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Ahnee (Hello)!

Another warmer week with days of sunshine – back to back! Next week, on Monday night January 25th, there is an event occurring in Traverse City. Also, I just learned today that the event will be LIVE both Channel 99 and 97 including LIVE webstreaming for the Traverse City Tomorrow event at the City Opera House on Monday. Below is more info:

What do you want Traverse City to be? What things should we preserve? Get rid of? Improve? As we head into 2010, the City of Traverse City invites you to take part in a special interactive event at the City Opera House featuring local leaders and hometown heroes sharing ideas for the future of Traverse City.

Moderated by Mary Grover of the League of Women Voters, panel guests will discuss local success stories and take questions and suggestions from the audience on how we can make Traverse City "more like Traverse City." Guests include (in alphabetical order):

Derek J. Bailey - Tribal Chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Don Coe - Managing Partner of Black Star Farms

Michael Moore - Oscar-Winning Filmmaker and Founder of the Traverse City Film Festival

Ed Ness - President and CEO of Munson Medical Center

Tim Nelson - President of Northwestern Michigan College

Marsha Smith - Executive Director of Rotary Charities

The TC City Commission and leaders of local governments throughout the region will be in attendance at the event. Ideas and suggestions generated by the discussion will be used to drive priority-setting in our community over the next year. In addition to live audience participation, there will be numerous opportunities for audience members to leave their

comments and feedback at the event.

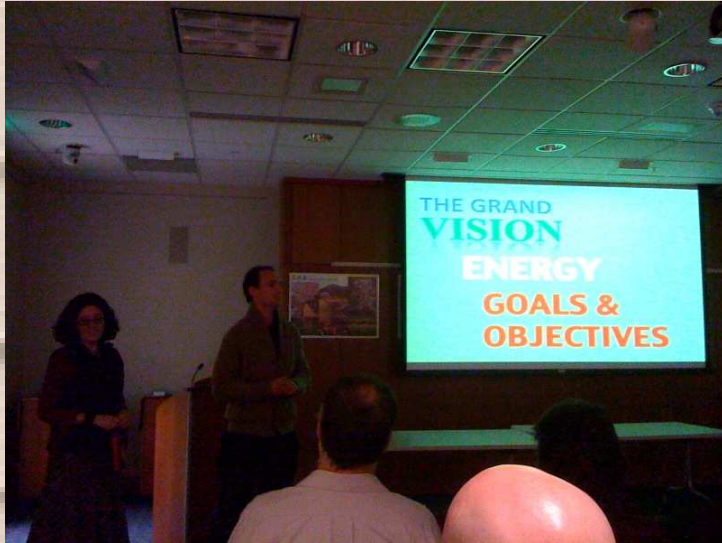
Traverse City Tomorrow is free and open to the public, and will be televised live on Up North 2 (Channel 97) as well as streamed live online at www.upnorthmedia.org. Refreshments will be served at a free reception with panel guests immediately following the event.

Date: Monday, January 25, 2010
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Location: City Opera House
Street: 106 East Front St, TC



01.18.10 On Monday, I attended the Traverse City Area Public School's (TCAPS) World Language Committee meeting. It was encouraging to see first-hand the efforts and acknowledgement placed on learning languages of the world. Hopefully, as with Suttons Bay Public Schools, Anishinaabemowin can become part of the World Language curriculum offered at TCAPS.

Dr. Jayne Mohr (center of picture), TCAPS Associate Superintendent, leading discussion on World Language programming, is shown in the above picture (<http://www.tcaps.net>).



01.19.10 On Tuesday evening, held at the Traverse City Area Library, was a Grand Vision focus on energy efficiency. In the first picture, Sarna Salzman, Executive Director and Mike Powers, Communications Specialist (SEEDS - <http://ecoseeds.org>) opened up the night's meeting. There were excellent presentations given all evening and I appreciate Gene Davis of the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa's (www.grandtraverseresort.com) Green Team for his professional and educational presentation on what the Resort is doing in regarding energy efficiency and recycling.

I presented on GTB's "green" efforts and the climate changes impact on the Anishinaabek. I also shared about Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel (www.casino2win.com) having green/energy efficient components, and our active efforts in raising awareness and educating through efforts of GTB's Natural Resources department and staff.



01.21.10 I participated in a CORA (Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority - <http://www.1836cora.org>) work session in Petoskey, MI. Always good to see fellow Chairs, Council members and staff from other Tribal Nations in MI.



01.22.10 This morning I met with Kelly Schwartz-Ignace of RecycleChicken (www.RecycleChicken.com). I really don't want to share what RecycleChicken is all about – just because I know that is the first question! It is a great recycling idea and effort, and I encourage you to visit the site by clicking on the provided link to learn more! I know you will...



01.22.10 Very engaging discussion this morning with the Chairman of the Grand Traverse County Economic Development Corporation, Mr. Kevin Byrne.

NEWS SECTION:

- Last week Alan Campbell, Publisher of the Leelanau Enterprise, conducted an interview with me which was in this past week's Leelanau Enterprise (weekly printed local newspaper). Here is a link to that story: <http://leelanaunews.com/drupal/index.php?q=node/14886>

While this publication remains on the newsstands, I am going to continue to promote it! "Reflections By The Bays" by the TC Record Eagle is a quarterly published magazine appropriately. The Winter 2010 edition just recently hit newsstands and writer Loraine Anderson does an excellent job on detailing both the historical and

present account of the Grand Traverse Band. I encourage all to pick up your copy and/or subscribe for future editions.

Reflections By The Bays



To subscribe, click here: <http://www.record-eagle.com/reflections>

The Winter 2010 issue of the Record-Eagle's history magazine, "Reflections By The Bays," is available now on news stands. Highlights include: A look at Peshawbestown's past & future; The Big Blow of '78 and other historic blizzards; Old Town Playhouse celebrates 50th anniversary; Pasties & more.

Before I end, I wanted to share a couple of pictures I took from last night's Suttons Bay boys JV game (against Benzie Central). I am proud of all our students and athletes and wish them well in their educational pursuits. I am also proud of the boys' JV coach, Ron Anderson, who is a GTB tribal member and governmental employee!



Gregory Petoskey-Banks shoots a free throw. Gregory ended up scoring 26 points for the Norsemen!



Ryan Shaw shooting a free throw to close the gap. Benzie Central ended up winning the game, but Ryan played tough defensively and made some good post moves – hopefully his Dad, Darrell Shaw, was watching to help his game!

Happy a Great Weekend and Week!

Chairman Bailey



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