

NEW TRIBAL BUSINESS UP AND RUNNING WITH ASSISTANCE FROM NORTHERN SHORES LOAN FUND, INC.

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

Kaye Zitka's dream to one day have her own business creating and producing original interior furnishings finally came true with the assistance of Northern Shores Loan Fund, (NSLF) Inc.

Zitka, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, never thought that while raising six children, she would be able to afford to revisit her dream of owning and operating her own business. That dream came true in June 2009 with the establishment of **Rosetta's Cottage Interiors**, an online handmade home decorating retail store featuring four design styles: Cottage, Vic-



torian, Shabby Chic and Country. Rosetta's Cottage Interiors, an entirely family run business, will provide everything a customer will need to decorate his or her home with high-quality, original items that are affordable, functional and stylish from pillows and bedding to window quilts, lampshades, curtains, accent tables, outdoor garden furniture and other one-of-a-kind pieces.

"All my items are handmade with great care and are extremely durable," Zitka said. "These artistic pieces are meant to be used and will not need to be replaced for many years."

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. provided funding for the purchase of Rosetta's commercial sewing machines, inventory and computer needs.

"Northern Shores Loan Fund made it possible for me to take my 25 years of experience designing and creating original items at an individual level to the next level on a larger scale and to fulfill my dream of owning my own business," Zitka said. "I couldn't have done this without them."

"Rosetta's Cottage Interiors is exactly the type of business that Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. was de-

veloped to assist; entrepreneurs who need not only developmental business skills, but small loan needs to support their success that they are unable to get from a conventional lender," NSLF Executive Director Lisa McComb said. "We continue to strive to provide micro-enterprise services to so many in need in this challenging economy."

Rosetta's Cottage Interiors will operate from Zitka's home in Charlevoix, MI. Product images and information can be obtained by e-mailing Kaye at rosettascottage@gmail.com. Rosetta's Cottage Interiors will be fully operational by the end of September 2009, however, it is accepting orders as it continues to move forward with its start-up operations.

For more information about how Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. may be able to assist your existing or start-up business, please contact NSLF at 231-347-6753 or visit the NSLF website at www.northernshoresloanfund.org.

The photo of Kaye Zitka appears courtesy of Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. Executive Director Lisa McComb.

NORTHERN SHORES LOAN FUND, INC. WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

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

Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. (NSLF) is pleased to announce the addition of Theresa Will as the new Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper for NSLF. She began her employment with NSLF in July 2009.

Will comes to NSLF from Birchwood Farms Golf and Country Club in Harbor Springs, MI, where she spent the past three years as an Accounting Assistant handling various accounting responsibilities for more than 750 property owners as well as accounting and reporting for the Golf Shop, Food and Beverage, and Tennis Shop. Prior to Birchwood Farms, she worked for STEELCASE, Inc. as a Marketing and Communication Specialist for five years. Will has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Aquinas College.

She and her husband, Jim, live in

Alanson, MI, with their two teenage daughters, Julia and Aly.

The Wills are the owners of the Photo Depot located in Harbor Springs.

She will provide necessary administrative and accounting support for NSLF, a rapidly growing 501(c)(3) non-profit microenterprise loan fund whose mission is to assist entrepreneurs of northern Michigan with training, business incubation and access to capital that fosters economic development for the northern Michigan community. In its short time of operation, NSLF has provided loan funds for three tribal and local business owners as well as worked with more than 40 clients in providing technical services to assist in their development and success.

"Theresa's extensive accounting expertise as well as her local small business ownership knowledge will enhance NSLF's ability to continue to move forward with providing local microenterprise businesses with nec-



essary technical and lending assistance," NSLF Executive Director Lisa McComb said. "We are fortunate to have her on board."

For more information on Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc., please call 231-347-6753 or stop by the NSLF Offices at 1131 West Conway Road, Harbor Springs, lower level.

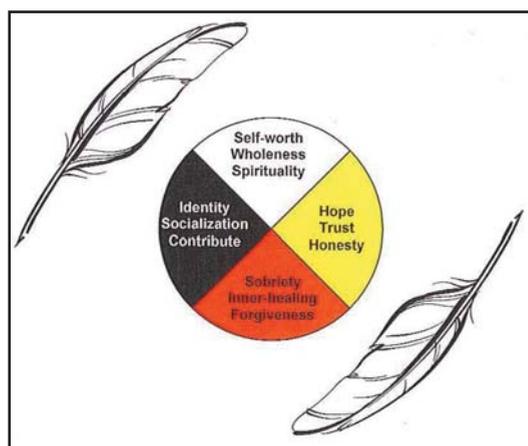
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WHITE FEATHER WELLNESS PROJECT OPTS OUT OF CAMP PELLSTON DEAL

Editor's note: The following is a press release from the White Feather Wellness Project dated June 25, 2009. The following is its vision: Our youth and our community will experience hope, trust and honesty to habituate a life of sobriety and inner healing - seeking identity through community contribution and socialization - realizing self-worth, wholeness and spirituality. The following is its mission: Wabishika-miigwan (White Feather), a residential facility, will provide youth a path to wellness based on Native culture with traditional, spiritual value - utilizing community involvement and resources and family support.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources would not be feasible.

Now that Camp Pellston is no longer available to WFWP, the group is seeking support from the commu-



Currently, White Feather, a 501 c3 non-profit community-based youth wellness program, would like to call on community members, agencies and foundations to come forth with help in acquiring such a site.

Presently, White Feather is planning to present its vision to the community at various town hall meetings; dates to be announced.

White Feather will continue to hold events that offer youth and families sober activities, including holiday celebrations.

For more information or to make a tax deductible contribution to the White Feather Wellness Project general fund, please visit whitefeatherwellness.org or call White Feather Chairman Bill Nash at 231-238-0898.

Courtesy graphic.

After two years of pursuing a lease of the former Camp Pellston prison site, the White Feather Wellness Project (WFWP) has decided the lease conditions set forth by the

nity to find a suitable site for lease or purchase. Location of the site would accommodate summer camps, cultural events and development of a Wellness Center for area youth.

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Budgeting plays a large part in the success of a business. Think of a budget as a useful tool - a written financial plan that helps you set goals and measure progress. Break your annual budget into quarters and monitor your progress every three months to detect problems and make corrections.

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NOW SHOWING

"Evenings at the Longhouse 2009"

IN AUGUST

4 - To Be Announced

11 - Woodland Singers - Women's Drumming & Singing Group

18 - LTBB Language Prog. - Odawa Language

25 - Fred Harrington - Jimaan (canoe) ride on the bay

IN SEPTEMBER

1 - Closing - Ray & Mary Jane Kiogima - Traditional Foods

For more information, call:
Andrew J. Blackbird
Museum,
Joyce Shagonaby at
231-526-2705.

FREE!

Learn About
Preserving Fresh Produce

Introduction to Canning and Freezing
Fruits and Vegetables

Three options to attend this program on the basics of home food preservation:

- * Friday, July 24, 2009 1:00 - 2:30 PM
- * Monday, July 27 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- * Thursday, August 13 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Location: **Watson Community Resource Ctr. (at Health Dept.)**
3434 Harbor-Petoskey Road
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
231-348-1770

Advance registration is required no later than 3 days prior to program

Food preservation guide is also available FREE on-line
From National Center for Home Food Preservation
www.homefoodpreservation.com

To register or for more information, contact:
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