

Odawa Trails

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LTBB ADULT DRUG COURT PROGRAM: HELPING OTHERS WALK DOWN THE RED ROAD OF RECOVERY

By Joe Lucier, Adult Probation Officer/Odawa Adult Healing to Wellness Coordinator

Hello LTBB Community. As we enter the first year of implementation in our LTBB Adult Drug Court Program, we want to inform you of our progress and success. This month's article marks the beginning of a series of articles we will write to



Pictured from left to right in the back row are Cultural Resource Advisor Bill Denemy, Sr., Judge Joe Flies-Away, Adult Probation Officer/Odawa Adult Healing to Wellness Coordinator Joe Lucier, Court Administrator Bernadette Kiogima, Juvenile Probation Officer/Community Justice Coordinator Heather (Kahgee) Boeing and Prosecutor Matthew Lesky. Seated in the front row are Associate Judge Jenny Lee Kronk and Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco.

led, "Odawa Wellbriety," which will focus on aspects of living life on the Red Road (in recovery).

In this first article, we would like to begin by sharing the story of the origins of our new court program and then, we will describe the program components in order to give the reader an understanding of what we do.

Our goal in this initial article will be to provide a foundation for the content in future articles. In future articles of "Odawa Wellbriety," we will update you on program progress in a section called "Milestones" as well as showcase stories of recovery submitted by local community members in a section titled, "On the Red Road."

This first article of "On the Red Road" features the story in which our program is based, a story from the late Rita Gasco-Shepard about the importance of helping our fellow man.

Next month, we will be highlighting a story of recovery written by Yvonne Walker-Keshick.

Please take the time to read both "On the Red Road" and "Milestones" on pages 12, 13 and 18.

Chii Miigwetch!

The photo appears courtesy of Joe Lucier.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN KEN HARRINGTON

Aanii Tribal Citizens.

The Chairman attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Winter Session in Washington D.C. February 27, 2011 through March 2, 2011. While in Washington, D.C., our Washington lobbyist Lydia Hofer prearranged a special meeting with Tracey A. LeBeau, the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs Director, Pilar Thomas, DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs Deputy Director, Policy, and David Conrad, the DOE's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Tribal Intergovernmental Affairs (see photo on this page).

The purpose of the meeting was for our tribe to be made available to and obtain energy grants. Specifically, a wind mill grant. Stevens indicated our tribe does qualify for an energy grant for our Murray Road Project. Stevens said the available grant would be a deployment grant, and there are funds available, but the grant application has to be submitted by March 30, 2011. The 80-acre Murray Road Housing Development site is in a prime location for and shovel ready for wind energy the Chairman explained to the Director and Deputy Director about our Murray Road Housing and how our project is GOLD Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified and 100% electric. Although all utilities are electric, the units are highly energy efficient with the latest energy efficient technology. The Executive Departments and special renewable energy work groups formed within our tribe have

been researching wind energy and other renewable energy resources such as solar, hydro and biomass since 2005. Our tribe can qualify for up to a \$1 million grant. Our tribe's grant writer will have the application written and submitted by the required deadline.

Also while in Washington, D.C., the Chairman was able to meet and speak with John Boehner, the new Speaker of the House

for the federal government (see photo on page 19). In our meeting with Congressman Boehner, federal budgets, cuts and balancing of the government's FY 2011 budget were his main focuses.

The Bay Mills Indian Community's illegal casino remains open for business. Lawsuits filed in December 2010 by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the State of Michigan have resulted in a hearing at the Federal District Court in Kalamazoo, MI, in front of the Honorable Judge Mahoney. The hearing date was set for March 23, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. Bay Mills opened the casino on November 4, 2010, the day after the State of Michigan's elections. The small casino, originally 36 slot machines, more than doubled in size in January 2011; with an addition, the casino now has 84 Class III slot machines. Bay Mills purchased the land, and Chairman Jeffrey Parker said the land was for elk hunting and the exercising of treaty rights. The abrupt opening was done with no permits, no approval/ application from the Na-

"Chairman" continued on page 19.



NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NIEA) ANNOUNCES LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN DR. DAWN MACKETY AS DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, DATA AND POLICY

Dr. Mackety will lead NIEA's efforts to use research and data to improve Native education and empower Native communities

The following is a National Indian Education Association announcement dated March 1, 2011.

The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) announced today Dr. Dawn Mackety will be the organization's new Director of Research, Data and Policy. This position will focus on furthering NIEA's mission through effective educational research, data collection and national policy advancement. Dr. Mackety will lead NIEA's research efforts by planning, designing and collecting essential data about Native students and educators. She is a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and is the daughter of Rodney Joel and Dee Mackety.

Prior to joining NIEA, Dr. Mackety was a principal researcher at Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL) in Colorado. Her research focus on American Indian student academic achievement and science-based classroom programming allowed her to lead the

McREL team by designing and implementing research and resulting publications for her work. She has also served as lead investigator and lead evaluator on several NASA and U.S. Department of Education funded projects, and brought in numerous large research grants for the organization.

As a former educator, Dr. Mackety created and directed the Native American studies department for the Kingman Museum in Battle Creek, MI. In this role, she developed standards-based K-12 Native American curricula and her lesson plans were published in Native Language and Culture Lessons. She also taught Native American culture, history and genealogy workshops for the public, led cultural sensitivity trainings for K-12 teachers, and conducted workshops for Native American college-bound students applying for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver and other minority financial aid.

"We are very excited that Dawn is joining NIEA, and she brings a wealth of experience in Native culture and language research, large scale grants, and a passion for educating our Native youth," said NIEA Ex-

ecutive Director Colin Kippen. "Her work will truly allow NIEA to share the story of how we successfully educate our students and what steps we must make to improve."

Dr. Mackety holds a Ph.D. in evaluation, measurement, and research, an M.A. in educational leadership, and a B.S. in earth science and biology.

Courtesy photo.



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Being Odawa is all about Freedom

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

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

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





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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 May 2011 issue of *Odawa Trails* is April 4, 2011.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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	\$20	\$16.00	\$40	\$32.00	\$60	\$45.00	\$80	\$60.00	\$100	\$80.00		
6 inches	1 col. x 6 in.	\$20.40	2 col. x 6 in.	\$40.80	3 col. x 6 in.	\$61.20	4 col. x 6 in.	\$81.60	5 col. x 6 in.	\$102.00		
	\$24	\$19.20	\$48	\$36.00	\$72	\$54.00	\$96	\$72.00	\$120	\$96.00		
7 inches	1 col. x 7 in.	\$23.80	2 col. x 7 in.	\$47.60	3 col. x 7 in.	\$71.40	4 col. x 7 in.	\$95.20	5 col. x 7 in.	\$119.00		
	\$28	\$22.40	\$56	\$44.80	\$84	\$63.00	\$112	\$84.00	\$140	\$112.00		
8 inches	1 col. x 8 in.	\$27.20	2 col. x 8 in.	\$54.40	3 col. x 8 in.	\$81.60	4 col. x 8 in.	\$108.80	5 col. x 8 in.	\$136.00		
	\$32	\$25.60	\$64	\$48.00	\$96	\$72.00	\$128	\$96.00	\$160	\$128.00		
9 inches	1 col. x 9 in.	\$30.60	2 col. x 9 in.	\$61.20	3 col. x 9 in.	\$91.80	4 col. x 9 in.	\$122.40	5 col. x 9 in.	\$153.00		
	\$36	\$28.80	\$72	\$57.60	\$108	\$86.40	\$144	\$122.40	\$180	\$153.00		
10 inches	1 col. x 10 in.	\$34.00	2 col. x 10 in.	\$68.00	3 col. x 10 in.	\$102.00	4 col. x 10 in.	\$136.00	5 col. x 10 in.	\$170.00		
	\$40	\$32.00	\$80	\$64.00	\$120	\$90.00	\$160	\$136.00	\$200	\$170.00		
11 inches	1 col. x 11 in.	\$37.40	2 col. x 11 in.	\$74.80	3 col. x 11 in.	\$112.20	4 col. x 11 in.	\$149.60	5 col. x 11 in.	\$187.00		
	\$44	\$35.20	\$88	\$70.40	\$132	\$105.60	\$176	\$149.60	\$220	\$187.00		
12 inches	1 col. x 12 in.	\$40.80	2 col. x 12 in.	\$81.60	3 col. x 12 in.	\$122.40	4 col. x 12 in.	\$163.20	5 col. x 12 in.	\$204.00		
	\$48	\$38.40	\$96	\$76.80	\$144	\$115.20	\$192	\$163.20	\$240	\$204.00		
13 inches	1 col. x 13 in.	\$44.20	2 col. x 13 in.	\$88.40	3 col. x 13 in.	\$132.60	4 col. x 13 in.	\$176.80	5 col. x 13 in.	\$221.00		
	\$52	\$41.60	\$104	\$83.20	\$156	\$124.80	\$208	\$176.80	\$276	\$221.00		
14 inches	1 col. x 14 in.	\$47.60	2 col. x 14 in.	\$95.20	3 col. x 14 in.	\$142.80	4 col. x 14 in.	\$190.40	5 col. x 14 in.	\$238.00		
	\$56	\$44.80	\$112	\$89.60	\$168	\$134.40	\$224	\$190.40	\$296	\$238.00		
15 inches	1 col. x 15 in.	\$51.00	2 col. x 15 in.	\$102.00	3 col. x 15 in.	\$153.00	4 col. x 15 in.	\$204.00	5 col. x 15 in.	\$255.00		
	\$60	\$48.00	\$120	\$96.00	\$180	\$144.00	\$240	\$204.00	\$300	\$255.00		
16 inches	1 col. x 16 in.	\$54.40	2 col. x 16 in.	\$108.80	3 col. x 16 in.	\$163.20	4 col. x 16 in.	\$217.60	5 col. x 16 in.	\$272.00		
	\$64	\$51.20	\$128	\$102.40	\$192	\$153.60	\$256	\$217.60	\$320	\$272.00		

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Resource List 2011
Compiled by the Human Services Department

Human Services
231-242-1620
Fax 231-242-1635

- Protective (Adult and Child) Services
 - Case Management
 - Foster Care/Adoption
 - Foster Home Licensing
 - Family Preservation
 - Low Income Energy Assistance
 - Community Service Block Grant
 - Childcare Assistance
 - Burial Assistance
 - USDA-Food Distribution
 - LTBB Emergency Client Assistance
- More information as well as forms can be found by clicking on Human Services at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Enrollment
231-242-1521
Fax 231-242-1526

- Enrollment Application/Genealogy Research
- Marriage License Application
- Tribal Notary Application
- Services to LTBB Citizens
 - Tribal Identification Cards
 - Tribal Directory/Labels
 - LTBB List (first name, middle name, last name, adults only)
 - Address Change Forms
 - Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification
 - BIA – 4432 Indian Preference Form
 - Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form
 - Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood

Some forms can be found online at:
www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm

Housing
231-242-1540
Fax 231-242-1550

- Down Payment Assistance
- Short Term Rental Assistance
- Foreclosure Prevention Assistance
- Home Improvement Assistance
- Transitional/Emergency Housing
- LTBB Rental Units
- Sanitary Services from Indian Health Services
- Credit Counseling

Department of Commerce
231-242-1584
Fax 231-242-1599

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Department of Commerce provides some oversight duties relevant to the Tax Agreement signed between the State of Michigan and the tribe. This includes the following:

- Monitoring/calculating of all tax-exempt fuel and tobacco purchases by tribal citizens and tribal entities
 - Processing and issuing Tribal Certificates of Exemption (Tribal 3998) for all Resident Tribal Members
 - Annual distribution of the Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit (Form 4013)
 - Managing Resident Tribal Member Utility Provider database
 - Supplying the State of Michigan's Department of Treasury with an updated RTM list on a monthly basis in correlation with the tribal Enrollment Department
 - Determining eligibility waivers (Non-Member Authorized Use of Tribal Card for Fuel/Tobacco Purchases) for tribal citizens with disabilities
 - Frequent correspondence, verbal and written, with the State of Michigan's Department of Treasury concerning all Tax Agreement issues pertaining to Resident Tribal Members
 - Drafting policies and procedures relevant to the LTBB Tax Agreement
- The Department of Commerce also handles all filings under the Tribal Business Codes for the following:
- Business Registration Certificates for Persons

Conducting Business Under Assumed Name or Partnership (DBA)

- Filings for all profit and non-profit corporations
- The Department of Commerce also provides the following services:
- Tribal Notary Services

Tribal Court-Adult Drug Court
For adults who struggle with drug and alcohol addictions.
For more information, please contact Joe Lucier at 231-242-1474.

Natural Resource Department
231-242-1670
Fax 231-242-1690

- Treaty Rights Protection
- Natural Resource Management
- Renewable Energy
- Policy Review
- Hunter Safety
- Enforcement

- Services to LTBB Tribal Citizens
- Issue Inland Tribal Hunting/Fishing Licenses
- Issue Gathering Permits
- Issue Firewood collection permits
- Issue Great Lakes Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Licenses
- Provide Environmental Services
 - Environmental Education and/or Technical Assistance - Surface water, wetlands, air quality, recycling, energy or as requested
 - Radon testing kits
 - Mold inspection
 - Technical assistance with environmental compliance
 - Issue Wetland permits
 - Home and property inspection related to environmental liability
- Treaty Rights Enhancement Programs
- Commercial Fishing Apprentice Program
- Commercial Fishing Safety Gear program
- Commercial Net Mesh Program
- Subsistence Net Program
- Annual Hunter Safety Class

Some applications and reports can be found online at: www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Natural-Resources/NaturalResources

GIS Department
231-242-1597

GIS creates mapping and GPS products that help LTBB plan, regulate, manage and protect all its resources by creating, sharing and utilizing appropriate spatial data information.

- Property description mapping and interpretation
- Offers mapping and data services to tribal citizens and LTBB Departments and Programs
- Acts as in house technical help desk to LTBB Government Departments and Programs for GIS/GPS software and hardware
- Participates in joint projects and provides technical assistance to surrounding governments (county, city, township)
- Commonly requested maps are available for convenient download at http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/GIS_2/AvailableMaps.html
- Upcoming 2011 field season projects include a Beaver Island archipelago resource inventory (part of NRD Great Lakes grant), assisting in a nine-county effort to create an all season trail and tourism map and website and create a new updated Walloon Lake bathymetric map.

Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department
231-242-1453
Fax 231-242-1490

- Cultural Library
- Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP)
- Certificates offered:
 - Entrepreneur
 - New Media
 - Medical Assistant
 - Nurse Aid
 - Phlebotomy
 - Textiles
 - Graphic Arts
- K-12 Programs: Pre K-12 Grade Education Assistance Scholarship
- Higher Education Programs: Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship

- Other various scholarship opportunities
- GED
- Language: Classes, learning media, translations services
- Data storage: Archives, research, collections, NAG-PRA and museum collections

Human Resources
231-242-1555
Fax 231-242-1565

- LTBB Governmental Safety and Risk Management
- Coordination of Benefits for LTBB Governmental Employees
- LTBB Governmental Professional Development
- Recruitment
- Temporary Worker Pool

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Pow Wow Committee Chair Annette VanDeCar
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E-mail avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Health Department
Health Clinic, Primary Health Clinic services
231-242-1700

Monday - Friday by appointment
Fax 231-242-1701

Dental Clinic, Comprehensive Dental services
Monday – Friday by appointment
231-242-1740

Community Health Outreach
Health Education and Prevention
Nutrition
Traditional Medicine
Limited transportation, call for more information
231-242-1601

Contract Health, provides some supplementary payment for Specialty Health Services
231-242-1600

Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Prevention
231-242-1640
Fax 231-242-1659

- Screening and Assessments
- Outpatient Counseling to include:
 - Addictions Recovery Counseling – Individual and Groups
 - Mental Health Therapy
 - Depression Group Therapy
 - Family Counseling
 - Prevention and Education Services
 - Children and Adolescent Counseling – Preschool and Up
 - Couples Therapy
 - Aftercare and Follow-up Counseling
 - Gambling Addiction
- Acupuncture

Youth Services
231-242-1593
Fax 231-242-1599

Binoojiinhak Youth Group (ages 8-12 years old)
Eshkiniigijik Youth Council (ages 13-18 years old)

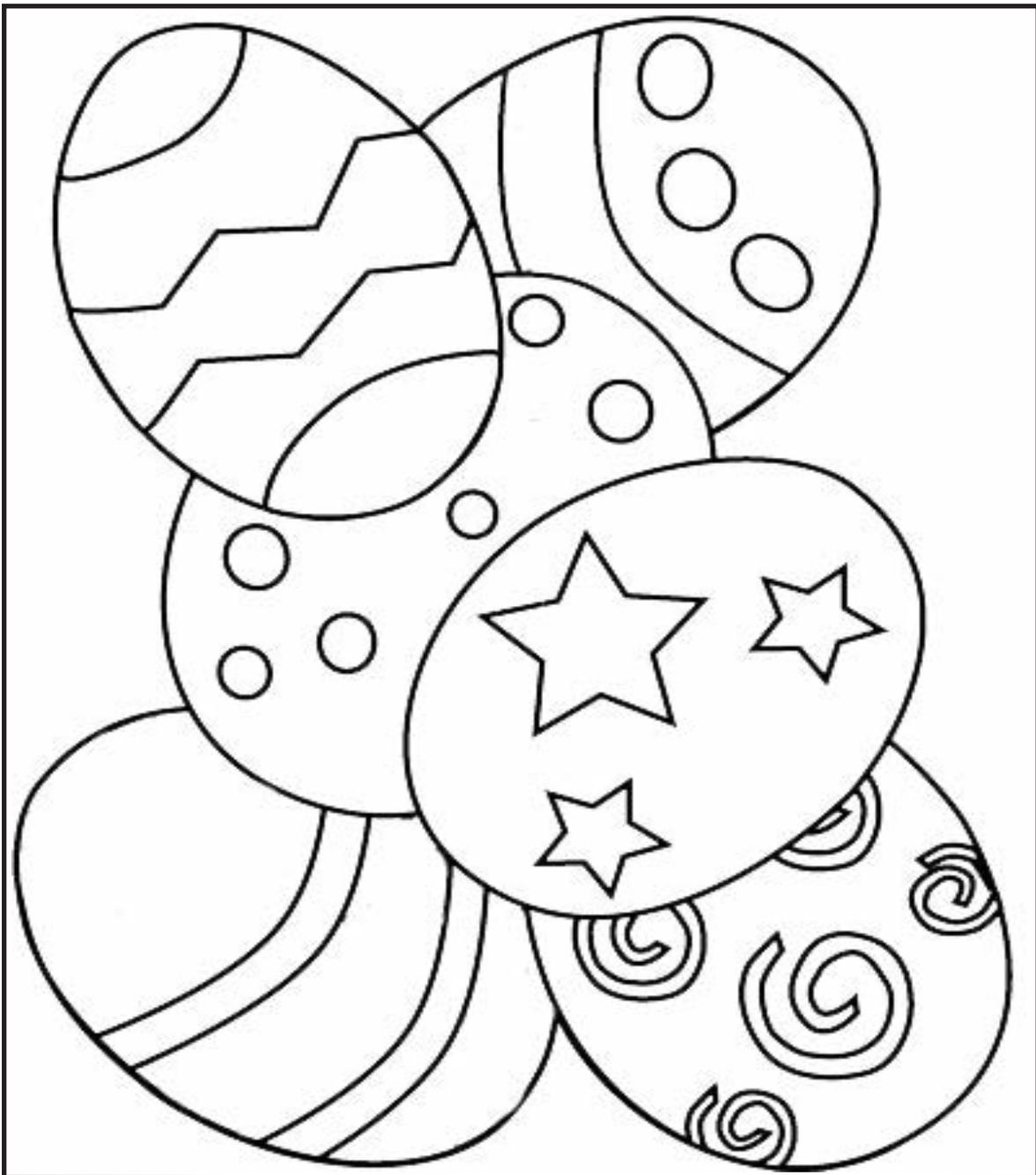
Weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays depending on age.
Activities include movie nights, sledding, the Jungle, beach days, shoveling for elders, cultural activities, Annual Jiimaan Journey and many more.
Waganakising Eshkiniigijik UNITY Council
Weekly meetings on Mondays
Activities include planning and implementing projects in four focus areas which include community service, environmental awareness, cultural/heritage and healthy lifestyles; leadership building; and many more.
Community Events held monthly
Activities include ice skating, baseball games, picnics, gingerbread house decorating, craft nights, Veteran's feast and many more.

DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

KIDS! DECORATE THE EASTER EGGS AND YOU COULD WIN A \$20 WALMART GIFT CARD!



Easter Eggs Decorating Contest rules

- You may use colored pencils, crayons, markers, paint, and glitter on the picture.
 - Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No exceptions!
 - All entries must be the original size.
 - All mailed entries must be postmarked by April 11, 2011. No exceptions!
 - Limit one submission per child.
 - Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
 - **Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.**
- Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category.

Mailing Address:
Easter Eggs Decorating Contest
Attn: LTBB Communications Department
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

Aanii. As of January 14, 2011, 508 Tribal 4013's were mailed out to Resident Tribal Members (RTMs). This is the 2010 Michigan Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit which is extended to RTMs only. If you no longer reside in the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tax Agreement Area, but did so during 2010, please contact me at 231-242-1584, and I will mail you the form. Also, if you were a minor RTM and worked during 2010, please contact me as well. The forms were mailed to RTMs ages 18 and up as of 1-1-2010.

This year, the DOC plans to expand its horizons a bit and work on promoting tribal member-owned businesses. It is the department's hope to offer the following to tribal member business owners:

- Post your website as a link on the DOC webpage.

• Showcase your business at the Annual Membership meeting.

If you are interested in any of these endeavors, please contact me as soon as possible. Space is limited for the Annual Membership meeting.

Also, as a reminder, DOC offers Tribal Notary services. If you need to file a Change of Address, the forms are available in my office. I would be happy to notarize them for you and forward them to the Enrollment Department.

One last thing, if your Tribal ID is faded, cracked or taped together, please go to the Enrollment Department for a new one. There's a new system and register at Biindigen Gas Station and Convenience Store in Petoskey, MI, and any Tribal ID in this condition will not be accepted. The clerks need to be able to identify the person presenting the ID as the cardholder.

If you have any questions or need help filling out the Tribal 4013, please feel free to contact me.

Reporting Tribal Distributions

If you are a member of a federally recognized tribe and have received income from tribal per capita distributions or from Indian gaming proceeds, here is some important information. Reported on a 1099-MISC income statement, this income should be included on Line 21 of Form 1040, with a description. The correct description will allow the return to process as quickly as possible! For paper or e-file returns, please enter one of the following descriptions on Line 21:



Indian Gaming Proceeds
 Indian Tribal Distrib
 Native American Distrib



You may obtain additional information by calling 800-829-1040 or from the Indian Tribal Governments' Web site at:

www.irs.gov/tribes



Internal Revenue Service

Child's Name: _____
 Age: _____
 Phone Number: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

Aanii kina gwaya. The Department of Commerce (DOC) is working on a Tribal Business Directory. If you are a tribal business owner, please contact the department if you are interested in having your business listed in this publication. We will need the following minimal information: Business name, address, phone number(s), e-mail, website information and a list of services. Prices, slogan and logo are optional. Space for each business can be up to a full 8½ x 11 page, a ½ page or whatever suits your needs. I am urging owners to be creative and draft their own pages, but if you need assistance with this endeavor, I would be happy to assist you.

Tribal 4013 – Michigan RTM Annual Sales Tax Credit

Five hundred plus Tribal 4013's were mailed out this past January to Resident Tribal Members (RTM's). This is the time of year when RTM's

can acknowledge the importance of keeping an address current with the Enrollment Department. This is the first step individuals should be taking, right along with updating the address on a Driver's License. Changing your address determines when your tax-exempt status begins. If you moved into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area (TAA) on April 16, 2010, your tax-exempt status would have taken effect on May 1, 2010. Then, you would be able to claim eight months on the Tribal 4013. I find many people don't go to the Enrollment Office to change their address right away, and 3-6 months later, file the proper forms. Well, that's 3-6 months you will not be able to claim on the 4013! If you've received a denial letter from the State of Michigan's Department of Treasury regarding your 4013 or State Income Tax, please contact me, and I can assist you with straightening this out.

Tribal Certificates of Exemption (TCEs) for Resident Tribal Members (RTMs)

A Tribal Certificate of Exemption is a form which allows a RTM to purchase certain items tax exempt. Items such as vehicles, motorcycles, ORVs and materials and supplies for home improvement are eligible to name a few. Items NOT eligible include appliances, furniture, tools and computers. RTMs must fill out a "Request for TCE" with the DOC BEFORE making the purchase. DOC will then process the request and issue an actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption. At this point, the RTM presents it to the vendor or car dealership before the purchase is made or to the Secretary of State's Office (when purchasing a vehicle or similar), and the person is not charged for the state tax up front.

If you have any questions regarding the Tribal Business Directory, the Tribal 4013 or the Tribal Certificates of Exemption, please don't hesitate to call me. I can be reached at 231- 242-1584 or by e-mail at tkeshick@lbbodawansn.gov.

April Elders Birthdays

April 1 Loretta Cook John Kenoshmeg, Sr.	April 13 Janice Grooms Magdalene Kosequat Vernon Lasley Willie Rawls, Jr.	April 23 Roy Miron
April 2 Evelyn Andrews Vicki Emery Kathleen Guzinski Marilyn Hume Betty Peacock Mark Wabanimkee	April 14 Kevin Barry	April 24 Mary Bowers William Denemy, Jr. Jacqueline Scheidler Sarah VanDeCar
April 3 William Denemy, Sr.	April 15 Sharon Duffey Karl Kilborn Jacqueline Myers	April 25 Gary Kaestner
April 6 Ricky Reiter Steven Shenoskey	April 16 Laura Morche'	April 26 James Gasco
April 7 Larry Cartwright Thomas Nongueskwa Ivan Taylor	April 17 Michael Crossett Susan Grech Merle Hansen	April 27 Nellie Harmon
April 8 Mitchell Baker, Sr. Rose Newman	April 19 Michael Cherette Frank Ettawageshik Thelma Fisher Mary Niswander	April 28 Christina Chrysler Donald Houghton Alfred Sprague
April 9 Evangeline Badgero Mary Quick Wayne Stine Sharon Tracey	April 20 Catherine Laba Linda Steinman	April 29 Michael Anthony Carmalene Baker Edna Caron Elsie Carson
April 11 Robin Barney-Lees Loretta Gilbert Christine Haines	April 21 Richard Hays	April 30 Gerald Boda Donnie Case Robert Kaestner James Keway Larry Lacroix Judith Smith Pauline Walker Catherine Wright
April 12 LaVerne Bottoms Norman Rittenhouse	April 22 Wanda Carr Harold Salter	



MEET THE EASTER BUNNY!
Thursday April 21st 1-4 pm
LTBB Governmental Center
Commons Area
DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERAS!!

LTBB Game Night

Bring the Family & Dish to Pass

Wenesh Pii: Thursday, April 7, 2011
Aaniish Epiichaak: 5 - 8 pm
Aapiish: LTBB Governmental Center
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs

Children's Activities
Youth Activities
Cards
MIJIM - Food
FUN
Anishinaabe Language
Board Games
PRIZES
Team Games



Sponsored by Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa. For more information, contact Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department 231-242-1480 or 1-866-652-5822



YOUTH SERVICES

YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

By Kristy Dayson, Youth Services Coordinator

Waganakising Eshkiniigijik UNITY Council (WEUC)

The WEUC finished a series of four workshops with Larry Dryer of MSU Extension, Emily Proctor of MSU Extension and Regina Brubacker-Craver from the LTBB Health Department about Food Sovereignty. The series of workshops were taken from the Food Sovereignty Assessment tool published by the Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative First Nations Development Institute. Throughout the series, the Youth Council talked about what food sovereignty is, diet and health, food and culture and how control of Native food systems means control of Native assets. During the youth discussions, many topics came up concerning the places and resources we have for our food. Youth discussed the health of the people in the community and the responsibilities they have in regards to teaching younger kids about living a healthy lifestyle. The youth also talked about learning more about traditional foods available in our community.

Elders and Youth Valentine's Dance

The Elders Program and the Youth Department hosted an Elders and Youth Dance on February 12, 2011 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Youth and elders joined in dancing, food and lots of laughs with music by our own DJ Barry Bott! We would like to thank all the elders and youth who attended the dance, and we look forward to more to come!

Binoojinhak Group

The Binoojinhak group went to the Jungle for a round of mini golf, pizza, pop and popcorn. They ended the night with \$5 in tokens to play games. The youth were able to change in their tickets to win prizes. Most youth walked away with a handful of fun after the night was done!

Community Event

The WEUC hosted a play in February 2011 taken from "Nanabosho Grants a Wish" by Joseph McLellan and illustrated by Matrine McLellan. The Youth Council had a great time planning and hosting the event and look forward to more to come!

Courtesy photo.




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**

Waganakising 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.

Waganakising BINOJIIHAK Are native and Non-Native youth from the LTBB community between the ages of 8 - 12 yrs. old Binoojinhak 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.

WAGANAKISING ESHKINIIGIJK UNITY COUNCIL

MEETS MONDAY NIGHTS FROM 5:30 - 7:30 PM AT THE LTBB WHITE HOUSE. INCLUDES LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, FUNDRAISERS AND VARIOUS OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS. PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO BECOME ACTIVE LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUTH SERVICES CONTACT:
Kristy Dayson
Youth Coordinator
231-838-8830
or
Barry Bott
Youth Assistant
231-242-1589



GIJIGOWI BIPSKAABIIMI

WAGANAKISING ODAWA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (WOCTEP)

Natural Dye Luncheon Features WOCTEP Students



Natural dye was the topic of North Central Michigan College's (NCMC) January Luncheon Lecture series. Shanna Robinson, NCMC Art Instructor, took attendees through the history of natural dye, paying special attention to the different plants and insects used to make specific colors.

She also showed images of the way in which natural dye is used today by various artists. Indigo was highlighted during the presentation because Robinson hopes to grow and harvest indigo to then be used for in-class dying.

Natural dye students illustrated the ease of using indigo by actually dying cotton scarves during the presentation. Three of the students (Virginia Lewis, Elizabeth Johnston and Jasmine Petrie) were WOCTEP students! Each student used a different dye technique when dipping their scarf into the indigo dye vat. Various meth-

ods included folding and clamping the scarf, binding marbles with rubber bands throughout the scarf and scrunching the scarf up tightly around a tube and securing it with twine. The effect of indigo on the scarves was immediate and aptly demonstrated the ease and instantaneousness of using indigo dye.

This fall, Robinson is offering an indigo dye class. The natural dye classes taught at NCMC are part of the WOCTEP textiles certificate program. Through classes within this program, students gain hands-on experience in surface design and dye and weaving techniques. WOCTEP can offer additional resources and services for students enrolled in classes for the textiles certificate.

For more information on the natural dye class, textiles certificate or WOCTEP, please call 231-242-1493.

The photos appear courtesy of the WOCTEP Program.



ATTENTION MICHELLE CHINGWA RECIPIENTS

Just a reminder, the deadline for the Summer Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship is June 15, 2011. Students must have a complete file including application, release forms, student aid report and current schedule by this date in order to receive a scholarship. Late applications will not be accepted.

Also, please remember in order to receive the second installment of your winter award, the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department needs to receive your Enrollment Verification Form and a copy of

your previous semester grade report showing cumulative and term G.P.A. before the last day of the semester. Please remember faxed Enrollment Verification Forms will not be accepted, and it is the student's responsibility to follow up to make sure the form has been received.

For more information or for help with higher education, please contact Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

BOOK-IT!

WE WANT YOUR BOOK REVIEWS!

IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3...

1. CHOOSE A LIBRARY BOOK
2. READ IT!
3. FILL OUT A SHORT REVIEW FORM AT THE LIBRARY

BOOK REVIEWS WILL APPEAR EACH MONTH IN THE ODAWA TRAILS NEWSLETTER. PRIZES ARE AWARDED EACH MONTH ON THE REVIEWS TURNED IN! ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!

CONTACT THE LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY AT 231-242-1480 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

CULTURAL LIBRARY- BOOK REVIEW BY LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN DENNIS NIXON

Title: Nanabosho and the Woodpecker

Author: Joe McLellan

Reviewer: Dennis Nixon, Second Grade, Pellston Elementary School, Mrs. Welch

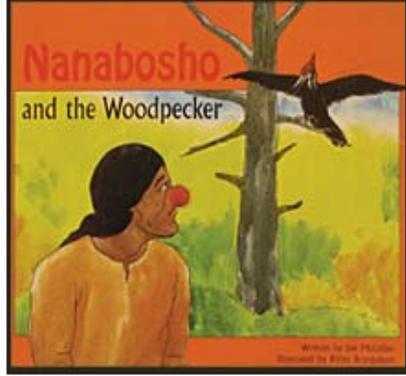
Type of Media: Book - Fiction - Oral Tradition

One interesting thing about the book: Nanabosho was very hungry, so he acted like the woodpecker to get his food.

Explain why you liked or didn't like the book: I liked the book because Billy (one of the characters) climbed up high in the tree and sat just like an eagle would do.

Five stars

Courtesy graphic.



Avoid the headache!

UPCOMING DEADLINE FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP

Summer
(May - August)

June 15th

For more information contact the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Academic Services at 231-242-1480

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

YOU NEED TO SUBMIT NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR THAT STARTS ON AUGUST 1, 2011

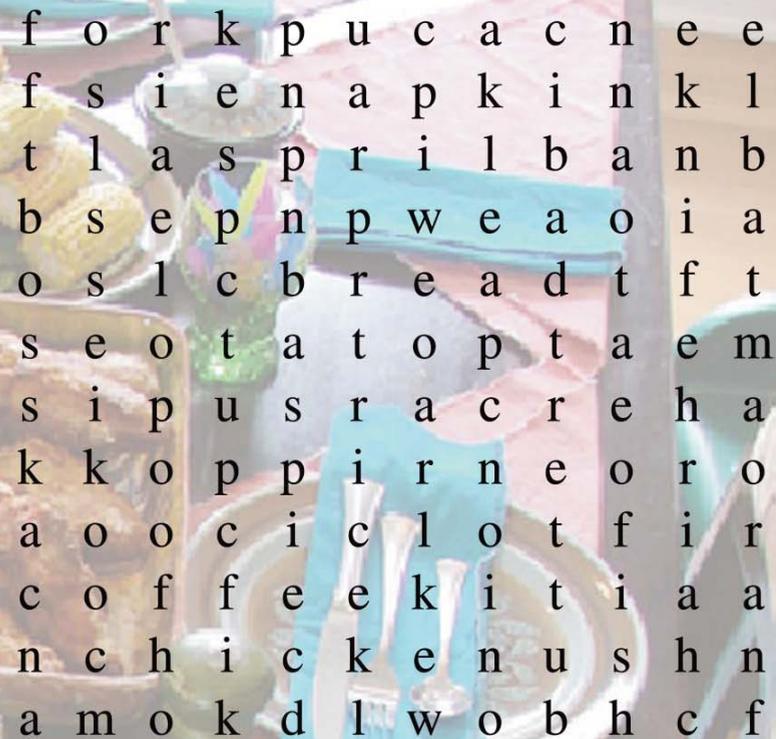
****Please Note****
Applications WILL NOT be automatically mailed to students

Applications are available online and can be downloaded from the Education Department's web-page at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or may be requested from the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Academic Services at 231-242-1492

DOPWINING ~ AT THE TABLE, MEAL TIME WORDS

Translate the Words, Then Find the English Word in the Puzzle. Search Words May Be Found in Any Direction. Solution found on Page 18.

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| booshkinaagaans _____ | nibiish _____ |
| dopwin _____ | niibiishaaboo _____ |
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KEEP YOUR FAMILY TREASURES SAFE

Submitted by the Archives, Collections and Research Team

Almost all families have family history collections stored in and around the interiors of their homes. I have seen items coated with dust, discolored and faded, fragile items cracked and items falling apart because of improper storing.

Here are some tips on how to avoid bad things happening to your family treasures:

1. Keep in mind the temperatures you live in. If you are cold or too hot, damp or too dry, your treasures are feeling the same. None of us would feel comfortable living in our basement or attic; your family treasures wouldn't like living there either.

2. Avoid extremes of temperature and humidity. Try to keep your home temperatures at a steady level. If you are displaying objects on the walls, it would be better to display items on interior walls instead of the walls that support the exterior walls.

3. Create micro climates and use protective covers. Matting and framing with proper materials create a protective micro climate; glass and metal display cases provide a protective microclimate. Archival boxes and un-buffered tissue also protect your treasures.

4. Limit the light exposure to your treasures. Light bulbs can increase temperature in display cases. Sunlight can cause items to fade. Take precautions with the amount and type of light to which your treasures are exposed.

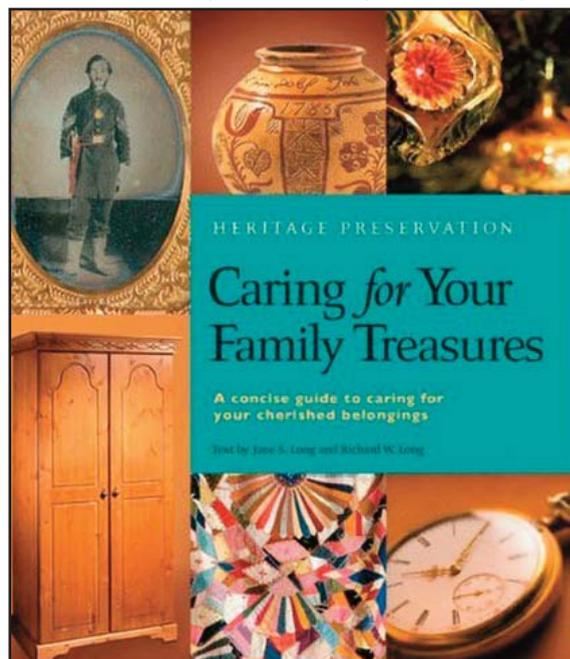
5. Inspect your treasures regularly. This regular checking will help you keep an update on your treasures and their condition. You may be able to tend to problems if inspection is done on a regular basis. Look for mold, dust, mites and anything that may hurt your collection.

6. Respond right away. The speed with which you respond to a problem can diminish the severity of the problem.

7. Use the gentlest means possible to clean or dust your collection. Blot, don't rub. Brush, don't scrub.

8. Avoid do-it-yourself repairs and treatment. When in doubt, consult a professional conservator.

9. Be sure any alterations you make to your



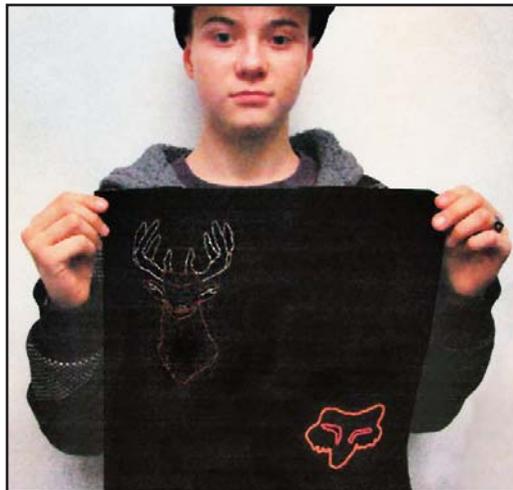
collections are reversible. Respect the original historic materials and structure. Keep the original artwork/photographs and items intact. Make copies and cut the copies.

This information is taken from the book *Caring for your Family Treasures* by Jane S. Long and Richard W. Long. Copyright 2000, pp. 2021.

Courtesy graphic.

Feast Bag

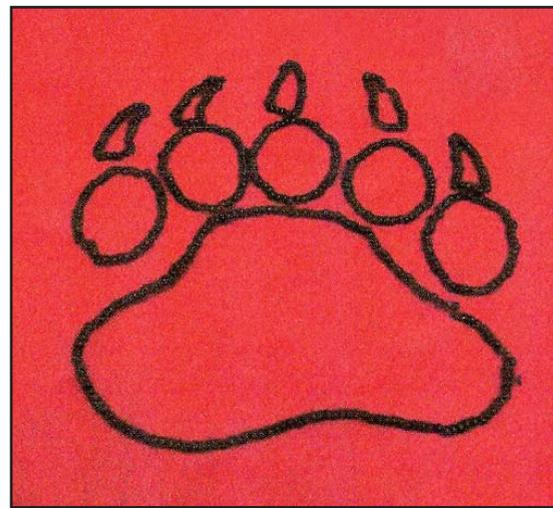
By Tyler Keller, LTBB Tribal Citizen



When I found out that day that we were making a thing called a feast bag, I thought that it was going to be something boring, that I wouldn't like to do. However, when I started working on it, I started by finding some pictures off the Internet to draw onto my cloth, so I could trace it with beads. Then, I started to like beading a lot. It took me quite a while to finish all of my beaded

pictures, about three to four days by counting up all the hours I worked on it over a couple of weeks. I was inspired by Mrs. Hal-facer to finish it because she always believed in me and she kept me motivated. I had a lot of fun working on my feast bag. I hope my fellow Native friends can have fun again in that class soon. I thank the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians tribal newsletter makers for allowing my feast bag to be in the newspaper.

Courtesy photos.



ENJI ZIISBAKDEKING- SUGAR BUSH

Submitted by the Cultural Team

In the springtime, Odawa families would go to sugar bush (A grove of sugar maples used as a source of maple syrup or maple sugar). They would tap (a tap is like a faucet pounded into the tree to get the sap out) the trees and collect the maple sap. The sap would run into m'kuk pails. The pails would hang from the tap.

Once the sap was collected, it was boiled down into syrup and sugar. It could take 40 gallons of sap in order to make one gallon of syrup.

The syrup was stored in m'kuk boxes. A m'kuk is a birch bark box sealed with tree resin, so the contents would not leak out.

For more information on sugar

bush or m'kuks, please e-mail Dawn Nightlinger at dnightlinger@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

LTBB Archives, Collections and Research photo.



2011 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS FOR GIJIGOWI BIPSKAABIIMI

The Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department is pleased to announce some exciting projects and presentations for 2011. Some are local, and some are national, but everyone has the opportunity to educate the public on the culture and history of LTBB.

April 1, 2011. Eric Hemenway was invited by Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, to present at a conference titled, "Form and Content: A Symposium on Cultural Property." He will speak on the issues of human rights and repatriation.

April 21, 2011. The Harbor Springs Museum will host a talk on the Civil War. Company K, the all Indian sharpshooter regiment, will be a topic presented by Gijigowi. Open to the public.

May 7, 2011. A dedication ceremony for two Civil War veterans from Company K will be held at the Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City, MI. Two head stones will be placed on the graves of the soldiers along with a talk given by department staff about Company K. Open to the public.

June 23-25, 2011. The World Archaeological Congress (WAC) will hold its annual meeting this year with the theme "Indigenous Peoples and Museums: Unraveling the Tensions," in Indianapolis, IN. Hemenway will present a session about the repercussion of archeology for Indian communities.

October 16-18, 2011. The Michigan Museum Association (MMA) is holding its annual conference in Harbor Springs, MI, this year. The department is working with the Harbor Springs Museum and the MMA on hosting events which include a session on repatriation of human remains and items from museums.

These are some of the events Gijigowi has planned for 2011. As other projects become finalized, we will be sure to let LTBB Tribal Citizens know the details.

For further information such as times and locations and other questions, please contact Eric Hemenway, NAGPRA/Living Museum Specialist, at 231-242-1527 or ehemenway@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Submitted by the Academic Team

Michigan allows a child who is five years old on or before December 1 to sign up for kindergarten.

• Some children seem too young or not ready for school. Some families and teachers believe getting older will help the child get ready for kindergarten. This is not always true; remember children change a lot between May and September.

• Children grow and develop by learning from the world

child's school success. It also helps your child feel good about himself or herself. Family support helps encourage them to learn.

• Maintain a daily routine which includes mealtimes, snacks and bedtimes.

• Be sure your child's shots and health check-ups are current.

• Make sure your child has plenty of play and outdoor time.

• Play with your child.

• Listen to your child.

• Talk to your child.

• Read to your child.

• Write with your child.



around them.

• New people and children help your child learn and grow.

• All children need time to talk about what they are doing with adults and other children.

• Kindergarten can help parents help their children at home.

• The following website gives more information about kindergarten enrollment age and alternative kindergarten programs: <http://tinyurl.com/4fh5l9d>

The Family: *Every child wants to feel safe and ready to succeed in school. Your family is the most important part in supporting your child to achieve this. Parent involvement improves your*

The Schools

• Work with families and neighborhoods, so children enter kindergarten ready to succeed.

• Must be ready to teach children who come to school with different experiences of learning.

• Teach the material children need to learn for that grade level.

All young children can learn if they are given proper material, encouragement and family support.

Source: "How do I know if my child is ready for kindergarten?" Michigan Department of Education, n.d. Web. 16 Feb 2011. <<http://tinyurl.com/4fh5l9d>>.

Courtesy photo.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

MEET GREAT LAKES POLICY SPECIALIST LUCAS EVANS

Lucas Evans started as the Great Lakes Policy Specialist in the Natural Resource Department on February 21, 2011.

Working under a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant, he will participate in Great Lakes policy issues, specifically Lake Michigan, on a management and conservation plan. He will work with other governments, organizations and agencies "to effectively manage the Great Lakes ecosystem." He hopes to improve tribal participation in Great Lakes projects.

"I love Michigan, and I love the



outdoors," said Evans, who grew up in Benzie County, MI. "I have a passion for the region. I want to help improve

the Great Lakes environment. I have always cared about water issues."

After being home-schooled, Evans earned a Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University. He previously worked for the Grand Traverse Conservation District, performing park land management work.

In his free time, he enjoys outdoor sports such as soccer and basketball, hiking and biking.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



2010 ELK HUNT



LTBB Tribal Citizen Donald E. Shomin, Jr. shot a 400-pound cow elk on September 3, 2010 at 6:45 a.m. 15 miles east of Gaylord, MI. Gary Crawford accompanied him on the hunt. Processing was done by Bailer's Sausage of Hillman, MI. Don and his wife, Elsie, reside near Muskegon, MI, in Twin Lake, MI.

Courtesy photo.



MY 2010 ELK HUNT

By Michael McCreery, LTBB Tribal Citizen

I was one of the lucky tribal citizens this year to obtain an elk tag during elk season. During the first initial four days hunting with the help of several different family members, I saw several bull elks (which of course I did not have a tag for!) and only a few cows, all of which were too small to harvest.

On day four of my hunt, a conservation officer from the Bay Mills Indian Community tipped me off to a herd of approximately 20 cows that walked into a swamp near where I was hunting. My sister, Kelly, and I walked into the north side of the swamp, but retreated due to the brush thickness and lack of tracks. We had already walked for about four hours that morning, so I decided to check out the other side of the swamp.

I walked onto the south side of the swamp while my sister was heading back to the trail as she was trying to direct my dad on how to find us. I was walking into the wind, and at that point, I finally spotted a large path of fresh elk tracks. After tracking the herd for about a third of a mile, I caught up with the herd of approximately 20 cows. I was nervous to begin with as I had just talked to the other conservation officer

about spotting any spike bulls before shooting as they are hard to identify within a herd of cows due to their small spikes, and again, my elk tag was for a cow, so I had to be sure there were no spike bulls in my tar-



get. The small herd continued on to the top of a nearby hill. I still had the wind in my face, and I could not get a clear visual as the herd was huddled quite close together. I crept up to a closer position and knelt down. From there, I took aim waiting for them to come through the other end of the small group of trees I was currently using as cover. I said a prayer to the Creator, laid down tobacco, and then took aim at the first cow

leading the herd as she was not silhouetting any of the other elk. After my shot, I could not see if I hit my target as the herd had scattered, and the visibility on the hill was obstructed. After the herd ran, I started walking to check for a blood trail, but there was none. I hit my target - a nice, clean shot, so there was no blood trail - and it was a 260 pound cow approximately a year and a half old. I called my sister (who had since found my dad), told them the good news and then began to mark with flagging, working my way back to the nearest road. As it turned out, I was only about 175 yards from the nearest road. Another hunter with a snowmobile was nearby, and he helped pull the elk out.

I have been truly blessed by this experience. I call it our "family spirit hunt" because everyone in my family had a part in this hunt whether it was actually tracking herds in the woods with me or simply having family help my wife out with our children while I was gone for the week. While a little frustrating at the time, I'm glad the hunt took four days. I was able to share a once-in-a-lifetime experience with my family.

Courtesy photo.

2011 Hunter Safety and IBEP Certification Class

The class is a combo class. Upon successful completion of the class you will receive a Hunter Safety Certificate as well as International Bow Education Program Certification.

The following classes will be held at the LTBB Governmental Center

- Friday, July 22nd from 6-9 PM
- Saturday, July 23rd from 9 AM to 3:30 PM
- Friday, July 29th from 6-9 PM

The final class will be held at the Harbor Springs Outdoors Club

- Saturday, July 30th from 9 AM to 4 PM

For more information, Contact

Roger Willis at
231-242-1674
or e-mail
rwillis@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

USDA Announces New Dietary Guidelines for Americans

Every five years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reviews the latest science on nutrition and publishes a report outlining its findings. On January 31, 2011, the latest report was revealed. The full report can be found at www.dietaryguidelines.gov, but the main points being made are as follows:

Balance your calories — Enjoy your food, but eat less and avoid oversized portions.

Foods to increase — Make half your plate fruits and vegetables and switch your milk to 1% or less (unless you're a child younger than two years old, your brain is well developed and does not need the milk fat)

Foods to reduce — Drink water instead of sugary drinks, and avoid or reduce sodium in processed foods such as soup, bread, and frozen meals.

If you would like to learn more about the new guidelines or to discuss your nutrition status with a health care professional, appointments can be made with Betty Noland, Registered Dietitian, by calling Community Health at 231-242-1601. Regina Brubacker-Carver, Health Educator, is also available at 231-242-1667.

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. Call 231-242-4670 or e-mail to dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

ATTENTION HEALTHY START PARTICIPANTS

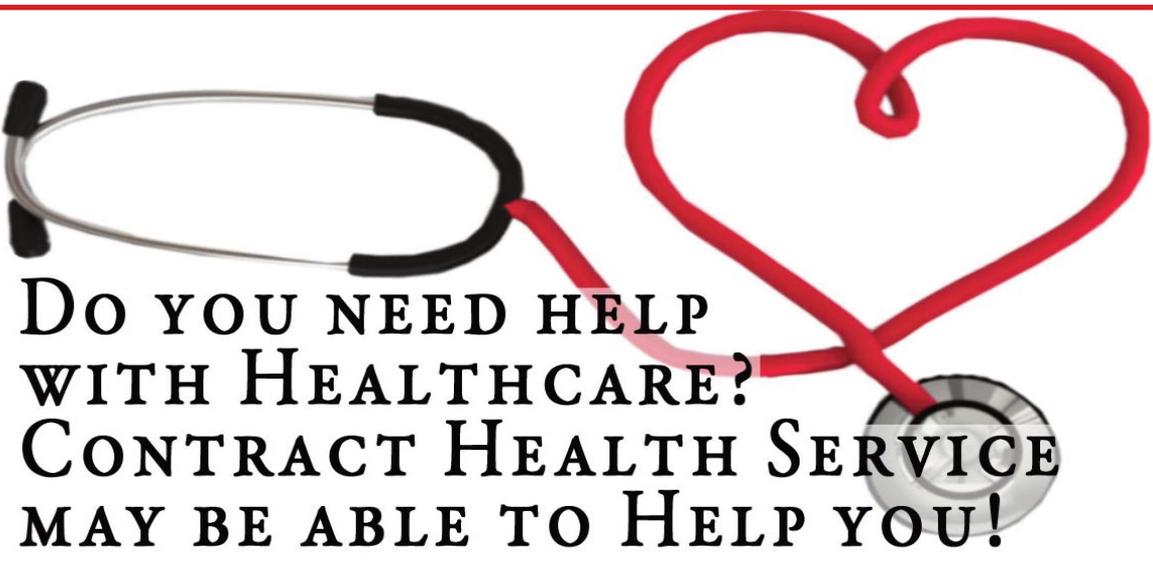
IF YOU HAVE BORROWED A BREAST PUMP AND ARE NO LONGER USING IT, PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE LTBB HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR OTHERS TO USE. REMINDER: THE TUBING AND BOTTLES ARE YOURS TO KEEP. RETURN THE CASE AND THE PUMP ONLY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!





HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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.

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Everything is going well here at the Health Department; the clinic has been very busy and so is Contract Health. I know dental appointments are hard to come by, and we have a long waiting list, so please bear with us as we are getting people in as fast as we can. We have a new employee in our clinic; Michelle DeLand is our new Clinic Nurse. We are sad to say goodbye to Patty Crosser who will be

Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski.

The photo of Patty Crosser appears courtesy of the Health Department.

Meet Clinic Nurse Michelle DeLand

LTBB Tribal Citizen Michelle DeLand started as the Clinic Nurse on January 31, 2011 after working six months in Guest Services at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI.

DeLand, who grew up in the Lansing, MI, area and graduated from Haslett High School, earned a nursing degree from Lansing Community College and plans on attending Lake Superior State University in the fall to pursue her Bachelor's degree in nursing. She worked as a registered nurse in hospitals and nursing homes for 20 years in Lower Michigan.

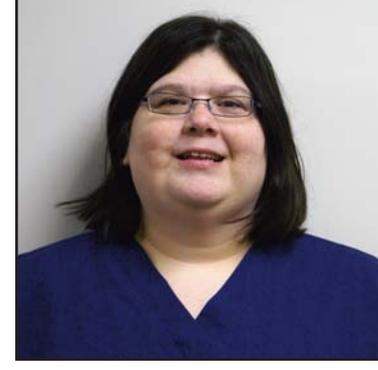
"I enjoy helping people, and I'm a people person," said DeLand when asked why she chose nursing as her career choice.

Her parents are Rose (Dashner) and the late Ken DeLand, and her grandmother is the late Rose Anna



leaving us on April 1, 2011. She has been here for the last six years; we will all miss her deeply. We voted Patty to be the first employee of the month for January 2011.

Community Health has been busy, having just obtained a new Healthy Heart grant which will make it possible for us to provide education and prevention activities for those diabetics who are at risk for heart disease. Watch for further news about activities and services coming from our Community Health Department. Since incorporating Substance Abuse and Mental Health into our Health Services Department, we are still trying to become a more cohesive group. We all know change is difficult for everyone involved, but everything takes time. Remember, if you are seen in the emergency room or urgent care, please notify Contract Health as soon as possible within 72 hours of your visit. Miigwetch,



Nongueskwa. She has two dogs, Rufus and Karmen.

In her free time, she studies Anishinaabemowin at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey and enjoys reading and doing needlecrafts.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

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 Country 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.

SUMMER SEMESTER 2011 Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion Classes

<p>8-Credit Weekend Class 5 Weekends Per Semester</p> <p>Fridays 1pm-8pm Saturdays 8am-8pm Sundays 8am-noon</p> <p>Location: LTBB Community Center Harbor Springs, MI</p>	<p>Anishinaabe Language Immersion Weekends:</p> <p>May 13, 14, 15 June 10, 11, 12 June 24, 25, 26 July 22, 23, 24 August 12, 13, 14</p>	<p>Immersion Techniques Benefit All Learners from Beginners to Advanced</p> <p>Scholarships Available</p> <p>Dual Enrollment Opportunities for High School Students</p> <p>OPEN CLASSES You're Invited! Come</p>
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For more information, contact LTBB Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department, 231-242-1480, 1-866-652-5822 Carla McFall, 231-242-1454, cmcfall@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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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

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@lbbodawa-nsn.gov.

• Business Registration Certificate (DBA) Filed

During the month of February 2011, the following tribal citizen filed a DBA through the Department of Commerce:

Keshick's Great Lakes Fishing located in Petoskey, MI, filed by Howard Keshick.

Keshick is the first LTBB tribal fisherman to file a DBA through the tribe's Department of Commerce.

Congratulations!

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

Services:

- ✓ Enrollment Applications.
- ✓ Address Change Forms.
 - o Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
 - o 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.lbbodawa-nsn.gov. Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

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

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

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

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

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

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

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

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.

On the Pow Wow Trail



Michigan	Minnesota	Wisconsin
<p>April 2-3 Celebrate Life! CMU's 22nd Annual Pow Wow Central Michigan University Mt. Pleasant, MI Contact Information: 989-774-2508 or www.cmich.edu/powwow</p> <p>May 20-21 Seven Teachings Pow Wow Elk Rapids, MI Contact Information: Right Way Youth Sports Club at 231-709-2936 or toni.k.shananaquet@gmail.com</p> <p>June 3-4 Honoring Saganing Traditional Pow Wow Standish, MI Contact Information: 1-800-884-6271</p> <p>June 18-19 Honoring Our Sisters Traditional Pow Wow Brooklyn, MI Contact Information: Davi Trusty at 517-784-8543, dtrusty@gshom.com or http://www.girlscoutsihc.org</p> <p>July 1-3 30th Annual Sault Tribe Pow Wow Sault Ste. Marie, MI Contact Information: 906-635-6050 or http://www.saulttribe.com</p> <p>July 16-17 11th Annual Gagauwon Pow Wow Oscoda, MI Contact Information: Joe or Sue Ireland at 989-739-1994</p> <p>July 23-24 Black River Pow Wow and Historical Gathering Wadhams, MI Contact Information: Joe Greaux at 810-531-9814 or http://www.br-powwow.com</p> <p>July 22-24 33rd Annual Maawanji'ding Keweenaw Bay Pow Wow Baraga, MI Contact Information: Tracy Emery at 906-231-6102 or temery04@hotmail.com</p>	<p>April 8 St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Traditional Pow Wow St. Paul, MN Contact Information: 651-293-5191, www.indianeducation.spps.org or www.indianeducation.org</p> <p>April 9 St. Cloud State Pow Wow St. Cloud University St. Cloud, MN Contact Information: Jim Knutson-Kolodzne at 320-308-5447, jkolodzne@stcloudstate.edu or www.stcloudstate.edu/aic</p> <p>April 30 Osseo's 16th Annual Indian Education Day and Traditional Pow Wow Osseo, MN Contact Information: Ramona Stately at 763-391-7093 or state-lyr@district279.org</p> <p>May 27-29 Seventh Annual Seven Clans Casino Pow Wow Thief River Falls, MN Contact Information: Ron Lussier at 218-556-7566, ralussier@sevenclan-casino.com or http://www.sevenclan-casino.com</p> <p>May 27-29 Leech Lake Spring Pow Wow Cass Lake, MN Contact Information: Jerry Morgan at 218-335-7000, ext. 2005, 1-800-216-6329 or jerry.morgan@leech-lakegaming.com</p> <p>June 17-19 Lake Vermillion Pow Wow Tower, MN Contact Information: Tracey Dagen at 218-780-1478 or tdagen@fortunebay.com or Muriel Deegan at 218-750-7772 or murieldeegan@yahoo.com</p> <p>July 5-7 Red Lake Nation Independence Day Celebration Red Lake, MN Contact Information: Ron Lussier at 218-556-7566 or ralussier@seven-</p>	<p>July 23-24 Pipestone Pow Wow Pipestone, MN Contact Information: Rona Johnston at 507-825-3734 or http://www.pipekeepers.org</p> <p>July 23-25 Onigum Traditional 13th Annual Onigum, MN Contact Information: Theresa Jordan at 218-547-4090 or 218-536-0213 or LaVonne Thompson at 218-308-3680 or LaVonne.Thompson@leech-lakegaming.com</p> <p>May 7 AIRO Traditional Pow Wow University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Stevens Point, WI Contact Information: Andrew Gokee at 715-346-3576 or agokee@uwsp.edu</p> <p>May 20-23 Veterans of the Menominee Nation - Gathering of Warriors Pow Wow Keshena, WI Contact Information: Wes at 715-851-4748 or westmartin@new.rr.com</p> <p>June 19-20 Honor the Firekeepers Pow Wow Lake Geneva, WI Contact Information: Thunder Ruthven at 708-715-5042, thndr-rthvn@yahoo.com or http://www.lakegeneva-powwow.org</p> <p>June 30-July 3 39th Annual Oneida Pow Wow Oneida, WI Contact Information: Lloyd E. Powell, Jr. at 920-496-7352 or lpowell@oneidation.org or Tonya Webster at 920-496-5311 or twebster@oneidation.org or http://www.oneidation.org</p> <p>July 8-11 27th Bear River Pow Wow Lac du Flambeau, WI Contact Information: Teresa at 715-588-3346 or bearriver_ldf@yahoo.com</p>

UPCOMING SHOWS

<p>JUNE 11TH • 8PM THE GRASS ROOTS AND THE TURTLES FEATURING FLO & EDDIE</p>	<p>JUNE 25TH • 8PM THE FRONT MEN FEATURING LARRY STEWART, RICHIE McDONALD & TIM RUSHLOW</p>	<p>JULY 16TH • 8PM EMERSON DRIVE</p>
<p>JULY 30TH • 8PM PAUL REVERE & THE RAIDERS WITH SPECIAL GUEST STAR CHUCK NEGRON</p>	<p>AUGUST 13TH • 8PM LOCAL DRUM AND LEVI & THE PLATEROS</p>	<p>AUGUST 27TH • 8PM BJ THOMAS</p>
<p>SEPT. 17TH • 8PM JOHNNY RIVERS</p>	<p>OCTOBER 8TH • 8PM MARK FARNER</p>	

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3rd Place: \$200

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Bovee University Center 125
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2011 Miss Odawa Nation Contest

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A young lady with Odawa lineage who is at least 1/4 Native American
Single with no dependents
A Pow Wow dancer

Application materials available online at:
www.ltbbodawa.-nsn.gov (Click Announcements)
or Contact Shanna Wemigwase at 231-242-1628
or swemigwase@ltbbodawa.-nsn.gov

Miss Odawa 2011 to be crowned at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Saturday August 13th, 2011



JUDICIAL BRANCH

By Joe Lucier, Adult Probation Officer/Odawa Adult Healing to Wellness Coordinator

The new LTBB Adult Drug Court Program is dedicated to my grandmother, the late Honorable Rita Gasco-Shepard, who served as an LTBB Appellate Justice. Grandma was a beautiful Odawa woman whom I have always cherished. She taught me many lessons in life about love, faith and most importantly for me, respect. I learned by her example I was capable of being all that I dreamed. She taught me how to respect myself and to live in truth. She helped me to find the purpose God has created me for, which has led to blessings far beyond what I could have imagined for myself. I will always be grateful for her love.

She was born Rita Marie Ann Gasco in 1939, the oldest of five children born to Stella Gasco of Harbor Springs, MI. She lived with her mother and grandparents in Indian Town until the age of nine when she was placed in foster care. Grandma grew up in Harbor Springs and Petoskey, MI, and lived and worked her entire life in the area. Being part of the boarding school era, Grandma attended Holy Childhood day school. During this time, she was separated from her two sisters. She reconnected with one sister shortly after high school, and all three sisters were briefly reunited during the last years of my grandmother's life. Grandma married my Grandpa, Harvey Brubacker, during her senior year of high school and started a family. She had four children with my mother, Vicki, being her eldest. Grandma received her GED in the early 1970s and encouraged all of her children to finish school and to pursue higher education. Grandma and Grandpa would later divorce, and both would remarry. My mother, aunts and uncle were raised by Grandma here in Northern Michigan.

It seemed Grandma excelled in everything she did. When I was a young child, I remember seeing all of her trophies she had been awarded for her numerous talents. Grandma played sports, she was a singer and musician, a wonderful artist, and like I said, just plain good at everything she did. She was a master in needlecraft, and she is well-known for her intricate beadwork. She enjoyed watching birds and walking Duke, her miniature Doberman. She went to all of her grandchildren's sporting events and kept very accurate stats in the meanwhile.

Her lifestyle was rich with joy in so many areas, especially in her hobbies; my grandma loved playing golf most. She began playing in the late 70's and quickly became a local legend as she would outplay most men. She was a tiny woman at 130 pounds, but what she lacked in strength, she made up for on the greens. Her last year of league play was the summer before she got sick. In that year, Grandma and her partner played in the championship of the local men's tribal golf league. The opposing team was comprised of her husband, Flash, and his partner, the late Harvey Gibson. At the conclusion of the match, Grandma lost by a few strokes. Flash told me she didn't talk to him for three days after the match. I guess she was just a little upset he had beaten her. It's been almost three years since she walked on, and everyone still raves about how she would beat the pants off most of the men she played against. She had a truly competitive nature, and I think she strived for excellence in all areas of her life.

In the 80's, Grandma started a new chapter of her story. It was a path that would lead to her fulfilling her purpose, one in which she would touch countless lives, and leave a lasting legacy for her family and community. In 1983, Grandma took a job at a local law firm. Later, when one of the attorneys left the firm to become an Emmett County Judge, he offered her the position of Probate Court Registrar. Grandma accepted the position and served the court until her retirement at the age of 62. During her career, she learned many things about the workings of the legal system and also began to develop an interest in doing what she could to give back to the Native American community. Then, in 1998, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians posted the position of Appellate Justice for which my grandmother applied. She was chosen for the position and was sworn in on May 17, 1998 to serve several terms as judge before retiring again in 2008.

During her judgeship, Grandma became increasingly interested in promoting the health and well-being of the tribal youth and participated in the tribe's Healing to Wellness Court. One component of the court was to build a Peacemaking process to solve disputes among community members. While on the team, my grandmother had the opportunity to attend training in Kake, a small village on an Alaskan island in the Pacific where the local tribe would be presenting its experience in developing a Peacekeeping program. In Kake, my grandmother learned about Peacekeeping, but more importantly, learned a lesson that would change her perspective on healing and alter the way she would live out the

rest of her days here with us. Not many years after her visit to Alaska, Grandma walked on with grace after a brief but intense battle with cancer.

Before Grandma walked on, she asked me to pass on the story about her experience in Kake. She made me promise to memorize and tell the story when opportunities would come about. Before Grandma found out she had cancer, and during a time of her life when she was the happiest, she wrote this story:

"I was on my way to Alaska, excited to be on a journey to a land I had never seen. As a member of a tribal Peacekeeping team, I was one of several who were being given the wonderful opportunity to visit Kake, a little village on a small Alaskan island in the Pacific. The purpose of our journey was to get a firsthand experience at how this community developed its peacekeeping program, which was based on traditional Native values. This experience would then aid us in our own efforts to establish a tribal peacekeeping system back home in Michigan.

We were told that our visit was occurring during a time of the year when the landscape would be exposed, and the wildlife would be very active. We would be visiting the island of Kake in



the spring. The salmon would be running, making their own journey up into the mouth of the river to spawn. The bear and eagle would be moving about, hoping to feast on the spawning fish at river's edge. I, too, had hopes about this journey ... hopes that I would fulfill my lifelong quest of finding my first eagle feather.

Our small plane landed on the airstrip in the village of Kake, which was tucked away on this Alaskan island. I observed my surroundings and concluded that Kake was in a very natural, depressed and untouched state. It was shortly after arrival, that I shared my dream of finding an eagle feather with our facilitator and island guide, Mike. He reassured me that my search would end here in Kake because the possibilities for where a feather might be discovered were endless. Eagle feathers could be found below trees that held the favorite roosting spots, out on the ocean flats during ebb tide, and along the river where the mighty bird comes to feed.

The first day on the island was spent getting acclimated, settling in and taking in some of the local sites. With determination, I started out early the next morning enjoying a walk through the rustic village of Kake. The weather was typical for a day on an island south of Juneau. I could feel the mist on my face while my body was chilled by the dampness that hung in the air. As promised, the island's activity was occupied by the wildlife moving about. Mother bear would snag a fish and carry it off to the woods where the noisy cubs were climbing in the trees and letting her know they were hungry. Eagles could be seen flying overhead or perched in any of the tall pine trees along the river.

I walked along the river in various paths, not venturing too far in any particular direction for fear that I might meet a bear. As I looked up to the treetops, I could spot two and three eagles at a time. I walked up into the brush, which was so thick that I felt as if I was walking through a rainforest. I reached the mouth of the river. The tide was out, and my walk ended on the misty ocean

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flats. It is where my walk stopped for that moment that my search began. I could see eagles fishing in the little pools of water that had been left on the ocean floor after the tide had receded. If I got too close, the feeding birds would fly off. Timidly, I kept walking. I was a bit uneasy about going further out onto the flats, nervous that the tide could return at any moment, but I continued walking and looking, looking and walking. There wasn't an eagle feather to be found.

I decided to go back to the hotel, ending my day's quest. Upon my return, others sensed my disappointment. A traveling companion named Jeff presented me with a beautiful immature eagle feather that he had found. I would treasure this feather, but I would not give up on my quest.

After a couple of days of long walks and fruitless searches, Mike offered some encouragement. He had planned a tour for us later that evening that would take us around the island. He also said that we could make a stop at the village dump. While this sounded somewhat unattractive, this little rendezvous was planned because eagles often visited the village dump to scavenge through the garbage, which often left a trail of feathers. This could be just the place I had been waiting for.

Our group of six to seven people had a very pleasant road trip around the island although the drive couldn't really be described as having gone "around." You see, when traveling on this remote island, you would follow the roads until they simply didn't go any further. The roads we took on our tour would go just so far and then, they would stop, causing us to turn around and take another route. We enjoyed the scenery and occasional spotting of wildlife. We also stopped to pick medicinal plants to accompany us on our journey home. Our tour did end at the village dump where we all got out and started rummaging through the debris left by the villagers in hopes of finding an elusive eagle feather. A couple of pretty raven feathers were spotted and kept, which were considered a treasure as well. In Alaska, the raven and the eagle are referred to as the "lovebirds" and are often pictured together in Alaskan Native art.

While everyone was preparing to depart, I was preparing myself for bringing closure to another day without having fulfilled my lifelong quest of finding an eagle feather. But just as I was walking away, I looked down at my feet and saw a quill sticking out of the muck. I reached down and pulled at the quill. Out from the rubbish came the sorriest and dirtiest feather I had ever seen. Mike, our guide, coaxed me to throw it back on the ground. He promised that he would get me another feather, explaining again how plentiful they were on the island. He even offered to share one of his feathers. I ignored his urges. As soon as I saw the feather, I knew it was from an eagle. I also knew at that moment that I was keeping it.

Later that evening, I returned to my hotel room with the dirty and mangled feather. With soap and water, I began to gently wash the feather, fanning it to dry. What appeared was the most beautiful eagle's white tail feather. It was my treasured gift from the Creator.

The next day, I was given the opportunity to share the story of my feather with a group of young people from San Diego, CA, who were also visiting Kake. Their journey to the Alaskan village had been a reward for their sobriety. The story I shared with them was not just about the search for the feather, but about the transformation of the feather, which is symbolic of our own lives. When something that is so dirty and mangled can become beautiful, clean and white, then, there is hope. Each one of us gets dirty, whether we get the dirt on ourselves or other people throw it on us. But with some gentle care, and with the help of the Creator, we can make ourselves clean and pure again.

It is my own personal story that allows me to share the white feather story. I am a simple person who has lived a long life. Much of my childhood was spent in foster homes, which is a rough life for any child. I have done things I am not proud of. Over the years, bad things have happened to me, some of which have been my own doing, some of which have not. I have also had many wonderful experiences, and I am proud of the wonderful accomplishments in my life. I believe that the Creator has always walked next to me. It is with the Creator's help that I have been able to walk my path and make my own transformation. Through my life experiences, I have learned that the greatest lesson is forgiveness. The ability to forgive both oneself and others is truly an opportunity for healing.

EPILOGUE

Our own Tribal Court has a "sobriety" court, which is called the Healing to Wellness Court, which offers support and resources to young substance abusers. As a tribal elder, I am one of the program's team members, and I participate in reviewing the progress of our participants and in making recommendations for

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their healing path.

One of our participants was having a difficult time maintaining his sobriety. He showed so much promise; he was someone who could conceivably one day lead our tribe. I could see that he was fighting his demons, and they had a strong hold. My heart was heavy with worry for him. I put down tobacco and prayed to the Creator, asking for guidance. The Creator answered me a few days later as I lay awake in bed, asking again for insight on how to help this young man.

The kind and loving Creator brings people and events into our lives for a reason, which we will recognize if we pray and listen for his answer. He revealed to me that night why He gave me the white feather.

I said goodbye to the feather a few days later after telling our young man this story and presented him with the feather. I told him that I would pray for him. I also expressed my hopes that the Creator would use the feather to bring strength and encouragement as he walked his path. I also told him that I hoped one day the Creator would make it known to him that it would be time to pass the feather on to another who needs it more than he does.

Just as I had pulled the dirty and mangled feather from the muck and then transformed it into a beautiful clean feather, it is with much prayer that I hope each of our young people who are struggling can also be pulled from their troubled paths to find strength in the Creator to make their own transformation.”

On May 21, 2008, Grandma walked on. A fire was lit in the pouring rain and continued to burn until the end of the fourth day. The thunders came rolling through as the sun went down.

It was Grandma’s wish the feather be passed on when the moment was right, but even more, it was Grandma’s dream that, with the help of the Creator, we would pass on a hope of healing and redemption to other Natives. She could see the potential in our community members who struggle with addiction, and she could see the potential in that “dirty mangled feather” she picked



out of the muck that day. This wasn’t because she had some great gift. It was simply because she could relate to the person who struggled, and she could relate to that feather. When she was coaxed to throw the feather back, I believe, even at that moment, she saw herself in that feather, and she saw her community in that feather. Because of her healing, she knew there was hope for that feather, as she knew that everyone in our community was worth saving.

As we learn to walk on the red road, we will find brothers or sisters who are stuck in the rubbish of life, dirty and mangled from the tribulations of addiction and abuse. Let us not walk any further without extending a helping hand. Many may have already passed by, and, for selfish reasons, we have left them behind thinking someone else would eventually stop to help. It is time for those of us who have been blessed to experience hope again to fulfill Grandma’s last wish. You see, Grandma hoped that when faced with the decision of keeping a feather or throwing it back, her people would rise to the responsibility of providing the gentle care needed for a transformation to take place in their fellow Odawa. We should all remember that in some way, we have all had dirt heaped on us, and without the help of the Creator and our fellow man, we would all still be buried in rubbish.

In the months leading up to her death, my grandmother and I talked many hours about how we could help make positive changes in our community. Since then, I have followed in the footsteps of my grandmother and joined the Tribal Court Team. I was hired to develop the Adult Drug Court Program which we have since named Waabshki-Miigwan (White Feather). During this experience, the Tribal Court Team and I have kept Grandmother’s story close to our hearts, and in honor of her, we have incorporated her story into our curriculum.

We hope our program will help people find the healing I, my grandmother and many others have found on our journey to wellness. This program was developed for our brothers and sisters who struggle to find hope. Please understand we are only passing on what was freely given to us by those who took the time to pick us out of the muck on the road to healing and wellness. We believe in our elders’ experiences and teachings because they have worked for us in extraordinary ways. Our prayer is that the Waabshki-Miigwan Program will help others find peace. We wish you the best and hope to see you helping on the red road. Please see page to learn about the program and to see how you can help.

The photos of the white feather and Rita Gasco-Shepard appear courtesy of Joe Lucier.



In November 2010, Adult Probation Officer/Odawa Adult Healing to Wellness Coordinator Joe Lucier (pictured on the left) and Court Administrator Bernadece Kiogima (pictured in the middle) were asked to present the Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program at the National Training Conference for Criminal Justice and Community Leaders in Green Bay, WI.

MILESTONES

By **Joe Lucier**, Adult Probation Officer/Odawa Adult Healing to Wellness Coordinator

The Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program (WMDCP) was developed by the LTBB Tribal Court Staff in 2010.

The mission of the Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program is to implement a collaborative partnership among the community, service providers, court and adults who face substance abuse challenges in order to restore holistic balance using Odawa values and teachings as envisioned by our ancestors in order to ignite the healing and rehabilitation of non-violent addicted offenders.

While developing the WMDCP, we used many already established and proven recovery principles. The LTBB Culture served as our main guide. The Seven Grandfather Teachings, Medicine Wheel Teachings and the White Feather Story are the foundation of WMDCP.

We used the *Ten Key Components of Wellness Courts* as a guide when organizing the overall structure of our court program. We examined many examples of how other tribal drug courts utilized these guidelines, and in many cases, were able to adopt their ideas into our program.

WMDCP has utilized the *12 Steps* as a guide in developing the treatment portion of the program. These programs are established and successful in treating drug and alcohol addiction. *Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)* and *The Red Road to Wellbriety* make up the core of our treatment curriculum. Many Natives have used these principles to get clean and sober. See **Quote 1-A**

Quote 1-A “Time and again, our Elders have said that the 12 Steps of AA are just the same as the principles that our ancestors lived by, with only one change. When we place the 12 Steps in a circle, then they come into alignment with the circle teachings that we know from many of our tribal ways. When we think of them in a circle and use them a little differently, then the words will be more familiar to us.”

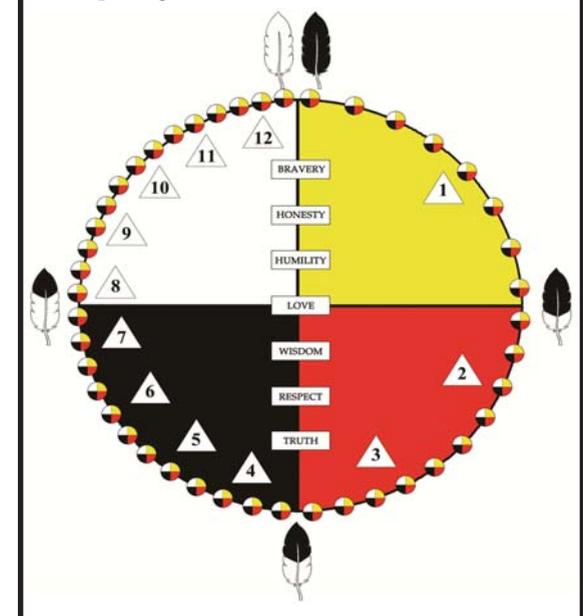
- The Red Road to Wellbriety

the learning level (eight weeks), the accepting level (10 weeks), the willing level (12 weeks) and the succeeding level (14 weeks). WMDCP Clients work closely with the WMDCP Team to ensure maximum potential is achieved.

This 10-month, four phase program, is a compilation of 44 weekly responsibilities. We encourage our clients to focus on one week and even one day at a time. Each week’s assignments must be completed successfully before moving on to the following week. See **Figure 1-B**

Figure 1-B Week-to-Week Diagram (Poster)

The WMDCP Week-to-Week Diagram is a tool used to display client progress in the curriculum. Throughout the program, the client will receive incentive patches for successful completion of certain tasks. For example, when a client completes step 1, they will receive a patch that symbolizes his or her completion of that step. Other patches are awarded for work in the Seven Grandfather teachings, the 12 steps and for advancing to the next phase. The client also receives a medicine wheel patch for each successful week completed. As the client progresses through the WMDCP program, his or her diagram will become increasingly detailed until he or she finally completes the diagram upon graduation. Below is an example of what a completed diagram will look like when a client is successful in completing the WMDCP.



WMDCP assignments and tasks are balanced between spiritual, emotional, physical and mental wellness activities. **Spiritual health** activities include self-help meetings, daily prayer and meditation and Twelve Step Work in either AA or the White Bison Medicine Wheel Teachings. **Emotional health** activities include assigned WMDCP cultural and wellness activities laid out in the WMDCP workbook. These activities include various engaging tasks designed to instill Odawa culture as well as challenge the drug court client. **Physical health** activities include weekly physical exercise to be chosen by the client and negative random/scheduled drug and alcohol screens. **Mental health** activities are laid out in periodic therapy

“Milestones” continued on page 18.

20TH ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW

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August 13 and 14, 2011 ~ LTBB Pow Wow Grounds ~ Harbor Springs, MI



Dance, Drum and
Hand Drum Contests

Grand entry times ~ Saturday, August 13 – 1 & 7 p.m. & Sunday, August 14 – 12 p.m.

Registration ~ Friday, August 12, 5-8 p.m. & Saturday, August 13, 10 a.m. – Noon

Registration fee \$5 per dancer/singer. TRIBAL IDS MAY BE REQUESTED. Tiny tots need not register.

HEAD STAFF:

ARENA DIRECTOR - Dave Shananaquet ~ HEAD VETERAN - George Martin ~ MC - Joey Awonohopay

HOST DRUM - Pipestone ~ HEAD MALE JUDGE - R.J. Smith ~ HEAD FEMALE JUDGE - Netawn Kiogima

DRUM JUDGE - TBD ~ HEAD DANCERS - TBD per session

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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
February 6, 2011

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:06 a.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Gerald V. Chingwa, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley
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

Public: Doug Emery, Jeannie Norris, Cathy Bradley, Sarah VanDeCar, Rose Smalley, Bernadece Kiogima, Carla Steingold, John Liebgott, Yvonne McShane, Bill Denemy, Sr., Bill Denemy, Jr., Starrline Behrens, Annette VanDeCar, Jasmine McFall, Andrew Stich

Invited Guests: Christina Rohn from Petoskey News Review

9:11 a.m. Councilor R. Shananaquet arrived.

9:16 a.m. Councilor Chingwa arrived. Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to adopt the agenda with additions.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to approve the minutes of January 23, 2011 as presented.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 5, 2011 with corrections.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

Elder Comments: no comments.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to accept Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet verbal and written report with confidential information contained therein for February 6, 2011.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of the Tribal Prosecutor's Establish Victim Notification Policy and the Implementation of Victim notification Policy.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

10:26 a.m. Recess called.

10:38 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee report as presented by Councilor Kiogima for February 6, 2011.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried

Motion made Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported Councilor Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution: Authorizing an Additional Appropriation of \$27,000 to the 2011 Odawa Homecoming Jingtamok /Pow-Wow Committee to come from Prior Period Funds.

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

Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the verbal update by Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson Kiogima.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2

- Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept the verbal update by Legal and Legislative Committee Chairperson Chingwa.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried

Rule of Conduct Ethics Committee: no reports.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept to following Tribal Council Member reports: Councilor Kiogima-regarding Tribal Departments and support for the Education Department Language Program Department naming as presented by Carla McFall via e-mail. Councilor Mulholland-regarding financial impact study on statutes created for Casino and Government to include when applicable sunset clauses.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

Motion made Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Chingwa to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for February 6, 2011.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Mulholland to pass the Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2005-010 Legislative Procedures Statute.

Roll Call: 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-absent, Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet-yes

Motion failed.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Rose Smalley requested the Tribal Chairman update the Citizens regarding the status of the Interim Chief Financial Officer position. Cathy Bradley spoke regarding appropriation of funding. Cathy also spoke in support of the previous casino wage grid study. Doug Emery spoke in support of Tribal Council and Tribal Chairman's responsibilities. Doug also made a public statement that he is not seeking litigation regarding employment. Yvonne McShane spoke of her previous request regarding Tribal Council mileage taken when less than 20 miles travel. Yvonne also spoke regarding the Treasurer stipend for additional pay for doing Treasurer Responsibilities. Bill Denemy, Sr. spoke regarding Attorney wage levels and the Elders Dental Assistance appropriation.

11:52 p.m. Public Comment closed. Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor Otto to table the motion for the appointment for Chief Judge until the full Tribal Council is present.

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

11:56 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to post the Citizenship Commission Draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 3- Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley, Councilor R. Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Chingwa to acknowledge receipt of the Travel Policy for the Tribal Prosecutor.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

1:34 p.m. Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Kiogima to go into closed session for legal.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

2:01 p.m. Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

2:03 p.m. Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Coun-

cilor Kiogima to go into closed session for legal.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley, Councilor Mulholland) Motion carried.

2:11 p.m. Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

2:12 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to go into closed session for legal.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

2:33 p.m. Motion made by and supported by to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Mulholland that based on developments with regard to Bay Mills Indian Community

Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2011

April 2 Work Session
April 3 Council Meeting
April 16 Work Session
April 17 Council Meeting

April 30 Work Session
May 1 Council Meeting
May 21 Work Session
May 22 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

Vanderbilt casino since November 12, 2010 in relation to LTBB's 2008 Compact Amendment, the Tribe directs Odawa Casino Resort to submit the 2010 Compact payment to the State when due.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

2:37 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Bardwell to go into closed session for personnel.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

2:46 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

2:47 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to go into closed session for legal.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

3:01 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

3:01 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:02 p.m. Public comment closed.

3:03 p.m. Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adjourn.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Secretary Gasco Bentley, Councilor Otto) Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

The Little Traverse Bay
Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Court Room
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
February 20, 2011

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:10 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Moment of Silence.

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

Absent: Councilor Marvin Mulholland

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington

Casino Staff Present: General Manager David Wolf, Human Resource Director Melissa Richards, Director of Marketing Phil Gonzales, Director of Finance Roger Borton

Public: Rose Smalley, Sarah VanDeCar, Annette VanDeCar, Bill Denemy, Sr., Yvonne McShane, Cathy Bradley, Richard Wemigwase, Jeannie Norris, Bernadece Kiogima, Carol McFall, Steve Sochay, Starr Behrens, Doug Emery, Bea Law, Joe Lucier

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to adopt the agenda for February 20, 2011 with additions.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to approve the minutes of February 6, 2011 as presented.

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

Elder Comments: Sarah VanDeCar spoke in support of the Powwow Committee supplemental funding need. Rose Smalley spoke against the Tribal Chairman utilizing the front page of the Odawa Trails.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept the Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet's verbal report for February 20, 2011.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's verbal report for February 20, 2011.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Treasurer Bott's Treasurer and Appropriations and Finance Committee update for February 20, 2011.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to allocate \$25,000 to the Tribal Elder's Dental Program with funding to come from Prior Period Funds.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson Kiogima's verbal report for February 20, 2011.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Legal and Legislative Committee updated from Committee Chairperson Chingwa for February 20, 2011.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to instruct the Tribal Chairman

to develop the Administrative Procedure as cited in the Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-003 Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Statute, and shall submit said procedures to Tribal Council no later than March 20, 2011.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve and grandfather the use of the former Victories site for a snowmobile trail until March 31, 2011, any extensions of such use will need to be approved by the Odawa Economic Management Development Tribally Chartered Corporation, in accordance with Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-024 Odawa Economic Development Management.

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

Councilor Otto Ethics Committee Chairperson reports that there was no Rules of Conduct violation reports received at this time.

10:19 a.m. Recess called.

10:31 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for February 20, 2011.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Chairman Harrington's verbal and written report with confidential items contained therein for February 20, 2011.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution: Request for funding from the Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans, Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Waganakising Community Language Implementation Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve by Certified Motion: Request for Funding from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Fiscal Year 2011 Court Training and Improvements Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2011 OVW Court Training and Improvements Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve by Certified Motion: Request for Funding from Charlevoix County Community Foundation Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Outreach Therapy Program.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Chingwa to approve by Certified Motion: Request for Funding from Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Parent and Child Outreach Therapy Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve by Certified Motion: Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, FY2011-2012 Invasive Species Project.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, "Minutes" continued on page 16.

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1 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, GLNPO Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP) Program Capacity Funding Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians LaMP Capacity Grant.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to amend the agenda and add the Rural Access to Emergency Devices and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians FY 2011 Continuation Certified Motions to the February 20, 2011 agenda.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to approve by Certified Motion: Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Rural Health Policy, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Rural Access to Emergency Devices Project.

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

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to approve by Certified Motion: Request for Funding from: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Special Diabetes Program for Indians FY 2011 Continuation.

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

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Enrollment List C Voluntary Relinquishment dated February 14, 2011 for a total of 2.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland, Councilor Bardwell) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to pass the Gaming Regulatory Statute.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to pass the Tribal Prosecutor Statute.

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

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet to rescind the Elder's Dental Supplemental Funding Tribal Resolution. Motion Withdrawn.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Cathy Portman Bradley spoke about the Tribal Newsletter and the freedom of speech with regard to current funding source; an update regarding the Annual Community Meeting; the Tribal Wage Grid; and Casino Policies. Michele LaCount spoke on behalf of Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council. Richard Wemigwase spoke regarding water quality at the Harbor Springs Tribal housing complex. Bea Law spoke regarding snowmobile trail sponsorship line item allocated by Tribal Chairman; and sup-

port of Tribal Citizen involvement with the Tribe and other communities. Jeannie Norris spoke in support of Bernadece Kiogima for Chief Judge. Bea Law also spoke regarding sewage back up and asked who does the water testing. Richard Wemigwase clarified that the governmental facilities department does water quality assessments daily. Starr Behrens spoke in support of Bernadece Kiogima for Chief Judge.

12:03 Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Otto to appoint Bernadece Kiogima as Chief Judge to a 4-year term.

Vote: 2 - Yes, 5 - No (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Chingwa, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet, Treasurer Bott, Councilor R. Shananaquet), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Kiogima), 1 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland) Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Chingwa to acknowledge receipt of Michael McCreery's resignation from the Gaming Regulatory Commission.

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

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley for reconsideration and to approve the Additional Appropriation of \$27,000 to the 2011 Odawa Homecoming Jiingtamok/Pow-Wow Committee to come from Prior Period Funds and in accordance with the Constitution, the Tribal Chairman shall administer his Executive oversight authority to the extent necessary to ensure the administration of such funds.

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

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to accept the resignation of Councilor Belinda Bardwell from the Land

and Reservation Committee and appoint Councilor Gerald V. Chingwa to the Land and Reservation Committee.

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

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the resignation of Councilor Gerald V. Chingwa from the Gaming Authority Commission and to appoint Councilor Rita Shananaquet to the Gaming Authority Commission.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 3 - No (Councilor Kiogima, Councilor Otto, Secretary Gasco Bentley), 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 1 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland) Motion carried.

Motion made by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to request that the Tribal Chairman submit nominations for the position of Chief Judge.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Charlevoix County Prosecutor and the LTBB Prosecutor regarding federal grant program funding for domestic violence and sexual assault and authorizes Tribal Prosecutor Lesky to sign such necessary documents and to provide a signed copy of the document to the Tribal Council.

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

12:26 p.m. Lunch recess called. Councilor Bardwell left the meeting.

1:39 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

1:41 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to go into closed session for confidential business matters casino.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained

(Treasurer Bott), 2 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland, Councilor Bardwell) Motion carried.

2:08 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor R. Shananaquet to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland, Councilor Bardwell) Motion carried.

The Gaming Authority Commission deferred to the Casino General Manager David Wolf for the 4th Quarter Report for February 20, 2011.

2:33 p.m. Recess called.

2:44 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

2:50 p.m. Public Comment: Doug Emery spoke regarding his work with Allie Greenleaf Maldonado-Assistant General Counsel to conclude his concerns with regard to both the Casino and Governmental hiring practice.

2:56 p.m. Public Comment closed.

2:58 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to go into closed session for confidential business.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor R. Shananaquet) Motion carried.

3:41 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Chingwa and supported by Treasurer Bott to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland, Councilor Bardwell) Motion carried.

3:54 p.m. Motion made by Councilor R. Shananaquet and supported by Legislative Leader J. Shananaquet to adjourn.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Mulholland, Councilor Bardwell) Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as presented: Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

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Smoked Salmon

Hardboiled egg, capers, dill, cornichons, red onion & crostini

Tomato Basil Bisque

Basil, olive oil & parmesan

Main

Banana Pecan French Toast

Hawaiian sweet bread, grilled Dearborn breakfast sausage, powdered sugar & maple syrup

Eggs Benedict

Toasted English muffin, Canadian bacon or smoked salmon, poached eggs, chive hollandaise

Home fries

Asparagus & Boursin Omelet

Spinach, apple wood smoked bacon, cheddar cheese & home fries

Any Style Eggs

Two eggs made to your liking, home fries & your choice of apple wood bacon or sausage

English muffin

Roasted Strip Loin

Roasted mushrooms, caramelized onions & parmesan polenta

Baby spinach & red wine sauce

Dessert

Mocha Toffee Cheese Cake

Chocolate toffee cheese cake, streusel & coffee ice cream

Espresso caramel

Molten Chocolate Cake

Peanut butter white chocolate filling
Vanilla ice cream & peanut brittle



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sessions with a substance abuse counselor on staff. Clients must simultaneously complete these weekly spiritual, emotional, physical and mental health activities in order to advance to the next week's assignments. Failure to complete all assigned tasks can halt the client's progress and extend the length of time until successful completion of the WMDCP.

The WMDCP is laid out in a way easily understood by the drug court program client. Upon acceptance into the program, each client will receive a week-by-week planner, a week-by-week workbook, access to the drug court resources and, finally, the helpful support of the entire WMDCP team.

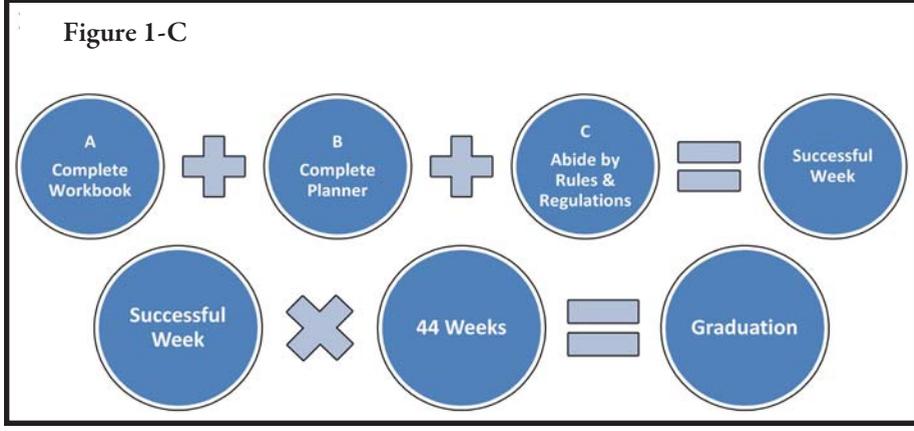
Every WMDCP client must essentially complete only three things:

Attendance at all assigned counseling, probation, court and self-help meetings assigned in the WMDCP week-by-week planner;

All the projects and assignments laid out in the WMDCP week-by-week workbook; and

Compliance with all the WMDCP rules and regulations with an emphasis on maintaining sobriety and clean time.

When a client successfully accomplishes A, B, and C simultaneously, then they advance to the next week's curriculum. Forty-four successful weeks will result in graduation from the WMDCP and a fresh start on life. See Figure 1-C



The LTBB Adult Drug Court Coordinator, the LTBB Adult Probation Officer and the assigned therapists work collaboratively to monitor and supervise each client. In addition, clients are required to appear at regularly scheduled WMDCP hearings to report on progress and drawbacks to completion of program tasks and assignments. The WMDCP team members conduct weekly meetings to discuss the status of each client and make appropriate adjustments in the client's treatment plan as needed.

Upon successful completion of the WMDCP, it is expected our clients will acquire the following:

- A foundational knowledge of recovery principles;
- A new appreciation of the benefits of living a crime free lifestyle;
- An ability to logically and efficiently overcome life obstacles;
- A better understanding of the Odawa culture;
- Better overall health; and, most importantly, **Hope for their future**

Acknowledgements

The Waabshki-Miigwan Program is a compilation of various tools and techniques that have been utilized by our tribal citizens to obtain and maintain a life of sobriety. It is acknowledged we have not created this program, but have merely gathered effective principles and attempted to present them in a well-defined curriculum that is simply understood and completed by participants. Being part of the vast worldwide tribal community, we are incredibly blessed and grateful for the endless resources made available over the last few years. The work and research of other Native peoples and communities has benefited us all as we continue to build our ever-growing tribal network. We were humbled as we realized the vast knowledge and wisdom so freely shared among Native communities pertaining to recovery.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians has benefited much from the teachings of our ancestors and other tribal communities. We would like to formally thank the many local people and others from all around Indian country, who gave their time and expertise generously in support of recovering Natives. Just as one individual cannot heal without the help of another, we couldn't have constructed the Waabshki-Miigwan Program without the help of our fellow man.

We would like to especially thank the following nations and organizations for their guidance and contributed resources: Tribal Law & Policy Institute, White Bison, American University, Alcoholics Anonymous and of course, to all the established drug courts who provided access to their drug court policies, procedures and various other court documents.

Furthermore, this experience would not have been possible without the collaboration and cooperation of the three branches of government for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Thank you so much for your

contributions. With the support of one another, we have exceeded the high expectations set for this drug court program project.

We hope the Waabshki-Miigwan Program will help others in our community to start the process of cleansing. By expressing our interest in this area, we have taken the first step in resolving the current substance abuse/use issues in our community. It will be our great pleasure to assist in any way we can. In order to aid others in better understanding our program, we have compiled a Program Manual available for review. If you are interested, you can obtain a copy from the LTBB Tribal Court.

We are all white feathers that have become dirty in some way. Some of the dirt has been heaped on us, and some we have put on ourselves. With each other's help, we can continue to walk the Good Road and restore the health of our communities. Again, Chi Miigwetch to you all for making this an unforgettable experience, and we express our deepest gratitude for giving our community and others an opportunity they will be able to treasure forever.

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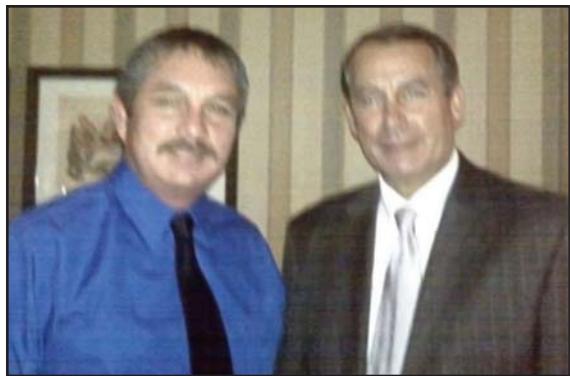
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“Chairman” continued from cover.

tional Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), no approval or compliance from the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), no approval/application from the State Michigan for a state gaming compact and no approval from LTBB.

The approval from LTBB is required in accordance with our tribe’s state gaming compact. The location of the new casino falls within our tribe’s competitive area, therefore, violating our state gaming compact. The state and our tribe have filed an injunction seeking immediate closure of the fa-



cility. Bay Mills claims the land is Indian Lands, and that is the only permission needed. However, NIGA and IGRA have both produced and submitted written statements stating, “The Vanderbilt casino is NOT on Indian Land.” The land is not in trust nor has a trust application been filed for the site.

The LTBB Constitution is the people’s protection yet it remains open for interpretation. In 2005, our tribe’s new constitution was enacted. The new constitution created the separation of powers: the Legislative Branch or Lawmakers and Appropriators, the Executive Branch or Administrators of Laws and Appropriations and the Judicial Branch to interpret our Constitution and apply the laws within. The elected officials from both the Executive and the Legislative simply disagree on whether appropriations need to be through a resolution or by simple motion. Currently, the Legislative Branch states appropriations can be administered by motion, and the Executive believes the appropriations should be administered through resolution. In other words, we agree to disagree. Funding needed for immediate services have been administered, but some funding requests remain unresolved. The LTBB Constitution is new, and issues may arise such as this, therefore, a friendly lawsuit and a judicial interpretation will resolve the issue one way or the other, protecting our tribal citizens in accordance with our constitution.

Another lawsuit has been filed by a LTBB Tribal Citizen regarding our tribe’s constitutionality. A former Tribal Councilor has filed suit against Tribal Council and the Chairman for the new Gaming Delegation and Authority Committee. In December 2010, Tribal Council passed a law eliminating the Gaming Board of Directors, and the Chairman approved and signed the law. The new law replaces the Gaming Board of Directors made up of LTBB Tribal Citizens with Tribal Councilors appointed by Tribal Council. The hearing was scheduled for March 18, 2011 at 10 a.m. with the Honorable Judge Jenny Lee Kronk presiding.

The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) continues to meet regularly. The five-member tribal organization, made up of LTBB, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Bay Mills Indian Community and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, continues to exercise our treaty rights for hunting and fishing. Recently, a moose hunt was being researched for the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The moose population has grown, creating this new concept. Our Natural Resource Director, Department and Commission will be at the forefront of the proposed moose hunt and the continued exercising of our treaty rights.

Our tribe’s new fish hatchery is scheduled for construction this year. Currently, the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ (BIA) 638 road funding of \$250,000 is secured. The road construction design contract has been awarded to Northwest Design Group (NDG), a local firm from Petoskey, MI, and road construction is scheduled for late summer 2011. A design firm for the hatchery is currently being selected by the NRD work group. Design firms submitted their qualifications, and the work group was scheduled to select a design firm in March 2011. After the plans are complete, construction of the hatchery can begin. Construction is tentatively scheduled for fall 2011. Tribal Council has approved by majority vote the acceptance of a \$250,000 grant from CMS Energy for the construction of our tribe’s fish hatchery. CMS has committed an additional \$250,000 for the hatchery which is scheduled for 2011.

The Veterans Memorial work group has provided our tribe with a significant list of veterans, so their names may be permanently displayed in honor of their service. The location has been approved by the work group and is located at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, just east of the main entrance. The next step is approval of the site plan from Tribal Council and then to secure a budget and proceed with design plans for construction. Please forward any LTBB Tribal Citizen Veterans to the Tribal Administrator at 231-242-1421, so the veterans may be recognized.

The Petoskey Snowmobile Trail was a success. The new trail brought hundreds of snowmobilers to the community and to Odawa Casino Resort (OCR) in Petoskey, MI. OCR advertised in the Michigan Snowmobile Association’s fall magazine to bring snowmobilers to our area and to our casino. Studies have shown Michigan is the largest state in the country for snowmobilers, and the business creates more than \$1.2 billion in revenue for Michiganders. Tribal Council approved the temporary trail through March 2011 and has delegated the trail to the Victories Task Force team. Currently, Victories is a temporary trailhead for snowmobilers. The efforts to develop the trail were combined from OCR, LTBB Tribal Government and the Petoskey Snowmobile Club (PSC). The PSC is seeking a permanent trail to Petoskey and has been for more than 10 years. The tribe and PSC’s efforts are supported by the local chamber of commerce, City of Petoskey, local township and counties. Local government to government relations continue to exist and improve.

The photos appear courtesy of Ken Harrington.

HOMETOWN WIRELESS GROUP WILL GIVE 15% OFF ALL ITEMS TO ANY LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN, LTBB EMPLOYEE, OR FAMILY MEMBER OF AN EMPLOYEE. ALL WE NEED IS YOUR TRIBAL ID OR EMPLOYEE BADGE. WE HAVE 3 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU:

HARBOR SPRINGS HARBOR PLAZA 8430 M-119 231-487-9390	ALANSON 7722 US 31 NORTH (NEXT TO SUBWAY) 231-548-5997	KALKASKA 559 S. CEDAR (131) 800-757-5997
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ATTENTION:

Looking for family of Marguerite Saccator.

If you have any information please contact Marguerite Barnes at 575-408-0615 or email to peggycharley911@aol.com

“THIS IS MY CAREER!”

CAREER FAIR

Saturday, April 16th & 23rd
1:00pm – 5:00pm

Odawa Hotel Huron Room
1444 US 131 South

Departmental representatives on-site to discuss career opportunities

On-site interviews available

www.odawacasino.com/careers

2011 ELECTION SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

- Friday, April 8, 2011**
Ballots for Primary Election Mailed to all Registered Voters as of February 8, 2011
- Saturday, April 9, 2011**
Meet the Candidates Forum in Grand Rapids, MI
- Monday, May 9, 2011**
Primary Election day in Tribal Court Room located in LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI
- Monday, May 23, 2011**
Primary Election Certified Ballots for General Election Approved by the Election Board
- Wednesday, May 25, 2011**
General Election Ballots Mailed to all Registered Voters as of Tuesday, March 29, 2011
- Saturday, June 4, 2011**
Meet the Candidates Forum in the Commons Area of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI
- Monday, June 27, 2011**
General Election Day
- Tuesday, July 12, 2011**
General Election Certified
- Sunday, August 21, 2011**
Oath of Office for the Newly Elected Tribal Officials

Statute Tribal Elections and Election Board.

SECTION X. REGISTRATION AND VOTING

A. Registration
This section sets out procedures to ensure that a vote cast in the name of the voter is in fact cast by that voter.

1. Each Tribal Citizen who desires to vote in an election must have a Voter Registration Form on file with the Election Board ninety (90) days before the day of election.
2. The Voter Registration Form shall be in a format approved by the Election Board.
3. The Voter Registration Form must be signed by the Tribal Citizen and verified either by (1) the seal and signature of a notary public or (2) attaching a legible copy of one of the following forms of identification: a valid Tribal Identification Card, Driver’s License, state issued Identification Card, or Passport, provided such identification bears the signature of the Tribal Citizen.
4. It is the responsibility of each Tribal Citizen who wishes to vote in an election to ensure that he or she has submitted a Voter Registration Form to the Election Board.
5. Any voter who changes his or her name shall submit a new Voter Registration Form to the Election

Board.

6. Based on the Voter Registration Forms submitted to the Election Board, the Election Board shall keep a roster of voters known as the Voter Registration list with voters listed in alphabetical order or nearly so as possible. The Election Board shall update the Voter Registration list as Voter Registration Forms are submitted.
7. Any voter who changes his or her address shall submit a change of address with the Enrollment Department.
8. The Election Board shall keep a roster of voters known as the Voter Registration List.
9. Tribal Enrollment Department shall upon request by the Election Board provide a list of enrolled Tribal Citizens’ names, addresses, enrollment numbers and current addresses (if available), in alphabetical order or as nearly so as possible, provided that the Tribal Citizen shall have obtain the age of eighteen by election day.

Note: To download a voter registration form, please visit www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov or contact Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey at 231-881-2994 or Election Board Secretary/Treasurer Carol Quinones at 616-774-9534 to have a voter registration form mailed to you.

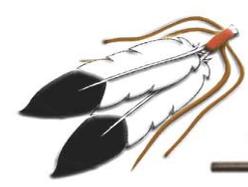
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Meet the Candidates Forum

Saturday, April 9th, 2011 ~ 1 pm to 6 pm
Prince Center on the Campus of Calvin College
1800 East Beltline SE, Grand Rapids, MI

Saturday, June 4th, 2011 ~ 1 pm to 6 pm
LTBB Governmental Center Commons Area
Harbor Springs, MI

Contact Information:
Denise Petoskey 231-881-2994 or Carol Quinones 616-774-9534



INES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



Birthdays

Belated birthday wishes for my brother, **Elmer Keshick**, who celebrated on March 9, my daughter, **Lucy Keshick**, who celebrated on March 11, and my sister, **Tootsie Keshick Miller**, who celebrated on March 13. Love, Emily Harrington.

Happy belated 9th birthday to my grandson, **Jayden Young!** I will always remember the long ride to Arizona to be there when you entered this world with your Aunt Laura, Kristy and Uncle Skippy. And of course, Aunt Stacy was already there! Proud of your accomplishments in gymnastics. You're my champion! Love and miss you! Grandma Judy.

Happy belated birthday to my Mom and Dad, **Henry & Anne Field!** Our family has been blessed to have you still in our lives. Your 65 years together have shown us all what true love and devotion really is! You're an inspiration to all of us!! Love you both with all my heart! Judy.

Happy belated 21st birthday to my son, **Skippy**. Where have all the years gone? Seems like just yesterday I first held you in my arms! You will always be my baby!! All my love, Mom.

Happy belated 10th birthday to my granddaughter, **Hailey Field**. You have given me so many happy memories over the years with more to come. Proud of you, my little cheerleader!! All my love, Grandma Judy.

Happy birthday mama! (**Michele LaCount**). I am proud to have such a wonderful mother like you! I love you! xoxo Love, Chrissy.



Belated birthday wishes for **Cherie Dominic** who celebrated her special day on March 15. I hope you had a great day. Keep up the good work in law school. Look forward to seeing you soon. Gotcha! From Guess Who.

Happy 60th birthday **Keno** on April 1! Enjoy your day and hope you have many more. Make sure your family bakes you a cake. Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy birthday **Grandma Michele!** We love you so much! Love, Abbie & Madison.

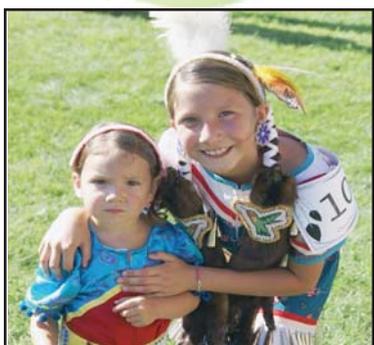


Happy 74th birthday to the **General** on April 24. You may be small in stature, but you have a big warrior heart! Keep fighting the good fight! Love, the Old Man, the Brassy Lady, Sonny Boy, General Junior and Kathy.

HAPPY SWEET 16TH BIRTHDAY TO **BRITTANY BENTLEY** ON APRIL 12. WE LOVE YOU MOM, DAD, MATT & KATIE.

Birthdays

Happy 10th birthday to **Anamekwan Wemigwase** on April 18th. You are turning out to be a beautiful young lady, and we are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Waz and Lil G. Oh - and Pow-wow, the NDN dog 2!



Happy 3rd birthday to **Waaseyaban Wemigwase** on April 5th. You're our biggy girl now Waas! Love, Mommy, Daddy, Anna and Lil Gia butt! And Baby.

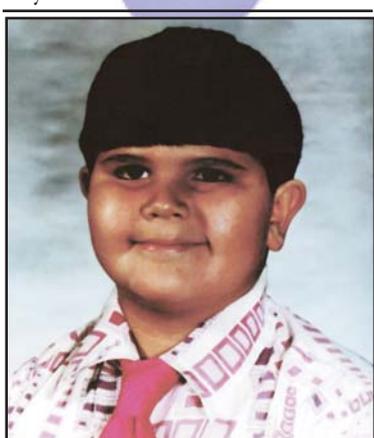
Happy birthday to **John Medicine** on April 30th! Hope you have a great day, a fantastic year, and many, many more to come! Your friend.



Happy birthday wishes to **Melissa Wiatrolik** who will be celebrating her special day on April 3rd. Whoop it up girl & have yourself a BLAST!!! Love ya lots, your Aries sister :)

Happy birthday to **Frank Etawageshik**. You are the best!! Nellie Harmon and Rick Shields.

Happy birthday to **Nellie Faye Harmon** on April 27th. Have fun and be safe. Love, your son, Phil, Jen, & Peyton.



Happy 47th birthday to **Sonny Boy** on April 18. Celebrate, but not too much or the General will have to hit you with that new and bigger frying pan. That could be interesting! HA. Love, the General, the Brassy Lady, General Junior, the Old Man and Kathy.

Happy birthday **Grandma Peep (Michele LaCount)** on April 23rd! Love, Avery and Alivia.

Happy birthday to **Bill Denemy** on April 3. From the Tribal Court staff.

To my **Dami Love** ... Happy birthday little man! I love you from here to the moon! ~Mommy.

Wishing **Nosey** a very happy birthday. Miigwetch for your friendship and support. From the Wicked Witch.

Birthdays

Wishing a big happy birthday to my baby, **Tammy Jo**, on the 14th, and her big sis, **Margaret**, on the 19th. From all of us.

Happy 4th birthday to **Peyton James Harmon** on April 10th. We love you so much. Mom & Dad.

Sandi Wemigwase celebrates her special day on April 25. Happy birthday sweetheart. Love, Mom, Rachel & Bean.

Happy 18th birthday to **Michael Keshick** on April 27. Love, Aunt Linda & Kacie.

Birthday wishes for **LaVerne Bottoms**, who celebrates on April 12. From family and loved ones.

Happy birthday to **Michael Wayne Shomin** on April 10. Love, your family.



How old are you this year? 15? LOL I waited a long time for you to show up, lil sista, and I can't wait to watch you get even more beautiful, funny, smart and talented! Happy Birthday **Anna!** Love, Aunt Winnay.

Happy birthday **Lisa Weezer Young!** Have a great day to a great mommy! All our love, Mom, Skippy & Kristy.

Happiest birthday wishes to my cuzzin & golf partner, **Johnathan David Medicine**, who will be turning 45 years young on April 30th. For the record, you don't look a day over 35. Hope your day is filled with fun & good cheer. Love ya always, your favorite cuzzin.

Happy birthday to **Haley Elizabeth Harmon** on April 26th. Few more months until you're done with school. Good luck. Love, Uncle Phil, Aunt Jen, & Pator.

Happy 21st birthday **Krystina Peariso**. You are my sunshine. Love, Mom, Rachel & Sandi.

Happy 18th birthday to "my baby???" who is taller than I am. Another exciting year is coming up for you. Graduation, college in the fall, working and saving money in between. And, you can argue with me all you want, but I will always win - I LOVE YOU MORE!!! Grandma, Rick, Tarbaby, Odie and Sassy.

Happy 65th birthday **Marie** on April 8. If you go to Florida next year, you better throw away the thong and pack your long johns instead! Have a great day. Love, the King and VanDeCar families.



Happy birthday to our suite mate **Melissa Wiatrolik** on April 3. Celebrate your special day in grand fashion! You deserve it! From the Wicked Witch, Mommy Dearest and the Blondie.

Happy birthday to **Yvonne Sineway, Donald Lee Gasco & Waaseyaban Wemigwase** who all cel-

Birthdays

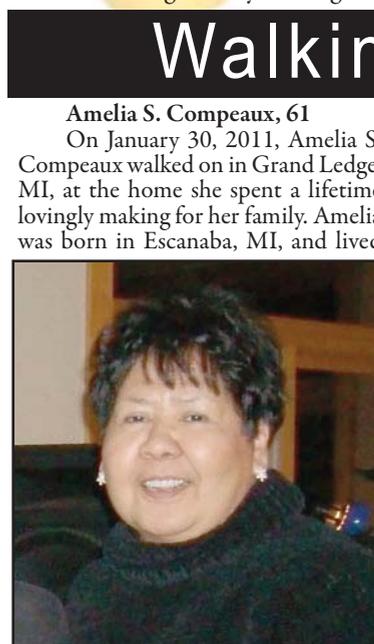
celebrate their birthdays with me on April 5th. Happy birthday to us! Happy birthday to us!



Oh, Tooooooles, Happy Birthday!!!! Love you, "Waazii Waaz!" From Aunt Winnay, T-Bone and Choo-Choo-Roo.

MnoDibishkaa to **Michael "Mukwah" Keshick** on April 27th. Even though you're 18 now, it seems like just yesterday you were that lil' baby zipping around in your walker. You've been such a blessing to me and to others, I pray the Creator watch over you always. I want to thank you for being there for me this past year, for being the caring and compassionate person who you are, you took good care of me. I needed someone who was strong, to help me through the rough times, and you didn't falter. I love you sooo much! I'm so proud of you! Wishing you all the best, love Mom & brudder Jordan ☺

Happy birthday to **Mr. Bill (April 3)** and **Young Bill (April 24)**. Wishing you both many more to come! Have a great day and a great



many places, but settled in Grand Ledge. She attended Bark River-Harris High School. She was retired from the Grand Ledge Public School's Transportation Department and loved her students, but, mostly enjoyed her special education students. Amelia was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She especially loved to travel and attended many Michigan Indian Elders Association meetings throughout the state, and she went to the Anishinaabe Language Camp in Manistee, MI, each July. She also supported the missions from Mount Hope and performed volunteer work in New Orleans, LA, after Hurricane Katrina hit. Amelia was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Compo, a member of the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians, her mother, Lucy Peaine Compo, a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, her sister, Rosella Keshick Hemstreet, and her brother, Joseph Compo. Survivors include countless nieces and nephews; sisters, Emily Harrington of Mt. Pleasant, MI, Marie Keshick Miller of Harbor Springs, MI, and Fredericksburg, VA, Margaret Compo (Marlin Jacko) of Lansing, MI; and brothers, John Keshick, Sr. of Levering, MI; Elmer Keshick (Pat) of Mt. Pleasant, MI, Peter Compo (Mary Bedell) of Mt. Pleasant, MI, and Gary Compo (Karen) of Lansing, MI; special sister/friend, Cathy LeMay (Bob) of Fenton, MI; daughters, Vanessa Megenuph McCullough (Jodie) of Hannahville,

Birthdays

year! From the General, the Brassy Lady and General Junior.

Happy birthday to my precious grandson, **Peyton James Harmon**, on April 10. Get ready for a fun filled year 'cause you are getting to be such a BIG BOY with lots of ideas for adventure to keep grandma busy. Lots of hugs and kisses. Grandma Nellie, Rick, Tarbaby, Odie and Sassy.

Big happy birthday to **Marilyn Hume, Jesse Boda, John Naganashe, Miss Lilian Bott, Matt Miller, Josephine Laughlin, Jeannie Boda, Vivian Pelcher, Elizabeth Shananaquet, Miss Shannon Hume and Brayden Nicholas King**. From Dorothy and Don Boda.

Anniversaries

Big anniversary wish to **Lucas & Summer Shananaquet** and **James & Arlene Naganashe**. From Dorothy and Don Boda.

Doug, Jeff and Patti wish our **Mom and Dad** a big happy day on their anniversary.

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Chi-Megwetch to **Melissa Richards** for donating "Warriors in Uniform" books and the "You Do!" children's books. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Walking On...

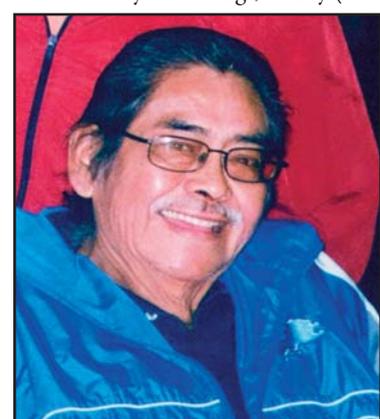
Amelia S. Compeaux, 61

On January 30, 2011, Amelia S. Compeaux walked on in Grand Ledge, MI, at the home she spent a lifetime lovingly making for her family. Amelia was born in Escanaba, MI, and lived

MI, and Valerie Megenuph (Megan Tayner) of Grand Ledge; and J. Seth VanBurger of the home; her grandson, Uriah Megenuph (Fawn) of Grand Ledge; her granddaughters, Sarah Naomi and Lakaia; and great-grandchildren, Eli and Gracie. A funeral service to celebrate Amelia's life was held on February 5, 2011 at New Life Assembly of God in Grand Ledge. Burial will be held in May 2011 at St. Jacques Indian Cemetery in Nahma, MI.

Nicholas George Naganashe, 64

Nicholas George Naganashe, 64, of Brutus, MI, walked on February 28, 2011 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI, surrounded by his family. Nick was born July 29, 1946, in Brutus, to George and Josephine (Petoskey) Naganashe. Nick is survived by his siblings, Nancy (Na-



ganashe) Shananaquet of Burt Lake, MI, Jim and Arlene Naganashe of Petoskey, Clara and Gary Miller of Lansing, MI, Dorothy and Don Boda of Burt Lake, and Tom and Diane Naganashe of Harbor Springs, MI. Nick is also survived by his grandson, Derek Boda, of Lansing, and great-grandson, Nicholas Lee, also of Lansing. Nick was preceded in death by both his parents and siblings, Cecelia (Naganashe) Henry, Eliza (Naganashe) Shenoskey, Mary Jane (Naganashe) Savage, Dorothy Rose Naganashe, Basil Naganashe and John Edward Naganashe. Nick retired from the Fisher Body truck assembly plant in Flint in 2000. Nick was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Nick was a lifelong fan of bowling and trips to the casino. His greatest love was his ever faithful dog and companion, Wizard.

NATIVE NEWS



LTBB Community Meeting Corner

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

LTBB Governmental Center, Room 312
February 18, 2011 at 5 p.m.

This meeting is open to all LTBB Tribal Citizens, and input is encouraged. Please call Cathy (Portman) Bradley with any questions or thoughts you may have at 231-330-5130, attend a meeting, meetings are held the third Friday of each month at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, or send an e-mail to ltbbcommunity@yahoo.com.

Meeting called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Cathy (Portman) Bradley

January 21, 2011 Minutes and February 18, 2011 agenda not approved due to meeting attendance.

Topics for Discussion

- A. Budget Report – Chairperson Cathy (Portman) Bradley
 1. \$10,000 received, and a bank account has been opened with Beatrice A. Law as a co-signer. A check has been issued to Odawa Casino Resort in the amount of \$800.32 for the room and beverage station fees.
 2. The morning session will pertain to the Community's reserved rights, and the afternoon session will feature the Executive, Legislative, Judicial, Administrator and Youth.
- B. Approval of Agenda for Annual Meeting
 1. Agenda was discussed and approved. Now, we will put the details into it.
 2. The morning session will pertain to the Community's reserved rights, and the afternoon session will feature the Executive, Legislative, Judicial, Administrator and Youth.
- C. Electronic Requirements
 1. All presentations are being requested in PowerPoint. Printed versions will be included with agenda.
- D. Rules of Conduct

1. Revised Rules of Conduct from last meeting were presented. Due to attendance, discussion will be held at the next meeting.

- E. Door prizes
 1. Discussion at next meeting.
- F. Website
 1. Currently accessing needs.
- G. Mail Update
 1. Discussion on information to the Executive to call the meeting. Also, the Land and Reservation Committee of Tribal Council would like notice of a possible meeting to be held on the Friday before the Community Meeting.

Items

- 1. Assigned Duties
 - A. Review Rules of Conduct – Beatrice A. Law
 - B. Develop Agenda- Cathy (Portman) Bradley and Committee
 - C. Invite Departments – Cathy (Portman) Bradley
 - D. Ovation Hall layout and details of use
 - E. Gift for Community, door prizes – handouts - Committee
 - F. Youth Group - Virginia Lewis, doing further follow up with the Youth Group.

Next meeting: March 18, 2011, 5 p.m. at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, Room 312.
Editor's note: Due to deadline constraints, the minutes from this meeting will appear in the May issue of *Odawa Trails*.

Community Meeting - Planning Meeting

April 16th, 9 am 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

Annual Tribal Membership Meeting

June 18th, 2011 ~ 8 am registration
Ovation Hall inside Odawa Casino Resort, Petoskey, MI

General Membership Speaker Cathy Bradley
Contact: Cathy Bradley 231-330-5130

Meeting will be streamed via the Internet.
More details to come.

ATTENTION TRIBAL CITIZENS!

Constitutional Committee Meeting Dates
April 16th and May 21st, 2011
Location: Room 312
LTBB Governmental Center
Harbor Springs, MI
Time: 10 am to 4 pm

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

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 reaching 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.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

Short Term Rental Assistance: This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used **ONE TIME ONLY** and the rent requested must be affordable and can NOT exceed 35% of the household gross 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 \$2,500 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home. In order for you to receive any grant dollars, you must be able to match the grant amount with your own guaranteed funds.

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 Rental Housing Program: The LTBB Housing Department offers 29 rental units in the Northern Michigan area. These units are available to rent to Tribal Citizens and most rents are based on a families monthly income. Any Tribal Citizen interested in renting a unit from the LTBB Housing Department should contact our offices for an application. Currently there is a waiting list for available units.

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

The LTBB Cultural Library is just a click away!

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

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

Visit the library from home!
Our catalog is online and easy to use.



THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS WASTE IN NATURE - COMPOST HAPPENS!

By Larry Dyer, MSU Extension Tribal Extension Educator

There is no such thing as waste in nature. The waste from one creature is a valuable resource for another. We know male deer lose their antlers every year. Why aren't the woods full of antlers? Because lots of creatures like mice and insects find them a good source of calcium and other nutrients. Waste is a concept of humans who are disconnected from nature.



One of the things our gardens can do for us is connect us a little closer to natural cycles and processes. One of the things we learn from the science of ecology is natural ecosystems keep nutrients cycling, so they are used over and over again and are not easily lost. Our gardens are managed ecosystems, and one of the things we can emulate from nature in our gardens is to keep the nutrients cycling.

One of the ways to keep your garden nutrients cycling is by composting. At its most basic, composting is just combining different kinds of organic material with a good balance of air and water, so bacteria, fungi, earthworms and various insects and other creatures can break it down into a good rich soil amendment. What is organic material, and what kinds do we want in our compost? Organic matter is the stuff living things, including humans are made of. We can add all sorts of things to our compost piles, including the weeds we pull, old mulch we remove from garden beds, leaves, grass clippings and kitchen scraps. For the composting process to work well, we need to have a good carbon to nitrogen ratio. Carbon and nitrogen are two of the most abundant elements in organic matter. In practical terms, this works out to be two parts "browns," high carbon things like dried leaves and straw mulch, to one part "greens," high nitrogen things like grass clippings and fresh plants pulled from the garden. I'd lump kitchen scraps in with the greens.

Are there kinds of organic matter we don't want in our compost? It depends a little on your preferences. People usually avoid meat and dairy products. These things compost just fine, but they might give your compost pile stronger odors, and might attract things such as raccoons, skunks and wandering dogs.

If you pull diseased vegetable plants from your garden, you should avoid putting those in the compost pile. Disease causing bacteria and fungal spores will largely survive the composting process, so when you put the compost back into your garden, you may increase the risk of disease.

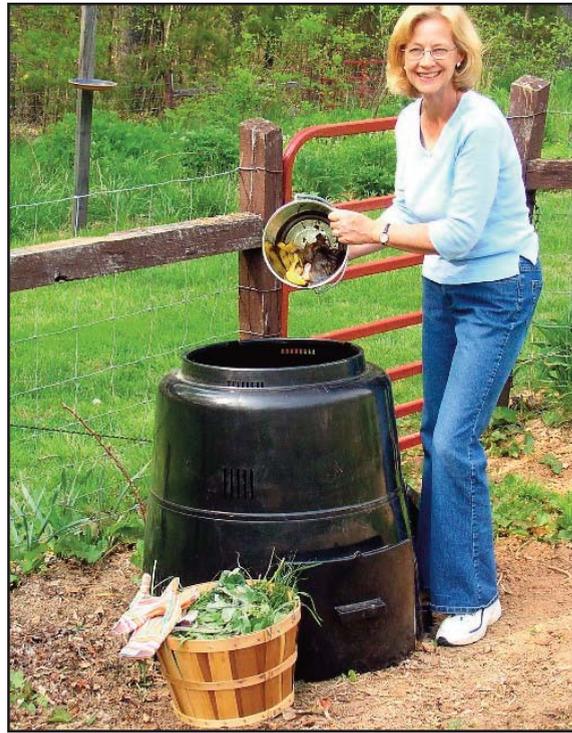
The compost pile is a great place to put weeds, but be sure to pull them before they go to seed. Composting will kill some of the weed seeds, but many will survive to re-infest your garden.

The main things you do to manage a compost pile are turn it several times and maintain the right moisture. If you build your compost pile all at once, it should heat up to between 100 °F to 140 °F. After a week or so, it will have cooled and you can turn the pile. It may not heat up quite as much this time, but after a week or so, it will have cooled and can be turned again. After this, it may need to be turned again or it may be ready to just "mature" until you are ready to use it.

The compost pile should have about 40%-60% moisture. You can estimate by the "squeeze" test. The material should be moist to the touch and when you squeeze a handful, it should have about the moisture of a wrung-out rag.

How carefully you manage your compost pile is a matter of preference. If you want to make good potting mix, you will need an actual recipe and be attentive to turning and moisture. But, you can be less diligent if you just want to be able to reuse the nutrients from your kitchen and garden "waste." Compost happens.

Please let me know how your compost works.



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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."

Dates and Topics:

- April 27 – back yard composting**
- May 18 – planning for seed saving**
- June 22 – weed management**
- July 27 – insect and disease management**
- August 24 – seed saving**

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This class will last for 10 weeks on the third Thursday of each month beginning March 17, 2011, Noon to 1 p.m. Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Call Cathy Gibson to sign up 231-242-1601 Your FRESH TRACKS leader will be Betty Noland, RD

Questions? E-mail bettyoland@shaw.ca

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Commission, Board and Committee Vacancies

Current Vacancies:

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies
Gaming Regulatory	3 yr. term	1
Natural Resources	4 yr. term	1
Education Board of Appeals	4 yr. term	1
Housing	4 yr. term	1
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	1
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Waganakasing Odawa Development, Inc.	3 yr. term	2

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Tribal Chairman
LTBB of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49770
FAX 231-242-1411
Or E-mail: chairman@lbbodawa-nsn.gov

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The Executive Office is also accepting resumes for nominations for the appointed position of:
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NATIVE NEWS BRIEFS

LTBB Tribal Citizen to Compete in Arizona State Geography Bee

Jose Fuentes, LTBB Tribal Citizen and the son of Amanda and Joe Fuentes, will travel to Tempe, AZ, to represent his school district in the state's geographic bee on April 1, 2011.

Jose is a sixth grader from Palominas Elementary School, and competed with other students from the fourth grade up to the eighth grade.



Upon winning the school's competition, he then took a test which was sent to Phoenix, AZ, and looked over. He then received notification he was chosen to attend the state competition at Arizona State

University in Tempe, AZ.

Only 100 other students from the state were chosen to participate in this final competition before the National Geographic Bee in Washington D.C. The National Geographic Bee will feature Alex Trebek and air on the National Geographic Channel in May 2011.

Jose credits his love of all animals and reptiles on land or in the water for his geographic knowledge. When he studies animals, he learns everything he can, habitat included of that particular animal. His future plans include becoming a herpetologist since he is very much interested with reptiles.

Amanda, Joe and Jose's younger sister, Bella, are ALL very proud of Jose. He has the good will and best wishes of his school as well as his many friends and family as he prepares for the state level of the National Geographic Bee!!

Courtesy photo.

Odawa Casino Resort Hosts Third Quarter Super Star Banquet

Odawa Casino Resort recently hosted its Third Quarter Super Star Banquet at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI.

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 \$100. Congratulations!

Team Members honored included Lee Anderson – Hospitality, Katie Bauer – Human Resources, F. Diane Carroll – Property Operations, James Covey – Property Operations, Matthew Delmas – Hospitality, Karl Friedenstab – Property Operations, Mary Hill – Property Operations, Erica Hovie – Hospitality, Ashley Idalski – Hospitality, Gina Irwin – Marketing, Dara Leach – Table Games, Travis McKervey – Property Operations, Jessica Smith – Hospitality, Kevin Taylor – Hospitality and Victoria Zavasky – Hospitality.

Odawa Casino Resort Team Members Present Check to Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan

Editor's note: The following is an Odawa Casino Resort press release dated March 4, 2011.

Odawa Casino Resort, owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, recently presented a check in the amount of \$400 to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan.

The funds were raised by donations of the Team Members of Odawa Casino Resort through an optional Blue Jean Day in which the Team Members donate \$5 to the designated organization in exchange for a day to swap their dress pants for a pair of jeans. More than \$3,700 has been raised for various organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and the Community Health Center of Northern Michigan through the Blue Jean Day fundraisers.

The deserving organization is chosen through suggestions of the Team Members of Odawa Casino Resort. The Women's Resource Center was suggested by Susan Foster, Director of Table Games. When asked why she chose the Women's Resource Center, she said, "I found out about the Women's Resource Center at a ZONTA meeting and learned how much this organization assists and impacts the Petoskey area and felt it was a perfect choice for our Blue Jean Day fundraisers."

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) is a non-profit organization, founded in 1977, serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. The WRC provides a variety of programs and services to improve the quality of life for women, children and families.

Dena Sydow, Marketing and Communications Director for the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, said, "Donations from individual donors and businesses are so important to the WRC. These donations support programs and services that are unfunded and help us continue to provide the quantity and quality of services on which the community has come to rely. We are very thankful for the generous donation by the Team Members of Odawa Casino Resort."

Pictured from left to right in the Odawa Casino Resort photo are Odawa Casino Resort Director of Table Games Susan Foster, Odawa Casino Resort Executive Administrative Assistant Joyce Golding, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan Executive Director Jan Mancinelli and Odawa Casino Resort Human Resources Coordinator Katie Bauer.



EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Tribal Leaders: Bay Mills' Rogue Casino Undermines the Law

The Bay Mills Indian Community opened an illegal casino in Vanderbilt as a test case to open more casinos in Flint and Port Huron. This reckless action to open off-reservation casinos violates long-established federal and state Indian gaming regulations.

As tribal leaders who are concerned about the long-term viability of Indian gaming, we believe the illegal action of Bay Mills undermines the core purpose of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the promotion of legitimate economic development on Indian reservations. When Indian tribes act like corporate casino companies, rather than tribal governments, we all stand to lose.

Every unit of government with a stake in the decision-making process on this illegal casino has ruled against it. In fact, the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Indian Gaming Commission, state of Michigan and tribes around the country all oppose the Vanderbilt casino. They understand the simple fact that the irresponsible actions of one tribe

can negatively affect all of Indian Country.

Using a legal theory that stretches far beyond any rational legal or historical basis to open casinos, Bay Mills purchased property with "land claim settlement funds" derived by a 1997 act of Congress. The purpose of that act was simply to dispense monetary damages awarded by the Court of Claims in litigation the tribe filed for financial compensation due under the 1836 Treaty of Washington. The 1997 act's purpose was not to allow tribes to open casinos hundreds of miles from their reservations. This is not just our opinion, but the unanimous judgment of the U.S. government and the state of Michigan.

There are other policy concerns that affect the tribes in Michigan. All Michigan tribes, including the Bay Mills Tribe, have signed gaming compacts that strictly prohibit off-reservation casinos unless all Michigan tribes consent. This provision was added to the compacts to prevent tribes from building an unlimited number of casinos in Michigan —

wherever and whenever they wanted. We can all agree that would not be good for our state.

All tribes rely on Indian gaming to fund health care, housing, education and cultural preservation for seven generations to come. It has brought hope to our people and we cannot allow the reckless actions of one tribe to jeopardize our future.

As tribal leaders, we are acutely aware of the need to honor our promises. We made promises to the people of Michigan in our gaming compacts, and we will continue to honor our commitments. We urge the Bay Mills Tribe to do the same.

— Ken Harrington of Harbor Springs, tribal chairman, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians; David K. Sprague of Bradley, tribal chairman, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians; Homer A. Mandoka of Fulton, tribal chairman, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians; Dennis V. Kequom of Mt. Pleasant, tribal chief, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

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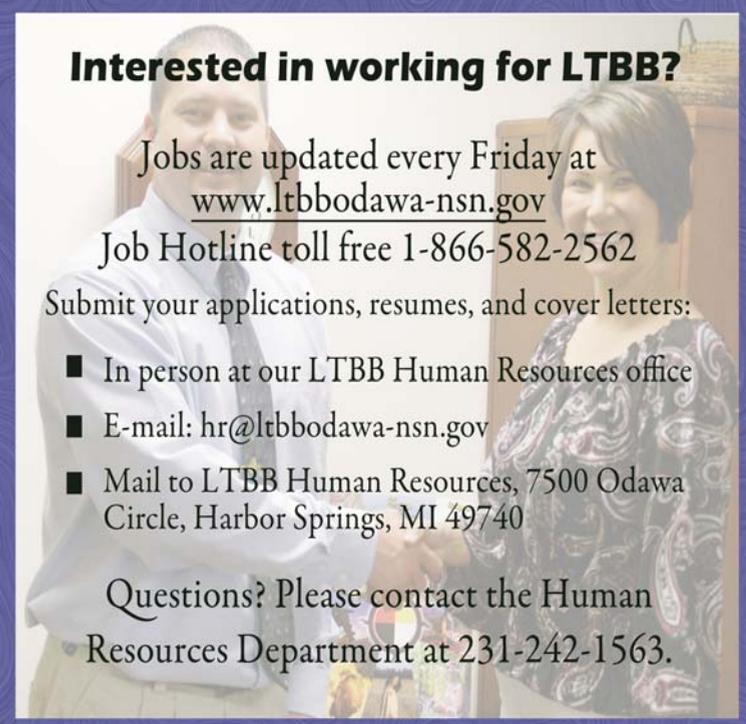
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