

LTBB-OWNED BELL'S FISHERY ENCOURAGES TRIBAL FISHERMEN TO EXERCISE THEIR TREATY RIGHTS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Store Manager Kevin Schlappi, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, stands in front of Bell's Fishery in Mackinaw City, MI. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.



Bell's Fishery bought the file machine AHF 225 from Pisces UMK Inc. in October. The machine filets 43 fish a minute. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.



Bell's Fishery sells fresh fish, some seafood, pate' and sausage. Above is smoked lake trout and smoked salmon. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.

The 1836 Treaty of Washington gave the Ottawa and Chippewa tribes who signed it the right to fish in the ceded areas of Lake Huron, Lake Michigan and Lake Superior.

Through the treaty, the United States government received ceded water that comprised the eastern half of Lake Superior, the portion of Lake Michigan north of Grand Haven, MI, and east of the Ford River, and the portion of Lake Huron north of Thunder Bay which is located east of Alpena County, MI. The tribes ceded an area of approximately 13,837,207 acres in the northwest portion of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan and the eastern portion of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a modern day political successor to one of the tribes who signed the treaty. Tribal fishermen continue to exercise the fishing rights granted to them by the treaty. There is subsistence and commercial fishing activity.

The LTBB-owned Bell's Fishery in Mackinaw City, MI, is a place where tribal fishermen can sell their fish. The tribe has owned and operated Bell's Fishery since spring 2004.

"The tribe is committed to keeping Bell's Fishery open so tribal fishermen have a place to sell their fish and to encourage tribal members to exercise their fishing rights," Bell's Fishery Store Manager Kevin Schlappi said. "If Bell's Fishery were not operating, there would not be many places where tribal fishermen could sell their fish. Our biggest goal is to make it profitable for the tribe. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel with the new file machine we just purchased. We have enough buyers; we need to cut down on labor costs. With the new file machine, it can do what five people used to do before."

The file machine is the AHF 225 from Pisces UMK Inc. based in Wells, MI. It can filet 43 fish a minute. It arrived at Bell's Fishery on October 25. Bell's Fishery currently employs 10 people, and it

employs 12 people in the spring and fall when it is the busiest.

"Bell's Fishery is following the three-year business plan to profitability recommended by the Northwood University study (conducted earlier this year)," said Enterprise Manager Chuck Schofield, who oversees the tribe's non-gaming enterprises.

"We plan to hire someone to solicit new accounts."

Bell's Fishery also plans to hire someone to create a website for the business.

The Business School at Northwood University developed a three-year business plan that included an operating budget to assist the Executive and Legislative branches in making good decisions regarding the tribe's non-gaming enterprises (Bell's Fishery, Biindigen Gas Station and Convenience Store in Petoskey, MI, and King's Inn in Mackinaw City, MI). The decision to close King's Inn earlier this year was based on the study.

On June 11, the Economic Development Department was renamed the Department of Commerce, and Odawa Enterprise Management was created. The function of Odawa Enterprise Management is to oversee the tribe's two non-gaming enterprises (Bell's Fishery and Biindigen). Schofield started as the Enterprise Manager on September 18. The Enterprise Manager is responsible for planning, managing, and directing the operations of all Odawa Enterprise Management businesses.

"Chuck has been a great help," Schlappi said. "Once the tribe hires someone to solicit new accounts, I can focus on the day-to-day operations."

"When I first started as the store manager (in August 2005), I did it all."

When Schlappi started, there were two accounts. He has since solicited 16 more accounts.

"I started in the fall, so I worked all winter on getting customers," Schlappi said. "I had to be the salesman. I took samples to places and tried to convince

people to buy from us."

Bell's Fishery sells whitefish, lake trout, walleye, salmon, whitefish pate', smoked fish, whitefish sausage and some seafood. Smoked fish is the most popular item followed by fresh fish and pate'. People can buy smoked fish and pate' at Biindigen.

During the holiday season (from November to the end of December), Bell's Fishery smokes turkeys for \$25 a turkey. Discounts are available for Tribal Elders at any time of the year and for those buying fish for Ghost Suppers.

Spring/summer hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Fall/winter hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Orders can be shipped to customers. You can contact Bell's Fishery at 231-436-7821.

"We distribute fish nationwide," Schlappi said.

The Icebreaker Mackinaw Museum Ship is directly behind Bell's Fishery in Mackinaw City. The Icebreaker Mackinaw Museum is a non-profit corporation that owns the Icebreaker Mackinaw. The Icebreaker Mackinaw, which used to be the U.S. Coast Guard's largest domestic icebreaker, was decommissioned and signed over to the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum, Inc. on June 9.

"Walk the Weather Decks" tours started on Labor Day and interior tours of the icebreaker will start in the spring. A new marina is being built behind Bell's Fishery.

"Besides the usual summer tourists who come to Mackinaw City, people will be coming to use the new marina and to take tours of the ship," Schlappi said.

"Hopefully, those people will take the time to stop in and check out Bell's Fishery."

Schlappi, a 43-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen, worked as a carpenter for 20 years and as a commercial fisherman for five years before taking his current position in August 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce would like to remind the membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement. First of all, I cannot express 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 located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. This must be done in writing.

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, Tribal Form 3996, which is available at our office located at 1345 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI; and for those RTM's with internet access, on the State of Michigan website noted at the end of this article. These are mailed out on a quarterly basis to the State of Michigan during the first week of January, April, July and October. 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 our office and we will be happy to get one to you. These are available on LTBB's P-drive, so any Tribal Government Employee can print one for you.

Another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area, your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month. **Example:** I moved to Petoskey, which is in the Tax Agreement Area, on September 5, 2006. My RTM status began October 1, 2006. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible. If you plan to purchase a vehicle or remodel, please wait until after the first of the following month in which you moved. Otherwise, your refund will be denied by the State.

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 may be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or at tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

The Tax Agreement Area map appears courtesy of GIS Director Alan Proctor.

TRIBAL BUSINESSES FILE BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

During the month of November, the Department of Commerce registered its first two LTBB-owned businesses filing for

Department of Commerce

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

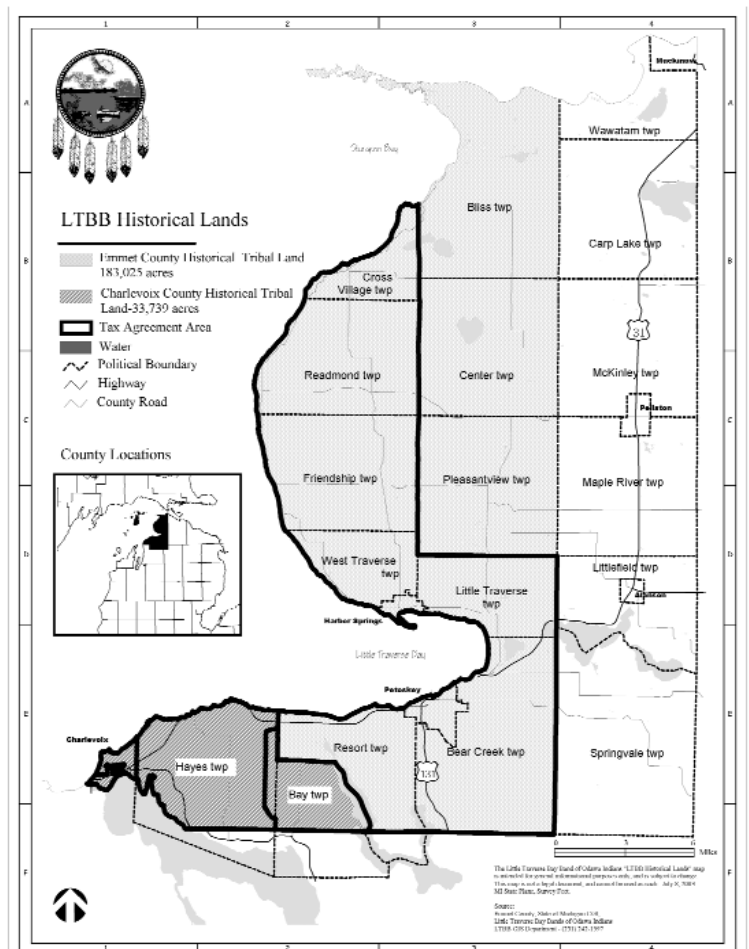
1. Sales Tax (6% of retail price)
2. Use Tax (6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Single Business Tax (1.9 % of the applicable tax base)
5. *Motor Fuel Tax (32 cents per gallon unleaded and 28 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. *Tobacco Product Tax (\$2 per pack of cigarettes)

* 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 THE SWIPE CARD OUT TO ANYONE.



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their Business Registration Certificates.

They are **Ken Harrington** for Odawa Construction of Petoskey,

MI, and **Theresa Keshick** for Blue Sky Photography of Harbor Springs, MI.

ELDERS PROGRAM

December Elder Birthdays

December 1 Doreen Wilson	Elizabeth Seamon Elna Wakeman	Margaret Wright Theresa Yoder
December 2 Robert Duvernay Patsy Young	December 12 Alice Yellowbank	December 24 Roger Smith Sr.
December 4 Dolphus Delmas Sr. Virginia Sherwood Roger Wemigwase	December 13 Gary Gilbert	December 25 Raphael Gasco Marilyn Muskovin Christina O'Banion
December 5 Rita Gasco-Shepard Yvonne Salgat	December 14 Freida Carroll Barbara King	December 26 Janice Shackelford
December 6 Edward Ettawageshik	December 15 Valiere Yother	December 27 Linda Henderson Levi Walker Jr.
December 7 Louise Amato Florence Indelicato	December 16 Nancy Bennett	December 28 Dan Casey Christine Russell
December 8 Linda Smith	December 17 Anna Bixler Gloria Miles	December 29 Deloise Mitchell
December 9 Jon Kilborn	December 19 Alice Liebgott	December 30 Shirley Adkins William Dennis King
December 10 Nathaniel Chingwa	December 20 William Engstrom	December 31 Ella Petoskey Marie Simmons
December 11 Wesley Andrews Grace Hutton	December 21 Robert Duley	
	December 22 Donald Chippewa Sr. Patricia DeHaينه	

ELDERS PROGRAM REPORT

By Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Elders Program Coordinator



(Left to Right) Elder Dorothy Sagataw (wearing the bunny ears), Carla McFall (dressed as a witch) and Elder Sam Shenoskey.



(Left to Right) Tribal Elders Mary Keshick, Veronica Medicine and Harriet Kishigo-Booth dressed up for the trick or treating.



(Left to Right) Tribal Elders Glenna Kimball, Ed Shenoskey and Sam Shenoskey joined in the Halloween fun by trick or treating.

Greetings from the LTBB Elders Program!
It was a very busy October and November with many activities for our Elders.
This year, 14 Elders attended the Michigan Indian Elders Association meeting held October 11-13 at Sault Ste. Marie, MI. We were welcomed by Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairman Aaron Payment. The special guest speaker was State Representative Gary McDowell of the Michigan House District 107. McDowell spoke of forestry rights in Michigan, outdoor recreation, health policy and regulatory reform.
The Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians are asking the Michigan Elders Associations to request support from all Michigan Tribal Councils to assist GTB in hosting the 2008 National Indian Council on Aging Conference.
The Education Department brought the Head Start children to the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, for a special Halloween presentation on October 31. The children sang a couple of songs for the Elders

before they went trick or treating through the Governmental Center. After the children trick or treated through the building, the Elders from the Language class went trick or treating. Many of the departments were surprised and delighted to see the Elders dressed in costumes and having fun. For many of the Elders, it was the first time they had ever gone trick or treating.

In November, Elders attended area Ghost Suppers. Members of the Elders Association and volunteers completed the flower making for the graves. Elders Program Driver Matt Davis assisted Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Veronica Medicine, Virginia Lewis, Annette VanDeCar and myself as we put flowers on the graves on October 30. Kishigo-Booth and her daughter, Ellie Payton, finished putting them on graves on November 1. On October 30, we made stops at the cross near Holy Childhood Church in Harbor Springs, Lakeview Cemetery in Harbor Springs, Five Mile Creek Cemetery northwest of Harbor Springs, St. Ignatius Cemetery in Good Hart, MI, and a cemetery in Cross Village Township, MI.

If you did not get your flu vaccine at the Elders Luncheon, you can make an appointment with our Community Health Nurse or schedule an in-home appointment at 231-242-1601. There are blood pressure checks available upon request and foot care clinics held every Wednesday. If you need help with Medicaid or Medicare questions, call 231-242-1601.

We are looking forward to a busy December. Keep in mind, there will be a special Christmas Elders Luncheon hosted by Victories Casino and Hotel for our Elders and guests on December 5 at noon.

Let us ever be mindful of our blessings!
Photos appear courtesy of Deleta Gasco Smith.

Are You Interested in Working for the LTBB Government?

If you would like to be included in the LTBB Human Resources database, please send resumé and cover letter to:

mcolby@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
(send as Microsoft Word or as a PDF)

or LTBB Human Resources
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740



(IMPORTANT: We need an e-mail address to notify you when a position that meets your interests becomes available.)

Please check our website, www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, for current openings or call our toll free job hotline at 1-866-582-2562. Job postings are updated every Friday.

Housing Department Programs

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. For more details on the service area, please refer to the map on page 13.

Short Term Rental Assistance: This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used **One Time Only** and the rent requested must be affordable and may not exceed 30% of the household's monthly income.

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

Down Payment Assistance: This program offers up to \$5,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and **Can Be Used to Purchase or Re-finance a Home.**

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

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

Credit Counseling: Our counseling provides tribal citizens the knowledge it takes to gain financial stability and credibility.

Transitional Housing Program: This program is designed to assist families, for a limited time, until permanent housing can be found. (**Limited Availability**). Please submit a Letter of Interest and your name will be placed on our Waiting List.

Elders Housing Development: Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development consists of 12 units and is designed to meet the needs of very low to moderate income level elderly tribal citizens, age 55 and older. Please complete application and your name will be placed on our Waiting List.

LTBB of Odawa Indians' Food Distribution Program Warehouse Schedule

Days for Distribution

1st Monday	1 & 2 person households
2nd Monday	3 & 4 person households
3rd Monday	5+ person households

Hours of Distribution

Open	9 a.m. - noon, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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If you missed your pickup, please call 231-242-1627.

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Work in the tribal community?

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CALL: 231-242-1558

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By authors: Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish

Seven Sessions from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

November 7 to December 19

Education Credit Hours
may be used

For more information and/or to sign up

Contact: • Elise Tippet: 231-242-1631
• Shann Davenport: 231-242-1623

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

If you live in Michigan and need assistance with Fuel Oil, Propane, Electric, Natural Gas or Wood/Coal and are Low Income, please stop by Human Services at 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application. You may also call 1-888-309-5822 and ask for Human Services.

You can apply once during October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007 for each type of assistance available:

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

Applications for all programs are accepted until funds run out.

A limited supply of heaters, window plastic kits and weather-stripping is available for pickup at the Human Services Building during regular business hours.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

MICHIGAN INDIAN JUDICIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

By Jenny Kronk, Associate Judge



(L to R) JoAnne Cook, Donna Budnick, Rita Gasco-Shepard, Frank Ettawageshik, Beatrice A. Law, Wenona Singel and Matthew Fletcher in the front row. Ron Douglas, Joe Martin, Bruce Plackowski and Jenny Kronk in the back row. LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik gave the keynote speech at the Michigan Indian Judicial Association luncheon.

The LTBB Tribal Court hosted a meeting of the Michigan Indian Judicial Association on November 5 and 6.

There were judges from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and LTBB in attendance.

Candace Crowley from the State Bar of Michigan was also in attendance.

The two-day conference began with a dinner meeting at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI, on Sunday night where the judges had an opportunity to meet one another informally. LTBB Appellate Justice Wenona Singel facili-

tated a discussion on state court recognition of tribal court judgments.

At its business meeting on Monday morning, LTBB Chief Judge JoAnne Cook was elected the new president of the organization, and Singel was elected secretary. Michele Hank from the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians was elected vice president and Bruce Plackowski from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is the new treasurer.

Outgoing president, Ron Douglas, Associate Judge of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, gave a brief history of the organization. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Chief Judge Joe Martin, Singel, and Pokagon Band Appellate

Justice Matthew Fletcher spoke on evaluating tribal judges.

LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik welcomed the judges and gave the keynote speech at Monday's luncheon held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. The meeting concluded with an afternoon presentation by David Simmons from the National Indian Child Welfare Association on the role of tribal courts in accessing federal funds under Title IV-E.

The next meeting of the Michigan Indian Judicial Association will be held in February in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DEPARTMENT

By Linda Woods, Substance Abuse Director

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All of the staff at the Substance Abuse Department wishes everyone a happy holiday season. This is a great season to take the time to spend with family, friends and out of town guests. Enjoy those joyful times with your loved ones and please be safe. This is a time for many parties as well. Enjoy but take extra caution, especially do not drink and drive. We are not against having fun here in this department as we enjoy life too, but we often see how drinking, using drugs affects a person and his or her family. It just isn't worth it to take the risk. The holiday time is also another time when some people get depressed or suffer anxiety. It is a stressful time for everyone - whether it is happy stress or "I have to do this and do that" kind of stress. It may seem odd a "happy" time promotes depression, anxiety and stress, but it does happen for those prone to these types of issues. It is good to talk to someone who is supportive or to do something extra special just for you to relieve the stress or whatever is the problem. Maybe it is Seasonal Affect Disorder (SAD) which causes the depression in the winter months. "Winter blues" etc. is due to the lack of the sun during the winter months with its darkness, cold, denuded trees, unfriendly winds and lonely confinement. This can cause changes not only in mood, but also in the energy level, sleeping, eating, social and sexual be-

havior. While not everyone is affected in this manner, it is very real for some people and for these people, winter covers their entire vision. They are not able to foresee the tulips and daffodils of spring that lies ahead. There are some things you can do if you are one of these types of people affected by the seasons:

1. Make your house light and bright. Raise the curtains and blinds so daylight can freely enter the house.
2. Have enough natural or electrical light where you spend the longest time, home as well as the office or work.
3. Spend at least half an hour daily outdoors if weather permits.
4. Go to a mall where there are other people and where you can move about freely.
5. Find ways to beat "cabin fever." Maybe you and the neighbors can organize an "anti-cabin-fever-get-together."
6. Exercise regularly, preferably outdoors or indoors if the weather does not permit outdoor activities.
7. If your circumstances allow, take a mid-winter vacation, preferably somewhere the sun shines.
8. Hunger and craving for sweets and starches is common. Weight gain in-

creases the depression and the cycle begins. Eat balanced meals that are high on complex carbohydrates and protein and low on fat.

9. Depression causes sluggishness and sleepiness, therefore, force yourself to wake up in the morning at 7 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. even on weekends. Warm up and engage in a brisk or pleasurable activity. Laughter of 15 minutes with a comedy movie can get you going, too.
10. Avoid excessive use of alcohol, caffeine, nicotine or any other substance to overcome sluggishness and lethargy.
11. Light therapy for SAD is another method of treatment. We have sunlamps here in our office for some of our clients now, and they have found it beneficial. Call for more information about that.

Remember to take care of yourself during the holiday time - prepare and do what you can, but if you are feeling too stressed or like it is all too much, take time out for yourself and just relax. Take deep breaths, close your eyes and imagine you are in the tropics somewhere relaxing or wherever that special place is for yourself. "Think not of the sky as spotted with clouds, but partly sunny." (Shakespeare)

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN OUR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES?



Human Resources is accepting applications and creating a database of all interested Tribal Citizens who have a desire to become a part of the Victories Casino & Hotel team.

If you have access to the Internet, check out Victories Casino & Hotel's website at www.victories-casino.com for all current jobs or call 1-877-4-GAMING and ask for Mary Roberts, Employment Manager.

2008 Elders Calendar

Original Pictures of Veterans in Uniform Wanted

The Elders Association is making a Veterans Calendar for 2008. The calendar will include all veterans and any elder veterans not included in the 2007 calendar. If you are interested in submitting a picture, please send it with the following information: **Name, Dates of Service, Branch of Service and Return Address.**

Send to: Elders Association
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

For more information, call 231-242-1610.

Advertise in the Odawa Trails

If you are interested in advertising in upcoming Odawa Trails newsletters, please call the LTBB Communications Department at 231-242-1427.

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Hard work is something to be valued and admired, but many of today's generation have left that value at the wayside. Glenna Kimball, a LTBB Tribal Citizen and a long-time resident of Cross Village, MI, remembers the days when hard work was a way of life, survival, and it was self-rewarding. Glenna Cecilia Kimball was born January 25, 1929 to Joseph "Aanimikwam" Samuels and Helen (Petoskey) Samuels. Her family's traditional Anishinaabemowin name is Aanimikwam, which means "thundering ice." Glenna's grandfather was named Samuel Aanimikwam. Like many traditional names, European settlers couldn't pronounce it, so they changed his last name to his first name and added a "s" changing his name to Samuel Samuels. Glenna was born in Harbor Springs' (Michigan) Indian Town, and was delivered by her grandmother, Mary Petoskey. She moved to Cross Village when she was a child and spent a happy childhood growing up there. Glenna lived with her parents and five siblings, Dean Samuels, Margaret (Mickey) Ortnier, Evangeline Blevins, Catherine Metzger, and the late Edward "Wado" Samuels. They lived behind her grandparents, Joe and Mary Petoskey. Glenna's first language was English, but she grew up listening to her parents, grandparents, and other adults in the Cross Village community speaking Anishinaabemowin. Glenna's grandmother, Mary Petoskey, was full-blood French Canadian from Quebec, Canada, and was trilingual; she spoke French, Anishinaabemowin and English. Glenna's grandfather, Joe Petoskey, was bilingual; he spoke Anishinaabemowin and English. Glenna's parents were bilingual; they spoke Anishinaabemowin and English. For the most part, Glenna's parents spoke Anishinaabemowin to each other and among other adults, but spoke English to the children. Like Glenna, Dean Samuels, her oldest brother, understands the language, but her younger siblings didn't have as much exposure to Anishinaabemowin. Glenna said, "They don't understand as much (as Dean and I)."

Glenna and her siblings attended Holy Cross Catholic School in Cross Village. "Holy Cross wasn't a residential school, it was a day school," said Glenna thankfully. Glenna walked to school across a field and through the woods everyday and then home again in the evening. "It was only 0.75 of a mile walk," said Glenna. "We even went to school in the middle of snowstorms." That seems like an awful lot of hard

work just to get to school, but Glenna said nonchalantly, "That's what everyone did." Glenna attended Holy Cross Catholic Day School until she was a senior in high school, and then went to Harbor Springs High School where she graduated.

Glenna learned her hard work ethic from her father, Joseph, who worked in the woods, tended horses, and always had a garden. Before Glenna could play, swim or go to the beach, she had to do her chores and help the family. When the neighborhood kids would stop to pick Glenna up, they would help her with her chores, so they could play together. Glenna remembers playing with Alice Yellowbank and Marcella Keller. "We were all friends then and we're still friends now," said Glenna. Glenna's neighbors were fishermen and made large nets for catching fish. Likewise, the neighbor kids had to help their families. When Glenna wanted to play with her friends, she would help string nets, so they could play sooner and longer. Everyone helped each other; that is a good way to live. Miisa nishing, hard work pays off! Glenna's oldest brother, Dean, would boss Glenna and her younger siblings around. He would make them fetch water and do various chores. Dean made workers out of them, and without knowing it, he was teaching Glenna and her younger siblings the value of hard work.

Glenna remembers playing baseball with all the neighborhood boys and girls. "We had lots of fun," said Glenna as she reminisced. Back then, all kids played together, boys, girls, young and old; it didn't matter as long as there were enough kids to play a game of baseball. Glenna played every position when she was growing up playing baseball with the neighborhood children.

Glenna's family was poor, but they had fun making their own play. They lived near a large sand pit and one day, they decided to make fake burial mounds. They made crosses and piled huge mounds of dirt for makeshift graves. Later that day, Glenna's mother found the mounds and told them to tear it down. "You know back then people were really superstitious, she didn't want death brought around her family," said Glenna. "We tore the graves down and never did that again." Glenna loved to play along the

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water of Lake Michigan. All day long, Glenna and her circle of friends would build villages in the sand with houses, roads, and play cars. They would play all afternoon, and they always knew it was time to go home when the church bell rang. Just in case they didn't hear the church bell, they made a sun dial in the sand to let them know when it was time to go home. "Twelve o'clock always pointed to the north," said Glenna. Aasna, they sure were resourceful and smart young kids! "Ah, those were good years," said Glenna with a sigh.

Glenna recalls once going skinny dipping with her sisters and a few girlfriends. They were playing, swimming, and enjoying the warm Michigan water of summer when the priest happened to stroll by. Glenna and the girls swam out so only their heads were exposed, and they acted as if nothing was out of the ordinary. They talked to the priest and even asked if he would like to join them, but he politely declined all the while not knowing they were naked. As soon as the priest was out of sight, Glenna and the girls scrambled out of the water, they got dressed, and they ran for home. Chi-baapi! Good story Glenna!

When Glenna was a young adult, she moved to Ann Arbor, MI, and she stayed with her half brother Bill and his wife. Glenna moved back to Cross Village, and she started dating Raymond Kimball, who she grew up with as a young girl. Glenna and Raymond were married and moved to Detroit, MI, where they lived for 45 years. Glenna and Raymond had one child, a son they named Joel. While Glenna lived in Detroit, she worked at the Indian center after she raised her son, Joel. In Detroit, her good friend, Eva, would come to her house and speak the language with her while they cooked. "She could make some good fry bread," said Glenna. This

helped Glenna remember the language all the years she lived in Detroit. Glenna and Raymond moved home to Cross Village in 1989, and Raymond walked on in 1996. Recently, Joel moved home to Cross Village, and he works at Bell's Fishery, the LTBB-owned fishery in Mackinaw City, MI. Glenna has two grandchildren, Christen, 23, who resides in Owosso, MI, and Joel Jr., 19, who resides in Pinckney, MI.

Glenna tells the story of how Owosso got its name. "It was originally named 'gchi-waasa,' really far away, but the white man couldn't pronounce it, so now, it is called Owosso," explained Glenna. Miigwech for new knowledge Glenna!

Glenna's fondest memories of growing up are Christmas and her very kind priest, Father Birchrum. Father Birchrum was part Anishinaabe, and he played a large role in Glenna's life. He used to take all the children tobogganing and sliding on full moon winter nights. "He was a wonderful man," said Glenna, who admired him. Father Birchrum always had movies for the kids to watch. Old westerns were Glenna's favorite. "We always prayed before we did anything with him," explained Glenna. It was a wonderful life lesson for her. Father Birchrum didn't speak Anishinaabemowin, but he learned a little from Glenna and the other Anishinaabek from Cross Village. Every Christmas Eve after midnight mass, Father Birchrum would give all the children a gift and every family two baskets of fruit and food. On Christmas Eve, Glenna's father would bring home gifts, candy and nuts. Joseph would tell Glenna he bumped into Santa, and he was so busy he didn't have time to stop at their house. Because of that, Santa gave the gifts to Joseph to deliver. Aapjigo wiishkibisa!

"We were poor but happy," said Glenna. "We always had enough to eat and that was all we were worried about." Glenna's father always hunted and every spring, Glenna's family made maple syrup. Glenna enjoyed staying up late on Friday nights playing hide and seek in the dark during maple syrup season. Glenna and her siblings had to come home everyday at lunch to gather sap. Glenna said, "I didn't like that. We had to haul sap before we could go play ball (base-

ball)." Toward the end, Glenna admits she would dump the sap on the ground and say all the sap was collected, so she could play baseball before lunch was over.

Glenna and her sisters took turns helping her father cut wood after their brother, Dean, moved away to work in the Upper Peninsula (of Michigan). Glenna was responsible for holding one end of a large bucksaw. Joseph would tell her, "Shkoozin!" (Get strong). Glenna was a hard worker, and she knew she had to pull very hard. Glenna understood her hard work was all in the name of family. Before Joseph and Glenna would cut down the tree, Joseph would make a trail for her to run on when the tree was ready to fall. When the tree fell, she would take off running.

Every New Year, Glenna and her family would go from house to house in Cross Village and wish everyone a Happy New Year. They would receive a cookie, doughnut, slice of pie, and sometimes, even fried bread as a treat to ring in the New Year. Glenna explained everyone could do this for 10 days after the New Year, but Glenna's father only let her go one day. Glenna said sometimes, she would sneak out, get some treats, and eat them before she returned home. Sneaky!

Glenna was never taught the language; what she learned she learned from listening to her elders. Like most parents back then, Glenna's parents wanted her to speak English because it was the way of the world she was going to live in. Glenna's advice to language learners: "Just listen, that's the way I learned. I get more from listening than writing. When you write, you focus on what you're writing, not the language. Pay attention, even if you learn one word, that's good. Don't get frustrated for not catching on right away. It's a lot easier to understand than speak."

"Our parents wanted a better life for us, so I think that's why they spoke to us in English," said Glenna. Glenna notices herself remembering more from listening to speakers like Isabelle Osawamick, LTBB Lead Anishinaabemowin Instructor, and Kenny Pheasant, Little River Band of Odawa Indians Anishinaabemowin Director, but wishes she could speak better. Glenna finds the language a lot of fun. "There's always a lot of laughs," said Glenna. "We speak to each other on the (elders) van. When you say something in the language, it is funny, but if you say it in English, it isn't funny." That's the beauty of Anishinaabemowin. Chi-Miigwech for sharing Glenna!

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Angels Needed



If you would like to donate to the LTBB Angel Tree Project, contact Human Services at 231-242-1620. As in the past, a tree will be placed at the Governmental Center Commons Area with the holiday wishes of the applicants. You can drop off your gifts to the Angel Tree or drop them off at the Human Services Building. Let's work together to make a child's holiday a little merrier and brighter.

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(Jingle Bells)**

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Rudolph

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**Santa Wiibizhaa
(tune of "where
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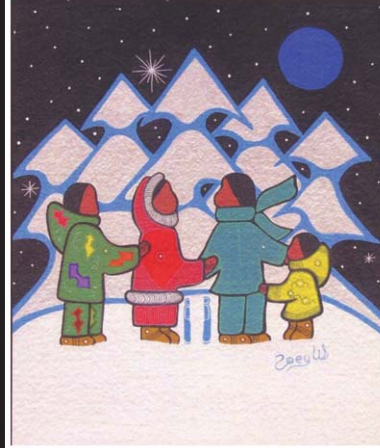
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Children of the Four Seasons

my name is winter
I bring the purifying snows to cleanse you
my sister is Summer
She brings the plants and vegetables to feed you
my brother is Autumn
He is the showoff, very colorful
our little sister is Spring
She represents new life for you

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JUDICIAL BRANCH

INDIVIDUAL TRIBAL CITIZENS TREATY RIGHTS REVOKED

Case #	Citizens Name	Date Order signed	Amount owed
H-006-0601	Patricia Booth	9/20/2001	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-007-0701	Charles Mulholland	10/10/2001	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-010-1101	Robert Keshick	1/30/2002	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-011-1101	Michael E. Keshick	11/2/2001	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-019-1102	Charles Barber	2/7/2004	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-020-1102	Joseph Medicine	2/7/2003	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-022-1102	Joseph Beaver	11/18/2004	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-023-0203	Russell J Massee	8/15/2003	\$300.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-024-1203	Anthony T Hudson	7/2/2004	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-026-0104	Michael Foreman	8/23/2004	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-030-0704	John William Adams	12/13/2004	\$150.00 Fines, Court Costs & Contempt Costs

Note: Citizens wishing to Reinstate Treaty Privileges must Petition the Court and pay outstanding fines and court costs with an additional \$50 filing fee.

STATEMENT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT



On October 24 during the Elders Luncheon held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, a Statement of Mutual Understanding and Support was signed by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Michigan State Police, the Emmet County Sheriff, the Emmet County Prosecuting Attorney and the City of Petoskey. On hand for the signing were LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, LTBB Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr., LTBB Chief Law Enforcement Officer Jeff Cobe, Assistant United States Attorney Jeff J. Davis, Emmet County Prosecutor James R. Linderman, Emmet County Sheriff Peter A. Wallin, Post Commander Lieutenant Aaron Sweeney of the Michigan State Police Petoskey Post, LTBB Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law and LTBB Tribal Councilor Alice Yellowbank. Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

KING'S INN DEMOLITION



Photo taken by Aaron Otto on November 20, 2006.



Photo taken by Aaron Otto on November 20, 2006.



The main office building at the site (shown above) will remain. Plans for the site have not been announced. Photo by Annette VanDeCar on November 20, 2006.

The decision to close LTBB-owned King's Inn in Mackinaw City, MI, was made based on a study conducted earlier this year by the Business School at Northwood University. Items from the King's Inn were auctioned off on July 29. Odawa Enterprise Management Assistant Susan Swadling oversaw the auction. On November 20, the hotel building was demolished. The main office building there will remain. Future plans for the site have not been announced.

Health Department

IMPORTANT FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE

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

Eligibility Criteria:

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

LTBB TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY HEALTH PHONE SURVEY WITH THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe project will be conducting a personalized phone survey. The phone survey is called the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) which will be conducted from October through December 2006. Randomly selected LTBB Tribal Citizens will be called at their residence to participate.

The objective of the survey is to collect accurate, tribal-specific data on preventive health practices and risk behaviors linked to chronic diseases, injuries, and preventable infectious diseases in the LTBB Adult Population. The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan will work with Michigan State University's Institute of Public Policy and Social Research to conduct the survey while incorporating cultural sensitivity and respect. The survey is part of an ongoing effort to assure tribal members throughout Michigan have fair

representation in health status data collection.

The eight tribes participating in the Steps program are: Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Indian Community, Huron Potawatomi Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

LTBB, in conjunction with the Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Grant, is asking our tribal citizens for help. We realize phone surveys may be inconvenient, but when the time comes, we are requesting you complete this phone survey on behalf of yourself and fellow tribal citizens. The survey is completely anonymous and no one will ever be able to identify you from your responses. Your name or address will never be known; only your phone numbers

will be used to contact you.

You may not receive a call from surveyors, but if you do, please do not hang up on these important people who are conducting this survey. The total amount of surveys completed will assist LTBB in grant writing efforts which may help our tribe in the future. Please try to participate if you are called. We greatly appreciate your valued time and assistance in this project.

Those who participate in this survey will provide many valuable benefits to the LTBB Tribe. The data will be useful when applying for grants, implementing health programs and interventions, and in determining how tribal health care systems are working. Anyone with questions concerning the BRFSS can contact LTBB Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Health Educator Regina Brubacker at 231-242-1601 or e-mail her at rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Attention Tribal Citizens

The end of the year is quickly approaching and Contract Health Service (CHS) is in the process of paying all outstanding bills that have been received from outside providers. If you received a reference number from Contract Health Service

for a doctor's visit or hospitalization and are receiving the bill at your home address, please forward the bill to CHS so it can be reviewed and paid if you were issued a reference number for the service. All bills must be turned in to CHS so they

can be paid prior to the end of the year. If you are not sure about a bill or have questions about a bill, please call Contract Health Service at 231-242-1600 and the receptionist will be glad to assist you.



SCHEDULE OF CAREER FAIRS WE HAVE JOBS!

January 15, Victories Hotel, Petoskey, MI,
Open to the Public, Noon-6 p.m.

February 12, Victories Hotel, Petoskey, MI,
Open to the Public, Noon-6 p.m.

March 10, Victories Hotel, Petoskey, MI,
Open to the Public, Noon-6 p.m.

Traditional Healer

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Advertise in the Odawa Trails

If you are interested in advertising in upcoming Odawa Trails newsletters, please call the LTBB Communications Department at 231-242-1427.

Per capita checks will be mailed out no later than December 8.

In order to receive your per capita check, your address must be current. To change your address or to check if your address is current, contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521. All minors 17 and under are required to have a minor address verification form on file for every year. The minor address verification form must be notarized.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT SEEKS EVIDENCE OF WOLVES FROM TRIBAL CITIZENS

By Rick Damstra, Non-Game Wildlife Technician

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Natural Resource Department is seeking information from tribal citizens regarding sightings, howling, tracks or other signs of eastern gray wolves on the LTBB Reservation or within the portion of the 1836 Ceded Territories within the Lower Peninsula of Michigan.

The Natural Resource Department has received a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop and implement a plan to manage and protect eastern gray wolves in northern Lower Michigan. We are seeking help from the public in determining where wolf search efforts should be focused.

Wolves are native to Michigan, but were extinct in all areas in the Lower Peninsula by 1935. In 2004, a coyote trapper captured a female wolf from the Upper Peninsula in Presque Isle County, less than 50 miles from the LTBB Reservation, confirming the wolves' return to this part of their historic range. It is thought areas on and around the Reservation may be good wolf habitat, and wolves may have moved into these areas from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. It is expected as the population of wolves increases in the Upper Peninsula, more wolves will move into the Lower Peninsula during winters when good ice forms on the Straits of Mackinaw.

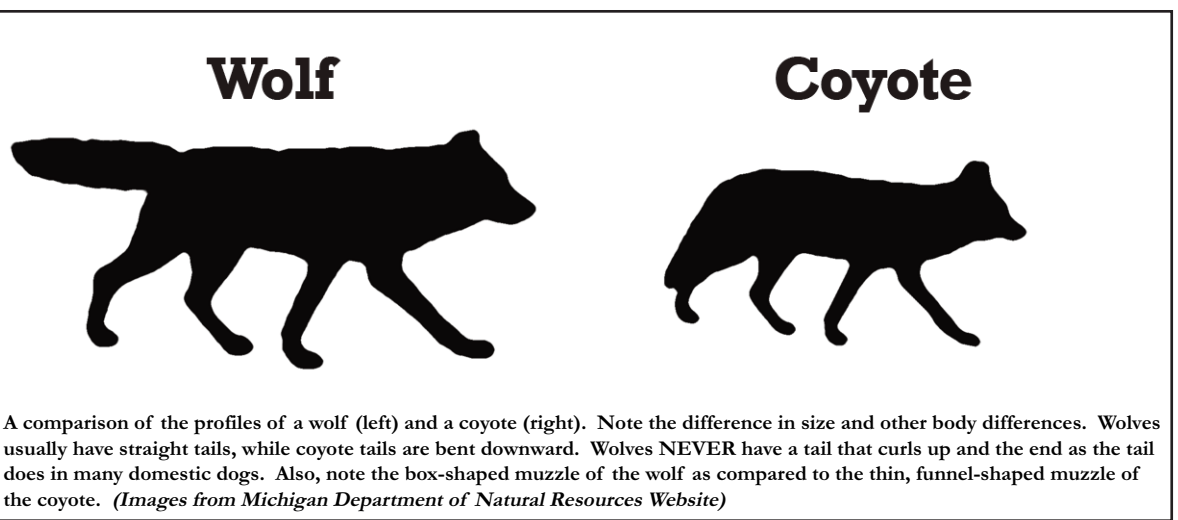
While we are interested in any wolf sighting, we are especially interested in sightings where physical evidence such as tracks, scat (feces), wolf-killed animals, wolf carcasses or photographs of wolves exist. Because wolves are often easily confused with other animals such as coyotes or domestic dogs, especially in less than perfect weather and light conditions these animals are often active in, physical or photographic evidence allows us to confirm if the animal in question is a wolf. Please also note the time and date of the sighting, as exact as possible location, as well as a

description of the surrounding habitat and the nature of the sighting (live animals, dead animals, tracks and/or scat).

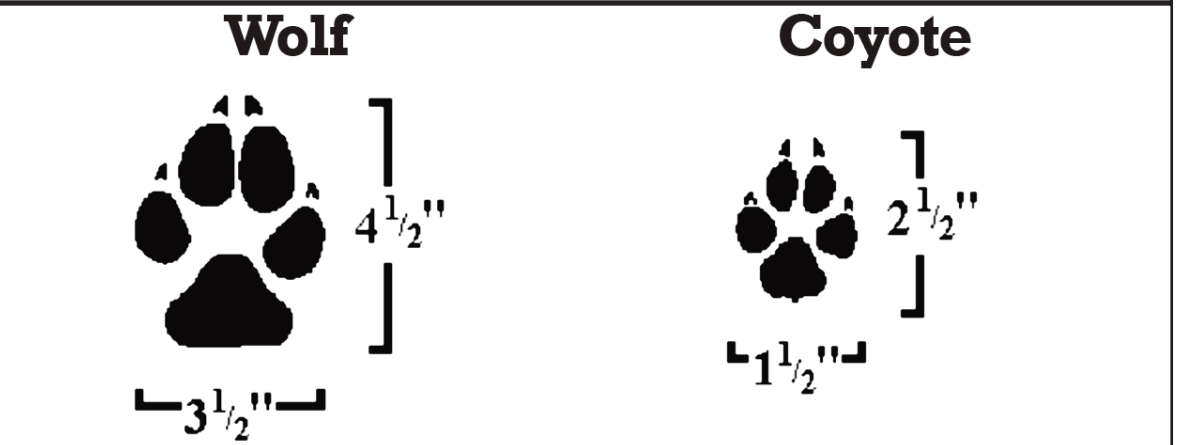
Tracks are usually the most available physical evidence. If you see a wolf or a wolf-like animal while driving or hiking and a photograph cannot be taken of the animal, please take a picture of the animal's tracks in the snow, sand or mud with an object that can be later measured to get an idea of the track's actual size. A ruler is best, but a pocketknife, pop can or any easily measured object will work. Take several photos from directly above the track looking straight down upon it. If possible, take photos of several different tracks. If a noticeable trail is present, take a picture of the animal's path it left. If possible, cover the track with a cardboard box, bucket or other such object to keep the track free of snow and to protect it from being destroyed or degrading in quality. Then, please contact the LTBB Natural Resource Department immediately at the phone number listed at the end of this article.

Each individual track and the trail an animal leaves tell a story about its identity. Wolf tracks are typically 4.5 inches long by 3.5 inches wide. Conversely, coyote tracks are only about half the size of wolf tracks at 2.5 inches by 1.5 inches. Domestic dog tracks will vary greatly in size and will usually be associated with tracks left by their human owners. Wild canines typically have oval-shaped tracks and leave a path of tracks in a perfectly straight line. Dogs typically leave round tracks and leave a staggered path, because they are more "bowlegged" than wild canines like wolves and coyotes.

Other signs include scat, which usually contains hair and bone shards from wolf prey, usually white-tailed deer. The scat is usually 1-1.5 inches in diameter, which is about the same size as scat from a large dog, but much bigger than that of a coyote. Wolf kills are usually very well ripped



A comparison of the profiles of a wolf (left) and a coyote (right). Note the difference in size and other body differences. Wolves usually have straight tails, while coyote tails are bent downward. Wolves NEVER have a tail that curls up and the end as the tail does in many domestic dogs. Also, note the box-shaped muzzle of the wolf as compared to the thin, funnel-shaped muzzle of the coyote. (Images from Michigan Department of Natural Resources Website)



A side-by-side comparison of wolf (left) and coyote (right) tracks. Wolf tracks are the larger of the two. (Images from Michigan Department of Natural Resources Website)

apart with the bones crushed and partially eaten by the wolf. Coyotes usually leave the bones of a kill behind because they don't have the jaw strength to crush bones of large mammals such as deer.

Because of the shy nature of wolves, they will typically avoid areas with high amounts of human activities such as towns, residential areas and busy roads. This is especially true in the northern Lower Peninsula because the wolf population is very low and wolves usually try to avoid people unless competition from other, more dominant wolves pushes them into close contact with people as is the case in certain areas of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Wolves will commonly use rivers, secondary roads, power line or pipeline paths, snowmobile trails and other lightly-used trails as travel corridors. Also owing to their shy nature, wolves pose little or no threat to humans.

If any sign of wolves is seen, please contact Wildlife Techni-



An example of a wolf track photo in mud taken in Montana. (From www.nativeforest.org/.../images/Wolf_tracks.jpg)

cian Rick Damstra or Wildlife Biologist Archie Kiogima Jr. at 231-242-1670. Please be as detailed as you can with location and time the wolf sign was seen. Additionally, we ask any reports to

be made as quickly as possible (preferably within 48 hours) so LTBB Natural Resource Department personnel can verify the sighting.

Day Care Assistance

Applications for the 2006-2007 Day Care Assistance Program are now available.

If you live in Emmet, Charlevoix or Cheboygan County and would like more information, please stop in at Human Services, 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application. You may also call 1-888-309-5822 and ask for Human Services.

This is an income based program.

VICTORIES CASINO & HOTEL

From November 1 Through December 25, 2006, Victories Hotel would like to extend a \$45 LTBB Tribal Rate on standard rooms. This rate represents a \$10 discount off of the normal \$55 LTBB Tribal Rate. Please Call 1-877-4-GAMING or 231-347-6041 to make a reservation! Just a reminder: It is one room per LTBB Tribal Citizen, 21 years of age or older.

ANGEL TREE

Applications are being accepted for the LTBB Human Services' Angel Tree.

If you know of a family that may need extra help around the holidays, please have them stop by Human Services, 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application.

Applications for assistance must be received by Human Services no later than December 2.

NATIVE NEWS

BIRO AND WEMIGWASE RECEIVE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Cynthia Biro (on the left) and Douglas Wemigwase (at the podium speaking) each received an Ernie Stevens Jr. Leadership Award in October.

Cynthia Biro and Douglas Wemigwase each received an Ernie Stevens Jr. Leadership Award at the National Congress of American Indians 63rd Annual Convention held in October in Sacramento, CA.

Biro was one of the three LTBB Tribal Youth selected by the Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr. and sponsored by the Tribal Council to attend the 2006 NCAI Mid-Year Conference held in June in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, and the 63rd Annual Convention. The others were Charles Shananaquet II and Alicia Nowell.

Wemigwase was the NCAI Youth Commission Secretary.

Biro, a fifth-year senior at the University of Michigan, will be eligible to graduate with a Bachelor's degree at the end of the fall semester. She is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in American Culture with a focus on Native American Studies. She is considering taking an independent study course after the fall semester. She plans on attending graduate school.

"It is such a huge conference with so many people attending," Biro said. "I was surprised to be singled out. I wouldn't have received it without the support of the Tribal Elders and Tribal Members. I would not be where I am today without the help of others.

"I want to thank Ernie Stevens, Jr. for the opportunity to receive the award. It was a great surprise and an honor to receive it. It was an honor that two LTBB Tribal Members received it, as well."

Ernie Stevens, Jr. is the chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, and he is Treasurer of NCAI. He is also a former vice president of NCAI.

Wemigwase considers Stevens, Jr. a mentor.

"Receiving the award was totally unexpected," Wemigwase said. "I didn't know what to say when I received it because I do not take well to getting awards or accolades. It took a lot of humbleness on my part to accept the award and to take credit for the work I put into the Youth Commission.

"I took the opportunity to speak about what is important to me. I said, 'It is important to not forget where we came from. We cannot lose our language, culture and tradition. It makes us who we are

as Indian people. If we lose those things, we lose ourselves. It's important to preserve who we are as Indian people as we move forward."

The NCAI Youth Commission is designed specifically for college and high school students with an interest in political science, tribal government and Native American legislative and governmental affairs. It serves as a resource to NCAI and tribal leaders concerning issues facing Native youth today. Through participation in the commission, Native youth acquire knowledge from NCAI and tribal leaders about the process of NCAI and tribal politics. The NCAI Youth Commission is an avenue to provide a unified voice for all Native American and Alaskan youth.

"NCAI is an important organization Native youth should be a part of," Wemigwase said. "It's a great place to learn how government to government relationships work.

"The good thing about NCAI is the organization asks us (Native youth) to speak on the issues that affect us. It doesn't have adults speaking for us."

Biro, whose mother Valerie (Laughlin) Biro has volunteered at NCAI for many years, attended her first NCAI conference in June. Her father is James Biro.

"My mother has always volunteered there, so she encouraged me to get involved with NCAI," said Biro, 22. "When I heard Tribal Council wanted to send youth to the 2006 conferences, it prompted me to get involved. I was older than most of the other students in the Youth Commission, they were mostly high schoolers, but I feel I can be beneficial to the youth. I've learned from role models and mentors all of my life, and I hope I can fill that role for the Youth Commission. When I am too old to be a member of the Youth Commission, I would still like to work alongside it with the youth."

Wemigwase, the son of Robert and Beverly Wemigwase, was the Secretary of the NCAI Youth Commission for two years (2004-2006). Wemigwase attended the opening of the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian in September 2004.

"Through that experience (at-

tending the opening of the museum), I realized I wanted to take part in tribal politics, and I wanted to affect a bigger picture," said Wemigwase, 21. "I met Ernie (Stevens, Jr.) there. Ernie was getting into a car, but he stopped to have his picture taken with me. It was neat to see people like him doing good for Indian country.

"(Tribal Chairman) Frank (Ettawageshik) gave me the opportunity to attend NCAI's National Convention (in 2004) and I found my voice there."

After earning his general education diploma, Wemigwase worked toward an Associate's degree in Computer Information Systems at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI. He decided Computer Information Systems was not for him, and he took a full-time job in the LTBB Regulatory Department six months ago. He previously did contractual work in the LTBB Education Department as an Education Technology Assistant.

"Even though I work full-time, I'm thinking about going back to college," Wemigwase said. "I'm looking at taking some law classes. So many people involved in NCAI have law backgrounds, so I think it would be beneficial to have a law degree. I want to stay involved in NCAI and make sure I keep updated on the issues facing Indian country."

Biro is the alternate female representative of the NCAI Youth Commission, and Nowell is the secretary of the commission. Wemigwase plans to stay involved with the commission as an "unofficial advisor" despite working full-time and possibly going back to college.

"I am interested in helping Native youth across the country," Wemigwase said.

At the 2006 Mid-Year Conference, NCAI leadership announced the creation of the NCAI Youth Ambassador Leadership Program (YALP). It is a scholarship program open to males and females aged 17-25. The Ambassadors, one male and one female, serve a two-year term leading the NCAI Youth Commission in its meetings and functions and represent the NCAI youth when their presence is requested. At the 63rd Annual Convention, Patricia Carter and Quintin Lopez were selected as ambassadors.

Founded in 1944, NCAI is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of more than 250 tribal governments, promoting strong tribal-federal government to government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

For more information on NCAI, the NCAI Youth Commission and the NCAI Youth Ambassador Leadership program, visit www.ncai.org.

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Rackliff, NCAI Legislative Associate.

BUILDING LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE

By Alicia Nowell, Tribal Citizen



Editor's note: Alicia Nowell, a senior at Harbor Springs High School in Harbor Springs, MI, was one of three LTBB Tribal Youth selected by the Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr. and sponsored by the Tribal Council to attend the 2006 National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference and the NCAI 63rd Annual Convention. Nowell could not attend the NCAI Mid-Year Conference held in June in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, but she attended the NCAI 63rd Annual Convention from October 1-6 in Sacramento, CA.

Standing proud, Native Americans are fighting to keep their culture alive. Despite drug and alcohol problems, high poverty rates and prejudice from many, Natives all over are getting back to their roots, and trying to get people involved with cultural activities and tribal government.

Members from Native American tribes all over the United States and Canada gathered for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 63rd Annual Convention from October 1-6 in Sacramento, CA. Youth 13 to 25 could be a part of the NCAI Youth Commission (NCAIYC).

The NCAIYC gives youth a chance to be involved with nationwide tribal issues. It gives youth the opportunity to be leaders and to take a stand for what they are passionate about. It also provides great, new learning opportunities to help educate today's tribal youth.

The youth explored pressing issues in Indian country by participating in leadership workshops and attending organizational meetings at the convention.

Native Vote was a workshop topic. The presenters split the participants into random groups where they discussed the state of tribal governments today, hopes for tribal governments in the future, how youth can make a difference and why voting matters. Throughout the workshops, energy levels soared as tomorrow's leaders were discovered.

Patricia Carter, Youth Ambassador for the NCAI Youth Ambassador Leadership Program (YALP) showed her concern on the topic by saying, "It's very important for the youth to be involved, to strive to be like our current leaders, and to help develop the goals we set for ourselves and our communities. It was a very important topic (Native Vote), something we've all been watching. We've been noticing our own tribal government's progress. It is very important that the youth be concerned."

Methamphetamine addiction is a problem sweeping across Native country, taking lives, sending people to the hospital, and breaking Native families at nearly twice

the rate of the rest of the United States' population.

The seminar spoke of the gruesome facts, telling how methamphetamine affects people physically and mentally. Users lose their teeth, become emaciated, and it affects people's behavior in disturbing ways. According to American Indian Report, people lose weight, have self-inflicted flesh wounds and react violently, sometimes even toward their own children.

The "meth" addiction lies not only among the Native Americans, but among all ethnic and cultural groups in the United States. The youth commission was given the opportunity to brainstorm ideas for anti-drug commercials targeted towards Natives in order to get this problem under control.

Carter said, "I am definitely concerned about that. It is taking over communities at a larger rate than alcohol and other drugs combined. It is killing people, but I don't think people realize the gravity of this issue ... Definitely, we need to be more proactive about educating people of the cause and effects of the drug. We should prevent this from happening."

Another problem addressed at the conference was the structure of the NCAI Youth Commission's leadership. For 13 years, the Youth Commission had been organized to include five youth representatives known as Commissioners as well as a girl to act as a pageant queen, Miss NCAI. The Commissioners were two male and two female representatives and a person to act as the secretary/treasurer. The Miss NCAI title has stirred much controversy in the past couple of years because some people think it is unfair young men are not receiving the same scholarships, travels and experiences as the women. At June's NCAI Mid-Year Conference in Sault St. Marie, MI, a new ambassador program was introduced to replace Miss NCAI and the Youth Commissioners. This idea was never presented to the Youth Commission to be voted on. Because of this mix-up, the NCAIYC decided to hold a formal organizational meeting to work out the bugs. Following NCAI conduct rules, the youth discussed, debated and deliberated, bringing partial closure to the issue and gaining the support and respect of NCAI President Joe A. Garcia as well as many other adult leaders in NCAI.

The conference was very informative and helped get young people interested in the inner workings of tribal affairs. By the end of the meetings, people had come out of their shells. People weren't afraid to voice their opinions. Children and teens are the future leaders of our communities. NCAI is helping to build the leadership qualities it will take for the next generation to run tribal communities.

Halloween 2006

HALLOWEEN COSTUME WINNERS



Management Information Systems Director Mark Tracy won first place in the Employee Halloween Costume Contest held October 31 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Tracy dressed as a hunter complete with red pajamas, hat, winter boots and toilet paper. Accounting Clerk Terri Thomasma finished second dressed as a one night stand, and Natural Resource Administrative Assistant Fiona Banfield finished third dressed in camouflage.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

On October 31 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, several Halloween Festivities took place. The Education Department coordinated the events. Children from the LTBB Head Start Program sang songs to the Elders at the Elders Luncheon, they went trick or treating at participating departments, and some brave children went through the Tribal Court's Haunted House. The Employee Halloween Costume Contest was held at 3 p.m. Children came to trick or treat at participating departments from 3-5 p.m. A Halloween Department Decorating Contest was also held.

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES SHOW THEIR HALLOWEEN SPIRIT



(Left to Right) Dorothy Perry, Sandi Wemigwase, Katie Bauer and Melissa Clairmunt from the LTBB Education Department.



(L to R) Veronica Medicine, Carla McFall and Isabelle Osawamick in the back row. Harriet Kishigo-Booth and Marilyn Williams in the front row.



(Left to Right) Language Program Coordinator Carla McFall and Language Program Assistant Crystal Greensky dressed up as witches.



(Left to Right) Staff Accountant Mel Kiogima II and Court Administrator Bernadece Kiogima showed their Halloween spirit by dressing up.



Purchasing Technician Mandy Ragland showed her Halloween spirit by dressing up as a witch.



Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Administrative Assistant Michael Lyons dressed up as Zorro.

TRICK OR TREATING AT THE LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER



Halloween 2006

HALLOWEEN DEPARTMENT DECORATING CONTEST

CONTEST WINNING DECORATIONS OF THE TRIBAL COURT



HONORABLE MENTION WENT TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT



HONORABLE MENTION WENT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT



The Tribal Court's Haunted House won first place in the Halloween Department Decorating Contest held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on October 31. Court Clerk Linda Harper dressed as a witch, Court Administrator Bernadece Kiogima dressed as a character from the movie "Scream" and Ariel Harper, the daughter of Linda Harper, posed as a corpse in a coffin. Honorable mention went to the Health Department and the Housing Department. Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar except for the second Tribal Court photo by Beatrice A. Law and the fourth Health Department photo by Marcia Sutton.

LTBB HEAD START CHILDREN VISIT ON HALLOWEEN



Children from the LTBB Head Start Program sang songs to the Tribal Elders at the Elders Luncheon. Two of the children from the LTBB Headstart Program who participated in the trick or treating on Halloween. Xavier Schansema was one of the brave Headstart children who enjoyed the Tribal Court's Haunted House. (Left to Right) Emma Gasco, 4, with her mother, Margaret Gasco, enjoyed trick or treating on Halloween.

Children from the LTBB Head Start Program made a Halloween visit to the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on October 31. They sang songs for the Elders assembled for the Elders Luncheon that day. They showed off their Halloween costumes to the Elders, they went trick or treating through the Governmental Center, and some of the children went into the Tribal Court's Haunted House. Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

OTHER LTBB DEPARTMENT DECORATIONS



A mock crime scene was part of the Halloween decorations in the Tribal Administration suite located at the LTBB Governmental Center. Accounting Assistant Kathy McGraw hangs out with the skeleton that was part of the Halloween decorations in the LTBB Accounting Department. This ghost spent his time flying up and down in the Education Department. The Education Department coordinated the Halloween activities.



This skeleton on the desk of Education Department Administrative Assistant Beverly Wemigwase sang and danced to the tune "Super Freak." This spider, hung over the desk of Administrative Receptionist Tammy Gasco's desk, greeted visitors to the LTBB Governmental Center. This bat, hung in the Cultural Library located in the LTBB Education Department, greeted visitors and encouraged people to read books there.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
October 22, 2006
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa
Circle
9:15 a.m. Smudging
9:30 a.m.

Motion Carried.

10:30 a.m. Recess called.
10:37 a.m. Councilor Shananaquet arrived.
10:49 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution # 102206-05 Establishing Michele Chingwa Education Assistance Act Scholarship Levels.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Roberts to add to the Legislative Calendar the amended Michele Chingwa Education Assistance Act.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Oldman).
Motion Carried.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount.
11:47 a.m. Public Comment closed.

12:02 p.m. Lunch recess called.
1:33 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution #102206-01 Approval for Leases of Tribally Owned Land.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Roberts to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated October 11, 2006, for a total of three (3).

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

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-020 Probate Code.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-021 Motor Vehicle and Parking Statute.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco

Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-no, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-022 Offices of Legislative Services Attorney.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-no, Councilor McNamara-no, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to post the position to hire an attorney under a two (2) year contract. To approve a Budget Modification for TGO Tribal Council 1101-0-00 for FY 2006, and Budget Modification for TGO Tribal Council 1101-0-00 for FY 2007.
Motion Withdrawn.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Tribal Resolution #102206-04 Affirming the Benefits of Affirmative Action.

2:33 p.m. Recess called in consideration of revising proposed Tribal Resolution #102206-04.
2:42 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to remove the Odawa Safe Traffic Act from the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Harrington to pass the Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-023 Financial Disclosure by Tribal Officials.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.
Motion Carried.

4:01 p.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount.
4:03 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2006

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

January 13 Work Session
January 14 Council Meeting
January 27 Work Session
January 28 Council Meeting

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

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RITA SHANANAQUET, COUNCILOR
ALICE YELLOWBANK, COUNCILOR
DEXTER MCNAMARA, COUNCILOR

Roberts and supported by Councilor Harrington to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-024 Disclosure of Public Documents Act.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-025 Legislative Procedures.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.
Motion Carried.

4:18 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Harrington to adjourn.

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:
Approved:

Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary

OGEMA BEDASSIGE HONORED



On September 23 during the 12th Annual Sovereignty Day Celebration held in Harbor Springs, MI, Ogema Bedassige, Roland M. Petoskey, received a bonnet of Eagle Feathers from long-time family friend, Chuck Mungia, of Manistee, MI. Mungia, who gathered, assembled and presented the bonnet to Petoskey, frequently visits Petoskey to receive traditional teachings, hear words of wisdom and to get beat in a lively game of cards. Mungia considers Petoskey a teacher, a friend and a respected Elder.

In bestowing this honor on Petoskey, Mungia said, "Grandpa has given so much, not only for me, but to all who he comes in contact with that it is only fitting and proper for him to be gifted with this. It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that I had the privilege and honor of putting this together for him."

Photo courtesy of Marian Sedlak.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTER AT WAH-WAHS-NOO-DA-KE



By Deleta Gasco Smith, Housing Director

Members of a workgroup established to recommend design and construction of a satellite community center at the Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke housing site in Harbor Springs, MI, met with the Tribal Elders in attendance at the Elders Luncheon held October 24 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs.

Workgroup members Ken Harrington, Deleta Gasco Smith and Ben Banfield discussed site design and layout as well as the proposed possible uses and construction timeline for this building. The presentation was well received by the Tribal Elders.

The project as a whole created a great deal of excitement. Due to the time constraints, the construction of this project will probably begin in early spring of 2007.

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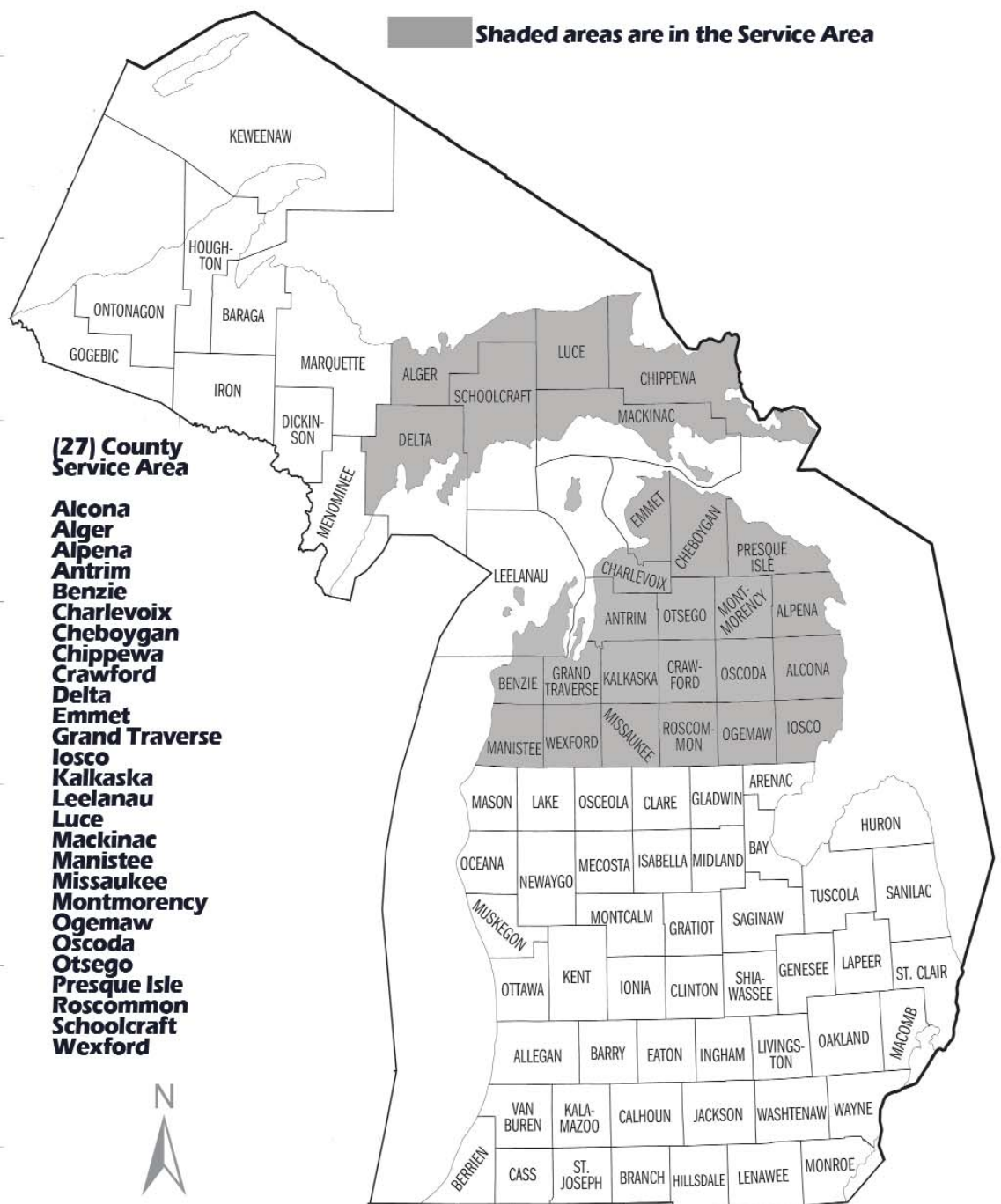
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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area



Programs receiving funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and some Indian Health Services (IHS) are limited to serving members within a 27 county service area.

DECEMBER

Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntam-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niwo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naano-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
3 Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Courtroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	4 Elders Swim Class Victories Hotel Pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	5 Christmas Elders Luncheon at noon Victories Hotel Petoskey, MI	6 Elders Swim Class Victories Hotel Pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	7 Elders Lunchleon at noon Tae Kwon Do classes Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	8 Gaming Board of Directors Work Session Victories Hotel Petoskey, MI 9 a.m.	9 Economic Development Commission Meeting 9:30 a.m.
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L I T T L E S P I R I T M O O N

2007 PROJECTED ELECTION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 10 NOTICE OF ELECTION MAILED
 FEBRUARY 9 NOMINATION PETITIONS DUE BACK TO ELECTION BOARD
 FEBRUARY 10 LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARY ELECTION
 MARCH 27 LAST DATE TO WITHDRAW FROM ELECTION IN WRITING
 LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
 ELECTION BOARD FINALIZES THE PRIMARY BALLOT
 MARCH 28 CANDIDATE INFORMATION MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
 APRIL 11 BALLOTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
 APRIL 21 PRIMARY ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM"

FRIDAY MAY 11, 2007 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
 MAY 25 PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED AND GENERAL ELECTION
 BALLOTS MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
 JUNE 9 GENERAL ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM"

MONDAY JUNE 25, 2007 GENERAL ELECTION DAY
 JULY 10 GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED

NEW TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

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OSBORNE RD. WEST (SOUTH OF THE PINES)	30 ACRES
DRYER RD.	80 ACRES
SUSAN CREEK (PERMIT ONLY)	55 ACRES

CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRD (WATERFOWL)

NINE MILE POINT LOT

CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING EXCEPT BOW HUNTING

TRIBAL HOUSING 80 ACRES

CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING

GOVERNMENTAL CENTER	97.6 ACRES
BEAVER ISLAND DOCK	LOT
BIO-STATION (ALDRICH)	LOT
ODAWA CASINO PROPERTY-CEMETERY RD.	100 ACRES
OSBORNE RD. WEST (POW WOW GROUNDS)	10 ACRES
VICTORIES CASINO (U.S. 131 SOUTH)	5.6 ACRES
VICTORIES CASINO OFFICE (SPRING ST.)	LOT
VICTORIES HOTEL	LOT
915 EMMET	LOT
1345 U.S. 31 NORTH	LOT

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICE AT 231-242-1670

Tribal Citizens

IF YOU MOVE, PLEASE CONTACT THE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT OFFICE AND WE WILL SEND YOU AN ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM.

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.

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

Compiled by Tina Sutton



Wisconsin

December 2
 St. Croix Trails Youth on Red Road
 24663 Angeline Avenue
 Webster, WI
 Contact Information:
 Mark Soulier at 1-800-236-2195 or soulier-mark@yahoo.com.

December 31
 Menominee New Years Traditional Pow Wow
 School Gym
 Neopit, WI
 Contact Information:
 715-756-2354

December 31
 LCO New Years Traditional Pow Wow
 LCO High School Gym
 Hayward, WI
 Contact Information:
 715-634-8924
 www.lcoschools.bia.edu

December 31
 Sobriety Traditional Pow Wow
 Oneida Nation Elementary School
 Oneida, WI
 Contact Information:
 920-496-7897
 1-800-236-2214

December 31
 Forest County Potawatomi Sobriety Traditional Pow Wow
 Forest County Potawatomi Recreation Building
 Forest County, WI
 Contact Information:
 715-478-4305

Minnesota

December 31-January 1
 Leech Lake New Years Traditional Pow Wow
 Old Cass Lake High School
 Leech Lake, MN
 Contact Information:
 218-335-7400

Child Passenger Safety Seats Available



- Convertible Car Seats
- High Back Booster Seats
- Low Back Booster Car Seats

Mskiki Gumik Health Park
 Contact person:
Tina Shawano, MCH RN,
 Certified CPS Technician
 231-242-1614

Governmental Center
 Contact person:
Breanna Thompson
 231-242-1506
 Certified CPS Technicians
Dawn Parky
Officer Guenthardt
Sergeant Givens

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE 2007 TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

TO CHECK IF YOU ARE REGISTERED OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE FORMS TO REGISTER, CALL DENISE PETOSKEY AT 231-881-2994 OR CAROL QUINONES AT 616-774-9534.

The Petoskey Public Library offers parent/child activities. For more information or to check the calendar of events, please visit the library website at www.petoskeylibrary.org or call 231-758-3100.

LTBB ENERGY WORKGROUP YULETIDE TALE

By Susan Swadling, Odawa Enterprise Management Assistant
 Merry Christmas.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, every light was shining, even the room with the mouse, the light-emitting diode (LED) shone by the chimney with care, in hopes that the electric bill soon would be there.

Everyone was warm and snug in their beds, even though the thermostat was set lower above their heads, and Mama in her thermals and I in my cap, all comfortable knowing the heating bill would be a snap.

When out on the road, there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter, from the window, I saw in a flash, that Facilities

cleared the snow in a splash.

The LED lights shone with a sheen, reflected their colors of red, blue and green, off the new fallen snow their reflection arose, the timer they were on not yet ready to close.

With the winterization and insulation put in, this holiday will be wonderful with everyone in a nice cozy hut lit with energy efficiency within, saving all the happiness within.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

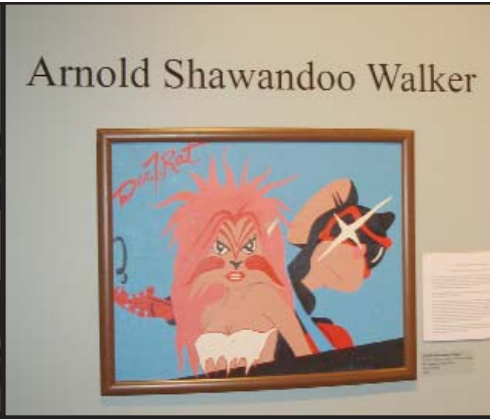
Editor's note: Odawa Enterprise Management Assistant Susan Swadling is a member of the LTBB Energy Workgroup.

ANISHNAABE FESTIVAL 2006

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



(L to R) Patrick Naganashe, Mike Naganashe and Aaron Otto performed at the Anishnaabe Festival 2006.



Arnold Shawandoo Walker's painting was part of the art exhibit at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey, MI.



Members of the Women's Hand Drum Group performed at the Anishnaabe Festival 2006 on October 27.



Tony Miron's flute made from wood was one of the four items he exhibited at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.



(L to R) Patrick Naganashe, Mike Naganashe, Aaron Otto, John Naganashe, Barry Bott and Tony Miron.



Yvonne Walker-Keshick titled her painting "Front Row Seating." It was one of her two paintings on display.



Joe Mitchell (standing) and Howard Kimewon performed in a skit based on "Pow Wows in Heaven."



Necklaces by Hal Wiggins were part of the art exhibit at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey, MI.

On October 27, the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey, MI, hosted the Anishnaabe Art Exhibit and Feast as part of its Anishnaabe Festival 2006.

It included a community Ghost Supper that served approximately 270 people, and it marked the opening of the "Anishnaabek Generations" exhibit. The exhibit ran from October 27 to November 25.

Artisans included Pauline M. Walker, Christopher S. Walker, Kimberly Keshick, Jacob Keshick, Allie Maldonado, Simon Otto, Alicia Nowell, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Frank Ettawageshik, Eric L. Sownick, Tony Miron, Yvonne M. Walker-Keshick, Lois Beardslee, Ellie Payton, Amber Nowell, Yarrow Nowell, Daniel Chingwa and Hal Wiggins.

As part of the program, Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima, Leonard "Joe" Mitchell and Howard Kimewon performed a skit based on the short story "Pow Wows in Heaven."

The following is the short story retold in Anishnaabemowin by Kiogima:

Niizhi Odawak kiwenhzi'ak giwiijikisiwok, pane gaazhibimaadiziwaat. Paul miinwa Sam gi-zhinkaaziwok. Maaba dash Sam dooaakwazi. Mii go wiinbot. Paul dash wanbwaachaan wa Sam. "Sam," kida sa Paul, "gmikwendaan na gaazhingamiyaang miinwa gaazhiniimiyaang pane?" "Enh," kida sa Sam. "Dokwejimin sa," kida Paul, "Nidagoshinan wedi waakwaing kwejigen giishpin jingtamok eyaamwaat?" "Ahaaw" kida sa Sam, "gakwejimaak go maanda." Mi-dash giinbot. Baamaampii dash ngoding gwana aabtaadibikat chinbaa maaba Paul. Miidash giinoondang, "Paul, Paul!" "Wenesh na?" kida sa Paul. "Sam sa maaba" kida wa Sam. "Kaawiin" kida Paul "giinbo wiiba Sam." "Mii go maaba sa Sam" kida Paul, "aapiish na eyaayin?" "Aanh, miigo maampii waakwaing iyaa'aanh" kida Sam, "Chimzinaak-nigaademigat zhinda. Jingtamok giwenh wiyaanaawaan Maanii-Giizhik, chibaatiinwok waaniimijik. Giindash giinaamgo wiiniigaanii-niimiyn."

Translation

Two very old Odawa men, Paul and Sam, have been friends all their lives. Sam is close to dying, so Paul goes to visit him. Sam," says Paul,

"You know how we both loved to sing and dance all our lives. You have to do me one favor, Sam. When you walk on, you have got to tell me somehow if there are pow wows in heaven." Sam looks up at Paul from his death bed and says, "Paul, you've been my friend for so many years. Of course, I will do this for you." And with that, Sam passes on. It is midnight, a couple of nights later. Paul is sound asleep when a distant voice calls out to him, "Hey Paul.....Paul....." Paul suddenly sits up in bed and asks "Who is it? Who is it?" "Paul, it's me Sam." "Come on, you're not Sam. Sam died." "I'm telling you," insists the voice, "It's me, Sam!" "Sam? Is that you? Where are you?" "I'm in heaven," says Sam, "and I've got to tell you, I have some good news and some bad news." "Tell me the good news first," says Paul. "The good news," says Sam, "Is that there are pow wows in heaven. You should see the grand entries, they are really spectacular! It's just like we always dreamed of." "Really?" says Paul, "That's wonderful! What's the bad news?" "They got you down as Head Dancer on Saturday!"

Members of the Women's Hand Drum Group performed. They were Jannan Cornstalk, Andrea Otto, Vicki Lynn, Virginia Schansema, Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Yvonne Walker-Keshick and Rochelle Ettawageshik.

Members of the Native Visions group accompanied by some Tribal Community Citizens also performed.

The Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department assisted Crooked Tree Arts Center by making food for the Ghost Supper and by helping to locate Native artisans.

The Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department wanted to thank the following people: Jacob Keshick, Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima, Howard Kimewon, Tom Bauer, the Crooked Tree Arts Council volunteers, Dorothy Perry, Beverly Wemigwase, Ellie Payton, Amber Nowell, Yarrow Nowell, Alicia Nowell, Trish Kishigo and everyone who brought food for the community Ghost Supper. Chi-miigwetch miinwa!

Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase contributed to this article.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Lois Beardslee made various items out of birch bark. They were on display at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.



Alicia Nowell titled her painting "Clearer Waters." Nowell had five paintings on display at the art exhibit.

MEET WETLANDS SPECIALIST JACKIE PILETTE



Aanii. My name is Jackie Pilette. I recently started working for LTBB as the Wetlands Specialist in the Environmental Services Department. I am originally from the Detroit (Michigan) area where my family was one of the founding families of the city of Detroit. After I graduated from high school, I went to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI. In between school terms, I spent a lot of time in northern Michigan where I worked on Mackinac Island at Jack's and Cindy's Stables. For a couple of field seasons, I worked on the R/V Laurentian (which was U-M's research vessel) as a ship technician on Lake Michigan and

Lake Superior.

I've spent the past three summers at the University of Michigan Biological Station in Pellston, MI, which is an amazing facility located on Douglas Lake with fantastic field courses. I was very fortunate to take several botany (plant-related) classes and work on various projects related to the ecology of algae.

In December, I graduated from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment where I received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Behavior. This past summer, I worked as a contractor for LTBB doing plant surveys on tribal lands.

When I'm not out looking at plants, I enjoy horseback riding, snowboarding, cross country skiing, hiking, camping, gardening, and being out on the water.

I am very excited about working for LTBB. I look forward to seeing and meeting many people in the next few months.

ELDERS PROGRAM RECEIVES EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT



The Elders Program received an early Christmas present, a box of fresh garlic from California, from the Clara Charvez family on November 14. It came with instructions to hand out the fresh garlic to the Tribal Elders. It was handed out at the Elders Luncheon held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on November 16. Some of the Tribal Elders, who received the fresh garlic, posed for a photo after the luncheon. Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

SPECIAL ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS CELEBRATED IN GAYLORD, MI

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

A special Roman Catholic Mass, Honoring our Elders and Children, was celebrated on October 29 at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord, MI.

A committee, consisting of some LTBB Tribal Citizens, planned a Mass that incorporated elements of Native American culture.

People entering the church were smudged. Tony Davis carried an Eagle staff and Linda Woods carried a Kateri Tekakwitha Eagle Staff in the opening procession. The Kateri Tekakwitha Eagle Staff represents and honors all those who have fought in the past, present and future to protect the people, the land and the heritage.

This particular Eagle Staff was made in the early 1980s, and it has been in the Kateri Tekakwitha Church for several years. Woods, its caretaker, said, "I believe its purpose is to pray for all Native people, and that the staff should be used for the people."

Father James Gardiner, pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Bellaire, MI and St. Joseph in East Jordan, MI, was the main presider with Bishop Patrick R. Cooney and other priests from the Gaylord Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church in attendance.

Tribal Elder Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima spoke the first reading in Odawa. Tribal Elders Donald A.

Portman and Suzanne Portman and David Parkey, a member of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa Indians, took up the gifts. Tribal Elders Robert Shagonaby and Margaret Carey served as Eucharistic Ministers. Portman and Jim Maddix, a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, presented Bishop Cooney with gifts before the mass ended.

Members of the Women's Hand Drum Group sang. They were Jannan Cornstalk, Vicki Lynn, Andrea Otto, Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Virginia Schansema and Harriet Kishigo-Booth. A male drum group of Aaron Otto, Jim Naganashe, Raymond Martell, J.D. Gibson, Patrick Naganashe, Mike

Naganashe and John Naganashe sang.

Otto also played the flute.

A choir under the direction of Dan Hall, who played the guitar, sang "Amazing Grace" in Ojibway during the Mass.

Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairman Aaron Payment and LTBB Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. were in attendance.

A reception was held in St. Mary Parish Center following the Mass.

According to the Diocese of Gaylord's website, the Mass was planned as the first step in strengthening the relationship between the Native American people and the Catholic Church.

It further stated, "It was a way to honor the elders and customs of the Native American culture for those today and to keep alive the Catholic faith and beliefs for the church tomorrow. It has always been the Native American way to pass down traditions to their descendants; it is hoped it will become a legacy of ministry for generations to come."

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar unless otherwise noted.



Aaron Otto played the flute during the special mass. Photo courtesy of Don J. Portman.

(L to R) Donald A. Portman and Jim Maddix speak to a Traverse City Record-Eagle reporter afterwards.

Members of the Women's Hand Drum group sang during the mass. Photo courtesy of Don J. Portman.

A male drum group of Tribal Community Citizens sang at the mass. Photo courtesy of Don J. Portman.

Bishop Patrick R. Cooney greets Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairman Aaron Payment.

(L to R) Bishop Patrick R. Cooney, Bill Denemy, Sr., Father James Gardiner and Donald A. Portman.

(L to R) Bishop Patrick R. Cooney and Donald A. Portman, chairperson of the organizing committee.

By **Donald A. Portman**, Tribal Citizen

Fr. Duane (Wachowiak, director of the Secretariat for Worship and Liturgical Formation for the Diocese of Gaylord in Gaylord, MI) asked me to send each one of you a thank you. However there are so many of you who participated, it would take me a week to do this. So, this is the only way I can do it.

All you fine people in the drum group, ladies, gentlemen, Aaron (Otto), you were great playing your flute.

Smudgers: What a job trying to keep the fire going.

Then, there are those who

stayed in the background, people you don't know anything about. People like Joyce Shagonaby. I asked you to write about all the Native things and what we will use in this service. Some of the things you spoke about I didn't even know. We all learned more about the Native ways, and you did it with so much thought. To totally describe how important these items are. For that, I thank you.

Then, there is this one person who got us all together for this cause, Maartje Nolan. When I first met her at Holy

Childhood Church (in Harbor Springs, MI), she spoke with such deep feeling for this cause. She told us how the Bishop (Patrick R. Cooney) wanted to have this mass for the Native people. We all shared our thoughts as to what we should do. I told then what I had planned for the mass for Kateri (Tekakwitha). *(Editor's note: A Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Mass was celebrated on July 16 at the Cross in the Woods Parish and National Shrine in Indian River, MI.)* They seemed to like what I had to say, so they

asked me if I would chair this cause. I agreed. Maartje was with me every day working on this, we put in some long hours, sometimes my head was spinning like a top at the end of the day, and I'm sure she was, too. She kept me going, and I was keeping her going with all of my suggestions. Towards the end, I called her, kids crying in the background, she really had a lot of pressure trying to get this done. I said, "Hey! Take a break! Let's go fishing!" We took a lot of burden off her when we started making the phone calls

and e-mailing the Diocese. If I had to pay Maartje for what she did? I couldn't! She did this to please the Bishop, and she did. I'm so proud to have worked with you. You made this happen.

I also have to thank my wife, Suzanne (Portman), for being so understanding with what I was doing for this event. It went so well people are going to talk about it for a long time.

It was my pleasure to serve you as chairperson for this event, and I hope I served you well.

ATTENTION: FISHERS AND FISH PROCESSORS HACCP BASIC COURSE OFFERED

A seafood Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) certification training, to be conducted by Michigan Sea Grant Agent Ron Kinnunen, has been scheduled for December 19, 20, and 21, at Mikanuk Hall, Bay Mills Community College, Bay Mills Indian Community.

The cost is \$90 per person, and includes all HACCP manuals and educational materials. The course is open to any and all fishers and fish processors who would like to attend. The course will be taught by Ron Kinnunen, Mike Erdman, Jim Thannum and Jennifer Dale-Burton.

CORA-member tribe fishers should check with their Natural Resource departments for addi-

tional resources.

"HACCP" stands for "Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point." The Seafood HACCP regulation became mandatory in 1997. The HACCP training course helps fishermen and processors learn to develop and adopt a HACCP plan to fit their specific needs; reassess or modify the plan as a result of verification activities and any corrective actions that occur; and review the HACCP records for adequacy.

For more information or to sign up, contact Ron Kinnunen at 906-226-3687 or at kinnunen1@msu.edu. This course cannot be held unless the class is full, so call now.

Holiday Hours of Operation



Christmas Eve: Close at 6 p.m.
Christmas Day: Open at noon.
New Year's Eve: Table Games open until 6 a.m. on New Year's Day.

New Year's Eve Buffet
 Dinner Buffet open from 5 p.m. to midnight.
 Late Night Breakfast Buffet 12:30 a.m. to 3 a.m.

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

By **Tom Gould**, Victories Casino and Hotel Surveillance Manager

Our safety tip is courtesy of the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA).

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning. For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside the sleeping area.

Also, smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling or six to eight inches below the ceiling on side walls. Since smoke and many deadly gases rise, installing your smoke alarms at the proper level will provide you with the earliest warning possible. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

TRIBAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENJOY FAMILY FALL GATHERING IN CARP LAKE, MI

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Christopher Bertram (on the left) stacks pumpkins as Austin Neil (on the right) prepares to pull the cart.

(L to R) Mary Chingwa, Alexandria Banfield and Brendan Bailey before they went pumpkin hunting.

Deleta Gasco Smith (in the back row), Hannah Yuan and Andrew Yuan (in the front row) attended the gathering.

Lisa Naganashe with her son, Stanley Dewey, after Dewey selected his pumpkin from the patch.



Mary Gasco (on the right) helped her granddaughter, Emma Gasco, carry her pumpkin from the patch.

(L to R) Emma Schwander, leaning on her pumpkin, and Garcia Medicine each chose large pumpkins.

Tribal Community Citizens of all ages participated in the gathering and selected pumpkins from the patch.

Linda Woods (on the far right) with grandchildren, Michael Woods, Jessica Woods and Jacob Woods.



Sophia Henry, 1, wore her Halloween costume to the gathering. Photo courtesy of Meredith Henry.

Jacob Brown pulls a heavy load of pumpkins in a wagon at the Family Fall Gathering on October 21.

(L to R) Tribal Elders Doris Adams and Diane Naganashe enjoyed the festivities at the Fall Gathering.

Tribal Citizens enjoyed a hayride out to the pumpkin patch at the Family Fall Gathering on October 21.



(Left to Right) Sisters Andi Gasco and Carly Searles navigated their way through the corn maze.

Nicole Laughlin and other Tribal Citizens enjoyed the corn maze at Just A Plain Farm in Carp Lake, MI.

(L to R) Patrick Naganashe and Rebecca Naganashe help daughter, Sandi Naganashe, select a pumpkin.

Linda Gokee gives her daughter, Kacie Gokee, a ride in a wagon during the Family Fall Gathering.



Jordan Bussey, 4, picks out a pumpkin at Just A Plain Farm. Photo courtesy of Theresa Keshick.

(L to R) Harriet Kishigo-Booth, Rochelle Etawageshik and Virginia Lewis. Photo by Linda Woods

Mikaela and Terence enjoy a hayride with their mother, Doni O'Connor. Photo by Theresa Keshick.

(L to R) Isabelle Osawamick and Carla McFall spoke Anishinaabemowin to tribal citizens in attendance.

On October 21 at Just A Plain Farm in Carp Lake, MI, Tribal Citizens of all ages enjoyed the LTBB Family Fall Gathering sponsored by the LTBB Substance Abuse Program and Mental Health Program.

People rode out to the pumpkin patch to select the pumpkin of

their choice. They made their way through the corn maze. They enjoyed hayrides and a feast. All the children received trick-or-treat bags filled with goodies.

Although the weather forecast called for rain that day, the rain thankfully held off.

Approximately 235 people at-

tended the event.

For more information about Just A Plain Farm, visit www.justaplainfarm.com.

The Substance Abuse Department staff wishes to convey their appreciation to all those who attended and made the Fall Gathering so successful. It was appar-

ent everyone had a wonderful time. It was fun to see people dress up in their Halloween garb because it added that extra holiday flavor to the event.

The Substance Abuse Department staff was very happy to hear such positive comments from people. It encourages the

Substance Abuse Department staff to plan for next year's Fall Gathering.

Substance Abuse Director Linda Woods contributed to this article.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar unless otherwise noted.

Community Health Department Events

Hand Drum workshops: December 2 and December 17.

Snowsnake workshops: December 30, January 14 and January 28.

Snowsnake Tournament: February 10.

Women's Quilt Making classes: January 6, January 17, January 31, February 21 and March 3.

Call the Community Health Department at 231-242-1601 for more information.

LTBB ID CARDS

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

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

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

LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP...

LTBB Housing Department

The Housing Department is now accepting bids for the entrance sign to Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da Ke Housing Development in Harbor Springs, MI. Ideal dimension; 6'0" width X 4'0" height. Lettering must contain; WAH-WAHS-NOO DA KE, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians; Housing Symbols:

Design must include lighting and meet the requirements listed below



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(d) Housing sign requirements.
(i) A permanent sign identifying the housing project is required for all housing projects approved on or after September 13, 1977. Permanent signs are recommended for all housing projects approved prior to September 13, 1977. The sign must meet the following requirements:

(i) Must be located at the primary site entrance and be readable and recognizable from the roadside;

(ii) Must be located near the site manager's office when the housing project has multiple sites and portable signs must be placed where vacancies exist at other site locations of a "scattered site" housing project;

(iii) May be of any shape;

(iv) Must be not less than 16 square feet of area for housing projects with eight or more rental units (smaller housing projects may have smaller signs);

(v) Must be made of durable material including its supports;

(vi) Must include the housing project name;

(vii) Must show rental contact information including, but not limited to, the office location of the housing project and a telephone number where applicant inquiries may be made;

(viii) Must show either the equal housing opportunity logotype (the house and equal sign, with the words equal housing opportunity underneath the house); the equal housing opportunity slogan "equal housing opportunity"; or the equal housing opportunity statement, "We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin." If the logotype is used, the size of the logo must be no less than 5% of the total size of the project sign.

(ix) May display the Agency or Department logotype; and

(x) Must comply with state and local codes.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Carly Searles** for having an outstanding eighth grade basketball season! Way to show them how big you can play!
Love, Mom, Dad, and big sis, Andi.

Help Wanted

Victories Casino and Hotel is searching for a Marketing Director. This team player will be highly motivated, very experienced in the opening of new properties, and well-versed and knowledgeable in all aspects of gaming and hospitality. To speak with Victories Casino and Hotel Recruiter Lynn Trozzo, call 231-439-0339. Visit www.victories-casino.com to read the complete job listing.

We are seeking individuals interested in serving on the review committee for the Grants and Donations program. The review committee will review, approve and deny when applicable 2007-08 grant proposals. The meetings will be in Room 312 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. For more information or if you are interested, please contact Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr. at 231-242-1421 or Administrative Assistant Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420.

The Community Health Department is looking for a person with gymnastics teaching experience to work with children 2-4 years old. This candidate will teach beginner gymnastics skills at Native Way II gym in Harbor Springs, MI. Per Tribal regulations, applicant must be willing to undergo a background check. You may contact Regina Brubacker at 231-242-1664 for more information.

The LTBB Elders Program seeks qualified residential housecleaners to clean Elders' homes on a contractual basis. This will entail up to 20 hours a week, and may increase if the need arises. If you are interested, call Contracts Manager Kristi Houghton at 231-242-1426 or stop by the LTBB Contracts Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, for an information packet.

The LTBB Elders Program seeks a qualified driver with a chauffeur's license to transport Elders to various activities. This will entail up to 20 hours a week. If you are interested, call Contracts Manager Kristi Houghton at 231-242-1426 or stop by the LTBB Contracts Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, for an information packet.

Birth Announcements



Trey Joseph Ettawageshik was born on September 4 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, MI. He weighed seven pounds and six ounces, and he was 21.5 inches long. His parents are Amy and Joseph Ettawageshik of Traverse City. His siblings are Ellie and Lucy Ettawageshik. His grandparents are Frank and Rochelle Ettawageshik of Harbor Springs, MI, Mary Anne Ettawageshik of Germantown, MD, and Jane and Steve Perdue of Traverse City.



Shawn Allen Keshick was born on June 12 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. He weighed eight pounds and six ounces, and he was 18.5 inches long. His parents are Kimberly Yates and Robert J. Keshick of Cheboygan, MI. His grandparents are Mary Keshick of Petoskey, John Keshick, Sr. of Levering, MI, and Susan and Roger Yates of Burt Lake, MI. His brothers and sisters are Ryan, Tosha, Amanda, Carole, Keith and Julia. May the Great Spirit bless and watch over you and your family. A'how.
Love Dad.
Photo courtesy of Robert Keshick.



Kasina Marie-Naganashe Laughlin was born on September 1 at Central Michigan Community Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, MI. She weighed nine pounds and eight ounces, and she was 19 inches long. Her parents are Karen Naganashe of Mt. Pleasant and Christopher Laughlin of Mt. Pleasant. Her grandparents are Basil Naganashe of Mt. Pleasant and Tom Laughlin of Atlanta, MI. Her brother is Basil Naganashe II of Mt. Pleasant.

Birthdays

Happy 65th birthday to the **Old Man** on December 30. You might be getting older, but you keep everyone on their toes. With you around, there is never a dull moment.
From the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy belated birthday to **Ed**, who celebrated his big day on November 8.
From your little brother Bri.

Happy birthday to **Arn** on December 27.
From Bri.

Happy birthday to our **Mom** on December 3. Thanks for always being there to lend a helping hand or words of encouragement. We love you!
Michele, Dan, Kim and Don.

Happy birthday to **Yvonne Fuerte** on December 7. Hope you have a grrreat day!!
Love, your sis, Theresa, Michael and Jordan, too!

Happy birthday to **Auntie "Davonne"** on December 7. We love you!
Love, Kacie, Jeff and Lin.

MnoDibishkaa Ngashi, MkwaniibiwiKwe, **Alice May Yellowbank**, Aapiji Gzaagin, Pane!

MnoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaaganak- NiingonisKwezenhsak **Brooke Robinson** and **Shannon Chamblee** miinwa nmisenh widigemaaganan **Archie Kiogima II**. Gzaaginim.

Happy 27th birthday to **Aaron Keshick** on December 20.
Love, your favorite Auntie Linda G. and kids.

Happy 26th birthday to **Brooke Robinson** on December 3. Hope your day is as special as you are.
Love, Aunt Linda G. and kids.

Happy birthday to my dad, **Archie L. Kiogima, Jr.**, who celebrates on December 8. You're the best.
Gzaaguhn, Gina Jr.

I'd like to wish a happy birthday to Nokomis, **Alice Yellowbank**, who celebrates on December 12.
Gzaaguhn, Gina Jr.

Happy fourth birthday to **Mkooohns Marcus Gasco**, whose special day is on December 27.
Love, Mommy and Daddy.

Happy birthday to **Justine Garver** on December 13!! May all your wishes come true.
We love you. Mom, Matthew and your sisters.



Happy 32nd birthday to **Winnay Wemigwase** on December 7. I love your lacrosse and berry picking photos. They could come back to haunt you someday. I'll keep you in suspense as to when and where they will appear. For now, I'm using a good photo of you.
From your loving cousin.

Birthdays

I would like to say chi-miig-wetch to Robert and Beverly Wemigwase for having **me** on December 7, 1974. I have enjoyed every minute of it!!!
Love, Nane.

Happy birthday to **Steven M. Oldman, Sr.** and **Jesse Oldman** on December 2.
With love from your family.

Happy birthday to **Yvonne Fuerte** on December 7.
Love Mom.

Happy birthday wishes go out to **Shirley Eaves** on December 16.
From sisters, brothers and family.

Happy birthday to our **Mama** on December 3. We love you lots. Thanks for always being there.
From Michele and Greg. XOXO-XOXO

Happy birthday to **Don Portman** on December 29. Hey, isn't that a bowling night? Now if that's not the best reason to get another 300, I don't know what is! Have fun. Luv ya bro.
From Michele and Greg.

Happy 24th birthday to **Jason Stevens** and **Jennifer Stevens** on December 7.
From Jason.

Happy birthday to **Jeff Wiatrolik** on December 20.
From Melissa, Alicia and Jordan.

For Sale

Attention Tribal Citizens: The Natural Resource Commission has elected to dispose of a surplus boat motor from their Commercial Fishing Small Boat Program. The motor is a 2003 Mercury, four-stroke, 40-horse with limited hours and use on the Great Lakes. The motor is in good condition and can be viewed during regular business hours at the Natural Resource Department. The NRD will accept bids until December 1, 2006. A reserved price of \$1,500 has been established.



CARRYING ON THE CROWN MAKING TRADITION

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Tribal Elder Virginia Lewis shows off the flower crown she made. It was later placed on a grave.



(L to R) Alicia Nowell, Virginia Lewis, Yarrow Nowell and Amber Nowell work on flowers.



Amber Nowell, who volunteered her time, puts the finishing touches on the stem of a flower.



Volunteers worked on making flowers during a flower/crown making session on October 14.



The red, white, yellow and black flower crown was placed on this grave at Lakeview Cemetery.



The cross and graves at Five Mile Creek Cemetery were adorned with colorful flower crowns.



The sun shines on the flower crowns placed on the cross at the tribe's Osborne Road property.



One of the flower crowns placed on a grave at Lakeview Cemetery in Harbor Springs, MI.



Flower crowns made by members of the Elders Association and volunteers.



A colorful flower crown adorns this grave in Cross Village Township, MI.



Matt Davis ties a flower crown around the crucifix at Lakeview Cemetery.



Marie "Tootsie" Miller ties a flower crown around the cross at St. Ignatius.



A red, white and blue flower crown on a tribal veteran's grave at St. Ignatius.

Members of the LTBB Elders Association and volunteers made flower crowns from crepe paper. They were placed on graves in cemeteries around the northern Michigan area on October 30 and November 1.

Crowns were placed on the cross near Holy Childhood Church in Harbor Springs, MI, graves at Lakeview Cemetery in Harbor Springs, graves at Five Mile Creek Cemetery northwest of Harbor Springs, graves at St. Ignatius Cemetery in Good Hart, MI, on the cross at the tribe's Osborne Road property in Readmond Township, MI, graves at

the cemetery in Cross Village Township, MI, and graves at the cemetery north of Bay Shore, MI.

The first flower/crown making session was held on October 14. One session was held on October 20 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs. The

crowns are placed on the graves by All Souls Day (November 2). They are hung on graves as invitations for our deceased ancestors to attend the upcoming Ghost Suppers later in November.

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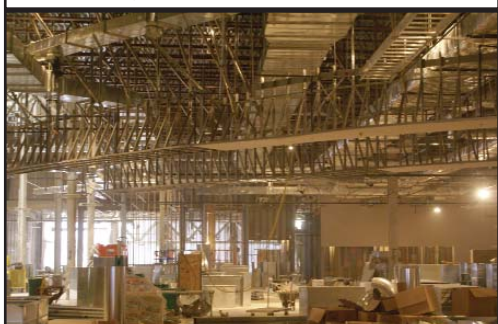


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