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## LTBB TRIBAL YOUTH FROM SEVERAL MICHIGAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS ATTEND SPECIAL LAND TRAINING SESSION SPONSORED BY THE LAND AND RESERVATION COMMITTEE

Submitted by **Melvin L. Kiogima**, Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson and Tribal Councilor

On March 20, 2009, 35 LTBB Youths attended a special Land Training Session at the Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI.

With funding support from the Indian Land Tenure Foundation and from grants received through the LTBB Education Department, it was sponsored by Tribal Council's Land and Reservation Committee.

It was a condensed version of the two-day Land Training Session held in September 2008 for all LTBB Tribal Citizens.

LTBB Students from several Michigan school districts, including Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Alanson, Pellston and Mackinac City to name a few, were invited to attend this special session through their respective Title VII programs. LTBB PEACE Coordinator Kristy Dayson with funding provided by various Ed-



ucation Department grants, coordinated the invitations and made sure as many LTBB Students as possible were able to attend. Transportation was provided by their school districts.

After an opening prayer in Anishinaabemowin by LTBB Tribal Elder Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima, ethno-historian Dr. James McClurken provided an overview of the history of the Waganakising Odawa relative to our homelands. Dr. McClurken has been working on the history of the

Waganakising Odawa for more than 30 years and has recently submitted a draft history of our people and their land to the LTBB Executive Branch. Dr. McClurken gave brief details of the voluminous research he has done to date starting with the Treaties of 1836 and 1855 and covering periods into the mid-1900s.

During this period, the LTBB Homelands were reduced from 215,000 acres to practically nothing. Today, the lands held in trust by the

federal government for LTBB and lands held in fee only total approximately 700 acres.

Following Dr. McClurken, LTBB Planning Director Bryan Gillett with assistance from LTBB Geographic Information Systems Director Alan Proctor and Natural Resource Director Doug Craven gave a PowerPoint presentation of all the current properties owned by LTBB.

These include properties such as the Odawa Casino Resort property in Petoskey, the 90-acre parcel where the LTBB Governmental Center is located in Harbor Springs, MI, to properties on Beaver Island and the St. Martin Islands in Lake Michigan.

A sumptuous lunch was provided by the Odawa Hotel with many comments received such as, "It sure beat the school lunches."

Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase led the afternoon session. She led the students through a play-acting exercise showing how things valuable to them can be taken from them through various

justifications, real or perceived. This exercise was then used to show how our homelands, which were held very dear by our ancestors, were taken from us through some very unscrupulous means and through methods which they had no control over. This session involved some play-acting by all of the students and broke up the "sit and listen (and ask questions)" sessions in a timely manner after lunch.

To conclude the session, Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick spoke about sovereignty and pointed out LTBB is a sovereign nation. She also spoke on the need for the youth to become knowledgeable about our tribal history and how it would help them to dispel any derogatory comments they receive about who we are and why we receive perceived "special" services. She then went on to explain the significance of the Spirit Arrows each of the students received for participating in this.

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## NORTHERN SHORES LOAN FUND, INC. ASSISTS ITS FIRST AREA BUSINESSES

Submitted by **Lisa McComb**, Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. Executive Director

*Editor's note: Northern Shores Loan Fund (NSLF), Inc. is a non-profit corporation formed for charitable and educational purposes to promote economic and social development for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in the three-county reservation area of Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties as a way of encouraging growth in the "homeland."*

LTBB Tribal Citizens can apply

for a business loan and seek other financial services from Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. by contacting Executive Director Lisa McComb at 231-347-6753 or visiting her at the NSLF office located at 1131 West Conway Road in Harbor Springs, MI.

Trillium, A Complete Salon, L.L.C., located at 430 East Mitchell, Petoskey, MI, was the first client to receive financing from Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. for business inventory needs.

Northern Shores Loan Fund,

Inc. supplied capital to Trillium, A Complete Salon for transition to and the addition of a new, high-quality product line, Aveda. Aveda offers eco-friendly products that distinguish themselves within the industry while providing salon training, displays and advertising to salons within their family.

This new product line will enhance Trillium's already high-quality reputation while increasing its customer base through its product usage and availability.

Trillium is a full-service beauty salon offering creative color and cuts, manicures, pedicures, aesthetician and therapeutic body care. Ruth Krauss opened her doors in 2000 at a smaller downtown Petoskey location, and after years of growth, has moved to a larger location in downtown Petoskey that offers more space and the ability to expand Trillium's services and products.

Krauss is the sole owner of Trillium and has eight full-time staff and one part-time staff.

Her dedication to the beauty industry and the Petoskey community is well known throughout the area. As a



Tannery Creek Market in Petoskey, MI, used the financing it received from Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. to purchase new equipment and for minimal retail renovations.

recent cancer survivor, Krauss has offered her salon services at a discount to local cancer patients and survivors through the "Beautiful Survivor" program she has created.

When asked why she approached Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. for her funding needs for expansion into Aveda, Krauss said, "I wanted to work with a community lender who supports small businesses in northern Michigan that I could develop a close relationship with and continue to turn to for support as I grow and expand."

Northern Shores Loan Fund,

Inc. is excited to have the opportunity to provide business financing to Trillium and to be a part of an established local business working to give back to the community as well.

Tannery Creek Market, L.L.C., located at 1210 North U.S. 31, Petoskey, MI, is the second business to receive financing from Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. in March 2009.

Tannery Creek is owned and operated by Mary Jo and Dee Schultz, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe

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Trillium, A Complete Salon, in Petoskey, MI, now offers the high-quality, eco-friendly Aveda product line with the financing it received from North Shores Loan Fund, Inc.

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