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GRIERSON'S RAID

Jim Miller

Omena was the final home of retired Civil War hero, **General Benjamin Harrison Grierson**. Around 1896, The general built a summer cottage, **The Garrison**, on Omena Point, and it was here that he spent the last fifteen summers of his life. The General died on August 31, 1911, at his summer home. Today we know The Garrison as **The Rule Cottage**, and it is still enjoyed by many Rule family descendents.

Many of you may not be aware of Benjamin Grierson's amazing achievements as a Civil War officer. I recently read an account of Grierson's Raid in a book of the same name, by D. Alexander Brown (University of Illinois Press, 1962). Brown's well researched and factual account is based on diaries, letters to loved ones, military field reports, newspaper articles and other sources of first hand accounts. He eloquently tells the story of one of Omena's most historically significant residents.

In 1863, General Ulysses S. Grant ordered then Colonel Benjamin Grierson to take three cavalry regiments (1,700 men) and ride 300 miles south, into the heart of the Confederacy and then return via the route of least resistance. Little did they know that the route would be over double the distance and through the middle of enemy territory.

His mission was to destroy the telegraph and railroad links between Newton Station and Vicksburg and thus choke off supplies and communications from Southern-held Vicksburg. Colonel Grierson's success would exceed Grant's expectations beyond his imagination.

What is especially noteworthy were the challenges and obstacles Grierson's troops had to overcome. Their innovativeness and quick thinking behind enemy lines was key to their unparalleled success. It is hard to imagine taking that many men deep into enemy territory while having their actual whereabouts remain undetected by the enemy. Grierson did just that by feigning an attack or movement to one place while moving to another. Nowadays, this type of action is carried out by Navy Seals or Army Rangers.

To put their achievements into perspective, imagine taking a road trip from Tennessee, down the length of Mississippi and on into Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This, in itself, would be quite a road trip, even today. Now, imagine going that distance on horseback. Add to that the fact that Grierson's men were in constant danger of being attacked and had no back-up support. They sustained themselves by taking from the enemy whenever possible and often with the help of sympathetic southerners. In an era of rank and file battle tactics, Grierson's hit-and-run offensives were well ahead of their time and the precursor to today's modern guerilla warfare.



These young horse soldiers, most of whom were civilians a year prior, adapted to their environment and cleverly blended in with their surroundings. When necessary, they would mask their northern blue uniforms with dust and mud or even risk execution as spies for donning southern-type uniforms. Some wore the light brown, confederate uniform and referred to themselves as "the Butternut Guerillas". Some spoke with fake southern accents and convincingly gave misinformation to confuse their enemy

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OHS Timelines Mission Statement:

*Our purpose is to showcase Omena's
past as we chronicle the present,
with an understanding that today's news
becomes tomorrow's history.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

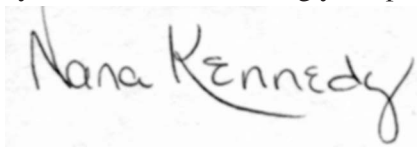
While the winter snows were falling and Omena was plunging into a deep freeze, your OHS committees were planning and working with an optimistic eye to an exciting and rewarding summer ahead.

We want to let you in on some of the fun in store for you when the sun melts our snow and you plan your family gatherings in Omena:

- A new agricultural exhibit will be mounted in the Education Room. It will join the Aghosatown exhibit, which will remain in the front room for all to enjoy. (See Larry's interview of Chief Aghosa and also page 5 for exhibit details.) Please bring your friends and family – docents will be on duty to welcome you on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00.
- Kathy Miller has planned a host of interesting and challenging summer programs. We know you will want to attend each of them (page 8).
- Lyn and Ron Sutton will host an Open House for Caretakers in their charmingly restored and redecorated home – the old Barth barn. Caretakers will be notified as the time approaches.
- AND – groom your favorite pet to compete in Omena's first mayoral contest which will be culminated in concert with an OHS ice cream social on July 19. Details of this light-hearted competition will be found on page 5.
- Welcome to Doni Lystra, our newest OHS Board member. Doni has been an enthusiastic and energetic docent and docent coordinator and will add much talent to our Board. She is filling the un-expired term of Sally Viskochil. We want to thank Sally for all of her many contributions to OHS throughout the years. Sally and her husband Dave were heavily involved in the establishment of the Putnam-Cloud Tower House, and we appreciate all they did to make this a viable and vital part of our community.

As you can read in Joan Blount's article, in December OHS hosted a most successful and delightful Holiday Open House in lieu of the traditional concert. With luminaries lighting the way to a beautifully decorated home, delicious refreshments and lovely music, good cheer abounded and friendships glowed.

We know you are aware that we are purchasing the marvelous survey that has graced the PCT home these last few summers. Ed Oberndorf will be asking for your support for this effort, so please lend him an ear if he calls, hand outstretched. Finally, please circle your calendar for our OHS Annual Meeting on August 9 at 4:00 PM when we will officially inaugurate the new "mayor" of Omena and bring you up to date on OHS fun and festivities.



OOOPS!

We thank Lynn Putnam Gill for the following correction of an error in the previous issue of Timelines: Page 5 has Carrie Solle married to Gordon Solle. Carrie was married to Will Solle, and their son, Gordon, married Rhea Putnam.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF OTYC

The following appeared in a 1998 booklet commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Omena- Traverse Yacht Club.

MEMBERSHIP

The first 38 members of the Omena- Traverse Yacht Club, as listed in the February, 1949, Omena- Traverse Breeze:

Gus Rogers
Mary Moore
Jane Basler
Betty Basler
Craig Smith
Marianne Schaefer
Joe Cloud
Mary Schaefer Foltz
Frederick Schaefer
Bill Renz
Andrew Renz
Sidney Morse
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Vern Osterberg
Bob Osterberg
Ada Newman
May Griffin
Lestra Saxton
Robert Morse
Jane Morse
Tom Morse
Eben Barker
David DeVore
Kitty Calvert Smith

These were the members at the time of the club's incorporation in 1948. We took the liberty of correcting misspelled names on this list, but printed them in the order they appeared in the 1949 Breeze. ❖

HONORING OMENA'S VETERANS

Steve and Mary Stanton

*Dedicated by the Community
to Honor the Men and Women
who Served their Country
in the Armed Forces*

These words were written almost seventy years ago on a bronze plaque attached to a boulder and placed on a little slice of Omena immediately north of the Community Room/Fire Hall. When you have a minute sometime, stop by and take a look.

In 1947, Anna B. Putnam, widow of **Fred R. Putnam** and great-great grandmother of **Sheila Lingaur**, gave a piece of her property to the Township of Leelanau as a "Perpetual Memorial to the Veterans from the Omena Womens' Club," to be used for this purpose only.

Anna and the ladies of the **Omena Women's Club** had wanted to do something special for the returning veterans of World War II, and Anna decided they could use a piece of her property for a small park and a memorial plaque. The ladies then worried about who would actually take

care of the park, deciding finally to give that responsibility to the township.

It is unclear who placed the rock and picnic table in the park, but it was the OWC that, so long ago, had the foresight to reserve a bit of Omena to honor those in our community returning home from military service. For their "glorious cause," **Mrs. Carmichael** donated an American flag. ❖

OMENA, B.C. (BEFORE COMPUTERS)

What? No e-mail? No text messaging? No digitized greeting cards?

In bygone days, people actually wrote letters. The following, written by **Eugene Wheeler** to an old college buddy, was found several years ago in a box of miscellaneous papers from Omena's Sunset Lodge. That copy is now in the archives of OHS. Eugene was the eloquent proprietor of Sunset Lodge, succeeding his father, Leonard, the original owner.

1127 Homewood Ave., Chicago, Illinois
Nov. 20th, 1936

*My dear Bushnell of College Days and Mrs. Bushnell,
Associate Member of our Collegiate Clan of '78:*

A card from classmate Williams tells me you will celebrate the semi-centennial anniversary of your Wedding Day next Monday, the twenty-third of this month of November, 1936. How little we realise what a speed-demon is time! We are swiftly whirled along on its racing current till time, for us, loses itself in the sea of eternity where, thank goodness, there are no watches or clocks to remind us of our fading mortality. Well, to get back onto the track of this anniversary occasion...

Fifty years of conjugal felicity in the matrimonial wilderness that spans a period reaching back to the "horse & buggy days" of blessed memory, to these latter days that make us dizzy with speeding autos, airplanes and radio racket...

This fifty years of dual unity has doubtless been a pilgrimage of much significance to you both. It has taken you into the "green pastures" and "beside the still waters" of the Good Shepherd, as well as into the valleys of triaral; and, it may be, up the strenuous slopes of difficulty. But, as it was with the disciples of Emmeus, a third and unseen companion has accompanied you through all these measured years of time. Such a pilgrimage is a real experience not achieved by many..... so, may I extend my heartiest congratulations to you both and express the hope that additional years of unified duality may be vouchsafed you; and may the candle of the Lord continue to illumine the pathway still before you.

As ever, yours in the fellowship of '78,

Eugene

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and to throw them off their track. They even posed as southern cavalry scouts gleaning prized and critical military intelligence in the process.

Grierson's men were, above all, soldiers, and they were dedicated to their leader and their cause. But they were also sensitive to the needs of non-combatant civilians. They were usually courteous to these people and as a result, were occasionally offered meals in the homes of southerners. They often paid for the spoils they took from civilians, although they would frequently pay with liberated confederate money, tongue-in-cheek as they did so. In two cases, they stopped attacking a village to fight



fires that were spreading to homes and businesses. It must have been an interesting sight seeing rebels and yankees working side-by-side for a common cause, only to go back to fighting once the task was completed.

Grierson's audacious raid was not without humor. On one occasion, they were charading as southern

soldiers while eating dinner at a grand plantation. It went well until one of them accidentally referred to a northern city as home. Oops. They no doubt found themselves hurriedly gulping down what remained of their relished, home-cooked meals and then scurrying away with their previously welcoming hostesses screaming epithets as they ran. Their saving grace was that the southern men were away at war.

Slaves were often willing to give the troopers vital information as to rebel troop positions and numbers. In return, they would receive food, clothing, and liberated supplies, not to mention their freedom. On the final day of the march into Baton Rouge, there were hundreds of newly freed slaves following their liberators.

Colonel Grierson summed up the raid as follows: *"During the expedition, we killed and wounded about one hundred of the enemy, captured or paroled over 500 prisoners, destroyed between fifty and sixty miles of railroad and telegraph, captured and destroyed over 3,000 stand of arms and other army stores and Government property to an immense amount; we also captured 1,000 horses and mules."*

Our loss during the entire journey was 3 killed, 7 wounded, 5 left on the route, sick; the sergeant-major and surgeon of the Seventh Illinois left with Lieutenant-Colonel Blackburn, and 9 men were missing, supposed to have straggled. We marched over 600 miles in less than

sixteen days. The last twenty-eight hours, we marched 76 miles, had four engagements with the enemy, and forded the Comite River which was deep enough to swim many of the horses. During this time, the men were without food or rest."

Grierson's brave and challenging endeavor will forever remain one of the Civil War's most outstanding achievements. It demoralized the confederacy, exposed its many weaknesses and emboldened the union army. General Sherman referred to Grierson's achievement as *"the most brilliant expedition of the Civil War."* ❖
HAPPY FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY, OHS

Ed Oberndorf

"We've come a long way, Baby" was a statement made by an OHS member as he viewed the Putnam-Cloud Tower House lowered onto its new foundation in downtown Omena in June, 2004. I sense that **Vernon Keye**, one of the original group that conceived of an Historical Society in 1978, is smiling broadly from upstairs. Who would believe we could organize in 1994, publish an award winning historical publication in 2002 that has sold over 700 copies, and then have our own museum underwritten with over \$200,000 in restoration donations? Since its opening in June, 2006, the Putnam-Cloud Tower house has attracted over 600 visitors.

On August 21 we will celebrate our 15th year, and we are grateful for all of the support rendered by Omena and its adjacent communities. Yes, thanks to the energies and commitment of all of you, "We've come a long way, Baby!!!" ❖

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

It was a crisp snowy evening on December 30, as over 50 neighbors and friends of OHS streamed into the Putnam-Cloud Tower house to enjoy the fellowship and music of the holiday season. Ordinarily, this would have been the time for the annual holiday concert at the Presbyterian Church but, due to the unavailability of the church, an open house at PCTH was substituted.



Delcie White, Judy Pohlod and Alice Littlefield - All dressed up for the holiday festivities.

Music was provided by Sam Faught at the keyboard, as visitors enjoyed delicious food and wine prepared and artistically presented by Marsha Buehler. This event showcased our beautiful historical museum and gave us another opportunity to share with the community

As with the holiday concert in the past, the open house provided a time to come together after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to enjoy each other's company. Thanks to the many volunteers who cleaned sidewalks, decorated and made the house ready for the holidays. Hopefully, we will be able to offer this event again in the future. ♦

PREPARE FOR CHANGE IN OMENA

Dick Kennedy and Dale Blount

Things will never be the same in Omena. On July 19, the village will have an elected mayor for the first time ever! This has all come about due to a number of community needs...skyrocketing growth, complexity of managing the Village, need for someone to relate to Washington and connect with economic stimulus programs... plus a general clamor for change.

Because of its many special needs, the community determined that it needed a unique leader: one who is honest, dependable, not burdened with political "baggage" or requiring a stifling salary and benefit package. Thinking "outside the box," civic leaders determined that, since it appeared unlikely that any known, regular resident could fit this bill, they would tap a more fertile source for candidates...i.e. pets of residents. Pets, they felt, are underutilized, dependable, honest, require no salary or expensive benefits.

The mayor will have many duties and a skilled team of governmental consultants has been commissioned to draw up an appropriate position description.

This whole idea was hatched by the Board as a fundraiser for the OHS Museum to help raise support for many items needed to enhance the exhibits and continue as a viable organization.

Nominees for mayor may be any pet of any genus or species that is a resident of Omena, sponsored by a member of the Omena Historical Society and, if elected, may be boxed, held, leashed, restrained, ridden, hog-tied, lassoed, trapped, carried, transported, "cabin'd or confin'd" to downtown Omena to serve as Mayor.

A nomination form for all candidates, complete with a current photograph and a \$5.00 nomination fee, must be submitted to OHS by 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 11. An election tally board, listing all nominees, will be placed in front of the Putnam-Cloud Tower House.

Each dollar donated to OHS in the name of a particular-

candidate will equal one vote for that candidate. Chicago voting rules will be enforced, which means that voters may vote as early and as often as they wish.



Skilled government consultants, Bruce Balas and Dale Blount, create a plan for future Omena leadership.

On Sunday, July 19, all mayoral candidates will participate in a neighborhood parade before the OHS ice cream social. Everyone is invited. The winning candidate will be announced at the Social and be officially inaugurated into office. Spectators will then be permitted to pet, cuddle, kiss or shake hands with their newly elected mayor.

More information on this major event will follow. And, if you would like to support this move for better local government, please contact an OHS Board member

Stand by for what is destined to be a sea change for the community's government. People are excited about the possibilities.

One Board member, who asked for anonymity, exclaimed, "This could be the first time I've had a chance to vote for a whole horse." Who knows? We may see more of this around the country. ♦

AN INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF AGHOSA

Larry Bensley

Have you ever wished you could go back in time and learn about Omena from a primary source, such as Chief Aghosa? What could he tell that would be of interest to today's Omena community? With this in mind and an assignment from Editor Jim, I time-traveled to the 1880s to interview the Chief in the latter years of his life. The interview is fictional, but the responses are authentic and can be verified from documents found in our OHS archives and library.

It was an overcast April day when I boarded the Steamship Crescent that would take me to Omena to interview Chief Aghosa. For some time I had been interested in the Chief and his relationship with Peter Dougherty and Aghosatown.

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As I disembarked from the Anderson dock, I began walking towards Aghosatown, which began about a mile north of the docks. The Chief's home was at the north end of the settlement. As I walked along, thoughts filled my head about the man. What would he look like and would his English be good enough for me to understand? Approaching the wood frame house, I found the Chief at the door. He was a handsome man, about 6 feet tall, well built with a dark, weathered face that had the appearance of a sculpture chiseled from stone. He greeted me in broken English and motioned me to enter. In that instant I knew it would be a challenge to understand him as he was uncomfortable with the English language. For this interview I have taken the liberty of recording the Chief's responses in complete sentences to make it easier to read.

L.B.: Could you tell me when and where you were born?

Chief: I was born in St. Clair, Michigan in the latter part of the 1700s.

L.B.: When did you arrive in the Grand Traverse area?

Chief: We moved to Les Cheneaux Islands near Mackinaw when I was young. From there we moved to Charlevoix, Norwood and on to Mission Harbor (Old Mission).

L.B.: I assume you were living with your father, the Chief then. What was his name?

*Chief: Yes, my father was the chief of a band of several families. His name was **Aish-gua-gwan-aba** (Final Feather) or **Oge-maw-wish**. We often are referred to with different names.*

L.B.: How would you describe your father? (There was a long pause).

Chief: My father was not a kind person and was not liked by many Indians. He had a roly-poly build and loved the little brown jug. He disliked the church because, as he once said to Rev. Dougherty, "I can't go to church because when I sit down I have to smoke and I can't smoke in church. He also told Rev. Dougherty he was too young to teach, but if there was an older man he would listen. Rev. Dougherty called my father an 'old snake.'"

L.B.: I have heard your people and others regard you as a kind man. How would you describe yourself?

Chief: Someone else needs to answer that.

Note: While waiting at the docks to return to T.C., I came across two Indians and three white people who knew the Chief. They said he was honest and regarded a promise as a trust. He was upright in all dealings with the

white man and grieved when they dealt otherwise with him. Unlike his father, he was a kind and likeable person.

L.B.: What does Aghosa mean in English?

Chief: "The Flying Hawk."

L.B.: What was your given name?

Chief: I have no other name. Just Aghosa, unless you consider my Christian name, Addison Potts, given to me when I was baptized by Rev. Dougherty.

L.B.: I am told you wear a tall silk hat and a frock coat. Is this true and can you tell me about it?

Chief: In 1836, while in Washington D.C. helping negotiate a treaty, I noticed that the important white men wore top hats and frock coats. I decided I was important enough to have them also, so I acquired the hat and coat.



L.B.: I am interested in your family. Are you married and do you have children?

*Chief: In 1845 my wife, **Elizabeth Potts**, died at Old Mission. Our four sons are **James Ahke**, **David Aghosa**, **Albert Aghosa** and **George Hale**. They and our one daughter, **Ellen Aghosa**, live in Aghosatown.*

*L.B.: When did you first meet **Rev. Dougherty**?*

Chief: In 1839 when he came to our settlement at Mission Harbor (Old Mission)

L.B.: What was his impression of your settlement?

Chief: He was concerned about the lack of cleanliness and the number of dogs and children.

L.B.: Why did Rev. Dougherty decide to come to Mission Harbor?

Chief: He went to Elk Rapids first to establish his mission and wanted my tribe to join him there. However,

my people did not want to go and invited him to move to Mission Harbor.

L.B.: What convinced him to move?

Chief: We offered to help him and promised to build him a home.

L.B.: Why did you want the Reverend to establish his mission with your people?

Chief: He was a kind man who could be trusted. Also, he wanted to help us by building wood homes, establishing a school for our children and teaching us how to farm.

L.B.: If you didn't grow food, how did you survive?

Chief: Our food supply came from the woods and water.

L.B.: Why did Rev. Dougherty and your people move to New Mission?

Chief: In 1850 we could buy government land in New Mission but not in Old Mission. My tribe moved and Rev. Dougherty followed in 1852.

L.B.: Where did you get the money to buy the land?

Chief: Reverend Dougherty encouraged us to set our stipend money from the government aside so some day we could buy land.

L.B.: How many families came with you to New Mission?

Chief: In 1850, about forty families bought land and settled here.

At this point I realized it was getting late and, even though there were many questions yet to ask, I would have to wait for another time, as I needed to walk back to the docks to catch the Crescent back to Traverse City. I thanked the Chief for his time and said goodbye. I will always remember the kind, intelligent, and honest man known as Chief Aghosa. ♦

THANKS TO CARETAKER FUND SUPPORTERS

David Pohlod

The Caretaker Fund, launched in 2006, provides the financial resources necessary to operate and maintain the Putnam-Cloud Tower House. Importantly, the fund allows the OHS to meet our operating requirements without compromising our focus on program development and the expansion of our collection of artifacts, books and furnishings of historical significance.

In 2008, we were able to offer special exhibits covering the history of Aghosatown and Rails, Trails and Sails, a 100 year history of transportation. We have hosted lectures by local historians, sponsored special "member events," such

as the hosted bus tour of Omena, and provided memorable entertainment by Harold and Wyn Landis, recalling their days at the Omena Inn Playhouse. As we look forward to another full year of exhibits and events for 2009, the Omena Historical Society would like to express its appreciation to our Caretakers and their continuing commitment to participate in the Caretaker Fund. During the 2008-2009 drive, over a third of our members have contributed to the Caretaker Fund. Through their generosity, the OHS will continue to realize its full potential as an Omena historical resource. Thanks to all of our supporters! ♦

WEBSITE UNDER RECONSTRUCTION!

We are currently in the process of updating our website to make it more informative and more attractive. Keep an eye out for our new look! We hope you'll like it. We are also changing our internet address to:
www.omenahistoricalociety.org.

In the meantime, the old site will remain online at:
www.omenahistory.homestead.com

MILESTONES

DECEASED: Nancy Bosgraaf, long time Omena summer resident and member of the Omena Woods Association and the Omena Historical Society; died January 26, 2009, at her home in Grand Haven, MI. She was born March 16, 1944, to Ted and Genevieve Kort in Hudsonville, MI; married to Jack Bosgraaf on January 26, 1963. She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Stacey Reiersen, Shelly Ritzer, and Kimberly Lazor; a son, Todd; and seven grandchildren.

DECEASED: Cynthia Craker Frank, Leelanau Township. Resident; died January 27, 2009; born, October 7, 1949, to Robert Lee Craker, who survives, and the late Pauline Jean Kehl; married to Mark Frank, current postmaster of Omena, May 14, 1976, at the Presbyterian Church in Omena. She is also survived by a son, Daniel Paul (Kristin) Frank; a brother, Rob Craker; two sisters, Jeanne Craker Harter and Julie Craker Story; and three granddaughters.

MARRIED: June 14, 2008; long-time Omena summer resident, Lynn Spitz-Nagel, to Ronald Sutton of Pinckney, MI.

MARRIED: December 19, 2008; James (Kim) Kemper to Linda Welch.

REELECTED: November 4, 2008; Mary Tonneberger, to the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners, and selected by the Board to serve as its Chairperson.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

OHS COMING ATTRACTIONS

June 28 - Opening Museum Exhibits
Omena's Agricultural History - Main Hall
Omena's Native American Culture - Front Room

July 1 - 7 p.m. Three Civil War Generals
A talk by Larry Bensley
Location: Museum

July 18 - 5-7 p.m. - Treasure Hunt / Road Rally
A fun team event with hotdogs, etc. just \$3.00/person.
Location: Blounts' home, Omena Point Rd.
RSVP to Blounts no later than July 10, by phone
(386-9784) or email(beauandbelle@hotmail.com).

July 19 - (Time: TBA) Omena mayoral candidates
parade, election, inauguration, ice cream social.
Entry fee of \$5.00 will guarantee your candidate a spot
on the slate.
Location: Beautiful downtown Omena

August 9 - 4 p.m. Annual Meeting, plus a brief
history of the Shady Trails Camp
Location: Shady Trails Camp

August 15 - 4 p.m. - Omena's rich Agricultural History
Location: Museum



COME VISIT THE PUTNAM-CLOUD TOWER HOUSE MUSEUM HOURS

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

June through August - Saturdays and Sunday

September and October - Saturdays only

November and December - Closed



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

May 30 - 1 p.m. - Ribbon-cutting ceremony
and Grand Opening of Eeawing Cultural Center of
the Grand Traverse Band of Odawa & Chippewa In-
dians. Location: Peshabestown; Eeyawing Cultural
Center, just south of the service station & store.



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