

**Littlefield Public Schools –
Spring 2007 grant for \$2,000 from the Youth Advisory Committee**



"Before receiving the calculator grant, Littlefield High School was using a combination of outdated...graphing calculators...and scientific calculators...Students had to share calculators in order to perform necessary mathematical tasks. Since the first day of school this year, students have had access to new 'TI-84 plus' graphing calculators. There are now enough calculators for each student to use his or her own without sharing...Without these calculators, our students would be at a great disadvantage."

The 30 new calculators are also used by high school students taking Chemistry, can be checked out to take home for use on homework, and have been used by middle school math students as well.

**North Central Michigan College Native American Youth Camp –
Spring 2007 grant for \$3,000 from the Youth Advisory Committee**

The goal of the four-day camp was to provide Native American students with exposure to post-secondary education, with the hope of making a college education a more realistic and attainable goal, as well as Native culture and wisdom, to contribute to overall well-being. The camp hosted 32 junior high students from Emmet and Charlevoix counties at the NCMC residence hall. Campers participated in sessions such as Anishnaabemowin culture, history and language learning; craft-making; fire-starting; storytelling; and peace-making.

Participant comments:

"This is the first time I have gone to a camp...and it was fun! Hopefully, I can come back next year. It was not only fun, but it was educational. My favorite thing to do was...well...everything. I won't forget the 7 Grandfather teachings (humility, bravery, honesty, love, wisdom, courage, and patience)."

"I learned about my heritage. One thing I learned was some language. I learned it because of a cool game almost like musical chairs...I never thought it was going to be so much fun because I didn't know anyone here, but I made a lot of friends and they made it seem like it went a lot smoother for me."

**Conservation Resource Alliance –
Spring 2007 grant for \$2,500**

Conservation Resource Alliance was granted \$2,500 to help private landowners manage their lands for wildlife habitat and improved water quality through the Wild Link Program. The ultimate goal of the project was to address land use pressure in Emmet County and *prevent* fragmentation of critical wildlife habitat. Through the Wild Link program, this goal was accomplished on over 500 acres of prime wildlife habitat adjacent to publically accessible lands along a major wildlife corridor. This land is now being professionally managed for the benefit of current and future Emmet County residents.



Soil stabilization site to be planted with dry site tolerant native trees, shrubs, and grasses.



Revegetation of an old cattle watering site along the Maple River.