## Some of Northern Michigan's Best Chefs Create Culinary Delights to Benefit the Manna Project

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Great chefs, great cuisine, great dining experience, all for a great cause.

Some of Northern Michigan's best chefs donated their time on October 9 to create a unique dining experience at the Sage Restaurant located inside Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, during the First Annual Northern Michigan Chef's Dinner to benefit the Manna Project.

"The Manna Project was chosen primarily because the money raised will help people in our local communities," Odawa Casino Resort Director of Hospitality Michael Bodjiak

"Being a conscientious partner in our community is important to us."

A list of participating chefs, assembled by Sage Chef Rob Sargent, appears with this article.

"I can't begin to thank the team we assembled," Bodjiak said. "They

did this to support a great cause.

"The lineup fits well with the reputation we have established for Sage. It was four-star all the way."

Eighteen people attended the chef's dinner, raising approximately \$1,500 for the Manna Project, a Harbor Springs, MI, food bank that helps to stock 34 food pantries in Emmet, Charlevoix and Antrim counties.

In doing so, Manna helps feed almost 3,000 local families each year.

Tickets for the event were sold at Sage and the Quill Box gift shop located inside Odawa Casino Resort. Tickets were a tax deductible donation of \$200 per person or \$375 per couple.

"We want to be a good neighbor



to our community and support such a worthy local charity," Odawa Casino Resort Community Development Manager Martin VanDeCar said. "We know Manna serves a real need in our community, and our staff was more than ready to get behind the project."

The evening began with a 5:30 p.m. cocktail reception as Daniel Donovan Farrow entertained guests by playing the piano.

Guests then enjoyed the 10course culinary delight in the private dining area inside Sage. The complete menu appears on page 14.

As guests ate each course, the chefs talked about the courses, how they were prepared and answered questions from the guests. All of the courses included a wine pairing.

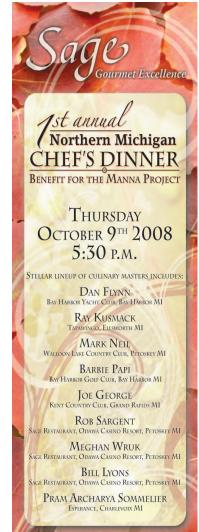
"It gave each of the chefs a chance to really showcase what they can do, something they wouldn't be able to put on their everyday menu," Sargent

Although all of the courses were unique, the Cedar Cured Arctic Char prepared by Executive Chef Joe George from Kent County Club in Grand Rapids, MI, left a strong visual impression. Before the guests were served the char, George and a few other chefs flamed it with a small

In addition to Sargent, Sous Chef Bill Lyons and Pastry Chef Meghan Wruk's culinary creations, all of the Sage Restaurant staff contributed to the event's success.

They included Tiffany Tyler, Luis Billion, Richard Lightfoot, Colleen Maass, Kim Patrick, Rob Scully, Laura Esford, Amanda Furgeson, Christina Hickling, Debra Dean, Eddie Amans and Jen Bromley.

With help from Sysco Corporation, the proceeds from the dinner will be used to purchase bulk foods which will be repackaged and distributed by the Manna Project. Manna



has served Northern Michigan's needy since 1987.

To donate, to volunteer or for more information on the Manna Project, please call 231-347-8852.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar. Courtesy graphics and menu.

### Odawa Casino Resort Offers 20% Discount to Odawa Casino Resort Employees and LTBB Tribal Citizens in Restaurants and Gift Store

For Immediate Release **September 18, 2008** 

Odawa Casino Resort Announces Employee & LTBB Tribal Citizen Discount Program

Odawa Casino Resort, owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, announced today that effective Saturday, September 20, 2008, Odawa Casino Resort employees and LTBB Tribal Citizens will be entitled to a 20% discount for all restaurant and gift store purchases at the resort.

The discount program is available for use in all of the resort's food and we're pleased to time the program

buffet and the 24-hour Copper Café. Additionally, Odawa Casino Resort team members and LTBB Tribal Citizens will receive the same 20% discount when enjoying the unique shopping experience in the Quill Box

Sean Barnard, General Manager for Odawa Casino Resort, said, "This is just our opportunity to show employees and the organization's owners, the citizens of the LTBB of Odawa Indians, we appreciate and have the highest respect for them. To put it bluntly, it's just the right thing to do, outlets: Sage fine dining, Waas-no-de' to start the same day as Sovereignty

Denise White, Human Resources Director for Odawa Casino Resort, said, "This is exciting. This program provides a special invitation for our team members and owners to come in and share the great amenities of the resort. What a great way to say thank you to those who have invested so much in the success of Odawa Casino Resort."

In order to receive the discount, employees and LTBB Tribal Citizens will be required to present their LTBB Tribal Identification card or Odawa Casino Resort gaming license.

The discount program does not

include alcohol, tobacco, gift certificates, sundry or sale items, and discounts cannot be combined.

The photo of the Waas-no-de'

buffet restaurant appears courtesy of the Odawa Casino Resort Marketing Department.



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Being Odawa is all about Freedom

The freedom to be a part of a people, who with integrity and pride, still have and speak our language. The freedom in common with

all other Odawak the customs, culture and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future

through unity, education, justice, communication and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the tribe forward. Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

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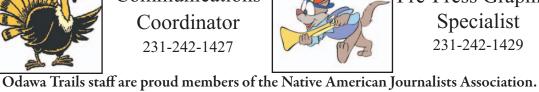
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David K. Burks

November 2008

The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and

not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content. The deadline for the December issue of Odawa Trails is October 27. You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-

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### Meet MIS Webmaster Nathan Wright

Nathan Wright began his employment with the LTBB Management Information Systems (MIS) Department as the Webmaster on September 8.

Prior to accepting his current position, Wright worked for the Sault Tribe as its Webmaster. Prior to that, he worked for eight years in Min-

nesota on various webrelated projects for corporations such as John Deere, the Center for Diagnostic Imaging, and Internet streaming media pioneer Netradio Network.

"Everyone has been friendly helpful here," Wright, who is attend-

ing Lake Superior State University and working toward a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. "I am thankful and honored to be working for the members of LTBB."

Wright is skilled in other areas, including e-commerce and producing videos and has a passion for marketing.

Marketing and sociology are almost the same thing, and I like to learn why people do what they do," Wright said. "In our job or life, we can serve each other better when we understand

each other's needs."

Wright has been active in Anishinaabek culture and governance issues in both the U.S. and Canada. His father, Mike Wright, was an Anishianaabek activist in the early 1970s, and his great-great-grandfather was Chief Gogiosh, who resided on Whitefish Island in the St. Mary's River until his

> forced removal in the early 1900s.

Wright traces his Anishinaabek ancestry to the Sault Ste. Tribe Marie Chippewa Indians, Grand Island, Lac Oreilles, Courte Michilmackinong, Manitoulin Island, Garden River, Michipicoten and

Batchewana First Nations.

In his free time, he runs a t-shirt business, NDNSkins.com, spends time with his daughter, Autumn, and enjoys outdoor activities such as camping and fishing.

Wright was born in Pontiac, MI, and spent summers and holidays in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan while growing up. He served four years in the United States Marine Corps.

Courtesy photo.

# November Elder Birthdays

November 2 November 12 George Anthony Walter Page, Jr. John Lasley Philip Warren

November 3 Roseanna Johnson Dexter McNamara

November 4 Joyce Beebe Carol Rinko

November 5 **Dorothy Dyer** Ramona Sachtler

November 6 Maureen Kilpatrick Margaret Mallory Rita Serva

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November 8 **Marion Curto** Theresa Gourd

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Mary Thornton

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November 18 **Gregory Fox** 

November 19 Debra Riley Robert Sebeck

November 20 Elaine Allen Ralph Kilpatrick Marian Taylor

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November 22 Michael Harper Linda Keway **Edward Paul** Jon Petoskey

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## nvironmental Services





# Natural Resource epartment

Hunting is allowed on the listed tribal properties according to the following Open to all hunting Waawaashkesh (deer) Wild Area Murray Road (Old NRD Office) 80 acres 80 acres St. Martins Island 47.8 acres BAY BANDS Osborne Road East 40 acres 80 acres 55 acres Drier Road 40 acres Susan Creek (with permit) Bow Hunting Only Housing (Heynig Road) Closed to all hunting except Migratory Bird (Waterfowl) Nine Mile Point Closed to all Hunting LTBB Governmental Center—SOURCES Beaver Island Dock 97.6 acres Bio-Station (Aldrich)
Odawa Casino Resort
Osborne Road West (Pow Wow Grounds)
Old Victories Casino (US 131 South)
Casino Office (911 Spring St.) 100 acres 40 acres 5.6 acres 2∕ot Odawa Hotel Lot

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

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**Attention Tribal Citizens** LTBB has secured the hunting rights to more than 500 acres in **Charlevoix County, Hayes Town**ship. MI. LTBB Tribal Citizens interested in hunting on the property must contact the LTBB **Natural Resource Department at 231-242-1670 for information and** access permits.

#### Attention LTBB Contractors

If you would like to be considered for future LTBB projects, please **contact Christine Breed** by calling 231-242-1443 cbreed@ltbbodawansn.gov.

# Tealth Department

### After Hours Clinics for LTBB Tribal Patients

Weekend Urgent Care Alternatives

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

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

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

When using one of these providers, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.



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

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

#### Eligibility Criteria:

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

You must have an active and complete file with Contract Health before a reference number can be given.

#### Remember!!!!

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

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.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ASKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN REGARDS TO NATIVE WAY GYMNASIUM IN HARBOR SPRINGS, MI

Submitted by the Community Health Department

The Native Way Gymnasium is now being monitored by the Community Health Department.

We are currently updating contact information for all Native Way users. Once all the information is reviewed and updated, we will contact people who have not been accessing the gym at least four times a month.

We will ask you to either start using the gym or to turn in your card to us. If you haven't used the gym four times a month for the past two months, you will be put on proba-

Staff will be doing random checks to make sure participants are being compliant and using the gym. We have been told some participants swipe their cards just to get the four times a month in, and they are not actually exercising.

If you do not wish to exercise anymore or are pretending to exercise, please turn in your card for someone else to use. Anyone caught doing this will automatically lose the privilege of using Native Way. Native Way is a benefit for those

who want to have a gym available to use. If we all don't take pride in what we do, we may have to discontinue it in the future. Keeping the gym up and enforcing the rules is everyone's responsibility.

Miigwech, Community Health Department Staff

## Moving?

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

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

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

If you are a custodial parent, please provide proof by documen-

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.** 



#### 2008 LTBB Hawks Basketball Schedule Date Home Location 13&Under 14-17 Away October 4 **SCIT** LTBB **Eagles Nest** $\mathbf{X}$ **LTBB** SCIT October 11 East Jordan X October 18 **LTBB GTB** East Jordan X LTBB October 25 **GTB** Strongheart $\mathbf{X}$ November 8 All Older Championships **TBD** $\mathbf{X}$ November 15 All Young Championships **TBD**

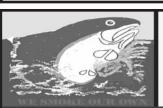
This is the first attempt at a new format which includes each team playing two games against the opposing team at each meeting. Where both age groups meet to play, a dual gym will be necessary to complete games in a timely fashion.

In order to cut down on costs and the amount of time coaches need to volunteer, the LTBB Hawks will only be sending one age group at a time to each game, and each team will play two games instead of one.

MHSAA girls basketball starts practice on November 10, and MH\$AA/boys basketball starts practice on November 17, so this schedule should eliminate problems with high school sports. For the LTBB Hawks, the 14-17-year-old team practices on Mondays, and the 13 and under team practices on Tuesdays through November 15. All practices are 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., and they are held at St. Francis Xavier School gym in Petoskey, MI.

Bernadece Kiogima and Jeannie Norris are coaching the 13 and under team, and Larry Denemy and Archie Kiogima III are coaching the 14-17 team.

Miigwetch to the retired J.D. Gibson for all of his years of service coaching LTBB Hawks teams. He will be sorely missed this season. You taught your players many valuable lifelong lessons.



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featuring local Native made crafts and jewelry.

#### The BirchBark Waboose

9am - 5pm

located inside NAIA on the first level Monday - Friday

North American Indian Association of Detroit, Inc. 22720 Plymouth Rd., Detroit, MI 48239 phone: 313-535-2966 fax: 313-535-8060

www.naiadetroit.org



Odawa Trails November 2008



Applications for the <u>2008-2009</u> Day Care Assistance Program are now available.

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# Department of Commerce

### Tribal Certificates of Exemption (TCEs)

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

As stated in previous *Odawa Trails* newsletters, LTBB has moved to using Tribal Certificates of Exemption (TCEs) as of January 1, 2008. Resident Tribal Members (RTMs) are exempt from sales tax on certain enumerated items such as vehicles, watercraft, and snowmobiles and other off the road vehicles. Affixations to your primary residence are also tax exempt. This portion does not include furniture. Items purchased for tribal fishing are also exempt. This would include vehicles, boats, trailers, nets, etc.

The following is the process to receive a TCE:

The RTM must request the TCE by filling out a Request for TCE form. This form is on the LTBB website <a href="https://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov">www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov</a> and the Pdrive (so any LTBB Governmental Employee should be able to print it). There are also forms at the Department of Commerce (DOC) Office at 1345 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI, and at the

main receptionist's desk at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The RTM then fills out the form and returns it to the DOC. There, RTM status is verified as well as the item(s) being requested to make sure it/they fall within the guidelines for exemption under the Tax Agreement. The DOC will then fill in the appropriate information and make two originals for the RTM. One will go to the vendor or seller, and the other the RTM should keep in their files. One copy will be kept in the DOC Office.

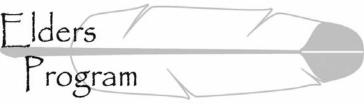
When filling out the request form, please note the following:

- 1. When purchasing a vehicle, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is needed prior to receiving the TCE along with Year, Make, Model and the dealership name, address and telephone number. Dealership paperwork is preferred. The same information is needed when purchasing a vehicle from an individual.
- 2. When making affixations to your

primary residence and you are doing the work yourself, please make a list of all the materials and supplies needed to complete the job. This will save time and stop DOC from making several phone calls.

- When purchasing a modular or mobile home, the Mobil or Modular ID Number, Year, Make and model will be needed along with the seller's name, address and telephone number.
   If you are using a contractor to
- . If you are using a contractor to complete the affixations to your primary residence or for new construction, the contractor will have to fill out Form 3772, MI Sales & Use Tax Certificate of Exemption, in addition to the TCE issued by DOC.
- 5. Cost of item(s) being purchased. Please remember DOC Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you plan to purchase a tax-exempt item on the weekend, please contact DOC prior to doing so, so your paperwork may be completed.

Megwetch.



### "An Evening of Fun" One of Several Activities Enjoyed by the Tribal Elders



By Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Elders Program Coordinator

Aanii Kikaajik!

Where the summer and fall have flown, I just don't know! The autumn colors are brilliant this year, and the weather in September was awesome. The deadline for the *Odawa Trails* seems to loom more quickly than I can account! We have definitely had a busy spring and summer! In July, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Mt. Pleasant, MI, hosted the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting, and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hosted the Manistee Language and Culture Camp again.

Both were great meetings with

Both were great meetings with our fellow tribal associates. The

Michigan Indian Family Olympics (MIFO) was held the same weekend in July as the language camp, so we had to choose between the two. Even with that, we had a good showing at both places with LTBB taking the second place MIFO trophy!

Due to deadline constraints, we will report in the next newsletter about how the MIEA meeting we hosted on October 7-8 at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, went. One of the issues we were scheduled to discuss was the State of Michigan Office of Services to the Aging's ini-

tiative to work closely with Native Americans. MIEA President Bob Menard was in the process of interviewing two people who have expressed a willingness to represent the association. He said there is no question there is a staggering, wide range of need in the Native com-

munity regarding issues affecting our elders. Both Menard and I recently had the privilege of attending a presentation by Sandy Markwood, Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), at the National Indian Council on Aging conference in Tacoma, WA.

Markwood expressed frustration that our friends at the State of Michigan Office of Services to the Aging must be experiencing. We were invited to establish a dialogue on areas where we can work together for the betterment of our people.

I will report to you about our October MIEA meeting and talk about what was discussed regarding reassessing our priorities and taking advantage of this advocacy for the aging in the next newsletter.

On the lighter side of things, we had our first "Evening of Fun" activity in August. The Countryside Band played, and a meal was prepared by Mary Lynn. It was just a "great, lots of laughs, and lots of fun dancing" evening! It was such a great success that another evening of fun was scheduled for October.



Another reminder: Burial request regulations have been delegated to the Human Services Department. Burial assistance funds are limited to \$8,000 per deceased LTBB Tribal Citizen. Human Services staff will verify any items submitted are allowable under the Burial Program Statute WOS 2006-017 before processing burial funds requests. If you have any questions, please call Human Services Coordinator Kristi Houghton at 231-242-1632.

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

Courtesy photos.



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Department

dian Child Welfare Act. Participants

received an overview of the Indian

Child Welfare Act, took an in-depth

look at what being a Qualified Expert

Witness in the Indian Child Welfare

Act means and learned how to be an

effective witness when called to tes-

dinator Annette VanDeCar.

Photos by Communications Coor-

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participated in the Annual Bridge Walk on Monday, September 1. Our annual Bridge Walk was a success due to the number of people who helped coordinate and provide

The **Pow Wow Committee** for its donation of water for the walkers; Odawa of the casino shuttles; Jim there and back safely; Doreen Peltier, Isabelle







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#### "Maamwii Masedaa Let's Walk Together

The LTBB Health Department would like to say "ChiMiigwech" to everyone who

Very special thanks to: Casino Resort for the use Kohlbeck and Patrick Naganashe for getting us Osawamick and Orien Corbiere for their

help with the motto.

Odawa Indians Social Services Program in connection with the National Resource Center, the Department of Presenter Margaret Burt

> Administration of Children and Families.

Council members.

Training for Qualified Expert Witnesses Draws Statewide Participants

Those in attendance included

people who work for tribes through-

out the state with regard to child wel-

fare issues. This consisted of Child

Welfare Commission members, So-

cial Workers, Attorneys and Tribal

This training was sponsored by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of

The presenter was Margaret Burt, an attorney from upstate New York who has had extensive experience dealing with testimony in the In-

Health and Human Services and the

nesses in the Indian Child Welfare Act at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI. Approximately 60 people from all over the state of Michigan attended the training.

Submitted by Denneen Smith,

On September 15 and 16, the

Social Services Program hosted a

training for Qualified Expert Wit-

Director of Social Services

# Natural Resource Department

### Scholarship for Native Students Pursuing a Natural Resources Degree

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) has announced scholarship opportunities for college students and graduating senior high school students pursuing degrees in natural

The Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program is dedicated to supporting Native American students pursuing a higher education and has cooperative financial aid agreements with the University of Washington and Salish Kootenai College.

A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to college students. A \$1,500 scholarship will also be awarded to graduating senior high school students. The number of awards varies each year.

Students interested in applying must submit:

1. A letter of application which includes: Name, permanent mailing address, e-mail address if any and phone number. It should be a maximum of two pages in length, which address the following areas:

B. Commitment to education, community and your culture.

C. Financial need. Students who have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should attach the Student Aid Report or have the report sent to the ITC office.

- 2. Resumé.
- 3. Three signed letters of reference, preferably on letterhead.
- 4. Evidence of validated enrollment in a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation as established by the U.S. government. A photocopy of your enrollment card, front and back, will suffice.

5. Transcripts: All students must include transcripts. High school students must also provide documented proof of acceptance to an institution of higher education. College students must also provide proof of their de-All information must be received by

the close of business at 5 p.m. on January 30, 2009.

Picard scholarship are eligible to receive additional scholarships, including tuition waivers. For more information, please visit the ITC website at www.itcnet.org, e-mail ITC at itc1@teleport.com, fax ITC at 503-282-1274 or contact either of the two colleges directly.

ITC established the Truman D. Picard scholarship program in honor of Truman D. Picard for his determination to complete his education and for his individual efforts to bring the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Forestry and Colville Tribal Forestry together to improve the level of forest management on the Colville reservation. He was one of the first from the Colville Agency in Nespelem, WA, to attend the Forest Engineering Institute at Oregon State University (OSU) and complete its program. He later returned to OSU and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management.

### LTBB Children's Winter Solstice Party Come meet Santa! Music! Potlack! Meat & Drink will be provided. Bring a side dish. Race Painting! When: December 13 Time: 3 - 6 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall at 1106 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey, MI Right across from the Emmet County Fairgrounds.

For more information, please contact

### Interested in working for LTBB?

Jobs are updated every Friday at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

- In person at our LTBB Human Resources office
- Email: hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
- Mail to LTBB Human Resources, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Questions? Please contact Phil J. Harmon, HR Generalist/Recruiter at 231-242-1563.

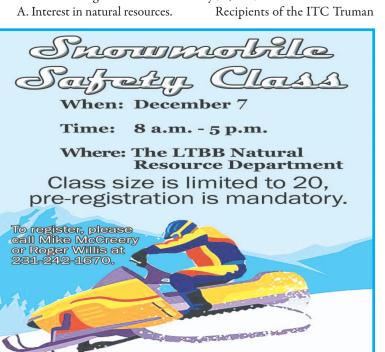


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# Education Department

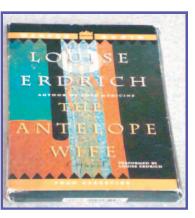
### Holiday Travel Doesn't Have to be a Drag When You Have Entertaining Audio Books from the LTBB Cultural Library to Enjoy

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The LTBB Cultural Library, located in the Education Department at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, has several audio books on cassettes or compact disks to enjoy as you travel to spend the holidays with your loved ones.

LTBB Tribal Citizens can check out the following audio books for three weeks:

The Antelope Wife



This audio book, written and performed by Louise Erdrich, is comprised of four cassettes. The following is an Amazon.com editorial review of the book: "As Louise Erdrich's magical novel The Antelope Wife opens, a cavalry soldier pursues a dog with an Ojibwa baby strapped to its back. For days, he follows them through 'the vast carcass of the world west of the Otter Tail River' until finally, the dog allows him to approach and handle the child, a girl, not yet weaned, who latches onto his nipples until, miraculously, they begin to give milk. In another kind of novel, this might be a metaphor. But, this is the fictional world of Louise Erdrich where myth is woven deeply into the fabric of everyday life. A famous cake tastes of grief, joy and the secret ingredient: Fear. The tie that binds the antelope wife to her husband is, literally, the strip of sweetheart calico he used to yoke her hand to his. Legendary characters sew beads into colorful patterns, and these patterns become the design of the novel itself.

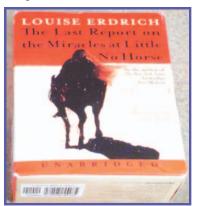
The Antelope Wife centers on the Roys and the Shawanos, two closely related Ojibwa families living in modern-day Gakahbekong or Minneapolis. Urban Indians of mixed blood, they are 'scattered like beads off a necklace and put back together in new patterns, new strings,' and Erdrich follows them through two failed marriages, a 'kamikaze' wedding and several tragic deaths. But the plot also loops and circles back, drawing in a 100-year-old murder, a burned Ojibwa village, a lost baby, several dead twins and another baby nursed on father's milk.

The familiar Erdrich themes are all here, love, family, history and the complex ways these forces both bind and separate the generations, stitching them into patterns as complex as beadwork. At least initially, this swirl of characters, narratives, time lines and connections can take a little getting used to; several of the storylines do not match up until the book's conclusion. But in the end, Erdrich's lovely, lyrical language prevails, and the reader succumbs to the book's

own dreamlike logic. As *The Antelope Wife* closes, Erdrich steps back to address readers directly for the first time, and the moment expands the book's elaborate patterns well beyond the confines of its pages. 'Who is beading us?' she asks. 'Who are you and who am I, the beader or the bit of colored glass sewn onto the fabric of the earth?... We stand on tiptoe, trying to see over the edge, and only catch a glimpse of the next bead on the string, and the woman's hand moving, one day, the next, and the needle flashing over the horizon."

The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse

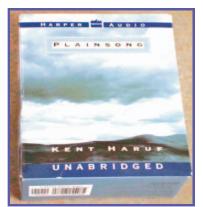
This audio book, written by Erdrich and performed by Anna Fields, is comprised of 10 cassettes. The following is a description of the book from the back cover of the package: "For over half a century, Father Damien Modeste has lived a secret life as a woman while serving his beloved people, the Ojibwe, on the remote reservation of Little No Horse. Now nearing the end of his life, Father Damien dreads the discovery of his physical identity. To complicate his fears, his quiet life changes when a troubled colleague comes to the reservation to investigate the life of the perplexing, difficult, possibly false saint, Sister Leopolda. Father Damien knows the



strange truth of Sister Leopolda's piety, but the facts are bound up in his own secret. He is forced to choose: Should he reveal all he knows and risk everything? Or should he manufacture a protective history? In a masterwork that both deepens and enlarges the world of her previous novels set on the same reservation, Louise Erdrich captures the essence of a time and the spirit of a woman who feels compelled by her beliefs to serve her people as a priest. The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse is a work of an avid heart, a writer's writer and a storytelling genius.'

. Plainsong

This audio book, written by Kent Haruf and performed by Tom Stechschulte, is comprised of six cassettes. The following is a *Publishers Weekly* editorial review that appears

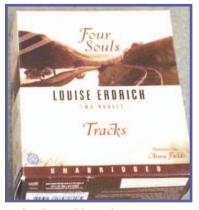


on the Amazon.com website: "In the same way the plains define the American landscape, small-town life in the heartlands is a quintessentially American experience. Holt, CO, a tiny prairie community near Denver, is both the setting for and the psychological matrix of Haruf's beautifully executed new novel. Alternating chapters focus on eight compassionately imagined characters whose lives undergo radical change during the course of one year. High school teacher Tom Guthrie's depressed wife moves out of their house, leaving him to care for their young sons. Ike, 10, and Bobby, 9, are polite, sensitive boys who mature as they observe the puzzling behavior of adults they love. At school, Guthrie must deal with a vicious student bully whose violent behavior eventually menaces Ike and Bobby in a scene that will leave readers with palpitating hearts. Meanwhile, pregnant teenager Victoria Roubideaux, evicted by her mother, seeks help from kindhearted, pragmatic teacher Maggie Jones, who convinces the elderly McPheron brothers, Raymond and Harold, to let Victoria live with them in their old farmhouse. After many decades of bachelor existence, these gruff, unpolished cattle farmers must relearn the art of conversation when Victoria enters their lives. The touching humor of their awkward interaction endows the story with a heartwarming dimensionality. Haruf's (The Tie That Binds) descriptions of rural existence are a richly nuanced mixture of stark details and poetic evocations of the natural world. Weather and landscape are integral to tone and mood, serving as backdrop to every scene. His plain, Hemingwayesque prose takes flight in lyrical descriptions of sunsets and birdsong and condenses to the matter-of-fact in describing the routines of animal husbandry. In one scene, a rancher's ungloved hand repeatedly reaches though fecal matter to check cows for pregnancy; in another, readers follow the step-by-step procedure of an autopsy on a horse. Walking a tightrope of restrained design, Haruf steers clear of sentimentality and melodrama while constructing a taut narrative in which revelations of character and rising emotional tensions are held in perfect balance. This is a compelling story of grief, bereavement, loneliness and anger, but also of kindness, benevolence, love and the making of a strange new family. In depicting the stalwart courage of decent, troubled

people going on with their lives, Haruf's quietly eloquent account illumines the possibilities of grace."

Tracks and Four Souls

The two audio books, written by Erdrich and performed by Fields, are comprised of 13 compact discs. The following description of the books appears on the back cover of the package: "Set in North Dakota, Tracks is a tale of passion and deep unrest. Over the course of 10 crucial years as tribal land and trust between people erode ceaselessly, men and women are pushed to the brink of their endurance, yet their pride and humor prohibit surrender. The listener will experience shock and pleasure in encountering characters that are compelling and rich in their vigor, clarity

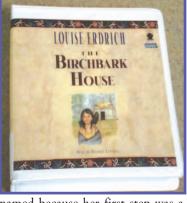


and indomitable vitality.

A strange and compelling woman decides to leave home, and the story begins in *Four Souls*. Fleur Pillager takes her mother's name, Four Souls, for strength and walks from her Ojibwe reservation to the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. She is seeking restitution from and revenge on the lumber baron who has stripped her reservation. But revenge is never simple, and she quickly finds her intentions complicated by her own dangerous compassion for the man who wronged her."

The Birchbark House

This audio book, written by Erdrich and performed by Nicolle Littrell, is intended for children ages nine and up and is comprised of five compact discs. The following is an Amazon.com review of the book: "Nineteenth-century American pioneer life was introduced to thousands of young readers by Laura Ingalls Wilder's beloved *Little House* books. With The Birchbark House, awardwinning author Louise Erdrich's first novel for young readers, this same slice of history is seen through the eyes of the spirited, 7-year-old Ojibwa girl Omakayas or Little Frog, so



named because her first step was a hop. The sole survivor of a smallpox epidemic on Spirit Island, Omakayas, then only a baby girl, was rescued by a fearless woman named Tallow and welcomed into an Ojibwa family on Lake Superior's Madeline Island, the Island of the Golden-Breasted Woodpecker. We follow Omakayas and her adopted family through a cycle of four seasons in 1847, including the winter when a historically documented outbreak of smallpox overtook the island.

Readers will be riveted by the daily life of this Native American family in which tanning moose hides, picking berries and scaring crows from the cornfield are as commonplace as encounters with bear cubs and fireside ghost stories. Erdrich, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwa, spoke to Ojibwa elders about the spirit and significance of Madeline Island, read letters from travelers and even spent time with her own children on the island, observing their reactions to woods, stones, crayfish, bear and deer. The author's softly hewn pencil drawings infuse life and authenticity to her poetic, exquisitely wrought narrative. Omakayas is an intense, strong, likable character to whom young readers will fully relate, from her mixed emotions about her siblings, to her discovery of her unique talents to her devotion to her pet crow, Andeg, to her budding understanding of death, life and her role in the natural world. We look forward to reading more about this brave, intuitive girl and wholeheartedly welcome Erdrich's future series to the canon of children's classics."

Please watch for the descriptions of more audio books available in the LTBB Cultural Library in the December issue of *Odawa Trails*.

Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

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# Housing Department

#### **Housing Department Programs**

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

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

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

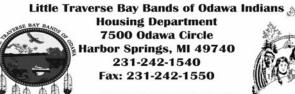
Down Payment Assistance: This program offers up to \$3,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home.

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

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

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

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



**Housing Department** 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550

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

#### **Application Availability Notification**

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

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

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

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



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## Enrollment Department

### **Yearly Notarized Minor Address Verification** Form Necessary

All minors need to have a notarized Minor Address Verification form completed yearly before November 30. No faxed or electronic versions are accepted because all forms require original signatures. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship or custodial issues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

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

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

If you have any questions, please give us a call. Fnrollment Assistant Jinda Gokee 231-242-1521 Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520

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

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is officially changing your address with the Enrollment Department. All RTMs are verified through Enrollment. Enrollment in turn sends the Department of Commerce (DOC) notification of your status. Please note on your Address Verification Form (AVF) the township you reside in. This alerts the Enrollment Department for RTM status. When you change your address with the Michigan Secretary of State's office, you will be asked if you would like to register to vote; by doing so, it will note the township you reside in. Otherwise, ask one of the Enrollment Department staff when filling out your AVF.

Your RTM status does not become effective until the first day of the following month in which you

Example: I changed my address with the Enrollment Department on May 3. My RTM status did not go into effect until June 1.

It is VERY important you notify Enrollment immediately when you move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA).

It is your responsibility to notify Enrollment of any changes in address or name; the DOC cannot backtrack or backdate documents in order to qualify for RTM status.

Being an RTM exempts you from paying state sales tax on large tangible items such as vehicles, boats, snowmobiles and off the road vehicles. It also applies to affixation to your primary place of residence. There is a form that needs to be filled out to request a Tribal Certificate of Exemption (TCE). The request for this form (Request for TCE) can be

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

Please note: All RTM updates are sent to the State of Michigan on a monthly basis as close to the end of the month as possible. If you plan to

purchase a vehicle or do any remodeling to your residence, please wait until after your RTM status is effective (after the first day of the following month in which you moved); otherwise, the State of Michigan will deny your claim for a refund.

Being an RTM also exempts you from sales/use tax on utilities such as phone, Internet, satellite, gas, electric, propane and cellular service. Please fill out the Residency Form for Tax Agreement and return it to the address noted on the bottom of the

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

- 1. Sales Tax (6% of retail price) via Form 4013
- 2. Use Tax (6% of purchase price)
- 3. Income Tax (4% of Adjusted Gross Income)
- 4. Single Business Tax (1.9 % of the applicable tax base)
- 5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (currently 32 cents per gallon unleaded and 28 cents per gal-
- 6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)
- \* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco. \*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindiger (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.

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

Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Citizens ONLY! Purchasing tax exempt fuel and tobacco for non-tribal citizens is strictly prohibited!

Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit (MI Form 4013)

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



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

#### MINOR CHILD/WARD OF THE COURT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM (All minor children 17 and under MUST complete his form.

- Parents/Legal Guardians must complete this original form AND have it notarized
- This form must be updated every year. DO NOT SEPARATE.

My Commission Expires or

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

DOE:

I am a Parent or Legal Guardian of Tribal Membership #: Date of Birth: County of Residence: Home Phone Number: I understand and agree that this child or ward is entitled to re gaming revenues of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. I will ensure that these funds are used for the health, education or welfare of my child or ward AND for absolutely no other purpose. I understand that I may be required to submit an accounting of the expenditure of these funds to the Tribe.

their checks forwarded to the Tribal Court and	al Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction will have the Judge will determine to whom the funds will be disbursed aire such accounting as the Court deems appropriate.
Printed Full Name of Minor Child	Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name
Date	Parent/Legal Guardian Signature
ì	NOTARY PUBLIC
Acknowledged before me in	County, State of,
(mor	nth/day), 20 by

Copy: Accounting

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 Cen-Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.

Tax

Agreement

# Communications Department

# Kids! Color Santa and/or send him a letter and you could win a \$20 Wal-mart Gift Card



#### **Coloring Contest rules**

- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No exceptions!
- All entries must be the original size.
- •All mailed entries must be postmarked by December 8, 2008. No exceptions!
- •Limit one submission per child.
- •Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.

Submissions judged by Communications/*Odawa Trails* staff with three winners being selected in each age category.

#### **Letters to Santa Contest Rules**

- All letters must be handwritten by the child.
- All mailed entries must be postmarked by December 8, 2008. No exceptions!
- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No exceptions!
- •Limit one submission per child.
- •Open to LTBB Community Citizens ages 10 and younger.
- •Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with the top three letters to be published in the January issue of Odawa Trails.
- Please provide a phone number where you can be contacted if you are selected as one of the winners.

Mailing Address:
Letters to Santa/Coloring Contest
Attn: LTBB Communications Department

7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Legislative Corner

### LAND AND RESERVATION COMMITTEE SPONSORS TWO-DAY TRAINING SESSION AT ODAWA HOTEL IN PETOSKEY, MI

Submitted by the Land and Reservation Committee

The Land and Reservation Committee (Committee Chairman Melvin L. Kiogima, Committee Member Regina Gasco-Bentley and Committee Member Dexter McNamara) held a two-day training session for the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary leadership and LTBB Tribal Citizens on "Our Land: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow."

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

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

The first guest speaker was Dr. James McClurken, Ethno-historian. He presented information from a historical aspect on the connection between the land and the Odawa people.

Part of his presentation was on newspaper articles and ancestral testi-



mony on how important the land was to the Anishnaabe and how the people valued the land and its resources.

The afternoon session involved an interactive discussion by the participants which was moderated by Planning Director Bryan Gillett. This activity involved using a method called "Nominal Group Technique" which allowed for the participants to provide their input on "the value of land."

The first day concluded with a cultural presentation by Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation

Director Winnay Wemigwase, who facilitated a "Talking Circle" on "G'daa-aami endaa-ing: Spirituality and Our Land" by asking the participants what is one place that is or was significant to you in your life. Each of the participants gave thoughtful and sincere answers to the question.

After the session and the full day of training, many left with a renewed feeling of attachment and appreciation for the land we call "Home of the Odawa."

The second day of the training started with guest speaker Attorney

William Brooks. He provided a full morning of information on legal issues and definitions surrounding land cases. His presentation gave the participants great insight on the challenges and successes of other tribes in their dealings with land issues.

The afternoon session was a visual tour of the properties owned by the tribe.

A special "Miigwetch" to the Executive staff who provided an indepth tour of the tribal properties, including background information, pictures and maps. Executive staff included Planning Director Brian Gillett, Natural Resource Director Doug Craven, Environmental Services Director Rachel Schwarz, Geographic Information Systems Director Alan Proctor, Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase and Odawa Enterprise Manager Charles Schofield.

The training session was concluded by Committee Chairman Melvin L. Kiogima, who led a general discussion on the next steps and the importance of the land to the tribe

and to the tribal citizens.

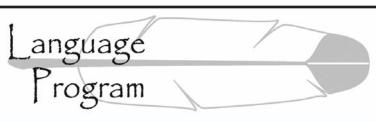
Each participant was presented with the Land and Reservation t-shirt displaying the traditional reservation boundaries of the "Home of the Odawa."

The Land and Reservation Committee members would also like to thank tribal elder Ray Kiogima for the opening and meal prayers, Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik and Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law for their introduction of speakers, and most of all, to the LTBB Tribal Citizens for their heartfelt interest, comments and suggestions.

If you were unable to participate in the training, but still have suggestions for the Land and Reservation Committee, please feel free to use our direct toll free number, 1-866-927-0077.

Respectfully submitted, Committee Chairman Melvin L. Kiogima, Committee Member Regina Gasco-Bentley and Committee Member Dexter McNamara.

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Miijim - Food

Miijim-Emaawndoongaadeg - Foods that are Gathered / Harvested

English	Singular	How to say it	Plural	How to say it
Fruit	Manwaang	man waang		
Vegetables	Netaawgiing	ne taw giing		
Pumpkin(s)	Kosmaan	kos maan	Kosmaanan	kos maa nan
Carrot(s)	Jiisenhs	jii senhs	Jiisehnsan	jii senh san
Lettuce(s)	ChiNiibiish	chi nii biish	ChiNiibiishan	chi nii bii shan
Onion Rice	Zhaagaang- wash Mnoomin	zhaa gaan gwash mi no min	Zhaagaang- washiik	zhaa gaan gwa shiik
Corn	Mandaamin	Man daa min	Mandaaminak	Man daa min ak
Potato(es)	Pin	pin	Piniik	pi niik
Tomato(es)	Gchi'ogin	g chi o gin	Gchi'oginan	G chi o gi nan
Pea(s) Turnip	Mnijiimin Jiisenhs	m ni jii min jiis	Mnijiiminak Jiisan	m ni jii mi nak jii san
Beet	Mskwaajiis	m skwaa jiis	Mskwaajiisan	m skwaa jii san
Bean	Mskwaadiismin	M skwaa diis min	Mskwaadiisminak	M skwaa diis mi nak
Nut	Pigaan	pi gaan	Pigaanak	pi gaa nak
Cherry Blueberry	Wiigwaasmin Miin	wii gwaas min miin	Wiigwaasminan Miinan	wii gwaas mi nan mii nan
Strawberry	Odemin	o de min	Odeminan	o de mi nan
Rhubarb	Ziiwbak	ziiw bak	Ziiwakon	ziiw ba kon
Cranberry	Mshkiigimin	m shkii gi min	Mshiigiminan	m shkii gi mi nan
Apple	Mshiimin	m shii min	Mshiiminank	m shii mi nak
Pear	Bookdoozh	book doozh	Bookdoozhak	book doo zhak
Plum	Bgesaan	b ge saan	Bgesaanak	b ge saa nak
Squash	Naadaanoonh	naa daa noonh	Naadaanoonhan	naa daa noonh an
Chokecherry	Saaswemin	saa swe min	Saasweminan	saa swe mi nan
Mushroom	1	zha shkwe donh zhaaw shkwaa paa	†	zha shkwe donh an zhaaw shkwaa paa bwe



Green Pepper paabwenigan bwe ni gan

Tuesday, November 25 from 9 a.m. - noon All appointments at the

LTBB Community Health Department 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI

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



**Guests Welcome** 

Immersion Techniques Benefit All Levels, Beginners to Advanced Fridays, 1 pm - 8 pm, Saturdays, 8 am - 8 pm, Sundays, 8 am - 12 noon Five Weekend Dates of January 16th, February 13th, March 13th, March 27th, and April 24th.

Inquire Now for Registration Information

·Short Stories

•Interactive Learning

·Puppets ·Short Skits

LOCATION:

ON: Mshkikiigamik, LTBB Health Building, 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey Sponsored by LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program & Bay Mills Community College. For information, contact the Language Program at (231)242-1454, 1-866-652-5822



**TOGETHER** 

Spending Time Together

Short Language Activities Designed to Engage Children & Adults

Tuesday, November 18th 6:30 - 7:30 pm

LTBB Administration Bldg Courtroom 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, Michigan



Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa - Anishinaabemowin Language Program For more information call (231)242-1454, 242-1456, 1-866-652-5822

Mondays & Thursdays 3:30 - 6:20 pm Mshkikiigamik Health Park, 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey

#### **Guests Welcome**

Winter Semester 2009 January 12th through May 7th Flexible Scheduling Possible

Isabelle Osawamick, Lead Instructor Immersion Techniques Benefit All Levels, Beginners to Advanced.

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## Anishinaabemdaa

(Let's Speak Anishinaabe Language)

Wednesday **Evening** Language **Activities** 

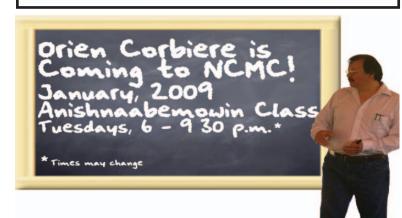
> Everyone Welcome

Learn to Use Anishinaabe Language

Rotating Instructors Doreen Peltier Isab<mark>elle</mark> Osawamick Carla McFall Kenny Pheasant

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at Mshkikigamik (LTBB Health Building) 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey

Sponsored by the Odawa Institute & LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program For information, Language Program at (231)242-1454, 242-1456, 1-866-652-5822



## **ODAWA TRAILS**

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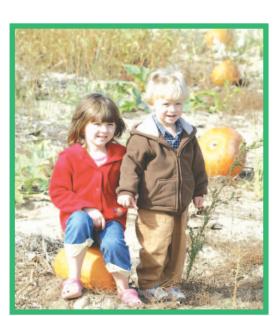
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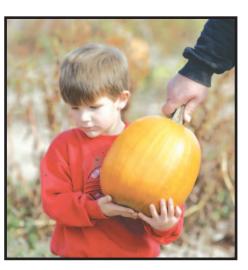


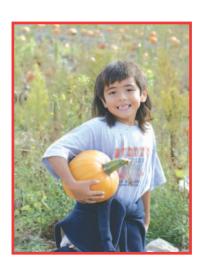




























Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.





# xecutive Branch

### From the Desk of the Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik

#### Ambassadorial Activities

Michigan Climate Action Council: The Climate Action Council met on September 12 in Lansing, MI. Current draft documents are available online at http://www.miclimatechange.us/ER RE.cfm. The current drafts of the state documents now call for the state to negotiate a Climate Change Accord with the federally recognized tribes. This item has been placed on the agenda for the Tribal/State Forum meetings in which we are starting the discussions for the Tribal/State Summit with the governor next spring.

Michigan Ground Water Conservation Advisory Council (MG-WCAC): I am serving on this council to represent tribal interests. MGWCAC was created by the implementation legislation enacted by the state along with the approval legislation for the Great Lakes Compact.

Great Lakes Compact Approved: The Great Lakes Compact has now passed both the U.S. House and Senate and is on its way to the president's desk for signature. The White House indicated when this passed the Congress, the president would sign it. We have actively supported the approval of the compact in spite of wanting stronger wording about the labeling of diversions versus consumptive use. Congressman (Bart) Stupak voted against the approval because in part, he wanted it to contain stronger language in regards to bottled water. I called his office to thank him for keeping this issue in the public discussions so we can work on it at the state level as further legislation is considered. (Since the original writing of this report, the president has now signed the compact into law).

Direct Title IV-e Funding for Tribes Approved by Congress: After 18 years of work in several legislative sessions, a bill providing for direct federal funding for tribal foster care programs has been approved by both houses of Congress. The president has indicated a willingness to sign the bill. As you know, we have been limited to negotiating with a re-

luctant state Department of Human Services for this funding in the past. The state receives funds for recruitment of foster homes, training of foster parents, administration costs and funds for payments to support foster children. The only funds we have been able to access from the state in the past have been the foster payments. With this new bill, we will be able to get substantially more funding without state involvement. Not all of our foster care placements are IV-e eligible, but this will be an improvement. My office assisted the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) in its efforts over the last two years in securing co-sponsors for this bill. I also testified at a Health

and Human Services Department budget hearing in Washington D.C. on the need for direct funding for our programs.

Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA): NLEA Board of Directors visited and toured our LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on September 17. Following the tour and lunch, they held their board meeting in our Tribal Council chambers. We heard many positive comments, and we believe our goal of having their board members understand the full scope of our tribal government was a success.

Further discussions are planned in the coming weeks to see how we may become involved with NLEA.

Michigan Supreme Court, Court Improvement Project: Several representatives from LTBB, including Tribal Prosecutor William Gregory and I (Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik) attended a meeting in Lansing on September 22 at the Michigan Hall of Justice. Representatives from several tribes, the Michigan Department of Human Services, several state judges and court personnel were in attendance. The meeting was the first of a series of meetings the outcome of which will be a State Court Handbook on

the application of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court opened the meeting by saying the state courts need to be applying a uniform standard on ICWA cases, and he endorsed the effort to better serve Indian children and their families. This process is expected to take approximately one year to complete.

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA): The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hosted the monthly CORA meeting on September 25. I attended this meeting along with our Tribal Attorney Jim Bransky, Natural Resource Commissioners and several of our LTBB Natural Resource Department staff.



United Tribes of Michigan (UTM): The next UTM meeting is scheduled for October 30 at the Huron Band offices near Battle Creek, MI. We held a board meeting by conference call on September 24 to discuss the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

#### Implementation of Statutes and Resolutions

We have been working on the process of notary public registration for individuals. This is being administered by the Enrollment Office. We have successfully secured a company to manufacture the notary stamps and embossers. We have, however, run into a snag on securing a company to provide the individual surety bonds required. The problem is since we are not a state, the insurance companies are not prepared yet to underwrite the bonds. We have been working with the agent and company with whom we have our blanket general liability coverage for the tribe. They believe they will be able to offer the surety bonds, but will not be able to get the arrangements done in time for us to meet the deadline in the Notary Public Statute. We are, therefore, requesting Tribal Council pass an amendment to the statute extending the deadline six months beyond the original deadline. Our original deadline is October 30, 2008. While we have been assured

> this process will be completed in a couple of months, they also have said our request has been slowed by the recent financial crisis in the insurance industry.

#### Oversight of Commissions and Programs

We have included nominations for tribal boards and commissions in this month's report to Tribal Council. We also sent a packet of policies for the Health Clinic to Tribal Council for their consideration and approval. An amendment to the Gaming Regulations has been approved by the Executive and posted for public comment on the Odawa Register. We will consider any comments after the comment period and send a

final version to the Tribal Council for its review and for approval.

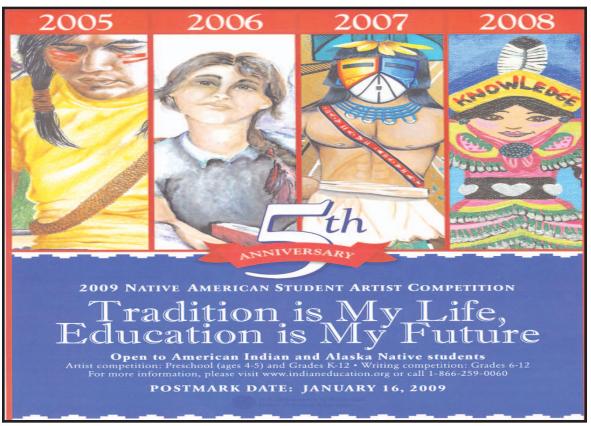
We continue our oversight of tribal departments and programs, Accounting and boards and commissions. The Vice Chairman (Bill Denemy, Sr.) and I attend several board and commission meetings each month to answer questions and make recommendations on issues brought

#### Enterprise Oversight

Odawa Enterprise Management (OEM): I have met with our OEM Manager, Chuck Schofield, to discuss our progress for the year so far. In short, Biindigen in Petoskey, MI, is coming along quite well. Bell's Fishery in Mackinaw City, MI, although doing better than other years, is still struggling. We need to have a good fall run this year at Bell's. The fishing pier construction project at Bell's is being managed by the Natural Resource Department and is scheduled to be completed in November of this year. As you will recall, this fishing pier project is funded by a grant from the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust. When completed, it will allow fishing tugs to dock right at Bell's, saving us fuel costs of trucking the fish to

Odawa Casino Resort: We have sent out several press releases regarding our reorganization at the casino. The August reorganization led to the layoff of approximately 100 employees. Fifty-five were full-time positions. As of mid-September, we had been able to offer re-employment to more than 60% of these full-time people. We are not increasing our employment numbers, but rather calling people back as we have openings come up due to other causes. As you have been reading and seeing on TV, our U.S. economy is having some rough times this fall. This reorganization has been a business decision that is in the long-term best interest of the casino and the tribe. Our employment level at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, is now approximately 700, and we have no plans for further changes in the immediate future.

Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.: We held our monthly meeting on September 17 at the LTBB Governmental Center. We have a weekly conference call of the Nimkee Technologies LLC board with the first call of the month being our monthly board meeting. We followed up with a meeting on September 19 at Odawa Casino Resort to tour the facility as part of the due diligence in preparing a proposal for a solar power electric and thermal installation. Our financial reports indicate no income this past month other than a small amount of interest on our bank accounts and no expenses for the last month.



Sunday, November 2 2008 Ettawageshik/Shano 5453 Hughston Road Harbor Springs, MI Start: Noon Schedule Saturday, November 1 Naganashe/Lewis/Boda 10990 Hardwood Road Brutus, MI Start: 5 p.m. Greensky Hill Susan Hall, Greensky Hill Church County Road 630 Hayes Township, MI Start: Noon Start: 3 p.m. Adams/Kishigo/Gasco/

Gasco/Worthington

8880 Luce St.

Start: 5:30 p.m.

Oden, MI

Friday, November 7 Shananaquets 3207 Indian Road Brutus, MI Start: 5 p.m. 2101 Mundt Road

Saturday, November 8 Naganashes 2440 North Lake Shore Drive Good Hart, MI

Chingwa/Young/Minor

6735 Maple Drive

Pellston, MI

Start: 4 p.m.

Road Conway, MI Start: 11 a.m.

Massey/Parkey/Dayson Brutus, MI Start: 5 p.m.

Start: 3 p.m. Saturday, November 29

Carver/Gasco 8091 North Conway

Laughlin/Wemigwase

Harbor Springs, MI

Harrington/Fisher

Saturday, November 15 Kishigo/Reyes/Petoskey

1111 Howard St.

Petoskey, MI

Start: 5 p.m.

1233 Hazelton

Petoskey, MI

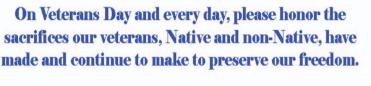
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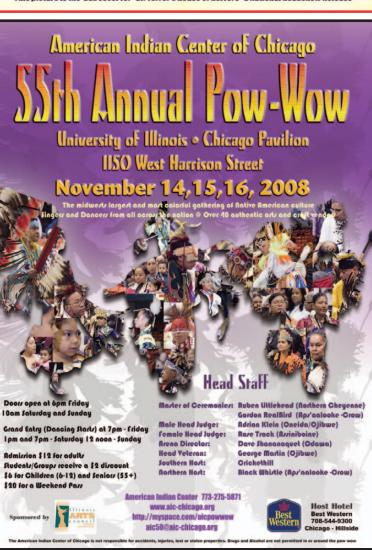
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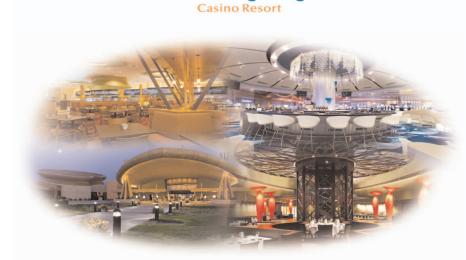












First Annual Guest Chef's Dinner at Sage

<u> Assorted Canapés</u>

Ginger Peach Gazpacho Shooter Roasted Chicken Tostada Tomato Relish & Goat Cheese Gougere Sage Culinary Team

Chicken "Noodle" Soup

Chicken Consume, Diced Aromatics, Poached Chicken & Toasted Orzo Bill Lyons, Sage Sous Chef, Odawa Casino Resort, Petoskey, MI

Crispy Lobster Cake

Apple & Endive Slaw, Orange Supremes, Tarragon Lemon Chive Crème Fraiche

Rob Sargent, Sage Chef, Odawa Casino Resort, Petoskey, MI

Duck Pate & Foie Gras Mousse

Pistachio, Cherry Mustard, Celeriac, Crostini, Duck Consommé & Brioche Dan Flynn, Executive Chef, Bay Harbor Yacht Club, Bay Harbor, MI

<u>Cedar Cured Fretie Char</u> Beet Puree, Whiskey-Carrot Riceless Risorto & Daikon Allume

Yellow Beet Puree, Whiskey-Carrot Riceless Risotto & Daikon Allumette Joe George, Executive Chef, Kent Country Club, Grand Rapids, MI

Rabbit and Shitake Ravioli

Finished with Jus Lie & Truffle Infused Extra Virgin Olive Oil Mark Neill, Executive Chef, Walloon Lake Country Club, Petoskey, MI

Stuffed Roasted Veal Loin

Fennel, Porcini Mushrooms, Parlied Celery Root Potato Puree Spinach Roasted Corn Succotash & Maple gastrique Ray Kusmack, Executive Chef, Tapawingo, Ellsworth, MI

<u>Intermezzo</u>

Limoncello Sorbet & Cranberry Florentine Meghan Wruk, Pastry Chef, Odawa Casino Resort, Petoskey MI

*Suite Trio* 

Carmelized Peach Crisp Vanilla Bean & Banana Crème Fraiche

Lemon Grass & Lavender Crème Brûlée Decadent Hazelnut Truffle

Candied Ginger Almond Tuile

Barbie Papi, Executive Chef, Bay Harbor Golf Club, Bar Harbor, MI

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Biindigen is always accepting applications for clerk positions.

## ines From our Membership

### **B181#007**\$



Happy 26th birthday to my little sister, **Krystal Kiogima**, who celebrates on November 22nd!! I miss you and love you long, long time!! Gzaaguhn, your sister, Gina.

Happy birthday to **Matt Carson** on November 25. Have a wonderful day. We love you, Aunt Gina, Uncle Bill, Brittany and Liz. Birthday wishes are being sent to my "sisters" **Patty Wesaw** (November 24) and **Carla Steingold** (November 19). Hope your day is grand, and here's hoping the days following are the best ever. Love, Linda and Kacie.

**Christopher Danaher** turns 12 on November 10th. We, his family, would like to say happy birthday, and we love him very much.

Happy birthday to **Roger Willis!!** From your favorite sister, Tiffany.

Happy first birthday to our little Munchkin, **Amelia Thiessen**, on November 4, 2008! Looking forward to many more years of smiles, laughter and adventure! Love, Mumma and Dad!

Happy b-day Foo!! If you see **Mary** on the 19th, wish this lady a happy birthday! From her bro, J.Po, her nieces and nephew.

Happy birthday wishes to my granddaughter, Virginia (Jenna) Moore, on October 8th. 8 on the 8th. Love, Grandma Lewis.

MnoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaaganak, ChiNiibna, NiingonisKwewok Krystal "Krittle" Kiogima miinwaa Miigwaas Smith; Ngashi wiidigemaaganan Bob Yellowbank miinwaa niitaawis Craig Boulton; Niingonisak Curtis McFall Jr. miinwa Henry Robinson Jr.! Gzaaginim.

Happy first birthday to **Caleb Steingold** on November 13.
Love, your Mom and Dad, Carla and Woody Steingold.



### BOBTHDAYS

Happy birthday, **Justin**, on November 20 for your 27th year! We wish you the best always. Lots of love, Mom, Dad, Celestine, Will, Olivia, Forrest and Cheyenne.

Happy birthday to **Patty Wesaw** on November 24. Love, all of your family.

MnoDibishkaan Ndaanis, naasaap miinwaa NiingonisKwe, **Priscilla Tiffany McFall**, Niimi-NoodinKwe. Nmaamiikwendam nitaakinoomagaazad gdaaw, miinwaa ganaajiw shkiniikwe. Gzaagin, Mom/Aunt Carla.

Happy eighth birthday to **Sierra Boda**. All our love, Dad, Mom and Dalton.

Happy birthday to **Dexter McNamara** on November 3. We sure had some good times when we were young. From your old friend, Dennis the Menace.

Happy birthday "You ole Bag" **Fay Elevena**. Love, Sis Deb.

### Congratulations



Congratulations to Sarah (King) VanDeCar, who recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of her graduation from the Mercy Central School of Nursing (Class of 1958) She was a registered nurse (RN) for 40 years until her retirement in 1999. She attended her class' 50th reunion on September 19 ir Grand Rapids, MI, and attended the Mercy Central School of Nurs ing (MCSN) Alumni Association Annual Reunion in Grand Rapids or September 20 where MCSN hon ored the classes of 1958 and 1968. On the MCSN program, i read, "Congratulations to 50 years of caring." You touched many lives in a positive manner during your successful nursing career. We're very proud of you. Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

### Miigwetch

We would like to thank all of John's family, friends, the fire-keepers, the lady drummers, Tom Teuthorn, the pipe carrier and anyone who helped us during our time of grief. The kind thoughts, prayers and gestures have helped us though our grief. We will be forever grateful to everyone. ChiMiigwetch, the Kewaygoshkum and Worthington families.

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Happy 50th wedding anniversary **Mom** and **Dad**. Love, John, Karen and Ken.

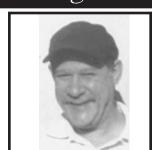
### Birth Announcements



Mariah Kateri Hinmon was born on September 18 at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan, MI. She weighed eight pounds and 9.5 ounces and was 21 inches long. She is warmly welcomed by her parents, Maureen and David Hinmon, and her siblings, Matthew, Abigale, Lakota, Patrick, Shania and Tiernan. She is the great-granddaughter of Melinda Pontiac, Gus Hinmon, Steve Shenoskey and Eva Keway. She is the granddaughter of Marion Shenoskey and the late Robert Lavere Hinmon, who was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Her maternal grandparents are the late Matthew Blazen and Eileen Ryan.

Levi Allen Keller was born on September 2 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, Ml. He weighed seven pounds and 5.1 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are LTBB Tribal Citizens Greg Keller and Linda Belmer. His grandparents are Leo and Ramona Belmer and Marcella and the late Pete Keller.

### Walking On...



Albert D. "Bert" Gross, Jr., 53 Bert Gross, Jr., 53, of Mt. Pleasant, MI, walked on September 15 at Hospice House in Mt. Pleasant. He was born July 23, 1955, in Durand, MI, the son of Albert D. and Rosanna M. (Petoskey) Gross. A self-employed mechanic, he was extremely gifted at fixing most anything from automobiles to cell phones. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He is survived by his companion of 33 years, Dianne Wells of Mt. Pleasant; three children, Wade Briggs of Flint, MI, Kisha Culver of Grand Rapids, MI, and Zacharia (fiancée Roberta) Gross of Mt. Pleasant; grandson, Adrian Gross, as well as other grandchildren; father, Albert Gross, Sr. and his wife, Patricia of Harrison, MI; and two brothers, Barry (Kelly) Gross of Harrison and Kevin Gross of Petoskey, MI. He was preceded in death by his mother, Rosanna Gross.

### Walking On...

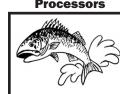
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#### John Robert Kewaygoshkum, 64

John R. Kewaygoshkum, 64, of Pellston, MI, walked on September 19 at the Hospice House of Cheboygan, MI. He was born August 16, 1944, in Petoskey, to Julius and Nellie (Webb) Kewaygoshkum. He grew up in Pellston and was a graduate of Pellston High School class of 1962. In March 1967, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served with distinction in Vietnam with Troop G Second Squadron of the Second Armored Cavalry. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat. After being hospitalized in Hawaii, he was transferred to Fort Dix New Jersey until his release from active duty. He returned to northern Michigan after his discharge, eventually settling again in Pellston, where he and his long-time companion, Pauline Worthington, made their home. They were recently wed in Pellston on September 17, 2008; they have been a loving couple for more than 30 years. He was a man who would do anything for a friend. He was an avid outdoorsman and lived to fish, hunt and trap. He was a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; his brother, Julius (Judie); his sister, Rosanna Givens; and by several nieces and nephews and cousins.

### Announcement

### Attention Fishers and Fish Processors



A Seafood Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) certification training to be conducted by Michigan Sea Grant Agent Ron Kinnunen, Mike Erdman and Jim Thannum has been scheduled for December 9-11 at Bay Mills Community College's Migizi Hall.

This course cannot be held unless the class is full!

The course is open to all fishers and fish processors. Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) tribal commercial fishers should contact their Natural Resource Departments for an available reservation for the course or CORA. The fee is \$90 per person, which includes training manuals. The application deadline to CORA is November 14. This will allow the CORA staff time to determine whether or not the course will proceed as planned.

Applications and course agenda are available by contacting Jane TenEyck or Beverly Aikens at 906-632-0043 or Kinnunen at 906-226-3687.

# TBB ARCHERY CLUB

Because of the great interest in archery during the Michigan Indian Family Olympics this year, Roger Willis, Brian Carver, Regina Brubacker-Carver and Catherine Gibson are starting an archery club. The first planning meeting will be at the Natural Resource Department on Thursday, November 13 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining or helping with the organization, please call Roger Willis at 231-242-1674 (office) or 231-838-8721 (cell) or the Carvers at 231-838-8174.

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For more information, please contact Virginia Lewis at 231-539-8633.





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### 14th Annual Sovereignty Day Celebration Commerates the September 21, 1994 Reaffirmation of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



















By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The LTBB Tribal Community celebrated the September 21, 1994 reaffirmation of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at the 14th Annual Sovereignty Day Celebration held September 20 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The theme of the 14th Annual Sovereignty Day Celebration was "Celebrating the Wisdom of Our Elders."

It included a parade, Native booths, a feast and entertainment by LTBB Tribal Citizen Chris

Parade grand marshals were LTBB Tribal Citizens Leonard "Joe" Mitchell and Dorothy Boda.

Parade winners included the LTBB Head Start Program, the LTBB Health Department and Bell's Fishery.

Other parade participants included the LTBB Law Enforcement Department; a Tribal Color Guard (Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. with the LTBB flag, Richard Wemigwase with the LTBB Community Eagle Staff, Matt Davis with the Canadian flag, Mike Smith with the Prisoners of War/Missing In Action flag and Marvin Mulholland with the American flag); Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik; Tribal Council members (Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Secretary Regina Gasco-Bentley, Dexter McNamara, Melvin L. Kiogima, Alice Yellowbank, Mulholland as a flag bearer and Fred Harrington, Jr. pulling the jiimaan carrying Miss Odawa 2008-2009 Cheyenne Petoskey); Cathy Portman and Debra Janney as the clown and chicken respectively; the Natural Resource Department; the American Red Cross; Odawa Enterprise Management; the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department; the Facilities Department; the Emmet County Sheriff; the Youth Services Department; the Bear Creek Fire Department; the Cutting Edge salon; and the three Rez car entries (Renee Wasson Dillard and her Black Ash mobile, Deleta Smith and the Nightlingers, the Rez car winner).

Odawa Casino Resort prepared the food for the feast except for the corn soup and fry bread. Boda, Marci Reyes and Sarah VanDeCar prepared the corn soup, and Mary Roberts prepared the fry

Tim Ettawageshik served as the master of ceremonies, and David K. Burks did sound.

The Sovereignty Day Committee included Denise Petoskey, Norm Emery, Kristy Dayson, Lisa Flynn, Rebecca Atkinson, Roberts, Lynette McCreery, Amanda Huffaker, Patsy Clink, Molly Moore, Juanita Rogers, Suzanne Sipe, Martin Van-DeCar, Diane Bott, Jill Beair and Susie Q. Searles.

The Sovereignty Day Committee honored Shirley Oldman at the Traditional Jiingtamok on September 27 and gave her a Pendleton blanket. She was honored for her lifelong commitment to the Odawa culture.

Denise Petoskey and Kristy Dayson contributed

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.













<u>Michigan</u>

November 1 Public Museum Annual Traditional Pow Wow, Alont the Owashtino Grand Rapids, MI Contact Information: Debra Muller at 616-456-3586, dmuller@grmuseum.org or www.grmuseum.org

November 8-9 Honoring our Anishinabe Veterans Fifth Annual Pow Wow Kinross, MI Contact Information: Bud Biron at

December 31 New Year's Eve Annual Sobriety **Pow Wow** 

Sault Ste. Marie, MI Contact Information: 906-635-6050

Wisconsin

906-635-1392

October 31-November 2 **Hunting Moon Contest Pow Wow** West Allis, WI Contact Information: Kaye Garcia at 414-847-7720, kgarcia@paysbig.com or www.paysbig.com

November 8 I.C.O.N. Traditional Pow Wow Wausau, WI Contact Information: Eric Heipel at 414-364-6460 or ojibways@hotNovember 11

LCO Veterans Traditional Pow Wow

Hayward, WI

Contact Information: 715-634-

8924 or www.lcoschools.bia.edu

December 8 25th Annual On the Red Road Conference Traditional Pow Wow Hertel, WI

Contact Information: 1-800-236-2195, ext. 5309 or 5310, souliermark@yahoo.com

December 13-14

St. Croix Trails Youth on the Red **Road Traditional Pow Wow** Webster, WI

Contact Information: Mark Soulier 715-349-2195

souliermark@yahoo.com December 31

Menominee New Year's Eve Traditional Pow Wow Neopit, WI Contact Information: 715-756-2354 or www.lcoschools.bia.edu

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Contact Information: 715-634-8924 or www.lcoschools.bia.edu

**Minnesota** 

November 8 Pow Wow

Contact Information: 218-335-7034, 218-335-7400 or jerry.morgan@leechlakegaming.com

November 14

St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Program Monthly Traditional Pow Wow

St. Paul, MN

Contact Information: 651-293-

November 27-30

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Tentative Schedule

2009 Elections

With a Primary Election (With No Primary Election)

Monday, January 5 (Monday, January 5)

Call to Election sent to all eligible voters

Monday, February 9 (Monday, February 9)

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

Friday, February 13 (Friday, February 13) Nomination Petitions due back to the Election Board by 5 p.m.

Election Board certifies the Candidate Nomination Petitions Friday, February 27 (Monday, March 2)

Candidate information mailed to all registered voters as of February 9, 2009 Friday, March 27 (Friday, March 27)

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

Tuesday, March 31 (Tuesday, March 31)

Last date to register for the General Election by 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 1

Election Board approves the final ballot for the Primary Election

Saturday, April 4

Candidates Forum in Lansing, MI

Monday, April 6

Primary ballots mailed to all re<mark>giste</mark>red voters as of March 31, 2009

Saturday, April 25

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

Friday, May 8

Election Board finalizes the ballot for the General Election

Monday, May 11

Primary Election Day, Tribal Courtroom

Friday, May 15

Ballots for the General Election mailed to all registered voters as of March 31, 2009 Friday, May 22

Primary Election certified ballot for General Election finalized Tuesday, May 26

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

Monday, June 29 General Election Day, Tribal Courtroom

The following dates will be the same even if we have no Primary Election. Monday, July 13

General Election certified

Sunday, August 16 Oath of Office for newly elected officials

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Due to a decrease in funding for the LIEAP Program for the 2008/2009 funding year, we will not be receiving our funding for the LIEAP Program until January 2009. We will not be accepting applications until January 1st for this program. Please call or stop by the 915 Emmet Street office for a list of potential sources for energy assistance that you may qualify for.

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# Monday Night LTBBDUFFERS Golf League Concludes Third Year









Submitted by Phil J. Harmon

The third year of the Monday Night LTBBDUFFERS Golf
League concluded on September 8 at the Hidden River Golf and Casting
ub in Brutus, MI.

This year, the LTBBDUFFERS played golf with a heavy heart as fellow golf league member Rita Gasco-Shepard walked on May 21, 2008. She was a LTBB Tribal Citizen and the wife of fellow league member Gordon "Flash" Shepard. Rita is and will always be missed on the golf course for her humor, intensity and great scores.

The team of Art Gerhardt and Pat Naganashe held first place all year long, but could not hold off

the team of Roger Willis and Phil Harmon as Harmon/Willis outshot Gerhardt/Naganashe, 22.5-7.5, the final week to win the championship.

The team of Gordon "Flash" Shepard and Harvey Gibson won its final week matchup to secure third

blace.

The league went through a couple of changes this year, including moving to a new course, Hidden River

Golf and Casting Club. The league also increased from 10 to 14 two-person teams. Each team had at least one LTBB Tribal Citizen or LTBB Employee. Harmon and Chuck Schofield commissioned the league this year with help from Willis, Mike McCreery and many other league members.

Once again, Duke, owned by Gordon "Flash" Shepard served as league mascot, league bouncer, official scorekeeper and rules official.

The league would like to thank Hidden River Golf and Casting Club for serving as

host and for all of its hospitality and kindness this year.

The LTBBDUFFERS are looking forward to another great year with
Hidden River in 2009.

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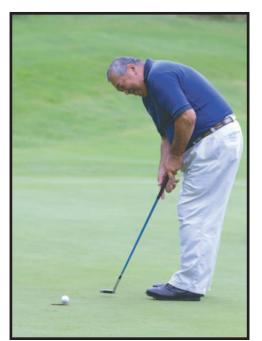
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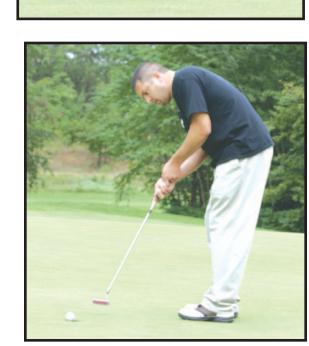












# Native News Briefs

Odawa Trails staff report

#### Third Annual Corn Soup and Fry Bread Cook Off

The Andrew J. Blackbird Museum and the North Central Michigan College Anishnabek Student Organization (NASO) co-sponsored the Third Annual Corn Soup and Fry Bread Cook Off on September 16 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Har-



LTBB Tribal Citizen Dave Harrington accepts a certificate and his \$100 prize for the best corn soup. Congratulating him is Joyce Shagonaby.

bor Springs, MI.

The prize for the best corn soup was \$100, and the prize for the best fry bread was \$100.

Dave Harrington won for the best corn soup, and Beverly Wemigwase won for the best fry bread.

Contest winners were determined by those in attendance who paid a \$5 fee for two voting tickets (one for corn soup and



LTBB Tribal Citizen Beverly Wemigwase won the \$100 prize for the best fry bread. At last year's cookoff, she won for best corn soup.

one for fry bread). Only those in attendance age 13 and older were allowed to vote.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar. Successful Bear Hunt for LTBB Tribal Citizen



In accordance with the Inland Consent Decree, the LTBB Natural Resource Department issued a limited number of bear harvest permits to LTBB Tribal Citizens this year.

Bill Denemy, Jr. received one of the harvest permits, and he successfully harvested a female bear on September 19 at 7:45 p.m. in the Pleasantview swamp off of Robinson Road in Emmet County, MI. It weighed 194 pounds dressed.

He and his father, Bill Denemy, Sr., had been taking turns hunting in this particular spot, and he happened to be in the right place at the right time.

Denemy, Jr. said he was grateful for the hunting opportunity, and that he understands this bear harvesting opportunity is a very sensitive area for many people. He wanted it known that as he hunts the bear he is very respectful of this beautiful animal and honors the bear every time their paths cross. Respect is a two-way street and as he is a hunter, the bear needs to respect that also. He said he has honored the bear and made his peace with it. When asked how he made his peace with the bear, he said that is between him and the bear.

In the courtesy photo, Bill Denemy, Jr. is pictured on the left and Bill Denemy, Sr. is pictured on the right.



LTBB Head Start Children Entertain Elders

On September 25 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, children from the LTBB Head Start Program sang songs for the elders in attendance at the Elders Luncheon. The children visit the elders every last Thursday of the month during the school year.

Photo by Tina Peterson.

Parts of Cemetery Road to be Widened and Paved This Spring

Officials from the Emmet County Road Commission, the city of Petoskey, the Bear Creek and Resort townships and LTBB are working together on a plan to widen and repave Cemetery Road from Intertown to Sheridan Street.

The work is expected to take place this spring and is expected to cost \$600,000. Of the amount, \$400,000 has already been set aside, and the remaining \$200,000 will hopefully come

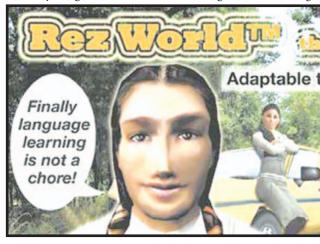
from LTBB's revenue sharing later this fall.

The gaming compact requires two percent of the casino's electronic gaming revenue go to a local revenue sharing board. The board then uses the money to award grants to pay for public safety programs and projects in the area. While this project is taking place, another project to widen the stretch of Lears Road between U.S. 131 and Anderson Road and add a traffic light at the intersection of Lears and Cemetery Roads will also take place.

Video Game Developed to Assist Natives to Speak their Own Languages

California-based Thornton Media has created RezWorld, an immersive three-dimensional interactive video game to help young Indians learn to speak their own languages using a unique speech recognition component.

Similar to the mainstream Sims virtual world computer games, RezWorld allows players to interact with "intelligent virtual humans" who recognize players' gestures and social behavior as they navigate their own Indian-looking characters through



the game

Players must also interact with virtual characters by talking into a microphone so the characters can respond and provide cultural tidbits to help human players proceed through the levels of the game, all in a Native tongue. The words the characters speak can also be displayed on the screen in English as an aid to players.

RezWorld is pre-programmed with introductory lesson plans to teach players basic pronunciation's grammar and sentence structure. The lessons are meant to help players improve their language proficiency so they can complete increasingly rigorous challenges as the game progresses.

So far, only one level of the 12-level game has been produced in a pilot form, using the Cherokee language for the testing phase. The first level is being used as a marketing device to help tribes understand how the speech recognition and game play components of the technology works.

Thornton Media is trying to partner with a tribe to provide funds to develop a complete 12-level game. If a tribe is willing to partner with Thornton Media, a finished game would likely be ready within eight months and would cost approximately \$1 million. After the creation of the first version, Thornton Media plans to turn the prototype into a standardized game, which could be easily customizable with different languages and digitized land-scapes.

The video game is intended to help players of any age become proficient on a novice level at speaking in their own Indian languages, and is intended to be played on computers equipped with a CD-ROM drive.

For more information on RezWorld, please visit <a href="http://ndnlanguage.com">http://ndnlanguage.com</a>.

Courtesy graphic.

### Holiday Bazaar to Benefit National Indian Child Welfare Association



The National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) is a national voice for American Indian children and families. It is a non-profit membership organization based in Portland, OR, focused specifically on the tribal capacity to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Its members include tribes, individuals, both Indian and non-Indian, and private organizations from around the United States concerned with American Indian child and family issues.

NICWA works to address the issues of child abuse and neglect through training, research, public policy and grassroots community development. It also works to support compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), which seeks to keep American Indian children with American Indian families

NICWA improves the lives of American Indian children and families by helping tribes and other service providers implement services that are culturally competent, community-based and focused on the strengths and assets of families. This work includes collaborating with tribal and urban Indian child welfare programs to increase their service capacity, enhancing tribal-state relationships and providing training, technical assistance, information services and alliance building.

For more information on NICWA, please visit www.nicwa.org.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR DECEMBER 6 & 7 10a.m. - 4 p.m.

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TREE DECORATING CONTEST

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# ribal Council Meeting Minutes

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians **Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Court Room** 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor **Springs, MI 49740** September 7, 2008

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:30 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Dexter McNamara

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

Absent: Councilor Shirley Old-

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Vice-Chairman William Denemy, Executive Assistant Rebecca Atkinson

Guests: Eleanor Barber, Andrew

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt the agenda with amendments for September 7, 2008.

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the minutes of August 17, 2008 with corrections.

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

Elders Comments: Eleanor Barber thanked the Appropriations and Finance Committee for meeting with the Election Board.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Mulholland to accept the Treasurer's Appropriations and Finance Committee report for September 7, 2008.

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept the Land and Reservation Chairperson Kiogima verbal and written report for Septem ber 7, 2008.

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the Legislative Services Attorney verbal and written report for September 7, 2008.

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

11:01 a.m. Recess called.

11:12 a.m. Meeting resumed.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Andrew Stich requested an

update regarding the Tribes partner-

ship through the Waganakising Odawak Development, and the Shoshone Tribe with regard to Nimkee Development, Inc. Eleanor Barber spoke regarding the boarding school issues.

11:55 a.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to accept the Executives verbal and written report for September 7, 2008 and further declassify the Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie portion of the report marked confidential pages 59-65.

Motion dies due to lack of sup-

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept the Executive report with confidential items contained therein.

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

12:03 p.m. Lunch recess called. 1:32 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Disclosure of Public Documents.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to approve Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitutionally Mandated Rules and Procedures Disclosure of Public Documents.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to table the Fair Employment Rights Statute to the next Tribal Council work session.

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Mulholland to pass Constitutionally Mandated Rules of Conduct for Officials of Tribal Government

Vote: 6 ¬¬- Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Harrington, Jr., Councilor Kiogima), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

3:06 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:07 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Mulholland to place the Grant, Donation and Other Funding Policy on the Draft Work Product agenda.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Secretary

Gasco Bentley for Tribal Council to have a Special Meeting to review closed session minutes for disclosure purposes on October 18, 2008.

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to declare pages 93 & 94 of the Gaming Board of Directors report confidential.

Vote: 6 ¬¬- Yes, 1 − No (Councilor Harrington, Jr.), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Oldman, Councilor McNamara)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Mulholland to approve Funding Renewal from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Little

#### **Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2008**

November 1 Work Session **November 2 Council Meeting** November 15 Work Session November 16 Council Meeting

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

ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL Meetings and work SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE

Tribal courtroom LOCATED AT 7500 Odawa Circle, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI.

Legislative **Tribal Council Members** 

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

Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 2009 Annual Funding Agreement

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor Mulholland o approve Request for Funding from Honor the Earth, in Partnership with the Tides Foundation, Youth Grants Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2009 Honor the Earth Youth Grant

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve Request for Funding from Honor the Earth, in Partnership with the Tides Foundation, Building Sustainable Communities Grant Program Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2009 Honor the Earth Building Sustainable Communities Grant

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve Request for Funding from Honor the Earth, in Partnership with the Tides Foundation, Environmental & Energy Justice Grants Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2009 Honor the Earth Environmental Protection Grant

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated August 20, 2008 for a total of 10.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve Enrollment List B - Declination (Ineligible) dated August 20, 2008 for a total of 2.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve Enrollment List C - Relinquishments dated August 20, 2008 for a

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to

approve Supplemental Funding for Language Program to maintain the Anishinaabemowin Language Teacher Position for October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$22,987 for FY 2008 and \$67,351 for FY 2009 to come from Prior Period Funds

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Mulholland to approve Supplemental Funding for Youth Services Program to provide for two Little Traverse Bay Bands Tribal Youth and one Youth Services Coordinator to attend the National Congress of American Indians Annual Conference in the amount of \$10,600 to come from Prior Period Funds

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to approve Supplemental Funding for Education Department to provide funding for the Adult Vocational Training Program in the amount of \$21,000 to come from

Prior Period Funds

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to approve Execution of Trust Deed for "Health Park" Parcel:

Vote: 4 ¬¬- Yes, 4 - No (Councilor Mulholland, Legislative Leader Law, Treasurer Chingwa, Councilor Yellowbank), - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Coun-

cilor Oldman)

Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to add the Natural Resources Protection Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Councilor Yellowbank for Tribal Council attendance in the afternoon of Tuesday September 16, 2008 for Understanding the Constitution.

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

The following agenda items will carry over to the next Tribal Council agenda: Indian Preference in Tribal Employment Statute, the Commission, Boards and Committees Policy, the Tribal Treasurer Reporting Responsibilities to the Tribal Citizens Statute, the Management and Labor Relations Statute, the Land Use, Building Regulation and Zoning Statute, the Child Welfare Commission Statute and the Child Protection

Statute. Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept Councilor Harrington, Jr.'s, Tribal Council

member report. Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adjourn at 4:57

Vote: 8 ¬¬- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary



WAGANAKISING ODAWA

# Council Meeting Minutes

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians **Tribal Council Meeting** 

Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:33 a.m.

September 21, 2008

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A.

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

Absent: Councilor Shirley Old-

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik

Guests: Fred Kiogima, Andrew Stich, Gordon Shomin

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt the agenda for September 21, 2008 with additions in honor of the anniversary of our 14th Sovereignty Day celebration regarding the Tribes reaffirmation.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Mulholland to approve the minutes of September 7, 2008 with corrections.

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

Motion carried.

No Elder Comments at this

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to support Legislative Leader Law's verbal report.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept Treasurer Chingwa's verbal report for September 21, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

10:29 a.m. recess called.

10:39 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer

Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to hold the James McClurken e-mail letter dated September 3, 2008 sent to James Bransky-General Counsel in confidence until further notice.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee Chairperson Chingwa's verbal report.

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

Motion carried.

11:46 a.m. Public Comment opened: Gerald Chingwa spoke regarding a letter he was given by an Elder to be passed on to a Tribal Citizen Marine so the letter was given to Fred Kiogima who was present at the

11:48 a.m. Public comment closed.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to accept the Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson Kiogima's verbal report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor OldMotion carried.

11:57 a.m. Lunch recess called. 1:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened. Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Secretary

Gasco Bentley to accept Tribal Council Member reports for Councilor Kiogima and Treasurer Chingwa for September 21, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal and written report for September 21, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Elder's Comments: Gordon Shomin talked about his father.

3:01 p.m. Public Comment opened: Andrew Stich asked what places on land owned by the Tribe is feasible for Tribal housing.

3:09 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:09 p.m. Recess called.

3:21 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Fair Employment.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Mulholland to approve Michigan Indian Elders Association appointments, Alice Liebgott and Sarah VandeCar are appointed as delegates, and Virginia Lewis as an alternate delegate.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr. to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected.

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

### Indigenous in the News Featured Artist Review: Young Kingbird "On the Warpath"

By Jamison Mahto

I smudge my bike and myself as the sun peaks over the eastern horizon. Mitakuye wyasin. The energy of the young singers on the CD "On the Warpath" is infectious right from the start. It moves me to pump hard from the very first crank on the pedals, and

I move quickly down the street to the Midtown Greenway bike path, moving east to renewal and rebirth. I don't need any stinkin' pledge to dedicate this ride to Juanita and her daughter.

There is much that can be said about the Kingbird name. First of all, there are a lot of them. I was blessed to be able to work with Oona Kingbird, the matriarch and storyteller, who has continued keeping the culture constant and vibrant almost single-handedly. One of the results is the Young Kingbird Singers.

When I read the recording company's name, War pony Records, I am reminded of Filbert in "Smoke Signals" going to the auto salvage yard to purchase his War pony. In the music, I see Filbert laying down a bag of weed, some cash, a half full bottle of whiskey and a book of food stamps to purchase the pow wow jumper. Darn if it doesn't start, and the radio works. We're rollin' down the pow wow highway now.

The CD "On the Warpath" is a long, 16-track recording filled with everything I need to have my own pow wow. There are several fancy shawl, intertribal and contest songs as well as a grass dance song and a jingle dress song.

Why the title? On the Warpath? Who? And why? Maybe it will be enough to just say, "It ain't ovah!" Ask

anyone from my community who knows, and they'll tell you who our common enemies are, and they aren't as yet vanquished. Those enemies have nothing to do with race. Greed, nepotism, recidivism, corruption, jealousy, vanity, lust and ignorance are as rampant as ever.



11 strong, including the following members of the Kingbird family. The singers include Mark, Dallas, Jr., Randy, Mr. Matt, Naygawa, James and Montana Kingbird as well as Sheldon Smith, Elbert White and Mike Need-

These singers sound young and strong as if they're ready for the stuff to hit the fan. By the time I get to the Minnehaha Boulevard bike path, I am remembering how it felt to be young and strong. I am reminded of battling my way down streets that are a long approximation of something that slightly resembles a life. I feel that youthful enthusiasm from the singing, and it makes me feel good. I push harder, but it gets easier because I'm no longer nearly 60 years old and an elder but, I am a fine tight specimen of the age of 22 in the prime of his life, riding like time depended on it and with a dream song in my heart, I move toward a better version of my-

It is amazing what this does to my grief and pain. Everything gets cut loose out here because there is no time between running the last red light

> and dodging the graceless pedestrian who tries to guess which side of the sidewalk they think is the safest. No matter which way they turn, I'm around them anyway when they could have just stayed where they were. But, no, they think I can't see them or I can't steer around them. Just don't panic people. No need to panic! I've got this.

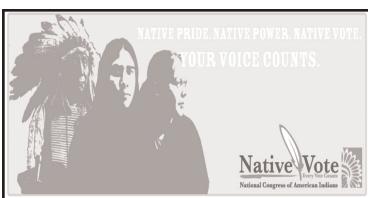
This CD has the song lineup of a drum group that intends to travel the pow wow highway singing their way into the hearts of the en-

emy, enticing them and seducing them to the ways of peace with music which means business. When you run into Filbert, tell him for me it ain't cool to eat the chocolate bar at the top of Eagle Butte. He'll know what I'm talkin' about.

Indigenous in the News Featured Artist Reviews are provided free to tribal publications by Indigenous Internet Chamber of Commerce (IICOC). Indigenous Internet Chamber of Commerce promotes and supports the development of electronic communications networks and tools to increase economic and educational opportunities for Indigenous Nations of the Western Hemisphere. For more information on IICOC, please visit www.iicoc.com.

Courtesy graphic.

### NATIVE VOTERS COULD BE THE SECRET WEAPON



The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) national Native Vote Campaign released data on August 26 confirming Native American voters could influence the outcome of the presidential and congressional elections in key states, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada and Wisconsin, all states with high American Indian populations.

"While political analysts have been focusing on the Hispanic vote in Florida, Arizona and New Mexico, the Native Vote continues to be overlooked as a secret weapon in this election," NCAI President Joe A. Garcia said.

NCAI Native Vote Campaign's mission is to engage and build the political power of Native American communities by providing a strong Native voter turnout. Native Vote emphasizes participation and celebration of culture to engage and motivate Native people to register and vote on Election Day.

Native Americans caucused at both the Democratic National Convention and the Republican National Convention.

Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean spoke about the significance of Native Vote at the First Americans Caucus as the Democratic National Committee Convention (DNCC) convened.

"There are five senators who would not be where they are today without Indian Country votes," said Dean, who highlighted the need for young Indian people to get involved in the political process, including running for local office. "The bigger issue is it is time to assume your rightful place in the political system in this

NCAI Executive Director queline Johnson Pata said it is necessary for American Indians to stand up in force to support those Republican, Democratic and independent leaders who have honored this nation's commitment to the tribes, and to send home those leaders who have disregarded us.

'The bottom line is our political power and our national voice comes from the voting booth," Johnson Pata said. "If we don't vote, no one is going to listen to us. If we don't vote, we lose the power to make a change."

November 4 is National General Election Day. Polls in Michigan will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information on Native Vote, please visit www.ncai.org.

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### Travel Michigan Media Writers Tour Visits Odawa Casino Resort



Submitted by Martin VanDeCar, Odawa Casino Resort Community Development Manager

Travel Michigan, the state of Michigan's official agency for the promotion of tourism, scheduled a media writers' tour of Northwest Michigan for September 7-13.

volved travel writand eight Travel Michigan staff members. It allowed the writers to explore some of the

attractions, cultural institutions and recreational opportunities that Northwest Michigan has to offer. They began their week in the Traverse City (Michigan) area and worked their way up the Northwest coast of Michigan to the Petoskey/Harbor Springs (Michigan) area.

On September 11, some of the

writers took a jiimaan (canoe) ride from Bayfront Park in Petoskey to Bay View and back. After the ride, they joined the rest of the group for dinner at the Sage Restaurant, located inside Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey. Chef Rob Sargent and his team prepared a wonderful culinary experience.

The menu included heirloom tomatoes and fresh mozzarella, herb crusted whitefish, roasted beef strip loin and peach "upside down" cake.

Tribal Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Odawa Casino Resort Executive Host Mary Roberts and I, as Odawa Casino Resort Community Development Manager, were there to share with our guests Odawa hospitality. Throughout dinner, we were available to answer any questions regarding Odawa Casino Resort as well

as questions regarding the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Upon the conclusion of dinner, a gift bag containing an Odawa Casino Resort travel mug and the video "Four Directions," featuring Harrington, Jr. as the narrator was given to our guests. All guests were very appre-

ciative of the experience they had O d a w a Casino Re-

F o r more information on Travel Michigan, please go to www.michigan.org.

Sage Chef Rob Sargent contributed to this article.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



### Reinventing Oneself in Changing Times



By Lynn Trozzo, Odawa Casino Resort Recruiter

Wow!

In pursuit of an evening out away from the usual, a group of our friends got together to go listen to somewhat of an inspirational message by a Michigan author; his topic was reinventing yourself in a changing

A couple months back, I wrote in this column to reflect just that. I spoke of the shortage of skilled workers in the trades and the medical fields, especially nursing in Michigan and how it will affect recruiting in the coming years.

I talked about how we need to

get the new workforce ready so Michigan will be in the game playing and not just standing by watching more jobs leave Michigan. We have to create a huge pool of competitive intelligence in order to keep creating jobs and to create a ready and able

The speaker/author we listened to was Tony Rubleski. He was clear, easy to understand, and he could speak to all who gathered. He had a global perspective on the needs and issues facing Michigan workers. He spoke of reinventing ourselves in the entrepreneurial spirit. There are many ways of doing such, but there were just six points of beginning which were quite simple I thought, and I wanted to share them here:

- Pursuit of lifelong learning.
- Maintaining a positive view and attitude.
- •Overcoming the fear of risk-tak-
- Focusing on finding solutions.
- •Surrounding yourself with a good team.
- The importance of sales. I have people come to me all the

time who just want some ideas on how to reinvent themselves after a cutback or downsizing in various companies; most recently manufacturing in the state and Northern Michigan. Sometimes, folks just come to me so discouraged when they cannot find suitable work. The discouragement is written all over their faces, in their stances and on their shoulders. Sometimes, it is, young people trying to find a niche and figure out what they want to do with their educational endeavors. Sometimes, it is just an individual who wants to work part-time to feel like he or she is contributing.

At times, I have to tell them all the same: That is check your attitude, not just about yourself, but all those around you; think about the job search you've had; think about what you have to offer an employer; and think about your one true passion in life. Charles Swindoll says, "I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it." If you have to reinvent yourself for today's economy and job market, then find people, friends and family who

can help you feel inspired to do something. Find something to help you grow, and maintain the positive attitude. Focus on finding solutions and never forget to sell yourself and all the good qualities you may have hidden or just forgot about.

One place trying to be a catalyst in the changing times is the LTBB Education Department. The department went for a (Native American Career Technical Education Program) grant and received it. It is now recruiting for what the department knows is coming and getting ahead of the new game of reinventing oneself.

The department has a great program called Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) that will encourage returning students, first-time students and all those seeking lifelong learning marketable skills for the new future of employment.

The Certificates of Development are in Nurse Aide, Medical As-Phlebotomy, Entrepreneurship and New Media. All are in partnership with North Central Michigan College (NCMC)

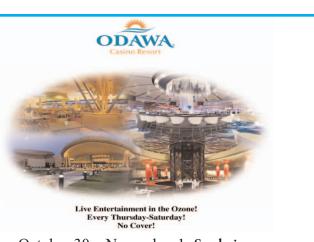
in Petoskey, MI, and right here in our own backyard. If an individual ever wanted to or felt the need to go after some new self-management and longevity in a changing work force, then these are great tools to start with.

WOCTEP Project Director Debbie Young presented this concept and opportunity to me recently so I could also showcase this to potential interested applicants. What a great way to show our people we are going to get them ready for the future by training and helping them to reinvent

Please call Young at 231-242-1489 or e-mail her at dyoung@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and see how she can inspire you to take action and change course for your future.

The future looks pretty bright when the tribe is motivated for change and opportunity.

Photo of Odawa Casino Resort Recruiter Lynn Trozzo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDe-



October 30 – November 1: Soulstice November 6-8: Lanise Kirk

November 13-15: Area Code November 20-22: Area Code

November 28-29: Groove Party December 4-6: Wyzbang

Wednesday, December 17: Voodoo Lounge "A Rolling Stones Experience" \$10.00 admission December 18-20: CP2

December 11-13: Groove Inc.

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### DON'T LET YOUR PER CAPITA BE LATE!

If you turn 18 by November 30, 2008 you must have an address verification form on file.

If your mailing address is the same as your physical address, complete Section1 on the address verification form and have this form WITNESSED.

you have a post office box or if your mailing address is not the same as your physical address, complete Section 1 listing your post office box or other address AND complete Section 2 listing your physical

- o Section 1 is where your per capita payment will be mailed to.
- o Section 2 is your physical address.
- o This form must be notarized.

All minors must have an address verification form on file each year before a check is issued. This form must be notarized.

Adults Deemed Legally Incompetent:

An adult over the age of 18 declared incompetent by a court must have his/her guardian complete an address verification form. Must provide proof of guardianship. This form must be notarized.

Individual tribal citizens may have their checks mailed to an address other than their own, but they MUST complete two forms: Designee address verification form AND address verification form. Example: Incarcerated. IMPORTANT If your address is not current on file, this will delay the 2008 per capita check in December 2008.

Address Verification forms can be obtained online at http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment.htm. For any questions, please call us at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

Please send YOUR COMPLETED FORMS TO:

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### MONTH AT A GLANCE FOR NOVEMBER 2008

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Get ready to greet hunting season on November 15 ... with a different twist! Ladies ... come and meet the Men of Seduction brought to you by the Chicago Gentlemen in Ozone! Gentlemen ... enjoy the Miss Hawaiian Tropic International Model Search in Ovation Hall. We'll also have our prize wheel for everyone to win Instant Optimum Rewards and prizes!



### BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE FIRST ANNUAL NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHEF'S DINNER

November 28, 29 & 30

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Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar. Miigwetch to Sage Chef Rob Sargent for allowing me in the kitchen during the event.