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Great Lakes Water Accord





All Photos courtesy of Jennifer Dale, C.O.R.A. Pictured Left: 3 Local Tribal Leaders along with 2 Canadian 1st Nation Chiefs Right Photo: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik and SSM Tribal Chairman Aaron Payment

Our ancestors have inhabited the Great Lakes Basin since time immemorial, long before the current political boundaries were drawn. Our spiritual and cultural connections to our Mother Earth are manifest by our willingness to embrace the responsibility of protecting and preserving the land and Waters.

Traditional teachings and modern science combine to strengthen our historical understanding that Water is the life-blood of our Mother Earth. Indigenous women continue their role as protectors of the Water. Ceremonial teachings are reminders of our heritage, they are practices of our current peoples, and they are treasured gifts that we hand to our children.

When considering matters of great importance we are taught to think beyond the current generation. We also are taught that each of us is someone's seventh generation. We must continually ask ourselves what we are leaving for a future seventh generation.

We understand that the whole earth is an interconnected ecosystem. The health of any one part affects the health and well being of the whole. It is our spiritual and cultural responsibility to protect our local lands and Waters in order to help protect the whole of Mother Earth.

Tribes and First Nations have observed with growing interest that the Great Lakes Basin governments of the United States and Canada have begun to share our concerns about the preservation of the quality and quantity of the Great Lakes Waters.

The eight States and two Provinces of the Great Lakes Basin entered into the 1985 Great Lakes Charter, Annex 2001, and have drafted an Interstate Compact and International Agreement to implement the provisions of Annex 2001. These agreements, however, make no provisions for including Tribes and First Nations as governments with rights and responsibilities regarding Great Lakes Waters. These agreements also assert that only the States and Provinces have governmental responsibility within the Great Lakes Basin.

Through International treaties and court actions, however, Tribes and First Nations continue to exercise cultural and spiritual rights of self-determination and property rights within traditional territories for our peoples and nations. Tribal and First Nation governments, like all governments, have the duty to protect the interests and future rights of our peoples. Since we have recognized rights and we are not political subdivisions of the States or Provinces, the assertion that the States and Provinces own and have the sole responsibility to protect the Waters is flawed.

Thus, the efforts of the States and Provinces to protect the Waters of the Great Lakes Basin are flawed because these efforts do not include the direct participation of the governments of Tribes and First Nations. This fundamental flaw endangers the interests of all of the inhabitants of the Great Lakes Basin and, ultimately, because of the interconnectedness of the worldwide ecosystem, endangers the interests of the entire earth.

It is thus our right, our responsibility and our duty to insist that no plan to protect and preserve the Great Lakes Waters moves forward without the equal highest-level participation of Tribal and First Nation governments with the governments of the United States and Canada. Merely consulting with Tribes and First Nations is not adequate, full participation must be achieved.

Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2005

January 8 - Work Session January 22 - Work Session January 9 - Council Meeting January 23 - Council Meeting

February 5 - Work Session February - 19 - Work Session February 6 - Council Meeting February - 20 - Council Meeting

March 5 - Work Session March 19 - Work Session March 6 - Council Meeting March 20 - Work Session

April 2 - Work Session April 16 - Work Session April 3 - Council Meeting April 17 - Council Meeting April 30 - Work Session May 1 - Council Meeting

May 14 - Work Session May 15 - Council Meeting

June 4 - Work Session June 25 - Work Session June 5 - Council Meeting June 26 - Council Meeting

July 9 - Work Session July 24 - Council Meeting July 10 - Council Meeting July 23 - Work Session

ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE TRIBAL COURT ROOM LOCATED AT 7500 ODAWA CIR-CLE, HARBOR SPRINGS

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK-TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

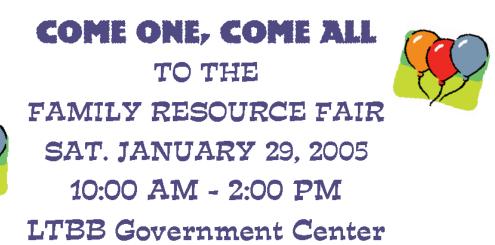
BEATRICE LAW-VICE CHAIRPERSON

DEXTER MCNAMARA-SECRETARY

ALICE YELLOWBANK-TREASURER

RITA SHANANAQUET-COUNCILOR

By this accord signed on November 23, 2004, at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, the Tribes and First Nations of the Great Lakes Basin do hereby demand that our rights and sovereignty be respected, that any governmental effort to protect and preserve the Waters of the Great Lakes Basin include full participation by Tribes and First Nations, and we also hereby pledge that we share the interests and concerns about the future of the Great Lakes Waters, further pledging to work together with each other and with the other governments in the Great Lakes Basin to secure a healthy future for the Great Lakes. FRED HARRINGTON, JR.-COUNCILOR REGINA BENTLEY-COUNCILOR





Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740

Return Service Requested

From the Desk of the Tribal Administrator

By **Albert Colby, Jr.-Tribal Administrator**

Aanii Tribal members and a Happy New Year to all. It is exciting to start on another year, planning for better ways to serve the Tribal membership. I am thankful for all the hard work put forth by LTBB Governmental staff in 2004. I feel the structure is coming together nicely and the discussions held to develop policy/procedure have been very valuable.

The new constitution will be the first major project in 2005. This document will replace the Interim Constitution if approved by the Tribal Membership in the Secretarial Election the Tribe presently operates under. Plans are being made to provide support to the election process associated with the adoption or failure to approve by the voting Tribal members. This document was developed by several Tribal members who formed the LTBB Constitution Committee. Many long hours were spent identifying necessary language needed to address proper implementation of Tribal governmental affairs.

The weather has changed the season on us and travel becomes a bit tricky in the coming few months. Please use care and proper judgment when venturing out with slippery conditions are present. The LTBB Master Land Use Working Group has completed their first draft and will be scheduling meetings in Lansing, Grand Rapids, Harbor Springs and Hannahville, Michigan to review the progress we have made with this document.

The Tribal Council has approved a 2005 Ramp Building project for LTBB Elder's who submit a written request to the Tribal Administrator. This proactive approach is our attempt to minimize injuries that may result from a fall by improving accessibility for Elder's at their homes or place of residence.

The LTBB Pow-wow Grounds Improvement Project will commence planning for additional projects designed to address

growth of our annual Odawa Homecoming Pow-wow. We are looking at permanent bathrooms, improving walkways from parking areas to the arena area and improving our rustic camping area. If you have additional ideas please forward them to the Tribal Administrator.

The Tribe has been working on developing a Language program within governmental operations. Language Coordinator, Carla McFall, continues to work on curriculum and gather resources for the coming year. Look forward to additional language activities.

In closing, I would like to thank all the volunteers who made sure our LTBB Winter Solstice Christmas party and the Lower Michigan Christmas party in Comstock Park, Michigan were a success. There were countless hours spent buying, wrapping gifts, coordinating site arrangements and planning food for participants. All done with the spirit of giving, chi-miigwetch to all who assisted in making Christmas special for all.

Community Health Outreach

Volleyball Challenge for Teeny Boppers!

The Community Health Department would like to know if there are any youth ages 14 – 18 that would be interested in taking a day trip to the Strongheart Center, Peshawbestown, MI on Saturday, February 26, 05. This is a test run to see if we have enough interest to continue with a youth volleyball league. The day will consist of LTBB coed team(s) challenging Grand Traverse Band and

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in the game of volleyball. Interested youth can contact Cathy Gibson @ 231 242-1601.

The Community Health/Diabetes Program will be starting an online STEPS program. www.fitup.org Register under Little Traverse Bay Bands. You can also keep a written log and call in information to office @ 231-242-1606.



Our Spirit is Quality and Commitment

Attention Tribal Members

Currently there is a vacancy on the Economic Development Commission. The vacancy is a term that expires on September 21, 2005. If you are interested in serving your Tribe in this capacity Or for more information please contact: Su Lantz, Adminsitrative Assistant (231) 242-1401

What you Should Know about Carbon Monoxide

By Norm Emery Safety Coordinator

What Is It? Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that interferes with the delivery of oxygen in the blood to the rest of the body. It is produced by the incomplete combustion of fuels.

What Are the Major Sources of CO? Carbon monoxide is produced as a result of incomplete burning of carboncontaining fuels including coal, wood, charcoal, natural gas, and fuel oil. It can be given off by combustion sources such as un-vented kerosene and gas space heaters, furnaces, woodstoves, gas stoves, fireplaces and water heaters, automobile exhaust from attached garages, and tobacco smoke. Problems can arise as a result of improper installation, maintenance, or inadequate ventilation of these fuel burning appliances.

What Are the Health Effects? Carbon monoxide interferes with the distribution of oxygen in the blood to the rest of the body. Depending on the amount inhaled, this gas can impede coordination, worsen heart conditions, make you feel tired, cause headaches, weakness, confusion, disorientation, nausea, and dizziness. Very high levels of carbon monoxide in your body can cause death. qualified technician.

- Open flues when fireplaces are in use.
- Use proper fuel in kerosene space heaters.
- Do not use ovens and gas ranges to heat your home.
- Do not burn charcoal inside a home, cabin, recreational vehicle, or camper.
- Make sure stoves and heaters are vented to the outside and that exhaust systems do not leak.
- Do not use un-vented gas or kerosene space heaters in enclosed spaces.
- Never leave a car or lawn mower engine run ning in a shed or garage, or in any enclosed space.
- Make sure your furnace has enough intake of outside air.

What If I Have Carbon Monoxide Poisoning? Don't ignore symptoms, especially if more than one person is feeling them. If you think you are suffering from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, you should

1. Get fresh air immediately.

tor technology is still being developed and the detectors are not generally considered to be as reliable as the smoke detectors found in homes today. You should not choose a CO detector solely on the basis of cost; do some research on the different features available.

Carbon monoxide detectors should meet Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) standards, have a long-term warranty, and be easily self-tested and reset to make sure they are working properly. For maximum effectiveness during sleeping hours, carbon monoxide detectors should be placed in the home close to sleeping areas.

If your CO detector goes off, you should:

- 1. Make sure it is the CO detector and not the smoke alarm.
- 2. Check to see if any member of your household is experiencing symptoms.
- 3. If they are, get them out of the house immedi ately and seek medical attention.
- 4. If no one is feeling symptoms, ventilate the home with fresh air and turn off all

The symptoms are sometimes confused with the flu or food poisoning. Unborn babies, infants, elderly, and people with heart and respiratory illnesses are particularly at high risk for experiencing the harmful health effects of carbon monoxide.

An estimated 300 people die each year as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning and thousands of others end up in hospital emergency rooms.

What Can Be Done to Prevent (CO) Carbon Monoxide Poisoning?

- Ensure that your appliances are properly adjusted and working to manufacturers' instructions and local building codes.
- Obtain annual inspections for your heating system, chimneys, and flues and have them cleaned by a

- Open doors and windows.
- Turn off combustion appliances and leave the house.
- 2. Go to an emergency room.
- Be sure to tell the physician that you suspect CO poisoning.
- 3. Be prepared to answer the following questions:
- Is anyone else in your household complaining of similar symptoms?
- Did everyone's symptoms appear about the same time?
- Are you using any fuel-burning appliances in the home?
- Has anyone inspected your appliances lately?
- Are you certain they are working properly?

What about Carbon Monoxide Detectors? Carbon monoxide (CO) detectors can be used as a backup but not as a replacement for proper use and maintenance of your fuel-burning appliances. CO detecpotential sources of CO.

5. Have a qualified technician inspect your fuelburning appliances and chimneys to make sure they are operating correctly.

For More Safety and Awareness Information: Browse EPA's Indoor Air Web site: www.epa.gov/iaq/ or contact a National Safety Council environmental health specialist at this toll free number: (800) 557-2366.

LTBB Injury Prevention Special Project: This Tribal project is funded by the Indian Health Service and focuses on the Tribe's Elders to receive Carbon Monoxide Detectors in their homes.

Elders aged 66 and older are eligible for assistance through this program.

To make an appointment for a home survey and assistance in placing a carbon monoxide detector in your home - call me at 242-1557.

Tribal Court

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		Hearing scheduled at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 02, 2004.
LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF C TRIBAL COURT ORDER REVOKING TREATY PRIVILEGI FILE NO:H-030-0704 Court Address: 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Sp 242-1462 The People of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources,	ES	 3. Respondent was sent a notice to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court for failure to pay the outstanding fines and costs of One Hundred and Fifty dollars(\$150.00) by October 30, 2004 as ordered by this Court on October 07, 2004 at his First Show Cause Hearing. WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NOT ISSUE ANY TREATY LICENSES TO RESPONDENT UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THIS COURT.
John William Adams,	Rospondent	THIS ORDER SHALL BE POSTED IN THE TRIBAL OFFICES AND PUBLISHED IN THE TRIBAL NEWSLETTER IN ORDER THAT RESPONDENT MIGHT RECEIVE NOTICE OF THIS ACTION.
THIS COURT FINDS:	Respondent.	Signed by Honorable Michael Petoskey, Chief Judge
1. Respondent failed to appear at the Thin Friday, December 10, 2004.	ailed to appear at the Third Show Cause Hearing on Date: 12-13-04	
2. Additionally, Respondent failed to appe	ar at the Second Show Cause	

Language Program Survey

By **Carla McFall, Language Program** Coordinator

Miigwech to all who returned the 2004 Language Program survey. We appreciate that you took the time to fill it out. We will gather information from the surveys and update you on the results over the next couple of Odawa Trails issues. On Tuesday, November 23rd, we drew five surveys from all those that were returned and each of the winners received a native design tote bag, a birchbark gift basket, \$20.00 Walmart gift card, Anishinaabemowin CD-Rom, and three Anishinaabe books. The lucky

winners are: Dan Clark of Pellston, Michigan Jannan Cotto of Evanston, Illinois Ronald Davenport of Coltaw, California Roger Gibbs of Boynton Beach, Florida Marie Skippergosh of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Congratulations!

The Community Health/Diabetes Program Foot Clinics will be offered on every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Contact Cathy Gibson for an appointment @ 231-242-1601.

Language Class Starting Soon

The LTBB Language Program is offering language classes in the Education Department's computer lab. The course is based on the interactive Anishinaabemowin CD-Rom produced by Kenny Pheasant and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. This class is ideal for learning or building vocabulary and short phrases.

It's a fun way to learn. It's okay if you do not know how to use the computer, we will help (and there is no typing involved) and, you can improve your computer skills while learning our language. The classes will be once per week for 8 (eight) weeks.

Mondays 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (afterschool) January 31st - March 21st, 2005 Children Under 13 Must Be Accompanied by Adult





Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. February 3nd - March 24th, 2005 Adults and Elders Sign-Up Now! (Class Size is Limited) This is a good opportunity for parents to do something fun (and free!) with their children. To sign-up, stop in at the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department or call the Language Program, Carla McFall, at (231)242-1454 or tollfree 1-888-309-5822, ext 1454. Miigwech

News From Natural Resources Department

A big thanks goes out to Parkey's Taxidermy and Victories Casino for their donations to the 2nd Annual Biggest Waawaashkesh Contest. Their donations were much appreciated.

The Natural Resource Commission meetings will be held once a month

Commission meetings are held at the NRC office located at 7580 Odawa Circle Harbor Spring, MI 49740. Meetings start at 6:00p.m. and are open to tribal members unless announced "Closed Session".

A reminder to all deer and turkey hunters that all tags filled or unfilled should be returned to the Natural Resource Office by February 1, 2005.

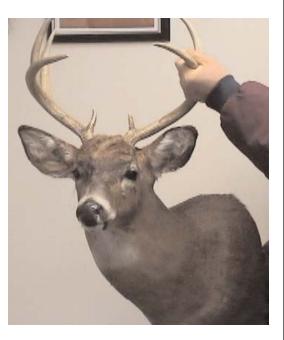
Martial Arts

The Community Health/Diabetes Program will be offering Martial Arts Classes beginning mid or late January. Contact Cathy Gibson for more details @ 231-242-1601. ODAWA NATURAL DEPARTMENT

Thank You to Parkey's Taxidermy of Indian River, Michigan for the donation of this wonderful head mount . Dale Willis was the winner of the 2003 biggest Waawaashkesh.



Contest while exercising his treaty reserved hunting right during the 2004 season.



2005 Snowsnake Games

When: Saturday, February 19, 2005 Where: LTBB Government Complex Time: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p m.

Pot Luck Bring your Favorite Dishes to pass. Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m. The Diabetes program will provide meat. Soup, Coffee & Apple cider will be available from 10:00 pm.—12:00 p.m.

1st. 2nd and 3rd Place Trophies and T-shirts will be awarded in the following male and female categories.

Preschool Ages 1—4 Kindergarten—2nd Grade 3rd—5th Grade 6th—8th Grade 9th—12 Grade 18—34 years old 35—49 years old 50—64 years old 65 & up

Competitors must be pre-registered to be eligible for awards. (No Exceptions) Registration closes on February 19, 2004 @ 8:30 a.m. Rules and registration forms will be available in the newsletter or you can pick up at the Community Health/Diabetes Program, 1345 US 31 N, Petoskey, MI.



2005 Snowsnake Games Rules and Registration

Registration

- 1. Competitors may complete pre-registration and:
 - a. Mail to Snowsnake Games Registration, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740b. Or drop off at1345 US 31 North, Petoskey, MI (Attn: Cathy Gibson)
 - c. Or email to cgibson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
- 2. Registrations will be accepted until 8:30 a.m. February 19, 2005.
- Competitors must register in appropriate category. Individuals 18 years old that are not in school must participate in the 18-34 year old category.

a. Nine (9) male categories

b.Nine (9) female categories

Preschool Ages 1 - 4 yrs. Old6th - 8th gradeKindergarten - 2nd grade9th - 12th grade3rd - 5th grade18 - 34 yrs. Old

Competition

- Competition will begin at 9:00 a.m., February 19, 2005.
- The Snowsnake Track Schedule will be posted at Registration Booth.
- Each competitor will be allowed two throws in their category. Any snowsnake thrown that jumps the track after 5 feet is considered a throw.
- Personal snowsnakes cannot be used by more than one person in the same age and gender category.
- Competitors without a snowsnake may choose a snowsnake from the designated rack for public use.
- Snowsnakes are not required to be a certain length, diameter, or weight. Lead may be used for weight.
- Totally metal snowsnakes will not be allowed.

Awards

- Individual trophies and t-shirts will be awarded:
 - o To the top three (3) competitors with the longest throws in each male and female category.

2005 Annual Snowsnake Schedule of Events

NOTE: Division times may vary on individual tracks. An announcement will be made in the event that a division time takes place ahead of schedule.

Time Event

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Final Registration 8:45 a.m. Opening Prayer

Age Division Track One Men's Division Track Two Women's Division

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 65 & Up 65 & Up 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 50 - 64 Years Old 50 - 64 Years Old 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Preschool Ages 1 - 4 Preschool Ages 1 - 4 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Kindergarten - 2nd Grade 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th Grade 3rd - 5th Grade 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. 6th - 8th Grade 6th - 8th Grade

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 9th - 12th Grade 9th - 12th Grade

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. 18 - 34 Years Old 18 - 34 Years Old

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 35 - 49 Years Old 35 - 49 Years Old

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony

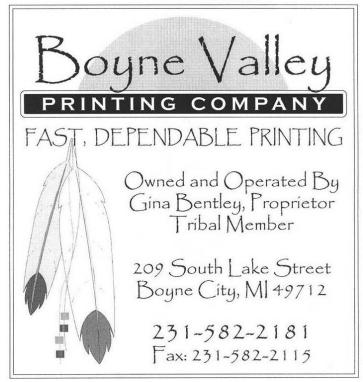
2:30 p.m Honor Song & Closing Prayer

Yoga Classes Offered

Monday and Wednesday 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Martial Arts

The Community Health/Diabetes Program will be offering Martial Arts Classes beginning mid or late January. Contact Cathy Gibson for more details @ 231-242-1601.



- Achievement medals will be awarded;
 - o To all participants 12 year and under that do not receive a trophy.

Please complete the registration form and return to one of the addresses listed. Students eighteen (18) years and under must specify what grade level they are in. If you have concerns or questions, contact Cathy Gibson @ 231-242-1601.

2005 Snowsnake Games Pre-Registration Form

35 - 49 yrs. Old

50 - 64 yrs. Old

65 & over

NAME: ADDRESS: AGE:

GRADE:

Circle the appropriate category

SNOWSNAKE CATEGORIES Preschool
Ages 1-4 K-2nd Grade 3rd - 5th Grade

6th - 8th Grade 9th - 12th Grade 18-34 yrs. Old 35-49 yrs. Old 50-64 yrs. Old 65 & over

Results:FEET: INCHES:

The following is a synopsis of the approved Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for December 05, 2004. If you would like a copy of the minutes in their entirety please contact the Tribal Council Office, Mike Smith, Administrative Assistant at (231) 242-1406 and a copy will be mailed to you. The minutes are also available at the Tribal Government Website: WWW.LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV

LTBB Tribal Council Meeting December 05, 2004 Council Present: Tribal Chairman, Frank Ettawageshik, Vice-Chairperson, Beatrice Law, Secretary, Dexter McNamara, Treasurer, Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor, Regina

Gasco Bentley Absent: Councilor Shananaquet

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbank supported by Vice-Chairperson Law to adopt the agenda December 05, 2004. Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbank supported by Councilor Bentley to approve the minutes of November 21, 2004 as presented. Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Bentley supported by Vice-Chairperson Law to accept the Tribal Elder's verbal report as presented by Richard Wemigwase, Chairperson. Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Vice-Chairperson Law supported by to accept the Councilor Harrington to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by Valerie Tweedie, C.F.O. written and verbal for December 05, 2004. Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Secretary McNamara and supported by Councilor Bentley to rescind the motion that was made on October 17, 2004 to authorize the C.F.O. and the Treasurer to work with Merrill Lynch for a \$3.58 million loan to refinance the remaining balance of the loan for the Tribal Administration building. Both completed loan documents to be brought to Tribal Council for final approval. Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Vice-Chairperson Law supported by Treasurer Yellowbank to approve the extension of the maturity date for the Motion Carried 10:28 a.m. recess called 10:45 a.m. meeting reconvened

Motion made by Councilor Harrington supported by Secretary McNamara to waive the income eligibility requirements for recipients of the Tribe's child care payments that will become ineligible due to the \$500.00 per capita payment, additionally the payments under this waiver shall come from the General Fund rather than the restricted program fund. Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Vice-Chairperson Law supported by Secretary McNamara approving the 2005 liquor license the Biindigen Convenience store devloped by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Legal Department and authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign. Vote: 4 Yes, 2 No (Councilor Harrington, Treasurer Yellowbank), 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Carol McFall, Andrew Stitch 11:48 a.m. Public Comment Closed

Motion by Councilor Bentley supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Tribal Chairman's verbal and written report for December 05, 2004. Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbank supported by Secretary McNamara for any Tribal Council Member to attend the 8% payments meeting in Lansing on December 13, 2004, to include mileage, stipend and per diem. Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor

Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Vice-Chairperson Law supported by Treasurer Yellowbank to accept the Legal Department's report as presented by Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, for December 5, 2005, verbal and written. Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Harrington supported by Councilor Bentley to clarify the per capita payment policy by delcaring that when more than one parent or legal gaurdians submits a Minor Child/Ward of the Court Address Verification Form by the deadline stated in the mailed instructions, the child's per capita check shall be sent to the parent or gaurdian having primary physical custody of the child. In cases of joint custody where both parents submit the address verification form by the deadline stated in the mailed instructions the check shall be sent to Tribal Court for determination of distribution.

4:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments 4:01 p.m. Public Comment closed

4:01 p.m. Recess called 4:20 p.m. meeting reconvened

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbnk supported by Vice-Chairperson Law to adopt Resolution #120504-01 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, FY 2004 Indian Community Development Block Grant Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Public Facilities and Imporvement Project: Resolution to confirm the existence of Financial Management and Internal Control Policies and Procedures. Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Ettawageshikyes, Vice-Chairperson Law-yes, Treasurer Yellowbank-yes, Secretary McNamarayes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Bentley-yes

Motion Carried

Motion by Vice-Chairperson Law supported by Secretary McNamara to adopt Resolution #120504-02 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, FY 2004 Indian Community Development Block Grant Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Public Facilities and Improvement Project: Resolution to confirm the existence of Procurement and Contract Management Policies and Procedures.

Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Ettawageshikyes, Vice-Chairperson Law-yes, Treasurer Yellowbank-yes, Secretary McNamarayes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Bentley-yes Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Bentley supported by Vice Chairperson Law to adopt Resolution #120504-03 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, FY 2004 Indian Community Development Block Grant Program, Little Traverse Bay Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Public Facilities and Improvement Project: Resolution to Support an Operations and Maintenance Plan.

Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Ettawageshikyes, Vice-Chairperson Law-yes, Treasurer Yellowbank-yes, Secretary McNamarayes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Bentley-yes Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbank supported by Secretary McNamara to adopt Resolution #120504-04 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2004 Indian Community Developement Block Grant Program Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Resolution to Identify and Commit Tribal Resources. Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Ettawageshikyes, Vice-Chairperson Law-yes, Treasurer Yellowbank-yes, Secretary McNamarayes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Bentley-yes Motion Carried yes, Vice-Chairperson Law-yes, Treasurer Yellowbank-yes, Secretary McNamarayes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Bentley-yes Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Bentley supported by Secretary McNamara to adopt Resolution #120504-06 United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Authorization for Fiscal Year 2005 P.L. 93-638 Contact. Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Ettawageshikyes, Vice-Chairperson Law-yes, Treasurer Yellowbank-yes, Secretary McNamarayes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor

Bentley-yes Motion Carried

Motion by Vice Chairperson Law supported by Treasurer Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #120504-07 LTBB Representation at Tribal/State Summit Planning Meetings. Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Ettawageshikyes, Vice-Chairperson Law-yes, Treasurer Yellowbank-yes, Secretary McNamarayes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Harrington-no, Councilor Bentley-no Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Harrington supported by Secretary McNamara to adopt resolution #120504-08 Supporting the Activities of Other Tribes. Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Ettawageshikyes, Vice-Chairperson Law-yes, Treasurer Yellowbank-yes, Secretary McNamarayes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Bentley-yes Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Harrington supported by Vice-Chairperson Law to approve the Gaming Board of Directors Compensation Policy, GBDPolicy 120504-00. Vote: 6 Yes, ONo , 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Harrington supported by Councilor Bentley to approve Burial request #A0091 or \$1,164.90. Vote: 6 Yes, ONo , 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbank supported by Councilor Harrington to approve Burial request #A0090 for \$5,000. Vote: 6 Yes, ONo , 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Vice-Chairperson Law supported by Councilor Bentley to approve Burial request #A0089 in the amount of \$659.94. Vote: 6 Yes, ONo , 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Tribal Administration building loan with National City Bank for approximately \$3.54 million and authorize the Tribal Chairman and Treasurer to sign the commitment letter and necessary loan documents.

.Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

10:06 a.m. Vice-Chairperson Law leaves 10:07 a.m. Vice-Chairperson Law returns

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Law supported by Councilor Bentley to accept the Tribal Administrator's report as presented on December 05, 2004, verbal and written.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried

Motion by Vice Chairperson Law supported by Secretary McNamara to renew the on premise liquor license for the Victories Casino and Hotel, Petoskey, Michigan and authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign. Vote: 5 Yes, 1 No (Treasurer Yellowbank), 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained Motion Carried Motion by Vice-Chairperson Law supported by Secretary McNamara to adopt resolution #120504-05 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2004 Indian Community Development Block Grant Program Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Resolution to verify Citizen Participation. Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Ettawageshik5:55 p.m. Motion by Vice Chairperson Law supported by Councilor Harrington to adjourn. Vote: 6 Yes, ONo , 1 Absent (Councilor Shananaquet), O Abstained Motion Carried



LTBB Law Enforcement Cross Deputized



Emmet County Sheriff Pete Wallin deputized Tribal Police on December 29, 2004. The Deputization is valid through December 31, 2008, in the past deputization had to be done on a yearly basis. This agreement benefits both communities and has strengthened Tribal Sovereignty. With deputization Tribal Police have developed a strong working relationship with area police agencies.

Pictured: From top Left, Deputy Jake Guenthardt, Deputy Billy VanBuskirk, Deputy Billy Jo Smith, Deputy J.R. Osborne and Deputy George Closser. Bottom from left: Sargeant Roger Marsh, Emmet County Sheriff Pete Wallin, LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, LTBB Police Chief Jeff Cobe and Sargeant Mike Givens.



Chief Judge Michael Petoskey swore in six Emmet County Deputies as Tribal officers on January 6, 2005. The cross-deputization allows an Emmet deputy to respond to Trust Land only after the deputy gets permission to from Tribal Law Enforcement and only to maintain the public peace until a Tribal officer arrives. The deputization also provides Tribal officers the authority to supervise work release from Emmet County Jail of incarcerated Tribal Members and administer court ordered Preliminary Breath Test's at no cost to Tribal Members who are ordered to do so by the State Court. The deputization is an agreement that the local courts and the State of Michigan recognizes the Tribes Authority, Jurisdiction, and Sovereignty.

Top left, Deputy Nate Matelski, Corporal Tim Rodwell, Corporal Randy Kloss, Undersheriff Tim Roth, Lieutenant Mike Kiaser, Detective/Sergeant Bobora Johnston.

Bottom from the left, Chief Jeff Cobe, Chief Judge Michael Petoskey, Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, and Sheriff Pete Wallin

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 mdaaswe sha bezhik (ten plus one)

 21 is
 niizhtana sha bezhik (twenty plus one)

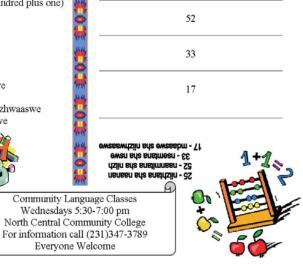
Practice by translating, or writing out, the following numbers, check answers below.

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81 is nshwaasmitana sha bezhik (eighty plus one)

101 is ngodwaak sha bezhik (one hundred plus one)





2004 LTBB Winter Solstice Party





Rez-Robics



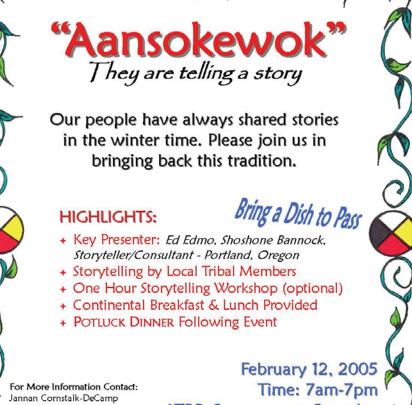
by Gwen Gasco, Health Administrative Assistant

The Rez-Robics presentation and workout sessions were held on December 10th and 11th. During Friday night's presentation, Pam Belgarde talked about how Diabetes is spreading like wildfire in the Native communities and enlightened those present that we can do something about it. Diabetes is an issue for all Natives, young and old. She didn't promote Rez-Robics, but rather promoted any exercise and just getting up and doing something physical to get healthy. When Dr. Mitchell took the floor, he discussed getting our children healthy because they are our future leaders and they will be running our government when we can no longer do it. We need to keep Native children as healthy and active as possible and bring them up in a loving home where they are encouraged to grow and to not be afraid to lead.

For Saturday's workout sessions, Pam and Reggie led four different groups in workout sessions consisting of various ages. The whole time during the weekend, they were promoting being active and having fun. During the workout sessions, they held drawings for their Rez-Robics workout sessions and informational video.

When both were waiting for their plane to take them home, they both talked about how much fun it was here with our Tribe and that they would love to come back any time that we would invite them. Everyone who participated in the presentation and/or the workout sessions enjoyed having them here. Especially, Michael Smith who attended all FOUR workout sessions!!

This year the Winter Solstice Party was held at the Petoskey Middle School. A Chi-Miigwech to those who volunteered to make this years party a success. The photos here were taken throughout the day's events.



Cultural Preservation Dept. (231) 242-1450

LTBB Archives/Records &

(231) 242-1484

Time: 7am-7pm LTBB Government Complex 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 7

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS BURIAL FUND POLICY

It is the policy of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to provide up to \$8,000 toward funeral, cremation, and burial expenses following the death of a Tribal Member to reduce the financial burden of the family of the deceased member.

Who may apply for funds?

A family member, legal guardian, or other person who has taken on the responsibility of paying for the funeral and burial costs of a deceased person who was either enrolled with LTBB at the time of death, or less than one year old and eligible for enrollment with LTBB, may request burial assistance funds.

What is the procedure for requesting assistance?

A person handling the affairs of a deceased member should notify the Tribal Administrator or Executive Assistant to the Tribal Council. The person should provide a brief written statement indicating the name and LTBB enrollment number (if Known) of the deceased individual. If the person does not have access to the deceased's enrollment number, then the person should provide as much information as known, such as birth date, parent's names, address etc. to enable verification of enrollment status with the Tribal Enrollment Office.

How is payment made?

Burial assistance funds are only provided through direct payment or reimbursement with receipts, as a result of funeral and burial costs. Therefore, this assistance is only available if bills are provided to LTBB. Bills will be paid up to \$8,000.00 in the order received or according to the preferences indicted by the person handling the affairs of the deceased.

Rez-Robics Classes are held

Fund Maintonanaa

Monday and Wednsday nights 5:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m (elders only) Classes are held at:

Native Way Too, County Commerce Park, 8730 Commerce Park #7, Harbor Springs, Michigan (off West Conway Road)





Fund Maintenance

LTBB will maintain a separate Burial Fund Account to cover the expenses incurred under this policy.

News From the Enrollment Department

Annii,

Currently we have 3,975 members. The Enrollment Office is in the stages of completing a Tribal Directory, we mailed post cards to members 18 on up as of January 13, 2005. If you return and sign the post card we will not include your name in the Tribal Directory. We had 43 members listed as undeliverable so there names will automatically be excluded from the Tribal Directory. We are looking at having the Tribal Directory completed and for sale by March 25, 2005. The cost will be \$5.00 each.

I also wanted to inform you that all address changes must be on an address verification form. If you move call us and we will mail you the form needed for address changes.

Have a wonderful day. Pauline Boulton (231) 242-1520

Linda Keshick (231) 242-1521

From the Desk of the Tribal Chairman, Frank Ettawageshik



[The following is a speech that was given in Chicago at the Convenors Meeting for the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. A presider was selected to speak for the eight States, the Great Lakes Mayors, the Environmental Protection Agency, the US Congress, and the Great Lakes Tribes. Each speech was limited to five minutes. This speech is the combination of thoughts and suggestions from a Tribal Caucus meeting that was held on Thursday evening, December 2nd. There were about 25 tribes represented at the Caucus meeting from the entire Great Lakes Region. Following the presiders' speeches and other comments, the Great Lakes Declaration was signed in which the signers agreed to work on a plan to protect and preserve the Great Lakes waters. If you are interested in further information about the Great Lakes Collaboration you can look at www.epa.gov or call the Tribal Chairman's office at 231-242-1406.]

Tribal Presider's Comments Chairman Frank Ettawageshik Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians The Great Lakes Collaboration Meeting in Chicago, IL 12-3-2004

Mother Earth can live without us. When we assume that we are protecting her we are mistaken. She provides for us but she can heal herself totally without our assistance. Actually, what we are seeking to do is to save ourselves. If we work with creation, and honor our place and responsibilities within it, then we will survive. But we must learn these lessons before it is too late for us, before we become even more of a liability to our own existence.

Aanii. Hello. Naakwegeshik n'diznikaaz. Pepegwezance ododem. My name is Frank Ettawageshik. I serve as the Tribal Chairman for my tribe, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians on the shores of northern Lake Michigan. I've been honored with the responsibility of speaking as the Tribal Presider for today's ceremony. It is a daunting task to try to speak in a few minutes and with a single voice what would demand days of talk and hundreds, if not thousands, of voices.

Our Elders teach us to learn how to ask our questions. This can take years to understand. Only then can we start to learn how to understand the answers that come to us, the answers that are all around us waiting for us to recognize them.

What we learn in our traditions is to honor the other beings in creation, to honor those who provide themselves for our sustenance, to respect the waters and lands within and upon which they and we live. Our very existence is in peril when we forget these simple truths.

Our Tribes are rooted in, and upon, this land and these waters of our Great Lakes Region. We have asked our questions. We receive our answers. For generations we have heard the cries and felt the tears of our Mother Earth, felt the pulse of her life blood waters struggling to survive the abuses that have been heaped upon her. One hundred and fifty years ago we had a resource in the Great Lakes region that was considered inexhaustible. It lasted barely two generations. This was the White Pine forest. The White Pine of this century is Water.

This concern for the Water by native peoples is rooted within our entire view of creation and is a part of our daily lives. Two years ago, Josephine Mandamin, an Anishinabe grandmother, was so moved by the plight of the waters that she organized a walk around Lake Superior, a walk on which several grandmothers carried a copper bucket of water and an Eagle Feather Staff. This last year they walked for Lake Michigan and will walk in the coming years for Lakes Huron, Erie and Ontario. By putting their lives on the line in traffic and weather and physical exertion they have inspired many others to relearn, reawaken and remember our true place and responsibilities. Our concern for the Lakes arises from deep within our very beings, from deep within our culture and heritage.

Indigenous Nations Unite for Inclusion in Great Lakes Decision-making Process

SAULT STE. MARIE, Michigan (November 23, 2004) - Representatives from every Ontario First Nation in the Great Lakes basin, and most of the Native American Indian Tribes in the Great Lakes basin united together in Sault Ste. Marie, not as individual communities - but as one: the Indigenous Nations of the Great Lakes.

In an unprecedented gathering of intertribal leaders - Grand Chiefs, First Nation Chiefs, Tribal Chairpersons, and Ogimaag from both sides of the border signed a Great Lakes Water Accord. This document, signed by the Leaders and consecrated by the Sacred Pipe, identifies a number of united principles, values, concerns and demands expressed by Indigenous Leaders.

The meeting and Great Lakes Water Accord convened in response to the propagation of the Great Lakes Charter, Annex 2001. The Annex, signed between the two provinces, and eight states is an addendum to the Great Lakes Charter, which governs the Great Lakes eco-system and resources that are shared within these jurisdictions.

The Indigenous Nations of the Great Lakes have united, and unanimously reject the Great Lakes Charter Annex, the commodification, diversion and export of water, and the lack of inclusion in the intergovernmental process.

"We're bringing all our voices together as one. This Great Lakes Water Accord aims to do that," said Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, and Co-chair for the International Indigenous Great Lakes Water Resources Meeting. "We understand there is a responsibility to make sure those lakes are there for seven generations."

"We were put here on this earth to look after these lakes," said John Beaucage, Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation, and Co-chair for the meeting. "These governments signed these agreements without consulting us, or without understanding our ties to the land and these waters."

Participants and signatories included the Union of Ontario Indians, representing 42 First Nations; the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, representing 8 First Nations; Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, representing 53 First Nations, as well as over 44 individual Tribes from Ontario, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

The meeting, which brought together over 150 individual Tribal representatives, developed a consensus on a wide number of issues, including the need to be an integral part of the decision-making process; and that the Indigenous Nations have never surrendered the water resources and lake beds, and therefore retain ownership of the Great Lakes.

"Simply, we want to be a part of the decision-making process, and recognized as a jurisdictional government on the Great Lakes system that has to be advised and sought for approval," said Grand Council Chief Beaucage. "One thing is clear, there isn't just two provinces and eight states claiming jurisdiction on this matter. In actuality, there are over 70 jurisdictions."

"We should have a seat on the International Joint Commission, and the Great Lakes Board of Governors. We should have an equal jurisdictional stake in this important decision-making process," said Tribal Chairman Ettawageshik. "We are not seeking only one seat, but a seat for American Indian Tribes, and a seat for Canadian First Nations. We are governments, not stakeholders."

The Leaders have also agreed to come together in the future to discuss the direction of the Great Lakes resources, and other water resource issues.

For more information contact: Bob Goulais Union of Ontac

Union of Ontario Indians (705) 498-5250

Frank Ettawageshik Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (231) 838-9735 or (231) 242-1406

Our Tribal Nations believe that this day is a good day to sign this Declaration, that today, now, is a good time to pledge to work together with each other and with our neighbors in the Great Lakes Basin. We are pleased to have the other governments within the Great Lakes Basin indicate the importance of the Lakes as evidenced by their dedication in working on this process. We are pleased to join them in signing this Declaration and we believe successfully reaching the goals within the Declaration will also help Tribal Nations fulfill our sacred duties and responsibilities to the Waters of the Great Lakes.

Miigwetch. Thank you.

View the Great Lakes Water Accord at: http://www.anishinabek.ca/uoi/wateraccord.htm.



Tax Information From the Economic Development Office

Submitted by Theresa Keshick, Economic Devbelopment Research Assistnt

Michigan Income Tax

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from Michigan income tax on all non-business income including but not limited to:

1. All income derived from wages are exempt whether the wages are Earned within the Agreement Area or outside of the Agreement area;

2. All interest and passive dividends are exempt;

3. All rents and royalties derived from real property located within the Agreement area are exempt;

4. All rents and royalties derived from tangible personal property, to the extent the personal property is utilized within the Agreement Area;

5. Capital gains from the sale or exchange of real property located within the Agreement area are exempt;

6. Capital gains from the sale or exchange of tangible personal property which is located within the Agreement Area at the time of sale are exempt;

7. Capital gains from the sale or exchange of intangible personal property are exempt;

8. All pension income and benefits including, but not limited to, 401(k), IRA, defined contribution plan, and defined benefit plan payments are exempt;

9. All per capita payments by the Tribe to Resident Tribal Members are exempt without regard to the source of the payment; and

10. All gaming winnings are exempt.

Attention: a Michigan tax return must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section IX (A) of the Tax Agreement. If you have any questions regarding the filing of your MI-1040 or related forms, please contact the Customer Contact Division at 1-800-827-4000.



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ATTENTION RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTM'S)

The Tax season will soon be upon us, and to make sure this process runs smoothly for RTM's, we have included the following tax information.

"Resident Tribal Member" means a Tribal Member whose principal place of residence is located within the Agreement Area.

The following Townships, or portions of, are included in the Tax Agreement Area (TAA): Cross Village, Readmond, Friendship, West Traverse, Little Traverse, Bear Creek, Resort, Bay, and Hayes. Also included are the City of Petoskey, City of Harbor Springs, and the City of Charlevoix (only north of the bridge).

Please Note: Only Tribal Members residing within the TAA are exempt from Michigan non-business income taxes and will also receive the Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit. For those moving into the TAA, RTM status is established on the 1st day of the proceeding month from which the Enrollment Department has received a written change of address (forms are available at the Enrollment office). Change of address can not be done over the phone. Also note that it is the Tribal Member's responsibility to change the address as soon as it occurs, so that RTM status can be acquired. This is to the RTM's benefit. Neither the Enrollment Dept. nor EDD is responsible for back-tracking address changes when the proper documentation has not been provided! You will not be eligible until your address has been changed with the Enrollment Department, which must include a physical address; PO Box addresses are not acceptable by themselves. The RTM list is mailed to the State of Michigan on a monthly basis.

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

The RTM Sales Tax Credit was designed to cover any items not listed under Section III (2), (3), and (4) of the Tax Agreement.

The Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit is based on a percentage of the RTM's modified federal Adjusted Gross Income multiplied by .009. Modified AGI includes Social Security benefits, Social Security Disability benefits, Railroad Retirement benefits, unemployment benefits, and fishing income. Modified AGI can not exceed \$80,000 per RTM. Left over cap from one RTM spouse can not be carried over to the other RTM spouse.

Example: A married couple where both spouses are RTMs with a Modified AGI \$170,000 (\$30,000 RTM + \$140,000 RTM spouse) would receive a Tax Credit of \$990 [(30,000 + 80,000 cap) x .009].

Example: A married couple where both spouses are RTMs with a Modified AGI \$85,000 (\$35,000 RTM + \$50,000 RTM spouse) would receive a Tax Credit of \$765 [(35,000 + 50,000) x .009].

Example: A single RTM with a Modified AGI 87,000 would receive a Tax Credit of 720 (80,000 cap x .009).

The Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit form (MI-4013) must be filed with the MI-1040 Income Tax return.

These forms will be mailed out from the Economic Development Department.

Beer * Wine * Liquor

Come In!

For individual tax questions, please consult a tax accountant or professional preparer.

LTBB Government Employment Opportunities

Legal Secretary Administration Receptionist Tribal Police Recruit Inland Fishery Biologist

For a complete job description or to apply for any of the aforementioned positions, please contact the LTBB Human Resources Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. By telephone at (231) 242-1555. By fax at (231) 242-1565. Also complete job descriptions are available at the Tribal Website: Itbbodawa-nsn.gov

The LTBB Tax Agreement can be viewed on the State of Michigan website at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/LTBB_Agreement_58762_7.pdf.

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Commission Meeting Dates

Enrollment Commission

Meetings begin at 5:00 PM and are located in the Enrollment Commission Workroom #118 at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. All meetings are open to the Tribal membership unless otherwise posted.

Monday, January 17, 2005 Monday, February 21, 2005 Monday, March 21, 2005 Monday, April 18, 2005 Monday, May 16, 2005 Monday, June 20, 2005 Monday, July 18, 2005 Monday, August 15, 2005 Monday, September 19, 2005 Monday, November 21, 2005 Monday, December 19, 2005

Health Commission

January 10, 2005 February 14, 2005 March 14, 2005 April 11, 2005 May 9th , 2005 June 13, 2005 July 11, 2005 August 8, 2005 September 12, 2005 November 14, 2005 December 12, 2005

ALL meetings start at 6:30pm and are being held at the Government Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of your Health Commissioners.

Education Commission

January 22, 2005 February 19, 2005 March 19, 2005 April 23, 2005

All meetings are open to Tribal Membership unless otherwise noted. Meetings are held at the LTBB Government Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

Jiingtamok (Pow Wow) Committee

February 8, 2005March 8, 2005April 12, 2005May 10, 2005

Please note these meetings will be held in the Boards, Commissions, and Committees room (room #312) located at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI. All meetings start at 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development Work Session and Meeting Schedule

February 6, 2005 February 5, 2005 March 12, 2005 March 13, 2005 April 9, 2005 April 10, 2005 May 14, 2005 May 15, 2005 June 11, 2005 June 12, 2005 July 9, 2005 July 10, 2005 August 13, 2005 August 14, 2005 September 10, 2005 Sept. 11, 2005 October 9, 2005 October 8, 2005 November 12, 2005 Nov. 13, 2005 December 10, 2005 Dec. 11, 2005

Meetings will be held in room #312 located at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI. Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. All meetings open unless closed session

Tribal Telephone Directory

Tribal Main Switchboard	231-242-1400
Tribal Administration	
Administrative Assistant	242-1420
Tribal Chairman/Council Office	
Mike Smith, Administrative Assistant	242-1406
Accounting Department	
Tonia Gasco, Accounting Assistant	242-1441
Archives and Records Department	
Eva Oldman, Administrative Assistant	242-1450
Communications Department	
Melissa Barber, Director	242-1427
Contracting Department	
Kristi Houghton, Contracts Manager	

Housing Commission

All meetings are open to the public unless otherwise in close session.

February 7, 2005 March 7, 2005 April 4, 2005 May 2 , 2005 June 6, 2005 July 11, 2005 August 1, 2005 September 12, 2005 October 12, 2005 November 7, 2005 December 5, 2005

ALL meetings start at 3:30pm and are being held at the Government Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle. If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of your Housing Commissioners.

Natural Resources Commission

January 26, 2005 February 10, 2005 February 24, 2005

Meetings will be held at 7580 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs. Meeting will start at 10:00 a.m.

If anyone has questions please contact the Natural Resource Department at (231) 242-1670.

G.I.S. Department

The following is some general information and guidelines for Tribal Members who are interested in serving on a LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee. You must be present at the time selected for an interview. Please submit your letter of interest anytime along with your resume to:

Su Lantz

LTBB of Odawa Indians 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or email: slantz@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Gaming Board of Directors

3-year terms No. of Openings = 1 immediate opening to fill a vacancy, expires 2005 Meetings = Minimum of once per month or as deemed necessary

Economic Development

3-year terms No. of Openings = 1 immediate opening to fill a vacancy, expires 2005 Meetings = Minimum of once per month or as deemed necessary

Compensation:

Stipend of \$100.00 per meeting 1) 2) Per Diem according to the Current Federal Per Diem Rates (for those members who travel from farther than 50 miles for a meeting or training) Mileage allowance is paid 3) according to the current mileage rate set out by the LTBB Accounting Department. 4) Lodging & Travel is paid for through the Commission, Board or Committee and is approved via motion at a regular meeting

It would be a good idea to attend a regularly scheduled meeting for the CBC you have an interested in. The meeting dates, times and location are located in the navigation bar to the right under Calendar of Events and are also posted in the Odawa Trails.

Housing Department	0404540
Human Resources Department	242-1540
Susan Gasco, Human Resources Representive	242-1555
Legal Department	
Allie Maldonado, Attorney	242-1403
Law Enforcement Department.	
Tribal Police	242-1500
MIS Department	
Ed Nephler, MIS Technician	242-1534
Planning Department	040 4500
vacant, Administrative Assistant	242-1588
Tribal Court	0.40.4.400
	Margaret Gasco, Administrative Assistant Human Resources Department Susan Gasco, Human Resources Representive Legal Department Allie Maldonado, Attorney Law Enforcement Department. Tribal Police MIS Department Ed Nephler, MIS Technician Planning Department Vacant, Administrative Assistant Tribal Court

Alan Proctor, G.I.S. Director......242-1597

Natural Resources Department Fiona Banfield, Administrative Assistant.......

News From the Education Department

Submitted by Melissa Claramunt, Director Aanii Tribal Members and Happy New Year!

For all of those upcoming first year students, we'd like to let you know of a wonderful opportunity that will be happening on February 13, 2005 all across the state of Michigan. College Goal Sunday is a program that provides assistance to students and families who are working on the financial aid process. Financial aid officers and volunteers will be available to offer free assistance to those who attend and bring their 2004 tax information and want to process their F.A.F.S.A. (Free Application for Federal Financial Aid). The F.A.F.S.A. is a necessary application for seeking college/university financial aid assistance. Feel free to call our office (231-242-1480) for details.

The event information and locations are as follows:

ANN ARBOR	DETROIT	JACKSON	MUSKEGON
University of Michigan	Wayne State University's David Adamany	Jackson High School Cafeteria	Muskegon High School
2011 Student Activities Bldg.	Undergraduate Library	544 Wildwood	Cafeteria
515 E. Jefferson	Community Room, 3rd Floor		80 W. Southern Ave
	5155 Gullen Mall	KALAMAZOO	
AUBURN HILLS/PONTIAC		Kalamazoo Valley Community College	SAGINAW
Daktand Community College	DETROIT	Student Commons	Delta College
Auburn Hills Campus	Matrix Mt. Zion Community Center	6767 West 0 Ave	Main Campus Commons
2900 Featherstone Road	13560 E. McNichols		1961 Delta Road
Building H (Gymnasium)		LANSING	
	FLINT	Lansing Eastern High School	SAULT STE. MARIE
BATTLE CREEK	Mott Community College	Don Johnson Fieldhouse	Walker Cisler Student
Kellogg Community College	Regional Technology Center	220 North Pennsylvania	and Conference Center
Student Services Bldg.	1401 E. Court St.		Lake Superior State University
450 North Ave.		MARQUETTE	650 W. Easterday Ave.
	GRAND RAPIDS	Northern Michigan University	-
BENTON HARBOR	DeVos Center	Great Lakes Room, University Center	TRAVERSE CITY
ake Michigan College, Napier Campus	Grand Valley State University- Pew Campus	1401 Presque Isle Avenue	Northwestern Michigan College
One Stop Student Services Center	401 West Fulton		Beckett Bldg., Room 146/147
2755 East Napier Avenue		MT. PLEASANT	1701 East Front Street
-	GRAND RAPIDS	Central Michigan University	
DEARBORN	Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church	Rotunda Room, Bovee University Center	WARREN
University of Michigan-Dearborn	506 Eastern Avenue SE	103 E.Preston	Macomb Community College
4901 Evergreen Road			John Lewis Community Center, Room I

Please remember, Merit Scholarships are available to those students earning a semester GPA of 3.0 or better. Contact Katie Bauer for an application and then submit with a copy of your grades. Good Luck!!

For those Higher Education students that are making adjustments during the add/drop period to Winter/Spring schedules, please consider sending the Education Department a copy of your most current schedule for your scholarship file. We want to be most efficient when working on your scholarship and answering your questions. Migwetch.

Don't forget, the 2005-2006 FAFSA is available and ready to submit online. Our recommendation is to file the FAFSA as soon as you file you receive your 2004 earnings statements or file your taxes.

For any questions or further information. please contact our office at 231-242-1480. We'd be happy to assist you!

Multipurpose Room University Center (UC)

LTBB Substance Abuse Department-Mental Health Program

by David Kagabitang, MSW, CAC1, Mental Health Therapist

Major Depressive Disorder

Major Depressive Disorder is a mental illness that affects between 5 to 25 % of the general population and appears to be unrelated to ethnicity, education, income, or marital status.

Major Depressive Disorder is characterized by a person experiencing at least a two-week period in which they may have a depressed mood and/or a loss of interest or pleasure. One or both of these symptoms may also be associated with; important areas of functioning. You have to make sure the symptoms area not the result of a medical issue, another mental disorder or bereavement (for example the feelings after the loss of a loved one). Substance use negatively affects your emotions and could be the cause of depression related symptoms. Abstinence is the safest way to maintain emotional stability if this is the source of the symptoms.

Correct and early diagnosis is important, so please seek assistance if you or someone you know is experiencing these symptoms. Two good places to contact

- talking with someone and sharing your thoughts and feelings
- joining a support group
- getting the right amount of sleep

All of these basic things are oriented around one thing, ACTION! Do something to help yourself or someone you know.



Substance Abuse Receptionist

Aanii,

14500 E. 12 Mile Road

My name is Janelle (DeLorme) Smith and I am the Receptionist for the Substance Abuse Department, I have been with LTBB since September. I am very proud to be working for this important department. I look forward to my future with LTBB. I am a tribal member, my mother's name is Betty (Cabinaw) DeLorme, my grandfather was Henry Cabinaw. My father is Harvey DeLorme and he is a member of Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians. I am married to Charles Smith and we have a daughter, Shaylee, she is 7 years old and is a member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota. We also own an installation business, Water's Edge Floor

- a significant weight loss without dieting, most likely due to a loss of appetite everyday
- a significant weight gain, most likely due to a increase in appetite everyday
- insomnia (can't sleep) or hypersomnia (too much sleep)
- psychomotor agitation or retardation
- fatigue or loss of energy nearly every day
- feelings of worthlessness and excessive guilt nearly everyday
- diminished ability to concentrate or indecisiveness nearly everyday
- recurrent thoughts of death, suicidal ideation with or without a specific suicide plan
- These symptoms usually cause impairment in social, occupational, and other

are the Health Clinic (242-1700) to make an appointment and talk with a health professional and the Mental Health Program (242-1642) to talk with a mental health professional. Trained professionals in each department will work with you to attempt to address the problem or make the appropriate referrals or other community agencies or tribal resources like traditional healers, traditional practitioners, and community helpers.

Some basic things you can do to lighten a sad mood are;

- exercise like going for a walk
- deep breathing to help with relaxation
- imagining safe and happy thoughts
- working on solving a problem that has been bothering you
- eating foods that support healthy emotions, not fatty foods

Making Connections Coordinator

Aanii,

My name is Amy Kagabitang and I have been hired as the coordinator for the "Making Connections" project. "Making Connections" is based at the Substance Abuse department. I will also be working with Tribal Law Enforcement and eventually other local Law Enforcement agencys to aid in preventing substance abuse as well as substance abuse related crime. This program will involve several elements such as prevention, education, and a very important cultural component. The cultural component will involve the Covering and have been in business almost 10 years. I am looking forward to learning more about my Waganakising Odawa culture and our many wonderful traditions.

knowledge and assistance of Tony Davis as the Cultural Advisor.

I grew up and was educated in the Milwaukee area. For over ten years I worked with troubled youth and their families. I relocated to this area with my husband and our three children Tony, David, and Audrey in 2000. I am also an Artist, painting and selling Oil Landscapes on canvas.

I look forward to working with a great staff at the substance abuse department and hope to meet many new people in the time ahead.

January 2005 **ODAWA TRAILS** ines From Our Membership

Birthday Announcements

Happy Birthday to my "older" sister, Linda Keshick, on January 28th!!! Hope you have a great day! Love your sister-T, Michael & Jordan

Birthday wishes go out to Don Keshick on January 31st! May the Creator watch over you and bless you. Love, Theresa, Michael & Jordan

Medaisha Chingman, Happy Birthday wishes to you from Grandpa. All our love, Gloria & Andy Chingman, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Bro.

Happy Belated Birthday to Byron Pliler who celebrated on December 21st. Brother, hoping your day was very special. Love, Scott

Happy Birthday to Bobby Baxter. I am very proud of the things that you are doing. Love, Momma

Jeff Wiatrolik,

What is the last thing on a bugs mind when he hits your windshield? (Just a bit of humor) Happy Birthday Jeff,

Love, Mom

Happy 35th birthday Gerald Lee Field on January 27th!! Wow!!! Where did all those years go?? Seems like just yesterday, you were battling with Missy-Moo!! Ha ha I love you my son, Mom

Happy Birthday Carter McFall, Sr., we love ya Bro!

Happy Birthday to Tony Davis who celebrates his special day on January 26th!

Happy Birthday Linda, From your Sistah Yvonne & Maritza

Happy Birthday **Don Ho** From, Yvonne & Maritza



Happy Birthday Bernie Compo on January 22nd! Who loves you best, Traitor??? Your up north friends, of course!!!!!!

Happy Birthday to Linda Keshick on January 28th! So what is it that we shall do girl, just go for one??!!!?? Have fun what ever you decide to do on your special day!

Happy Birthday Don, Thinking of you, Love, Mom

Happy Birthday Linda Keshick, I love you Mom

Happy Birthday wishes to our new uncle, **Rodrick James**, in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. What do you think of the snow? Hope you have a great day!! Your nieces, Nicole & Josie

Happy Birthday Richard Petoskey in Clearwater, Florida on January 28th! From your family in Wisconsin

Happy Bithday Bern, Love, Mel and the girls



Petoskey Middle School Trisha Heron Michael Kiogima

Gaming Board of Directors

Victories Casino

Job Title: Administrative Assistant Salary Range: \$29,000-\$35,000 Date: January 2, 2005 **Closing Date: open until filled**

Summary of Duties: Supports the activities of the Gaming Board of Directors by recording Board meeting minutes, preparing Board meeting packets, making travel arrangments for Board members and maintaining an effective and efficient record keeping system for Board activities. Maintains and organizes the Gaming Board of Directors office. Confidentiality must be maintained at all times.

Qualifications: Two years of previous executive office experience required. Must be able to obtain a gaming license in accordance with the regulations established by the LTBB Gaming Regulatory Commission. Must have excellent writing skills and be able to type 60 words per minute. Possess excellent communication and phone skills. Must be timely and accurate with assigned projects. Must be able to perform duties without direct supervision. Must be neat in appearance and have a pleasant personality. Must have a current drivers license and be insurable.

Education and Experience: Associate's degree(A.A.) or equivalent from a two-year college or technical school; plus six months to one year related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience in an executive office setting. Must be proficient with a number of computer systems such as: Word Perfect and Microsoft Office.

To apply for this position please send a resume' and cover letter to the **Gaming Board of Directors** C/O Victories Casino 911 Spring Street Petoskey, Michigan 49770. For further information you may call (231) 439-8894.

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Jeff and Kara Wiatrolik on the news that they are having twins in June!

Congratulations my little Weezer (Lisa Ann Young) ... you finally received your degree in Music. You earned every minute of it and I am so proud of you!!! All my love, Mom

Congratulation to Melissa Claramunt, LTBB's Education Department, on her recent appointment as Chairperson of the Michigan Tribal Education Directors Consortium. Good Work Melissa!



Qualifications: Native or Indigenous women, 18-25 years of age

- Verifiable tribal affiliation
- Single, never been married, no dependants (children)

Student News

First Marking Period Honor Roll for Petoskey Schools

Petoskey High School

Tamara Kiogima

- Tonya Kiogima
- **Barney Bloss**
- **Stacy Ettawageshik**
- Lukas Foltz
- Tosha Keshick
- **Jay Field**
- **Kasheena Shananaquet**

Rosemarie Goodman Kristin Harrington Jessica Miller Keith Cranick Robert Kiogima Jasmine McFall

Congratulations to all, keep up the good work!



Knowledge of tribal tradition(s) Current and past princesses are welcome and encouraged to apply.

The Selection of Miss Indian World is Based On a Point System:

- Traditional Talent F resentation representation
- Public Speaking and Private Interview with Judges
- Dance Competition (expression through music)
- Raffle Ticket Sales- Special awards will be given for number of tickets sold 1000 -Portable CD Player (10% of ticket sales is returned) (10% of ticket sales is returned to the contestant) (Raffle points are used as tie breakers) 2000 -Portable Color TV 3000 -Four Day Ocean Cruise

Miss Indian World represents all Native People and serves as a goodwill ambassador to all cultures throughout the world.

Miss Indian World 2006 will be crowned April 30, 2005 at the Gathering of Nations Powwow.

For more information and an application: MISS INDIAN WORLD PAGEANT

c/o Gathering of Nations 3301 Coors Road NW. #R300 Albuquerque, NM 87120 (505) 836-2810 / (505) 839-0475 fax www.gatheringofnations.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 20, 2005 **

