



# ODAWA TRAILS

December 2004

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## Tribal Treasurer's Bi-Annual Report to the Citizens of LTBBOI by Alice Yellowbank, Treasurer

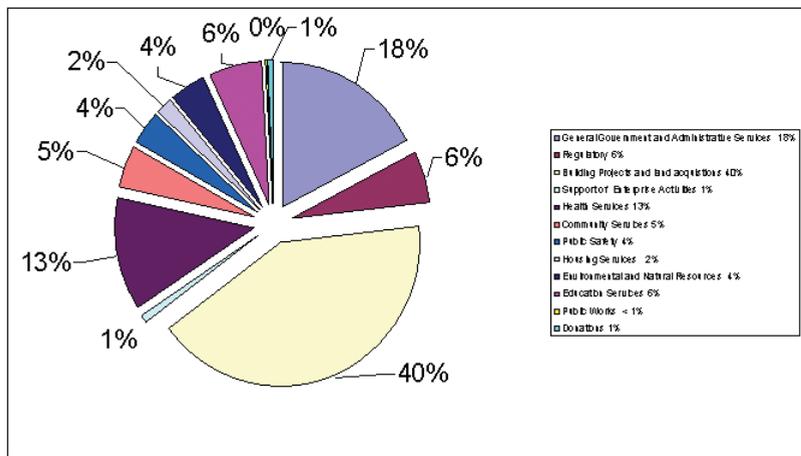
Boozhoo! Nindewemaaganidoke!

With the expertise of our CFO, Valerie Tweedie, I am pleased to present the following report. It covers all revenues and expenditures from January 01, 04 to June 30, 04. I believe it is quite comprehensive and easy to follow. If you have any questions you may contact me at 231-242-1406. Chi-miigwech to Val and the Accounting Department for the super job they are putting forth for the Tribe. Here's wishing you all a Happy Winter Solstice!

Boozhoo!  
Tribal government expenditures from general funds, BIA 638 funds, and other grant funding:

	Actual Expenditures Jan 1, 2004 TO June 30, 2004	Annual Budget 2004
Education Programs	\$ 795,315	\$ 1,920,400
Direct Community services	610,889	3,368,946
Law enforcement and Tribal courts	512,060	1,683,930
Housing Programs	227,650	1,032,688
Natural Resources Programs	547,268	3,141,214
Health & Human Services direct assistance and cultural activities:	1,660,142	3,438,375
Land acquisitions, buildings and capital improvements	5,359,323	5,737,554
General Government and Administrative Services	2,279,387	7,218,852
Regulatory	742,031	1,772,971
Public works, roads	15,847	538,609
Support of enterprise funds	100,870	162,192
Donations	86,445	90,000
Total expenditures to date	\$12,937,227	\$ 28,146,840

The above financial summary information is for the Tribal government programs for the first six months of this year. We started the year with budgets for the governmental programs totaling \$21,031,684. Through the receipt of additional grant funds, budgeting of some prior period fund balances as well as the additional capital acquisition distributions expected from the casino the Tribal budgets for the year have grown to \$28,146,840. \$5,737,554 is for the acquisition of land, the Health Park building behind the casino and a new enterprise, Bell's Fishery, located in Mackinaw City. The new health park building was acquired to house the Tribes Health Clinic sometime in 2005 and to provide the additional land needed to expand the parking needs of Victories Casino.



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### Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2005

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

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

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

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

May 14 - Work Session  
May 15 - Council Meeting

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

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

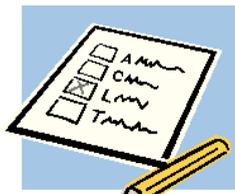
- TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
**FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK-TRIBAL CHAIRMAN**  
**BEATRICE LAW- VICE CHAIRPERSON**  
**DEXTER MCNAMARA- SECRETARY**  
**ALICE YELLOWBANK- TREASURER**  
**RITA SHANANAQUET- COUNCILOR**  
**FRED HARRINGTON-COUNCILOR**  
**REGINA BENTLEY-COUNCILOR**

## IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Our proposed Constitution is finally ready for a membership vote. Voter registration packets will be mailed on December 6 to all Tribal Members who will be 18 by Election Day, February 1. **YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THIS SPECIAL ELECTION BY JANUARY 3, 2005.**

It is very important that all Tribal Members read the proposed Constitution that will be sent to your home, and vote on acceptance or rejection.

If you have any questions about the election process, please call Carol Quinones at (616) 774-9534, or Ellie Barber at (231) 526-5047.



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*Treasurer's Report Continued*

In May of 2001 and July of 2002 the Council established 2 investment funds, one with National City Bank and one with Merrill Lynch Investments, totaling 13.3 million dollars. They withdrew \$900,000 this year to purchase the Fishery in Mackinaw City. The original remaining investment has a current market value as of June 30th of \$13.4 up .2 million even with the .9 million withdrawal.

Victories Casino started working on the parking lot expansion in May of 2004 and in late June of 2004 the Tribal Council approved a plan to move some offices in the casino and expand the side of the building to increase the number of slot machines on the floor by approximately 225 machines. The work on the expansion is expected to be completed in December of this year. Total cost of this project is budgeted at 9.5 million dollars, 5 million will be borrowed to cover the cost of new slot machines and other necessary equipment. The Tribal Council has also approved moving forward with schematic design for a potential new gaming and hotel facility across the road.

The Casino has improved both its total revenues and net operating income over the same period for 2003 although it is falling just short of its projections for this year. Hotel occupancy is rising and is doing well in comparison to surrounding hotels in the area.

Summary financial information for Victories Casino and Hotel from January 1 to June 30, 2004 is as follows:

Current Assets	\$ 15,024,576	Current Liabilities	\$ 4,173,790
Fixed Assets	11,183,194	Long Term debt	4,993,631
Total Assets	\$ 26,207,770	Equity	17,040,349
		Total Liabilities and Equity	\$26,207,770

Revenues	\$30,644,820
Expenses	(19,825,753)
Net operating Income	\$10,819,067

The Kings Inn of Mackinaw City reopened in May of this year. It has been a rough start with several building and maintenance issues to start out the season. Revenues are down from the 2003 season as tourism in general has been down throughout the area. Summary financial information for the Inn is as follows for January 1 to June 30, 2004:

Current Assets	\$ 5,415	Current Liabilities	\$ 7,691
Fixed Assets	754,743	Equity	752,468
Total Assets	\$ 760,158	Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 760,158

Revenues	\$ 8,917
Expenses	( 41,674)
Net operating(Loss)	\$ (32,757)

Blindigen Convenience store received its liquor license this spring and sales have improved rapidly since that time. Summary financial information for the store is as follows for January 1 to June 30, 2004:

Current Assets	\$ 316,353	Current Liabilities	\$ 157,177
Fixed Assets	1,452,361	Equity	1,611,537
Total Assets	\$ 1,768,714	Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,768,714

Revenues	\$ 976,984
Expenses	( 970,860 )
Net operating Income	\$ 6,124

Bell's Fishery, which was purchased in the Spring of 2004, has undergone a number of repairs and new equipment purchases. They opened later than expected for the summer activity but have been improving sales of late. Plans are being made to expand the market for the fish with better freezing and storage capacity. Summary financial information for the store is as follows for January 1 to June 30, 2004:

Current Assets	\$ 5,536	Current Liabilities	\$ 37,571
Fixed Assets	1,005,636	Equity	973,601
Total Assets	\$ 1,011,172	Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,011,172

Revenues	\$ 3,795
Expenses	( 22,369 )
Net operating (Loss)	\$ ( 18,574)

## Commission Meeting Dates

### Enrollment Commission

December 20, 2004

All meetings are held at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan in the Enrollment Department Workroom.

### Health Commission

December 7, 2004

All meetings are held in Room 312, Commissions, Committees and Board Room at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the Tribal Membership unless noted, "Closed Session"

### Indian Child Welfare Commission

December 11, 2004 9:30 a.m.

All meetings are held at the Human Services Building, located at 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

### Education Commission

December 12, 2004                      January 22, 2005  
February 19, 2005                      March 19, 2005  
April 23, 2005

All meetings are open to Tribal Membership unless otherwise noted. Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. Meetings are held at the LTBB Government Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

### Economic Development

All meetings held at 7500 Odawa Circle. Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.  
December 4

All meetings open unless noted "Closed Session"

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# Senator Allen, Tribal Chairman Ettawageshik Urge Opponents of Proposal 1 To Stop Attacks on Native Americans

*This is a copy of a press release issued by Chairman Ettawageshik and Senator Allen the week before the November 2, 2004 Election. This was issued in response to the many negative ads that were being shown prior to the election.*

Lansing, MI - State Senator Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik called on opponents of Proposal 1 to refrain from airing ads that invoke negative feelings against Native Americans.

"I am troubled by any ad which would portray tribal members in a negative way, even when done indirectly. Inferences which could create a negative impression of Native Americans are not needed," Allen said. "In the final week of this election season, we need to be focused on the merits of the proposal and make an informed decision based on that, whatever side that may be."

Opponents of Proposal 1 have been airing ads that make misleading claims about Indian tribes. "The use of race in any political position is wrong," Chairman Ettawageshik said. "No outcome is worth using race as a tool. Tribal members have been subjected to hate crimes and discrimination for centuries. There is no issue important enough to raise fear and prejudice to a new level."

"Tribal governments are full partners in the economic future of the state," Ettawageshik continued. "Governments do not pay taxes to other governments, but tribal members and tribal governments have paid hundreds of millions of dollars of payments in lieu of taxes. Tribes have provided tens of thousands of jobs, and have made more than \$1 billion in capital investments in our state."

Proposal 1 would give voters the right to decide whether or not Class III gaming including Internet gambling, Lottery operated slot machines or other table games could operate in their communities. It would amend the Michigan Constitution to require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after January 1, 2004. It would provide that when voter approval is required, both statewide voter approval and voter approval in the city or township where gambling will take place must be obtained.

Tribal enterprises have created more than 25,000 taxpaying jobs, paying approximately \$680 million a year in taxable wages and salaries, invested more than \$1 billion in building schools, health centers, hotels, gaming and other capital projects in Michigan, while the jobs created by tribes pay more than \$64 million a year in income taxes.

"Regardless what the outcome of the election is, people will have to live together, as neighbors. Hopefully, there won't be any long-term damage to community relations as a result of the negative racial overtones in the television ads," said Ettawageshik.

## Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

By Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant

Cross Village (all)	Bear Creek (all)
Readmond (all)	Resort (partial)
Friendship (all)	Bay (partial)
West Traverse (all)	Hayes (partial)
Little Traverse	
City of Harbor Springs (all)	City of Petoskey (all)
City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge)	

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (6% of retail price)
2. Use Tax (6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Single Business Tax (1.9 % of the applicable tax base)
5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (19 cents per gallon unleaded and 15 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (\$2.00 per pack of cigarettes)

\* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.

- The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (Tribal c-store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey.
- The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of town near the Big Boy restaurant.

Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!

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

The Economic Development Department will be mailing out the 4013's in December or early January. Instructions will be included with the form. If you have any questions regarding the form, please contact Theresa Keshick at 231-242-1584, Susan Swadling at 231-242-1582, or Jaime Barrientoz at 231-242-1583. These forms will be mailed only to those Tribal Members residing within the Tax Agreement Area.

## News From the Tribal Administrator Al Colby, Jr.

Tribal Administration works on closing out another year. There were many successes in 2004 with renewed hope of being better next year. It goes without saying there is still plenty to do. The winter is rapidly approaching and we are all trying to prepare for Mother Nature's worse. We have had snow on a couple occasions and some pretty cold weather lasting a few days. The Tribal Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 23rd and Friday, December 24th recognizing Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Also, during the following week Tribal Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 30th and Friday, December 31st recognizing New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The Chief Financial Officer, Accounting Office and I have been meeting with Directors and reviewing the 2005 budgets approved by Tribal Council. These meetings are designed to provide direction in the proper management of funding allocated to support services and technical assistance. With January just around the corner, the budget meetings may identify problems or developments not realized at the time of approval. The LTBB Master Land Use Working group has scheduled a meeting to discuss developing a report and future presentation for Tribal members in Lansing, Grand Rapids, Hannaville and Harbor Springs, Michigan. The Pow-wow Grounds Improvement Working group will start the planning for 2005 improvements. A few things being considered are a permanent bathroom, improved rustic camping opportunities and walkways from parking areas to the arena. The 2004 Native Vote effort really deserves our praise. The group of individuals provided the prodding a few of us needed to head to the polls. In a local election on the township level, a Tribal member received his seat by just two votes so it goes to show you, every vote counts. May we all have a Merry Christmas and we wish you all safe travels in 2005. Baa Maa Pii

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10:00 p.m.

# Language Program



The LTBB Language Gathering held at Victories Hotel on October 28th and 29th, 2004 was sensational. Several Elders came together with a common support for our language and culture. The Gathering seemed to symbolize what can now be considered the 'official' kick-off of the new Language Program.

We requested input and support from the Elders. They are the ones who carry our culture and teach the younger generations. It is with their guidance that we will continue to regain our traditional ways and to reclaim the language given to us by the Creator.

It was inspiring to hear so much of our language spoken during the two days. Everyone shared thoughts, ideas, a few tears, and lots of laughter. Much of what was spoken in the language didn't need to be translated since everyone understood, that was awesome.

We're looking forward to having community activities where only the language will be spoken. This will give the speakers a chance to use their native language more often with each other and it will give the learners a chance to learn naturally by immersion.

Ensa Giizhigat Anishinaabemdaa!



Mnido Giizisoonhs  
(Little Spirit Moon - December)

## Aambe Anishinaabemdaa!

Let's Speak Our Language!

Peboon / Biboon  
(Winter)

### Giizisag (Months)

Mnido Giizis <i>Spirit Moon</i> January	Mkwa Giizis <i>Bear Moon</i> February	Naabdin Giizis <i>Snowcrust Moon</i> March	Bopogiminh Giizis <i>Broken Snowshoe</i> 1 3th Moon Falls ~ Here	Ziisbaakdaki Giizis <i>Sugar Moon</i> April	Nnebine Giizis <i>Sucker Moon</i> May	Waabgonii Giizis <i>Blossom Moon</i> June
Miin Giizis <i>Berry Moon</i> July	Mnoomin Giizis <i>Rice Moon</i> August	Waabagaa Giizis <i>Autumn Moon</i> September	Bnaakwii Giizis <i>Falling Leaves Moon</i> October	Baashkaakodin Giizis <i>Snowcrust Moon</i> November	Mnido Giizisoonhs <i>Little Spirit Moon</i> December	

aankwad (cloud)	aankwadoon (clouds)	giizis (sun)	dibikgiizis (moon)	Nangook / nangoonhsak (stars / little stars)
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Gimiwan.  
(It is raining)  
ngwaagan  
(rainbow)

giizhigong (sky / in the sky)	giizhigat (sun/day)	dibikat (night)
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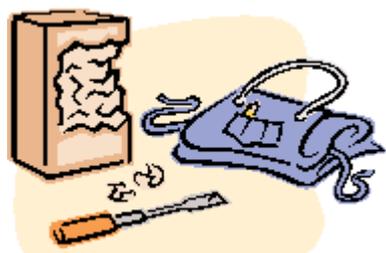
anang / nangoonhs  
(star / little star)

Note: Giizis is used in relation to the sun, moon and months.

Community Language Classes  
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Vowel	Sounds like
a	bus
aa	father
e	bed
i	sit
ii	see
o	phone
oo	book
nh	nasal sound

It's best to learn our language from a fluent speaker or elder - another helpful resource: ANISHINAABE LANGUAGE HOTLINE produced by instructor Kerry Pheasant. You can choose which topic(s) you would like to listen to. This is a tollfree number. Call 1-877-789-0993



## Weekender Projects

By Norm Emery Safety Coordinator

For some weekenders it all began with fixing go-karts as a kid. As they grow older, weekenders aren't complete without racing to finish a home project or two.

Feeling a sense of accomplishment at seeing the finished product is self satisfying. Instead of hiring a plumber for a job that might be tedious, time-consuming and cost-prohibitive, most would rather learn how to do it themselves, or learn as they go. If the weekender is anything like me, the job is measured by how many trips are made to Ace Hardware or Home Depot.

From repairing a toilet or leaking faucet to refinishing an antique table, weekenders have learned to ask questions, to adjust the level of concentration when using power tools, and to choose the right projects based on knowledge, time, cost, risk, and comfort level of the project at hand.

More weekenders enjoy making a hobby around their home, on the car/pickup truck or seasonal toys like ATV's, boats or snowmobiles. Whether they are all doing it safely is another story.

In 1998 there were about 98,700 injuries from saws (hand and power) treated at hospital emergency rooms, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Hospital emergency room personnel also treated 42,426 hammer injuries; 17,818 power grinder, buffer and polisher injuries; 17,199 drill injuries; and 6,771 welding and soldering equipment

injuries. Here are some must-do rules for those who do it themselves. Plan Ahead:

Visualize the project and think of everything that might be dangerous. If you're going to cut something, practice saw safety. If you'll be using a hammer and nails, practice hammer safety. Plan out safety as you would plan out the job.

Prepare Your Space Where you work is just as important as how you work. Working in a cluttered and debris-free, well-lit area is crucial for safety. If you don't have a safe workspace, you risk slips, trips, falls and falling objects - or literally painting yourself into a corner.

Dress for Success: Dressing the part can decrease the risk and severity of an injury, say safety experts. The rule of thumb here is to cover up. Your safety gear should include:

- Safety glasses - They're made in all shapes and sizes - and with sun protection - to keep projectiles, mists, paints and dust away.
- Earplugs and muffs - These will decrease your chance of suffering hearing loss.
- Respirators - When using toxic or caustic chemicals or cutting fluids, wear a respirator to reduce the risk of injury or death from toxic airborne hazards.
- Gloves and shoes - Cover your hands and feet to decrease the chance of injury due to everything from chemical exposure to sharp objects.
- Kneepads - They're essential for kneeling on hard surfaces.
- Coveralls - You can't do a job

without spilling or tracking something on your clothing. You can also track it with you into your house or car. Coveralls also keep clothing from getting caught in machines and are flame-retardant. If you don't have coveralls, cotton and denim are good choices. Remember to avoid loose clothing and remove jewelry.

Read Labels: To decide what safety gear and tools are right for your job or how to use a chemical; Read the labels, follow the recommendations and check out risks ahead of time.

If the risks are to your hands, cover your hands. If you think you'll step in chemicals, wear foot protection. When in doubt, read the labels and ask for Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). Both will give you an idea of what type of emergency/safety measures you should take.

Use the Right Tool for the Job: Read the instruction booklets that come with tools. If you need more information, you should take advantage of people, stores, videos and magazines. Tools are unsympathetic. Get to know how to use them, put the blades in correctly, clean them, care for them and operate them. Or else they could stick, stab, cut - or kill you.

Keep Tools Cleaned and Stored: To keep your tools in optimal condition, keep them clean, sharpened, lubricated and in good working order. It's also safe (and helpful) to store them in the same place (e.g., toolboxes or buckets) for easy access and away from little hands. If you have to right the tool, but it's dirty or dull, it won't be as efficient or safe.

Be Smart With Electricity: When dealing with electricity, use an electrical tester to ensure that your power is off at the circuit breaker/fuses panel. Doing electrical wiring is another story - even if you turn off the circuit breaker, there's no guarantee the electricity is off. Electrical work needs separate planning and safety measures. If you don't have any experience, call a licensed electrician.

Know What You're Doing - Or Don't Do It: Practice situational awareness. Look around; be aware of what you're doing. Weigh the costs of doing it yourself. Is it worth the loss of your eyesight or a finger? If you get injured, you can pay for it for the rest of your life. If you don't know what you're doing, take a class or hire an expert to do it for you.

Don't Try Everything At Once: The weekenders are at risk - if they have the attitude of doing it all at once. This thinking can increase their chance of injury, strains, sprains slips, trips, and falls.

What should you do? Pace yourself and decide what you can realistically do in a weekend. Short of a broken window, a hole in your roof, or a basement that is flooding, there are not a lot of do-it-yourself jobs that you can't walk away from or go back to. Be in the mood or mind set that this is something that you want to do at this time. When you're tired take a break, or a nap. Enjoy the project and don't let it stress you out.

## \* \* \* NOTICE OF ELECTION \* \* \*

December 6, 2004

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

At the request of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council and the Midwest Regional Director has authorized a Secretarial Election to permit the qualified voters of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to adopt or reject a proposed Tribal Constitution.

**THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION DATE IS: FEBRUARY 1, 2005**

The election will be conducted in accordance with the regulations set forth in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 81 (25 CFR 81).

Adult members of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians who are 18 years or older on February 1, 2005 **and who register to vote**, may vote in the election.

Voter registration packets are being mailed December 6, 2004. An adult tribal member who does not receive a voter registration packet in the mail should request one from the Election Board Chairman or contact an Election Board member. **The voter registration form must be completed and returned to the Election Board Chairman no later than January 3, 2005.** It should be returned in the manner directed in the registration packet. If necessary, the voter registration can be telefaxed or hand delivered to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on January 3, 2005. The address and telefax number are given below. Voter registration forms received after that date and time will not be accepted.

The List of Registered Voters will be posted January 7, 2005 in all tribal offices, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and will also be available to view on the Tribe's website at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

All voting in this election will be done by mail, there will be no polling place.

A copy of the proposed constitution is included in each voter registration packet and is also available in all tribal offices and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. **KEEP THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.**

The ballots will be counted on February 1, 2005 starting at 1:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. in the Tribal Courtroom, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan. Immediately after the ballots are counted the election results will be posted in all tribal offices and at the Bureau of Indians Affairs.

The Election Board appointed to conduct the election is composed of the following people:

Gerald F. Parish, Election Board Chairman  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency  
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Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783  
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Carol Quinones, Member (616) 774-9534

Martin VanDeCar, Member (231) 883-7690  
Alice Hughes, Member (231) 537-2446

Eleanor Barber, Member (231) 526-5047

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## Lines From our Membership

A Tribute to the Late Henry Sineway

On October 8, 2004 at the age of 60 years old, Henry Eugene Sineway, Sr. walked on into the spirit world. Henry was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and on the board of the Native American Veterans of southeast Michigan. He was proud of his native heritage. Henry had dreams of moving back to this area after he retired to be among his people.

Henry was born December 25, 1943. His parents were Mary (Sineway) Cabinaw and Enos Cabinaw, Sr.. He was raised by his grandmother, Louise Sineway and his great uncle, Joe Sineway in Good Hart, Michigan. He was a boarder at Holy Childhood School in Harbor Springs, Michigan along with his siblings, Rosemary Knapp and Joseph Cabinaw. After graduation he joined the Army. One of the biggest joys during his lifetime was reuniting with his brother, Billy Cabinaw, after more than 30 years of separation.

He had a great sense of humor and was friendly to everyone. Many of you may remember him striking up a conversation with you at our Pow Wows. He was a gentle, loving, caring man. Henry worked hard his entire life. He would offer help to anyone he knew who needed assistance. In his free time he enjoyed riding his Gold Wing motorcycle, hunting and fishing.

On October 24, 2004, Henry was honored at the "Gathering of Eagle Staffs" hosted by LTBB held at their governmental complex in Harbor Springs, Michigan. An Eagle Feather was attached hanging down at the top of the LTBB Eagle Staff representing Henry as a fallen warrior.

His daughter, Dawn Denton, son, Henry Sineway II,; siblings Rosemary (Sineway) Knapp, Joseph Cabinaw, Billy Cabinaw, Linda Gasco, Patti (Gasco) Prendeville, Dee Dee Gasco, and their families will miss Henry. He will be in our hearts forever.

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# News from Human Services Department

by Stephanie Howell

Aanii, First, we have a new staff member who started in September as our new receptionist. Her name is Janelle Smith. She is a tribal member and she is a positive addition to our staff.

Next, we are very thrilled that we have a new project to offer the tribal membership. We were awarded a 3-year grant from the U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Grant, "Making Connections." With this grant we are to plan, develop and implement a strategy to control and prevent crime associated with the use of alcohol and other substances. We are to design this preventative strategy from a proactive status regarding the use of substances as associated with crime. We know that "meth labs" are all around us these days and that cocaine and crack is being used now, along with marijuana use and of course, drunk driving continues to be a problem. This project will strengthen our working relationship with law

enforcement departments and programs and with those programs outside of the tribe. We all want the same thing: to live in a safe, healthy environment at work, at home, within our community, free from the consequences that comes with drug use. We know the harm that comes to families, especially children. Whatever we can do to reduce the risk of harm to families and the community will make our community a better place to live.

With this project, "Making Connections," we will need key people to make it work. We have our Cultural Advisor, Tony Davis, to assist by assuring that our culture is intact while we process and develop our plan; for example, opening our meetings in a cultural and spiritual manner; making certain the 7 Grandfather teachings are being followed within our meetings; and dialoging with each other. We are hiring a Project Coordinator and that job has been posted; hopefully, someone will be hired soon. We want to have an Advisory

Team to guide us: the Project Coordinator, the Cultural Advisor, Substance Abuse Director, the Tribe's Law Enforcement Chief of Police, Tribal Court Administrator, Tribal Probation Officer, and we would like to see one of the Tribal Council members participate, if possible. We have a tribal Elder and would like a tribal member of the community who is interested in this issue. Consider this an invitation to someone out there who wants to help us in this effort - your input is welcome! Meetings would be initially once or twice a month at the most.

And - our department received another grant, the Governor's Discretionary Grant, which is a 1 year prevention model using "Guiding Good Choices," a Families That Care program that coaches parents of children ages 9-14 in family management-and drug-prevention skills. If we are successful in this one year grant it is possible that we will be able to extend it to another year.

Meanwhile the staff here in our department will be trained to use this model and we will modify it to use within our culture. We will be looking for parents to participate in this training which will be in January 2005. So any parents who might be interested in facilitating parenting classes, especially of children in the age range of 9-14 within your own community, please call and you can be added to this training in January. Other questions or comments will be welcome also.

We have been busy in the Substance Abuse Department with other activities the past two months. We held a Sobriety Feast in September and the attendance was very good so we consider it a successful event. We will do this again next year in September for Recovery Month. We had a good meal and afterwards we got to honor a few people for maintaining a sober and healthy lifestyle. Later on, we did a little dancing with David Kagabitang as our DJ and we

all had fun. We held our Fall Gathering in October at Just-A-Plain Farm in Carp Lake. The turnout was good considering it was a very rainy day. We had a good nutritious lunch meal and the elders participated by giving the kids candy in plastic pumpkin pails. A chii-miigwetch to all those who attend our events and we really appreciate your support. Our main goal is to show people that fun is possible without alcohol and drugs, and especially being a role model for our children.

Last, we are upon the holiday season already and just a reminder to enjoy yourselves and be safe throughout the holiday season. Sometimes people get the blues for whatever reason during the holidays more than any other time of the year, and remember we are here if you feel lonesome or troubled and need to talk to someone.

Our telephone number is: 231-242-1642 for an appointment.

## 2004-05 MUTYBL Basketball Schedule

### LTBB Hawks Home Games will be played at GTB Community Center, Charlevoix, MI

12/04/2004	<b>LTBB</b> vs. SCIT	H	12:00 p.m.
12/11/2004	GTB vs. <b>LTBB</b>	A	12:00 p.m.
12/18/2004	GTB vs. SCIT		12:00 p.m.
1/08/2005	SCIT vs. <b>LTBB</b>	A	12:00 p.m.
1/15/2005	<b>LTBB</b> vs. GTB	H	12:00 p.m.

Call Cathy Gibson @ 231 242-1601 or email: cgibson@lbbodawa-nsn.gov if you would like info on joining the LTBB Hawks Basketball teams.

All Tribal Government Offices Will be Closed for the Holidays on the following dates:

December 23 and 24  
December 30 and 31



### LTBB Government Employment Opportunities

#### 1 Tribal Police Recruit

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 or 1888-309-5822. By fax at (231) 242-1565. Also complete job descriptions are available at the Tribal Website: lbbodawa-nsn.gov

### Tribal Telephone Directory

Tribal Main Switchboard.....	231-242-1400
Tribal Administration Administrative Assistant.....	242-1420
Tribal Chairman/Council Office Mike Smith, Administrative Assistant.....	242-1406
Accounting Department Tonia Gasco, Accounting Assistant.....	242-1441
Archives and Records Department Eva Oldman, Administrative Assistant.....	242-1450
Communications Department Melissa Barber, Director.....	242-1427
Contracting Department Kristi Houghton, Contracts Manager.....	242-1426
Economic Development Department Susan Swadling, EDD Assistant.....	242-1582
Education Department Beverly Wemigwase, 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 Allie Maldonado, Attorney.....	242-1403
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 242-1700
Health Department Gwen Gasco, Administrative Assistant..... Cathy Gibson, Community Health Outreach..... Owen LaVeque, Transportation..... Kathleen Willis, Contract Health Receptionist..... Heidi Bosma, Maternal Child Health Outreach.....	242-1611 242-1601 242-1602 242-1607 242-1614
Human Services Department Theresa Chingwa, Administrative Assistant..... Regina Kiogima Sr., BGN Outreach Worker.....	242-1621 242-1627
Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department Jennifer Dominic, Office/Intake Coordinator.....	242-1642
Natural Resources Department Fiona Banfield, Administrative Assistant.....	242-1670

# Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

The following is a synopsis of the approved Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for October 24, 2004. If you would like a copy of the minutes in their entirety please contact the Tribal Council Office, Mike Smith, Administrative Assistant at (231) 242-1406 and a copy will be mailed to you. The minutes are also available at the Tribal Government Website: WWW.LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV

LTBB Tribal Council Meeting  
October 24, 2004

Council Present: Vice-Chairperson, Beatrice Law, Secretary, Dexter McNamara, Treasurer, Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor, Regina Gasco Bentley

## Opening Ceremony

Motion by Councilor Bentley supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt the agenda for October 24, 2004.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Chairman Ettawageshik, Councilor Harrington), 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbank supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve the minutes of October 17, 2004 with corrections. Councilor Harrington arrives.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Chairman Ettawageshik), 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Shananaquet supported by Councilor Bentley to accept the Treasurer Alice Yellowbank report as provided by Valerie Tweedie, Chief Financial Officer, for October 24, 2004.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Chairman Ettawageshik), 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbank supported by Councilor Bentley to accept the Legal Department's oral report as presented by Allie Maldonado, Assistant General Counsel.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Chairman Ettawageshik), 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

Motion by Secretary McNamara supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept the Tribal Administrator's report for October 24, 2004 as verbally and written as given by the Tribal Administrator.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Chairman Ettawageshik), 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Harrington supported by Councilor Shananaquet to authorize the Language Program survey, mailing request as presented.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Chairman Ettawageshik), 0 Abstained

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet supported by Secretary McNamara to accept \$10,000 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be transferred to the Election Committee for the Master Contract for the contractual services with Automated Election Services supporting the U.S. Department of Interior Secretarial Elections. 10:25 Tribal Chairman Ettawageshik arrives. Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

10:31 a.m. Councilor Harrington leaves  
10:34 a.m. Councilor Harrington returns  
11:01 a.m. Councilor Harrington leaves

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbank supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept the Tribal Chairman's written and verbal report for October 24, 2004.

11:03 a.m. Councilor Harrington returns  
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

11:26 a.m. recess called  
11:38 a.m. meeting reconvened  
11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: no public comment  
11:46 a.m. Public Comment closed

Motion made by Vice Chairperson Law supported by Treasurer Yellowbank to help fund the First Annual International Indigenous Great Lakes Water Resources meeting for \$2,000 to come from the Tribal Council 1101-00 budget. Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

12:00 p.m. Lunch recess called  
1:50 p.m. meeting reconvened

Motion by Secretary McNamara supported by Treasurer Yellowbank to accept the Gaming Administration's verbal and written report given by Sheri Patton, Chairperson for October 24, 2004.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

Motion by Vice-Chairperson Law supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Housing Commission's verbal and written report as presented by Shirley Oldman for October 24, 2004. Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

2:52 p.m. Recess called  
3:07 p.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion by Vice Chairperson Law supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Tribal Trust Fund Board's quarterly report as presented by Margaret Gasco, Secretary Co-Treasurer, for October 24, 2004.. Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

Motion by Vice Chairperson Law supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Indian Child Welfare Commission's report for October 24, 2004 as presented by Rochelle Ettawageshik, Chairperson. Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbank supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Natural Resource Commission's quarterly report as presented by John Keshick, Chairperson, this date, October 24, 2004. Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

Motion by Secretary McNamara supported by Vice Chairperson Law to accept the Regulatory Commission's written and verbal 3rd quarter report as presented by Julie Shananaquet, Secretary-Treasurer for October 24, 2004. Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

4:12 p.m. Public Comment opened: Andrew Stich  
4:16 p.m. Public Comment closed  
4:17 p.m. recess called  
4:30 p.m. meeting reconvened

Motion by Vice Chairperson Law supported by Councilor Shananaquet that we add to the Legislative Calendar the Enrollment Statute Amendment "Information supplied by the Enrollment Department to the Economic Development Department for the purpose of implementing the swipe card system to aid in the implementation of any tax agreement authorized by the Tribal Council between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and any other governmental entity, or for such other purposes as may be authorized by motion of the Tribal Council." Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

Motion by Secretary McNamara supported by Councilor Harrington to commend Tribal Member Su Lantz for her outstanding representation of the Tribe and her service to our community through her work with National Congress of American Indians Native Vote 2004 Election Protection Project. Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

Motion by Secretary McNamara supported by Councilor Harrington to reimburse Tribal Member Su Lantz for travel and lodging for National Congress of American Indians and for supplies accumulated for the Native Vote Election Protection Project. Vote: 2 Yes, 5 No (Treasurer Yellowbank, Councilor Bentley, Councilor Shananaquet, Vice Chairperson Law, Tribal Chairman Ettawageshik), 0 Absent), 0

Abstained  
Motion Failed

Motion by Secretary McNamara supported by Vice Chairperson Law to support the future needs of Native Vote 2004 by allocating \$500 to Native Vote from Prior Period Funds. Support Withdrawn  
Motion dies for lack of support

Motion by Councilor Shananaquet supported by Vice Chairperson Law to adopt resolution #102404-01 Request for Funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection, Tribal Air Grant Initiative funded by: Region 5 Air & Radiation Fy 2005 Allocation, Section 103 Authority of the Clean Air Act. Roll Call: Chairman Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Law-yes, Treasurer Yellowbank-yes, Secretary McNamara-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor Bentley-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbank supported by Secretary McNamara to adopt Resolution #102404-02 Request for funding from the United States Department of Energy, Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: for a Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians-First Steps Toward Developing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands Project. Roll Call: Chairman Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Law-yes, Treasurer Yellowbank-yes, Secretary McNamara-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor Bentley-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion by Vice Chairperson Law supported by Treasurer Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #102404-03 Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. application for funding to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Program to Promote Diabestes Education Strategies in Minority Communities: The National Diabetes Education Program. Roll Call: Chairman Ettawageshik-yes, Vice-Chairperson Law-yes, Treasurer Yellowbank-yes, Secretary McNamara-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Bentley-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Yellowbank supported by Councilor Harrington to add an additional \$100 to Burial Request #A0086. Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

5:19 p.m. Motion by Treasurer Law supported by Councilor Harrington to adjourn. Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried

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## NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Hey College Students! Remember that Merit Scholarships will be available in January for those who receive a 3.0 or better. Be sure to get a copy of those grade reports and submit them with a Merit Scholarship Application to Katie Bauer, 231-242-1492.

As 2004 comes to a close, many of you will be thinking of preparing for tax season. We recommend that as you prepare and file for your taxes, you also prepare for your or your child's financial aid application(s). In order to apply for LTBB higher education scholarships, it is necessary to complete the F.A.F.S.A. (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid). To complete and submit a F.A.F.S.A. on-line, visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Be sure to print a copy before submitting and to make a copy of your Student Aid Report when you receive it in the mail. The sooner you can file this application the better! College financial offices recommend completing the F.A.F.S.A. by March 1st. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact our office.

We also want to note that there will be an event held throughout the state of Michigan on Sunday, February 13th, at 2pm. This event, called COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY, is to assist Michigan college-preparing students of all ages with their financial aid applications such as the F.A.F.S.A. Please call 231-242-1481 to locate a site near you! The assistance is free and is geared to knock down those financial aid barriers!

For those of you residing in the service area that have questions regarding Title VII, Individualized Education Plans, or other public K-12 matters, please don't hesitate to contact Dorothy Perry, K-12 Student Services Coordinator at 231-242-1482.

Remember, our library is always open during business hours to the community. Come check out our great selection of books, reference material, videos, and more. There are also lots of great materials for children. Stop by soon!

# Voting on the Proposed New Tribal Constitution, From the Desk of the Tribal Chairman

After a decade in development and negotiation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) we are ready to hold an election on a new Tribal Constitution. The election is scheduled for February 1, 2005 and will be by mail. This will be a special type of election called a Secretarial Election because it will be conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The LTBB Election Board will have a major role in the election process as well.

When Public Law 103-324, The Reaffirmation Act, was signed into law in 1994, it recognized the Interim Constitution that was then in place as the official governing document for LTBB, but it required us to hold a Secretarial Election for a new Constitution. Over the last decade many tribal meetings were held for ideas and comments from tribal citizens to determine a framework for the new constitution. A Constitution Committee met for several years to work on the draft. A full copy of the draft was mailed to all adult Tribal Citizens several times. More community meetings were held to get comments on the successive drafts of the developing document and written comments were considered as well.

The proposed Constitution was submitted to the BIA for technical review and the BIA's comments were considered. After some additional successful negotiations over some of the provisions in the proposed Constitution, the Tribal Council passed Resolution 110203-02 on November 2, 2003, that requested a Secretarial Election for the final version.

The Tribe received notice from the BIA the first week of September 2004, that the proposed Constitution was approved for a Secretarial Election. In a follow up letter the Tribal Council was requested to designate representatives for an Election Committee. The five members of the LTBB Election Board were designated.

By the time you are reading this, each adult Tribal Citizen should have received a letter from the BIA regarding the election. A full printed copy of the proposed constitution will be sent as well, along with a voter registration form. It is important to note that only the Tribal Citizens who register with the form provided by the Secretarial Election Committee will be able to vote in the Constitutional Election.

It is vitally important to have each Tribal Citizen read the proposed Constitution and exercise their right to have their opinion heard by voting in the special election. Further communications will be coming from the LTBB Election Board and the Secretarial Election Committee.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	
SECRETARIAL ELECTION SCHEDULE (To vote on the Proposed Tribal Constitution)	
December 6, 2004	Notice of Election published, voter registration packets mailed.
January 3, 2005	Deadline to return Voter Registration Forms
January 7, 2005	Registered Voters list posted.
January 7, 2005	Absentee Ballot Packets mailed.
January 21, 2005	Last day to challenge the names/or absence of names on the registered voters list.
January 21, 2005	Decide challenges to voter registration list (must be 10 days before the election) and post corrected registered voters list (if necessary).
Tuesday February 1, 2005	ELECTION DAY!
*****	
February 1, 2005	Count Ballots - Election Results Posted
February 4, 2005	Last day for a Qualified Voter to Challenge the Election.

## Lines From our Membership...

### Birthday Announcements

The family of Ravishing **Rita Gasco** Shepard would like to wish her a fabulous birthday on December 5, and hopes for another great year!  
From All of us.

Happy Birthday to **Joe Yoder** who has a December Birthday. We miss you and love you!  
Your cousins Rachel, Lupe', Westley, Noakie, and Nezzie

Happy Birthday to **Mary Yoder** who celebrates her special day in December.  
Love from your brother Joe

Happiest Birthday on December 12th to **Alice May Yellowbank nee King**  
MnoDibishkaan Ngashi  
Aapidji Gzaagigo

Happy Birthday to **Yvonne Fuerte** on December 7th! May it rain pennies from heaven, or better yet-quarters & fifty centers from the slots!  
Love your sister T, Michael and Jordan

Happy Birthday **Laura Burroughs** on December 26th.  
From Mother, Ed, Francis, Gloria and Charlene

Happy 85th Birthday on December 19th to **Marian Burch!**  
Love your family,  
Ed, Fran, Laura, Gloria and Charlene

Happy birthday **Missy (Chartier)-Moo..** I love you!!! My girls call you my friend, my niece, my other little girl. I call you....  
"**Mine, my little partner in crime**"!! Ha Ha  
Love you, Aunt Judy

Birthday wishes to **Aaron Keshick** on December 20th. May the creator bless you always!  
Love Aunt Theresa, Michael & Jordan

Happy birthday to **Yvonne Fuerte**. I love you very much and am glad you are here with us now!  
Love, Mom

Happy birthday wishes were submitted for all of the following who celebrate from one family in the month of December:

Happy Belated birthday wishes to **Trevor Keshick**. Sorry we missed it, hope your day was as special as you are!  
Love Aunt Theresa, Michael & Jordan

- Courtney Schneider** December 26
- Darwin Swadling** December 23
- Douglas Gasco** December 26
- Brandy Jimmicum** December 22
- Jazmine Anthony** December 13
- Obik Adams** December 28

Happy birthday wishes to **Rahcel K. Rodriguez** who celebrates her day on December 7th. You are truly the best! We love you always,  
Meliss, Nikki & Josie

May you all have great bithdays this year!

Happy Birthday to **Winnay Wemigwase** who has her special day on December 7th! Roses are red, violets are blue, what present would we possibly get that Paul hasn't already got you!!!!!!  
Love you bird,  
Meliss and girls

Happy 63rd birthday to **Dennis King** on December 30th. You're one awesome dude! From the King and Van De Car families.



### Congratulations

Congrautlations **Christopher Smith** on passing your Medical First Responder (MFR). We are so proud of you. Keep up the good work.  
From your brother Wayne, Mom, and Uncle Joe

Congratulations to **Mike Peltier** on your return home, it's about time.  
J.M.F. Pres

Heidi Shonibin: If you are the daughter of the late Benny Shonibin please contact: Ralph Shonibin at: (313) 341-9331

Lower Michigan  
LTBB Community Party

Come Celebrate Winter  
Solstice

December 18  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

UAW 1231 Hall  
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Games and Door Prizes

If you have any questions  
please contact, Melissa  
Wiatrolik at (231) 242-1420

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James Maddix  
c/o Diocese of Gaylord  
611 West North Street  
Gaylord, Michigan 49735. By  
telephone: (231)585-7599