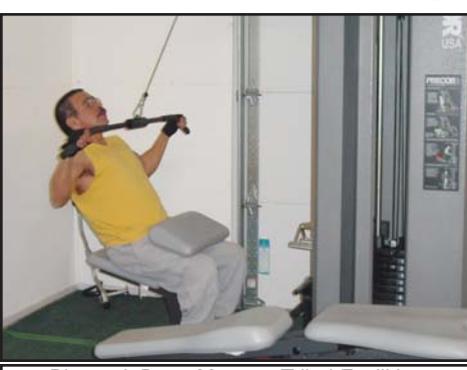


Native Way Fitness Center



Pictured: Dave Massey, Tribal Facilities Department, working out



Some of the equipment at Native Way



Pictured: Water Quality Specialist, Kira Jenson

In January of 2004, the Tribal Health Department successfully opened the Native Way Fitness Center. This project all started with an idea that Health Director, Sharon Sierzputowski and Dr. Terry Samuels shared. Their philosophy is centered on being proactive as opposed to reactive. There are two main parts to this philosophy; one is having an active lifestyle and the second is eating like our ancestors. In a sense, it's a way of preventative medicine. Sharon and "the Doc" both have similar views when it comes to disease prevention. The NWFC is the result of these similar views.

A swipe card system has been implemented to access the gym a physical release and an orientation on the equipment with the Doc, Sharon or an other specified trainer is required for membership. As with any fitness or exercise program, it is imperative that you consult your health care provider before beginning any exercise program.

Currently, there are approximately 300 cardholders who utilize the facility. The gym is open to all Tribal members and their families as well as Tribal Government Employees. The Health Department's belief is that if you include all family members, more people will participate. Since getting the whole family involved is the idea, children are an important focus with disease prevention as the goal. Studies have shown that children who watch two or more hours of T.V. a day have a higher risk for Diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. The Doc says, "If we don't get serious about disease prevention now, in the future our children and grandchildren will be facing a severe health crisis." The Diabetes and Cardiovascular disease rates among Natives are six to seven the national average! It is vital to provide opportunities to exercise targeted at our young people. Because the facility is fairly new, the equipment list is quite extensive. The gym offers use of 5 treadmills,



Pictured: Dr. Terry Samuels

5 stationary bikes, 1 elliptical trainer, 1 Stairmaster, 3 multistation weight machines, 1 Smith machine, 2 bench press stations, 1 squat rack, 900 lbs of Olympic weights, 400 lbs of standard weights, 1800 lbs of dumbbells, Ab machines, a chin up bar and a couple of exercise balls. Most of the equipment in the converted light industrial/storage area has been donated or is on loan to the Tribe. The other furnishings were obtained when Victories Hotel was renovated.

Along with the equipment available there is also an annex to the gym (another converted storage area), called Native Way Too, that offers different community classes. Currently offered, are a Martial Arts program, Rez Robics, yoga, and traditional dance classes. These classes have all had high attendance, which has sparked the Health Department to explore future classes in Pilates, Wrestling, Power Lifting, Boxing, Aerobic Kickboxing, A seminar on Jiujitsu with Reggie from Rez Robics and a general overall conditioning class.

Many people are responsible for bringing this opportunity to Tribal Members and their families but recognition should be given to Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski PA-

C, and Dr. Terry Samuels for their efforts in making this project a reality. It truly shows their commitment to Tribal Members and their families' overall health and well being. In the future, the department would like to get a larger facility similar to the "Stongheart Center" at the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Special thanks and recognition should be given to Michele Keshick RN, Community Health Nurse, Cathy Gibson, Administrative Assistant Community Health and Regina Brubacker RN Health Educator, Community Health Department. Acknowledgement should also be given to Steve Clausen, Government Facilities Director and Staff for helping with the upkeep of the facility.

If you are interested in utilizing the gym, there are a few specific points you must remember:

- You must have a letter from your health care provider
- You must be orientated to the equipment before a swipe card will be issued to you
- Hours of operation are from 5:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m.; this allows flexibility in scheduling your work out
- The gym is solely maintained on a voluntary basis so it is important that you clean up after yourself...re-rack your weights, put things away when finished. Wipe down machines when done with them
- The Native Way Too facility is also available for use by Tribal members on a key sign out basis and classes are not currently scheduled in that area.

If you have any questions regarding the Native Way or Native Way Too please call Health Department Administrative Assistant, Gwen Gasco at (231)242-1611.

Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2005

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
August 6 -	Work Session
August 20 -	Work Session
August 7 -	Council Meeting
August 21 -	Council Meeting
September - 10 -	Work Session
September 24 -	Work Session
September - 11 -	Council Meeting
September 25 -	Council Meeting
October 8 -	Work Session
October 9 -	Council Meeting
October 22 -	Work Session
October 23 -	Council Meeting

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A Good Day in the Spring, from the Desk of the Tribal Chairman

I just returned from the Pow Wow at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, The Dance for Mother Earth, where I gave a brief welcoming address on behalf of our Tribe. The Pow Wow Committee wanted a Tribal Leader to speak just after Grand Entry. As usual, many of our Tribal members were in attendance at this annual event. It was a moving experience to see so many young people working together to preserve our traditions, to show respect for the Elders and to make a place and time for Anishinaabeg to gather and celebrate creation and the reawakening that occurs each spring.

I spoke about how our future is in good hands when we see examples of leadership like this. Our future is in these hands, it is in the voices of the

singers at the drums, it is in the feet of the dancers and, most importantly, it is in the hearts of all those who participate.

When we give thanks to the Creator as we greet each day, we take another step into our future. We are taught to think seven generations into that future but this is not a specific point in time. Rather it is a point that is always moving ahead of us, much like the lighted area ahead of our car's headlights that moves ahead of us as we drive along. What we can see ahead is always changing and we must remain adaptable in order to survive.

We have a new Tribal Constitution that will become effective upon the swearing in of elected officials on September 11, 2005. This is

one of the many adaptations that our people have made over the centuries. The preserving of our heritage, the continuing practice of our cultural traditions, the constant awareness of our political surroundings and the efforts that we make to adapt to them, all of these things are what makes us a great but humble people. I'm reassured each spring, reassured each day, reassured by all that I see, that Waganakising Odawak will continue to survive long into the future.

It truly is a good day. We work each day to assure that tomorrow is a good day as well.

Miigwetch,
Frank Ettawageshik

Temporary Help Wanted

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 - Gain experience?
 - Work in the tribal community?
 - Make a little money?
 - Are you a tribal member?
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Call Today!
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LTBB Government Employment Opportunities

Police Recruit (Tribal Member)

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: ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Safety At Home: Every Second Counts

By Norm Emery Safety Coordinator

Protect your family from emergencies by developing a home emergency response plan. The following checklist may help you in developing an emergency plan for your family to follow in any disaster. If your responses to the majority of the questions asked in the checklist are "yes," then you are well on your way to developing a plan. If your answers are "no" to all or most of these questions, then develop and implement a home plan as soon as possible.

- Do you have a home emergency plan and does it cover all emergencies like fire, weather, etc.? Does your family practice it?
- Does your plan include smoke, gas and carbon monoxide detectors?
- Do you have a weather radio and do all members of your family know what the sound of signal alarm means?
- Can each member of your family tell you two ways out of your home? If your second way out of a two-story home is a window, do you need a safety ladder? If you live in a high-rise, does your family know--and practice--two ways out of the building? (Remember that an elevator is never a way out during a fire.)
- Can all members of your family operate the locks, windows and doors for escape?
- Does your family understand to leave or seek shelter when an alarm sounds?
- Does each member of your family know where to go after evacuating your home?
- Does each member of your family know who to call for help and are the telephone numbers posted?
- In a weather-related emergency, does your family know where to seek shelter?
- Escape planning and smoke detectors are essential for getting everyone out safely. Are the batteries routinely replaced?

- Does your family understand that once they are outside, they should stay outside?
- Do you have a first-aid kit and is it fully stocked?
- Do you have a fire extinguisher and is it serviced?
- Do you encourage family members to take first-aid and CPR classes?
- If needed, do members of your family know how to shut off the water, gas and electricity to your home?
- Does your plan cover who to call in case of a utility problem?
- Do you have tarps or plywood to cover openings created by a storm or fire?
- Do you have flashlights, radios, etc., and more importantly, batteries located in a central area known to all family members?
- Do you have a written inventory and photographs of all valuable items in your home? Do you have more than one copy located outside of your home?

Remember, you cannot predict when you and your family will be faced with an emergency. However, you do know that every second counts when it comes to emergency response. So be prepared for your first--or next emergency--and make every second count for your family's safety.

Checklist to Prepare for Home Evacuation

There is no way to prevent natural disasters. But preparing ahead for a possible disaster can make a life-or-death difference. If you have to evacuate your home, post a note telling the date and time, where you are going, and with whom. Bring the following items with you:

- Money
- Food
- Water
- Plates, glasses, flatware
- Battery-powered radio or TV
- Flashlight
- First aid kit

- Medications and eyeglasses
- List of valuables
- Important documents
- Change of clothes/sturdy shoes
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Keys
- Pet supplies
- **Recommended supplies you should have in a first aid kits in your home and your car?**
- First aid manual
- Emergency telephone numbers
- List of allergies and medications for each family member
- Antibiotic ointment
- Acetaminophen, ibuprofen and aspirin
- Syrup of ipecac
- Bandages and gauze of assorted sizes and roller gauze bandages
- CPR barrier devices
- Medical exam gloves
- Elastic wraps
- Adhesive tape
- Antiseptic wipes
- Cold packs for icing injuries
- Thermometer, tweezers and small scissors

Be sure to replace items after you use them, and keep the emergency kit out of reach of young children. Keep a list of emergency numbers near the telephone for police, fire and ambulance service 9-1-1, and family physicians and pediatricians. **The regional poison control center is 800-764-7661.** Prevention is the single most important aspect of first aid. Being prepared is also important. Take a first aid class and learn CPR. Someday, you may be the one to save a person's life.

Tribal members living in Northern Michigan in need of a smoke alarm or Elders in need of a Carbon Monoxide detector and or a smoke alarm are encouraged to call Norm at 231-242-1557 for further information on having a unit installed in their home.

You can now advertise in the Odawa Trails. If you are interested and would like a rate table, please contact LTBB Communications Department at: (231)242-1427.

10th Annual Walk for Sobriety

The 10th Annual Native American Walk for Sobriety will be held on Saturday, June 11th, 2005, at 8:00 AM, at the Sixth Street Bridge Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Following a brief ceremony with local speakers, participants will start the 2.5-mile walk along Monroe Ave., and proceed down to the Three Fires Pow-Wow Grounds at Riverside Park. Prizes will be awarded to the walkers. Contact Liz IsHak at Native American Community Services for more detailed information at (616) 458-4078 ext. 105.

Election Schedule

- February 1 Secretarial Election Day
- Because the Constitution passed, it goes to the Secretary of the Interior for final approval. The Secretary has 45 days to approve the Constitution and certify election results.
- March 26 Last day for Election Board to mail the Call to Election and Nomination Petition
- April 25 Nomination Petitions due back to Election Board by 5:00 p.m.
- May 10 Last day to have an approved membership on file for the General Election
- May 10 Last day to withdraw in writing from the election
- May 12 Last day for the Election Board to mail candidate information to the voting membership
- May 21 Meet the Candidates Forum
- May 25 Last day for the Election Board to mail ballots for Primary
- June 24 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
- July 5 Last day to submit in writing a challenge to the Primary Election
- July 8 Last day for the Election Board to mail ballots for the General Election
- July 23 Meet the Candidates Forum
- August 8 GENERAL ELECTION DAY
- August 18 Last day to submit in writing a challenge to the General Election
- August 22 Election Board certifies and posts results of General Election

Elected officials will be sworn in and take office at the next regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting.

Yoga Class Hours

11:00 am until 12:00 pm Mondays and Fridays.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Call Regina at 231-242-1664 to register.

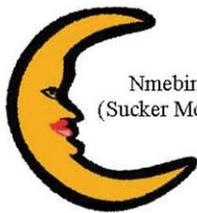
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Mnookmi (Spring)

Bekaanad, Gye Nisaap
(~different, not the same) Opposites—part 1



Nmebine Giizis
(Sucker Moon - April)

ANIMATE



Gaachiinhi
(S/he is little.)

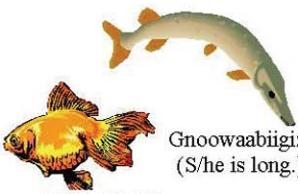
Tkoozi
(S/he is short.)



Gnoozi
(S/he is tall.)

Mdidaa
(S/he is big.)

nini (man)
chinini (big/tall man)
niniinhs (small/short man)



Gnoowaabiigizi
(S/he is long.)

Tkwaabiigizi
(S/he is short.)

giigoonh (fish)
chigiigoonh (big fish)
giigoonhs (small fish)

INANIMATE



Michaa
(It is big.)



Gaachin
(It is small.)

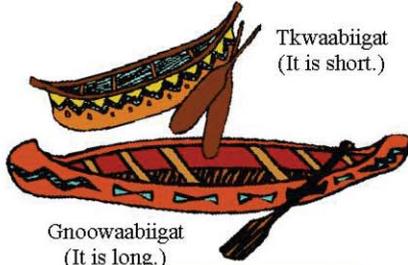
pabwin (chair)
chipabwin (big chair)
pabwaanhs (small chair)



Gnoowaa
(It is tall.)

Tkooowaa
(It is short.)

wiigwam (house)
chiwiigwam (big house)
wiigwamenhs (small house)



Tkwaabiigat
(It is short.)

Gnoowaabiigat
(It is long.)

jiimaan (canoe)
chijiimaan (big canoe)
jiimaanenhs (small canoe)



Wiina
(S/he is fat.)

Skanzi
(S/he is thin.)

ANIMATE
gaazhag (cat)
chigaazhag (big cat)
gaazhagenhs (small cat/kitten)

Vowel	Sounds like
a	bus
aa	father
e	bed
i	sit
ii	see
o	note
oo	book
nh	nasal sound

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News From the Substance Abuse Department

Linda Woods, MSW

Substance Abuse Department Director

Aanii,

The LTBB Substance Abuse Department and Mental Health Program completed a community needs survey from December 2004 to March of 2005. During this time a total of 3,156 surveys were sent out. As of March 4th a total of 546 surveys were returned, which means that 17.3 percent of the total surveys sent out were returned. This allowed for an appropriate sampling of the community's input. The Department would like to tell the membership CHI-MIIGWETCH for taking the time to return the surveys. Many of the surveys had very useful ideas and thoughts as well as many heartfelt comments about services received. The Department felt an anonymous solicitation of information by mass mailing to the adult membership would be an appropriate means of gathering data. Mailed surveys are proven to be low in cost and consume less time than other ways of gathering data on a large group of people.

You may be thinking "Why do you need to gather data about the membership?" The department posed several questions within the survey. One area asked clients if they were satisfied with the services they had received and allowed for further comment on the subject. The other part of the survey asked the membership for their thoughts on the department as well as what knowledge people have of the programs and services offered. The survey also asked for input from all adult

tribal members what services they may like to see improved or added.

At this time we have approximately 3,986 members within the tribe. According to the Surgeon General, Indian Health services, tribal clinics and hospitals frequently only serve 20% of eligible American Indians because many tribal members live away from trust lands (U.S Department of Health and Human services, 2003). Approximately 26% (1400) of our total membership lives within the tri-county area of Emmet, Charlevoix, and Cheboygan counties; this puts our Departments potential utilization above the national average. In 2004, the LTBB Substance Abuse Department and Mental Health Program served a total of 157 tribal members for substance abuse and/or mental health issues, which constitutes 11% of the eligible membership in the tri-county area.

We would like to share a small sampling of some of the thoughts and ideas that came from the surveys: 1) Post services in the Odawa Trails monthly to insure tribal members are aware of services offered, 2) Place information about services in various human service agencies and courts both tribal and state, 3) Consider evening office hours, 4) Put on more free community conferences, 5) Initiate efforts to develop a prevention program for youth and families, and 6) Continue to integrate a cultural component into the SA and MH programs.

In conclusion the majority of the surveys had very helpful and useful input. All input and opinions within the returned surveys

is greatly appreciated by the staff involved in the SA and MH programs and will be used in a respectful nature.

For each client this department serves an entire family is affected and in turn the whole community is served. It appears through the survey results that the department is upholding the values stated in the department mission statement. "It is the primary goal of this department to provide quality substance abuse and mental health treatment that will integrate and reinforce the traditional/cultural/spiritual values / norms of the Waganakising Odawa to members and clientele, and their families, who are experiencing life challenges resulting from the abuse of substances, addictions, mental health issues, and/or historical trauma. The team of qualified professionals will call upon existing resources of tribal elders, healers, traditional medicine, and spiritual leaders, as well as other trained professionals and programs."

Guiding Good Choices

In addition to the above survey results, we completed a three-day training of Guiding Good Choices parenting curriculum and we have seven (7) certified facilitators for this curriculum. We would like to advertise that we would like to offer parenting classes particularly for the parents of children ages 8-14 years of age, although all parents would be welcome to begin in May. There will be 5 sessions each 2 hours with healthy snacks provided. **We tentatively would like to schedule Tuesday May 9th as a target date. We**

will send out flyers to announce the specific date and times. We are looking at 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and begin the first session with a light meal and the final session with a light meal. This parenting curriculum is a substance abuse prevention model which teaches parents how to address substance abuse with their children and to help to prepare them for the years ahead with specific skills to refuse alcohol and drugs, how to build and strengthen the family bonds, how to address anger and develop anger expression in a way that is non-threatening. Please feel free to contact Linda Woods to find out more about this curriculum and I will be happy to explain more about this curriculum. My telephone number is: 242-1646.

CARF

More exciting news - we were just notified from the accreditation organization, CARF that we have been awarded a three-year accreditation for complying with the standards CARF has set for Behavioral Health. In addition, CARF awarded our department Exemplary Conformance to the Standards in the areas of:

The organization conducts an extensive market analysis of the Odawa tribe to determine the survey participants' knowledge of the services provided, needs of the persons served, and accessibility to the services provided.

The organization has done a stellar job of incorporating traditional values and healing techniques into its various treatment regimen.

The organization's utilization of a cultural advisor has helped break down the attitudinal barriers to seeking treatment from persons within the tribe and within the community.

What this all means is that we are providing a service here within this department that is recognized from outside the department and from the response we received from the results of surveys, from the community as well. Certainly we have to make improvements but we are able, willing and confident that we will accomplish the goals we have set out for this year.

Services offered are;

Substance abuse outpatient assessments, counseling and referrals for adults and adolescents. Substance Abuse Counselors/Addictions/Recovery Counselors: Susan Yates, CCS, CACII 242-1644 Dawn Gallardo, MA, CACII 242-1648

Mental health outpatient assessments, therapy and referrals for children, adolescents, and adults. Mental Health Therapists: Veronica Jung, MSW 242-1647 David Kagabitang, MSW, CACI 242-1643

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For an application or more information, please call the Language Program
at 1-888-309-5822 ext. 1454, or (231)242-1454, or (231)242-1450.

Tribe Studies Culture to Teach About Land Use

By **Winnay Wernigwase**, Archives & Records Director

The Tribe received a grant from the Indian Land Tenure Foundation in 2004 that will compile information about how the tribe has used its culture to manage tribal land in the past. The purpose of the project is to use that information to inform tribal members and the tribal government about how they can possibly learn from our ancestors to make decisions about how to utilize our land today. The Archives & Records and Cultural Preservation Department is managing this project which began in October of 2004 and will end in September of 2005.

The information used in the project is being gathered from two different sources. One method involves interviewing tribal elders who were raised in rural areas of the reservation upon their own land. They will be asked questions about how they lived in relationship to the land. The other source of information will be obtained by looking at the writings and old documents about our tribal culture and history. Many of these sources are more than 250 years old and were obtained from tribal members at the time they were written.

Once this information is gathered and studied, it will be presented to the tribal community at vari-



Photo Courtesy of Archives & Records Department
Pictured are the Students from Harbor Springs High School who are associated with the Project: From Bottom Left: Justin Gavin, Jesse Oldman, Ashlee Gasco, and Alison Stav.

ous events such as the Community Meeting, Elder's luncheons, Tribal Council sessions, etc. The dates and times for these presentations will be posted in Odawa Trails beginning in May. The presentations will run through August of this year utilizing slides, maps, and pictures.

One of the most important aspects of the project is the involvement of several tribal youth who will be interviewing tribal elders and writing about what they learned from them. Their written summaries will be submitted to Odawa Trails starting in June, 2005 as another way to reach our com-

munity. The youth will also make presentations to the tribal public at various events about their experiences with the project.

Lastly, two booklets will also be created through the project geared for both adults and children. These booklets will contain maps and pictures that show the history and culture of Odawa land use.

Please help us with our efforts in passing on the story of our land use history. Be on the lookout for upcoming articles in Odawa Trails, dates and locations of our presentations, or pick up one of the booklets for you or your children later this year! Miigwetch.

Attention Black Ash Basket Makers and Ash Users!

Exotic Pest threatens to decimate white, green and black varieties of Ash Trees.

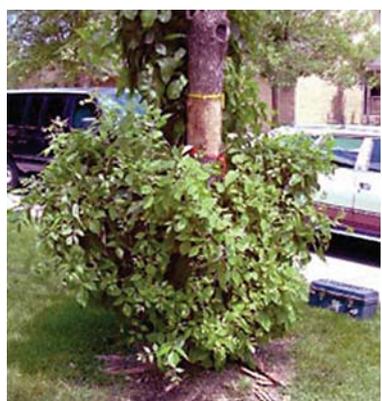
By **Doug Craven**, Natural Resources Director

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has made its way to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Reservation. The invasive menace's presence was confirmed in September of 2004 when six emerald ash borer larvae were collected from established trees that were planted two to three years prior at a development in Petoskey, MI. The insects were apparently brought to the area on infested nursery stock used for the landscaping of a new development. Eleven of twelve ash trees in the complex's plantings exhibited serious damage. Until relatively recently, the EAB was believed to have been limited in range to the southeastern counties of the state. However, there now have been several document cases of EAB throughout the Lower Peninsula. The appearance and spread of these new outlier infestations have been directly linked to human actions such as the movement of fire wood or nursery stock out of established quarantine areas.

The EAB is an exotic pest from Asia and is found primarily in China, Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Taiwan and Eastern Russia, and is not native to Michigan, or anywhere else in North America. It was first discovered in Southeast Michigan in summer of 2002.



The EAB kills ash by feeding beneath the bark in cambial tissues, the tree's water and nutrient conducting vessels and is so destructive that trees may die within 2-3 years of becoming infested. At this time, all species and varieties of ash seem to be susceptible but differences in rates of decline may become known (mountain ash (*Sorbus* sp.) is not susceptible). Trees often advance in decline, beyond salvage, in just a few months after initial infestations by the insect. If not contained, the potential epidemic resulting from the EAB could rival Dutch Elm Disease, as the insect may advance across North America. Individual homeowners will pay \$1000's each year to try to maintain their ashes or to have trees removed. It is unknown what the environmental impact will be but anytime a dominant species is lost, we should be very concerned about the stability of our ecosystem



What to look for:

Initial symptoms of EAB infestations include yellowing

and thinning foliage on branches of Ash trees. Dieback of branches proceeds until the tree dies. It has been observed that one-third to one half of the branches may die in one year. Most of the canopy will be dead in two years. Affected trees may also have vertical splits in the bark 2-4 inches long. On some trees with moderate EAB infestations, epicormic shoots (suckers) may emerge from the trunk or larger branches as an apparent recovery mechanism. In some instances woodpeckers (especially downy and hairy) become active on trees and search for larvae of the EAB. Woodpecker activity on ash trees may be the first signs of EAB infestations, particularly if noted in the winter months. Use these early signs, particularly woodpecker activity, to raise suspicions about the presence of the EAB in an area or neighborhood. Early detection is an absolute necessity if trees are to be saved and if the exotic pest is to be eradicated. Absolute confirmation of the EAB depends on



at least one of the following: D-shaped emergence holes of 1/16 inch in diameter, serpentine tunneling or the presence of the adult or characteristic larvae in infested trees. The adult beetle is a dark metallic green color, 1/2 inch in length and 1/16 inch wide.



What you can do:

The EAB has been found in several counties throughout the Lower Peninsula with highest infestations still predominately occurring in the southeast part of Michigan. As a result the Michigan Department of Agriculture has established emerald ash borer quarantine areas. All of the following counties are quarantined: Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw, Wayne, Monroe Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, and Saginaw. Additionally, several "outlier" areas found in various counties outside of the southeastern county core area have also been quarantined including the area associated with the Petoskey EAB discovery. The "outlier" infestations are believed to be the result of artificial spread of the insect (movement of infested ash material). Under this quarantine ash trees, branches, logs (including black ash logs intended to be used for basket making), and firewood may **NOT** be lawfully moved outside of the quarantine area (including the designated outlier areas) unless movement is approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). Similar restrictions apply to ash lumber and ash wood chips larger than

one inch in diameter (wood chips less than 1" are exempt).

The LTBB Natural Resource Department is asking that you comply with this quarantine. Signs of infestation may not be immediately apparent. Firewood and black ash logs may appear healthy and not visibly infested, however, they may still carry the EAB larvae in its dormant stage. In addition to being unlawful it is irresponsible, so please do not help further the spread of this aggressive pest by moving firewood, black ash logs and/or ash products from the quarantine areas.

Finally, if you are in the quarantine area and are unsure of tree's species or the type of firewood you have, please feel free to contact the MDA at 1866-325-0023. Further addition is available on the web at www.michigan.gov/mda

Additionally, if you encounter evidence or signs on an infestation within the 1836Ceded Territory or the LTBB Reservation please call LTBB's Natural Resource Department or Environmental Service Department at (231) 242-1670 and (231) 242-1574 respectively.



Elder's Beware

By **Warren Petoskey**, Elder's Program Coordinator

Aanii LTBB Elders,
We received a call from one of our Elders concerning some repair work performed at his home. A man, who claimed to be a contractor, was hired to alter a bathroom removing a tub and replacing it with a tiled shower. The man charged the couple eight hundred dollars up front to initiate the work and added another eight hundred before it was finished. Essentially, the Elder couple was scammed out of \$1600.00. The tile is broken and unsealed. The work was never completed and the water is running through the tile into the foundation of the home. Repeated calls to the "contractor" have been unanswered. Upon further investigation, the contractor is not licensed or insured and is in the process of filing bankruptcy.

I would like to offer some suggestions to help ensure that

this does not happen to any more of our Elders. If you are planning to do some renovations to your home and you are going to employ a contractor, you have a right to see his license. You also should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Division to make sure the license is valid. It is a good idea to get more than one estimate. Ask for references and those references should be other businesses, such as a hardware store, Home Depot, or Lowe's. If the contractor is well-known, these businesses will know who they are and have an idea what kind of work they do.

In this case, the "contractor" was referred to the Elder by a friend.

If you are considering some home repairs and would like some advice, please call the LTBB Housing Director, Deleta Smith, at 1-231-242-1542.

Miigwech!



2005 Annual Community Meeting

Please join the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council and Governement Operations at the 2005 Annual Community Meeting to be held Saturday, May 7, 2005

**Location: Harbor Springs, Middle School
800 State Road
Harbor Springs, Michigan**

For more information call: (231) 242-1406

Lunch will be served and door prizes will be awarded!

Departmental and programs will provide a resource fair; Tribal Council, Legal, Casino, and Commissions/Committees/ Boards will offer presentations.

Do you have what it takes to be the next Miss Odawa

If you think you have what it takes... We are looking for Odawa Kwezehns

- Between the ages of 13-17
- Knowledgeable in all aspects of their Odawa heritage
- Have a positive attitude
- Dance and participate in Pow Wows
- Be a role model for all Native American Youth
- Be able to represent the Odawa People



Reigning Miss Odawa Alicia Shomin-Shenoskey

Princess Contest Requirements:

- 500 Word Essay
- Public Speaking
- Interview
- Dance Exhibition

**For more information please contact:
Regina Gasco
(231) 242-1574 or
(231) 487-1689**



Meet Juanita Rogers of the Executive Department

By **Dale Lamereaux**, Victories Casino

Meet Juanita Rogers of the Executive Department at Victories Casino. Juanita is an LTBB member and has been selected as the new Operations Director who is second in command. The first General Manager, Jim Rider hired her and gave her five days to report for work. She has been a Shift Manager since August 9th, 1999. We can be sure she knew where she wanted to be - home with her people getting it together! She said that she was working at the Soaring Eagle as a slot supervisor for three years and when this opportunity presented itself, she was very excited and did not need to "think" about it.

She has been married to her husband, CJ, for 14 years and they have two sons named Brandon and Eric. They are the proud grandparents of "many" grandkids. She has two "wonderful" daughters-in-law (Sherri and Crystal) that she thinks the world of, and they make her sons very happy and that is awesome to her and CJ. She is originally from the Pinconning area around Saginaw Bay. She has two sisters named Kira Jensen, who works for the LTBB as the Water Quality Specialist, and Lisa Jensen who lives in South Carolina.

When Victories first opened she says it was chaos, so many loose ends like policies and procedures for internal issues, little to no office space, staffing as best they could. Everyone pitched in and made the place rock right from the start. The grand opening was a particular highlight for her despite the brief closing. She and her family managed to get by during the initial "bump in the Victories road". She knew where her destiny was. She is here for the long run and has every intention of doing her job to the best of her abilities and to continue to make Victories the best place in Northern Michigan to work.

Juanita and CJ have a hobby of kayaking all over the place for the last 10 years or so. They both own an ocean-going kayak that is 17 feet



Photo Courtesy of Amanda Keller, Victories Casino
Pictured: Juanita Rogers Operations Director at Victories Casino

long. They intend to get a couple of river kayaks that are shorter and maneuver better in the rivers and streams. Her most memorable kayaking experience was when their kayak flipped over with her granddaughter in it! She righted the boat immediately and her granddaughter said she was never worried because her Grandma was with her.

She and CJ want to go to Hawaii! CJ wants to go stand on the edge of a volcano and look in and also go snorkeling; Juanita wants to go to a real Hawaiian Luau and see the fire twirlers. The volcano sight seeing is not her #1 priority once she gets there. We hear you! Three years ago she took her granddaughter to the Magic Kingdom in Florida for 5 days and 4 nights where they stayed at the Coronado Springs Resort. She says it was the most beautiful place she has ever seen and the most fun she has ever had. They went on this one ride called the "Tower of Terror" where you get in an elevator and they drop you 13 stories and stop the elevator 3 times in the process. Then when they open the doors you are way above the ground and can see all of the Magic Kingdom, although you are

scared stiff! Her granddaughter was really scared and they got a picture of her just scared silly. A keeper for sure! Now she has to take the rest of the grandkids there also and she can't wait! When she retires, she is going to work at Disney because it is the happiest place on earth!

Overall, Juanita takes the success and future of Victories very seriously. She encourages everyone to take advantage of any educational opportunities available. She is very supportive of the Career Development Program and looks forward to mentoring a Tribal Member for the future. She is very excited about Victories 2 and knows that there is room for everyone who wants to stay at Victories for the long haul, that it will be extremely worthwhile for them to continue to contribute to the Mission. She wants to leave her "handprint" on Victories and know that she has been an integral part of the Tribe's seven generation plan that our kids will inherit, both tribal and non tribal in this community. She looks forward to meeting as many as she can and invites everyone to stop her in her tracks and introduce yourself. If you don't already know her, she would be honored to get to know you.

Meet Melissa Wiatrolik Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Administrator



Melissa Wiatrolik, Administrative Assistant

Aanii,
My name is Melissa Wiatrolik, and I am the new Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Administrator. My parents are Deborah Martin (Wiatrolik) and Steve Wiatrolik. My Grandparents were the late Lorraine (Doodles) Feathers and Bill Smith.

My children and I just recently relocated back home approximately a year and half ago. My daughters name is Alicia Hooper-Wiatrolik and my son is Jordan Hooper-Wiatrolik. Upon returning

home, I was hired as the Tribal Receptionist and recently moved to my new position. I will be graduating from Bay Mills Community College with my certificate of Proficiency in Waganakising Odawa Business and Technology Training Program. In

the summer, I plan to enroll in North Central Michigan College to obtain my Associates Degree, working towards my Bachelors. I hope to have a bright future working for the LTBB Tribal Government.

I enjoy spending time with my family and being outdoors. If you need to schedule an appointment with the Tribal Administrator, please call me at: 231-242-1420. I look forward to meeting Tribal members and reacquainting myself with those of you I already know.



Meet Tammy Gasco Tribal Receptionist



Tammy Gasco, Receptionist

Aanii, my name is Tammy Gasco. I'm the new Tribal Government Receptionist. My parents are Mary L. Gasco and the late Vernon Gasco. In my past I've worked at all different sorts of places; from dishwashing, to boat cleaning, then to sales associate. I am overall thrilled to work with the Tribe and work for the Tribal Government. In my time here I am hoping to learn more about our people's beliefs, language, and culture. Chi-Miigwetch!

Freedom From Smoking

Sponsored by the LTBB Health Department in cooperation with the American Lung Association of Michigan

Another 7-week program to help you quit smoking is beginning soon. It is FREE to all LTBB employees, Tribal members, and family members.

Starting Monday, April 25, 2005
in the CBC Conference Room 312
located at the Government Complex

All classes will begin at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Lunch will be provided.

NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY will be available to participants.

MEETING DATES:

- Session 1 Monday, April 25, 2005
- Session 2 Monday, May 2, 2005
- Session 3 Monday, May 9, 2005 COMMIT TO QUIT day
- Session 4 Wednesday, May 11, 2005
- Session 5 Monday, May 16, 2005
- Session 6 Monday, May 23, 2005
- Session 7 Monday, June 6, 2005



CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED!!!
Call Gwen Gasco at (231)242-1611 to sign up

Cross Deputization



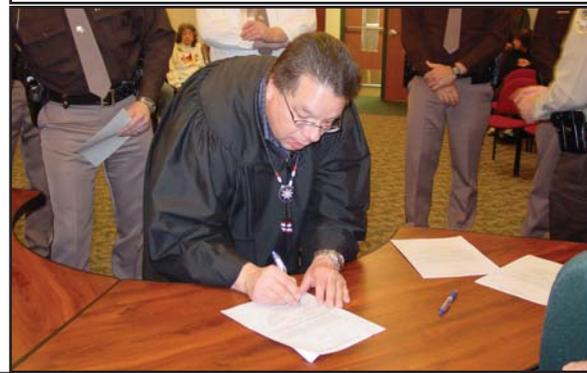
Top: Charlevoix County Deputies taking their oath
Bottom: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Charlevoix County Sherriff Lasater and Tribal Council Treasurer Alice Yellowbank gifting the Sherriff with a blanket



Top: LTBB Law Enforcement Deputies taking their Oath
Bottom: LTBB Tribal Judge Petoskey signing the document



Tribal Police has renewed the Charlevoix County Deputization giving state authority to Tribal Police and allowing Charlevoix Deputies to assist with Tribal Authority in emergencies. The deputization is now a four year agreement instead of year to year. At this point, both the Emmet and Charlevoix deputizations provide seamless law enforcement for the Reservation.



LTBB Martial Arts Club



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Samuels
Pictured: Waganakising Martial Arts Club

On Saturday March 26th, fifteen students of the Waganakising Martial Arts Center tested for their yellow belts. Grand Master B.C. Yu, an 8th degree black belt and founder of the Tae Kwon Do Institutes of America, and his wife traveled up from Ann Arbor to oversee the testing. Everyone who tested passed the test and received their yellow belts. Congratulations to Jim Fisher, Bill Denemy, Regina Brubacker, Kathryn McGraw, Chris Lynn, Fiona Banfield, Kathleen Willis, Taylor Fisher, Connor Kroswek, Michael Keshick, Alex Fisher, Chris Lynn Jr., Corey Bailey, Jared Willis and Derek Willis. Family members of the students

were allowed to observe the tests, and other than some opening night nerves, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. A feast was held at the Commons area afterward to honor Master Yu and the students.

I would like everyone to know that Master Yu informed us that we are unique among the twenty or so clubs around the state that he monitors. Nowhere else has he seen the sense of community we share, the support we give each other, and our strong ethic of competitiveness. These are all qualities we share because we are not just Aanishnabek, but because we are Waganakising Odawak. We



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Samuels
Master D.C. Wu

would like all Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawas to congratulate themselves on our unique character.

Also, the class would like to thank Michele Keshick and Tony Davis for their support. It wouldn't have been the same without you.

Newly Forming Waganakising Fire Keepers Group

A newly forming group of Fire keepers are looking for new interested members. New Members are needed with no experience necessary. If you are interested you may contact any of the following current members:

- Paul Booth (231) 347-6569
- Matt Davis (231) 597-8519/ Cell 231-838-9739
- Joe Mitchell (231) 242-1451
- Michael Smith (231) 242-1406/ Cell (231) 838-4169
- James Gasco (231) 838-3259
- Joe Kishigo (231) 242-0184
- Thomas Tuethorn (231) 548-4413
- Patrick V. Naganashe (231) 242-0970
- J.D. Gibson (231) 348-5875
- Steven Oldman Sr. (231) 242-0540

This group is also in need of the following items: Ice Shanty, 4 Insulated Coveralls & 4 Rain Coats, Stocking Caps, Gloves, 4 Pair of insulated boots, Wool Socks, Tobacco, Sage, Cedar, Sweet Grass, Birch Bark, Fire Wood, Stick Matches, Folding Chairs, 10 Cinder Blocks, 4 Tarps, Wood for Benches (enough for 3 benches-12 foot long), Screws, Bolts, Storage Shed with shelves, 2 Shovels, 1 Pick, 1 Rake, Pitchfork, Chainsaw, Ax, Thermos for Coffee and Water Jug, Windbreaker/Jackets for members with Logo (members to decide) All fire tenders who tend 2 separate fires will earn a jacket.

If you can donate any of the above listed items, please contact a member of the current group. Miigwech



Attention Tribal Members
The Enrollment Office Will be Closed May
May 12 and 13th for Enrollment Training.

Please Plan Enrollment business accordingly. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Hunter's Safety Classes Offered

DATES: July 21, 22, 23, 2005

Time: 6-9pm on the 21st and 22nd and 10-1pm on 23rd. Location: Natural Resource Department.

Count: First 20 students, registration closed on July 14th. With the successful completion of this course, a Michigan Hunter Certification will be obtained.



Hunters Education Course (Certification) Safety for ages 12 or who will be 12 or during the upcoming hunting season should receive priority. Younger students may be accommodated as class size allows. Students under 11 years of age shall be accompanied by a parent or guardian or other adult, designated and provided by the parent or guardian, during the course.

Please contact the Natural Resource Department for your reservation, remember first come first served (only 20). 1(231)242-1670.

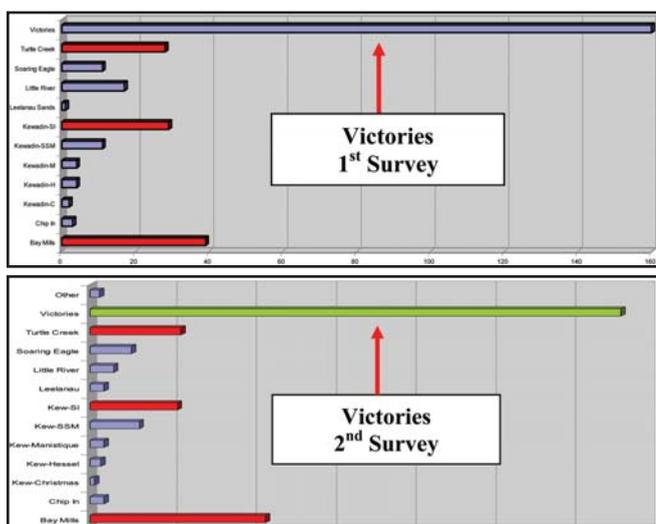
You Can't Make This Stuff Up

By Dale Lamoreaux, Victories Casino

It seems that at the end of the day, it is what the Guest thinks that matters. Oh sure, the day brings issue after issue, challenge after challenge and in reality, too many to number. But guess what? We waded through them as a team. We get the THRILL going and we work through them. That's what we do and we are very good at it-according to the Guest. Our last two annual Guest surveys reveal a consistent pattern of experience and perceptions from our Guests towards us. They love us! One must wonder what causes that when there are so many choices, so many gaming properties with so much more pizzazz and oomph. They have entertainment complexes, conventions centers, waterfalls, incredible hotels, lovely lobbies, incredible architecture and the list goes on. We have a converted bowling alley. Yikes! Don't you just love being the underdog? Guest surveys don't lie; the guest has no vested interest in hurting or not hurting our feelings. While other properties may be strategically located to larger populations and their revenue reflects it, the majority of them have little to no Team Member pizzazz - oomph - we're talking personalization here. For the last two surveys running, the Guests say that we are MICHIGAN'S FAVORITE CASINO by a country mile!

Looking closer at the other properties investments in their buildings, staffing, promotions and all the rest of the expenses, with all their star advertising power they don't even come close to what we offer as a "Guest Experience". The two charts below provide a big picture overview of our reality. Keep in mind that the average Gaming Guest will travel to get where they want to go and are usually capable of spending their fair share once they get where they want to go.

Which leads to another crucial point that is truly worthy of embedding in our hearts and minds. The 70/30 sometimes maybe 80/20 possibly 60/40



rule. Regardless of the ration, it breaks down very simple; it is not impossible (according to multiple ongoing database studies from numerous player tracking systems over the years) and likely probable that 70% of our rev-

enue can come from 30% of the Guests. Did you catch that? That's right, one more specific "thing" we can do well (among the many we already do to reap the results we earn as a team) is to take care of the WHALES, TUNAS and OTHER LARGE FISH once we understand their importance to our quality of life. Does that mean that we can forget to feed the MINNOWS? The MINNOWS made us and "qualified" us to the public as the FAVORITE Casino with their free Word of Mouth advertising, continual support and gracious acceptance of us. Will the economy go up and down? Yes. Will some places never learn? Yes. Will the Guest ever vote Victories out of the #1 spot as MICHIGAN'S FAVORITE CASINO? NEVER! We would have to absolutely fall apart just to get any of the rest of them in the running. Feels good eh? The world loves a winner and has no time for a loser. We have a win-win situation firmly established and it is no stretch of imagination to say with all sincerity and objectiveness, we are the champions hands down and we are "the competition".

The above article appeared in the Employee Newsletter at Victories Casino and was deemed "News worthy to you the LTBB Tribal Member!"

Housing Department Earns Recognition



Pictured: LTBB Housing Department Employees From Back Left: Deleta Smith Housing Director; John Givens, Finance Specialist. Left Front: Julie Shananaquet, Occupancy Specialist and Maggie Gasco, Administrative Assistant

By Deleta Smith, Housing Director
On February 28th, 2005 the LTBB Housing Department received a recognition award from the Roscommon County Habitat For Humanity program.

This award comes from a partnership that provided an opportunity for a Tribal family living in Roscommon County to obtain a new home.

"Partnering with other Housing Agencies provides us the means to deliver services that we wouldn't have to chance to do otherwise. We are always looking for avenues to expand or add to the services we currently offer. John Givens, our Finance Specialist, and Albert Colby, our Tribal Administrator, deserve a lot of the credit for this accomplishment as they are the ones that put forth the most effort in the process. Without the dedication of staff and the teamwork they provide we could not accomplish dispensing the services we do on a daily basis. We are fortunate to have a team of individuals who are committed to the community by providing services to the number of households that we do with the limited funding available to us. Miigwetch to all on a job well done."

Last year the Housing Department was able to provide services to 85 Tribal households through our programs: Down Payment Assistance, Home Improvement, Short Term Rental, Foreclosure Prevention and Indian Health Services well water and sanitation program.

Public Meetings for Master Land Use Plan Scheduled

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians will be holding a series of public meetings around the state again this year, to obtain feedback on the draft findings of the master land use plan for the 1855 reservation area.

Meetings are tentatively scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at:

Friday, May 6th, 2005 at the Administration Complex;

Wednesday, May 18th, at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel on Ann Street in Grand Rapids;

Thursday, May 19th, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing; and

Thursday, May 26th, at the Chip In Island Resort in Harris

All meeting locations are subject to change. If there are any changes, signs will be posted at the locations noted here. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Planning Department at 231-242-1580.

The LTBB Health Department is asking any Tribal Member or LTBB employee who is not using their Access Card Key to the Native Way gym to turn them into the Health Department White House to be re-issued to other Tribal Members to use. These Access cards are very expensive and we would like to get the most use out of the cards already issued. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Gwen Gasco at (231)242-1611.

The LTBB Health Department is proud to present:

WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY 2005

Where: Mskiki Gumik Health Clinic
located at 3434 M-119, Suite C, Harbor Springs, MI

When: Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Services being offered:

Annual Women's Health Exams

Massages

Door Prizes!!

Hair Cuts

and much, much more!!!

Do it for yourself and the ones you love

To schedule an appointment, call Dawn at (231)242-1700.

Kings Inn of Mackinaw City will be opening for the 2005 season on May 1st. Our clean, comfortable rooms are affordably priced for vacationers to the Straits area. Our heated pool will be open in June for our guests. We offer an expanded continental breakfast from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. We are next door to Mackinaw's newest attraction, Thunderfalls Water Park.



INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR LTBB?

LTBB Human Resources is starting a database of LTBB Tribal members who are interested in working for the LTBB Government. To be included in this database, send us a resume and letter which includes your fields of interest. IMPORTANT: We need an email address so that we can email you when a position becomes available that meets your interests.

Please check our website, www.lttbodawa-nsn.gov for current openings within the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Government. Or call our toll-free job hotline at 1-866-582-2562. Job postings are updated every Friday.

Send your resume and letter to: LTBB Human Resources
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740



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.

May 16, 2005	June 20, 2005
July 18, 2005	August 15, 2005
September 19, 2005	October 17, 2005
November 21, 2005	
December 19, 2005	

Health Commission

May 9th, 2005	June 13, 2005
July 11, 2005	August 8, 2005
September 12, 2005	
October 10, 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.

Housing Commission

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

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.

Jiingtamok (Pow Wow) Committee

May 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

May 21, 2005	May 22, 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 8, 2005	October 9, 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.

Election Board Scheduled Meeting Dates

May 10	5:00 pm	CBC Room 312
20	6:00 pm	CBC Room 312
21		Meet the Candidate Forum
June 3	6:00 pm	CBC Room 312
17	6:00 pm	CBC Room 312
24		Primary Election
July 5	6:00 pm	CBC Room 312
22	6:00 pm	CBC Room 312
23		Meet the Candidate Forum
August 8		General Election
22	6:00 pm	CBC Room 312

Tribal Directories

The Enrollment Office has Tribal Directories for sale to LTBB members \$5.00 Make checks payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

Elders Program News

By Warren Petoskey, LTBB Elder's Program Coordinator

Aanii Elders of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians,

We are beginning to see ambassadors announcing the arrival of Spring. There was a time when we, as a people, looked to the signs announcing the changing of seasons rather than a calendar announcing the coming of April and May. Mother Earth has been blanketed by the snow as she has rested through the Winter season. As the weather warms the plants and animals will come alive with the arrival of the songbirds and the budding of the flowers and trees. The Robins and Sandhill Cranes will sing heralding their arrival, as well as the changing of seasons. It has been so since the beginning of time.

We have received three inquiries concerning creating the opportunity for us to come to your area, meet each of you and listen to your suggestions and the issues you feel need to be addressed, as well as give you information on current events. We are in the process of creating a quarterly calendar that will be published in the Odawa Trails Newsletter listing events and travel opportunities related to the Elder's Program.

We are in the process of planning two potluck luncheons, one in Lansing, Michigan and the other in the Grand Rapids area. We would also like to plan potluck luncheons in the Detroit, Escanaba and Mt. Pleasant areas as well. We need volunteers in those areas who could help establish a site for the luncheon and be contact people in a coordinated effort to see these luncheons take place. We will send out notices to those Elders living in the State of Michigan outside the 27 county service area regarding the dates, times and locations. We hope that you will be able to attend at least one of the luncheons. It is also our intention to do this at least once a year. If we have enough advance notice we will published the locations, dates and times in the Odawa Trails as well.

We are going to begin mailing out the

Food and Utility Reimbursement Applications in mid to late April. The closing date for receiving those applications and receipts will be August 31, 2005. The amount of reimbursement has increased from last year to \$200.00 for each category. It is important that each of you fill out the application in full. We can only offer reimbursement for food items; no alcoholic beverages, pet food, or tobacco products can be included. The utility reimbursement requested is for heat, electric, water, or trash removal with business invoices reflecting the expense (we have accepted bank statements for those Elders who have their utilities withdrawn from their bank accounts). No handwritten receipts are acceptable nor copies of personal checks.

Just a reminder, last year we received numerous applications back that were not signed or no receipts or copy of tribal I.D. We will not do a second mailing due to the excessive expense involved in the extra processing of these applications. In the event you do not receive an application by May 18th, 2005, contact us and we will mail out another application.

We received three applications last year where individuals attempted to collect twice. For this to have occurred the individual's had to make copies of the application sent. This year should that happen again, the names of the individual's attempting to get a double reimbursement will be removed from the reimbursement program for 2006.

We are continuing to grow as a program in an attempt to provide services and information to all of our LTBB Elders. It isn't all that long ago when there was nothing available for any of us. The growth of the program is a testimony to the LTBB Tribal Council who is committed to serving you and trying to meet some of your needs.

We hope you are well, safe and warm.
Baamaapii Gwaabmem LTBB Kikaajik,
Warren

Tribal Telephone Directory

Tammy Gasco, Receptionist.....231-242-1400

Tribal Administration
Melissa Wiatrolik, 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.....242-1426

Economic Development Department
Susan Swadling, EDD Assistant.....242-1582

Education Department
Beverly Wernigwase, Administrative Assistant.....242-1480

Elders Department
Tina Sutton, Elders Program Assistant.....242-1423

Enrollment Department
Linda Keshick, Administrative Assistant.....242-1521

Environmental Department
Regina Gasco, Environmental Assistant.....242-1574

Facilities Department
Steve Clausen, Facilities Manager.....242-1532

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

Housing Department
Margaret Gasco, Administrative Assistant.....242-1540

Human Resources Department
Susan Gasco, Human Resources Representative.....242-1555

Legal Department
Su Lantz, Legal Assistant.....242-1407

Law Enforcement Department.
Tribal Police.....242-1500

MIS Department
Ed Nephler, MIS Technician.....242-1534

Planning Department
Vacant, Administrative Assistant.....242-1588

Tribal Court
Linda Harper, Court Clerk.....242-1462

Tribal Health Clinic
Dawn Kilpatrick, Receptionist.....242-1700

Health Department
Gwen Gasco, Administrative Assistant.....242-1611
Cathy Gibson, Community Health Outreach.....242-1601
Owen LaVeque, Transportation.....242-1602
Kathleen Willis, Contract Health Receptionist.....242-1607
Heidi Bosma, Maternal Child Health Outreach.....242-1614

Human Services Department
Theresa Chingwa, Administrative Assistant.....242-1621
Regina Kiogima Sr., BGN Outreach Worker.....242-1627

Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department
Jenifer Wilson, Office/Intake Coordinator.....242-1642

Natural Resources Department
Fiona Banfield, Administrative Assistant.....242-1670

Harbor Springs Symposium

The Second Annual Harbor Springs Symposium has the topic this year of **Native Voices**. Important American Indian writers, artists, storytellers, and craftspeople will be holding workshops from June 9th through June 11th. The keynote speaker is well known Odawa/Ojibwe author, Simon Otto. The symposium site is the Birchwood Inn overlooking Lake Michigan outside of the resort town of Harbor Springs, Michigan. Directions, rates, and other important details can be accessed through their web site at: <http://www.birchwoodinn.com>. Hotel rooms are to be reserved individually through the Birchwood Inn at 1-800-530-9955. Please identify yourself as being with the "Harbor Springs Symposium." The cost of the workshops and all activities is \$150.00 payable at the Symposium. Hotel rooms and meals are not included.

TENTATIVE 2005 "NATIVE VOICES" SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 9th, 2005

- 5:00 PM - Sign in
- 6:00 PM - Wine and cheese reception
- 7:00 PM - Dinner at next-door Lorenzo's restaurant

Friday, June 10, 2005

- Breakfast at Birchwood Inn for registered guests, others on their own
- 9:00 AM - Gather in main room for greetings and introductions
- 10:00 AM - Andrea Otto and Katherine McGraw available

for massage or to schedule appointments

10:00 AM - Walk in nearby Thorne Swift Park with Vicky Lynn, Native plant and herbal medicine specialist

Noon - 1:30 PM - Picnic lunch outside at Birchwood Inn

1:30 PM - Marge May, local historian and former teacher, slide show of Emmet County Odawa portraits from nineteen-thirties through the nineteen-sixties

3:00 PM - Raymond and Mary Jane Kiogima, local Odawa community leaders, will demonstrate the making of Indian Corn Soup and discuss other topics like the Odawa language. Ray has written an Odawa dictionary and grammar.

4:00 - 6:30 PM - Free time to swim in the pool, walk, read, shop, meditate, socialize, or just take a nap

6:30 PM - Meet in lobby to go to Lorenzo's for dinner

8:30 PM - Main meeting room, Simon Otto, noted Ojibwe/Odawa author and traditional storyteller, is the keynote speaker.

10:00 PM - Campfire with storytelling and reading by participants of symposium

Saturday, June 11th, 2005

Breakfast at Birchwood Inn for registered guests

9:00 AM - Writing workshop with Simon Otto, author of four books, and Bill Dunlop, Odawa author of The Indians of Hungry Hollow

10:30 AM - Quillwork workshop with Yvonne Walker-Keskick, Odawa craftsperson whose work is exhibited in both the Heard and Smithsonian Museums

Noon - Go to Harbor Springs for picnic on waterfront

1:30-3:30 PM - Tour in individual cars guided by Constance Cappel with stops at the Andrew J. Blackbird Museum, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Governmental Complex, and Good Hart/Middle Village, former L'Arbre Croche area

3:30 - 4:30 PM - Warren Petoskey will give a multimedia show with comments

6:30 PM - Meet in lobby for dinner

9:00 PM - Native Voices panel: Simon Otto, Bill Dunlop, Yvonne Walker-Keskick, Warren Petoskey, and Constance Cappel, moderator

10:30 PM - Campfire with storytelling and readings



Tribal Court Presentations and Community Talking Circles

Share Your Thoughts on Tribal Justice

Learn about Tribal Court's Efforts to Develop a "Peacemaking" System.

LTBB Odawa community members are invited to attend any or all of the scheduled presentations. Hear and contribute ideas for developing new justice processes that would be built on LTBB Odawa culture, traditions and values. Each presentation concludes with a Talking Circle.

- Tues. May 3, 2005 4:00p.m.
- Thurs. May 12, 2005 1:00 p.m.
- Tues. May 17, 2005 6:30 p.m.
- Tues., May 24, 2005 6:30 p.m.

(One additional presentation may be scheduled)

Most presentations and Talking Circles will be in the courtroom.

For more information contact:
Dawn Shenoskey or David Keller
At (231) 242-1462

"Cooking with Commodity Foods"

The Food Distribution Program will hold a trial demonstration cooking class for those interested in learning quick and easy meals utilizing foods that are part of a monthly issuance.

You do not have to be participating with the Food Distribution Program to participate in our class.

This will be a 9 week session that will begin July 1st and end on August 26th. Topics will vary from meal planning to how to modify a recipe to make it more healthy. This will be a demonstration cooking class, where participants will get a chance to learn about nutrition and learn some helpful, simple techniques to make quick and easy meals. Class will run from 6:00 pm - 8:00pm, no cost to participate.

If you answer yes to one or all of these questions, then this class is for you:

- Are you tired of the same old meals day-in and day-out?
- Want to learn simple shortcuts that will cut your cooking time down?
- Want to change your diet but didn't know how?

We Can Provide Answers To Questions Such As:

- What foods raise my cholesterol level?
- Which foods are high in sodium?
- What fast foods are healthier choices?
- How can I lose weight?
- Do you have healthy recipes?
- What should I feed my kids?
- How much fat can I have in my diet?
- How can I cook healthy foods on a tight budget?



Contact Community Resources for more information or to enroll at 231-242-1626.

Due to limited space, class size will be limited to the first 10 people to contact my office.

If this demonstration class is successful, this may become a weekly activity offered by the Food Distribution Program.

If you would like information about the Food Distribution Program, please contact Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Attn: Community Resources
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Or call: Theresa Boda at 231-242-1626

Easy Corn Chowder

*Indicates that these items are available through the Food Distribution Program.

- 2 cups peeled & diced potatoes
- 1/2 cup celery, diced
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1 can creamed corn*
- 1 can whole kernel corn*
- 1 can evaporated milk*
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

1. In a large pot over medium heat, place potatoes, celery, and onion in water to cover. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes, until potatoes are tender. Drain.
2. Return vegetables to pot with creamed corn, corn, evaporated milk, cayenne and salt over low heat. Simmer 20 minutes.

Makes 6 servings

Nutrition Information for each serving of Easy Corn Chowder

Calories	260	Dietary Fiber	3 g
Calories from fat	50	Sugar	1 g
Total Fat	5 g	Protein	8 g
Saturated Fat	3 g	Vitamin A	40 RE
Cholesterol	20 mg	Vitamin C	18 mg
Sodium	590 mg	Calcium	200mg
Total Carbohydrate	43 g	Iron	1 mg

Recipe provided by Allrecipes.com

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE

Contract Health Service (CHS) are those services provide by IHS (tribal) health care providers. Because not all services are available at the Tribal Clinic, CHS gives the eligible American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) the opportunity to obtain medical care at no cost.

Funds are appropriated by the Congress and then to each Area Office where they distributed to Tribes. CHS is not an entitlement and programs are required to operate within appropriated funds.

Access is through referral by the clinic staff (or emergency contact with IHS provider). Although the clinic provider refers clients for medically indicated care, *the referral does not necessarily authorize payment for this service*. Because funds are limited, some referrals are not within medical priorities, and may not be paid with CHS funds.

DIRECT HEALTH CARE

Direct Care are those medical services available at the tribal facility/clinic. Tribes must provide services in accordance with HIS policies and regulations. They must be fair and uniform and provided to ALL Indians who present themselves for care. It may be an Indian enrolled or otherwise of an AI/An Tribe or Group under Federal supervision or a descendant of a member of a federally recognized Tribe.

This may include medical, dental care, pharmacy services, optical, public health nursing and preventive care. Not all of these services may be available at other Indian/Tribal community clinics.

If you have any questions please call LTBB Contract Health Service

(231) 242-1600



FREE Household Hazardous Waste Drop off Day!!



The average residential home can generate as much as 100 pounds of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) in the basement, garage, and storage closets. HHW is that portion of a household product, which is no longer useable and can be harmful to the environment or to human health if not properly disposed. The best solution to the problem is to avoid buying toxic products. If you must buy toxic chemicals, try to buy just the amount needed to complete the job, or research some possible alternatives for using hazardous or toxic chemicals.

There are just three chemicals that cannot be dropped off:

- No modern Latex paints.
- No explosives and ammunition.
- No radioactive materials.



- Some common examples of Household Hazardous Waste are:
- Pesticides, including weed killers;
 - Cleaners and polishes;
 - Finger nail polish;
 - Aerosols;
 - Automotive fluids;
 - Oil paints, other finishes, and their thinners;
 - Photographic chemicals;
 - Flammables;
 - Adhesives, sealers, and tar

Both Rachel Schwarz and Regina Gasco are volunteering for Emmet County Department of Public Works Household Hazardous Waste Day. The event starts Saturday at 9:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM on June 11, 2005.

ALL HHW Drop off Days are FREE for all Emmet County Residents. There are other collection days available for you, July 30 and September 10, 2005. We encourage you to call ahead and set up an appointment.

For more information about Waste Exchange and the disposal of HHW, please contact us at (231) 242-1574 or Emmet County Department of Public Works at (231) 348-0640. More information is also available at our website: <http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/environmental/EFrameset.htm>



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Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
March 20, 2005
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle
 Smudging 9:15 a.m.
 9:30 a.m.

Executive Session: no
 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:52 a.m.

Council Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Dexter McNamara, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.
 Absent: Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley

Legal Staff Present: James Bransky, General Counsel

Staff Present: Michele LaCount-Executive Assistant, Albert Colby Jr.,-Tribal Administrator, Valerie Tweedie-Chief Financial Officer, Jaime Barrientoz-Economic Development Department Director, Barry Crowell-Casino/Hotel Controller, Heidi Yapple-Grant Writer, John Espinosa-Casino/Hotel General Manager

Commission, Boards and Committees: Denise Petoskey-Election Board Chairperson, Judy Pierzynowski-Gaming Board of Directors Vice-Chairperson

Guests: Andrew Stich, Carla McFall, Edith Teuthorn, Dollie Keway, Eleanor Barber, Margaret Hughes, Deleta Gasco Smith, Marcia Sutton, Theresa Kenny, Linda Harper, Dorothy Boda, Annette Bishupski, Barbara Morgan

Opening Ceremony: Alice Yellowbank

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to adopt the agenda as amended for March 20, 2005.
 Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley), 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to approve the minutes of March 6, 2005 as presented.
 Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley), 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to accept the Treasurer's written and verbal report as presented by Valerie Tweedie, C.F.O. for March 20, 2005.
 Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley), 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

10:10 a.m. Councilor Rita Shananaquet leaves
 10:14 a.m. Councilor Rita Shananaquet returns

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to approve the Hotline Policy and Procedures A150-00 as presented by the C.F.O. and amended during the meeting.
 Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley), 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

10:53 a.m. recess called
 11:08 a.m. meeting reconvened

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Secretary Dexter McNamara to adopt the Comprehensive Budget Amendment for 2005-01.
 Vote: 4 Yes, 2 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.), 1 Absent (Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley), 0 Abstained

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to clarify for the Tribal Membership that the budget modification just passed contains a \$6,170,837.00 for the proposed new Victories II building project.
 Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley), 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to direct the C.F.O. to develop a new financial analysis of Victories II profit margins using new data from the first two months of Victories I expansion.
 Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley), 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to accept the Tribal Administrator, Albert Colby Jr.'s, verbal and written report as presented for March 20, 2005.
 Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley), 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

11:45 a.m. Public comment opened: Andrew Stich
 11:47 a.m. Public comment closed
 12:19 p.m. Lunch recess called until 1:45 p.m.
 2:04 p.m. Meeting reconvened
 2:04 p.m. Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley arrived

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to approve the Election Board By-laws as presented by Election Board Chairperson, Denise Petoskey and amended during the meeting.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to accept the Gaming Board of Directors verbal and written report as given by Judy Pierzynowski, Vice-Chairperson for March 20, 2005.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

3:14 p.m. Councilor Rita Shananaquet leaves

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #032005-01 Resolution of support for participation in the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Child, Adolescent and Family Branch of the Center for Mental Health Services and National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health of Georgetown University, 2005 Policy Academy: "Transforming Mental Health Care for Children and Families Through Planning, Policy and Practice"
 Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
 Motion Carried

3:17 p.m. Councilor Rita Shananaquet returns

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #032005-02 Request for Funding from the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Department Fiscal Year 2005 Tribal Wildlife Grant.
 Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank

Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to adopt Resolution #032005-03 St Martins Island Historic Preservation Covenant.
 Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to adopt Resolution #032005-04 Condemning the Use of Indian Likenesses or Cultural Items as Mascots Logos or Nicknames.
 Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
 Motion Carried

3:48 p.m. recess called
 4:04 p.m. meeting reconvened
 4:04 p.m. Public Comment opened: David Shananaquet, Denise Petoskey
 4:08 p.m. Public Comment closed

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to authorize the purchase of the 7 clan paintings including copy rights, from David Shananaquet for \$15,400 to come from General Fund, prior year balance.
 4:29 p.m. recess called
 4:35 p.m. meeting reconvened
 Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley that all the 7 clan paintings being purchased from David Shananaquet will be displayed in the Tribal Council Court Room.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to place the Zoning Statute Amendment Regarding Minimum Front Set Back, on the Legislative Agenda, as sponsored by the Housing Commission.
 4:43 p.m. Councilor Rita Shananaquet leaves
 4:48 p.m. Councilor Rita Shananaquet returns
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

5:07 p.m. Councilor Rita Shananaquet leaves
 5:10 p.m. Councilor Rita Shananaquet returns

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to adopt Waganakising Odawak Statute Application of Foreign Law as sponsored by Fred Harrington, Jr.
 Motion Withdrawn

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Rita Shananaquet to place Waganakising Odawak Statute Welfare of Adults, sponsored by Fred Harrington, Jr., on the Legislative Agenda.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita

Shananaquet and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to approve the 2005 Indian Housing Plan as presented by the Housing Director and authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to approve Burial Request #A0099 in the amount of \$2,541.40.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to help sponsor the 2005 Anishinaabemowin Teg Conference being held in Sault Ste. Marie from March 31 to April 3 in the amount of \$2,000 to come from the Sponsorship line item.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to help sponsor the Native American Rights Fund in the amount of \$2,000 to come from the Sponsorship line item.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to enact Waganakising Odawak Statute Application of Foreign Law as sponsored by Fred Harrington, Jr.
 Roll Call: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law-yes, Treasurer Alice Yellowbank -yes, Secretary Dexter McNamara-yes, Councilor Rita Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley-yes
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Dexter McNamara to approve \$589.00 for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Enrollment Department for mailing expenses associated with the New Swipe Card System implementation with funding to come from the General Fund.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Secretary Dexter McNamara to direct the Enrollment Department to place an expiration date on Tribal Identification cards, expiring on birthdays, 5 years from date of issuance.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Secretary Dexter McNamara to approve funding in the amount not to exceed \$1,300 to support Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority meeting to be held at the Chestnut Valley Golf Course as outlined in their sales contract with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Department. Funding to come from the Prior Year Funds.
 Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley to approve funding in the amount not to exceed \$1,300 to support the Phase 1/NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) training scheduled for May 3-5, 2005 at Victories Hotel. Funding to come from Prior Year funds.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., and supported by Secretary Dexter McNamara to approve the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Commercial Fisher Small Grant Program Policy as amended.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. to accept the Tribal Chairman's written and verbal report for March 20, 2005.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to approve the donation of a Waganakising Odawak Tribal Flag and \$500.00 to Rosebud Sioux Tribe for the Zya Ta Paha - Hill of Warriors Memorial project, funds to come from Council Sponsorships, donations line item.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to accept the Legal Department's verbal and written report as presented by Legal General Counsel, James Bransky, for March 20, 2005.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law to approve the annual carryover of unspent funds for the Legal Department. Each year the Legal Department may budget for expenditure the cumulative amount of prior years appropriated and unspent funds. Any carryover funds not expended will be carried to future years indefinitely unless otherwise re-appropriated by the Tribal Council.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Beatrice A. Law and supported by Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley that even though some current private lands may not be required for settlement as that phrase is used in Article 13 of the 1836 Treaty, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians will not authorize its members to exercise Article 13 rights on private lands other than: (a) private lands that are open to the public for hunting, fishing, trapping or gathering under Michigan's Commercial Forest Land program or another program that requires private land to be available to the general public for hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering without permission of the owner; and (b) private lands with respect to which Tribal Members secure permission from the owner to exercise such rights. Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians attorneys are authorized to notify other parties in the U.S. v MI litigation of this position.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

6:59 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., to adjourn.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained
 Motion Carried

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:
 Approved:

Dexter McNamara, Tribal Secretary



Lines From our Membership

Student News

Aanii. The family of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa tribal member, Joe Lucier, would like to announce to the community we are proud of him and his accomplishments. Congratulations Joe on earning LSSU Deans List honors for 2004 fall semester.

Joe is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Finance & Economics. Keep up the good work Joe. We love you and support you on your Journey!

Grandma, Grandpa Flash, Mom, Chris, Sara, Chris, Becca, and Aunt Gina.

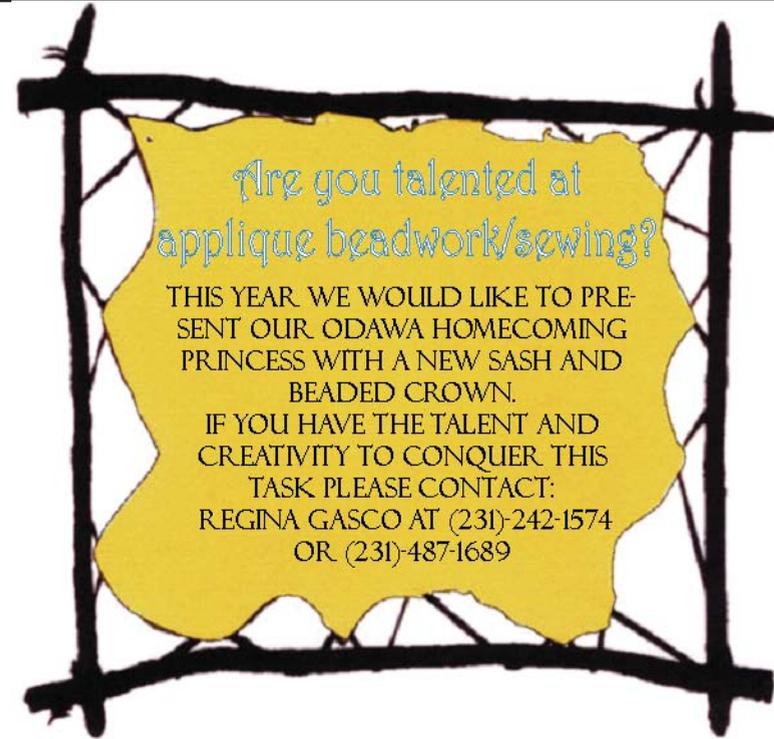
Congratulations

The family of Nicole Laughlin would like to congratulate her for winning the Harbor Springs Education Foundations Creative Writing Contest for her poem titled: Feelings Outside My Window. Nicole also was among the top six poems in her school. Nicole is a fourth grader at Shay Elementary in Harbor Springs, Michigan. You make us really proud baby girl!
Mom, Dad, Sister, Nana & Puppa, Auntie & Uncle



Speedy Recovery to you!

We would like to wish a speedy recovery to our Uncle Pickle who just recently came home from the hospital after a battle with Pneumonia. Hope to see you up and running around again soon.
Love, Manice & Cheryl



Birthday Announcements

Happy Birthday wishes to **Aunt Barb Laughlin** who celebrates her birthday on May 28th! Also **Uncle Barry Laughlin** has his birthday on May 3rd! Hope you both have a great day!
Love your nieces, Nicole & Josie

Happy Birthday to **Stevie Oldman** who celebrates his birthday on May 28th!
Love, Auntie & Uncle

Speedy,
Roses are red, violets are blue isn't this the year you turn 42??? Oh well after 40, who counts anyway?!!?!??? We just know your getting **OLD!** HA!

Happy Birthday to **Aunt Shirley Oldman** who celebrates May 9th. We love you!
Meliss, Wally, Nicole & Josie

Happy Birthday to **Nikki Laughlin** who celebrates her birthday on May 21st! We love you girl, you make us proud.
Mom, Dad and Sister

Happy Birthday to **Walter Barber** on May 29th! May you get all your birthday wishes this year! We love you lots!
Your wife and girls, Nikki and Feener

Happy Birthday to **Uncle Jeff Laughlin** in Harper Woods, Michigan. Have a great birthday.
Love your neices, Nicole & Josie

Happy Birthday wishes go out to our **Anna Mae Stead** who celebrates her special day in May! Hope you have a great year!
Love your sis, Diane

Happy birthday wishes to **Uncle Patrick Naganashe** who celebrates his special day on May 3rd! Hope you get to golf that day!
With love, Meliss, Wally, Nicole & Josie

Happy Birthday to **Mike Wiatrolik** who celebrates his birthday in May. Stop picking those grey hairs out, it's natural process when you get to be

your age!
Love your sister, Alicia & Jordan

Happy Birthday wishes to **Theresa Keshick** on May 17th! May your birthday be as special as you are to me!
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to **John Keshick Jr.** on May 27th. Hope you have a good day!
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday wishes to **Marilyn and Melvin Napont.**
Love, Aunt Mary

Happy Birthday to **Rebecca Byard Prater** who celebrates on May 29th.
Love, Grandma Mary

Happy Birthday to **Aunt Dorothy Boda** who celebrates her birthday on May 22nd. Hope this year is the best yet!
Our love always,
Meliss, Wally, Nicole & Josie

Happy Birthday wishes to **Colie Co Laughlin** on May 21st. Double digits, but not quite that pre-teen you keep telling us about! We love you!
Nana, Puppa & Greg

Happy Birthday wishes to **Grandma McNamara** who celebrates her birthday in May. We love you and look forward to many more years with you.
Love, Manice, Cheryl, Macklin and Jada

Birthday wishes to **Mary Keshick** on May 4th. We have been blessed to have such a wonderful mother and grandmother. Love Always, Linda, Kacie & Jeff

Theresa Keshick celebrates her day on May 17th. May today and always be yours! Your sis Lin, Kacie & Jeff

Birthday wishes is being sent to **"Uncle Punk"** on May 27th.-From your ever-loving, favorite niece, Kacie G.

Happy Birthday **"Mo"** on May 15. We hope you have a wonderful day.-Love, Linda, Kacie & Jeff

Happy 6th Birthday **Adam Abdallah** on May 19th.-Your cousins, Linda, Kacie & Jeff

Happy Birthday to our **Aunt Amelia Compeaux** on May 12th. We are so lucky to have many "favorite Aunties"!-Love Linda, Kacie & Jeff

Happy Birthday wishes to our friend, **Inez Rodriguez** who has her birthday on May 5th! We love you baby girl.
Love you,
Melissa, Wally, Nicole & Josie

Birthday wishes to **Jai-leah Kaminicky** who celebrates her day on May 23. Hope you have a wonderful day! -Linda K.



Last but not least, Happy Birthday wishes go out to **Jennifer Santigo** on May 27th. Hope to see you on the "Emerald Isle" in July. The Shamrock will never be the same so get ready...
Your cousins, Linda K & PC

Happy Birthday **Eileen Dennis** on 5-16-05!!!my little "soul sista"! You are so right-"The bond we have found is....ever-lasting"
Love you lots, Judy

Happy Birthday to **Nicole Laughlin** on May 21st, still waiting to see your juggling act. Have a great day!
Love, Sir Paul and Nanie

Happy Birthday to **Susan Gasco** who celebrates her birthday on May 27th!

Happy Birthday to **Willis**

Kiogima who celebrates his birthday on May 2nd! Have a great year!
Love, Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday wishes to **Alan Kiogima** who has his birthday May 25th. May you have a great year!
Love, Mom & Dad

Happy Belated Birthday to **Stephan Biro** and his brother **Mitchell Biro** in Harper Woods, Michigan. Happy 10th and 14th Birthday.
Love from your family.

Happy Belated Birthday to **Linda Thiessen** who celebrated an April Birthday! Hope you had a great day!

Happy Birthday wishes to **Shaina Biro** and her mother **Valerie Biro** who celebrate a May 5th birthday together.

Happy Birthday to **Uncle Barry** and **Aunt Barb Laughlin** who celebrate May Birthday's.
From The Biro Family

Happy Birthday wishes to **Uncle Jeff Laughlin** who has a May birthday.
Love the Biro Kids

Happy Birthday to **Uncle Chris Laughlin** who celebrates a May Birthday.
From the Biro Kids

Happy Belated Birthday to **Zachary Rivard** in Macomb, Michigan who turned 9 years old.

Happy Belated Birthday to **Aunt Sharon Miller** in Colorado. Hope you had a great birthday!
From Nieces and Nephews (Biro's & Laughlins)

Happy Birthday to 2 of my Grandsons. The 2nd of April, 21 years old for **Derek Douglas Jolly**. On the 8th of April, 13 years old for **Gregory Darion Dancz**. Grandma Jolly will have the birthday dinners as always. Love from all the relatives here in Ludington!

Happy Birthday to **Mary Keshick** on May 4th! Hope you have a wonderful year!
All our love,
Theresa, Michael & Jordan

Birthday wished to **"Uncle Punk" , aka John Keshick Jr.**, on May 27th! We won't say how young you think you are-LOL!!
Michael, Jordan and Theresa

Happy Birthday to **Marilyn and Melvin Napont** on May 15th. Cheers twice to you twins!!
Love your cousins-Theresa, Michael & Jordan

Happy Birthday to **Bart Gasco** on May 11th. Hope all your birthday wishes come true Daddy.
Love you lots,
B.J., Josh, Holly and your wife, Jody

Happy Birthday to **Inez Rodriguez** who has her special day on May 5th. We love you Miss Nezzie.
Love, Mom, Dad, Noak & Wes

Happy Birthday to **Dave Shananaquet** who celebrates his birthday in May!
Love, Your Family

Happy Birthday to **Joe Petoskey** who celebrates his birthday May 5th!

Happy Birthday to **Donna Newton** on May 23rd!

Congratulations on your **50th you Nerd!**
Love your sons,
Brian & A.J. Chingman

Happy Birthday wishes to **Andrea Reese** who has a May Birthday! May you have a great day!

Happy Birthday to my daughter **Christina!**
From Dad, Gramps & Kathy

Happy Birthday to **Arnie Walker** on May 26th! Still under 40!
Love Mom & Family

Happy Belated Birthday to **Mike Smith**. Just too good to be forgotten!

Lines From Our Membership

Tribal Member Remembered

Rae Ramsdell
4792 Sutherland Drive
Holt, MI 48842

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Government Center
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Dear Odawa Tribe:

We were deeply saddened when one of your tribe members, Carolyn Kiogima, passed away in late September. Carolyn worked in our Bureau and I had the pleasure of being her supervisor. The staff wanted to do something very special to honor her memory so a collection was taken. We collected enough money to do two special tributes.

The first tribute was to have Carolyn's name placed on the Honor Wall at the Smithsonian's Museum of the American Indian. Enclosed is the certificate to confirm that her name will be engraved on the wall in the future.

The second tribute we would like to make is the submission of a check for \$125. The staff would like the money to be used for a scholarship for one of the tribe or to support an educational event regarding your culture. Carolyn's heritage was very important to her and we hope that the money can be put to good use.

I apologize for the delay in getting the money to you but time slipped through my hands but the thought remained very vigilant. We certainly miss Carolyn and her warm smile everyday.

Sincerely,
Rae Ramsdell
Rae Ramsdell

Enc.



Photo Courtesy of Kiogima Family
Recently Deceased Carolyn Kiogima

Tribal Member Carolyn Kiogima walked on but has definitely left an impression on the world. Her co-workers thought enough of her to send the letter (left) to the Tribe. The things they did to honor her memory are appreciated.

Obituary

Myrtle Carroll, 87

Myrtle M. Carroll, 87 of Harbor Springs passed away March 31, 2005 at her home.

Mrs. Carroll was born February 1, 1918, in Cross Village, the daughter of John and Agnes (Gibson) Lasley.

She married Francis Carroll of Cross Village on June 24, 1939.

Mrs. Carroll was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church of Petoskey, also the L.T.B.B. of Odawa Indians. She was confirmed at Holy Childhood Church in Harbor Springs.

Mrs. Carroll worked at the Perry Hotel for five years, then worked for Petoskey Schools for 15 years, retiring from Petoskey High School in 1980.

Survivors include two daughters, Frieda "Diane" Carroll of Pellston, Lynn (Michael) Fulcher of Harbor Springs; two step daughters, Yvonne Walker of Pellston, Pauline Walker of Charlevoix, one step son, Levi Walker of Atlanta, Ga; three brothers, John Lasley and Duane Lasley of Good Hart and Milo "Zeke" Lasley of Harbor Springs; three sisters, Viola McNamara of Harbor Springs, Evelyn Andrews of Jackson, MI and Mary Lou Bowers of Harbor Springs; 22 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by both parents, John and Agnes Lasley; husband Francis Carroll, stepdaughters Donna Walker and Freda Schwander; three brothers, Gordon, Stanley and Roger Lasley; one sister, Frieda Lasley.

Smithsonian
National Museum of the American Indian
Certifies the Registration of

CAROLYN KIOGIMA

on the HONOR WALL of the
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN
The National Mall Washington, DC

Lawrence M. Small
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Secretary
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

W. Richard West
W. Richard West, (Southern Cheyenne)
Director
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

November 19, 2004

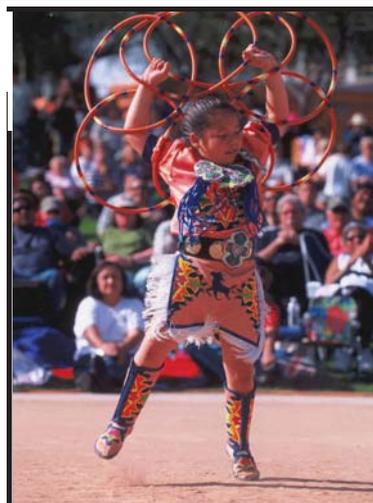


Photo Courtesy of Alice Yellowbank
Pictured: Aanzhenii Starr Bigjohn

Congratulations

World Class Hoop Dancer

The American Indian Report calls it "The Hoop Dance Super Bowl" where young and old compete for cash, trophies and honor at the 15th Annual World Championship Hoop Dance Contest. This prestigious event is held every February at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona. This year our very own, **Aanzhenii Starr Bigjohn** took 1st Place in the Youth Division. Aanzhenii competed with 23 other youth, both boys and girls in the 6-12 age division. At 8 years of age, she is the first girl to win 1st place and the 2nd female to ever win the title. Aanzhenii is a third grader at Suttons Bay Elementary school in Suttons Bay, Michigan. She is a member of the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians and participates in the MinoBimoodiziwin Hoop Dance Society where she learned the skill of hoop dancing.

Aanzhenii's mother is Kim Anderson of Peshawbestown and her father is LTBB member Cody Bigjohn, III. Proud Ookimiskak are Carla McFall and Dee Anderson. And Proud Aanaki-Ookimiskak is Alice King-Yellowbank who submitted this article and pictures.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY WHO IS BURIED HERE?



Respect the sacred places of our people-

St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission, West Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan was built by the Native Americans in 1859. The church was used by the Natives until 1880 and again in 1884-1890. Mass was celebrated each July in the Mission Church up to 2004. It has become unsafe to use. A committee for the restoration of St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission has been formed. If you can help place names on our ancestor's graves to honor them, please contact us. There are no records at the Diocese of Gaylord. Committee members include: Mary Jo Parker, Joe Hoffman Jr., Marie Boda, Don Portman, James Scott, John and Judy Barnwell, Howard and Jane Martell, Ed Brochu, and Fr. Dennis Stilwell. If you would like more information you may contact Howard and Jane Martell at 231-347-0047 or Marie Boda at 231-539-8676.

Congratulations

Tribal Community members Forrest Worthington and Greg and Jesse Oldman were three of the players along with teammates from SCIT and GTB that represented MI in the Annual Native American Youth Association (NAYO) basketball tournament that took place on March 24 & 25, 05 in Mississippi. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe sponsored the trip for twelve young men and 12 young women to participate in MI's first ever trip to the NAYO tournament.

The Michigan Boys Team coached by Kevin Ricketts, Mt. Pleasant, MI, took 2nd Place out of 30 teams from around the United States. Congratulate these young men when you see them. We are proud.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Ray and Carrie on the birth of your son, **Jimaganish Howard Martell**. He was born January 24, 2005 at 7:38 a.m., weighed 8lbs, 8ozs and was 17 1/2 inches tall. He has a brother Giizhig. Proud Grandparents are Patty Kequom and Mark Herron, Kenny and Jane Martell.

Kiogima Family Reunion

August 13, 2005 Saturday at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow

For more information Contact:
Beth Kiogima: 231-536-0138
Jane Martell: 231-347-0047
Marian Sedlek: 989-429-4798
Gary Kiogima: 231-535-2959

Descendants of John & Hattie Kiogima

Congratulations to **Michael Keshick** for achieving his yellow belt in Tae Kwon Do. Michael tested on Saturday, March 26, 2005, with Master Yu and martial arts instructor Dr. Terry Samuels. Great job Michael and keep up the good work! Love Mom



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Substance Abuse Prevention Parenting Curriculum

Parenting Classes Beginning

May 9th., 16th., 23rd. & June 6th., & 13th.
Time: 5:30 pm. to 8:00 pm.
Location: 101 Greenwood Rd. Petoskey MI

We will provide a light meal on the first & last parenting class, to celebrate our accomplishments on the last class.

We will provide light refreshments & healthy snacks on May 16th., May 23rd., & June 6th.

We will provide babysitting here, so please bring your children.

To sign up please call: 242-1640
Linda Woods, Jen Wilson or Janelle Smith



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