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## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS COMPLETES FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING

*Editor's note: The following is a press release dated November 30, 2010.*

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is pleased to announce the completion of a financial restructuring with its bondholders. An exchange offer to holders of its \$122 million, 10.25% Senior Notes due 2014, which was launched October 26, 2010, has closed and is effective today.

The transaction will result in the exchange of \$143 million of existing Senior Notes and related unpaid accrued interest for \$23 million of cash and \$40 million of new 9% Senior Secured Notes due 2020.

"This transaction ensures that we will have the resources necessary for us to continue to invest in our resort, provide jobs for our community and support current and future generations of our tribal membership," Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington said. "We can now move forward without the uncertainty surrounding the restructuring affecting our tribal community."

The tribe issued the original notes in February 2006 to fund the development of Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. Since opening in June 2007, the casino has generated revenues substantially below the financial forecast developed at the time of the financing, and these circumstances had an adverse effect on the tribe's ability to meet its debt obligations. The tribe had failed to make interest payments on the existing notes since February 2009.

"This transaction, which we believe is the first completed restructuring of its kind, is precedent setting in Indian Country, and was the result of thoughtful planning, negotiation and cooperation between our Tribal Council and our bondholders," Harrington said.

The exchange offer is the culmination of more than a year of negotiations, and an agreement was reached between the tribe and an ad-hoc committee representing bondholders on August 7, 2010. The ad-hoc committee

represented \$106.5 million or 87% of the 10.25% Senior Notes.

"On behalf of the bondholder committee, I would like to express our satisfaction with the completion of the first Native American gaming restructuring and express our gratitude to all of the parties involved," David Lynch of MFC Global Investment Management U.S. LLC, head of the ad-hoc committee, said. "The negotiations between the committee and the tribe over the past year, while difficult, were always professional and focused on accomplishing a consensual agreement that was respectful of creditors' rights while allowing the tribe to provide essential services to its members for years to come. We look forward to seeing the Odawa Casino Resort prosper for the benefit of all parties."

Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. acted as exclusive financial advisor to LTBB and as dealer manager for the exchange offer and consent solicitation. Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP acted as counsel to LTBB. Dechert LLP acted as counsel to the committee of bondholders, and Dykema acted as special counsel on Indian law issues to the committee of bondholders.

**Legislative Corner**  
As most of you are aware, Tribal Council has successfully restructured the current bonds for Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI.

replaced the tribe's existing Victories Casino in Petoskey.

Odawa Casino Resort opened its doors in summer 2007. Since the opening in June 2007, the new casino

weak economic environment, expansion of other tribal gaming facilities and operational cost structures on the larger facility.

The tribe took positive actions to control costs and grow revenue. The casino reduced costs by having two waves of layoffs. Tribal Council adopted Cost Saving Measures for the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary branches. The tribe was permitted under the existing indenture to receive \$12.5 million a year from the casino for governmental services known as the Annual Service Payment (ASP) increasing annually at 3%. In 2008, the tribe forewent \$8.2 million of ASP in order to meet its debt liability.

In May 2009, the tribe hired Oppenheimer & Co, Inc. and Fredericks, Peebles to assist the tribe in restructuring the \$122 million debt. Later in 2009, the tribe retained Stuyvesant Square Advisors, Inc. as a consultant.

The completion of the financial restructure with the bondholders took place on November 30, 2010 with the following terms:

- Exchanged \$122 million of existing notes and \$21 million of related unpaid accrued interest for \$23 million of new notes.

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Here is some background information. In February 2006, the tribe sold bonds in the amount of \$122 million to build Odawa Casino Resort. These bonds were sold at the rate of 10.25% and were due in 2014. The yearly interest payment was \$12 million. The new four-star resort facility

generated substantially below the financial forecast developed at the time of the financing. The tribe was able to make the interest payment from August 2006 until February 2009 for a total of \$36 million in payments.

Odawa Casino Resort faced many challenges in 2008, including a

## FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN KEN HARRINGTON

Our Tribal Council has successfully renegotiated the Odawa Casino Resort (OCR) debt.

The restructure can be compared to "emerging from a bankruptcy." The tribe never filed for bankruptcy; forbearance is the term used. Our tribe was unable to make our loan interest payments and tribal service payments. The previous Tribal Council initiated the forbearance process when the profit was not as predicted.

The new Chairman and Vice Chairman and the four new and five existing Tribal Councilors have been working on this restructure since the Executive and the new Tribal Councilors were sworn in to office on August 23, 2010.

Several factors led to the forbearance. While the economy tanked, overaggressive financing and overaggressive lending from greedy or overaggressive lenders and very poor studies led to unrealistic and false projections. The result is this over-financed project. All parties suffered losses to keep Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, a viable business for generations to come. We are thankful the process is over, and our largest asset has reasonable debt with a secure term on the new loan.

The Bay Mills Indian Community's tribal invasion and abrupt opening of its new casino in Vanderbilt, MI, on November 3, 2010 is a serious issue for our tribe. The opening of the casino violates our compact with the State of Michigan because of the infringement on LTBB's competitive area. The Bay Mills Indian Community is already adding on to the casino. If this casino is allowed to operate and then expands and becomes a larger casino, this will negatively impact our profits at Odawa Casino Resort. Our tribe, other tribes, the state and federal governments have all stated it is an illegal casino. It appears only a lawsuit and court orders will close this operation down. LTBB will pursue permanent closure of the Bay Mills Indian Community's illegal casino and protect our assets.

The Murray Road Housing Project in Hayes Township, MI, is complete. An open house is scheduled for January 2011. At the open house, there will be an award presented to

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*Pictured from left to right in the photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar are Tribal Council Treasurer John Bott and Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington.*

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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

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

The deadline for the February 2011 issue of *Odawa Trails* is December 27, 2010.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to [newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto: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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January 2

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January 4

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Jay Harrington  
Betty Hoffman  
Lawrence Petoskey  
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January 6

Marie Bowers  
Sharon Searles

January 7

Gary Harper  
Jane Martell

January 8

Rosemary Knapp  
Christine Thomas

January 9

Roger Martell  
Rosalie Parsons  
Virginia Von Der Lippe

January 10

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January 11

Clara Roussain

January 12

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January 14

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Penelope Griffin

January 15

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Judy Field

January 17

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January 18

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January 19

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Jeanette Mathews

January 23

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January 24

Richard Gould

January 25

Patrick Anthony  
Deborah De Leon  
Glenna Kimball

January 26

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Ronald Mulholland

January 27

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Theodore Sky-Eagle, Sr.

January 28

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Richard Wilburn

January 29

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Rita Shananaquet

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January 31

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Ruth Eagleman  
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Ann McClellan

## GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

The Grants and Donations Program has implemented a new application process. Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. Donations are available for native or non-native organizations. The deadline for submitting an application is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420.

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## Elders Program

By Marie "Tootsie" Miller,  
Elders Program Coordinator



Aanii Kikaajik!

Welcome in the Mnido Giizis moon. We are in the midst of the winter season, on our way to the celebration of the Spirit Moon and a time when our spirits rejuvenate and celebrate the winter months.

In our future, the LTBB Elders Program remains committed to utilizing resources available and providing a permanent accessible tribal support system for all 932 LTBB Tribal Elders.

I gave my resignation notice on November 12, 2010. I want you all to know I am truly leaving here with mixed feelings; happy about another opportunity, but sad to be leaving such great company where I have so many wonderful friends and colleagues. The 4-1/2 years as the Coordinator for the LTBB Elders Program has been the best period of my career so far. I learned a great deal and worked with many people with whom I am sure I will remain friends for a long time.

You elders know, I'm sure, I've always given my best in the time I've been here, and this decision to leave was difficult to make. I have many fond memories of our Michigan Indian Elders Association trips, our language trips, Critical Issues Conferences we have attended, and the many grins from times on the shuttle with our driv-

ers: Fleet of foot and fast or when 18-wheelers were passing us! I would like you to know the Elders Program has always had an open door policy, and should you have any questions, please feel free to call 231-242-1423.

Also, changes to the Medicare and Medicaid system will be taking place in 2011. If you have any concerns, please call a counselor to discuss these changes with someone in your home state. There is also a program that will help pay for your prescriptions and premiums – call 1-800-803-7174 to speak with a counselor.

As a reminder, the burial request program regulations have been delegated to the Human Services Department. Burial assistance funds are limited to \$8,000 per deceased tribal citizen. LTBB Human Services staff will verify any items submitted are allowable under the Burial Program Statute WOS 2006-017. Should you have any questions, call Fiona Banfield at 231-242-1626 or Theresa Chingwa at 231-242-1621.

Miigwetch elders so much for making my time here a truly memorable one. Miigwetch for your kindness, love, support and friendship. I'm fortunate to have known some so difficult to say "Baa maa pii!"

In bidding farewell to 2010 and the last few years, there have been many good things done and many accomplishments made in the LTBB Elders Program. Following are words from a Cherokee saying, words that come from my heart and soul: May youroccasins make happy tracks in many snows, and may the rainbow always touch your shoulder. And together in the sacred circle, I remain sincerely yours until we meet again!

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## Natural Resource Department

# BUSY FALL SEASON FOR NRD CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)

Submitted by Chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis

Everyone in the LTBB Natural Resource Department hopes it was a successful hunting season for all hunters, LTBB Hunters and non-tribal hunters alike.

We encourage successful hunters to submit photos of their harvest, so we can share them.

We would like to update readers on some issues the CEP responds to on a regular basis this time of year. Our complaint log reveals the usual incidents like trespassing, contacts among hunters that sometimes can be confrontational, lack of hunter orange, improperly tagged deer to name a few and also what seems to be an increase in baiting complaints.

Several baiting cases have been investigated by LTBB Conservation Officers this fall and have been submitted to

Tribal Court officials for processing; it should be noted reports/citations have been forwarded to other tribes' courts as well. LTBB Conservation Officers are authorized to enforce some of the other 1836 Treaty Tribes' inland conservation codes.

As a reminder to hunters, the 2010 LTBB Inland Consent Decree Rules and Regulations state in SECTION VII. Hunting Restrictions. Subsection F. "It shall be unlawful to use grains, fruits, vegetables, salts or minerals to aid in the taking of deer or bear within the Lower Peninsula of Michigan."

During negotiations of the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, the "tribes agreed to prohibit their members from using bait as a method of take in the hunting of deer and elk where prohibited by the State for the purpose of controlling disease."

To date, four cases have been submitted to various Tribal Courts for review.

## BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS UPDATE

By Archie Kiogima, Jr., Wildlife Biologist

This article is intended to provide tribal citizens some background on the wildlife disease bovine tuberculosis (TB) (*Mycobacterium bovis*) on the 1855 Reservation in white-tailed deer and beef cattle.

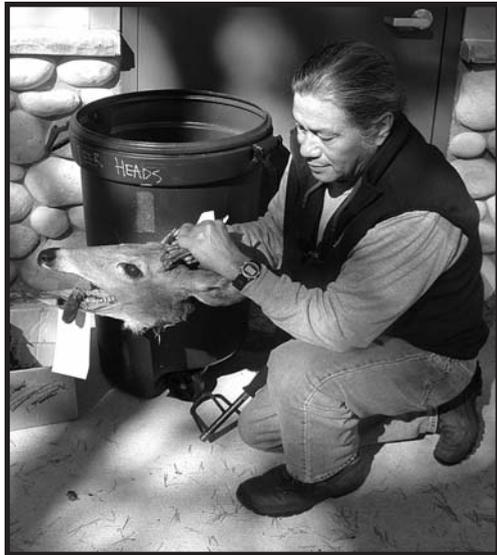
Tribal hunters are encouraged to drop off deer heads to the LTBB Natural Resource Department (NRD) to be tested for TB and receive a LTBB tribal hunter patch for participating in the surveillance for TB in deer. LTBB NRD biologists will be accepting deer heads through December 2010.

The LTBB NRD recognizes the white-tailed deer (waawaashkesh) (*Odocoileus virginianus*) as a culturally significant animal to the Odawa nation. The 2010 hunting seasons allowed LTBB Tribal Citizens to have a five deer bag limit of which no more than two may be antlered bucks with at least one antler of three inches or more. The 2010 white-tailed deer hunting seasons are as follows: Bow/Crossbow – September 7, 2010 through January 2, 2011; Firearm Early Season – September 7, 2010 through October 31, 2010; Firearm Late Season – November 15, 2010 through January 2, 2011. Tribal citizens hunting on non-tribal private property are required to follow state seasons and methods.

In 2009, the LTBB NRD issued 687 white-tailed deer harvest tags which resulted in a reported LTBB harvest of 186 deer. The NRD also issued 34 special use permits for community feasts, ceremonies and subsistence by elders or families in need. The total reported LTBB deer harvest from 1999 – 2009 was 1,430 white-tailed deer. The average LTBB deer harvest is approximately 143 per year. This year, LTBB's reported harvest was comprised of 56% antlerless and 44% antlered.

The LTBB NRD biologists have been conducting an annual white-tailed deer check station and monitoring the harvest of white-tailed deer within the 1855 Reservation boundary since the fall of 1997. There have been no TB positive white-tailed deer harvested by LTBB Tribal Citizens since the testing began, however, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) reported a harvested deer tested positive from northern Emmet County, MI, in 2000. During the 2000 hunting season, 53 TB positive deer were found in Michigan, including the one deer from Emmet County. No TB positive deer had been found in Emmet County before or since 2000.

A hunter killed a free ranging white-tailed deer in Alcona County, MI, in November 1975 which had lesions that were confirmed by bacterial culture to be TB. This was believed to be an isolated case and no further testing of the surrounding deer or livestock was conducted. A second deer taken by a hunter in 1994 was confirmed to be infected with the disease. This animal was harvested approximately 10 miles from the site of the 1975 infected deer. In the spring of 1995, all livestock were tested within



the immediate area where the 1994 positive deer was located. No evidence of TB was found in the livestock. Surveillance of hunter killed-deer was initiated and examination of 354 deer from the same area revealed 18 more positive cases in 1995. This triggered a major concern among the State Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Community Health.

To date, the MDNRE has tested more than 184,120 white-tailed deer of which 668 tested TB positive. Strategies adopted by the MDNRE to reduce the rate of TB have reduced the prevalence of the disease from a high in 1995 of 4.9% down to 1.9% in 2009. (Harbor Light Newspaper, March 2010). Between 1997 and 2009, there were four TB positive captive deer herds confirmed. Between 1998 and 2010, there were 37 TB positive beef cattle herds identified. From 2000 to 2010, there were 11 TB positive dairy herds identified.

In 2010, two cattle farms within the 1855 Reservation in Emmet County tested positive for TB. Routine TB surveillance testing conducted by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) discovered the TB positive herd in Emmet County in March 2010; and upon depopulation of the herd, a breeding bull was found to be infected. During MDA's outbreak investigation of the herd, it was discovered the bull was leased to another producer in Emmet County. On August 13, 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) classified the farm as being infected with TB. This is the second infected herd in Northern Lower Michigan's Modified Accredited Advanced Zone (MAAZ). All cattle herds within a 10-mile radius around the first TB positive herd identified last March have been tested and are negative so far.

There are many different types of *Mycobacterium*, but *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and *Mycobacterium bovis* are the only two that can be spread between humans and animals. However, the threat of humans contracting the disease is extremely remote. Bovine tuberculosis is spread primarily through the air when an infected animal is in close contact with other animals. Bacteria released into the air through coughing and sneezing can spread the disease. Current research suggests TB can also be contracted from contaminated feed. Bovine tuberculosis is a chronic disease in deer, and it can take years for lesions to develop in the lungs. Only 40% percent of the TB positive deer in the surveillance surveys had lesions in the chest cavity or lungs recognized as unusual by most tribal hunters. These deer had tan or yellow lumps on the inside surface of the rib cage and in the lung tissue.

The LTBB NRD and MDNRE continue to enforce the ban on feeding and baiting for white-tailed deer in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan because of the detection of Bovine TB in white-tailed deer and the TB positive herds in Emmet County on the LTBB Reservation.

*Courtesy photo.*

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT INCORPORATED INTO NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

On November 22, 2010, the Environmental Services Department (ESD) was transferred to the Natural Resource Department via Executive Branch action. The ESD is now a program of the Natural Resource Department (NRD) and joins current NRD programs, the Great Lakes Fishery Program, the Inland Fish and Wildlife Program, the Conservation Enforcement Program and the Administration Program.

The Environmental Services Program retains the same great staff and will be providing the same services. As part of this transition, and in accordance with the NRD's regularly scheduled update of its strategic plan, the ESP's strategic global goals, objectives and actions plans will be revised to reduce any redundancies, to improve efficiency, to achieve consistency with WA-

GANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE 2008-012 NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION and to strengthen the support of the department's overall mission of ensuring "... the wise of the Tribe's natural resources in order to promote, honor and respect our traditional spiritual and physical relationship with the land and waters by implementing management strategies that protect the Tribe's resources on, above, below and within the land and waters for the future benefit of the Tribe's next seven generations."

The NRD welcomes the addition of the ESP. This move enables the Natural Resource Department to retain the entire brain thrust of each department and will ultimately enable NRD to more efficiently manage the tribe's natural resources, protect its treaty rights and provide direct services to tribal citizens.

## ANSWERS FROM "ASK BAAPAASANDIP"

**Boozhoo! This month's Ask Baapaasandip question is: What are snow fleas???**

You know, those little, black, bug-like specs that appear to jump around on the snow during the winter? Well, they aren't actually fleas, and technically, they aren't actually insects because of some slight differences in

body design with true insects. They don't bite or carry diseases, and they are harmless to pets and people. Snow fleas are small (less than three millimeters), wingless, hexapods in the group Collembola. Some Collembola fossil records date back to 400 million years ago, making them some of the oldest known terrestrial animal fossils in the world. They have a built-in appendage called a furcula, which acts as a springing mechanism and allows them to move around – and that is where they get one of their common names, Springtails.

While their presence becomes much more apparent during the winter, they can actually be found in abundance at any time of the year where they may be found on the ground, in leaf litter

or in the snow – thanks to their ability to produce an antifreeze-like substance that keeps them from freezing. Springtails are one of the most abundant macroscopic groups of animals in

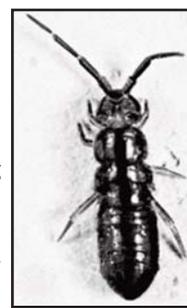
the world with estimates of tens of thousands to a hundred thousand individuals or more in just one cubic meter of soil! Primarily detritivores (meaning they eat detritus - leaf litter, algae, fungi, pollen, insect feces and other decaying materials), they may also be herbivores that suck plant juices or carnivores. They are often hailed as one of the main biological agents responsible for the control and dissemination of soil microorganisms, and since they tend to move away from pollution sources, they are studied by soil scientists because their presence or absence can be used in early detection of soil pollution.

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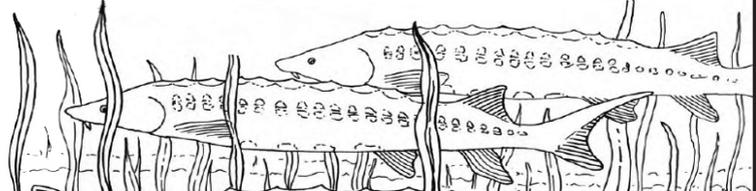
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Up close image of snow flea:

[http://www.fcps.edu/island-creeks/ecology/snow\\_flea.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/island-creeks/ecology/snow_flea.htm)



**LTBB Tribal Citizens who are interested in harvesting sturgeon in Black Lake for the 2011 season must complete and submit an application to the LTBB Natural Resource Department. Applications accepted through January 1, 2011. If you are interested, please contact the LTBB Natural Resource Department for more information at 231-242-1670 or e-mail [dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).**



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Little Traverse Bay Band apprentice program

# Fishing for a future

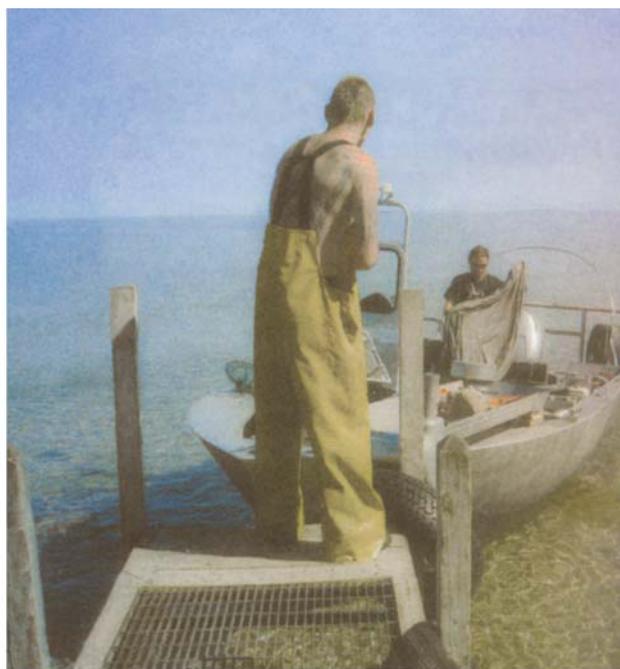
Photos and story by Marion Bright

Before most of us are awake, while the day shifts into place, and the dim sky recedes, fishermen begin to cull their harvest near the shores of Lake Michigan. For two of them, Louis Keller and Jeremy Hughes, dawn on the lake holds the promise of a full net of fish, or the disappointment of a missed catch or damaged gear. It is the time of day in which fortunes are realized or diminished, a tenuous prospect on which to hang your future.

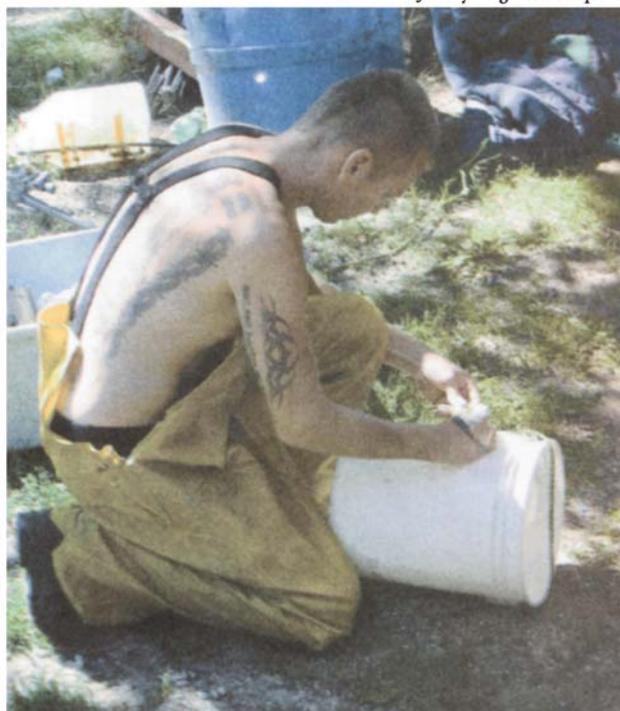
For these two men, participants in the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians commercial fishing apprentice program, fortune has little to do with why they are on the water. They are there to fish, to teach and to learn.

One lesson to be learned is that fishing is difficult work. Keller, the captain and trainer, and Hughes, his apprentice, must contend with the wind, the moon, and the weather. The fish harvest may be minimal at best, or non-existent at worst. When there is a catch, the task of lifting and emptying gill nets, pulling mussels and other detritus from the fish, can be taxing on the fishermen's bodies and spirits.

Once that lesson is learned, other skills of a fisherman must be learned, as well, first from others and then from experience. To do so, the LTBB's Natural Resources Department established an apprentice program, in which members of the tribe pair with a mentor who can teach necessary fishing skills to make a living off the water and to expose them to this type of life. As Doug Craven, director of the LTBB's Natural Resources Department says, "Commercial fishing is a life style, a life choice, it's not an average job."



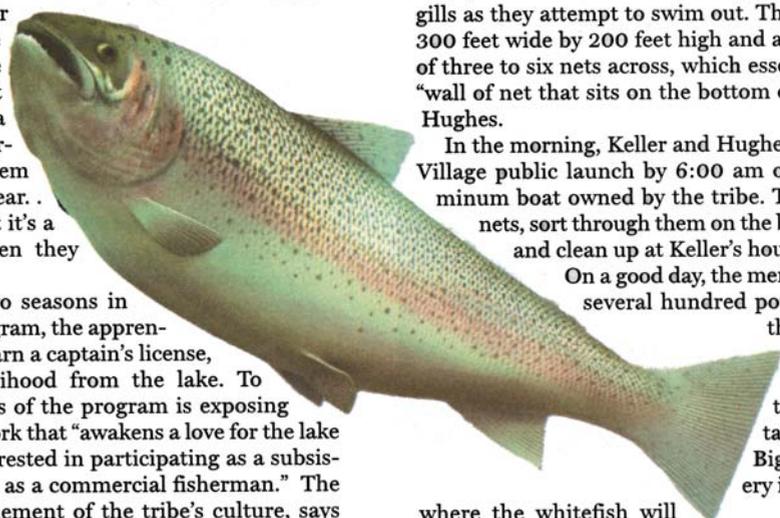
Preparing to launch.



Jeremy Hughes labels pails.

"It's a **tradition**" the way they used to do it. . . I just **enjoy** it. . . and get a **sense of pride** knowing that I did it, that it wasn't just given to me." — Jeremy Hughes

The apprentice program began two years ago, as an extension of a boat lease and commercial net program, which Craven says was successful. With boats and equipment meant to encourage members to get back on the water as fishermen, the missing element was experience. In fact, Craven says they are "getting guys who have no prior experience. The intent here is to give them a taste of what it means to be a commercial fisherman without them investing a lot in gear. . . or finding out that it's a lot more work than they had thought."



After at least two seasons in the apprentice program, the apprentice may go on to earn a captain's license, and create a livelihood from the lake. To Craven, the success of the program is exposing members to this work that "awakens a love for the lake and gets them interested in participating as a subsistence fisherman or as a commercial fisherman." The exposure to this element of the tribe's culture, says Craven, "has a value to Little Traverse as a community." Craven says the apprentice program is designed to show "a culturally significant part of what it means to be a tribal member of the Little Traverse Bay Band. . . and that it can be a legitimate form of work, but it's not for everybody."

While commercial fishing on Lake Michigan may not be for everybody, Hughes has determined to give it a try. At age thirty-three, he has been in the apprentice program since March 2010. Others have quit, but he has stayed on. "It's not like a hobby to me, it's like a career," Hughes says.

There are few other jobs that earn as much as the fishing does, but right now, it isn't much. As an apprentice, his wage is determined by Keller and by the pull of the moon, which Keller and Hughes believe is responsible for some of the strangeness on the lake lately. Yet, Hughes has worked other less-satisfying

jobs and has been hurt while doing them. The result is he knows what he wants to do and being on the water is it.

"I liked being on the water from the first time I did it," says Hughes. "I don't want to act like it's my destiny. . . but it just seemed like what I should be doing."

Keller too, shares this compulsion to be on the water. "I can't wake up and know the water's calm and not be out there on it." Perhaps the compulsion stems from being raised in the area where he learned to fish alongside his father and extended family. Keller left the area for a time, came back a few years ago, got assistance from the LTBB's Natural Resources Department and decided to make a go of commercial fishing.

To make a go of it is a laborious endeavor. In the evening, Keller sets the gillnets. The nets are a traditional tool used by early Native American fishermen that capture aptly-sized fish, typically whitefish and trout, which swim in but are caught in the net by their gills as they attempt to swim out. The nets are about 300 feet wide by 200 feet high and are tied in a gang of three to six nets across, which essentially creates a "wall of net that sits on the bottom of the lake," says Hughes.

In the morning, Keller and Hughes leave the Cross Village public launch by 6:00 am on a 21 foot aluminum boat owned by the tribe. They retrieve the nets, sort through them on the boat, then unload and clean up at Keller's house in town. On a good day, the men will return with several hundred pounds of fish and their own safety intact. Shortly after they leave the boat, Keller takes the fish to Big Stone Bay Fishery in Mackinaw City

where the whitefish will bring between \$1.00-\$1.50/lb., and the trout will garner about \$.60/lb. To Hughes, the process is like harvesting crops. The yield comes after much nurturing, patience, trial and error.

The end of the fishing day may bring a moment of reflection on what Hughes has learned. "It's just harder than people think," he says. "It's a skill that you can't really be good at until you're experienced at it. It's a tradition, the way they used to do it. . . I just enjoy it. . . and get a sense of pride knowing that I did it, that it wasn't just given to me."

The final lesson for Hughes may be that despite the whims of lunar forces, the safety concerns, the taxing work and the small fortune invested, he considers his future prospects good. He looks forward to a couple of years from now when I'll "have my own boat, and then teach somebody else to do it." ■

## ASK BAAPAASAANDIP

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

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

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

## Attention LTBB Tribal Citizens

**Tag Return** - Please note your 2010 hunting tags are due to the LTBB Natural Resource Department after January 2, 2011.

**License Renewal/New Licenses** - The department will issue 2011 hunting/fishing licenses after January 2, 2011. Your license can be applied for through the mail if you are out of the area. Mail to the LTBB Natural Resource Department, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49770, e-mail to [dbowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dbowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or call 231-242-4670.



**Law Enforcement Department**

**NEWS FROM THE LTBB LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT**

Submitted by the **Law Enforcement Department**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Dispatch Center is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the tribal population. We dispatch for both the tribal Police Officers as well as the Natural Resource Department Conservation Officers.

If you have an emergency situation, please call 9-1-1 for assistance. If you need police assistance and live or are on trust land or just have a general question, please feel free to give us a call at 231-242-1500, and we will be happy to help in any way we can.

Latest News from the Tribal Dispatch Center

We were recently awarded a COPS grant from the Department of Justice (DOJ), and we have ordered

(and will be receiving shortly) our new base station radio. We are very happy to be updating our outdated radio.

**Meet Dispatcher Jolene Judson**  
LTBB Tribal Citizen Jolene Judson started as a Dispatcher on November 1, 2010 after working as a temporary Dispatcher since October 11, 2010.

"When I started the temp position, I was very nervous, but everyone at the office was very helpful and reassuring," Judson said. "I like the hours, and I like being able to help where and when I can. It's interesting work."

Prior to accepting her current position, Judson worked as a cook for more than 20 years, working in that capacity for approximately three years for the LTBB Head Start Program.

Judson, who grew up in Pellston, MI, and graduated from Pellston

High School, graduated from Bay Mills Community College School of Business and is certified in Bookkeeping and Secretarial Work. She also attended Lake Superior State University for two years, studying Criminal Justice and Child Development.

Her parents are Betty and the late Harvey DeLorme, Jr. She has two sisters, Janelle Smith and Jill Bear, and a brother, Chris DeLorme. She has a son, Christopher, three stepsons, two stepdaughters, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren with one great-grandchild on the way. She has two nieces, Shaylee Smith and Cassandra Neidenthal, a great nephew, Marshal, and a great niece, Lakota Lynn.

In her free time, she enjoys playing bingo, reading and doing needlepoint and crochet.

**Human Services Department**

**RULES FOR LICENSED FOSTER/ADOPTIVE HOMES DEVELOPED BY THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Submitted by the **Human Services Department**

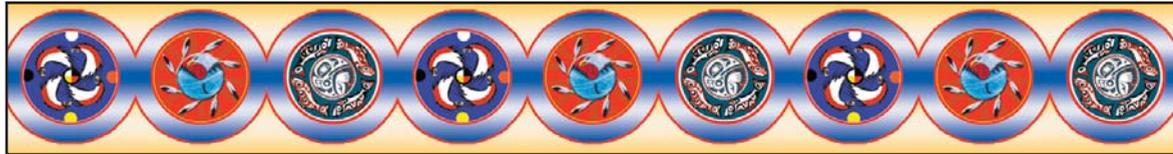
The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Services Department is striving to build upon its foster home licensing program, to make it stronger and more effective to better serve our children and families.

The department licenses tribal citizens as foster parents and adoptive parents. There is quite an extensive process already set in place to ensure quality foster and adoptive homes.

Recently, the department held a mandatory training for those homes currently licensed. The training was an informative session on licensing rules for foster parents. This set of rules is the first ever for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and was designed by the Human Services Department.

These rules for licensed foster/adoptive homes provide the department with structure and accountability to ensure all licensed foster/adoptive homes are top-notch!

**Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi**



**WAGANAKISING ODAWA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (WOCTEP)**

Submitted by the **WOCTEP Program**

The WOCTEP medical programs training lab at the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey, MI, recently hosted a paramedic and phlebotomist training event in partnership with North Central Michigan College (NCMC).

After training for weeks on "dummy" training arms, WOCTEP Phlebotomy students are required to demonstrate successful blood draws on live "patient" volunteers. NCMC paramedic students are also required

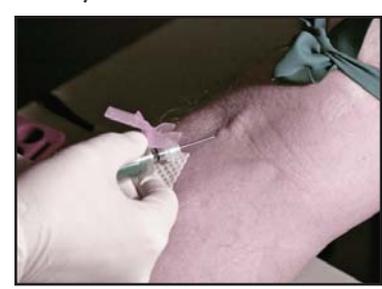
to practice I.V. starts on live "patients," so on a Wednesday night in mid-November 2010, WOCTEP students greeted approximately a dozen paramedic students along with their instructor.



What followed was a unique opportunity for paramedics and phlebotomists to practice their skills and to also develop an appreciation for each other's profession - while phlebotomists work in a clinical setting, paramedics work in varied and unpredictable settings. Students also invited family and friends to class for additional practice blood draws.

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several fields of study - from Entrepreneurship to Textiles, from New Media and Graphic Arts to Medical Programs, we offer a hands-on approach to learning the skills needed for employment in your chosen field of study.



WOCTEP also offers many services to our students to help make their educational experience richer: A culturally diverse student population, need-based financial assistance, resume-writing assistance and early registration of WOCTEP classes. During our recent early registration period in November 2010, WOCTEP registered 45 students into 118 course enrollments for a total of 269 credit hours for the Winter 2011 semester!

For more information about WOCTEP certificate programs, please call 231-242-1494.

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**PLAY IS THE WORK OF THE CHILD ~ MARIA MONTESSORI**

Submitted by **Dorothy Perry**, Academic Services Coordinator

Play activities are essential to healthy development for children and adolescents.

Play provides the opportunities for children to be active and make choices. Playing influences the development of fine and gross motor skills, language, socialization, personal awareness, emotional well-being, creativity, problem solving and learning ability.

As a parent, you can support playtime by making sure it is an en-

joyable, productive and a safe time for your child.

Here are a few suggestions on how to help your child at play:

Provide a child centered play area:

- Make sure it is childproof and clean.
- Allow children to leave constructions up for a while, so they can come back and engage in new adventures in the work they created.
- Store play items safely, but make them easily accessible.
- Provide toys with play value that:
- Can be used in many ways - pa-

per, figurines, Legos, blocks, etc.

- Appeal to children at more than one age or level of development - bubbles, crayons, play dough, dress up clothes, etc.



- Allow children to determine

the play.

- Help children develop skills important for further learning and a sense of mastery.

Encourage a balance in play activities:

- Manage screen time - children should limit TV and computer time.
- Encourage outdoor play that uses large muscles - kickball, bike riding, hopscotch, climbing.
- Don't allow your child to become overscheduled, self-directed play should be encour-

aged.

Playing with children builds a strong family bond that will last for a lifetime. Allowing your children to explore, observe, question, experiment and take risks under your guidance will allow for healthy development.

Sources: Montessori, Maria. "Play Is The Work of the Child." *Child Development Institute*, nd. Web. 22 Nov 2010. <<http://www.childdevelopmentinfo.com/development/p15.p rint.shtml>

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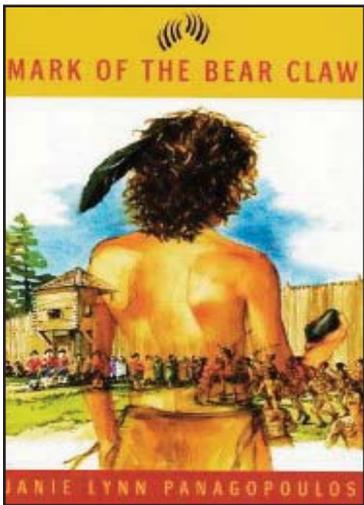
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**JANUARY REVIEW ~ MARK OF THE BEAR CLAW BY J. PANAGOPOULOS, FICTION BOOK, \*\*\*\* FOUR STARS**



Reviewed by **Bev Wemigwase**, LTBB Tribal Citizen and Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Assistant

I really enjoyed this book! I truly could not put it down. This is a fiction book that took me a weekend to read. I believe the title will spark interests in our youth; it's a really good story.

It is about Native family and youth set in our area of Northern Michigan. One thing I like about this book are kids can step right in and live and relate to the time period of this story.

The mention of the waterways for

travel by canoe and Fort Mackinac are other interesting points in this book.

You can see our ancestors in this story. I liked this book because the story is well-written and told by a Native youth; this story could have been easily told by one of our tribal grandfathers, perhaps passed down through the family.

This book is available at the LTBB Cultural Library located at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI,

and can be checked out for three weeks by LTBB Tribal Citizens.

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**NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT**

Submitted by **Yvonne Walker-Keshick**, Archival Tech

Since the merging and moving of staff, the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department continues to record and archive items coming into the Archives Department. The move gave us the opportunity to review the current holdings. It is our plan to collect, preserve, manage and protect all our records and family collec-

tions for our tribal citizens. It is amazing how many records, documents, family photograph collections, cultural items and historical documents there are in our archives. These archives are open to tribal citizens, and the department is constantly on the lookout for items for our future tribal museum. In our next article, we will give you a brief look into some of the more unique collections.

**GIJIGOWI BIPSKAABIMI LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT**

Submitted by **Terry Spanish**, Language Instructor

Aanii maanpiing Terry Spanish enji nakiit. Welcome to my workspace. I like my workspace and its many edges. Aapji go mooshkine maanpiing. Do minoyaa wiigo. I am in good health, and so is the work. Nishin maanpiing koojiing naabyaanh. As I look around, I find more things to translate. Kina wego miinwaa nen.

**IS COLLEGE FOR YOU? ATTEND COLLEGE BOOT CAMP AND FIND OUT**

Submitted by **Amanda Swiss**, Higher Education Student Services Specialist

Attention 10th and 11th graders!

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- Colorado State University, June 12-17, 2011.
- University of Rochester, June 26-July 1, 2011.

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Students interested in applying should contact Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or via e-mail at [aswiss@ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:aswiss@ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov).

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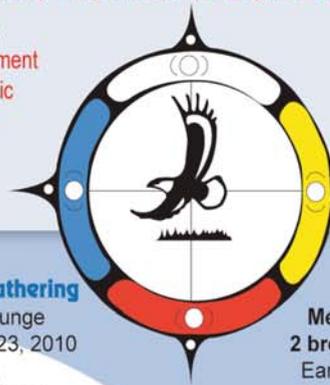
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## MEET THE LTBB DENTAL CLINIC STAFF



### Jeremy Dzingle

Jeremy Dzingle, DMD started as the Dentist on August 16, 2010.

"I am very honored to be working here," Dzingle said.

Dzingle, who grew up in Mt. Pleasant, MI, graduated from Michigan State University and the Case Western Reserve University Dental School. His father, older brother, sister and younger brother all work in the dental field.

In his free time, he enjoys outdoor activities such as downhill skiing, hiking, camping, going to the beach and hunting.

### Stephanie Tadajewski

Stephanie Tadajewski started as the Dental Hygienist on August 23, 2010 after working in the LTBB Dental Clinic as the temporary Dental Hygienist since July 2, 2010.

She grew up in Alpena, MI, and

graduated from Alpena High School in 1991. She graduated from Ferris State University in 1996 with an Associates Degree in Dental Hygiene.

Tadajewski worked for the dental clinic's previous dentist, Dr. Thomas Rea, from 1996 until 2007 and recently worked for Dental Clinics North.

She has a husband, Brian, and two children, Evan, 4, and Erin, 1.

In her free time, she likes to spend time with her kids, go bike riding and shopping.

She is "very happy to be working here."

### Jamie Gothro

Jamie Gothro started as the Dental Assistant on September 27, 2010.

"I enjoy working with the tribal community and my co-workers," Gothro said.

Gothro, who grew up in East Jor-

dan, MI, and graduated from East Jordan High School, attended North Central Michigan College for a year and earned an Associates in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Dental Assisting from Northwestern Michigan College.

She has a husband and a stepdaughter, Pam.

### Marlene Gasco

LTBB Tribal Citizen Marlene Gasco started as the Dental Receptionist on September 27, 2010 after working as the temporary Dental Receptionist since August 3, 2010.

"I love being able to help and give back to our community," Gasco said.

Gasco, who grew up in Harbor Springs, MI, and graduated from Harbor Springs High School, is currently pursuing a Medical Assistant certificate through the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) and pursuing an Associates degree in Accounting.

Her parents are the late Vernon and Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco and her siblings are the late Tina Gasco, Maggie Gasco, Jeff Gasco, Toni Gasco, Sue Gasco, Gwen Gasco and Tammy Gasco.

In her free time, she enjoys playing sports such as softball and volleyball and coached travel volleyball for four years.

*Standing from left to right in the photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar is Jamie Gothro, Stephanie Tadajewski and Marlene Gasco and seated in the dental chair is Jeremy Dzingle.*

## Native Way Two Gym

Are you looking to shake things up in the new year? Looking for some fun activity that doesn't involve getting outdoors? The Native Way Two Gym has four classes taking place during the week, and there are no start or end dates — join anytime! There are no fees to participate. All activity helps burn calories and reduce stress, but these classes will also help with strength, balance, coordination, self-confidence and overall health. Before participating, you should see your health care provider and be sure you are ready to take part in physical activity. Please feel free to stop by and watch a class to see if you might be interested. Call Community Health at 231-242-1601 for more information.

**Yoga:** Yoga is a thousands year old system of health care from India. Through poses called *asanas*, we learn to control the breath, improve flexibility and balance and gain strength. We use a style called Hatha Yoga, which emphasizes the use of props to assist the less flexible. Almost anyone can take part in yoga, and everyone can benefit from it.

**Tae Kwon Do:** Tae Kwon Do is a style of martial arts which began in Korea back in the 1950s; its practitioners are known for their powerful kicks and fast reflexes. In our six years of existence, we have graduated 16 black belts from age nine up to 55. Children should be at least six years old before taking part, and there is no upper age limit.

**Boxing:** Boxing is probably the oldest sport known to man although the rules governing it are of more recent vintage. Our instructors are Brad Houle, a former Marine champion and a three-time Wisconsin Golden Gloves champion, and Terry Samuels, both of whom are certified USA Boxing coaches.

**Jiu Jitsu:** Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is a martial art that focuses on using leverage and proper technique for defense. It originated in Brazil back in the early 20th century, but has its roots in Japanese judo. We base our practice on Rigan Machado's style; he is a member of the famous Gracie family.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Yoga 8 to 9 a.m. Jiu Jitsu 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Tae Kwon Do 6 to 6:30 p.m. Beginner 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Advanced Boxing 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Jiu Jitsu 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Yoga 8 to 9 a.m. Tae Kwon Do 6 to 6:30 p.m. Beginner 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Advanced Boxing 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Jiu Jitsu 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	



**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH HEALTHCARE? CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!**

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.



**Attention Healthy Start Participants**

IF YOU HAVE BORROWED A BREAST PUMP AND ARE NO LONGER USING IT, PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE LTBB HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR OTHERS TO USE. REMINDER: THE TUBING AND BOTTLES ARE YOURS TO KEEP. RETURN THE CASE AND PUMP ONLY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



**Childcare Assistance Available!**

We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details! If you are interested, please contact the Human Services Department at **231-242-1620**

# NEWS FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Department

The Mental Health/Substance Abuse/Prevention work groups have been very busy.

SPRING (Significant Prevention Resulting in New Generations) is a five-year substance abuse prevention grant awarded to the tribe last year. SPRING is completing the first step (Assessment of the Community Needs for Prevention) to determine the greatest prevention need at LTBB and the best prevention approaches for our community. Our services and outreach to the community are at an all-time high.

We are a participating tribe in the New Access to Recovery Grant (ATR) to provide a range of services to our tribe during the next four years, which includes people just starting their recovery and those who have been sober for any length of time.

We have four great new additions to our staff: Susan Hoffman, LMSW, winner of the Michigan Social Worker of the Year Award this year, Ann Holland, LPC, Tasha Bennington (finishing her BSW) and Brad Houle, BSW

(working on completing his Masters), who was also the recipient of an award this year from the Child Abuse Council for service to our community's children "above and beyond."

Our new staff adds a variety of approaches, a combined large amount of experience and share the deep commitment, caring, fine services and the highest standard of confidentiality that is at the very heart of all of our staff, both existing and new.

We serve all ages from child to elder, individuals, groups, couples, adolescents and children. You can receive our services by calling 231-242-1640 or by stopping by and letting us know you would like services.

We now have evening hours as follows: Monday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., Tuesday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (includes LTBB AA group from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.), Thursday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Please call ahead if you would like evening hours. We have a private entrance behind the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, and a private therapy/treatment hall to provide the highest level of confidentiality.

# After Hours Clinic for LTBB Tribal Patients

Weekend Urgent Care Alternative

Quick Care Walk-In Medical Center

116 W. Mitchell Street  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-348-2828

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

When using this provider, 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.

Notice: Up North Medical Center, also known as Boyne Coun-

try Urgent Care, located on M-119 in Harbor Springs, MI, is no longer open after hours or on weekends, so LTBB is no longer using it as an urgent care facility. After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at Quick Care Walk-In Medical Center or Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.



# HELP US HELP YOU: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

Did you know one emergency room visit can produce multiple bills?

For example, I went to the emergency room for a sprained ankle. From that one ER visit, there could be a laboratory bill, a x-ray bill, an emergency room doctor's bill and the hospital bill just to name a few.

Not all bills are handled at the originating facility, so we need your help to ensure all your bills are paid in a timely manner. All tribal citizens should be aware of the procedure you must follow for Contract Health Services once payment has been approved by the Manage Care team.

It is important to note if we do not get the bill and the billing code, we cannot pay the bill.

Procedure

1. Call the number on any statement you receive in the mail and inform the provider to bill the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. LTBB is the payer of last resort, so please verify any private insurance you may have and have the provider bill them first.

2. Bring any statement in to Contract Health Services.

3. Physically watch the Contract Health Services worker call the number on the statement.

4. Verify the name of the person the Contract Health worker spoke with and make sure it is written on your statement.

5. Request a copy of statement with date stamp and initials of person who assisted you.

This may seem redundant, but if we work together, the process will run smoothly.

When utilizing the ER, notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health Services.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Contract Health Services at 231-242-1600.

# LTBB U.S.D.A. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

\*food distribution varies depending on availability



Please feel free to call our office to see if you qualify at 231-242-1620 Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm

# LTBB HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS A PLETHORA OF SERVICES FOR LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS

Submitted by the Health Department

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Health Services has gone through many changes recently.

We have a full-time dental program with four new people. Dr. Jeremy Dzingle DMD is the dentist working five days a week, Monday through Friday. We have one LTBB Tribal Citizen, Marlene Gasco, working as the Dental Receptionist and learning dental assisting. Jamie Gothro is our new Dental Assistant; she is a graduate of the dental assisting program based in Traverse City, MI. Stephanie Tada-jewski is our new Dental Hygienist who works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday performing dental cleanings. Even with the extra staff and longer hours, the dental clinic is still very busy. For those who have used our clinic and have future scheduled appointments, it is very important for you to come in for your appointment or let us know at least 24 hours in advance if you cannot make it. It's difficult to get someone to come in on a replacement appointment on very short notice. Scheduled appointments are being booked at least two months in advance. Contact the Dental Clinic at 231-242-1740.

The Health Clinic has also been very busy with routine appointments being booked at least a month out, though, we do take urgent care patients as needed. If you need a routine appointment, contact the clinic a minimum of two weeks to a month in advance, so you have the appointment scheduled when you need it. The clinic continues to grow as we are seeing new patients there on an ongoing basis. Be sure to give us advance notice if you cannot make an appointment. It is greatly appreciated because another patient can be put in your place. Please call 24 hours in advance to let us know.

The workers in Community Outreach have been very busy also. The Diabetes Program has received a new grant called Healthy Heart thanks to the hard work of Michele Keshick. This grant is geared toward diagnosed diabetic focus activities

toward heart disease prevention.

Community Outreach provides limited transportation services through the Community Health Program. Those services are strictly for health transport purposes only, to get people to health appointments when they have no other means of transportation, and are limited to people residing in our 27-county service area. To participate in this program, you must call 72 hours in advance. Our ability to provide the services may still be limited due to the size of the program and the number of requests.

Please contact Community Health Outreach at 231-242-1601 for information on disease prevention programs, diabetes education, exercise programs, nutritional counseling and transportation service.

Community Outreach has a home visiting program with one Registered Nurse and two Community Outreach workers. They keep busy seeing patients at their homes and out in the community.

We also have a Maternal Child Health Program with a Registered Nurse who works with pregnant women and infants up to two years old.

Contract Health is another very important health program. It allows us to cover payments for referred services through the Indian Health Service federal program. Because this is a federal program, the rules to access this program are very strict and must be followed, so we can assure continuance of this important program.

Remember, to access the Contract Health Program, you must live in our 27-county service area and be registered with the Contract Health Department.

You must have first applied for any alternate resources you may be eligible for such as Medicare or Medicaid.

Your registration must be updated annually.

All referrals covered by Contract Health must be initiated from our LTBB Health Clinic.

Those specialty services must also be within the Indian Health Service priorities.

Priorities, the more critical medical problems or life-threatening problems for which you have been

referred, are more likely to be covered by Contract Health dollars.

Contract Health patients keep growing in number just as quickly as the clinic and dental. We have to be especially diligent to ensure we have enough money to pay for patients' critical needs.

Remember, if you are seen at Quick Care or the emergency room, you have 72 hours to contact Contract Health and let us know you were seen. This also applies if you are admitted in an emergency to the hospital. The rule is slightly different for elders; they have 30 days to contact Contract Health after being seen.

Contract Health Services is not considered an alternate insurance kind or the "other category." If you were seen at LTBB, referred to a specialist and that specialist sent you somewhere else or you obtained lab work or x-rays or some other service, the provider you were sent to may not be aware to bill Contract Health for those services. If you receive medical bills at home, you must bring them to Contract Health and also call the provider and tell the provider it must bill Contract Health for that service. We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding Contract Health Services at 231-242-1600.

Health Services now includes Substance Abuse and Mental Health as a department within our health umbrella. It is located on the east side of the building and has extended hours by appointment until 7 p.m. most weekdays. As you know, this department provides mental health and substance abuse counseling. Also, within that department is the SPRING Grant program. This grant program is focused on under age substance abuse, especially alcohol abuse prevention. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 231-242-1640.

If you have any other questions about our health programs, do not hesitate to contact me at 231-242-1612.

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Sharon Sierzputowski BSN,PA-C  
LTBB Health Director

# ATTENTION LTBB CONTRACTORS



If you would like to be considered for future LTBB projects, please contact Purchasing Technician/Contracts Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or e-mail at

mszocinski@lbbodawa-nsn.gov



is available to tribal households that have no other alternate means of transport. For LTBB household members residing in the LTBB service delivery area. For medical appointments/purposes only. Transport must be arranged 72 hours in advance. Contact Community Outreach at the LTBB Health Department at 231-242-1601

## Department of Commerce

### TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind the tribal membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement.

First of all, I cannot express enough how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department. This must be done in writing and as soon as possible.

The DOC cannot and will not change the estimated beginning date (EBD) (which is always the first in any given month) of a member's tax exempt status (see example below).

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

In addition, being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt.

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

If you plan on purchasing any of these items, please contact me FIRST, and I will be happy to get you the form via e-mail or fax. I am also able to fax the TCEs to the dealership you are doing business with.

Being an RTM will also allow

you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

Also, another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA), your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month.

Example: I move to Petoskey, MI, (inside the TAA) on September

5, 2010. My RTM (EBD) status begins October 1, 2010. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at:

[http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1748\\_23287---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1748_23287---,00.html)

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I can be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at [tkeshick@ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov).

#### 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 (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (currently 33 cents per gallon unleaded and 29 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

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

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

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

Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal 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.**

The current limit on tobacco purchases is two cartons per week per tribal citizen age 18 and over. The same applies to all other tobacco products (OTP) packaged in similar fashion.

#### ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)

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

website or by contacting my office. I will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the Refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.  
-Theresa Keshick



#### 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	2/18/2009	February 18, 2015	01-09
Rebecca R. Atkinson	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	02-09
Lisa Flynn	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	03-09
Beatrice A. Law	Active	5/11/2009	May 11, 2015	04-09

#### THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:

- (1) Name
  - (2) Date of Birth
  - (3) Branch of Service
- This information will enable us to apply for veteran grants.  
Megwetch,  
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

## Enrollment Department

### ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS DUE NOVEMBER 30, 2011

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before November 30, 2011. 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 con-

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

Minors who turn 18 by November 30, 2011 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form must be returned by November 30, 2011.

Address verification forms can be downloaded at [www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm](http://www.ltb-bodawa-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.

#### ENROLLMENT OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE

If you have any questions regarding the service and fee schedule, please contact the LTBB Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521, Linda Gokee, Administrative Assistant, or 231-242-1520, Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer.

Fees:	Tribal Citizens
<b>Replacement Cards</b> A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to elders.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory</b> Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/1/2009. Published every 4 years.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory Labels</b> Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
<b>LTBB List</b> The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
<b>Photocopies of Enrollment file</b> \$1 first copy page, 25 cents for each page thereafter.	\$1 each
<b>Marriage License Application</b>	\$15
<b>Certified Copies: \$10</b>	
<b>Photo Copies: \$5</b>	
<b>Tribal Notary Application</b> If approved Surety Bond: \$125	\$10

##### Services:

- ✓ Enrollment Applications.
- ✓ Address Change Forms.
  - Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
  - Minors require notarization annually.
- ✓ Tribal Identification Cards.
- ✓ Tribal Directory.
- ✓ Marriage License Application.
- ✓ Tribal Notary Application.
- ✓ Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.
- ✓ BIA - 4432 Indian Preference Form.
- ✓ Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
- ✓ Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.

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## Moving?

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

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

## LTBB ID CARDS

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

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

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

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

## 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.

Department of  
Commerce

## ANNUAL SALES TAX CREDIT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

At the end of January 2011, the Department of Commerce (DOC) will be mailing the Annual Sales Tax Credit forms (Tribal Form 4013) to Resident Tribal Members (RTMs) only.

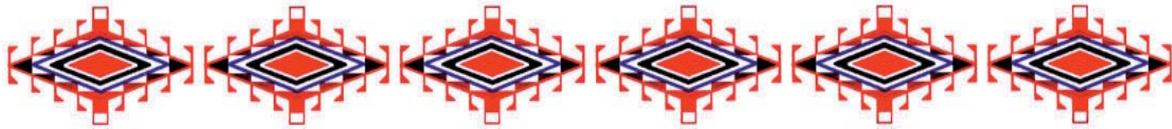
In order to qualify for this credit, you must have resided and been on the RTM list to the State of Michigan during 2009 with some type of income. Your physical address must have been within the tribe's Tax Agreement Area which includes the following townships or portions thereof within Charlevoix and Emmet counties:

Cross Village (all)  
Bear Creek (all)  
Readmond (all)  
Resort (partial)

Friendship (all)  
Bay (partial)  
West Traverse (all)  
Hayes (partial)  
Little Traverse (all)  
City of Harbor Springs (all)  
City of Petoskey (all)  
City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge)

Forms are sent to those RTMs ages 18 and older. If you are a minor and worked during 2009, please contact the DOC for the form. The forms are not available on the State of Michigan's website or on the tribal website.

If you have any questions regarding the form or how to fill it out, please don't hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at tkeshick@lbtb-odawa-nsn.gov.



Housing  
Department

## THE LTBB HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFERS A VARIETY OF SERVICES FOR LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS

Submitted by the Housing Department

The mission statement of the LTBB Housing Department is to maintain a working relationship with the LTBB of Odawa Indians by communicating all development activities, encouraging a healthy home environment, seeking resources to build and rehabilitate affordable, high-quality, safe and sanitary housing and establishing opportunities for economic self-sufficiency.

To accomplish these goals, we offer several grant opportunities through our department.

For those seeking home ownership, we offer our Down Payment Assistance Program. This program offers a small grant to help offset the closing costs associated with a home mortgage. For tribal citizens who already own their own home, but are in need of repairs or upgrades to the building, we offer our Home Improvement Program. This is also a small grant intended to help rehabilitate an existing home. We can also assist those tribal citizens who are in jeopardy of losing their existing home through a foreclosure. If you have fallen behind in your house payments, we can possibly help with a grant that could be used to bring your loan current. For those tribal citizens who seek rental opportunities, we have our Short Term Rental Program. This grant can be used to pay for the first month's rent and security deposit of a person's new rental unit. When a tribal citizen is homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless, they can receive assistance through the Housing Department in the way of our

Transitional Housing Program. This program will provide shelter for a short period of time, so those in need can become independent and hopefully, provide for their own shelter.

All of the programs listed above are funded through our Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) block grant and as such, have limitations on their use. All grant recipients must fall below the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income limits that are published for the NAHASDA program.

For tribal citizen homeowners who are in need of fresh water and/or sanitary facilities at their homes, we offer assistance with funds provided by Indian Health Services (IHS). Homeowners, who are building a new home, remodeling their existing home, purchasing a new home or have failed systems should contact the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 for assistance. This program is free from any income restrictions and is funded by IHS.

The LTBB Housing Department currently manages 19 rental units in Northern Michigan with 10 more units becoming available in early 2011. These homes are in the Harbor Springs, MI, and Pellston, MI, communities with the new units being built in Bay Shore, MI. All of our rental units provide a rent designed to be affordable to our tribal citizens, and to ensure this, we do not charge more than 30% of a family's monthly gross income. Any tribal citizen wishing to reside in one of these units should contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540.

The LTBB Housing Department currently has three different construction projects in varying stages of completion. Through the use of a HUD grant, we were able to construct a single family home at the Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke Village in Harbor Springs. This house is complete and currently for sale. We ask any tribal citizens who are interested in purchasing this home to please contact the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 for more information.

In cooperation with IHS, we are currently constructing a pump house that will service the homes located at the Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke Village. The pump house will allow us to operate the community water system at a more consistent and reliable level.

Our last project is our largest. We are currently finishing the two multifamily buildings being constructed in the Bay Shore area. Each building will have five separate units in it, giving us an additional 10 rental units to offer our tribal citizens. This project was also funded by HUD and will offer rents no more than 30% of a family's monthly gross income. The project was designed and built with "green" concepts and technologies being implemented whenever possible. These building techniques will allow us to offer units with a very minimal utility cost per month.

The LTBB Housing Department is here to serve you, our tribal citizens, and we look forward to doing just that. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 231-242-1540 or feel free to stop by.

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS



For the Murray Road Housing project in Hayes Township. Tribal Preference applies. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540

Equal Housing Opportunity  
TDD: 800-649-3777



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

## NOTICE:

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

Down payment assistance will change to a \$2500 matching program.

For more information, contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540

## 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.

Effective January 1, 2011: Down payment assistance will change to a \$2,500 matching program.

**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.



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## Michigan

**December 31**  
**Sobriety Pow Wow**  
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI  
 Contact Information: Elaine Clement or Cecil Pavlat at 906-635-6050

**February 12-13**  
**28th Annual Pow Wow of Love**  
 Jenison Fieldhouse, MSU  
 East Lansing, MI  
 Contact Information: <https://www.msu.edu/~naiso/powwow/index.html>

**March 26-27**  
**39th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow**  
 Saline, MI  
 Contact Information: Andrea at 248-953-8446, [www.umich.edu/~powwow](http://www.umich.edu/~powwow) or [powwow\\_committee@yahoo.com](mailto:powwow_committee@yahoo.com)

## Minnesota

**January 14**  
 St. Paul Public Schools  
 Indian Education  
 Traditional Pow Wow  
 St. Paul, MN  
 Contact Information: 651-293-5191, [www.indianeducation.spps.org](http://www.indianeducation.spps.org) or [www.indianeducation.org](http://www.indianeducation.org)

**February 11**  
 St. Paul Public Schools  
 Indian Education  
 Traditional Pow Wow  
 St. Paul, MN  
 Contact Information: 651-293-5191, [www.indianeducation.spps.org](http://www.indianeducation.spps.org) or [www.indianeducation.org](http://www.indianeducation.org)

**February 12**  
**Cherish the Children**  
 Traditional Pow Wow  
 St. Paul, MN  
 Contact Information: Travis DeCory at 651-227-4184, [travis.decory@aindahung.com](mailto:travis.decory@aindahung.com) or [www.aindahung.com](http://www.aindahung.com)

**March 11**  
 St. Paul Public Schools  
 Indian Education  
 Traditional Pow Wow  
 St. Paul, MN  
 Contact Information: Jennifer Simon at 612-330-1144, [simonj@augsborg.edu](mailto:simonj@augsborg.edu) or [www.augsburg.edu/aissp](http://www.augsburg.edu/aissp)

**April 8**  
 St. Paul Public Schools  
 Indian Education  
 Traditional Pow Wow  
 St. Paul, MN  
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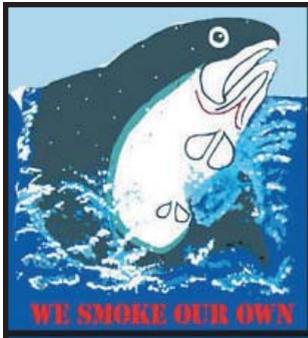
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## YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

**THE ESHKINIIGIJK:**  
 Are native and Non-Native youth from the LTBB community between the ages of 13-18 yrs. old  
 Eshkiniigijik meet on a weekly basis, Thursdays after school until 7 PM  
 Weekly meeting is usually held at the LTBB White House. Youth are informed of weekly meeting place and special events via phone, text and e-mail.  
 Bus transportation is provided by Petoskey and Harbor Springs Schools

**THE BINOJJIINHAK:**  
 Are native and Non-Native youth from the LTBB community between the ages of 8-12 yrs. old  
 Binoojiinhak meet on a weekly basis, Tuesdays after school until 7 PM  
 Weekly meeting is usually held at the LTBB White House. Parents are informed of weekly meeting place and special events via phone, text and e-mail.  
 Bus transportation is provided by Petoskey and Harbor Springs Schools

**WAGANAKASING ESHKINIIGIJK UNITY COUNCIL**  
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUTH SERVICES PLEASE CONTACT**  
**Kristy Dayson**  
 Youth Coordinator  
 231-838-8830

## 2011 ELECTION INFORMATION

The 2011 Call to Election will mail on January 7, 2011 to all Tribal Citizens 18 and over. Nomination petitions for Tribal Council are due back on or before February 11, 2011. Four Tribal Council seats are up for election in 2011.

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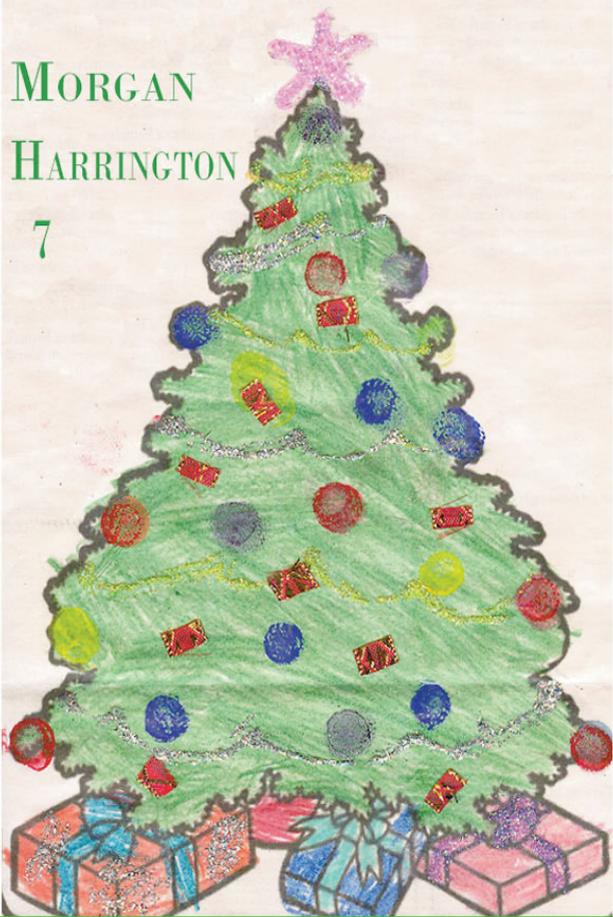
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# Letters to Santa and Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Winners!

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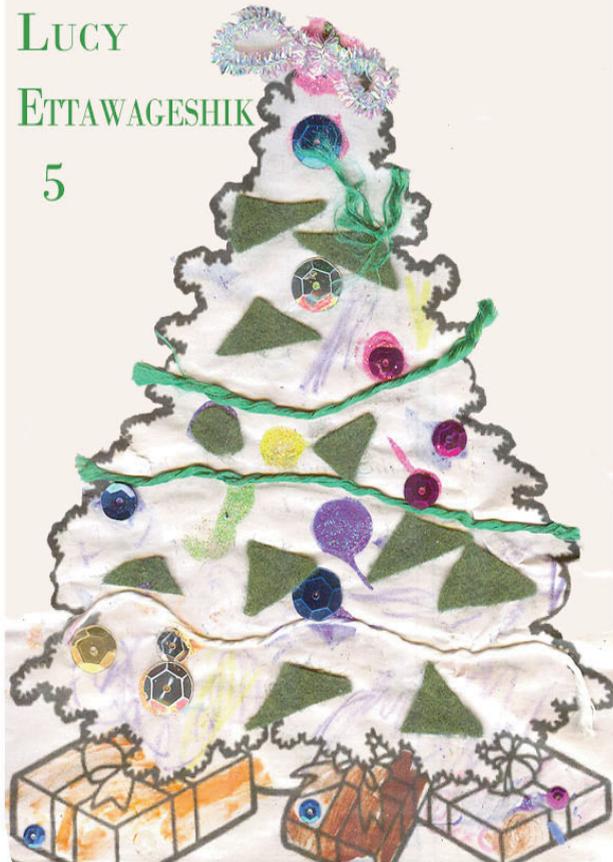
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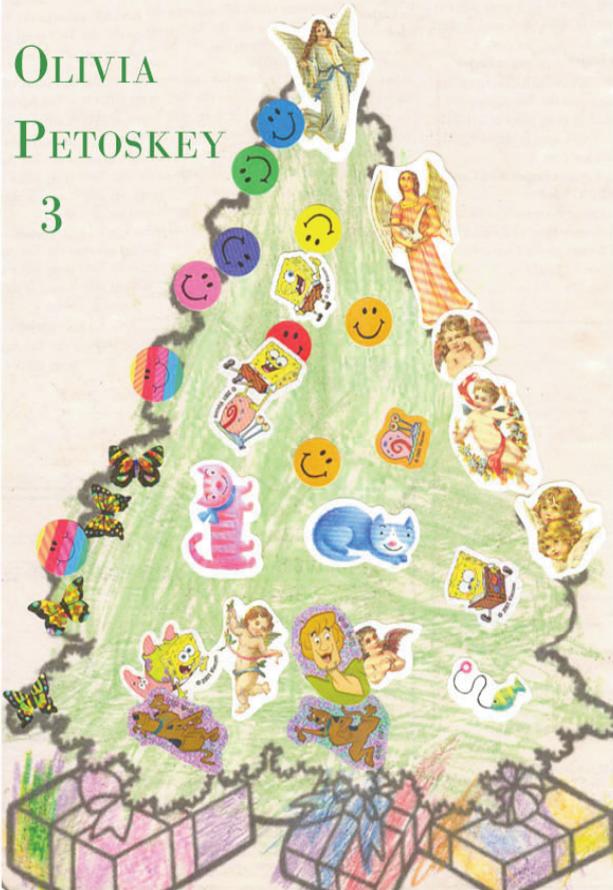
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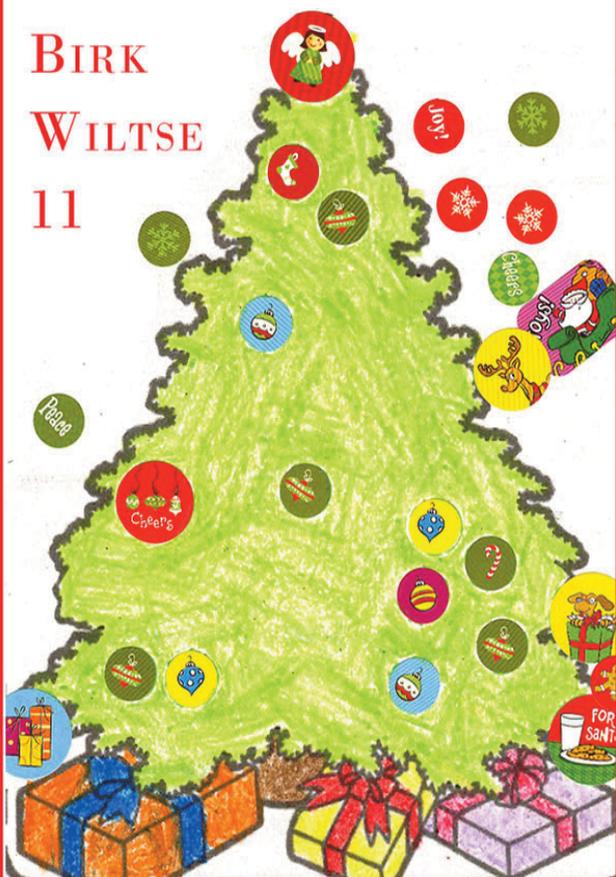
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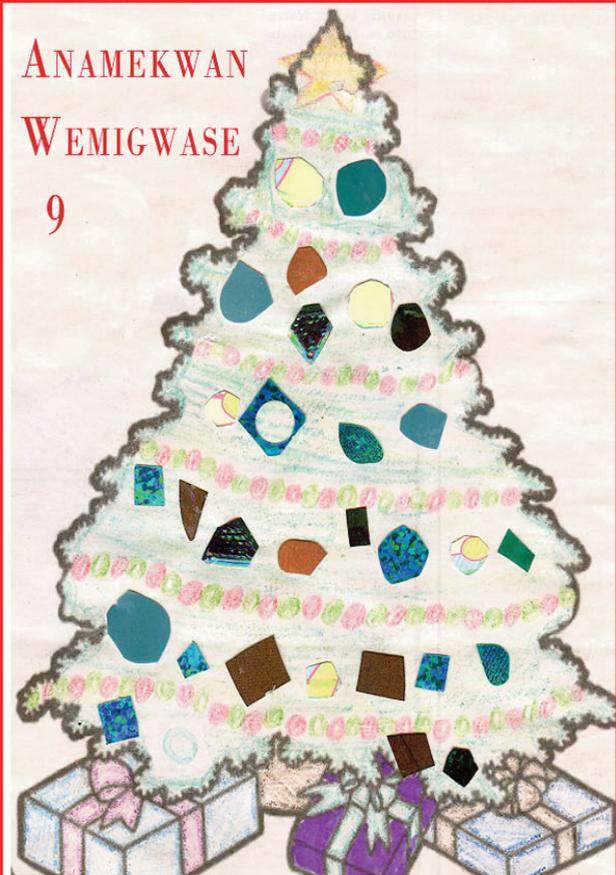
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### LETTERS TO SANTA WINNERS

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the toys.  
Luv, Alex.

Alex Skippergosh, 6

Dear Santa,  
What I would like for Christmas is books, a boy baby doll, Easy bake oven, nail polish that is red and a Hannah Montana CD. Oh yeah, Santa, I have got your cookies all ready for you! You are awesome Santa! I love you Santa! Merry Christmas! Love, Ellie.

Ellie Ettawageshik, 7

Dear Santa,

I want to tell you things that I am thankful for. I am thankful for my mom and dad because they let me do the things I want sometimes if I am good and they love me so much. I think a good gift would be a maid! I'm thankful for my grandma and grandpa who always spoil me and they love me, too! I think a gift for them would be a gift card to Family Video or a new car. I am thankful for my sisters; they make me feel better and make me laugh and giggle. I believe a good gift for my sisters would be to get ice cream every single day. I'm thankful for my aunt Winnay because she makes me thing BIG! I think a good gift for her would be a nice, fancy and bigger house. I am thankful for my dog Powwow because he gives me a job and makes me happy. I think a good gift for my dog would be the best treats ever and he would have some for every single day. Those are the things and people that I am thankful for. The thing I want most for Christmas is X-box Connect. What I really want for Christmas is a room makeover! On Christmas, I want an I-Pod and a cell phone, too. I want a bowling alley in my house! I want a little dog coat for my dog and little boots for him so his feet and body don't get cold! I hope you and your reindeer don't get cold on Christmas morning! Love, Anamekwan Wemigwase.

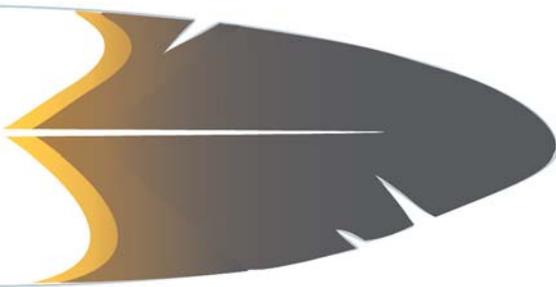
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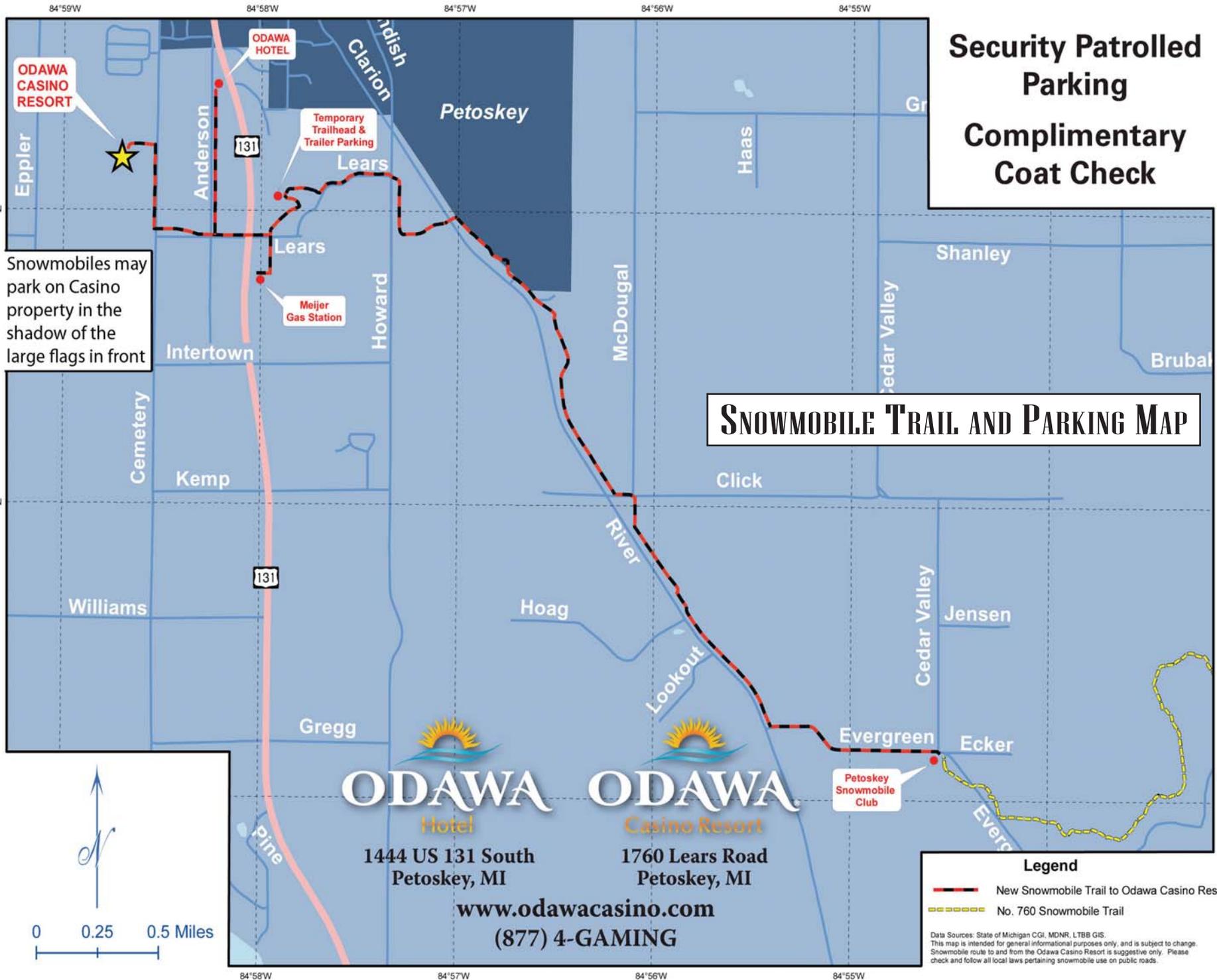
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# Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

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

**November 7, 2010**

Closed Session: yes  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:07 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Moment of Silence

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

Absent: Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele La-Count

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington, Vice-Chairman Dexter McNamara, General Counsel James Bransky

Public: Bea Law, Alan Proctor

Invited Guests: none

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Chingwa to adopt the agenda for November 7, 2010 with changes.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Otto to approve the minutes of October 24, 2010 with corrections.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to Ratify Into The Record The Phone Poll Dated October 26, 2010 "Motion to approve the following confidential documents as submitted to Tribal Council by the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick on October 26, 2010 with waiver of sovereign immunity clauses contained therein: Security Agreement; Depository Agreement; and Indenture; as submitted and revised by Attorney Tim Kincaid; and shall be signed in accordance with Tribal Resolution 062710-01, as applicable to meet an immediate deadline to protect a vital interest of the Tribe." The Phone Poll passed 7-yes, 1-no, 1-abstained, 0-absent.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to Ratify into the Record the Phone Poll Dated November 03, 2010 "Motion to Approve Potential Legal Action and Expenses Associated with the Bay Mills Casino in Vanderbilt Area, to protect a vital interest of the Tribe." The Phone Poll passed 9-yes, 0-no, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

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

Motion carried.  
Elder Comments: no comments at this time.

9:19 a.m. Councilor Kiogima arrived.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Chingwa to accept Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet verbal and written report with confidential items contained therein.

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

9:44 a.m. Recess called.

9:58 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

9:59 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Bardwell to go into closed session for legal.

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

Motion carried.

10:46 a.m. Councilor R. Shananaquet arrived.

11:19 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Mulholland to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

11:20 a.m. Recess called.

11:29 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal and written Treasurer Report and Appropriations and Finance Committee update for November 7, 2010.

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

11:58 a.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

11:58 a.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to modify and allocate an additional appropriation of \$45,000 to the per capita distribution program line item #1401-8-00 in order to pay every Tribal Citizen \$500.00 dollars this year for their 2010 per capita distribution including cost of postage. Funding to come from prior period funds.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Chingwa to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to come from prior year funds to assist Tribal Elders with specialized dental costs not covered by the Tribal Health Clinic and approve the funding to the Elders Department budget.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor R. Shananaquet), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to a 2010 Winter Solstice Party line item #2104-2-00 with funds to come from Prior year funding provided that each Tribal child eighteen (18) years of age or younger shall receive a \$20.00 Winter Solstice gift in lieu of gifts being distributed at the Winter Solstice party.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Otto, Councilor R. Shananaquet), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve the Hotline Policy dated November 7, 2010.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Chingwa and supported by Treasurer Bott to request the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick draft a statute that creates the Accounting as a Department under Tribal Council as a government office for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in accordance with the Tribal Constitution for Tribal Council approval.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2011

**January 8 Work Session  
January 9 Council Meeting  
January 22 Work Session  
January 23 Council Meeting**

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

12:20 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:57 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Treasurer Bott absent.

2:05 p.m. Treasurer Bott arrived.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to post Declaration 110710-01 Statement and opposition to Bay Mills Casino in Vanderbilt Michigan.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to acknowledge receipt of the Waganakising Odawak Development, Inc., Quarterly Report, By-Laws, copy of the Annual Financial Audit and the Travel policy.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the verbal report as presented by Councilor Kiogima Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson for November 7, 2010.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the verbal report as presented by Councilor Chingwa Legal and Leg-

islative Committee Chairperson for November 7, 2010.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

3:12 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:13 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:14 p.m. Councilor Kiogima left the meeting.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to accept the verbal report of the Constitutionally Mandated Rules of Conduct for Officials of Tribal Government Ethics Committee verbal and written report as presented by Councilor Otto Committee Chairperson for November 7, 2010.

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

3:13 p.m. Recess called.

3:24 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

3:26 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Chingwa and supported by Councilor Bardwell to go into closed session for confidential business matters-Casino.

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

4:18 p.m. Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Mulholland to return to open session.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to approve the following confidential documents as submitted to Tribal Council by the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick on November 7, 2010 with waiver of sovereign immunity clauses contained therein: Security Agreement; Depository Agreement; Indenture; Revised Indenture; Amendment to FF & E Loan Agreement, Deposit Account Control Agreement, Fee Agreement with Wilmington Trust; and any clerical or technical revisions that do not involve substantive changes may be approved by the Tribal Chair and the Tribal Treasurer and shall be signed in accordance with Tribal Resolution 062710-01, as applicable.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal and written report for November 7, 2010.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated October 20, 2010 for a total of 10.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to approve Enrollment List B - Declination Ineligible

dated October 20, 2010 for a total of 3.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to acknowledge Enrollment List C - Voluntary Relinquishment dated November 5, 2010 for a total of 1.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution: Authorization for Liquidation of Investment Funds in the amount up to approximately \$5,000,000.00.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to adopt Tribal Resolution: Authorization for Liquidation of Investment Funds in the approximate amount of \$526,000.00.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the 2011 Tribal Council Schedule.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to table the Cell phones and other Communication Devices Policy to a work session agenda.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to table the Computer Equipment and Internet Expense Policy to a work session agenda.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to pass the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Resources Rules and Regulations REG-WOS 2008-012 102010-001.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to post the Gaming Delegation and Authority DRAFT Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to pass the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Resources Rules and Regulations REG-WOS 2008-012 102010-001.

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

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Councilor Bardwell to pass the Constitutionally Mandated Compensation for Tribal Council Statute.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to cancel the November 20, 2010 Tribal Council work session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Otto), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

4:58 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Chingwa to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Otto), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Kiogima) Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

### Emergency Meeting November 10, 2010

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 2:10 p.m.

Physical Council Present: Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima

Teleconference Council Present: Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, 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: General Counsel James Bransky

Councilor Rita Shananaquet arrived by telephone conference.

2:10 p.m. Motion made Councilor Chingwa and supported by Councilor Otto to go into closed session for legal.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

3:57 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Chingwa to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to direct General Counsel Bransky to draft a letter to clarify the Tribes position with the State of Michigan that states that Tribal Council is assessing the impact of the Vanderbilt casino on the compact with the State and shall make a determination on the withholding of the 6% in February 2011, for Tribal Council's approval prior to submission.

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

4:05 p.m. Councilor R. Shananaquet left the meeting.

4:07 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to adjourn.

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

November 21, 2010

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:05 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

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

Absent: Councilor Gerald V. Chingwa, Treasurer John Bott

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, General Counsel James Bransky, Gaming Board of Directors: Secretary/Treasurer Sheran Patton, Casino: General Manager David Wolf, Director of Human Resource Melissa Richards, Director of Finance Roger Borton, Facility Operations Manager Barry Laughlin, Director of Marketing Phil Gonzales, Director of Table Games Susan Foster, Director of Hospitality Mike Bodjiak, Director of Slots Frank Kirsch

Guests: Bill Denemy, Sr., Bea Law, Marcia Sutton, Carla Steingold, Andrew Stich, Bernadece Kiogima, Howard Martell, Joe Lucier, Carol Kiogima, Rick Norberg, Jane Martell, Jeanie Norris, Starr Behrens, Melissa Massey, Eva Oldman, Rochelle Etawageshik, Carrie Horn, Sunrise Granados, Lila Bertrom, Raymond Martell

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to adopt the agenda for November 21, 2010 with additions.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Chingwa, Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the minutes of November 7, 2010 with corrections.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Chingwa, Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the minutes of November 10, 2010 with corrections.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Chingwa, Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the minutes of November 10, 2010 with corrections.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Chingwa, Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Otto to ratify into the Record the Phone Poll Dated November 10, 2010 "Motion to approve the Confidential Supplemental of Disclosure Statement as submitted by Legislative Services Attorney Budnick on November 10, 2010, and to authorize its use in the bond restructuring to meet an immediate deadline." The Phone Poll passed 8-yes, 0-no, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Chingwa, Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor Bardwell to Ratify into the Record the Phone Poll Dated November 12, 2010 "Motion to Approve the Attached Letter Addressed to the State of Michigan Clarifying the Tribe's Position on the 6% Payment to the State, to meet an Immediate Deadline." The Phone Poll passed 6-yes, 3-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

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Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Chingwa, Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

9:24 a.m. Tribal Elder Comments: Bill Denemy Sr., spoke regarding the vacancy for Chief Judge in support of the Executive nomination for Chief Judge.

9:48 a.m. Councilor Chingwa arrived.

10:13 a.m. Recess called.

10:22 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

10:26 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Kiogima to go into closed session for legal.

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

11:30 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to return to open session.

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

11:31 a.m. Recess called.

11:36 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

The Appropriations and Finance Committee acknowledges receipt of the 2012 Election Board Budget.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Carla Steingold Rick Nordberg, Joe Lucier, Starleigh Behrens, Jeanie Norris, Melissa Massey, Andrew Stich and Jane Martell spoke in support of the Executive nomination of Bernadece Kiogima for Chief Judge. Bea Law spoke regarding the Tribal Chairman's Odawa Trails article and an email sent by the Tribal Chairman.

12:00 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:01 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:28 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

1:35 p.m. Councilor Otto arrived.

2:17 p.m. Recess called.

2:29 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson Kiogima's verbal report for November 21, 2010.

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

3:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount spoke supporting the need for on site hotel security and support for removal of the provision for casino employees to wear employment badges while on site, during off-work hours. Joe Lucier shared with Tribal Council the Tribal Court's increased services offered and future presentation to Tribal Council.

3:08 p.m. Public Comment closed. Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Mulholland to accept the verbal report from Legal and Legislative Committee Chairperson Chingwa for November 21, 2010.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Councilor R. Shananaquet's verbal Tribal Council member report regarding Constitutional interpretation for November 21, 2010.

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

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal for November 21, 2010.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

stained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to acknowledge Tribal Chairman Harrington's verbal and written report with confidential items contained therein.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated November 15, 2010 for a total of 15.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Chingwa), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to Enrollment List B - In-Eligible for Citizenship dated November 15, 2010 for a total of 4.

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

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to table the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) Wildland Fire Management Cooperative Agreement.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor R. Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Mulholland to approve 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: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to approve 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: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve 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: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization of Action in November 21, 2010 Confidential Memo.

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

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to rescind the October 24, 2010 motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Mulholland to table the nomination for Chief Judge until Tribal Council receives all petitions and applications for the position.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 4 - No (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Chingwa, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet, Secretary Gasco Bentley), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Kiogima), 1 - Absent (Treasurer Bott) Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet to not accept the Executive nomination for Chief Judge and the executive to bring fourth other nominations.

Motion dies due to lack of support.

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to post the Governmental Accounting Office draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

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

4:42 p.m. Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to go into closed session for confidential business matters casino.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Otto) Motion carried.

4:50 p.m. Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor R. Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to designate the Tribal Chair and Tribal Treasurer as the designated Officers that shall have the authority to extend the Tender Offer and closing for up to one additional week in the event that less than \$116 million of Notes are tendered to the Exchange Officer and that any other conditions to the consummation of the Tender Offer have not occurred prior to such dates.

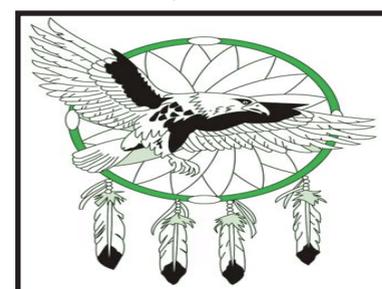
Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Mulholland), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor R. Shananaquet) Motion carried.

5:00 p.m. Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to adjourn.

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date



# Lines From our Membership



## Birthdays

Happy birthday to the Smith twins!! If you see **Lauree Kirchoff** or **Cory Smith** around on January 8th, be sure to wish them a happy birthday! Love to you both from the entire clan.

Happy birthday to **Linda Gokee** on January 28th! Hoping you have a great day. Love, your sis, T., Michael & Jordan.

Happy birthday to our **Dad**, the best sausage cooker and snuggle bug. We love you Dad. Anamekwan, Waasey and Gia.

Happy birthday to **Derek Boda, Cheryl Boda, Norman Shananaquet, Alicia Shenoskey, Jessi Hahn, Rita Mae, Steve Berry and Karen Sue Naganashe**. Love, Dorothy and Don Boda.

Happy birthday to my eldest son, **Gerald Lee Field!** Thank you for all the great memories with more to come!!! All my love, Mom.

Happy 21st birthday to my granddaughter, **Jennifer Jacobs**, on January 1. Love, Grandma.

Happy birthday to **Bernadece Kiogima**, Tribal Court Administrator, on January 22, from the Tribal Court staff.

Happy birthday **Curtis Dean Willis**. 70 is an AWESOME number for a tribal elder to celebrate on January 15. We are SO looking forward to spending a week in Ocean City on the beach visiting with you and your family this summer. Have a Super-Duper funtastic day. Lots of love and best wishes from sis, Rick, all the Harmon boys and their families, Tarbaby, Odie and Sassy.

Happy 85th birthday on January 8th, Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma, **Irene Petoskey**. You are the best, and we all wish you the greatest day ever. Love from your kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.

Happy birthday wishes to my sisters, **Priscilla** and **Boots**, along with my nephew, **Shai**, the Rapper. I love you all! Judy.

Happy birthday to **Cory Smith**. You are a wonderful Mother and Grandmother! We love you and hope you are having a good winter. We can't wait for you to come back home. Love, your amazing children, Katie, Nathan and Paul and your beautiful granddaughter Abigail.

Happy 38th birthday wishes to **Paul Joseph Harmon** on January 1st. Love, Brother Phil, Jen and Pator.

MnoDibishkaak nwiikaane'ak **Robert Yellowbank, Jr. & Carter McFall**. (Boba Louie miinwaa Snorter) Gzaagigo!

## Birthdays

Happy 29th birthday **Aaron** on January 2nd. Love, Mom, Dad, Neewin, Homey, Bungii and Chi Gus.

Happy birthday to **Justin Reyes Gavin** who will be turning a quarter of a century old on January 31st. You make me proud son, you are a good father & a hard worker. I love you, Mom.

Happy birthday to **Don Ho** on January 31st ...Theresa, Michael & Jordan.

Happy 1st birthday to my granddaughter, **MJ!** And, a very happy birthday to my grandson, **Jaxon**, the next day!! Hope you enjoy your presents!! All my love, Grandma Judy.

Happy birthday to **Linda Gokee** on January 28. Love, Mom.

## Anniversary

Happy anniversary to **Cole and Shannon Hume**. Love, Dorothy and Don Boda.

## Miigwetch



Miigwetch to **Blumke's Excavating** for donating its time and equipment to remove the old wood chips and to get our playground ready for our new rubber mulch. We really appreciate your generosity. The LTBB Head Start Program.

# Odawa Casino Resort Holiday Hours

<p><b>Christmas Eve</b>  <b>Waas-no-de' Buffet</b>                  10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch                  5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Dinner  <b>Copper Café</b>                  24 Hours  <b>Sage Restaurant:</b> Closed  <b>Ozone:</b> Closed  <b>Rendezvous Lounge</b>                  10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Soda service until midnight  <b>Quill Box</b>                  8 a.m. to 9 p.m.  <b>Gourmet 2 Go</b>                  8 a.m. to 9 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Rendezvous Lounge</b>                  Closed for alcoholic beverages, Soda service until midnight  <b>Quill Box</b>                  12 p.m. to 9 p.m.  <b>Gourmet 2 Go</b>                  12 p.m. to 9 p.m.</p>	<p>10 a.m. to 4 a.m.  <b>Quill Box</b>                  9 a.m. to midnight  <b>Gourmet 2 Go</b>                  9 a.m. to midnight</p>
<p><b>Christmas Day</b>  <b>Waas-no-de' Buffet</b>                  11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Dinner  <b>Copper Café</b>                  24 Hours  <b>Sage Restaurant:</b> Closed  <b>Ozone:</b> Closed</p>	<p><b>New Year's Eve</b>  <b>Waas-no-de' Buffet</b>                  10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch                  5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Dinner                  12:30 a.m. to 3 a.m. Breakfast Buffet  <b>Copper Café</b>                  24 hours  <b>Sage Restaurant</b>                  5 p.m. to 1 a.m.  <b>Ozone</b>                  9 p.m. to 4 a.m.  <b>Rendezvous Lounge</b></p>	<p><b>New Year's Day</b>  <b>Waas-no-de' Buffet</b>                  9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brunch                  5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Dinner  <b>Copper Café</b>                  24 hours  <b>Sage Restaurant</b>                  5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  <b>Ozone</b>                  7 p.m. to 2 a.m.  <b>Rendezvous Lounge</b>                  10 a.m. to 2 a.m.  <b>Quill Box</b>                  8 a.m. to 11 p.m.  <b>Gourmet 2 Go</b>                  10 a.m. to 10 p.m.</p>

## Enjoy Christmas Dinner at the Waas-no-de' Buffet Inside Odawa Casino Resort

<p>Saturday, December 25, 2010                  \$17.95 Adults                  \$7.95 Children ages 6-12                  Children 1-5 Complimentary  <b>Cold Station</b>                  Full Salad Bar                  Seasoned Boiled Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce  <b>Soup Station</b>                  Turkey Noodle with Fresh Vegetables                  Cheddar Broccoli Soup                  New England Clam Chowder  <b>Entrées</b>                  Carving Station                  Herb Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, Au jus                  Carved Bone in Ham with Rum Raisin Sauce                  Roasted Tom Turkey with Pan Gravy</p>	<p>Fresh Cranberry Relish                  Southern Fried Chicken                  Chicken Roulades stuffed with hickory smoked ham and fresh asparagus                  Garlic Mashed Redskin Potatoes                  Apple Sage Dressing                  Southern Style Sausage and Cornbread Dressing                  Classic Green Bean Casserole                  Candied Yams                  Fresh Cauliflower Au Gratin                  Brussel Sprouts with Bacon and Shallots  <b>Featured Entrées</b>                  Potato Pancakes                  Homemade Applesauce                  Yankee Pot Roast                  Shrimp Newburg                  Grilled Whitefish</p>	<p>Pierogis                  Braised Cabbage                  Fresh Polish Sausage with Sauerkraut                  Glazed Turnips                  Includes selections from our Italian Station and Seafood Station                  Array of Freshly Baked Rolls and Breads  <b>Christmas Desserts</b>                  Cream Puffs with Hot Fudge                  Assorted Holiday Cookies                  Pumpkin, Pecan and Apple Pie                  Baked Apples                  Fruit Cobblers                  Bread Pudding with vanilla sauce                  Cheesecake                  Sugar free desserts                  Fresh Strawberry Shortcake                  Holiday Candies</p>
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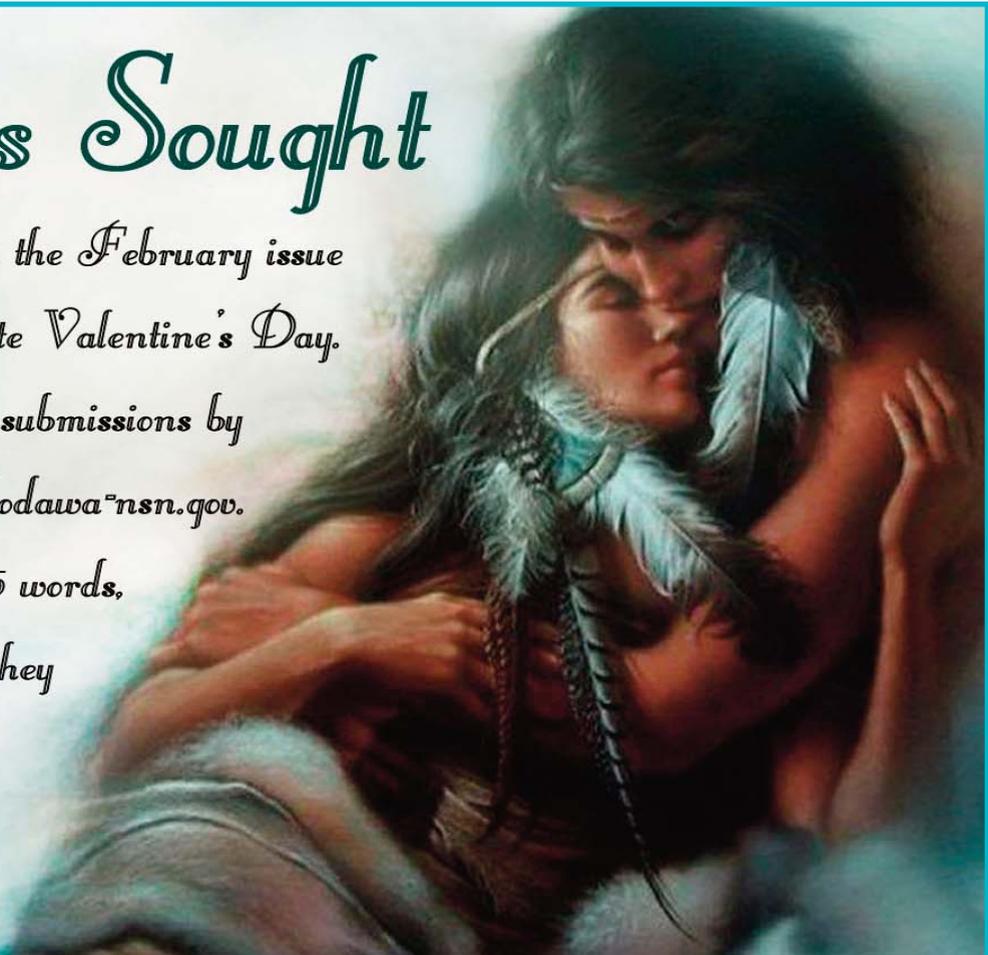
# Love Lines Sought

We will include Love Lines in the February issue of the Odawa Trails to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Please e-mail your Love Lines submissions by January 2nd to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

They must be no longer than 15 words, no photos will be included, and they must be signed. No secret admirers or unsigned Love

Lines will be published.



# LTBB YEAR IN REVIEW 2010

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

*Editor's note: This is the first section of the "LTBB Year in Review 2010 as Selected by Odawa Trails Staff." The second section of the article will appear in the February 2011 issue of Odawa Trails.*

## LTBB Tribal Citizen Receives 2010 Michigan Heritage Award



The Michigan Heritage Awards Program named LTBB Tribal Citizen Renee Wasson Dillard a 2010 Michigan Heritage Award Recipient for her "lifelong work in, and perpetuation, of black ash basketry, finger weaving and other natural fiber arts traditions." She received her award at a ceremony held in August 2010.

Dillard considers herself a finger weaver first, but she is focused on making black ash baskets right now because they can be mass produced, there is a market for them and because she is not sure how much longer black ash trees will be available due to the Emerald Ash Borer. She and her partner, Edward Peterson, a member of the Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, have been making black ash baskets full-time for the past six years. Her family learned to make black ash baskets from Paul and Vivian Jackson and Rose Shagonaby.

## Murray Road Housing Project near Completion

As reported in the January 2010 issue of Odawa Trails, LTBB held a groundbreaking ceremony at the 80-acre Murray Road Housing Project site in Hayes Township, MI, on November 20, 2009 and started work on it in December 2009. The project is scheduled for completion on December 26, 2010, and an open house is scheduled for January 2011. The 10-unit project has eight, three bedroom and two, two bedroom homes.

Total cost for the project was expected to be between \$2.5 and \$3 million with \$2 million coming from a federal stimulus grant, and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) provided funding for infrastructure improvements, including underground utilities, natural gas and on-site waste treatment.

## Federal Stimulus Money Funds Single Family Home with Attached Garage

The first custom built home in the Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Housing Development in Harbor Springs, MI, with an attached garage was completed in November 2010 and was funded by federal stimulus money. It is a three-bedroom, single family home.

## Mental Health/Substance Abuse Department Relocated

As reported in the January 2010 issue of Odawa Trails, the Mental Health/Sub-

stance Abuse Department relocated to the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey, MI, as of November 30, 2009. The department previously was located in a Greenwood Road rental building in Petoskey.

## Handbags of Hope Provides Handbags for Women in Northern Michigan

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. The handbags were then delivered to women at the local safe house and to clients of the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Department. On May 6, 2010, Bobcean and a volunteer delivered 35 handbags and 17 teen handbags to Odawa Casino Resort Community Development Manager Martin VanDeCar, who accepted them on behalf of Dr. Samuels, at the LTBB Health Park. Volunteers of Handbags of Hope make trips twice a year, one around Mother's Day and one around Christmas, to deliver the handbags to shelters, safe homes and organizations across Michigan.

## Art-Textiles Certificate Program Developed in WOCTEP

Through the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP), LTBB partnered with North Central Michigan College (NCMC) in Petoskey to offer an Art-Textiles certificate program. It was the seventh certificate program offered through WOCTEP. It was developed by NCMC Art Department Director Shanna Robinson and consists of 22 credit hours. The program started Winter Semester 2010.

## Tribal Police Officer Saves Woman's Life

As reported in the February 2010 issue of Odawa Trails, Law Enforcement Officer Jeff Livingston saved the life of 49-year-old Elizabeth Fischer on December 5, 2010. Fischer, a vendor at the Holiday Bazaar held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, suffered a



seizure and had a weak pulse. Within minutes, Allied EMS arrived and transported Fischer to Northern Michigan Regional Hospital where she was later released.

On January 28, 2010 during the Elders Luncheon held at the LTBB Governmental Center, LTBB honored Livingston. Livingston, a Charlevoix, MI, resident, received the second life-saving citation of his career. He received his first one several years ago when he worked for the Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department.

## LTBB Establishes Odawa Healing to Wellness Drug Court for Adults

The LTBB Tribal Court received an

Adult Drug Court grant in early 2010 and established an Odawa Healing to Wellness Drug Court for adults. The goal of the program is to reach out to 25 LTBB Tribal Citizens in the next 2-1/2 years who have a history of drug and alcohol dependency and who "are willing to participate in a challenging and demanding course of action." It is a one-year program with some excluding factors.

## Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. Expands Investment Area and Receives U.S. Department of Treasury Award

On January 16, 2010, the Board of Directors of Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. (NSLF) unanimously agreed to expand its current Northern Michigan investment area of Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties to also include Antrim, Grand Traverse and Kalkaska counties.

On April 30, 2010, NSLF was named one of only 45 Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to receive funding in the 2010 round of the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) CDFI program. It was the recipient of \$149,599 in Technical Assistance (TA) funding and is the only Native CDFI in Michigan receiving funding through this program in 2010.

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. is located in Harbor Springs and is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization incorporated under LTBB. The mission of the organization is to assist entrepreneurs of Northern Michigan with training, business incubation and access to capital that fosters economic development for the Northern Michigan community.

## LTBB Tribal Citizen Designs Junior Birders Logo and Has Article Published

LTBB Tribal Citizen Anamekwan Wemigwase, 9, designed the logo for See-North's Junior Birders of Northern Michigan program. Wemigwase participated in the program which had monthly field trips to birding spots all over Northern Michigan. The focus of each trip was identifying birds by sight, but participants also learn about bird song, habitat, migration, ecology, conservation, migration and the study of birds.

The Michigan Audubon Magazine asked the See-North's Junior Birders of Northern Michigan program to submit an article for publication in the Kid's Corner section of its March 2010 magazine, and Wemigwase wrote it. She wrote about why she likes birding and explained the logo she designed.

## LTBB Tribal Citizen Narrator of Documentary Film

On March 2, 2010, the documentary film "Black Ash Basketry: A Story of Cultural Resilience" premiered in Grand Rapids, MI. The film explores the Anishinabe tradition of Black Ash Basketry in Western Michigan. LTBB Tribal Citizen Dave Shananaquet narrates the film.

## LTBB Tribal Citizen Honors Memory of Shirley Naganashe-Oldman

To honor the memory of former Tribal Councilor Shirley Naganashe-Oldman on the one-year anniversary of her passing, LTBB Tribal Citizen Tom Teuthorn added her image to one of his three murals located in the Commons Area at the LTBB Governmental Center. The mural depicts an Odawa woman elder in

the clouds, and there are five women represented by ghostly images performing a water ceremony below the Odawa woman elder. Teuthorn painted Naganashe-Oldman's likeness in the clouds to the right of the Odawa woman elder he originally painted in the mural. Teuthorn painted her image on February 20, 2010 and surprised her family on February 22, 2010 as they gathered in the Commons Area for a feast in her honor.

## LTBB Harvests First Sturgeon in 2010



In accordance with the conditions of the negotiated 2007 Inland Consent Decree, the five 1836 Treaty of Washington signatory tribes (the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, LTBB and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) agreed to delay harvest in the Black Lake system until the adult sturgeon population reached 750 or more.

Near the end of 2009, it was determined the adult population had surpassed 750, so the five tribes and the State of Michigan agreed to allocate the 2010 sturgeon harvest between the parties. Each tribe was allocated one fish, and the State of Michigan was allocated five fish. Because of time restraints, the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) decided to issue the first LTBB sturgeon permit as a ceremonial permit and to then have a community feast with the harvested sturgeon. NRC selected LTBB Tribal Citizen Rodney Worthington for the ceremonial harvest, and he caught a 61-pound sturgeon on April 15, 2010 in the Black Lake, located in eastern Cheboygan County, MI. NRC and the Natural Resource Department hosted a sturgeon feast for the tribal community on April 21, 2010.

## Tribal Chairman Testifies on Asian Carp Issue

In February 2010, Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington gave testimony on the Asian Carp issue in Lansing, MI, before the State of Michigan's Senate Subcommittee specifically for the prevention of the Asian Carp infiltrating the Great Lakes. The speech is on file at the State of Michigan.

## Sean Barnard Resigns as Casino GM and David Wolf is Hired as Casino GM

Sean Barnard worked at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey as the General Manager from mid-May 2008 to Decem-

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ber 4, 2009. He is currently the Senior Vice President/General Manager for Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

In May 2010, David Wolf started as the Odawa Casino Resort General Manager. Wolf brought more than 25 years of diversified gaming experience to the position. Prior to accepting the position, he worked as the Corporate Vice President of Planning and Analysis for Legends Gaming. Wolf is a graduate of Rider University with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree in both Accounting and Finance.

### LTBB Tribal Community Builds Teaching Longhouse

On April 23, 2010 and April 24, 2010, members of the LTBB Tribal Community constructed a teaching longhouse on the tribe's Osborne Road property in Readmond Township, MI. At daybreak on April 25, 2010, the lodge was used for the first time for a giveaway and feast.

### LTBB Tribal Citizen Participates in Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony

Nigel Schuyler, 28, participated in the opening ceremony of the 2010 Winter Olympics held February 12, 2010 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Schuyler, who is LTBB and Oneida, was one of an estimated 4,500 performers in the opening ceremony. When you watched the opening ceremony on NBC, you could

"Bang the Drum." He was one of 16 dancers in the group that surrounded Furtado and Adams. He is the son of William and Cynthia (Shawanibin) Schuyler, and the grandson of the late Ralph and the late Maryann (Kenoshmeg) Shawanibin.

### LTBB Tribal Citizen Wins Morris K. Udall Scholarship

LTBB Tribal Citizen Ashley Keller, 21, was one of 80 college students selected nationwide by the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation as a 2010 Udall Scholar. Keller, a Harbor Springs, MI, resident, is a behavioral science major with a concentration in sociology and a theater minor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Grand Valley State University. She plans to pursue graduate study in tribal public policy. Her career goal is to help Native American children through program development or social work. The 2010 Udall Scholars assembled in August 2010 to receive their awards and to meet policymakers and community leaders in environmental fields, tribal health care and governance. She is the daughter of Joe and Alice Keller.

### LTBB Pow Wow Photographs Featured in 2010 Indian Country Today Pow Wow Today Magazine

Every year, Indian Country Today produces a pow wow directory titled, "Indian Country Pow Wow Today." Indian Country Today requests pow wow photos from amateur and professional photographers and pow wow organizers for inclusion in the directory. Five photographs taken during the 17th Annual and 18th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wows in Harbor Springs were featured in the directory as well as three photographs taken at

the 43rd Annual Menominee Nation Contest Pow Wow in Keshena, WI, and the American Indian Center of Chicago 56th Annual Pow Wow in Chicago, IL. The photographs were taken in my capacity as

Communications Coordinator, so all are the property of LTBB.

### Odawa Casino Resort Chef Team Wins Chefs Challenge

An Odawa Casino Resort Chef Team of Chef Rob Sargent, Chef Roger Cooley, Chef Thomas Vachon, Todd Makela and

Staff Accountant Art Gerhardt, WOCTEP Curriculum Specialist Amber Holt, Conservation Officer Roger Willis, Geographic Information System (GIS) Coordinator Jim Keiser, Facilities Worker Andrew Stich, Law Enforcement Officer Jeff Livingston and Benefits Coordinator Stephanie Howell.



Mike Bodjiak won top honors at the Third Annual Chefs Challenge benefitting Challenge Mountain on April 24, 2010. The event was held at Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, MI. It included a Tasting Event and resulted in a Cook-Off between the top two teams. The event raised more than \$24,000 for Challenge Mountain.

### LTBB Cross-Deputization Agreement Featured in Article

In an article titled, "Indian Country Law Enforcement and Cooperative Public Safety Agreements," that appeared in the February 2010 issue of the Michigan Bar Journal, LTBB's cross-deputization agreement with Emmet and Charlevoix counties was featured. The article was written by Matthew L.M. Fletcher, Kathryn E. Fort and Wenona T. Singel, a LTBB Tribal Citizen and Chief Justice of the LTBB Appellate Court.

### Circle of Excellence 2010

Selected by their peers, seven LTBB Governmental Employees received Circle of Excellence honors on April 26, 2010 at the LTBB Government Employee Appre-

### LTBB Tribal Citizen Inducted into Golden Key Society at LSSU

LTBB Tribal Citizen Joe Kishego participated in Lake Superior State University's 2010 commencement ceremony on May 1, 2010 as a Golden Grad. Kishego, who earned a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from LSSU, was inducted into the Golden Graduate Society. He and the other Golden Graduates led the processional of graduates at commencement.

*Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar except for the photos of Rodney Worthington holding the sturgeon and of Nigel Schuyler. Those are courtesy photos.*



spot Schuyler in his fancy dancer regalia with eagle bustles containing orange fringe in the background behind Nelly Furtado when Furtado and Bryan Adams sang the Athlete Tribute Song which was titled,

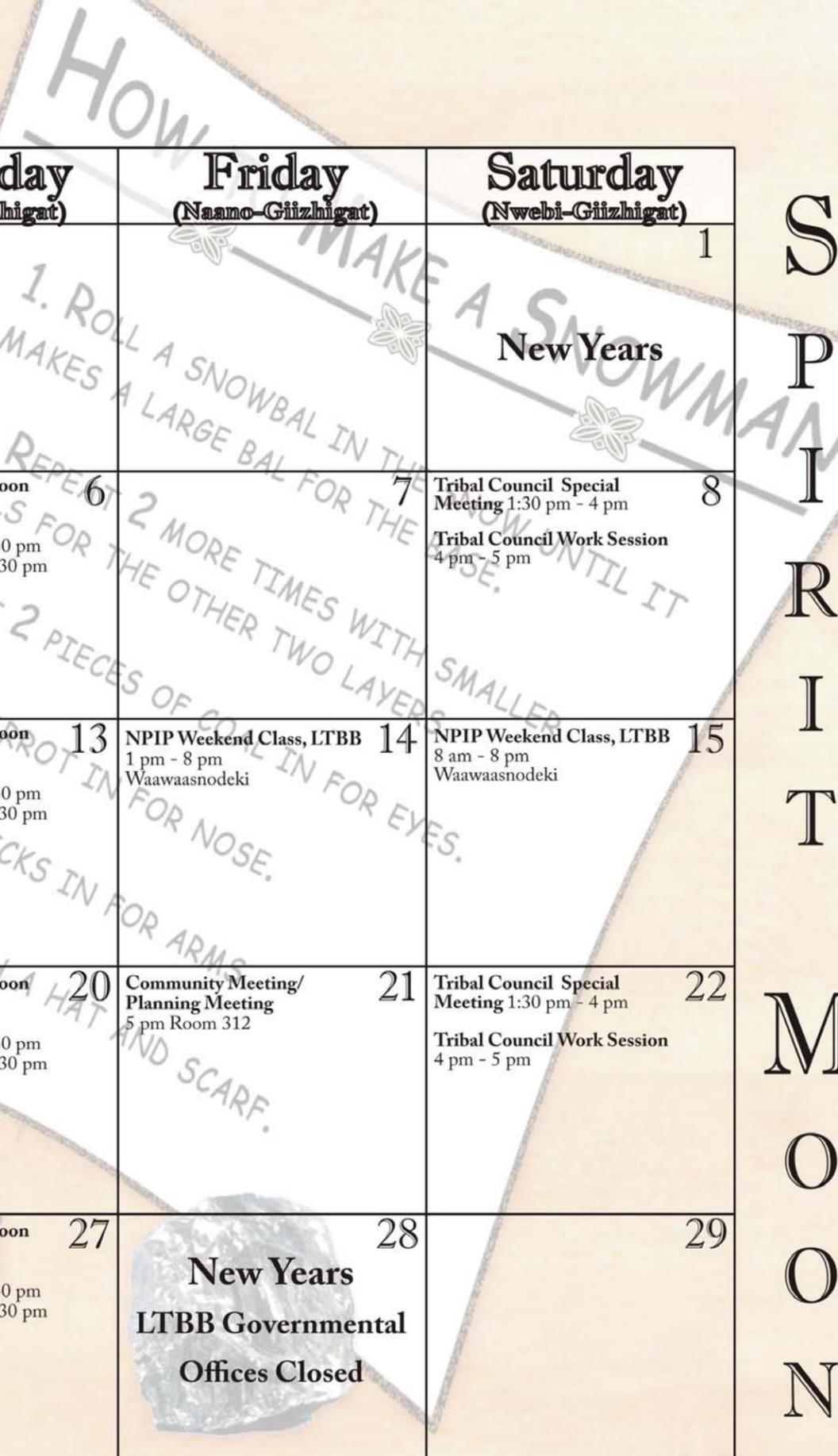


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million of cash and \$40 million of new notes.

- Reduced interest rate of 10.25% to 9%.
- Reduced yearly interest payment from \$12 million to \$3.6 million.
- Extended maturity date from 2014 to 2020.
- The New Notes have an improved security position relative to the Old Notes with operating cash flow now deposited in a Pledged Revenue Account and collateral on the unencumbered gaming assets of the resort.
- In addition, the tribe agreed to a reduction of minimum guaranteed tribal distributions, but if the resort meets its revised financial projections, total tribal distributions would be at a similar level as it was entitled to under the Old Notes.

Based on today’s performance of Odawa Casino Resort, the tribe anticipates continuing to receive its ASP of approximately \$13 million a year. Tribal Council will continue to use due diligence in monitoring casino revenue and the tribal budget. Also, Tribal Council anticipates any increases in revenue from the casino will be used toward debt reduction.

If you have additional 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 newsletter as well as our website at [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov).

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

*Pictured from left to right in the back row of the courtesy photo are Tribal Councilor Aaron Wayne Otto, Treasurer John Bott, Tribal Councilor Belinda Bardwell and Tribal Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima and pictured from left to right in the front row are Secretary Regina Gasco-Bentley, Tribal Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet and Tribal Councilor Gerald Chingwa. Not pictured in the photo is Tribal Councilor Marvin Mulholland.*

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the tribe for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification. The regional U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Director will be in attendance. HUD may be using our housing project for a national model for Indian tribes across the nation. This affordable housing project was built with a \$2 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant. All units have been filled.

A single family home is complete and ready for occupancy at the Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke Housing Development in Harbor Springs, MI. An open house for January 2011 is planned. This home is the first to have an attached garage. The project was funded by an ARRA grant. Interested tribal citizens should contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540.

There is now a snowmobile trail to Odawa Casino Resort thanks to the cooperative efforts of Team OCR, the LTBB Tribal Government, the City of Petoskey’s City Manager and Staff, the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, Bear Creek Town-

ship officials, the Emmet County Road Commission, the Michigan Department of Transportation and railroad officials, LTBB’s State Lobbyist, the Petoskey Snowmobile Club (PSC), the Michigan Snowmobile Association and private landowners. Studies show the Michigan snowmobiling industry creates nearly \$2 billion in revenues for the State of Michigan. The stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels and our casino can profit from this industry. Odawa Casino Resort is the first casino to have snowmobile access in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. The Bay Mills Indian Community and all the Upper Peninsula tribal casinos have snowmobile access. The local Meijer store in Petoskey is accessible for 24-hour gas on the new trail. Grooming and liability insurance is provided by PSC on the new trail. The old Victories Casino site back parking lot will be the temporary “trail head” with parking available for trucks, trailers and snowmobiles.

The Veterans Memorial task force has been busy deciding on a location for the memorial. The location selected will be near the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor

Springs. Currently, the task force is working on the design of the memorial. Anyone who visits the governmental center will be able to view the memorial which is slated to be built in 2011. Please have any veterans contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 to be added to the list for the memorial.

The Natural Resource Department is finalizing working drawings for the fish hatchery in Levering, MI. The Planning Department has secured Bureau of Indian Affairs road money for the roads and parking for the hatchery. The project has been planned for years, test wells were installed to ensure adequate water supply for the hatchery, and electric has been installed to the site.

The Firekeepers Lodge is complete and ready for tribal citizens’ use for ceremonial fires. The new lodge is located at the governmental center, 250 feet east of the main entrance.

As the year 2010 comes to an end and 2011 is quickly approaching, the Executive wishes all tribal citizens and their families a safe and Happy New Year.

## Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Certificate Redemption Update

Submitted by the **Trust Fund Board**

It has been more than a decade since the original Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement certificates were issued.

All adults have been paid or they have deferred payment to a later date, however, tribal children who were enrolled before December 16, 1997 but had not yet turned 18 are still

in the process of redeeming their certificates.

The following steps are intended to aid in this process. Redeeming certificates from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 105-143, are as follows:

1. Determine your eligibility: Tribal citizens who were enrolled, but had not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon reach-

ing the age of 18.

2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his or her certificates must have a **notarized** signature.

3. Copy two pieces of identification: One piece of identification (e.g. Driver’s license) must have a picture, and the second piece needs at least your signature.

4. Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address

you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

**Note:** The address on the certificates is **not** correct:

LTBB Trust Fund Board  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have lost your certificates or need further assistance, call Trust Fund Board Member Steve Schmidt at 734-717-4406.

## NATIVE CDFI NETWORK TAKES SHAPE, UNITES NATIVE CDFIs TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Eagle Butte, South Dakota – December 2, 2010 – The Native CDFI Network, founded in 2009 to unite Native CDFIs and advance policy priorities important in Native communities, has formed an official steering committee comprised of 13 experienced professionals in the Native community and economic development field to lead the organization through its next phase of development. On this national steering committee is Lisa McComb, Executive Director of Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. (NSLF), whose offices are located in Harbor Springs, MI, and serves entrepreneurs in six Northern Michigan counties: Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Grand Traverse. During the next year, the Native CDFI Network steering committee will execute plans for the organization to reach foundational goals, creating peer-to-peer mentoring and sharing opportunities for network members and strengthening the Native CDFI industry to ensure Native peoples are represented in national policy decisions.

“I am honored to be a part of the Native CDFI Network steering committee and look forward to working with accomplished practitioners in the Native CDFI field who together can unite to create national awareness for Native funding and policy needs resulting in local assistance,” McComb said.

During the last decade, the number of certified Native community development institutions (CDFIs) has grown from two to nearly 60, creating access to capital and resources in Native communities throughout the nation.

“The Native CDFI Industry has catalyzed a transformation of Native communities everywhere. We are excited that the Native CDFI Network will provide a platform to share and expand these innovative community development strategies,” Tanya Fiddler, Native CDFI Network Co-Chair and Executive Director of Four Bands Community Fund, said.

The formation of the steering committee follows an educational policy and advocacy workshop and member meeting held at the Sixth Annual Native Convening during the Opportunity Finance Network Conference in San Francisco, CA, and includes representation from North Dakota, Maine, Oklahoma, Michigan, New Mexico as well as other states.

Robin Danner, Native CDFI Network Co-Chair and CEO of Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, com-

ments, “We are astounded by the overwhelming participation of Native CDFI practitioners in the Native CDFI Network steering committee, and know this will position the organization for success.”

The Native CDFI Network steering committee is headed by founding co-chairs, Robin Danner and Tanya Fiddler, and includes members: Chrystel Cornelius of Turtle Mountain CDFI in North Dakota, Kristi Coker of Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation in Oklahoma, Bill Spurlin of Salt River Financial Services Institution in New Mexico, Arman Batiste of Resource For Native Development in California, Sue Hammond of Four Directions Development Corporation of Maine, Jaci Ree of Oweesta in South Dakota, Sarah Dewees of First Nations Development Institute in Colorado, Marvin Ginn of Native Community Finance in New Mexico, Lisa McComb of Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. in Michigan, Pete Upton of First Ponca Financial in Nebraska and Cindy Middlestadt of Cook Inlet Lending Center in Alaska.

### About the Native CDFI Network

The Native CDFI Network was formed in 2009 to unify Native community development financial institutions (CDFIs) serving Native trust land communities, American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. Currently, nearly 60 certified Native CDFIs are located in 18 states across the country. The mission of the Native CDFI Network is to be a national voice and advocate that strengthens and promotes Native CDFIs, creating access to capital and resources for Native peoples.

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit microenterprise certified Native CDFI that serves entrepreneurs in six counties throughout Northern Michigan: Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Grand Traverse. Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. is incorporated under the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. NSLF’s mission is to assist entrepreneurs of Northern Michigan with training, business incubation and access to capital that fosters economic development for the Northern Michigan community. Since 2008, NSLF has successfully assisted local entrepreneurs with financial education and loan funding for working capital, equipment and inventory needs, resulting in retaining or creating more than 22 jobs throughout Northern Michigan. For more information, contact the NSLF Office at 231-347-6753.

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### 2011 Tribal Council Work Session and Meeting Schedule

#### Work Sessions

- January 8 and 22
- February 5 and 19
- March 5 and 19
- April 2 and 16
- April 30 and May 21
- June 11 and 25
- July 9 and 23
- August 6 and 20
- September 10 and 24
- October 8 and 22
- November 5 and 19
- December 3 and 17

#### Meetings

- January 9 and 23
- February 6 and 20
- March 6 and 20
- April 3 and 17
- May 1 and 22
- June 12 and 26
- July 10 and 24
- August 7 and 21
- September 11 and 25
- October 9 and 23
- November 6 and 20
- December 4 and 18

Tribal Council Work Sessions and Meetings are 9 a.m. in the Tribal Courtroom at the LTBB Governmental Center.

## LTBB Community Meeting Corner

### COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2010, 5 p.m.  
 Call to Order at 5:05 p.m.  
 Chairperson, Cathy Bradley, Absent  
 Secretary, Beatrice A. Law  
 Chair Designee, Debra Janney, Present  
 Guest in Attendance: CFO Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky  
 Debra Janney, Virginia Lewis, Laura Blumberg, Beatrice A. Law, Carol McFall, Alice Yellowbank and Joe Lucier  
 Called to Order: 5:05 p.m.  
 Motion to adopt the agenda with additions for November 19, 2010 by Joe Lucier, supported by Virginia Lewis. Vote: Yes 7, No 0.  
 Motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2010 with corrections by Joe Lucier, supported by Laura Blumberg. Vote: Yes 7, No 0.

Topics for Discussion  
 Chairperson Cathy Bradley requested CFO Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky report to the committee options for use and access of the \$10,000 budget. 1. Go through the Executive Office for all purchase requests. It was discussed and determined it would be too time consuming. 2. Chairperson Cathy Bradley could have sole control of the budget and pay the necessary bills for the Community Meeting then turn in any leftover money to the Accounting Office with the purchasing invoices totaling the allotted amount of \$10,000. Request Chairperson Cathy Bradley to draft letter to the Executive regarding how the committee will handle budget. Final decision tabled until the next meeting on December 17, 2010.

CFO Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky departed with a miigwech for coming to advise on the budget.

Items  
 Assigned Duties  
 Beatrice A. Law presented a draft of questions for directors. Draft is not complete, and Law asked for input.  
 Virginia Lewis reports she is and will be doing further follow up with the Youth Group.  
 A. Giveaways for Community Meeting  
 Public Comment  
 Carol McFall inquired as to the Chairperson's participation at the Community Meeting.  
 Discussion  
 How best to proceed, Ideas  
 Date: Is it June 11, 2011, confirmation? Cathy Bradley  
 Place to be held, confirmation? Debra Janney  
 Budget  
 Develop Rules of Conduct, Assign?  
 Communication items  
 Laura Blumberg report  
 1. Website could cost up to \$400. Cost of conferencing is \$100 to \$200. Further discussion required.  
 2. E-mail address: LTBB community@yahoo.com  
 3. Laura Blumberg to check the whereabouts of tapes from 2010 Community Meeting.  
 Motion by Joe Lucier to adjourn supported by Debra Janney.  
 Motion to Adjourn: 6:08 p.m.  
 Next meeting: December 19, 2010, 6 p.m.  
 Place: LTBB Governmental Center, Room 312  
 Signed and dated by Chairperson Cathy Bradley and Secretary Beatrice A. Law

### ATTENTION TRIBAL CITIZENS!

Any tribal citizen interested in forming a Constitutional Committee please contact Yvonne McShane at ymshkigwaasange@yahoo.com

### Community Meeting - Planning Meeting

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 5 pm Room 312  
 LTBB Governmental Center

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
 If you have anything you wish to be placed on the agenda or have input on the next Community Meeting, please contact Cathy Bradley at 231-330-5130

### ORDERING SEEDS FOR NEXT YEAR'S GARDEN

By Larry Dyer, MSU Extension Tribal Extension Educator

As winter sets in, the gardening catalogs start arriving in the mail. Between those catalogs and a few minutes searching the Internet, you can quickly have many, many options for next year's garden. This luxurious abundance can sometimes lead to overwhelmed confusion: How do I decide what seeds to order?

There are a few things to consider which will help you make your decisions. The place to start, of course, is deciding what you want to harvest from your garden. Note many vegetables have different varieties for different uses. Do you want to can tomato sauce and salsa or do you want big slicing tomatoes for sandwiches and salads? Do you want pie pumpkins or jack-o-lanterns? It is good to experiment with new crops and varieties. Most things will taste better from your garden than your memory of them canned or frozen.

One of the first decisions for longer season crops such as tomatoes and peppers is whether you want to start your own seeds indoors or buy plants next spring. Starting seeds yourself will give you many more variety options, but you have to be set up to do it well. It helps to have a good south-facing window, and you will have to give the plants extra hours of light during the short winter days. It also helps to have some sort of cold frame for hardening the plants off before putting them into your garden. I'll talk more next month about how to start seeds indoors.

Of course, many crops can be started by directly seeding into your garden soil. You will still have to make a number of decisions when ordering seeds. Do you want to buy heirloom seeds or hybrid varieties? The difference is heirloom seeds are open pollinated, and the seeds you save from your garden should produce a similar crop next season. Hybrid seeds are a cross between two varieties, and the seeds you save won't necessarily breed true the next season. Don't confuse hybrid varieties with ge-

netically modified or GMO ones. Genetic modification is an entirely different process for introducing new traits from a variety of sources into a crop. Organic certification standards don't allow for GMO seeds, and I don't believe there are any GMO vegetable varieties available for sale through garden catalogs.

In many cases, you will also have to decide whether you want untreated seeds or seeds treated with fungicides or insecticides. The treatment provides some protection to the seeds, but many people don't want those chemicals in their gardens. Increasingly, there are organic seed treatments available. If you are concerned about growing organically, be sure to check if the treatment is certified by OMRI, the Organic Materials Research Institute. We also have increasing options to purchase organic seed grown by certified organic farmers.

Garden catalogs will offer a number of variety options for disease resistance. It will take some study, experience and conversations with experienced gardeners in your area to decide what diseases you should be most concerned about. But, buying seeds with the inherent resistance to disease combined with your gardening practices are the most important things you can do to protect your garden from diseases.

Before you actually buy your seeds, take the time to make a plan of what and how much you will plant. It's easy to get excited being surrounded by seed catalogs with the winter wind blowing outside, and it's great to dream and think big, but there's no point paying for seeds you won't have the space to plant. Meanwhile, enjoy winter and think spring.

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Nokomis (Grandmother), where could I learn more about our Anishinaabe Traditions, Heritage and Cultural Values?



There are a couple of ways, the elected leaders of our tribe formed the Gijigowi Bibskaabiimi Department Statute 2010 - 008, which can be found on the LTBB website or you can get a copy of it from the Government office. Take the time to read

this document and call the department with your questions. In addition, get involved in the happenings of the tribe, sit with your elders and ask questions. Remember, it doesn't hurt to ask questions, that is how you will succeed. I appreciate your interest, you know, you are the future of our tribe.



### MSU Extension brown-bag lunch gardening series - "Talk gardening with Larry"

Beginning in October, Michigan State University Extension Educator Larry Dyer will host an informational series, "Talk gardening with Larry." This will be a brown bag series on the second Wednesday of each month (except December) from 12-12:50 p.m., at the Youth Center at the White House. Each date will have a topic with handouts, but after a brief presentation, the conversation can go to whatever people have on their minds and in their gardens. So bring your brown bag lunch and come "talk gardening with Larry."



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#### Dates and topics:

Oct 13 - Storing the harvest  
 Nov 3 (1st Wednesday) - Soil tests and soil quality  
**Jan 26 - Planning your garden**  
 Feb 23 - Deciding what seed to order (bring your favorite catalogs)  
 March 23 - Starting your own seeds  
 April 27 - Back yard composting  
 May 25 - Planning for seed saving  
 June 22 - Weed management  
 July 27 - Insect and disease management  
 Aug 24 - Seed saving

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Native News Briefs



**LTBB Tribal Citizen Leads Petoskey High School Volleyball Team to New Heights**

LTBB Tribal Citizen Carly Searles led the Petoskey High School varsity volleyball team to a fourth consecutive district title, its first-ever in Class A, a share of the Big North Conference title and to a 46-4-1 record in 2010.



The senior setter received Class A All-State Third Team, First Team All-Big North, All-Region Dream Team and Team MVP honors in 2010 and set a single-season record with 1,056 assists.

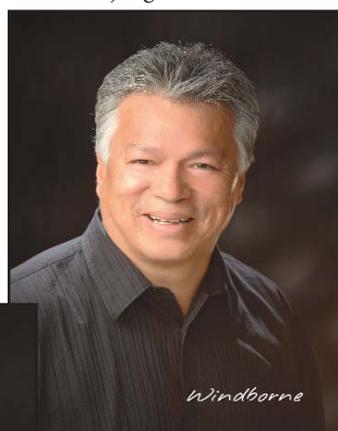
In her three-year career as a starting setter, she compiled 2,503 assists, 531 kills, 1,413 digs, 251 service aces, served at 94.6% and helped the Northmen to a 122-21-9 record. She also helped her team to four district titles (2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010), a regional title (2008), a share of the Big-North Conference title (2010) and received All-Big North First Team honors twice (2009 and 2010), All-Area team honors three times (2008, 2009 and 2010) and All-Region Dream Team honors three times (2008, 2009 and 2010).

Searles is the daughter of Sue Gasco and Randy Searles and the granddaughter of the late Vernon and Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco. *The photo of Carly Searles appears courtesy of Sue Gasco.*

**LTBB Tribal Citizen and Dance Partner Continue to Lead Swingshift and the Stars Dance-Off for Charity Event**

Following the competition held on December 3, 2010, LTBB Tribal Citizen Melvin L. Kiogima and his dance partner, Heather Daniels, are ranked in first place with the judges scores.

The final competition will be held on December 31, 2010 at the Traverse City Opera House in Traverse City, MI. Tickets are available by visiting [www.swingshiftandthestars.com](http://www.swingshiftandthestars.com) or by calling 231-929-4460. Reserved seats are \$65 and general admission



seats are \$60.

All tickets include a light meal and a complimentary champagne toast at midnight. The Charity Donation winner and the Star Dance Team winner will be announced at midnight. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. with a dance lesson by Traci

LeBlanc at 8:45 p.m. The fabulous band will take the stage at 9:15 p.m.

*Courtesy graphic.*

**Odawa Casino Resort Holds Second Quarter Super Star Banquet**

Odawa Casino Resort held its Second Quarter Super Star Banquet at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI, on November 17, 2010. The following Team Members were nominated by their peers, and the Directors agreed they exemplify the 10 Key Attributes of the Picture Perfect Service program. Each team member received a personalized plaque and a \$100 American Express gift card.

They included Norrine Bailey – Housekeeper – Property Operations, Judith Bielas – Guest Services Rep. – Marketing, Christy Boese – Cage Cashier – Finance, Donna Carpenter – Housekeeping Manager – Property Operations, Kevin Cranick – Room Attendant – Hospitality, Jacquilyne Downey – Hostess/Cashier – Hospitality, Dora Ford – Call Center Operator – Marketing, Cheryl Graham – Marketing/Advertising Manager – Marketing, Tracy Hadix – Payroll Supervisor – Finance, Paulette Kappler – Buffet Server – Hospitality, Gerald Keller – Maintenance Supervisor – Property Operations, James Kohlbeck – Transportation Manager – Property Operations, Teena Kolinske – Hotel Housekeeping Supervisor – Hospitality, Joyce Kummer – Administrative Assistant II-GM – Executive, Maria Lopez – Hostess/Cashier – Hospitality, Michaela Mackie – Line Cook – Hospitality, Russell Mecklenburg – Retail Clerk – Hospitality, Katherine Mowbray – Wastewater Operator Tech I – Property Operations, Elizabeth Murner – Recruiting Specialist – Human Resources, Karen Murray – Guest Service Supervisor II – Marketing, Jack Neil – Steward Supervisor – Hospitality, Nancy Owen – Table Games Supervisor – Table Games, Dorothy Perrault –

Property Operations Coordinator – Property Operations, Mark Phillips – Restaurant Supervisor – Hospitality, Suzette Schmalzried – Retail Manager – Hospitality, Jodi Skrobak – Administrative Assistant II – Human Resources, Sally Strauss – Executive Steward – Hospitality, Melissa Weston – Room Attendant – Hospitality and Timothy Woodruff – Slot Tech I – Slots.

The following Team Members were honored for their five years of service to Odawa Casino Resort. Each Team Member received a personalized coat for his/her dedication and commitment.



They included Krystine Rojas – Slots, Sonya Grondin – Drop, Maureen Zemke – Cage, Theresa Stevens – Housekeeping, Sabrina Heise – Human Resources, Gary Otto – Maintenance and Angela Linsenman – Call Center.

*Courtesy graphic.*

**U.S. Court Approves Agreement Between Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, United States, State of Michigan, Isabella County and City of Mt. Pleasant to Settle Jurisdiction**

**U.S. Department of Justice Intervened on Behalf of Tribe; Facilitated Settlement to Clarify Indian Country Jurisdiction**

*Editor's note: The following is a Department of Justice press release dated November 24, 2010.*

On November 23, 2010, Judge Thomas L. Ludington of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan approved a settlement of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and United States v. Granholm, et al. The settlement declares the entire Isabella Reservation to be Indian Country, resolving longstanding disputes over the boundaries and existence of the Isabella Reservation in south central Michigan.

The settlement also encompasses various intergovernmental memoranda of agreement regarding the Indian Child Welfare Act, taxation, regulation, land use, revenue sharing and law enforcement jurisdiction that seek to resolve the manner in which the tribe, state, city of Mt. Pleasant and Isabella County operate on a day-to-day basis.

"This historic settlement brings resolution and clarity to the jurisdictional boundaries of the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation and serves the interests of the people of the state of Michigan, the county of Isabella, the city of Mt. Pleasant, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the United States," Ignacia S. Moreno, Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice, said. "This will resolve a complex patchwork of jurisdiction and pave the way for greater coordination and communication that will strengthen public safety for all."

The Department of Justice seeks to facilitate cooperative government-to-government agreements such as this one between tribes, states and local governments in order to resolve jurisdictional disputes while avoiding protracted litigation.

**Native American Congressional Internships Offered by Udall Foundation**

The Udall Foundation provides a 10-week summer internship in Washington, D.C. for Native American and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian Country.

The internship is fully funded: The Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem for food and incidentals and a stipend at the close of the program.

Interns work in congressional and agency offices where they

have opportunities to research legislative issues important to tribal communities, network with key public officials and tribal advocacy groups, experience an insider's view of the federal government and enhance their understanding of nation-building and tribal self-governance.

The internship program is funded by the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management and Policy, which was founded by the Udall Foundation and the University of Arizona in 2001 as a self-determination, self-governance and development resource for Native nations.

In 2011, the foundation expects to award 12 internships on the basis of merit to Native Americans and Alaska Natives who are college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges or graduate or law students, have demonstrated an interest in fields related to tribal public policy such as tribal governance, tribal law, Native American education, Native American health, Native American justice, natural resource protection, cultural preservation and revitalization and Native American economic development.



Applications are due January 28, 2010. Download an application at <http://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/NACInternship/ApplicationMaterials.aspx>.

*Courtesy graphic.*

**LTBB Tribal Community Citizen Helps Pellston High School Volleyball Team to State Semifinals**

Alicia Hooper, the daughter of LTBB Tribal Citizen Melissa

Wiatrolik and the granddaughter of LTBB Tribal Citizen Deborah Martin, helped the Pellston High School varsity volleyball team make its fourth consecutive Class D state semifinal appearance and win its fourth consecutive regional and district titles.

The Hornets compiled a school-record 49 victories in 2010 and finished with a 49-13-5 record. Pellston lost to four-time defending state champion Battle Creek St. Philip 21-25, 25-12, 25-16 and 25-12 in the state semifinal.



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