabe nation. Without the language, we are totally assimilated.” His hope is to make the members of his nation realize how important their language and culture are to preserving their identity as Anishinaabe.

Pheasant tells two stories that make his dream seem within the reach of possibility.

When he first started teaching children’s language classes, he decided to do an experiment. “I told the kids to take a piece of paper and draw me an Indian. Most of them drew an Indian with a headband and a feather. One child even drew a casino beside the Indian,” says Pheasant. “So I started my program, and worked with them for several months. Then I asked them again, in my last class, to draw me an

Indian. And they drew me, standing in front of them, with my long hair and my keychain hanging off my belt.” When one hears a story like this, and realizes that a child’s perception of his own identity can be changed by a kind teacher in the space of a few months, the goal of revitalizing Anishinaabemowin doesn’t seem so difficult.

The next story, which takes place in Oklahoma in a small town called Apache in 1982, shows how many Native American lan-

guages share many of the same words and how this creates a strong connection among different Indian nations. As Pheasant explains, he was working unloading a semi truck at a grocery store when, at the top of the conveyer belt, he noticed a tall man that he had never seen before. Pheasant explains, “He had his long hair in braids and he looked at me and said ‘Hey, are you an Indian,’ and I replied, ‘Yes, but I am not from around here.’”

The man asked me where I was from and, when I told him I was from Ontario Canada, he asked, “Oh. Do you speak your language?” I told him yes, but I didn’t think he would understand it (since he was from Oklahoma and I was from Ontario.) The man was very persistent, however, and asked me how to say the word for skunk. I answered him, “Zhagaag.” His eyes got bigger as he stopped the conveyer and told me, “Wait, that’s how we say it.” “I thought that he was just kidding around,” said Pheasant, “but when I asked how he said a word, it was just how I say it.”

This was the beginning of a great friendship. After this encounter, explains Pheasant, “He attended ceremonies and shared his experience on the lodge with others from the Ottawa Nation of Oklahoma on the northeast part of Oklahoma. I saw him once a week and we kept comparing our language and speaking to each other until I moved.” When Pheasant started the Anishinaabe Family Language/Culture Camps in Michigan, he invited the man and his friends and family from Oklahoma to come to the camp. Says Pheasant proudly, “They did, and they have been coming since then. All of their fluent speakers have walked on into the spirit world now, so they use the CD-ROMs, my audio CDs, and the Anishinaabemdaa site to keep learning Anishinaabemowin.”

If you wish to contact Kenny Pheasant for more information, visit the Anishinaabemdaa Web site at www.anishinaabemdaa.com or the Anishinaabemowin Web site at www.anishinaabemowin.org.

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**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Court Room
7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740
December 20, 2009**

Closed Session: yes
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:42 p.m.

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

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

Absent: Councilor Rita Shananaquet

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington, Vice-Chairman Dexter McNamara, and Gaming Board of Directors: Chairperson Carol McFall and Office Manager Cathy Portman
Guests: Bill Denemy, Yvonne McShane, John Liebgott

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt the agenda for December 20, 2009 with additions.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the minutes of December 6, 2009 with corrections.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the Special Meeting minutes of December 19, 2009 as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to ratify into the record the Phone Poll dated December 15, 2009 to approve Tribal Resolution "Authorization for Loan on 7500 Odawa Circle" in the amount of \$2,383,166.63 to meet immediate deadlines. The Phone poll passed 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet's verbal report for December 20, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's verbal report for December 20, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

10:18 a.m. Councilor R. Shananaquet arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal report for December 20, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept the verbal Land and Reservation Committee report from Committee Chairperson Kiogima for December 20, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to place the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Odawa Gaming Enterprise Management, Inc. Corporate Charter and the Odawa Gaming Enterprise Management Statute on the legislative calendar.

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

Motion carried.

11:11 a.m. Recess called.

11:24 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Councilor R. Shananaquet's verbal Tribal Council member report for December 20, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept Councilor Kiogima's verbal Tribal Council member report for December 20, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal report with attachment for December 20, 2009.

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

Motion carried.

11:39 a.m. Public Comment opened: Cathy Portman asked for clarification of the process to provide Tribal Council written comments regarding posted legislation, Yvonne McShane spoke regarding the Tribal Council Code of Ethics and clarification of potential rumors. Michele LaCount spoke regarding the Anishinaabemowin Teg Conference fundraising events.

11:49 a.m. Public Closed.

12:00 p.m. Secretary Gasco Bentley left the meeting.

12:09 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:46 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Tribal Chairman Harrington's verbal and written report for December 20, 2009 with confidential items contained therein.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Gasco Bentley)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Inter-Tribal Council U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Communities Putting Prevention to Work.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Chingwa and supported by Councilor Shananaquet 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 2010 Solid Waste Management Grant Program.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution: Repeals Tribal Resolution #092709-01; Establishment and Authority of the "Legislative and Executive" Team.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution: Designation of Contact for Bond Negotiation.

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

Motion carried.

3:08 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:09 p.m. Comments closed.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the verbal report from Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc., Nimkee Technologies, LLC.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Chingwa), 1 - Absent (Secretary Gasco Bentley)

4:10 p.m. Recess called.

4:22 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Bott that the Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc. (WOD) that was created to formulate a partnership with the Northwest Band Shoshone Nation (Shoshone Nation) and has formed such partnership known as Nimkee Technologies, LLC (Nimkee) provide an update to Tribal Council as its next regularly scheduled meeting, January 10, 2010.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Chingwa), 2 - Absent (Councilor R. Shananaquet, Secretary Gasco Bentley)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Election Board 2009 Election Cycle Report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Gasco Bentley)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the FY 2010 Gaming

Board of Directors Budget at \$101,306.00 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: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 1 - Absent (Secretary Gasco Bentley)

Motion carried.

4:35 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to go into closed session for confidential business matters-Casino.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 1 - Absent (Secretary Gasco Bentley)

Motion carried.

5:27 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to return to open session.

Vote: 8 - yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Gasco Bentley)

Motion carried.

The following were tabled to the next agenda:

Whistle Blower Protection DRAFT Statute (posted 11/8/09)

Health Department DRAFT Statute (posted 11/8/09)

Tribal Treasurer's Responsibilities DRAFT Statute (posted 11/8/09)

Tribal Burial Grounds DRAFT Statute (posted 09/16/09)

Department of Education and Cultural Learning Center DRAFT Statute (posted 09/16/09)

Civil Traffic DRAFT Statute - (posted 09/16/09)

Probate Code for Small Estates DRAFT Statute (posted 11/22/09)

Establishment and Structure of Executive Departments and Legislative Offices (Posted 11/22/09)

Contempt of Court DRAFT Statute - (posted 10/27/09)

Indian Preference in Tribal Employment - (posted 12/6/09)

5:27 p.m. Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to adjourn

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Gasco Bentley)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date

Tribal Notary Information

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

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number
Theresa C. Keshick	Active	2/18/09	2/18/15	01-09
Rebecca R. Atkinson	Active	2/23/09	2/23/15	02-09
Lisa Flynn	Active	2/23/09	2/23/15	03-09
Beatrice A. Law	Active	5/11/09	5/11/15	04-09

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Lines From our Membership

BIRTHDAYS

Happy belated birthday to our daughter-in-law, **Sara Bott**, who turns the Big 30 on January 28. We love you, Dad, Mom and Cooper Bott.

Happy birthday to our daughter, **Tina Peterson**, on the 19th. Love, Mom & Dad.

Happy birthday **Stacy Skippergosh**. Enjoy your special day with your little fella, David, and have a great day. Wish you were here! All my love, Mom.

Happy birthday to **Kenny Burks**, the best son ever. Hope your day is as fun as you are. Have a wonderful day. Love ya, Momma.

Happy birthday to **our mother**, we are so blessed to have you. Love, Pauline, Dawn and Jeremy.

Happy birthday **PEEP** on February 25 – Love, Grandma Peep and Grandpa Guido!

Big happy birthday to **Becky Shenoskey, Paul Shananaquet, Kylee Crampton, Dominic Schansema, Virginia Schansema, Julia Yates, Aya Khalaf, Roger Yates, Justin Shananaquet, Sandra Naganashe, Carole Marble, Emily Naganashe and Ashley Berry**. Love, Dorothy and Don Boda.

Happy birthday to **Mike Givens** on February 9. Love, Mom.

Happy birthday to **our loving father** on February 6. We promise we'll bloom for you this year. Love, your children.



Wishing a very happy birthday to my grandson, **Jaxon Young**. Your birthday gift is in the mail. I can't top your gift of a new baby sister ... but I send all my love!!!! Love you, Grandma Judy.

Happy birthday to **Mrs. "Cookie" Peterson** way over there in Wisconsin. I guess I won't see you again 'til Keshena Pow Wow. Love, Cupcake.

Happy 14th birthday **Amber and Yarrow Nowell** on February 19th. Love, your family!

Happy birthday **Kristy Skippergosh!!!!** Let's make this a good one with the sunshine, seashells, the sandy beach and fishing!!!! All my love, Mom.

Toasting **David Burks** on his special day. Love, the Wicked Witch and Princess.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy 38th birthday to **Kathy VanDeCar** on February 24. Enjoy your special day! We miss you and we love you. Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

MinoDibishkaak Nzigozis **Grace Zerbe**, miinwaa nwiitaawis **Pauline Boulton**. Miidash niingoniskwe **Netawn Kiogima** miinwaa aanki-niingoniskwezenhs **Reyna McFall**. Pane beshha ndo'odeng noshenh, **Waabzii Myah Flore** zhinkaaza, naano-biboongiza. Mnodibishkaan **Crystal Greensky**, naasaap niin gewii Crystal dibishkaa- niizhtana shi naanan (25th). Aapiji Gzaagigoom – Chi Ni-ibna.

Happy birthday to my son, **Derek McNamara**, on February 2. We love you, and we are very proud of you. You just go out and have yourself a great day and many more to come. Love, Dad, Mom, Shane, Grandma, Billy, Gunnar and we can't forget Bucket.

Happy birthday to my big bro, **Kenny Burks**, on February 6. Don't worry, I won't divulge your age. Hint: It's 280 in dog years. Love, your little bro, Radio.



Happy birthday to my special **Aunt Tina**, hope your day is as special as you are. Love, Collin Michael.

Happy birthday to Probation Officer **Heather Boening** on February 22. From the Tribal Court staff!

Happy birthday to **Carla McFall**, you're such a sweet and caring person. Love, Pauline.

Happy birthday on February 3rd Ndonis **Pauline Lee Boulton**. We are so thankful you are in our family. Love, Mom, Sis Dawn and Brother J.

Happy birthday **Michael LaCount** on February 25 – the big "2-0." Bye Bye teenage land. LOL! Dad and Mom Michele.

Happy birthday to our youngest granddaughter, **Whitney Bott**, on February 26. She is one years old. Love you, Papa, Nana and Cooper Bott.

To our son, **Jeff Boda**: A big happy birthday to you! Love, Mom, Dad, Doug and Patti.

Happy birthday to my Mommy, **Stacy Skippergosh**. I love you and thank you for all that you do for me. You are the bestest! ... but I still miss Aunt Kristy!!! XOXOXOXO Your little man, David.

Happy birthday to **Kenny Burks**, my smart and crazy nephew. Love ya, Auntie Poo.

Happy birthday to my lil' sis, **Tina Pe-**

BIRTHDAYS

erson. Don't worry, it'll be several more years before your bird leaves the cage. Love, Big Sis.

Happy birthday to **Kenny Burks**, the bestest nephew. We love you, Aunt Shirley and Uncle Stu.

Anniversaries

Happy anniversary to **Mr. Martin and Mrs. Rachel Crampton**. Love, Dorothy and Don Boda.

Happy anniversary to my wonderful husband, **John Bott**, on February 18. Love, Diane.

Love Lines

We want to tell the world our mommy, **Kara Wiatrolik**, is the greatest in the universe! We love you! Klayton, Kelsey, Junior & Jaelynn.

Happy Valentine's Day **Nzaagaa Nbazigim** – Michele.

I love you **Barry L!** Angela.

Happy Valentine's Day to the **General**. We couldn't have asked for a better mother. Love, all your kiddies.

Walking on..

Douglas Robert Gasco, 66 Douglas Robert Gasco, 66, of Harbor Springs, MI, passed away on January 5, 2010 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI. Douglas is survived by a son, Douglas Robert Gasco II, of Traverse City, MI; a daughter, Sarah Craven and her husband, Doug, of Pellston, MI; and a sister, Nancy Bennett and her husband, Jim, of Lafayette, IN.

Ralph Elwood Shawanibin, 80 Ralph Elwood Shawanibin, 80, of Dearborn Heights, MI, walked on January 8, 2010 at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital in Wyandotte, MI. He was born on August 5, 1929 in Cross Village, MI, and grew up in Pellston, MI. He most recently resided in Dearborn Heights, but lived in Detroit, MI, for several years. He served in the U.S. Army and was a Korean War veteran. He worked for Cadillac for several years and eventually retired from Cadillac. He was the beloved husband of the late Maryann (Kenoshmeg) Shawanibin and the loving father of Cynthia (William) Schuyler, Irene (Michael) Daniels, Debbie Shawanibin, Patrick Shawanibin, Mark Shawanibin, Richard Shawanibin and the late Michael Shawanibin. He had 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.



Attention Skilled Laborers

Eagle BCI Construction would like to hear from you. For information on work at the Murray Road Housing Development, contact Daniel Atsma at the main office at 616-677-6025 or by fax at 616-677-6035.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Commission, Boards and Committees

Current Vacancies:

Commission	Term	Vacancies
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2 & 3 yr. term	3
Natural Resources	4 yr. term	1
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	2

Notice: The Executive office is always taking letters of interest and resumes for the Gaming Board of Directors. If you are interested, please submit to the address below.

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

**Tribal Chairman
LTBB of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49770
FAX (231) 242-1411
Or Email: 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.

Attention all Resident Tribal Members (RTMs):

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

tacting 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

GED PREP CLASSES

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

GED Class 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
911 Spring St., Petoskey, MI

Thursdays

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

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

Attention LTBB Contractors

If you would like to be considered for future LTBB projects, please contact Purchasing Technician/Contracts **Mandy Ragland at 231-242-1439 (phone) or mragland@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov (e-mail).**



TRIBAL OFFICER SAVES CHARLEVOIX WOMAN'S LIFE

By Christina Rohn, Petoskey News-Review Staff Writer

Editor's note: The following article appeared in the Petoskey News-Review on December 14, 2009 and is reprinted here with permission. The photo of Jeff Livingston appears courtesy of the Petoskey News-Review.

His actions were nothing short of heroic.

On Saturday, Dec. 5, while tribal officer Jeff Livingston was on duty during the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Holiday Bazaar, he didn't expect that he would have the chance to save a life — but that's just what he did.

As the tribe's holiday event was coming to a close, Livingston said someone burst through the doors of his office, and alerted him that someone had just suffered a seizure.

He immediately sprang into action.

As he approached the main lobby of the tribal government center in Harbor Springs, Livingston noticed that 49-year-old Elizabeth Fischer of Charlevoix, who was a vendor at the event, was lying face-down on the floor.

"She must have hit her face on a table and landed face first," he said.

Once Livingston reached Fischer's side, he carefully turned her over with the help of an unknown tribal member, and noticed that her condition was rapidly deteriorating.

"She didn't have any signs of a seizure; any shaking," he said. "But she had a weak pulse, and then, no pulse — her lips were turning blue."

"We tried to clear her airway, but she was clenching her jaw, so we couldn't do that."

At this point, Livingston said his only option was to begin chest compressions. He did three, and Fischer's pulse returned.

"I turned her on her side, and she was breathing," he said. "She was coming in-and-out of consciousness

at that time."

Within minutes, Allied EMS arrived at the scene and transported Fischer to Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, where she was later released.

Livingston said he talked to Fischer recently, and is happy to report that she is alive and well.

"She's doing well," he said. "She doesn't remember any of it."

Tribal Police Chief Jeff Cobe said he believes Livingston's actions were a direct result of the tribe's police force being up-to-date on CPR and first aid training.

"This is one of those things that's expected from the community of their law enforcement; we're trained in first aid and CPR — it's just one of

those things we need to keep up to speed on," he said. "It might be mundane training, but our job isn't always about arresting people, it's about protecting life and property — it's satisfying to know the training paid off."

Cobe said he was not surprised when he heard that Livingston was the officer that saved a woman's life.

"When I heard it was Jeff (Livingston), it wasn't really a surprise ... just knowing that from his work history and his work ethic, he steps up," Cobe said. "He's been one of those stand-up guys that I can depend on, and the community can depend on."

Livingston said he couldn't have done what he did without the help of the tribal citizens at the holiday bazaar.

"The woman who was monitoring (Fischer's) pulse, I had never seen her before, but she did a great job, and I wish I had her name," he said. "There were tribal members keeping people back, and the former tribal chairman (Frank Ettawageshik) was watching for the ambulance."

"I couldn't have done it just by myself."

The tribe is expecting to honor Livingston later this month for his bravery and service to the tribe and the community, however, a date has not yet been set.



LTBB Law Enforcement Officer Jeff Livingston

Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Games 2010 Registration Form

Saturday, February 6, 2010, 10:00 A.M.—?? @ the LTBB Government Complex

A light Lunch will be served 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Snacks & Drinks will be available throughout the day. Please bring a dish to pass.

Registration

- Competitors must complete a registration form and:
 - Mail to Snowsnake Games Registration, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
 - Or drop off at 1250 Lears Road, Petoskey, MI
 - Or email to cgibson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
 - Or call 231-242-1601.
- Registrations will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. February 6, 2010
- Competitors must register in appropriate category. Individuals 18 years old that are not in school must participate in the 18-34 year old category.

a. Nine (9) male categories	6 th – 8 th grade	35 – 49 yrs. Old
b. Nine (9) female categories	9 th – 12 th grade	50 – 64 yrs. Old
	Preschool Ages 1 – 4 yrs. Old	18 – 34 yrs. Old
	Kindergarten – 2 nd grade	65 & over
	3 rd – 5 th grade	

Competition

- Competition will begin at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 6, 2010.
- The Snowsnake Track Schedule will be posted at Registration Booth.
- Each competitor will be allowed three throws in their category. A snowsnake thrown that jumps the track after 5 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.
- Totally metal snowsnakes **will not be allowed**.

Awards

- Prizes will depend on fundraising efforts.

Please complete the registration form and return to on of the addresses listed. If you have concerns or questions contact Cathy Gibson @ 231-242-1601.

2010 Goonignebig Games Registration Form

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____
ADDRESS: _____

Circle the appropriate category

SNOWSNAKE CATEGORIES	Preschool Ages 1-4	K-2 nd Grade	3 rd - 5 th Grade	6 th - 8 th Grade	9 th - 12 th Grade	18-34 yrs. Old	35-49 yrs. Old	50-64 yrs. Old	65 & over
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Environmental Services

COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT APPROVED IN BAY CITY, MI

Submitted by the Environmental Services Department

In late December 2009, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved an air permit for Consumers Energy to install a 930-megawatt coal-fired power plant near Bay City, MI.

The permit will become effective on February 2, 2010 unless any disagreeing groups or governments file a request for review by February 1, 2010.

The permit was granted with "clean" provisions resulting in a 50-year commitment to coal-derived energy. Coal-fired power plants are substantial sources of mercury, lead, criteria pollutants and hazardous air pollutants. Many of these pollutants are regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as significant threats to human health and welfare.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2012 with plant operation beginning in 2017. The permit requires the closure of five older units after the scheduled 2017 opening of the new plant with two more units possibly being closed at a later time. The permit includes developing technologies such as carbon capture, which will reduce pollution while increasing the costs borne by ratepayers. Long-term costs to an estimated 1.8

million customers statewide are in question as are the long-term costs to Michigan's natural resources and human health. The brunt of the pollution will occur in Bay City and the Saginaw Bay, which opens up to Lake Huron. The 1836 Treaty ceded territories will be directly impacted by air and water pollution from the new plant. Coal-fired power plants are the greatest emitter of mercury in the Great Lakes region (Great Lakes Regional Collaboration 2009). Mercury is known to accumulate in humans with the most well-known pathway being from fish to humans.

Consumers Energy and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality studied the impact of the new plant on local inland fish and the general populations eating those fish. These studies failed to include any impacts on Lake Huron, the Lake Huron fishery utilized by tribal commercial fishermen under the Treaty of 1836 and the Native American populations that eat greater amounts of local fish than the general public. Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. staff are currently researching these impacts on tribal citizens.

For more information, please contact Mike Holmes, LTBB Air Quality Specialist, at 231-242-1573 or Robin Clark with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. at 906-632-6896, ext.106.



Legislative Corner

Bond Update

These last several months, Tribal Council has been spending considerable time on the casino bond renegotiations. We have had presentations by Oppenheimer and Warner Gaming. We have held phone polls to expedite actions and have held special meetings on Saturdays of Tribal Council meeting weekends.

Also, since there is so much material to process, we have needed to have special meetings during the week to continually progress on the negotiations.

We are continuing to meet with the bondholders both here at the tribal offices and at the bondholder's offices in Boston, MA.

We recognize the renegotiations of our bonds is imperative to the tribe's future success and requires due diligence from the Tribal Council. Unfortunately, this leaves little time

for other matters. Please bear with us during this time knowing we are looking out for the best interests of the tribe and future generations.

Understanding that the negotiations are confidential, we can let you know we feel pleased about the direction they are taking and hopeful the process will not be much longer.

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

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

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Submitted by Julie Shananaquet,

Legislative Leader, and Donna L.

Budnick, Legislative Services Attorney



Native News

CHEVRON TO PAY U.S. MORE THAN \$45 MILLION TO RESOLVE ALLEGATIONS OF FALSE CLAIMS FOR ROYALTIES UNDERPAYMENT

Editor's note: The following is a U.S.

Department of Justice press release dated December 23, 2009.

Chevron Corporation, Texaco, Unocal Incorporated and their affiliates (the Chevron companies) have agreed to pay the United States \$45,569,584.74, to resolve claims that they violated the False Claims Act by knowingly underpaying royalties owed on natural gas produced from federal and Indian leases, the Justice Department announced today.

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) of the U.S. Department of the Interior is responsible for overseeing the collection of royalties on federal and Indian leases. Each month, companies are required to report to the MMS the value of the natural gas produced from their federal and Indian leases and to pay a percentage of the reported value as royalties. The settlement resolves claims by the United States that the Chevron, Texaco and Unocal companies improperly deducted from royalty values the cost of boosting gas up to pipeline pressures, used affiliate transactions to falsely reduce the reported value of gas taken from federal and Indian leases, and improperly reported processed gas as unprocessed gas to reduce royalty payments.

"This settlement successfully ends long-standing litigation and ensures that taxpayers receive their fair share of royalty revenues from energy production on federal and American Indian lands," said Interior Secretary

Ken Salazar. "Most of the \$45 million settlement will be disbursed to appropriate federal, state and American Indian accounts that were affected by Chevron companies' underpayment of natural gas royalties and improper deductions. This administration is changing the way Interior does business and settlements, such as this one, demonstrate our determination to assure the American public receives fair market value for the resources we manage in their name."

"Mineral royalties provide an important source of income for Native Americans, the United States, and various states. The Department of Justice is committed to protecting public and Indian lands and to ensuring that companies with leases to take natural gas from those lands pay their fair share of royalties," said Tony West, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the Department of Justice. Assistant Attorney General West noted that this settlement resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Justice Department's Civil Division, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas, and the Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General, Minerals Management Service and Office of the Solicitor.

Today's settlement resolves allegations under the False Claims Act that the Chevron companies systematically under reported the value of natural gas that they took from federal and Indian leases from March 1988 to November 2008 and, conse-

quently, that they paid less royalties than they owed to the United States and various Indian tribes.

"Perhaps it is part of the human condition to take advantage of others and to not conduct business in a honorable fashion. But it will never be the right way to do business. Today's settlement affirms the basic truth that it is never a good idea to cheat. Both the Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney's Office will always take the necessary steps to protect the royalty interests of the Indian tribes as well as the United States," said Malcolm Bales, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas.

The settlement with the Chevron companies arises from a lawsuit filed in federal court in Texas by Harrold Wright under the whistleblower provisions of the False Claims Act, which allow private citizens to file actions on behalf of the United States and share in any recovery. Because Mr. Wright is deceased, his heirs will receive \$12,303,787.88, plus interest, as part of this settlement. Mr. Wright's suit alleges that a number of companies systematically underpaid royalties due for their production of natural gas from federal and Indian lands. The Justice Department previously settled with Burlington Resources Inc. for \$105.3 million, Shell Oil Company for \$56 million and Dominion Exploration and Production Company for \$2 million.

The case is *U.S. ex rel. Wright v.*

Chevron USA, Inc. et al., 5:03-CV-264 (E.D. Tex.)

"YIR" continued from page 6.

Lower Michigan to receive certification status by the Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institution Fund. According to the CDFI Fund, a Certified Community Development Financial Institution is a specialized financial institution that works in market niches that are underserved by traditional financial institutions. CDFI's provide a unique range of financial products and services to economically distressed target markets. NSLF is incorporated under LTBB and was a vision through its Economic Development Commission (EDC).

LTBB Tribal Citizen Leads High School Tennis Team to State Finals

Matt Matteson, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, led the Harbor Springs High School boys varsity tennis team to the 2009 MHSAA Division 4 Boys Tennis State Finals in mid-October 2009. Playing at No. 1 singles as a senior, he finished 25-8 and won conference and regional titles.

He is the son of Chuck and Andrea Matteson and the grandson of Mary Lou Bowers.

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

In October 2009, Bell's Fishery

opened a smoked fish outlet at Bi-indigen Gas Station and Convenience Store in Petoskey. The full-service counter offers smoked Great Lakes whitefish, salmon and lake trout and whitefish pate. Party and holiday platters are available. Samples are available daily.

LTBB Breaks Ground on Murray Road Site in Hayes Township, MI

LTBB broke ground on the 80-acre Murray Road site in Hayes Township, MI, earlier than expected due to a \$2 million federal stimulus grant. Originally scheduled to break ground in spring 2010, LTBB held a groundbreaking ceremony on November 20, 2009. Initially, the site will have six multi-family dwellings containing 30, two and three bedroom townhouse rental units. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs provided funding for infrastructure improvements, including underground utilities, natural gas and on-site waste treatment. The tentative schedule for completion of the buildings is summer 2010, and road construction is scheduled to start in spring 2010. The total cost of the project is expected to be between \$2.5 and \$3 million.

LTBB Mental Health/Substance Abuse Department Relocates to LTBB Health Park in Petoskey,

MI

As of November 30, 2009, the LTBB Mental Health/Substance Abuse Department relocated to the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey. The entrance to the department is in the back corner of the building with the covered doorway. Clients should park in the back parking lot.

Settlement Reached in Cobell Lawsuit

On December 8, 2009, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced a settlement of the long-running and highly contentious Cobell class-action lawsuit regarding the U.S. government's trust management and accounting of more than 300,000 individual American Indian trust accounts. A fund totaling \$1.4 billion will be distributed to class members to compensate them for their historical accounting claims, and to resolve potential claims that prior U.S. officials mismanaged the administration of trust assets.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar except for the photo of the young dancers which was provided by Joe Lucier.

Medical Transportation

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Contact Community Outreach at the LTBB Health Department

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Youth Group Activities Advocacy

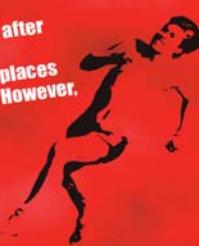
The Eshkiniigijik:
 •Are Native and non-Native youth from the LTBB community between the ages of 13-18 years old.
 •Eshkiniigijik meet on a weekly basis, Thursdays after school til 7 p.m.
 Youth are informed weekly of different meeting places and special events via phone, text, and e-mail. However, it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

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

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

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

For more information, please call Youth Assistant Jeannie Norris at 231-838-4886.





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MEET COURT CLERK I CYNTHIA BROUCKAERT

Cynthia Brouckaert, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as Court Clerk I in the Tribal Court on December 7, 2009.

Brouckaert grew up in Harbor Springs, MI, and graduated from Harbor Springs High School. She earned an Associates degree in Commerce from North Central Michigan College and earned Associates degrees in General Studies and Applied Science with an emphasis in Business Information and Administrative Assistant from Macomb Community College.

Prior to accepting her current position, she worked as an Administrative Assistant for a lawn and landscaping company and worked for Certified Public Accountant firms.

Although she lived away from the area for almost 30 years, she and her family regularly visited northern

Michigan and maintained a home here.



"I am happy to return to the area and to start my new career at LTBB," Brouckaert said.

She and her husband, Gabriel, a union carpenter, have been married

for 28 years. She has two children, Melissa, a licensed State Farm agent and a cosmetologist, and Justin, a student at Saginaw Valley State University studying English Education. Melissa has a husband, Steve.

Her parents are Pete and Alice Liebgott, and her grandmother is the late Alice Dubiel. She has two brothers, John and Nick Liebgott, who both live in the area, and a sister, Linda Leigh, who lives in Alaska with her husband, Mike. Nick has a wife, Lisa.

In her free time, she enjoys arts and crafts, sewing, crocheting, reading, snowmobiling and playing summer sports.

Article and photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

HANDBAGS OF HOPE SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER TO WOMEN IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Handbags of Hope project enriches the lives of women in Michigan homeless shelters and safe homes by providing them with handbags containing essential everyday items.

On December 16, 2009, Jackie Bobcean and Mary Penokie of Handbags of Hope delivered eight large boxes full of handbags and a large beach bag containing various bath products to Substance Abuse Director Dr. Cheryl Samuels at the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey, MI.

Bobcean said it is an inexpensive project, it costs \$15 to fill a purse, but it makes a major impact on women's lives.

"The last thing a woman in a homeless shelter or safe house is expecting is a gift," Bobcean said. "A purse is such a personal possession for a woman. Getting that back holds a lot of power for them."

The handbags were delivered to young women and women at the local homeless shelter, at the local safe house and to clients of the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Department.

"We are extremely thankful for what you are doing, not only for women in our area, but for women all over the state," Dr. Samuels said.

Volunteers of Handbags of Hope make trips twice a year, one around Mother's Day and one around Christ-

mas, to deliver the handbags to shelters, safe homes and organizations across Michigan. This particular trip started in Eastpointe, MI, and ended in Bay City, MI. The stop in Petoskey, MI, was Bobcean and Penokie's 21st on the trip.

"Jackie used to do Toys for Tots



and other charitable things with her family," Penokie said. "Then, she thought, 'What about women who have to leave everything behind when they leave abusive situations and women who are homeless? How can we help them?' She came up with the idea of filling handbags and contacted her friends and family to help her. We feel good about helping others."

The project is funded solely by donations although the group would like to eventually receive 501c non-profit status. For van rental twice a year, gas, lodging, filler items, phone expenses, credit card payments and printing expenses, it costs \$6,400-plus. Those are just some of the expenses

incurred while doing the project.

In addition to holding fundraisers and raffles, women drop purses off to Bobcean all year. She used to store them in the basement of her home, but now stores them in a storage unit near her home. The owner of the storage unit lets the group use it for free.

The group received 300 handbags in 2007, 11,000 in 2008 and 21,000 in 2009.

"We have a lot of volunteers who make this project a success," Bobcean said. "We are able to do it because of the generosity of so many people. It's taken on a life of its own. We're going to need our own building soon.

"In the future, we hope to have our own building and hire women to work at it."

Because the group also receives small handbags, the group uses them for more teen-oriented evening purses. The group gives them to charitable organizations that assist young women by giving them free prom dresses.

For more information on Handbags of Hope, you can visit the group's website at www.handbags-of-hope09.com.

If you would like to make a donation to the project, contact information is available on the website.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY CONTINUES THE TRADITION OF THE THREE KINGS SUPPER

Approximately 75 people attended the Three Kings Supper held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on January 6, 2010.

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 recall the Three Kings Supper used to be held at dif-

ferent 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 continued her family's tradition of making the biscuits. One biscuit contained a dime, one biscuit contained a nickel and one biscuit contained a penny, some 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 Return Supper held in the spring, and the people, who selected the biscuits with the beans, bring food and help with the Return Supper. The hosts for the Return Supper are Barry Laughlin, Amber Nowell and Larry Dyer. Nowell picked the biscuit with

the penny, Laughlin picked the biscuit with the nickel and Dyer picked the biscuit with the dime.

Frank Ettawageshik spoke about the history of the Three Kings Supper, explained the different aspects of the Three Kings Supper and spoke about the importance of maintaining this tradition.

Members of the Woodland Singers closed the event with a song. Rochelle Ettawageshik made the fry bread, and Sarah VanDeCar made the corn soup.

Beverly Wemigwase wanted to thank the Ettawageshiks, Audrey Atkinson, Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Regina Brubacker-Carver, Anna Wemigwase and Winnay Wemigwase 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 all contributed to this article.

PETOSKEY YOUTH, 9, GIVES TO HELP HOMELESS

By Marci Singer, Petoskey News-Review Staff Writer

Editor's note: The following article appeared in the Petoskey News-Review on December 22, 2009 and is reprinted here with permission. The photo of Stanley Dewey and Mike Walker, Nehemiah Project Director and Hospitality House Manager, appears courtesy of the Petoskey News-Review.

While other children are thinking about what gifts will be under the Christmas tree, 9-year-old Stanley Dewey is thinking about giving — specifically to the homeless.

Stanley presented Mike Walker, Nehemiah Project director and Hospitality House manager, with more than \$50 Monday, to help those who are homeless get something special this Christmas.

"First, I started out with one penny and then, I started to save more," Stanley said. "I told my grandparents that I was going to save money for the Nehemiah House."

Stanley said he started raising money at school, with friends making donations, and by returning cans. He also had a little help from his grandmother, Arlene Naganashe, who sits on the state advisory council for mental illness.

"I mentioned what my grandson was doing and asked them to contribute," she said.

Arlene said Stanley presented the idea to her and her husband, James, on his own.

"He made a poster with pockets for bills and coins. He wrote 'homeless' on it. I thought it was a school project," she said. "He started raising

money before Thanksgiving, which might have been the precursor — being thankful for what we have. We live close to the shelter and see the children and people leaving in the morning."

"I thought it might be a good idea to help them," Stanley said. "I hope (the money) will be a gift the

people at the shelter will be excited about."

Walker said he thinks the gift is amazing.

"It is so amazing for a young man his age to be thinking about what he can do for others," he said. "Most kids are thinking about what they are going to get under the tree and he's thinking about the homeless. It's a remarkable thing he's doing and we really appreciate it."

Walker asked how Stanley would like the money to be spent. Stanley said he'd like the money to be used for the purchase of Burger King gift certificates for people at the shelter.

"It's better to give than to get," Stanley said. "Kids can go out and buy someone a present just by raising money. I'm doing something really special and I feel really good today."

"I am so proud. I have a big knot in my throat," Arlene said.



His generosity also caught the attention of his grandfather, who donated a month's worth of extraneous change to his grandson's cause.

"It's an unselfish thing for him to think of other people at this time," James added.

With Christmas just three days away, the fourth grade Ottawa Elementary student is already thinking about giving back next year.

"I have 3 cents that were left over this year. That's going to be the start of a new collection to give back next year."



HOLIDAY BAZAAR BENEFITS NICWA

Submitted by Rochelle Ettawageshik, Holiday Bazaar co-chair



The Holiday Bazaar held December 5, 2009 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, was a huge success. Approximately 30 vendors participated in the event.

The co-chairs of the event, Virginia Lewis, Rochelle Ettawageshik,



Audrey Atkinson and Michele La-Count would like to thank everyone who helped with the event.

Our community came out to support the National Indian Child



Welfare Association (NICWA).

We want to thank Beverly Wemigwase for cooking fry bread, Ettawageshik for making chili and Atkinson for making white chili for the event.

We also want to thank Ward and



Eis as well as the Cross Village Rug Works, Frank Ettawageshik and Tannery Creek Meat Market for their contributions to the silent auction.

The proceeds from the silent auction and the food concessions will benefit NICWA.

Vendors received free space, but they were asked to donate an item for the silent auction.

There was also a Christmas tree decorating contest, and the winner was the Language Program. We would like to thank all the departments who contributed a Christmas tree for our tree decorating contest.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar except for the photo on the top of the right column which was provided by Rochelle Ettawageshik.



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LTBB Children's Winter Solstice Party Held on December 12, 2009



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DEADLINE FOR USDA CONSERVATION PROGRAMS UPCOMING

Editor's note: The following is a U.S. Department of Agriculture press release dated January 8, 2010.

Michigan farmers and landowners must submit their applications by February 19, 2010 to be considered for 2010 funding from two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) conservation programs.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced the cutoff date for selecting applications for its Environmental Quality Incentives Program and its Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program. NRCS accepts applications for both programs year-round, but only eligible applications submitted by February 19, 2010 will be ranked and considered for 2010 program funds.

"There are opportunities for all types of agricultural producers and private landowners to participate in NRCS conservation programs. There is assistance available whether you are a livestock or commodity producer, an organic producer, a private forest land owner or a specialty crop producer," said NRCS State Conservationist Garry Lee.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program provides financial assistance to agricultural producers for making conservation improvements in their operations. The program offers financial assistance for farmers to implement more than 80 conservation practices to prevent soil erosion and protect water, air and wildlife resources.

The February 19, 2010 cutoff date will not apply to initiatives introduced in 2009, including specific practices for organic producers and producers transitioning to organic, the Agricultural

Water Enhancement Program and the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative.

Some of the conservation practices eligible for financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program are tree and shrub planting, establishing vegetative barriers around fields and waterways to contain nutrient run-off, pest management practices, irrigation water management, comprehensive nutrient management plans, forest management plans and prescribed grazing. Financial assistance through the program can cover up to 75% of the estimated cost for implementing a new conservation measure.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program provides financial assistance for landowners to improve wildlife and fish habitat. The program provides financial assistance for landowners to implement practices such as tree and shrub plantings, native grass plantings, stream bank and shoreline protection, forest stand improvement and controlling invasive plants. The Wildlife Habitat Incentives program provides financial assistance of up to 75% of the estimated cost of installing a practice.

Beginning farmers and historically underserved producers may be eligible for enhanced financial assistance from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

Applications must be submitted to a local NRCS field office. Additional information and a listing of Michigan NRCS field offices can be found at www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov. Information about USDA conservation programs is also available from local conservation districts.



Bill Cosby Returns to Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI

Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, welcomes back popular entertainer Bill Cosby for two shows (6 p.m. and 8 p.m.) on May 8, 2010 in Ovation Hall.

Tickets are \$55 (Sections A-C) and \$45 (Section D). Tickets can be purchased by clicking on the link provided on the casino's website at www.odawacasino.com/upcoming-shows/ or by visiting the Star Tickets Plus website at www.starticketsplus.com/event.php?e



[event=1053](#). Optimum Rewards Players Club members receive \$5 off their ticket prices plus \$10 in free slot play the day of the show. To receive Players Club discounts, please call 1-800-585-3737. The shows are for ages 21 and up.

Cosby performed at two sold out shows on July 25, 2007 at Odawa Casino Resort and was the first performer at the facility. His shows coincided with Odawa Casino Resort's grand opening festivities.

Courtesy photo.

Bomb Threat Temporarily Closes Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant, MI

On December 16, 2009 at 1:30 p.m., the Saginaw Chippewa Indian

Tribe's police department received a bomb threat against the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant, MI, and the decision was made to evacuate the building at 3 p.m.

At 3:15 p.m., more than 2,700 employees and patrons of the resort started to evacuate the building. Hotel guests were shuttled to the Soaring Eagle Inn and Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant, also owned by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, for accommodations.

State police and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents with the assistance of seven explosive-sniffing dogs completed a sweep of the property at approximately 8:30 p.m. and found nothing. The facility reopened at 2 a.m.

The threat was called in from a prepaid cell phone registered to a customer in the Detroit, MI, area. Emergency personnel from more than a dozen state agencies responded.

Mashantucket Pequot Tribe Defaults on Foxwoods Loans

On December 16, 2009, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, the owner of Foxwoods Resort Casino and MGM Grand at Foxwoods in Connecticut, officially defaulted on a \$21.25 million bond interest payment due a month earlier.

In November 2009, the tribe had made a partial payment of approximately \$14.2 million. December 16 marked the end of a 30-day grace period for the balance.

Day Staff Writer Brian Hallenbeck reported in a December 17, 2009 article that "it remains unclear whether the Mashantuckets' creditors would eventually seek to limit the distribution of gaming revenue to the tribe, which relies on the income to fi-

nance its government and to provide payments to tribal members."

In late October 2009, the tribe entered into a forbearance agreement with the banks which hold a \$700 million line of credit due in July 2010. The agreement allowed the parties to continue negotiating terms of the loan through January 20, 2010.

CDC Designates American Indians and Alaska Natives as a Priority Group for the H1N1 Vaccine

In an article published on December 28, 2009, *Indian Country Today* reported "a letter issued by Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention Director Thomas Frieden, M.D. has advised the states that American Indians and Alaska Natives may be more vulnerable to severe illness from H1N1 influenza and should receive vaccine on a priority basis."

In the letter, Frieden wrote "indigenous populations from Australia, Canada and New Zealand have a three to eight times higher rate of H1N1-related hospitalization and death, and that two states in particular, Arizona and New Mexico, have observed a disproportionate number of H1N1 deaths in American Indians.

A CDC report issued December 11, 2009 stated from April 15, 2009 to November 13, 2009 that American Indians in 12 states died from H1N1 at a rate four times higher than other ethnicities.

New Year, New Schedule for Odawa Bingo

On January 3, 2010, Odawa Bingo started its new schedule of Sunday, Thursday and Friday with two sessions held per day in Ovation Hall inside Odawa Casino Resort. Doors open at 11 a.m. The afternoon pro-



gressive starts at \$1,000 and the evening progressive starts at \$2,500.

For specific session information, please call 1-877-442-6464.

To read a complete list of Odawa Bingo Rules, please click on the link provided on the casino's website at www.odawacasino.com/gaming/bingo.html.

Courtesy graphic.

Internships Opportunities

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is accepting applications for the Tribal Energy Student Internship Program.

Twelve post-secondary students will be selected for the program, which runs May 25, 2010 through August 6, 2010 at the Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) near Chicago, IL. The application deadline is March 15, 2010.

Applications can be made at www.dep.anl.gov/p_undergrad/TribalInternships.

For more information, contact the ANL Division of Educational Programs at 630-252-4114.

- The Sequoyah National Research Center (SNRC) seeks three tribally-affiliated student interns for summer 2010 during the period of June 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010.

Interns will work at least 25 hours per week in the center doing basic archival and research work under the direction of center staff.

To qualify for an internship, students must

- Be tribally affiliated
- Have completed at least 60 col-

lege hours

- Be in good standing at their home institutions of higher learning

Applications should include

- A copy of the student's academic transcript
- A reference or sponsor letter from the head of the student's major department or from another relevant academic official

- A statement of no more than one page expressing why the intern experience would likely be beneficial to the student's academic or career goals.

To assist the student in meeting expenses during the two-month tenure of the internship, the center offers

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Students interested in applying should send applications or inquiries by e-mail to Daniel F. Littlefield at dflittlefiel@ualr.edu or Robert E. Sanderson at resanderson@ualr.edu or by U. S. mail to SNRC, University Plaza, Suite 500, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 2801 S. University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72204.

The SNRC must receive applications by March 15, 2010.

The center will select three applicants and three alternates. The center staff will notify students of their decision by April 1, 2010.

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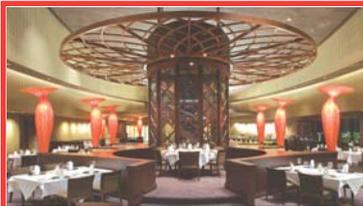
For further information please contact Elizabeth Murner, employment representative, at 231-439-6100 ext.5306 or emurner@odawacasino.com.

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Euchre Tournaments occur every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Poker Room. Buy-in is \$30 (\$25 prize pool and \$5 registration). Registration starts two weeks in advance. Phone reservations in the Poker Room between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight.



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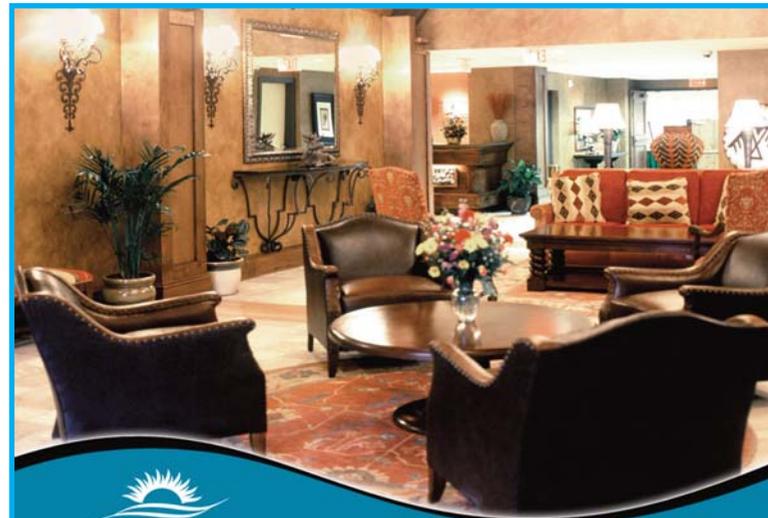
- Two sessions will be played on Saturday, January 30, 2010.
 - Men's session will start at 1:00pm Saturday, January 30, 2010.
 - Women's session will start a half hour after the men's session ends.
 - We will count down the chips for each player and write it down for our final session on Sunday, January 31, 2010.
 - Final session will start at 1:00pm Sunday, January 31, 2010.
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