LTBB Program Specialist Joe Van Alstine Honored as a 2014 Traverse CITY TOURISM COMMUNITY CHAMPION



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

For his efforts in helping to bring the 2016 National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR) National Conference to Traverse City, MI, Joe VanAlstine is the recipient of a 2014 Traverse City Tourism's Community Champion Award.

VanAlstine, an LTBB Tribal Citizen who works as the Program Specialist in the LTBB Human Services Department, received word of the award in late October 2014. He will be honored at the Traverse City Tourism's Annual Meeting and Reception on December 3, 2014 at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, MI.

The Traverse City Tourism's Community Champion Award is designed to help increase meeting and convention business for the Traverse City, MI, area by recognizing residents who are instrumental in bringing a group or an association to town. A Community Champion is a local resident who uses his/her contacts in a club, association or other group to help Traverse City Tourism bring new meeting or convention business to the area.

"I genuinely want to thank you for all you did to entice the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations to consider Traverse City for its 2016 Annual Meeting," wrote Tori Piersante, Traverse City Tourism's Vice President of Sales, in notifying VanAlstine of the award. "I understand the passion and hard work it takes to pitch a new destination, and that is exactly why you are such an outstanding fit for our 2014 Community Champions for Traverse City Tourism. We are very grateful for your input and hard work, and as you

"VanAlstine" continued on page 24.

IMPORTANT PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION Information FROM THE Enrollment Department



The Enrollment Office is currently working on the 2014 annual per capita payment.

As of October 29, 2014, we have 460 tribal citizens' addresses not verified. This includes tribal citizens who have moved and did not complete an address change form OR minors who do not have a minor form on file for 2014. All addresses on file in the Enrollment Office must have an Address Change form on file to receive the 2014 annual per capita payment. Minors 17 and under must have an address change form on file annually.

If you did not receive your 2014 per capita payment and you are enrolled prior to October 31, 2014, please contact the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520, Pauline Boulton, or 231-242-1521, Linda Gokee.

Please keep in mind we CANNOT accept any faxed or electronic versions of the address verification forms.

Courtesy graphic.

Michigan Voters Repeal Legislature's Actions on Wolf Hunting and Transfer of Authority to Natural Resources COMMISSION



Editor's note: The following is a Keep Michigan Wolves Protected press release dated November 6, 2014.

In the first-ever statewide votes related to wolf hunting in any state, Michigan voters sent a loud and clear

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE COBELL SETTLEMENT



The \$3.4 billion Cobell Settlement included \$1.4 billion split in two classes with the first round of payments mailed to recipients in December 2012. The second round of payments was mailed to recipients in late September 2014.

There are 14 tribes in Michigan (the 13 federally recognized tribes and the Grand River Band Ottawa) included on the Indian Trust Settlement website, however, names may appear more than once, may not be listed under the right tribe or may not be affiliated with any tribe. The Indian Trust Settlement website is www.indiantrust.com.

If your name or the estate of a deceased family member is on the website's lists, you can get more information on the website or by calling the Indian Trust Settlement Hotline at 1-800-961-6109.

According to the Indian Trust Settlement website, more than 30,000 class members are designated as whereabouts unknown, and there are thousands more whose addresses on record with the Claims Administrator are not current. If you or a family member need to update an address, you may do so on the website or call the hotline.

The settlement included individual Indian trust beneficiaries who had an individual Indian Money (IIM) account anytime from approximately 1985 through September 30, 2009 or had an individual interest in land held in trust or restricted status by the U .S. government as of September 30, 2009. The estate of a deceased individual described above whose account was open or in probate status as of September 30, 2009 is included.

The settlement resolved claims the federal government violated its trust duties to individual Indian trust

beneficiaries. Despite denying these claims, the federal government settled with individual plaintiffs in December 2009 for \$3.4 billion. The settlement included \$1.4 billion to pay



recipients listed under Historical Accounting Class and the Trust Administration Class, \$1.9 billion to purchase fractionated individual Indian trust lands and up to \$60 million for a scholarship fund to help Native Americans attend college or vocational school.

The settlement came about due to the 1996 class action lawsuit filed by the late Elouise Cobell of the Blackfeet Tribe in Montana. She was an individual IIM account holder and filed the lawsuit on behalf of hundreds of thousands of individual Indians in 1996 after finding many discrepancies in the management of funds for lands held in trust by the United States in her job as Treasurer for the Blackfoot tribe.

Courtesy graphics.

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LTBB Tribal Citizens Enrolled as of 11-17-2014 = 4,574

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Youth Services Department

Coordinator 242-1593

Being Odawa is all about Freedom The freedom to be a part of a people, who with integrity and pride, still have and speak our language. The freedom in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the tribe forward.

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'iing. Geyaabi gdaa'aana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'iing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaaadendiziyin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'iing na-kaazwinan jimnomewzi'iing, enitaanokiijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

Contact Information Let it Snow, Let it Snow,



Annette VanDeCar Communications Wendy Congdon

> **Specialist** 242-1429

Pre-Press Graphic

The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for

The deadline for the January 2015 issue of Odawa Trails is December 1, 2014.

You can e-mail your submissions to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or call them in at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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VETERAN SPOTLIGHT @ © ©

Honoring Our LTBB Tribal Citizen Veterans - In Memory of Martin J. King, Jr.

Every month, we will honor LTBB Tribal Citizen Veterans, past and present, who have served our country in the various branches of the military.

If you would like yourself, a family member or someone you know to appear in this series, please send us an e-mail at newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov with the name of the veteran(s), and please provide your contact information.

In Memory of Martin J. King, Jr.

Martin J. King, Jr. was born June 1, 1935 in Petoskey, MI, to Mary (Kenoshmeg) King and Martin King, Sr. and walked on June 28, 2001 at the age of 66.

He attended Holy Childhood School in Harbor Springs, MI, and graduated from Harbor Springs High School. He





served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army after suffering a spinal back injury. He returned home to Petoskey, MI, where he lived the rest of his life. He served as a caregiver for both his father, Martin King, Sr., and his mother, Mary (Kenoshmeg) King.

He was a lifelong member of the Emmet County V.F.W. in Petoskey, MI, where he was the post's chaplain. He assisted other veterans in obtaining their VA benefits.

He was a member of the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association, was instrumental in helping non-reservation Indians receive their land claims money and was active in Native organizations that provided services to Native people in the Northern Michigan area.

He was an avid bingo player, assisted at area bingos and enjoyed cooking and going to the casino.

Courtesy photo and courtesy graphic.



Each month, we will highlight LTBB Governmental Employees who serve our tribal community. Many of these employees are not often seen as they work behind the scenes. We hope to have an opportunity to introduce you to everyone who works to make the tribal government a success in serving the tribal citizens, both inside and outside of our local community.



Accounting Technician Lisa Brookins

I have worked in the Accounting Department for a little over two years. I have worked for Odawa Casino in the Call Center and at Odawa Hotel. I live in Petoskey, MI.

In the Accounting Department, you need to have an attention for detail. I help Tonia Gasco, who is the Accounts Payable person, with processing payments to our vendors. The most challenging part and what I like to do most, is processing the credit card for payment. It is time consuming, and it seems as though once I get it done and payment has been made, the next statement is arriving. I really do enjoy working for our tribal government because I am busy all day.

Lisa Brookins, Accounting Technician.

Enterprise Bookkeeper Debra Portman-Janney

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My name is Debra Portman-Janney. I was born and raised in Berkley, MI, and spent most of my adult life living in Ferndale, MI. I moved to Indian River, MI, in 2010 when I started working as the Enterprise Bookkeeper in March. Prior to this, I worked in the Accounting Department as a Pur-



chasing Tech from August 2008 through February 2009. In January 2010, I was a temporary employee in the Accounting Department as the Accounting Assistant.

As the Enterprise Bookkeeper, I am responsible for the bookkeeping of the enterprises. When I first started working for LTBB, I did the bookkeeping for Biindigen's and Bell's Fishery. After Bell's Fishery was taken over by NRD, I started doing the billing for Appleyard Daycare. Now with the daycare closed, I only do the bookkeeping for Biindigen's. Although I only have the one, it keeps me very busy because I am a one man office. Therefore, I do all aspects of accounts payable, accounts receivable, billing of house accounts, reviewing of tribal logs for accuracy, balancing the bank, reconciliation of daily cash, coupon redemption, submission of sales tax, financials and prepare for the annual audit. I also help in the Accounting Department with putting the annual reports together, the mailing of the per capita checks and other duties as assigned.

What I like most about my job is the people I work with. They truly are a great group, and we all manage to work well together.

What I find most challenging is checking the tribal logs for accuracy and meeting some of the deadlines.

Did you know? Youth obtain alcohol from home with or without parental knowledge

Grandfather teaching: Respect teaches us "to honor all of creation is to have respect." Respect each other.

We are doing **BETTER** at preventing youth from getting alcohol from another person's home, <u>but</u> **WORSE** on youth getting alcohol from their own home. Of those who drank, they:



| | 2012 | 2014 |
|-----------|------------------|-------|
| th grade | 42.2% | 34.3% |
| 1th grade | 69.2% | 47.6% |
| Dran | k at their own h | nome |
| | 2012 | 2014 |
| th grade | 44.4% | 57.1% |
| 1th grade | 22.7% | 44.4% |

Don't give alcohol to YOUR kids.

"It's Illegal, It's Unsafe & It's Irresponsible!"

Nishing/Maanaaadak, the nishing (good) and the maanaadak (bad) path. We have the ability to make choices every day of our lives. It does not matter how hard it is or how difficult the path appears to be, we always have the choice to make decisions for ourselves.



Annual Binagek - Human Services Hat and Mitten Tree

Trees will be placed at the LTBB Governmental Center,
Mskiki Gumik Health Clinic, Casino employee lounge and
at 911 Spring St. from November 19, 2014

until December 19, 2014. Help keep someone warm this winter by hanging NEW hats, mittens or scarfs on a tree at one of these locations.

Do you know someone who is in need?

If so, contact
Lisa Kurtz-Tollenaar at 231-242-1630

or e-mail ltollenaar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians did not renew the lease for hunting privileges on Berg Property for 2014. Please make note that LTBB does not have hunting rights reserved on the Berg property for the upcoming 2014 hunting season.

Attention Tribal Businesses/Entrepreneurs!

If you would like to be on the tribal governmental vendor list for providing goods or services to the LTBB government, please contact Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Please be prepared to provide the following information: Name, contact information, good/services you are providing and any additional information as required. Supporting our tribal businesses is our preference. Chi Miigwech!

DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS

December Elders Birthdays

December 1

Danon Ervick **Howard Scott** Doreen Wilson

December 2

Pamela Feldstein Wayne Glazier

December 3

Kemo Smith

December 4

Dolphus Delmas, Sr Roberta Hinmon Vera Olsen Virginia Sherwood Carl Strate, Sr. Roger Wemigwase

December 5

Connie Didomenico Yvonne Salgat

December 6

Marcelino Bernard, Jr. Donna VanderHyde

December 7

Louise Amato Karen Brosseau Mel Cripps Yvonne Fuerte Florence Indelicato James Minor

December 8

Archie Kiogima, Jr. Linda Smith

December 9

Jon Kilborn Kathleen Mobley **Bonnie Ramirez** Teresa Seume Samuel Worthington

December 10

Nathaniel Chingwa

December 11

Wesley Andrews **Leonard Emery** Carol Hellmer Grace Hutton

December 12

Alice Yellowbank

December 13

Kenneth Gibson Gary Gilbault Stephen Minor Deborah Root Robin Sloan

December 14

Freida Carroll Mary Forbes Erlene Futrel **Barbara** King

December 15

Valiere Yother

December 16

Nancy Bennett Sharon Curran Shirley Eaves Joan Smith

December 17

Anna Bixler Scott Keway Gloria Miles Patricia Weber

December 18

Allan Voisard

December 19

Joseph Keller Alice Liebgott

December 20

Mary Brewer Gaila Carpenter

December 21

Robert Duley

December 22

Donald Chippewa, Sr. Anita Coss Patricia Dehainey James Kagabitang, Jr. Jack Ross

December 23

Robert Devernay

December 24

Patrick Boda Glen Rawls Roger Smith, Sr. Leon Trueblood

December 25

Raphael Gasco Paula Hall Marilyn Muskovin Christina O'Banion

December 26

Jean Ansorge Laura Burroughs Allen Gasco **David Paul Daniel Root** Janice Shackleford

December 27

Robert Boda Michael Chisholm Christine Sevener Levi Walker, Jr.

December 28

Christine Russell

December 29

Deloise Mitchell

December 30

Shirley Adkins William King

December 31

Ella Petoskey Marie Simmons

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS



November 17, 2014

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

| RECALL VOTE DEB DELEON | MACHINE COUNT | HAND TALLY | TOTAL | % |
|------------------------|---------------|------------|-------|---------|
| RETAIN | 312 | 3 | 315 | 45.06% |
| REMOVE | 380 | 4 | 384 | 54.94% |
| VOTE TOTALS | 692 | 7 | 699 | 100.00% |

| RECALL VOTE FRED KIOGIMA | MACHINE COUNT | HAND TALLY | TOTAL | % |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------|-------|---------|
| RETAIN | 322 | 3 | 325 | 46.16% |
| REMOVE | 375 | 4 | 379 | 53.84% |
| VOTE TOTALS | 697 | 7 | 704 | 100.00% |

| , | OTER PARTICIPATION | |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------|
| REGISTERED VOTERS | BALLOTS CAST | % VOTING |
| 1703 | 706 | 41.46% |

Tribal Home Visiting Recruitment Event December 5, 2014 5 pm - 7 pm **H**

Mskiki Gumik upstairs conference room

For more information, contact: Tina Shawano, RN 231-242-1614 Trista Paone, RN 231-242-1721 Michele Keshick, RN 231-242-1606

Petoskey's Orange Group

I am a proud parent of an Inmate. I am starting a support group for Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers and friends of a Loved One who is incarcerated. It's about time we empower ourselves with positive input on a daily basis in this journey.

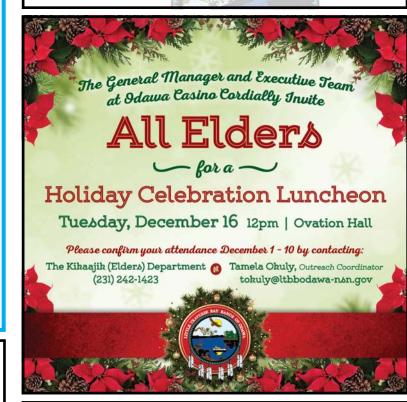
> Contact: Janice Shackleford Phone or text: 231-881-8787 e-mail: janiceshomin@icloud.com

Would appreciate input or ideas. Group to start January 20, 2015. Everyone is welcome.

STRENGTH AND HOPE FOR FAMILIES!

ATTENTION TRIBAL CITIZENS

We are forming a Constitutional Committee to review/discuss the LTBB Constitution. For those interested, please contact Cathy Bradley at 231-330-5130 or cathylbradley@yahoo.com.

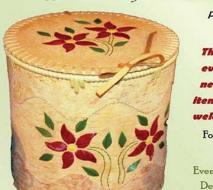


Winter Solstice Celebration December 21st, 2014 5pm-9pm

University of Michigan-Dearborn

University Center, Kochoff Hall

1133 University Center, Dearborn Michigan



Please Bring your Feast Bundles! (Plate, Bowl, Cup, Utensils)

There will also be a give away, everyone is welcome to bring a new, homemade or gently used item to contribute! Donations are welcome to help cover event costs.

For More Information call Nickole Fox (313) 846-3718 x1400

Event sponsored by University of Michigan Dearborn, American Indian Health and Family Services, Southeastern Michigan Indians Inc.



IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF TAX-EXEMPT DIESEL FUEL



By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assis-

Aanii. In order to effectively monitor the usage of tax-exempt DIESEL fuel gallons, the Department of Commerce (DOC) has mandated the purchase of tax-exempt diesel fuel will only be available at the tribally-owned convenience store Biindigen, effective December 1, 2014.

This mandate will be lifted January 1, 2015. Thank you for your cooperation.

Courtesy graphic.

TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

partment of Commerce Assis-The Department of Com-

By Theresa Keshick, De-

merce (DOC) would like to remind the tribal membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement.

First of all, I cannot express enough how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department. This must be done in writing and as soon as possible.

The DOC cannot and will not change the estimated beginning date (EBD) (which is always the first in any given month) of a member's tax exempt status (see example below).

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this

In addition, being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt.

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

If you plan on purchasing any of these items, please contact me FIRST, and I will be happy to get you the form via e-mail or fax. I am also able to fax the TCEs to the dealership you are doing business with.

Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

Also, another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA), your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month.

Example: I move to Petoskey, MI, (inside the TAA) on September 5, 2010. My RTM (EBD) status begins October 1, 2010. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at:

http://tinyurl.com/ ltbbtaxagr

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I can reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

EPARTMENT

Verification Forms Due October 31, 2015

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTO-BER 31, 2015. Faxed copies are not acceptable and will not be processed. The Address Verification form must contain the original signature. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or

dropped off at the aforementioned address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship or custodial issues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

Minors who turn 18 by OC-TOBER 31, 2015 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERI-FICATION FORM. This form must be returned by OCTOBER

Address verification forms can be downloaded at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/ Enrollment/enrollment.htm or you may call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 to have a form mailed to you.

THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Branch of Service
- This information will be used by the Grants Department. Megwetch,

Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer



Tribal Notary Information

The Tribal Notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless he/she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute

| Tribal Notary Commission Full Name | Current Status | Appointment Date | Expiration Date | Serial Number |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Theresa C Keshick | Active | 2/18/2009 | February 18, 2015 | 01-09 |
| Rebecca R Fisher | Active | 2/23/2009 | February 23, 2015 | 02-09 |
| Lisa Flynn | Active | 2/23/2009 | February 23, 2015 | 03-09 |
| Beatrice A Law | Active | 5/11/2009 | May 11, 2015 | 04-09 |
| Cynthia Brouckaert | Active | 06/07/2011 | June 07, 2017 | 05-09 |
| Kathryn L McGraw | Active | 04/02/2013 | April 2, 2019 | 06-09 |
| Kiley Pawneshing | Active | 05/29/2013 | May 27, 2019 | 07-09 |
| Gwendolyn Gasco | Active | 07/02/2013 | July 2, 2019 | 08-09 |
| Yvonne E Brown | Active | 03/25/2014 | March 24, 2020 | 09-09 |

LTBB Tribal Directories

LTBB tribal directories are available for sale in the Enrollment Office. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled as of February 28, 2013, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

Qualifications:

- Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
- A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

Mail to:

LTBB of Odawa Indians Attn: Enrollment Office 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

Department of Commerce

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

Cross Village (all) Readmond (all) Friendship (all) West Traverse (all) Little Traverse (all) City of Harbor Springs (all)

Bay (partial) Bear Creek (all) Resort (partial) Hayes (partial) City of Petoskey (all)

City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge) Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan tax-

- 1. Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
- 2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
- 3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income) 4. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)

sole consumption ONLY!

- 5. *Motor Fuel Tax (currently, 36.5 cents per gallon unleaded and 32.6 cents per gallon on diesel)
 - 6. *Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)
- * All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and

*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.

*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the

south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant. Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members'

IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THEIR CARDS OUT TO ANYONE.

The current limit on tobacco purchases is four cartons per week per tribal citizen age 18 and over. The same applies to all other tobacco products (OTP) packaged in similar fashion.

Tax Agreement Reminder

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.

Tribal identification cards now have a hologram. This is an added security feature to eliminate duplication. We are phasing out the old cards. Once your Tribal identification card has expired, you will be issued the new hologram card along with a replacement fee of \$10. Replacement cost includes: address change, lost card, expired cards and minors turning 21. There will be no fee charged for: elders (55 and up), first time picture identification card, name change, defective card, faded or cracked (must bring card to office).

For more information, please contact: Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)

If you are planning to purchase a vehicle, ORV or plan on doing any home improvements to your principal place of residence, YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME FIRST before making the actual purchase(s). You must fill out the "Request for TCE" form located on the LTBB website or by contacting my office. I will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the Refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you. - Theresa Keshick at 231-242-1584.

| Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule | FEES |
|---|----------|
| Replacement/Expired Cards | \$10 |
| A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an | |
| address change. Free to Elders. | |
| Tribal Directory | \$5 |
| Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/28/2013 | |
| Published every 4 years. | |
| Tribal Directory Labels | \$5 |
| Requestor must provide labels. | |
| LTBB List | \$5 |
| The list includes adult's first, middle and last names | |
| only. | |
| Photocopies of Enrollment file | \$1 each |
| \$1 first copy page, 25 cents for each page thereafter. | |
| Marriage License Application | \$15 |
| Certified Copies: \$10 | |
| Photo Copies: \$5 | |
| Tribal Notary Application | \$10 |
| If approved, Surety Bond: \$125 | |

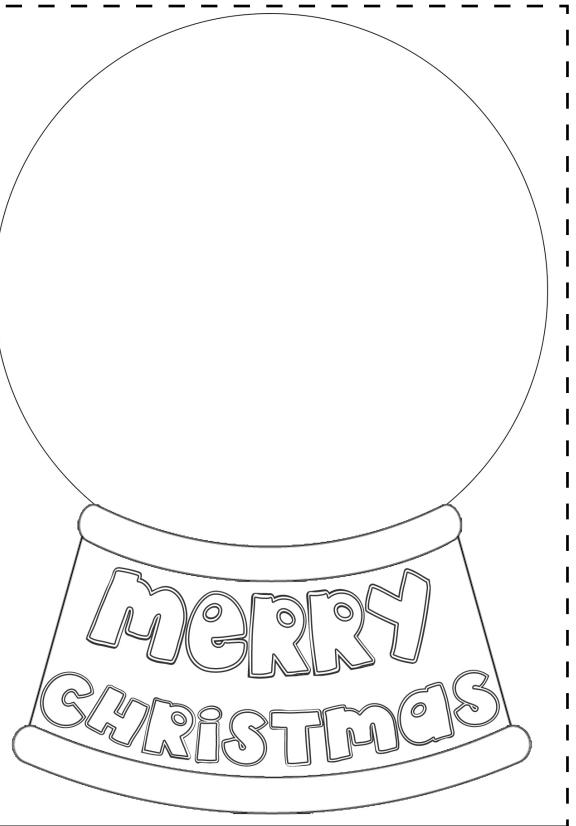
- Enrollment Applications.
- Address Change Forms.

 O Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
 - Minors require notarization annually.
 - Tribal Directory. Marriage License Application.
- Tribal Notary Application.
 Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.
 - BIA 4432 Indian Preference Form.
 - Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
 - Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood



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Christmas Snow Globe Coloring Contest Rules



Child's Name:

_Phone#:



CHAMPIONS OF THE HEART: HEALTHY HEART SUCCESS STORIES

Submitted by Arlene Naganashe, Healthy Heart Case Manager

Shared with permission from a Healthy Heart Cham-

The individual recently shared feeling a lack of energy and feeling overwhelmed, but had decided to get out and walk anyway. After sharing feelings and walking almost a mile, the individual stated with a smile, "I feel better now."

Chronic illness (such as diabetes) can put one at risk for feelings of depression. As the days become shorter and darker, the risk increases.

Walking and talking with someone you trust



can help reduce the risk. Walking can give your body energy as it allows the glucose (sugar) in your blood to move into the cells where it is needed. Walking and allowing the muscles to rub together as you move stimulates the body's natural morphine endorphins to respond.

Talking with someone who will just listen allows you to get what's worrying/bothering you off your mind. Talking out loud lets you hear your own voice and helps you with your inter-

nal problem solving skills. Smiling opens the pathway to the creative part

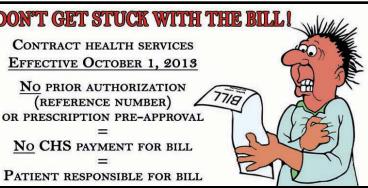
of your brain. Graphic by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon.

Crayons * Markers * Paint * Stickers Colored Pencils * Glitter * You choose!

- Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.
- Limit one submission per child.
- All entries must be the original size.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. No exceptions!
- All mailed entries must be postmarked by December 1, 2014. No exceptions!

Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category. Each winner will receive a prize!





Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!



McLaren NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

416 Connable Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770 1-800-248-6777



Quick Care can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.

When using Quick Care, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.

Notice: Up North Medical Center, also known as Boyne Country Urgent Care, located on M-119 in Harbor Springs, MI, is no longer open after hours or on weekends, so LTBB is no longer using it as an urgent care facility. After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at Quick Care Family Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI or Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix, MI.

A LETTER OF RECOGNITION FOR CAROL KINGIMA

Editor's note: On October 17, 2014, Community Health Outreach Worker Carol Kiogima was recognized as an exemplary employee to Sharon Sierzputowski, PAC/Health Department Director. This letter has been reprinted with permission.



Dear Sharon:

I wanted to take a moment to tell you about an exemplary employee here at the Health Park. On

Tuesday, the 14th, I was in the middle of a very busy three days. I had been out late at Berg's farm

the night before, I was preparing for the October Live Well class, and I had to prepare for the Tahquamenon Falls trip the next day as well. The task of shopping and setting up the food for the trip had been assigned to me, and I hadn't really thought about the difficulty of preparing for two big events simultaneously. Arlene Naganashe hasn't really been involved in planning a similar event yet and there was a lot that neither of us were thinking of.

Carol Kiogima came to our rescue-as I was unpacking and sorting the food purchases she came in and offered to help. Fruits and vegetables got washed and prepared as she made very helpful suggestions. When I left to go set up for Live Well, she loaded everything that didn't need refrigerating, including the cooler, into the van, filled it with gas and sent the keys out to me with Arlene in case the office where the keys are kept was locked the next morning. All in all, things went quite smoothly because of her experience with preparing for such events and her willingness to pitch in and help even when she wasn't really involved in the event.

This is only the latest example of what sort of a team player Carol is. I could go on about how, through heroic efforts on her part, schedules get rearranged to accommodate a patient's need; or how she looks ahead and jumps in rather than waiting to be asked or told to help; or even the emotional support she gives clients and other employees, but I'm sure you are already aware of a lot of it.

In summary, Carol is an asset to the Health Department and the tribe, and a pleasure to work with.

Thank you for your attention.

Regina Brubacker-Carver, RN

LTBB Health Educator

Update on the Tribal Exemption from the Mandated Responsibility Fee



Submitted by **Valorie Glazier**, Patient Benefits Specialist

The first week of October 2014, I sent letters to more than 800 members who were uninsured. So far, I have helped more than 100 people file for the exemption from the mandated responsibility fee, which is imposed by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The federal government has informed us of an update about the exemption process from the mandated tax fee; instead of 4-6 weeks to get your certificate number, it is taking longer for its team to process applications. Longer means, it could take up to six months to get your exemption certificate number back from the Marketplace.

Please don't worry, the government has also provided an alternative way we can still file our taxes before we get the certificate number and avoid paying the fee out of our expected tax refunds. This new form is called **8965**.

I will keep you updated as more information comes to me, so please keep looking in the monthly newsletter. Please be aware I can help you to understand the forms and processes to file for this exemption, but that is the limit of my ability to assist you with filing your taxes. I am not qualified to give tax advice or help file tax returns.

I am available to help any uninsured tribal citizen with this application process and strongly encourage anyone who is uninsured to contact me at vglazier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, 231-242-1748 or by stopping by my office at the Health Park in Petoskey, MI, as soon as possible to ensure there will be no delay when doing your taxes.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

How Do You Use Your Energy?

By Malcolm J. Wilson Jr., LLPC, NCC, LTBB SA/MH Program

Are you using your energy wisely? Hypothetically, we begin the day with 100 units of energy. The question is, "How do you use your energy?" This is best answered by asking another question, "What is your level of satisfaction at the end of the day?" Are you frustrated or calm, stressed or relaxed, dissatisfied or satisfied?

No day is perfect though we have some we may or may not wish could be repeated like the movie *Ground Hog's Day*! In reality, there are days that are mediocre or even disappointing. Whether we have had a good, bad or mediocre day, it is important to explore the choices we made that day. What was within our control? What was outside



our control, though, we may have been very concerned about it? Our choices lie within our control; the outcomes may not.

People who are court ordered to remain substance free and attend substance abuse groups still retain the choice to do otherwise. Those who are coerced in relationships can choose

to embrace healthy boundaries even if it means moving to a safe environment or staying in an abusive relationship. An employee can choose how he or she will respond to a co-worker who has been difficult. Each day, unaware, we are faced with a plethora of choices. We can choose how and where to use the energy we have. Once it is spent, it cannot be recovered. We are accountable for what we have control over; even if the results are outside our control. We can choose to not own and not hold ourselves responsible for the results of things outside our control. Choose to focus on living your day based on your values and what is within your control. At the end of the day, regardless of the outcome, you will have spent your energy effectively and experience greater satisfaction. Courtesy graphic.

No Insurance? See if you qualify for the Healthy Michigan Plan!



The Healthy Michigan Plan provides health care benefits to Michigan residents at a low cost so that more people can have health care coverage. Individuals are eligible for the Healthy Michigan Plan if they:

- Are age 19-64 years
- •Have income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level*
 (\$16,000 for a single person or \$33,000 for a family of four)
- •Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in Medicare
- •Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs
- Are not pregnant at the time of application
- Are residents of the State of Michigan
- *Eligibility for the Healthy Michigan Plan is determined through the Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodology.

If you do not have insurance and would like to fill out an application, contact Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist, at 231-242-1748 or by e-mail at vglazier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov to set up an apointment today!

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

You must exhaust all other means available to you, i.e. Friendship Center Bus, Straits Regional Transit, Char/Em Transit, Taxi or Family.

Clients of the Little Traverse Bay Bands Health
Department must notify the Community Health
Department 72 hours prior to their appointments.

Transportation is based on availability.

Call 231-242-1601 to set up a ride as soon as possible.

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The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

Are You:

Currently not eligible for Medicaid?
19-64 years old?
Not eligible for Medicare?
Not pregnant?
Making under \$15,000 for a family of 1 or making under \$34,000 for a family of 4?



If you have answered "YES" to these questions, you may qualify for Medicaid due to the Michigan Medicaid Expansion effective on April 1, 2014: Healthy Michigan!! Please contact Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist, at 231-242-1748 for assistance.

Youth Group Activities

Tuesday nights are social events such as bowling, Wii Tournaments, movies, games, swimming, and many more, and Thursday nights are cultural events with activities such as snow snake making, maple syrup teachings, 7 Grandfather teachings, Language lessons, and others, both from 4-7 pm during the school year and 1-5 pm during the summer months. We also have Youth Sports during the school year at St. Francis from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Ages for the youth activities on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are ages 8-18 years old unless accompanied by an adult. Activities are open for Native and non-Native youth who are involved in the community. Youth Services releases a monthly calendar and updates can be found on Facebook. Look us up on Facebook at Waganakising Eshkiniigijik or by e-mail at bbott@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Youth Services also does a number of other activities throughout the year such as Crooked Tree Youth Leadership Program, Be Active Be Healthy workshops and the Annual Jiimaan Journey. Please check out the LTBB website and Facebook for more information.

Waganakising Eshkiniiglik UNITY Council

Meets Monday nights from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the LTBB White House. Includes leadership activities, fundraisers and various other community events. Provides opportunities for youth to become active leaders in the comunity.



Youth Services, contact: Barry Bott - Youth Assistant 231-242-1589 Sara Lucier - Youth Assistant 231-242-1589

For more information on

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Anishinaabemowin Online Class - Wednesdays, 7 pm - 8 pm

This is only one hour per week, and there is no cost, it's free! You'll see and hear the words and phrases. The screen is set up, so you can see and hear the words and phrases. You can also see the instructor, Isadore Toulouse, and below his photo is scrolling texts of questions and answers for those who want to type the answer in. You do not need a videocam or microphone to participate - the teacher is the only one who uses a microphone and camcorder.

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Attend as a group or as a family - the more the

It is very simple to join the class each week.

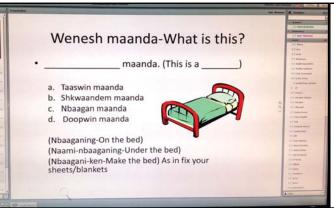
There are two ways:

- 1. In Facebook, go to Online Anishinaabemowin Facebook page. Click on the link you will see in the newsfeed.
- 2. On the Internet, go to the website http://onlineanishinaabemowin.blogspot.ca/

Click ">> Biindigen << to enter class "button.

Then, you connect to the event by typing in a username (you can use any name or nickname).

No password is needed. Then, click "Connect."



You will see the teacher, Isadore Toulouse, on the upper left; this is video with audio as he teaches. Below the teacher video, you see "typed discussion" or conversation going on. The middle shows the "board" area where the material is presented on what is being talked about. The right column is a list of students and some groups of students who are also logged on.

RUDOLPH

Kikenimaa na Dasher, Dancer, Prancer miinwaa Vixen Comet, Cupid, Donner miinwaa Blitzen G'mijimenimaa dash shii go Bezhig kchitwaa-wawaashkeshi

Rudolph wawaashkeshiinhs Aapiji gii-kchi-msko-jaane Miinwaa gwa giishpin waabimad Waaskone jaanshim gdaa-kid

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ngoding giizhigag gii-kchi-awang Santa gii-bi-kwejimaan "Rudolph e-kchi-msko-jaaned baa-wiikabishin nango naakshik"

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New Anishinaabemowin Language App!

Wikwemikong Heritage Organization recently released a new language-learning app. Available at Google Play for Android devices at \$7.99 for the download. It is well worth the price. The app includes various tools to review the language. The ios version will be available soon for download to iPad and iPhone devices.



Categories include:

Pronunciation Guide
Food and Beverage
Food Phrases
Body Parts
Body Phrases
Clothes
Clothes Phrases
Questions
Value
Nature
Trees
Family
Colors
Buildings
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Occupations
Greetings
Animals
Domestic Animals
Birds
Hunting
Fish
People
Seasons
Time
Feelings

Pronouns

Small Insects

Numbers

DECEMBER 201 Bizhaak Enji-nishinaabemoyiing. Come Visit Anishinaabe Language Immersion.

Join us for a couple hours, for the day or for the entire weekend.

Friday, December 5, ~ 1 pm - 8 pm

Saturday, December 6, ~ 8 am - 8 pm

Sunday, December 7, ~ 8 am - 12 pm

Stop in anytime and enjoy listening to stories
as the teachers use drawings and actions to help tell the story.

Held at LTBB Community Center at Waawaasnodeki

5656 Ap-gish-mok Road, Harbor Springs, MI

(large building on the right just as you drive into complex)

Kawaabmigoom Oodi. (we'll see you'll over there)







For class Wednesday enter the classroom at 7PM EST by typing the following link into your browser: http://login.meetcheap.com/conference,anishinaabemowinonline

There is no password needed. Just enter your name or nickname.

There will be a live chat available to answer Isadore Toulouse's questions LIVE.

Lets have fun learning the language! Please SHARE!



online anishinaabemowin



Stocking

LOCATIONS OF UBJECTS

Behind

Aanii piish kookmidaas teg?

Shkweyaang mkakong te kookmidaas.

When talking about where someone or something is at, we use different words, depending on the gender of the object. Gender in this case means whether it is an animate object or an inanimate object. There are actually three categories when speaking about the location of objects:

1. Animate 1 (with a heartbeat) includes animate objects with a heartbeat, so it would include people and animals. (This is the type we put in last month's paper).

- 2. Animate 2 (without a heartbeat) includes objects or things that are spoken about as being animate, but do not have a heartbeat or are not considered alive as in the sense of a person or animal. This includes things such as feather, car, clock, pencil, scarf, gloves or mittens. (This is the type we put in this month's paper).
- 3. Inanimate includes all other things that are not in one of the animate categories. (This is the type we will put in next month's paper).

| υ | ised in this series of lo | catives with singular obj | ects. |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| e Term | Animate 1 | Animate 2 | Inanimate |

Here's a review of the vocabulary from the past three months,

| Locative Term | (with heartbeat) | (without heartbeat) | Inanimate |
|---------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| | Daabaan(ing) | Taaswin(ing) | Mkak(ong) |
| The Place | Car | Cupboard | Box |
| Biinjiyiing | Nimoosh | Zhagaangwash | Waaskwanenjigaanhs |
| Inside | Dog | Onion | Small Lamp, Little Light |
| Gijiyiing | Ajidamonh | Pin | Zenbaa |
| On Top | Squirrel | Potato | Ribbon |
| Niigaaning | Zhigaak | Mshiimin | Mshkiigmin |
| In Front of | Skunk | Apple | Cranberry |
| Shaweyiing | Koongsenh | Kik | Wiikwaan |
| Beside | Chipmunk | Pot | Hat |
| Naamiyiing | Gaazhigenhs | Pkwezhigaanhs | Ziisabaakwadonhs |
| Under | Kitten | Cookie | Candy |
| Shkweyaang | Eziban | Mandaamin | Kookmidaas |

Raccoon



Corn

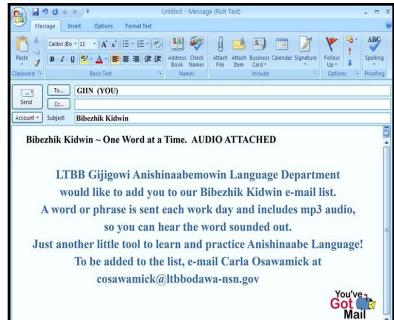
| Niigaaning |
|---|
| Where |
| ~ questioning where something inanimate is at? |
| \sim is at, it is at. Used in answer and in statements. |
| Box |
| Locative suffix "ong" added, making the box a location. |
| Where is the little lamp/light at? |
| The small lamp is inside of the box. |
| The small lamp is inside of the box. |
| Where is the ribbon at? |
| The ribbon is on top of the box. |
| The ribbon is on top of the box. |
| Where is the cranberry at? |
| The cranberry is in front of the box. |
| The cranberry is in front of the box. |
| Where is the hat at? |
| The hat is beside the box. |
| Where is the candy at? |
| The candy is under the box. |
| The candy is under the box. |
| |

Where is the stocking at?

The stocking is behind the box

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|-------|--------------|-------|--------------------|
| Vowel | Sounds Like | Vowel | Sounds Like |
| а | bus | aa | father |
| е | b e d | j | s <mark>i</mark> t |
| ii | See | 0 | note |
| 00 | book | nh | nasal sound |
| | | | |

| Biinjiyiing | Inside of | Shaweyiing | Beside | | | |
|---|-------------|------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Gijiyiing | On Top of | Naamiyiing | Under | | | |
| Niigaaning | In Front of | Shkweyaang | Behind | | | |
| Some prepositional locatives can be used at prefixes. * | | | | | | |



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS **EDUCATION APPEAL BOARD**

Purpose: Conduct hearings for student appeals of denials or adjustments to the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship in accordance

with REG-WOS 2007-05 102912-010, Section V. Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Appeals Form available online:

Itbbodawa-nsn.g<mark>ov > Education Department > Higher</mark> Educational Services

Questions? Contact the Tribal Chairman's Office: 231-242-1401

Chairperson: Melissa Colby Secretary: Catherine Laba Treasurer: Lily Anderson

Ebiimoshin (modern phrase to say "e-mail me")

Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List - One word at a time -E-mails sent of a single word or phrase with MP3 audio sound attached.

Anishinaabemowin E-mail List: In addition to the Bibezhik Kidwin e-mails, you'll also receive occasional e-mails regarding Anishinaabemowin Language such as announcements of Language or Cultural Activities, Classes, Events or General Information and News.

Send us an e-mail, and we'll add you to the "Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List" or the "Anishinaabemowin E-mail List." Carla Osawamick (McFall) at cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

LTBB Community Health offers appointments with Jake Pine. Traditional Healer. Listed below is the schedule for December 2014.

Office hours: 9 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 5 pm

December 2-3

Call 231-242-1600, choose #3, the Community Health Department to set up an appointment.

Stay up to date!

Join LTBB Higher Education Department on Twitter at: @LTBBHigherEd and Facebook at: www.facebook.com/LTBBHigherEducation

NATURAL RESOURCE **EPARTMENT**

Natural Resource Department Sponsors Deer Processing Class

Submitted by the Natural Resource Depart-

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The Natural Resource Department held a deer processing class on October 27, 2014 at the NRD pole barn in Harbor Springs, MI. It was from 6-9 p.m. There were approximately 20 individuals in attendance. This was the third year NRD has held the deer processing class. The deer used for the class were harvested and donated by Weengush Craven (one doe) and Noodin Craven (two bucks). The class is hands-on. Attendees were instructed on the whole process from skinning, de-boning, cutting, grinding and wrapping and packing. Each participant left the class with about five pounds of processed venison.

Courtesy photos.





Kaye Rowland, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, harvested a doe on October 12, 2014 in Petoskey, MI. It was her first time hunting and her first deer. Courtesy photo.

NATURAL KESOURCE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS TRIBAL YOUTH HUNT

Submitted by the Natural Resource Depart-

Three LTBB youth participated in the tribal youth hunt held by the Natural Resource Department on October 25, 2014 at the tribe's farm, Ziibimijwang, in Carp Lake, MI. The youth were Weengush Craven, 14, Noodin Craven, 13, and Andrew Pontiac, 12. Noodin Craven successfully harvested a four-point buck and a seven-point

buck about five minutes apart from each other with a single shot .243. Andrew successfully harvested an eight-point buck with a .243. Andrew was mentored by LTBB Conservation Officer Matthew Robertson, and Noodin was mentored by NRD Director Doug Craven. This was the second year NRD sponsored a tribal youth deer

Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo are Andrew Pontiac and Noodin Craven.



The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Commission is looking for LTBB tribal citizens with an interest in Great Lakes Commercial Gill Net Fishing

The LTBB Commercial Small Boat Apprentice Program is designed to provide eligible LTBB tribal citizens with an opportunity to learn the trade of commercial fishing from an experienced LTBB Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Captain

For more information on eligibility and requirements, please stop in or contact the LTBB Natural Resources Department



7845 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 231-242-1670 dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



DONATE YOUR VENISON TO

THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ELDERS AND THOSE IN NEED **HUNTERS NEEDED:**

SERVICES DEPARTMENT. YOU MAY TAKE YOUR HUNTERS, YOU CAN HELP DEER FOR PROCESSING TO: THIS HUNTING SEASON BY DONATING YOUR HARVEST OF VENISON TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE ELDERS AND OTHERS IN

LTBB of Odawa Indians Contact Information: 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Phone: 231-242-1670 Fax: 231-242-1690

dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.go

JUREK'S, 1549 ROBINSON ROAD, PELLSTON, MI 49769-231-539-8776

A LIMITED NUMBER OF DEER WILL BE PROCESSED FOR DISTRIBUTION.

HUNTERS MUST CONTACT THE NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT, SO THE DEPARTMENT CAN TRACK THE NUMBER OF DEER BEING PROCESSED. HUNTERS MAY USE ONE OF THEIR OWN TAGS OR COME TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT FOR A SPECIAL USE TAG

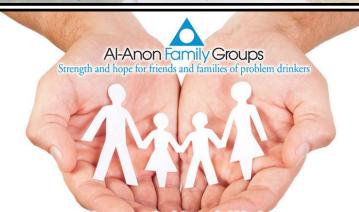
IT IS IMPORTANT YOU CONTACT NRD PRIOR TO HARVESTING A DEER FOR DONATION.

PROCESSING IS LIMITED.

HELP PROTECT OUR Natural Resources

TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477

Please provide any information related to the tip which may include date, time, subject or vehicle description, nature of the incident, and location (Example: nearest crossroad). It is ok if you wish to remain anonymous. All tips are investigated in a timely manner.



Weekly meetings are held each Wednesday at 7pm in the LTBB Health Clinic upstairs conference room. For more information, contact the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Department at 231-242-1640.



RESULTS OF THE LTBB Environmental Services Citizen Survey 2014

Submitted by the Environmental Services Program

Chi-Miigwech to those of you who participated in the survey on the tribe's Environmental Services Program and activities! We received a lot of informative and useful feedback that will help prioritize our environmental efforts now and in the future. The survey was conducted from April – July 2014, and some of the results are below.

We learned the majority of respondents (89%) felt protecting the environment is very important and another 10% felt it is somewhat important. Those surveyed indicated we are focusing on the right program areas with recycling, renewable energy, surface water quality, Great Lakes policy and energy efficiency in the top five. Of the environmental issues the tribe will face during the next five years, the majority of respondents (81%) felt pollution into lakes and rivers will be the most important. More than 50% felt both adequate drinking water and climate change impacts will also be important, followed closely by the loss of wetlands or environmentally sensitive lands, pollution from mining of oil and natural gas exploration and mercury in fish. More than 70% surveyed felt LTBB should work to develop laws and regulations to protect Ishkakimikwe. Of those who answered "yes," the results of the subject areas are mixed and included in the graph (Figure 1) below.

We also learned about the water bodies you use for hunting, fishing, gathering, ceremonial, cultural, recreational and other activities. It was

no surprise Lake Michigan and Little Traverse Bay topped the list of all use types. Other heavily used water bodies include Burt Lake, Spirit Lake, Bear River, Crooked Lake, Sturgeon Bay and Lake Charlevoix. Swimming was the most reported use type followed by fishing and recreational activities (boating, kayaking, etc.).

In addition to the outside environment, we asked participants questions about their homes and recycling habits. We learned participants have a mix of housing types with nearly half built before 1979 and about half built since then. This date is important for energy efficiency because ... the most profound improvements in building materials and designs have occurred since then. If your home was built before 1979, a variety of new materials would likely improve its efficiency. 87% surveyed indicated they have used or installed compact florescent light bulbs (spiral bulbs), 61% have Energy Star™ rated appliances in their homes and nearly 20% of respondents indicated they have used LED lights! We also learned nearly half of those surveyed are using natural gas as the primary heating source for their homes and a quarter are using primarily propane. Wood heat (including pellet stoves and wood boilers) and electric heat pumps combined made up roughly another quarter of heat types.

Finally, respondents indicated we still have work to do on recycling, and they would like to see more recycling bins and containers. Stay tuned to the Environmental Services website at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/env for updates on our progress for all environmental activities.

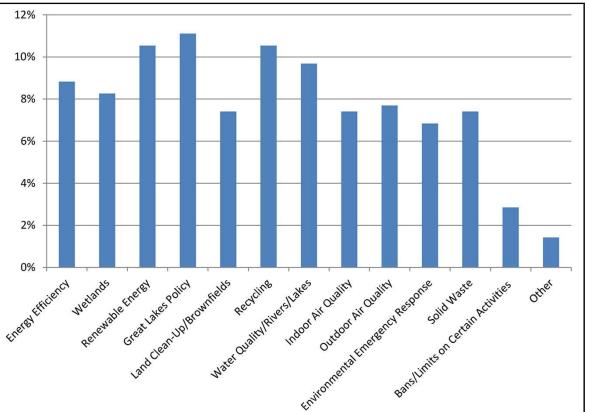


Figure 1. Percent of each focus area selected should have laws and regulations developed for protection of the environment.

REDUCE YOUR HOLIDAY WASTE

Submitted by the Environmental Services Program

Use reusable shopping bags for holiday shopping. You will help reduce plastic waste and have the benefit of "peek-free" bags at the same time!

Save on garbage pick-up! Wrap gifts in recycled, reused or funny papers. Non-foil or plastic regular wrapping paper is also recyclable in most areas.

When shopping, check labels for recycled content or recyclability. Consider items with less packing materials. YOUR purchasing decisions encourage manufacturers to make more recycled content products available.



sew? Find holiday printed materials and make homemade cloth gift bags. They are simple to make and can be used for years to come!

Do

you

Cooking for a holiday gathering? Pie tins, turkey trays, aluminum foil and other single-use aluminum cookware is recyclable.



About 40% of battery sales occur during the holiday season. Consider using rechargeable batteries. Many places also recycle batteries for free!

Upgrading or replacing electronics? Many retailers, waste providers and municipalities are now accepting e-waste and small appliances for recycling! Phones in working condition can also be donated.

Questions on resources in your area? Contact Environmental Services at 231-242-1574 or enviro@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Courtesy graphics.

Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Certificate Redemption Update

Submitted by the Trust Fund Board

It has been more than a decade since the original Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement certificates were issued.

All adults have been paid or they have deferred payment to a later date, however, tribal children who were enrolled before December 16, 1997 but had not yet turned 18 are still in the process of redeeming their certificates.

The following steps are intended to aid in this process. Redeeming certificates from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 105-143, are as follows:

- 1. Determine your eligibility: Tribal citizens who were enrolled, but had not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon reaching the age of 18.
- 2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his or her certificates must have a notarized signature.
- Copy two pieces of identification: One piece of identification (e.g. Driver's license) must have a picture, and the second piece needs at least your signature.
- 4. Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

Note: The address on the certificates is not correct:

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3 in 10 teen girls in the U.S. will get pregnant at least once before the age of 20?

During 2011, there were almost 11,000 teen births in Michigan between the ages of 15-19, and 112 births to girls under the age of 12! That means our kids are having kids too soon! Most teens must raise their child alone and with little income. These statistics are present despite the ½ credit requirement for sex education in the schools.

The most recent high school surveys have reported at least 47% of students have had sex.

Unfortunately, 1 in 3 adolescents in the U.S. will be the victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner. This is higher than any other type of youth violence.

What can we do in our community to change these statistics?

Our tribal Health Department offers education and mentoring on healthy relationships, proud choices, self-esteem and the prevention of teen pregnancy, HIV and STD's. There is also a lesson on the importance of continuing education and applying for college.

PARENTS: We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your kids and to consider an appointment. We have many ways in which they can learn this material either on an individual basis, with a few close friends or in small groups. The setting in which the learning takes place can be creative and combined with traditional teachings.

Enrollment has incentives!! Please inquire by calling tribal health: Trista Paone at 231-838-5761 or Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601. Ask about the Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program or TPREP!



The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians **Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG**



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| Regina Gasco-Bentley | Julie Shananaquet | Marci Reyes | Aaron Wayne Otto | John Keshick III | Bill A. Denemy | Winnay Wemigwase | Mike Naganashe | Beatrice A. Law |

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| DATE | October 2014 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WORK SESSIONS and other such ACTIVITIES ATTENDANCE | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/01/14 | Domestic Violence Against Indian Women Work Group | | X | | | | | Χ | | |
| 10/01/14 | Ethics Committee | | | Χ | Χ | X | | | | |
| 10/06/14 | 2016 Budget Hearing | Χ | X | Χ | | X | Χ | | Χ | |
| 10/06/14 | Gaming Authority Committee | X | | | | | | | | Χ |
| 10/06/14 - | RES Wisconsin | | | | | | | Χ | | |
| 10/14/14 | Milwaukee WI | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/07/14 | Legal and Legislative Committee | Χ | | Χ | | X | Χ | | | Х |
| 10/07/14 | Tribal Council Work Session | Χ | X | Χ | X | X | Χ | | Χ | Χ |
| 10/08/14 | Appropriations and Finance Committee & 2016 Budget | Χ | Χ | Χ | | X | Χ | | | Χ |
| 10/08/14 | Agricultural Assessment Work Group | | | Χ | | X | | | Χ | |
| 10/09/14 | Tribal Council Meeting | Х | X | Χ | X | X | Χ | | | Х |
| 10/10/14 | Gaming Authority Committee | Х | | | Χ | | | | | Χ |
| 10/13/14 | Ethics Committee | | | Χ | Χ | | | | Х | |
| 10/14/14 | Appropriations and Finance Committee | Χ | Х | Χ | | | Χ | | | Х |
| 10/14/14 - | Shifting Seasons Grant Funded | | | | | X | | | | |
| 10/17/14 | Oneida | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/14/14 | Appropriations and Finance Committee | Х | Χ | Χ | | | Χ | | | Χ |
| 10/17/14 | Abuse Later in Life Training | | Х | | | | Χ | | | Х |
| 10/20/14 | Agricultural Assessment Work Group | | | Χ | | X | | | Χ | |
| 10/21/14 | Land and Reservation Committee | Х | | | | Х | | | Χ | Х |
| 10/21/14 | Budget Formulation Process Work Session | Х | Х | Χ | Χ | Х | Χ | Χ | Χ | Х |
| 10/22/14 | Domestic Violence Statute Revision | | | | | | | Χ | | |
| 10/22/14 | Agricultural Assessment Work Group | | Ì | Χ | | Х | | | Χ | |
| 10/23/14 | Tribal Council Meeting | Х | X | Χ | Χ | X | Χ | Χ | Χ | X |
| 10/26/14 - | National Congress of American Indians | | | | | | | | | Х |
| 10/30/14 | Atlanta, GA | | | | | | | | | 2000000 |
| 10/26/14 - | National Congress of American Indians | | X | Χ | | | | Χ | | |
| 10/31/14 | Atlanta, GA | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/28/14 | Gaming Authority Committee | Χ | | | Х | Χ | | | | |
| 10/29/14 | Government to Government Meeting | Х | | | | | Χ | | | |
| | *additional recording of attendance may be reported | | | | | | | | | |

Legislative Corner: LTBB Tribal Seal

on future report logs

Dear Tribal Citizens,

As the Tribal Council Secretary of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB), I bring to your attention that a complaint was received alleging the "unauthorized and misleading use of the Tribal Seal by a political organization" and discovered other probable unauthorized uses of the Tribal Seal on items such as jackets, funeral cards, community Facebook pages, etc. Since the creation of the tribal seal via Tribal Council motion on December 5, 1999, there has been confusion on the ability of Tribal Citizens or other organizations as to whether they may or may not use the seal for personal use. Since I am duty-bound to "maintain and protect the Tribal Seal" per LTBB Constitution and WOS 2006-015 Tribal Seal of the Waganakising Odawak Nation Statute, I respectfully request that persons using the Tribal Seal for purposes other than that stated in Section IV of WOS 2006-015, please discontinue use until such time that use is authorized by the Waganakising Odawak Tribal Council or until such time that an amendment to the existing Statute or if necessary a new Statute is passed.

In 2006, Tribal Council passed WOS 2006-015 Tribal Seal of the Waganakising Odawak Nation Statute, to ensure that the seal was not being used in a manner that creates a misleading, erroneous or false impression and is described as follows:

The Tribal Seal of the Waganakising Odawak Nation shall be the size of an American Silver Dollar. The design portion of the mark depicts in a circle an Anishinaabe paddling a canoe on a lake. An eagle soars across the sky in front of the sun. A crooked tree branch, an elk, a bear and a turtle are depicted within

a circle with six feathers hanging from the circle.

And looks like this:



Tribal Council recognizes the need for clarification between an official Tribal Seal vs. Tribal Logo and looks forward to gathering your thoughts and suggestions on how to protect our tribal seal/logo yet allow citizens to use a form of the tribal logo in a positive and respectful manner.

If you have any comments on this proposed Statute or other Tribal laws, please see the comment section in the Citizens' Only Portal that can be found on the LTBB website at http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Miigwetch, Submitted by Secretary Julie Shananaquet, and Donna L. Budnick, Legislative Services Attorney

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- Guardianships

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Onsite office hours at LTBB Governmental Center every Friday from 9 am - 5 pm, excluding holidays

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Michigan Indian Legal Services provides legal services to low-income Indian individuals and tribes to further self-sufficiency, overcome discrimination, assist tribal governments and preserve Indian families.



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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

All persons who have been convicted as a sex offender are required by the LTBB Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statute to register with LTBB Law Enforcement if any of the following circumstances are true:

- If your residence is on Tribally owned land;
- If you will be visiting and staying on Tribally 2. owned land for more than seven (7) days;
- If you are enrolled in any classes or schools located in Tribal buildings; or
- If you are employed on Tribally owned lands. LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:

911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770 231-242-1500

For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry, you can visit the LTBB Website www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.



Well, fellow Citizens, it has been a very beautiful fall that we've been blessed to witness here in our Homeland, with all the radiant fall colors and with so many family members coming home for their color tours. For me, this fall was a breath of fresh air, especially after the summer months flew past at such a hectic pace.

The Executive Office began October with the schedule of Meet and Greets, the same series of twice a year meetings that we started in February, so that Tribal Citizens who live in other areas have an opportunity to discuss their ideas and concerns, face to face.

We learn much from the conversations we have with Tribal Citizens at the Meet and Greets, and we know that if we want to continue to exist as a nation, we must include all of our family and relations. So far this fall, we've held meetings in Grand Rapids, MI, Lansing, MI, and Escanaba, MI, and we concluded this series by meeting with Tribal Citizens in the Detroit, MI, area.

Also in October, the Tribe was able to close out the distribution of the furniture made available from the update of the Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI. The furniture was distributed first to Tribal Elders and to those in need, and there was plenty left over for the general distribution that was held on October 17. Again, we extend our thanks to everyone on the staff who helped make this happen.

The tribal government is well into the annual budget formulation process, and this means we are going over each department's budget with close scrutiny. We are looking to find ways to operate within a well thought out budget, and we examine each budget with the goal of providing each department with the funds needed to accomplish their stated goals and objectives. Putting the annual budget together is always time-consuming, but it is a much needed process.

A very welcome piece of news came with the award of a grant to begin the expansion and modernization of the LTBB Archives and Records space. As mentioned last month, this grant (in the amount of \$482,985) will allow much better storage and preservation of our documents and artifacts, most of which are originals and irreplaceable. It will help assure fire protection and a climate-controlled environment for our documents, and will also make it easier to accept future donations of important records, something that previously was hampered by the lack of adequate facilities. And it will provide for a display component, so that Tribal Citizens can view a rotating selection of the documents and ar-

The United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) recently met in Watersmeet, MI, at Lac Vieux Desert. UTM received legal updates concerning current and previous litigation that will affect us in Indian Country. The Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights spoke to the group on the mascot issue. Although some progress has been made, there are still several high schools in Michigan that use "the R-word."

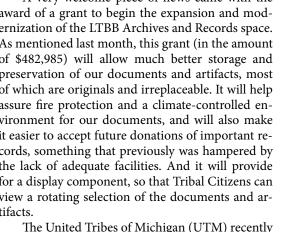
We've spent some time here discussing Ebola and whether there is any risk to Tribal Citizens. Dr. Terry Samuels has advised that our risk is very low, but Tribal Citizens should not hesitate to call their local medical facility or health department if they have concerns. Tribal Law enforcement representatives have also participated in regional meetings on emergency preparedness that include planning for an effective response to this type of threat, should the need occur.

The last week in October, I attended the 71st Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in Atlanta, GA. One of the speakers was Robert D. McDonald, the newly-appointed head of the U.S. Veterans Administration. I listened for his input on how he will integrate our tribal responses and concerns on behalf of Native American veterans. Our health clinic currently works with our veterans, and we'll be looking to establish a more productive working relationship with the Veterans Administration, including the possibility of direct billing for services.

This month, we discussed the idea that service to others is not only a calling, but also a privilege.

In the words of Albert Schweitzer: "You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others—Something for which you get no pay, but only the privilege of doing it."

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Thursday, November 27, 2014 - Thanksgiving Day Friday, November 28, 2014 - Day after Thanksgiving Wednesday, December 24, 2014 - Christmas Eve Day Thursday, December 25, 2014 - Christmas Day Wednesday, December 31, 2014 - New Year's Eve Day Thursday, January 1, 2015 - New Year's Day



EPARTMENT

FALL PREVENTION GRANT AWARDED TO LTBB ELDERS DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Rachel Hile Dugal, Elders Manager

The Elders Department has received notice of funding from the National Council on Aging (NCOA) for the Evidence Based Falls Prevention Program.

We will be implementing two programs within this grant. One is to assist our elders in maintaining better balance, and we will be providing a new program on luncheon days called Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance. It will be held at the LTBB Governmental Center Commons Area from 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week for 25 weeks. It will start in January 2015, and sign-ups are now! Please contact the Elders Department at 231-242-1422 or 231-242-1512 to tell us you are

The other program we will be offering is Yak Trak Walkers. This is a device that attaches to

interested!

your boot/shoe for safer winter walking. It is something we are offering to elders who are willing to keep a journal on their falls (or no falls!) and go through a short class on how to attach them and wear them. We will need your shoe size when you call to let us know you are interested in Yak Traks!

These programs are being offered to elders living in the Cheboygan-Charlevoix-Emmet County areas as the Tai Ji Quan class is being held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, and the Yak Traks program requires you to be available for training on how to use them.

We are hoping to have all elders in the tri-county area sign up for these programs. The outcomes we are looking for are reducing the number of falls in our elders, reducing the fear of falling many of us have, increas-

ing functional balance and phys-

ical performance and increasing social interactions in these cold winter months.

We hope to hear from all of you! Call the Elders Department at 231-242-1422 or 231-242-1512 to sign up!

For a Falls Prevention fact sheet from the National Council on Aging, go to http://tinyurl.com/ ncoasheet.





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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Meet Abuse in Later Life Grant Coordinator/Tribal Social Worker Kathryn Jean



Kathryn Jean started as a Tribal Social Worker in the Human Services Department on October 20, 2014.

Kathryn was born in St. Ignace, MI, but grew up downstate and lived there most of her life. Each summer, and at holiday times, visits were made to grandparents and other family members who lived around Petoskey, MI, and Newberry, MI, as well as St. Ignace, MI. Being familiar with the area and having family close by made moving from downstate to accept the position with the LTBB of Odawa Indians an easy choice. Being a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians also added to the ease of adjustment to the community.

She attended school and college in the greater Kalamazoo, MI, area. Kathryn obtained her Bachelor's degree from Nazareth College in Nazareth, MI, a small Catholic college near Kalamazoo, MI. She enrolled in Western Michigan University Graduate College in Kalamazoo, MI, where she was enrolled in the Graduate School of Communications and later the Graduate School of Social Work where she obtained her Masters of Social Work. She then completed licensing requirements for licensure as a Clinical and Macro Masters of Social Work in the State of Michigan. Pursuing a PhD. in Social Work may be something done in the future by Kathrvn.

As a Tribal Social Worker, Kathryn has been appointed as a Grant Coordinator for the Abuse in Later Life grant which

the LTBB of Odawa Indians received in 2012. As part of this grant, she will also be providing Victim Advocacy Services to the elder population who have been victims of domestic violence.

Kathryn said, "I feel incredibly honored and blessed with being given an opportunity to be a part of this amazingly important project. Addressing domestic violence in the LTBB of Odawa Indians is, basically, promoting social change by looking to historical tribal values and traditions of our ancestors to guide us through the change and back to a culture where domestic violence was unheard of."

In her free time, Kathryn enjoys visiting with family and friends, treasure hunting at thrift shops, reading and being outside enjoying nature. She hopes to become more involved in tribal cultural activities after becoming more settled after her move to this community.

The photo of Kathryn Jean appears courtesy of the Human Resources Department.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) now has funding available. Please contact the Department of Human Services at 231-242-1620 for more information.

DECEMBER 2014





EDUCATION EPARTMENT

ATTENTION MICHELLE CHINGWA RECIPIENTS

The deadline for the winter/spring semester Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship Application is February 15, 2015. Students must have a complete file, including application, release forms, student aid report, previous semester grades and current schedule by this date in order to receive the scholarship. Late applications will not be

Also, please remember in order to receive the second installment of your Fall award, the Education Department needs to receive your Enrollment

Verification Form after your school's add/drop period and before the last day of the semester. Please remember faxed Enrollment Verification Forms will not be accepted, and it is the student's responsibility to follow up to make sure the form has been re-

For more information or help with higher education, please contact Jon Anthony, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at janthony@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Merit scholarships are available for students who have graduated with a certificate or degree for the 2013-2014 academic year. Students need to submit a completed form and a copy of the official transcript showing the degree received by December 1, 2014. For more information, contact Jon Anthony, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at janthony@ ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

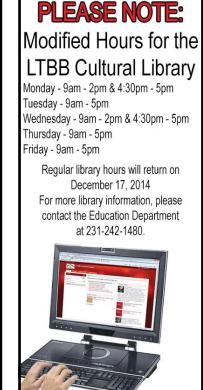




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JIM TISDEL: YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA JUST ISN'T ENOUGH

Editor's note: The following article appeared in the *Petoskey News-Review* on November 3, 2014 and is reprinted here with permission.



Entering a four-year college program isn't the right move for many and shows up in the average 40% dropout rate from B.A. programs across the nation according to the U.S. Department of Education. Some college and university programs do better and some much worse. Imagine dropping out with no degree and debt. So, if your high school diploma is not enough and you're not sure what you want from a four-year degree, what is the path?

Let's take a step back, and look at a possible better approach to this issue. How about finding a career first and then defining a path to that career. Discover what you want to do now and into the near future, and then, what it will take to accomplish that goal. Information on job opportunities and careers, high demand careers, just doesn't get to young people in school or to most people for that matter. Instead the chant "go to college" rings out. People should be told to find a career. Before you select a college or any educational program, first select a career. This isn't just for young people, this can be engaged by any one at any age.

The most important part of this process is getting career information. There are several places to find this career information and one is at a college



with an advisor. Other places are with people you know in a career you think you would like or contact companies where you might like to work. The point is you have to ask for the information. Then, get the preparation and skill required to obtain the position.

Would you like a solid job now and into the future? Think about health care, manufacturing or technology/new media. These careers offer great compensation and will continue to grow in our area for the next 10 years or more.

"Good ideas, but I don't have the money to go to college or into one of those certificate programs," is a phrase I often hear. Fortunate for us, there are programs that will provide you these degrees and certificates at no cost to you but your time, energy and determination. The Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education program provides free education in several career areas right here in our own backyard. In coordination with North Central Michigan College, the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education program provides free certification programs to anyone in our area. Yes, anyone, you do not have to be a member of the tribe, just determined to enter a great career. The benefits of this program don't stop there. Your books are free, you get mileage paid for at 56 cents per mile to cover the cost of getting to class, and if you qualify, you can earn \$9.25 per hour of class and lab time in the program. A free education and get paid to go to class, now, why wouldn't you want to get involved or at least get the information? The Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education program has programs in certified nurse aide, phlebotomy, medical assistant, medical billing and coding (coming soon), graphic arts, new media, CNC (coming soon), business of art (coming soon), and they pay for your certification following your completion of the program.

"We have a lot of new changes here at the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education program, and we really want to help every person in our area get the education and assistance needed for an in-demand career," said Tina Dominic, WOCTEP Project Manager. Get into the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education program by calling Tina at 231-242-1494 and find out just how encompassing this program is. They also have representatives on campus at North Central Michigan College Petoskey campus on Mondays or just call the college at 231-348-6605 and ask about these programs. Do it now and get started in the winter

Positions available right now in Northwest Michigan; 34 certified nursing assistants, seven certified medical assistants, 3,519 jobs posted in the last 60 days, and 752 jobs posted in just Emmet and Charlevoix counties as reported by Burning Glass Labor Insights.

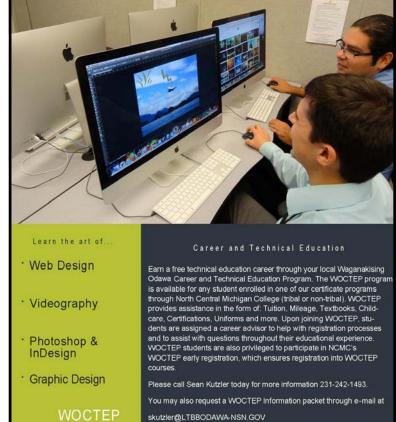
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Jim Tisdel is a Career Liaison and an Adjunct Instructor at North Central Michigan College. In his career liaison position, Tisdel works to connect people with available jobs and build awareness of how individuals can prepare for high-demand careers. His columns appear the first and third Mondays of each month on the Business page. Tisdel can be contacted at jtisdel@ncmich.edu

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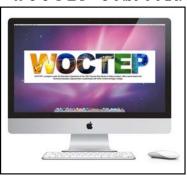
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- ◆ No food or drink at the computer stations (you may use the oval table)
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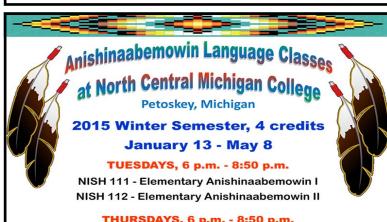
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NATIVE NEWS

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN COVERS Democratic Party Event on ELECTION NIGHT FOR NEWSPAPER/WEBSITE

Submitted by Curtis Drogmiller, LTBB Tribal Citizen

Hope Drogmiller, a 15-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen from Novi, MI, attended the election night festivities on November 4, 2014 at the MGM Grand Ballroom in downtown Detroit, MI, for the Democratic Party.

Hope was invited to the election night celebration by Michigan Senator Gary Peters Camp, who was re-elected garnering 54.58% of the votes in a race against Terri Lynn Land (41.37%), Jim Fulner (2.01%), Richard Matkin (1.2%) and Chris Wahm-

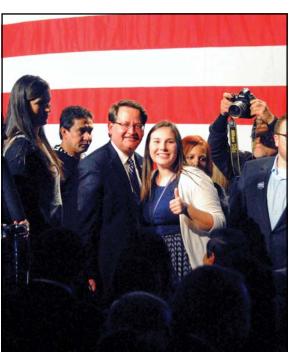


hoff (0.84%).

Hope is a non-bias reporter for her own newspaper/website mainstreamhope.com. Hope had an incredible evening rubbing shoulders with our political movers and shakers.

Hope also met television Judge Greg Mathis

Photos by Curtis Drogmiller.



2015 CROOKED TREE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Submitted by MSU Extension

This fall, the Crooked Tree Youth Leadership Program (CTYLP) is looking for Emmet County, MI, high school students who are interested in learning more about tribal, local and state government. The CTYLP will meet for 10 sessions beginning January 14, 2015. The students will have the opportunity to meet the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians leadership and the Emmet County Board of Commissioners to ask questions and learn more about their role in government. To provide more hands-on experience, participants will have the opportunity to tour both tribal and local government departments to learn more about their specific role in government. Our goal is to provide youth with knowledge and skills related to civic engagement, including local government and leadership while incorporating tribal government, thus, also creating and strengthening cultural competency as well. As a result, youth will be equipped to make informed decisions, participate in their community, and have the leadership skills to be successful in any career.

As part of the program, teens from across Michigan will gather at the state capitol March 22-25, 2015 for the annual 4-H Capitol Experience http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_ capitol_experience. The four-day event gives youth the chance to become involved in civic engagement and public policy as well as an in-depth look at state government. During their time in the capital city, students will learn the responsibilities of citizens, explore different aspects of policy issues, discover various career options available in public policy, attend a bill writing session, learn more about tribal-state interactions and meet people involved with state government. The goal of this conference is for youth to learn that they can influence the government even at a young age.

If you are a student or know of a student who is eager to learn more about how their voice matters in government, please contact Emily Proctor at 231-439-8927 or at proctor8@anr.msu.edu. For more information please visit www.msue.msu.edu. This article was published by MSU Extension. For more information, visit http://www.msue.msu.edu. To contact an expert in your area, visit http://expert. msue.msu.edu or call 1-888-MSUE4MI (1-888-678-

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| Child Welfare | 3 yr. term | 1 | | |
| Citizenship | 3 yr. term | 3 | | |
| Education Appeals Board | 4 yr. term | 3 | | |
| Housing | 4 yr. term | 2 | | |
| Gaming Regulatory | 3 yr. term | 1 | | |
| Trust Fund Board | 4 yr. term | 2 | | |
| Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board | 1, 2, 3 yr. term | 3 | | |
| Zoning Board of Appeals | 1, 2, 3 yr. term | 3 | | |
| Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. | 3 yr5 yr. term | 2 | | |
| Odawa Fishery, Inc. | 3 yr. term | 3 | | |

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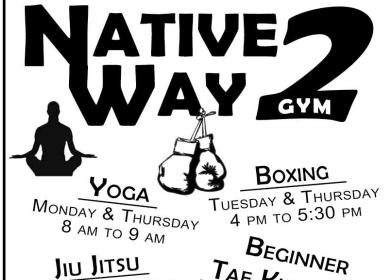
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7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49770 Phone (231) 242-1418 Fax (231) 242-1411 Email: <u>chairman@ltbb</u>odawa-nsn.gov

The Executive office is also accepting resumes for nominations for the appointed positions of

Judicial Postings:
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Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians.
Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for comp

Appellate Judge/Enrolled Tribal Member over 55, 6 yr. term, expiring March 20, 2020 Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX, B.2. of The Constitution of the LTBB of Oda requirements. Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for J



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The LTBB Victim Advocate administers Victim Support Services and is located in the LTBB DHS office. Assistance is available to Native American women and children who are survivors of domestic or sexual violence as well as non-Native intimate partners and their families. ER

Assistance may include the following: Non-Emergency Transportation Assistance ~ Assistance with Personal Protection Orders ~ Problem Solving and Safety Planning ~ Emergency Food Vouchers Advocacy and Referrals ~ Court Accompaniment ~ Relocation Assistance ~ Clothing / Toiletries

Please call LTBB Victim Support Services at 231-242-1620, Monday - Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm

Support for domestic abuse or sexual assault is also available at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan 24-hour crisis and information line at 231-347-0082 or for long distance callers 1-800-275-1995.

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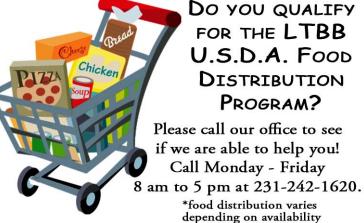














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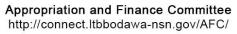




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http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/GamingAuthority/

Legal and Legislative Committee http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/LLCMeeting/

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Dates and times of meetings will be posted on the LTBB website and in the Odawa Trails newsletter. Participate through Connect!

Fall/Winter Hours of Operation for Hospitality Effective November 10, 2014

Breakfast: Sunday 8a - 10:30a Lunch: Mon - Sat 11a - 3:30p

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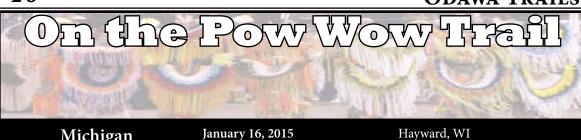












Michigan

December 31 New Year's Eve Sobriety Pow Wow LSSU Norris Center Sault Ste. Marie, MI Contact Information: Jackie Minton or Linda Grossett at 906-635-6050

Minnesota

November 27-29 Thanksgiving Pow Wow Minneapolis, MN Contact Information: 612-799-

December 19-20 American Indian Magnet School Winter Pow Wow St. Paul, MN

Contact Information: 612-396-

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St. Paul, MN

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February 13, 2015 American Indian Magnet School Pow Wow

St. Paul, MN

Contact Information: 612-396-5365

Wisconsin

December 13-14 31st Annual St. Croix Trails Hertel, WI

Contact Information: 715-520-

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December 30 LCO New Year's Pow Wow

Contact Information: 715-634-8924

December 31

Menominee New Year's Eve Pow Wow

Keshena, WI

Contact Information: 715-756-

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April 11-12, 2015

On Wisconsin Annual Spring **Pow Wow 2015**

Madison, WI

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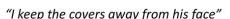
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Madison, WI

Contact Information: Nicole Sou-

lier at 608-246-6268



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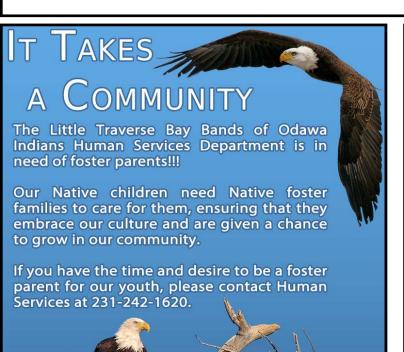


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We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details! If you are interested, please contact the Human Services Department at

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ASK ABOUT THE FAMILY SPIRIT HOME VISITING PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES JUST STARTING OUT OR EXPECTING

We are happy to announce the beginning of a new home visiting parenting program designed for Native families. It is called Family Spirit and was designed to promote maternal and early child health by the Johns Hopkins Center for American

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For more information, please contact the Health Department and Trista Paone RN PA-C At 231-838-5761 by text, phone or

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[&]quot;I'm aware of him all night, I would know if he had trouble breathing"

In New Mexico, Women Candidates are Emerging - New Faces are Energizing Many State Races







Among the Native women competing in New Mexio state races are, from left to right, Representatives Georgene Louis, Sandra Jeff and Sharon Clahchischilliage.

By **Kim Baca**, Indian Country Today Media Network

Editor's note: The following article appeared in Indian Country Today Media Network's Indian Country Today newsletter on October 29, 2014 and is reprinted here with permission.

Bottom Line: New Mexico politics, long dominated by men, is undergoing a decided gender change.

A record number of Native American women in New Mexico are jumping into the political arena, looking to win over non-Native American voters in major races across the state.

Debra Haaland of Laguna Pueblo, who is running for Lieutenant Governor, is the first Native American woman in New Mexico history to run for the position from one of the state's two largest parties. Catherine Begaye and Doreen Wanda Johnson, both Navajos, are on the ballot for seats in the House of Representatives.

Sharon Clahchischilliage of the Navajo Nation and Georgene Louis of Acoma Pueblo are hoping to be reelected to the House. Sandra Jeff, a Navajo and an incumbent in the Fifth District, is running against Johnson as a write-in candidate.

Native women have been part of the New Mexico Legislature since 1989 when Lynda Lovejoy, Navajo, was the first Native American female elected to the House. However, this is the first time that several Native women are competing in districts without a high Native American population.

This election holds significant weight as state Republicans try to take control of the House, which Democrats now hold by a 37-33 margin. The GOP has not held a House majority since 1953. GOP members of the House are pushing to gain control to ease the passage of conservative party legislation under Republican Susan Martinez, the nation's first female Hispanic Governor.

All but one of the Native female House candidates in this race is a Democrat. In years past, Native American women have generally been disinclined to run for elective office in New Mexico because leadership roles in that state have been traditionally reserved for men. Although wom-

en serve on some Tribal Councils, only two have been elected as governor of two of the 19 local Pueblos.

Native men have served in the state legislature since the 1960s. Currently, the Senate's longest serving member is John Pinto, a Navajo who was elected in 1977. But a new generation of highly educated, ambitious Native women, both Pueblo and Navajo, has lately been training to win. Lovejoy, who became a state senator and is now running for the Public Regulation Commission, was the first female to garner enough votes in the presidential primary. She came in second in the Navajo Nation general election four years ago.

Begaye, Haaland, Johnson and Louis are graduates of Emerge New Mexico, a seven-month program that recruits female Democrats to learn from other female officeholders about how to run a campaign. Emerge boasts of a 70% win rate across its 12-state program. In 2013, five Emerge graduates, including Louis, were sworn into the New Mexico House.

"Before, you were probably groomed to run for office because your father, grandfather or someone before you was in office," said Laurie Weahkee, Executive Director of the Native American Voters Alliance, who is also Director of the NAVA Advocacy Fund PAC. "Now it seems, there are a whole different level of people who have done or want to do public service, seem to understand what it takes to advance policy, and are really looking at the fact that right now, here in New Mexico, we have a very conservative governor and how that has impacted tribal communities.

"It becomes clearer now who and what we are looking for in a candidate," she added.

Louis, 36, an attorney who works in tribal law and who is the incumbent in a district that includes West Albuquerque and a large Hispanic population, was the first Pueblo woman to be elected to the New Mexico Legislature.

"It was a challenge, especially knowing that Pueblos are more traditional," she said of her decision to get on the ballot. "I always knew that I wouldn't be able to serve in that leadership capacity [at Acoma] because it's all men. People focus too much on tribal politics and federal pol-

itics, but people sometimes forget that Native Americans make up 11% of the state's population. But, that's not apparent in the state legislature."

Initially running to give back to the community, Louis now hopes to be reelected to finish the initiatives that she has started. Her bills as a freshman legislator did not pass; they included allowing greater individual protections against environmental injustice and sexual assault.

But, Louis remains undaunted. She has received financial support from the Pueblos, including Isleta, Santa Ana and

Tesuque as well as from other tribes and such tribal organizations as the Jicarilla Apache and the Laguna Development Corp., according to campaign finance reports.

Begaye is a private attorney who is dedicated to defending families who have been referred to the courts via the state's social service system. She is challenging the Republican incumbent representing West Albuquerque and parts of the smaller nearby cities of Corrales and Rio Rancho to change the laws so that the social service agency works more on prevention than prospertion

"Our society, especially in New Mexico, has a real problem with poverty," Begaye said. "We don't address it in a systemic way. If someone has lost their job or lost their apartment and can't send their kids to school or when families feel like they are on the decline, they should be able to reach out to an agency like the Children, Youth and Families Department to provide some of those services."

So far, Begaye has raised \$52,870 in the four months before the general election with \$37,114 raised in one quarter; that is the most of any House candidate in that fundraising period. Much of the money in that period was raised in small donations of \$10 to \$100. That figure, Begaye said, shows that she is gaining support for her grassroots campaign.

"What is so interesting is that almost every person I talk to when I'm about halfway through my pitch, they'll stop me and say, 'Are you Navajo?" said Begaye. "I say yes. And, they'll talk about how their grandmother was a teacher on the reservation or they'll remember going out to

the Grand Canyon or the time they went to the Navajo Reservation or their best friend in high school was Navajo or do I know Notah Begay. Everybody has a

Navajo story—from jewelry to vacations."

With the election still impending, some observers feel it is critical that more Native people—whether male or

female —enter the legislative discourse.

"If you look at New Mexico's birthday, it's only been the last third of that 100-year timeline that we've been engaged in the most meaningful way to help craft policy, help shape laws and help create laws that are defined by Indian people across the board, from education to health, to the environment to taxation," said Regis Pecos, Director of

Legislative Affairs of the House of Representatives Ma-

jority Office. "These handful are creating profound opportunities of engagement of the larger masses of Indian people in the process."

Editor's note: Susana Martinez and John A. Sanchez defeated Gary K. King and Debra A. Haaland in the New Mexico Governor and Lieutenant Governor race 57.34% to 42.66%. Georgene Louis defeated Louis Tafoya in the District 26 State Representative race 55.52% to 44.48%. Sharon Clahchischilliage defeated Harrison Todacheene in the District 4 State Representative race 59.79% to 40.21%. Paul A. Pacheco defeated Catherine A. Begaye in the District 23 State Representative race 56.56% to 43.44%. Doreen W. Johnson defeated Sandra D. Jeff in the District 5 State Representative race 93.54% to 6.46%.

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Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

In accordance with law and policy, Elders Comment/Public Comment as recorded in the minutes will contain the name of the Citizen or "Immediate Family" or "Family member" and only the subject matter brought by the individual. No attempt will be made by the Legislative Branch to summarize the comments. Written public comments will be accepted by the Legislative Office. Written comments shall be attached to the official approved minutes housed in the Legislative Branch. Written comments are not published, however shall be open to review within the Legislative Office in accordance with any laws regarding such documents.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians **Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers** 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 October 9, 2014

Closed Session: No Call to Order: 9:06 a.m. Opening Ceremony: Tamara Ki-

ogima Council Present: Legislative Leader Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary Iulia Shananaquet, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor John Keshick III, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Aaron Otto

Absent: Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Treasury Director Michael Garrow, Enjinaaknegeng General Counsel James Bransky, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Legislative Office Administrative Assistant Tamara Kiogima

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Chairman Fred Kiogima, Vice-Chair Deb DeLeon, Tribal Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Interim Tribal Administrator Denise Petoskey, Executive Services Attorney Dianne

Judicial Staff: Chief Judge Allie Maldonado, Tribal Court Administrator Sara Brubaker

Public: Andrew Stich Invited Guests: none

9:15 a.m. Councilor Naganashe

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adopt the agenda of October 9, 2014, as

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve the minutes of September 25, 2014 as presented.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

9:18 a.m.: Elder comments: none 9:18 a.m. Tribal Court Update -Chief Judge Maldonado

Discussion Items: Child Support Orders, Failure to comply with submission of Backlog Reports, Draft of "A Restatement of the Law of The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, 2014 Volume." Court Administrator Sara Brubaker presented "Sober Living Strategic Plan", and discussed various court grants utilized. Wellbriety and the importance of developing a program for youth, similar to Alanon. Requested an open communication procedure between Tribal Council and Judicial.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of the 2013 Annual Judicial Branch Report and the verbal report of Chief Judge Maldonado as presented on October 9, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to authorize Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley to send a letter to the Appellate Justices requesting overdue Backlog Reports.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

10:32 a.m. Break

10:47 a.m. Resume

Enjinaaknegeng

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor

Otto to accept General Counsel Bransky's verbal and written report as presented on October 9, 2014. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-

Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reves to authorize Enjinaaknegeng to retain Hogen Adams as a consultant. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Executive Updates

Discussion Items: Tribe has received Grant approval in the amount of \$482,985.00 for Archives Expansion

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to acknowledge the verbal report of Chairman Kiogima as presented on October 9, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Legislative Leader Report

Discussion Items: No meetings w/ Executive to report. E-mail(s) received from Elder Citizen C. Gibson regarding health care costs, Elder Citizen J. Fields regarding Berg Farm and Farmer's Mar-

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley's verbal report as presented on October 9, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Public Comment 11:46 a.m. Opens

Andrew Stich inquired into the difference between the Ethics Committee and the Ethics Ad-hoc committee and how many reports have been reviewed. Mr. Stich also inquired into the total budget numbers and outstanding payment of ongoing debt. There were further questions about the Tribal Council Work Session agenda.

11:59 a.m. Public Comment Clos-

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break 1:31 p.m. Meeting Resumes

Secretary Report

The following Tribal Council approved/adopted documents were delivered to the Executive:

- Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to WOS 2010-021 Gaming Delegation and Authority.
- Certified Motion #092614-01; Authorization of Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. to administer the BIA Child Welfare Assistance Program under PL 93-638
- Tribal Resolution: Supplemental funding in the Amount of \$12,000, and Authorization for Legal Services Engagement of Drummond Woodsum for the Development of a Draft Tribal Governmental Personnel Policy Hand-

Vetoes: None

Phone Polls: Phone Poll conducted on 10-01-14 for the following purpose: Motion to Approve Certified Motion #100114-01 Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Services Sustainability Funds, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Health Park energy Audit. The Phone Passed: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Ab-

Additional Information provided: Attended the 3rd Annual Three Tribe Land and Reservation meeting @ Odawa Hotel and continue my attendance to the Violence Against Women Act committee meetings where we continue to work on the Domestic Violence Statute. Have concern with Health Department turning away Citizens needing assistance with mental health issues.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Secretary Shananaquet's verbal report as presented on October 9, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Discussion Items: Reported on Finance Committee (AFC) Meetings of September 29, 2014, 2016 Budget Hearings held on October 6, 2014 and October 8, 2014. Next regular AFC meeting will be held October 14, 2014.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Law to accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal report as presented on October 9, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Tribal Council Reports Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law

to approve Tribal Council attendance to the "Abuse in Later Life Service Provider Cross Training" to be held on October 17, 2014, at the LTBB Tribal Health

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Tribal Council Travel Reports -None to report

Tribal Council Committee Re-

Gaming Authority Committee

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept the verbal report of the Gaming Authority Committee as presented by Councilor Otto, Committee Chair-

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Agriculture Assessment Work Group

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to accept the verbal report of the Agriculture Assessment Work Group as presented by Councilor Keshick, Committee Chairman.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Tribal Council **Meeting Dates**

December 9 Work Session December 11 Council Meeting

January 2015 TBA

All Tribal Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Tribal Council Chambers located at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI.

Legislative **Tribal Council Members** Julie Shananaquet, Legislative

Leader Marci Reyes, Treasurer Aaron Wayne Otto, Councilor John Keshick III, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor Mike Naganashe, Councilor

Beatrice A. Law, Councilor

Land and Reservation Committee Motion made by Treasurer Reves and supported by Councilor Law to accept the verbal report of the Land and Reservation Committee as presented by Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley, Committee Chairperson.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Legal Legislative Committee Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Law to accept the verbal report of the Legal Legislative Committee as presented by Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley, Committee Chairperson.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Ethics Committee

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to accept the verbal report of the Ethics Committee as presented by Councilor Otto, Committee Chairman.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

2:16 p.m. Break 2:28 p.m. Resume

Legislative Office Reports: Treasury Director Report

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Treasury Director Garrow's verbal and written report as presented on October 9, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Legislative Services Attorney Re-

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report as presented on October 9, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Legislative Office Manager

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Office Manager LaCount's verbal and written report as presented on October 9, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Action Items - Motions

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Fishery, Inc. 2014 2nd Quarter

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to acknowledge receipt of the Tribal Traditional Burial Board 3rd Quarter

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Enrollment List A Eligible for Citizenship dated September 16, 2014, for a total of 8.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to approve Enrollment List B In-Eligible for Citizenship dated September 16, 2014, for a total of 2.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of the 2013 Audit as prepared by Rehmann.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law supported by Secretary Shananaquet to Approve Certified Motion #100914-01 Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program FY 2015 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Substance Abuse-Mental Health Program "New and Enhanced Substance Abuse-Mental Health Services and Out-

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Keshick to post to the Legislative Calendar: Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute # 2012-010 Child Protection Statute-Sponsor Councilor Kes-

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Grants, Donations and Other Funding Policy.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Kes-

hick and supported by Councilor Law to accept the receipt of the Executive Nominations of Rochelle Ettawageshik for the Child Welfare Commission and Cathy Bradley for the Gaming Regulatory Commission, with interviews to be scheduled. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-

Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Tribal Council attendance at the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program, November 14, 2014 at Island Resort and Casino.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Keshick to amend today's agenda to include posting the Waganakising Odawak Statute, Leasing of Trust Lands Statute to the legislative calendar.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to post to the Legislative Calendar: Waganakising Odawak Statute Leasing of Trust Lands Statute, sponsored by Councilor Law.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried. Action Items - Roll Call Votes

family.

Discussion: Councilor Otto raised questions as to whether or not someone was slated to move into the proposed house and whether or not the process was followed regarding site plan approval. AFC concerns when presented with this Supplemental fund request was that of the number of Citizens requiring housing many Tribal Council members would like to see this amount of money to be used to build or refurbish a property that will house more than a single

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$201,015.00 for new home at Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Village. Roll call: Councilor Denemy-no,

Councilor Keshick-no, Councilor Law-

no, Councilor Naganashe-no, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent, Treasurer Reyes-no, Secretary Shananaquet-no, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley-no Motion fails. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to

adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Appropriation to Increase 2014 Per Capita Distribution Payments. Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Lawyes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Council-

or Otto-no, Councilor Wemigwase-absent, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley-yes Motion carried. 3:21 p.m. Public comment opens

3:21 p.m. Public comment closes Discussion: Council Denemy read into the minutes his letter of support for weekly payroll. Letter is signed and is available for review by citizens.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding for Accounting Department to reinstitute the Tribal Employee Weekly Payroll in the amount of \$64,000.00 to come from Prior Period Funds

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Lawyes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-no, Councilor Wemigwase-absent, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley-yes Motion carried.

Discussion: Tribal Council would like to thank all the Branches of Government and the Treasury Department Staff for their participation in the 2016 Budget process.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to adopt Tribal Resolution: Tribal Government Priority Funding Allocation Percentages for FY 2016.

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-ves, Councilor Lawyes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley-yes Motion carried.

Adjournment

3:35 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to adjourn meeting. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-

Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

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Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403, 231-242-1404 or 231-242-1406 for additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary

> The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians **Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers** 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 October 23, 2014

Closed Session: No Call to Order: 9:07 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Councilor Beatrice A. Law

Council Present: Legislative Leader Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary Julia Shananaquet, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor John Keshick III, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Michael Naganashe Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Win-

Absent: None

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Legislative Office Administrative Assistant Tamara Kiogima, Legal Department Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Tribal Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Tribal Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Tribal Planner Bryan Gillett, Regulatory Director Vince Cook, Gaming Regulatory Chairperson Beverly Wemigwase, Gaming Regulatory Member David Dominic

Judicial Staff: None

Public: Andrew Stich

Invited Guests: LTBB Burial Board Members, Wes Andrews and Alice Yellowbank

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to adopt the agenda of October 23, 2014, as amended.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve the minutes of October 9, 2014 as corrected.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

Motion carried.

9:21 a.m.: Elder comments - None at this time.

Executive Updates

Discussion Items: Health Insurance: Contract Health Costs, the Tribe is currently under last year's costs. Councilor Wemigwase brought up Employee questions regarding Prescription Step Therapy program (generic vs Non-generic). Councilor Keshick raised questions regarding Michelle Chingwa Education Grant (no need for supplemental funding) and the importance of our Tribe participating in Climate Change events. Regulatory Director Vince Cook presented need to test and possibly improve IT system for our Casino. Enjinaaknegeng Legal Assistant, Su Lantz briefly described some of the changes necessary needed (forms) for Sexual Offenders Registration and Notification Statute (SORNS).

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of the September 2014 Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, and Human Resource Director Denise Petoskey, on October 23,

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve POL-ADM WOS 2012-008 100214-004, Sexual Offenders Registration and Notification Statute (SORNS) Policy POL-ADM WOS 2012-008 100214-004 as presented by Enjinaaknegeng Legal Assistant Su Lantz on October 23, 2014.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Burial Board Presentation by Wes Andrews and Alice Yellowbank - Traditional/Green Burial Grounds Locations include 6 acres on the Osborne Road Property (more work is necessary to make access easier i.e. roads and tree clearance) and 2 acres

on the Murray Road Property. Board is working consistently on Infrastructure and Management Master Plan which includes becoming a self-sustaining Tribal

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the 6.5 acres as set out in the Osborn Site Plan, dated October 21, 2014, version 3 and the 2 acres as set out in the Murray Road Site Plan dated October 21, 2014, version 2 for Traditional Burial Grounds and managed by the Tribal Burial, Inc.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

> 10:45 a.m. Break 11:09 a.m.

Resume 11:09 a.m. Elder Comment

Wes Andrews commented on the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (Tribal Historic Preservation Officer) Statute and the Tribal Chairman's Veto Statement. Citizen Andrews recommended cross training in the area of "field training" utilizing current staff when necessary, i.e. Tribal Police, Natural Resource Department, etc. and he continues to look into ways to implement cost saving measures. Citizen Andrews reiterated his commitment to the Tribe and will assist in mentoring the new employee.

Legislative Leader Report

Discussion Items: Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley sent a letter to the Appellate Judges requesting Tribal Court Back Log and to date has not received a response. Meeting with Executive regarding Ethics Point and an additional meeting is planned to discuss clarification of policy and procedure. Council Otto stated the need to develop LTBB Tribal protocol on how our Tribe will publish our stance on issues in Indian country. Legislative Leader notified Council of Invitation to Judicial function. As an FYI: Circulate examples of hard calendars for Tribal Council use.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley's verbal report as presented on October 23, 2014.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

11:41 a.m. – 12:03 p.m. Public Comment:

- Citizen Andrew Stich questioned several issues involving Tribal Council decisions, this included protocol for Ethics Committee meetings; how long will the "on-going investigation" continue; what is the intended use for Parcel 86; what is Tribal Councils stance on Mackinaw City property; intended use of "Farm House"; and Clarification of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
- Citizen Denise Petoskey agreed with Councilor Otto's suggestion to develop protocol for Tribal declara-

Lunch 1:30 p.m. Resume Secretary Report

Discussion Items: Secretary Shananaquet will be attending the Annual National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) meeting to be held in Atlanta, Georgia next week and would like to thank Tribal Council for their support and approval to attend this event. Other events attended: "Abuse in Later Life Service Provider Cross Training" held on October 17, 2014, at the LTBB Tribal Health Clinic.

The following Tribal Council approved/adopted documents were delivered to the Executive:

· Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Grant, Donation and Other Funding Policy

• Certified Motion #100914-

- 01; Request for Funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Administration (HRSA), Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program "New and Enhanced Substance Abuse-Mental Health Services and Out-
- Tribal Resolution #100914-01; Supplemental Appropriation to Increase 2014 Per Capita Distribution Payments • Tribal Resolution #100914-02;
- Supplemental Funding for Accounting Department to reinstitute the Tribal Employee Weekly Payroll in the amount of \$64,000.00 to come from Prior Period
- Tribal Resolution #100914-03; Tribal Government Priority Funding Percentage Allocation for FY 2016

Vetoes: None Phone Polls: None

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes

and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Secretary Shananaquet's verbal report as presented on October 23, 2014.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Discussion Items: Treasurer Reyes

Treasurer Report

presented the recommendations of the Appropriations and Finance Committee listed under Action Items for Tribal Council approval. Additional phone poll reported regarding Supplemental Funding for Gaming Regulatory.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal report as presented on October

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Tribal Council Travel Reports

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge the verbal and written report from Councilor Wemigwase for her attendance at the Reservation Economic Summit (RES) Conference held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 6-9, 2014, and the verbal and written report from Councilor Keshick for his attendance at the Climate Change Adaption Summit held in Keshena, Wisconsin on Oct 14-17, 2014 and the Farm Tour in Oneida, WI on August 22, 2014.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Tribal Council Reports

Discussion item: Councilor Denemy contributed to Councilor Law's report on the Abuse in Later Life training as an FYI, and was commended by Councilor Law for his outstanding clos-

Motion by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Law's report on her attendance at the Abuse in Later Life training held October 17, 2014 and gave her update on upcoming travel to the National Congress of American Indians Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

2:30 p.m.

2:42 p.m. Resume Tribal Council Gaming Authority

Committee Report: Gaming Authority Committee

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept the verbal report of the Gaming Authority Committee as presented by Councilor Otto, Committee

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

3:25 p.m. Public Comment opens:

3:25 p.m. Public Comment closes. Action Items - Motions:

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to amend agenda to include approval for attendance for Tribal Council members for the following events: Judicial Award Event, Government to Government Meeting and Intertribal Agriculture Council's Annual Membership Meeting and to include Motion for Supplemental Funding for Gaming Regulatory.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Enrollment List A Eligible for Citizenship dated October 21, 2014 for a total of 5.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to approve Enrollment List B In-Eligible for Citizenship dated October 21, 2014 for a total of 5.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve Certified Motion 102314-01; Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service; Annual Funding Agreement, Award Increase. Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-

Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law supported by Councilor Keshick

to approve Certified Motion 102314-02; Request for funding from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Native American Career and Technical Education Program Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Project (WOCTEP) Supplemental Funding

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Certified Motion 102314-03; Request for funding from the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; FY2014 GRLI Wetland and Waterfowl Monitoring and Enhancement

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve Certified Motion 102314-04; Request for funds from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan; Reach (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) Program

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Law to approve Certified Motion 102314-05; Approval of FY 2015 - FY 2018 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Certified Motion 102314-06; Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service 2015 Annual Funding Agreement, Award Increase.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Law

and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to not pursue Land Parcel #86. Vote: 8-Yes, 1-No (Councilor

Otto), 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Tribal Council attendance at the Michigan State University Extension Cultural Connection Community Exchange November 2-3, 2014.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to add to the Legislative Calendar: Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-007 Land Use, Building Regulation, and Zoning Statute sponsored by Councilor Keshick.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to post to the Legislative Calendar: Gaming Enterprise Council Statute sponsored by Councilor Law.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to post to the Legislative Calendar: Domestic Violence Statute sponsored by Councilor Wemigwase.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Tribal Council attendance for the following events: Intertribal Agriculture Council's Annual Membership Meeting will be held December 8-11, 2014 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Judicial Award event October 27 and 28, 2014, to be held at Odawa Casino Resort, Government to Government Meeting to be held on October 29, 2014, at 911 Spring Street,

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to override Executive Veto and approve the submission of the Veto Override Statement to the Executive Office for Waganakising Odawak Statute Tribal Historic Preservation Of-Vote: 8-Yes, 1-No (Councilor

Otto), 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion carried. Action Items - Roll Call Votes

Discussion: Motion made by Councilor Law

and supported by Councilor Keshick to pass Repeal of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-023 Economic Develop-

ment Commission. Discussion: Councilor Otto asked if the Executive Department still wanted an Economic Development Commis-

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes,

Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Lawyes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-no, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley-ves Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Law

and supported by Councilor Keshick to pass Repeal of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2010-006 Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc. Corporate Charter.

Discussion: Legislative Leader Bentley brought forth a comment by a tribal member that Corporate Charter doesn't cost the tribe to be in existence.

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Lawves, Councilor Naganashe-ves, Councilor Otto-no, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley-yes Motion carries. Motion made by Treasurer Reves

and supported by Councilor Naganashe to adopt Tribal Resolution 102314-01 Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$31,000.00 for Network Security Assessment to come from prior period Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes,

Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Lawyes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley-yes Motion carries. 4:12 p.m. Secretary Shananaquet

exits meeting. Break Resume with Trib-

al Council Committee Reports.

Agriculture Assessment Work Motion made by Council-Law and supported by Councilor

Wemigwase to accept the verbal report of the Agriculture Assessment Work Group as presented by Councilor Keshick, Committee Chairman. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-

Absent (Secretary Shananaquet) Motion carried. Land and Reservation Committee

Motion made by Treasurer Reves and supported by Councilor Otto to accept the verbal report of the Land and Reservation Committee as presented by Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley, Committee Chairperson.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Legal Legislative Committee Next Meeting November 4th, 2014, No meeting since last Tribal Council Meeting on October 09th, 2014

Ethics Committee

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to accept the verbal report of the Ethics Committee as presented by

Councilor Otto, Committee Chairman. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-

Absent (Secretary Shananaquet) Motion carried. Legislative Office Reports:

Treasury Director Report Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Treasury Director Garrow's written Travel report as presented

on October 23, 2014. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried Legislative Services Attorney Re-

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal report as presented on

October 23, 2014. Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried Enjinaaknegeng - No report.

Legislative Office Manager Motion made by Treasurer Reyes

and supported by Councilor Law to accept Legislative Office Manager La-Count and Legislative Office Assistant Tamara Kiogima's verbal and written report as presented on October 23, 2014.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Adjournment

4:50 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to adjourn meeting.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet) Motion carried

Next Scheduled Meeting November 6, 2014 Please contact the Legislative Of-

fice at 231-242-1403, 231-242-1404 or 231-242-1406 for additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented. These Minutes have been read and

approved as corrected.

Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal

Council Secretary Date VanAlstine was instrumen-



tal in bringing the 2013 Midwest Regional Conference to Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, where he and his fellow Midwest Region Directors chose to promote Traverse City, MI, for the NAFDPIR National Conference after voting between Traverse City, MI, Green Bay, WI, and Chicago, IL, and will be tentatively hosting another planning conference here in 2016 for the NAFDPIR National Conference. NAFDPIR is comprised of seven regions, the Western Region, the Mt. Plains Region, the Southwest Region, the Midwest Region, the Mid-Atlantic Region, the Southeast Region and the Northeast Region, with the National Conference rotating between the regions. The NAFDPIR National Board visited Traverse City, MI, for four days in October 2014 before making the decision to have its National Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme, MI.

"Hunting Repeal" continued from page 1.

ties in a landslide rejection of NRC

Michigan voters, and the people of our state spoke in unmistakable

terms that they don't want trophy

hunting of wolves or the transfer of authority to a group of political appointees to open up hunting

seasons for wolves, sand hill cranes or other species," Keep Michigan Wolves Protected Director Iill

Fritz said. "The NRC should stand

down and absolutely not open wolf

"Ballot measures are the clearest expression of the views of

decision-making power.

message a wolf hunting season is premature in

Michigan, and the Natural Resources Commission

(NRC) should not have unilateral authority to trans-

fer any "protected" species to the "game species" list.

the game species list) with a 55% no vote, and they

defeated Proposal 2 (giving the NRC the authority

to decide which species can be hunted) with a 64%

no vote. Proposal 2 was defeated in 69 of 83 coun-

Voters repealed Proposal 1 (moving the wolf to

"They like to have the National Conference in larger cities with attractions (this year's National Conference was held June 8-13, 2014 in San Diego, CA), so we're trying to put Traverse City up there with the big cities," VanAlstine said. "We thought it would be a great spot with the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. It has great meeting and reception rooms and numerous local attractions nearby. Our (Midwest) region is about giving money back to our tribes."

The Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, owned and operated by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, is located six miles northeast of Traverse City, MI, is located 10 miles from the Cherry Capital Airport, has 240 guest rooms in its hotel, has 86,500 square feet of meeting space, numerous dining venues and an 100,000 square foot health club and tennis facil-



ity. Among the area attractions are three golf courses, the Bear, the Wolverine and the Spruce Run, the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, the Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel, numerous wineries and breweries and the minor league baseball team, the Traverse City Beach Bums.

"The National Conference attracts approximately 400-500

ODAWA TRAILS people every year, so we're bringing in a lot of people to experience Traverse City," VanAlstine said. "We're hoping it'll be a place they want to come back to visit and that they see Traverse City as a destination. We like bringing people to see the cultural significance of our area."

In addition to hosting the 2013 Midwest Regional Conference, VanAlstine said LTBB will tentatively host another planning conference

As the Program Specialist, VanAlstine runs the USDA Food Distribution Program in the Human Services Department. USDA commodities, which include non-perishable food, meats and produce, are distributed once a month. Applicants can be anyone who resides within the historical reservation area or a member of a federally recognized tribe who resides in the 27-county service area. Certain guidelines apply, so please call 231-242-1620 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to see if you qualify. Applications are available on the LTBB website at http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/HS/USDAFoodDistribution.html.

VanAlstine has worked two years as the Program Specialist in the Human Services Department and previously worked as a Facilities Worker in the Facilities Department, as the Food Distribution Worker in the Human Services Department and as the Environmental Assistant in the Environmental Services Program of the Natural Resource Department.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar and courtesy graphics.

on wolf hunting, tried to cut voters out of the decision-making process by handing over power to the seven, partisan political appointees on the NRC.

Fritz continued, "The vote on Proposal 2 was a landslide. This is a test of whether lawmakers accept the will of the electorate."

Michigan voters cast more ballots against Proposal 2 than they did for any other candidate for statewide office in their winning campaigns.

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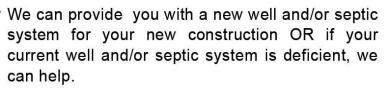
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or crane hunting seasons for the foreseeable future." Legislators, in their haste to circumvent a citizen's referendum





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Short Term Rental Assistance: This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used ONE TIME ONLY and the rent requested must be affordable and can NOT exceed 35% of the household gross monthly income. Please note the application packet must be received and approved in advance of your moving into the rental in order to qualify for this program.

Home Improvement Program: This program offers up to \$2,500 for non-cosmetic home repairs and may be utilized once every five years.

Down Payment Assistance: This program offers up to \$2,500 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home. In order for you to receive any grant dollars, you must be able to match the grant amount with your own guaranteed funds.

Foreclosure Prevention Program: This program offers up to \$3,000 to assist in foreclosure prevention.

Well & Septic Assistance Program: Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault Ste. Marie, MI this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation of a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

Credit Counseling: We provide confidential advice and referrals to assist tribal citizens in regaining their financial stability and credibility.

Tribal Rental Housing Program: The LTBB Housing Department offers 29 rental units in the Northern Michigan area. These units are available to rent to Tribal Citizens and most rents are based on a family's monthly income. Any Tribal Citizen interested in renting a unit from the LTBB Housing Department should contact our offices for an application. Currently, there is a waiting list for available units.

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Moving?

If you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an address verification form.

Forms are also available at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address verification form.

If you are a custodial parent, please provide proof by documen-

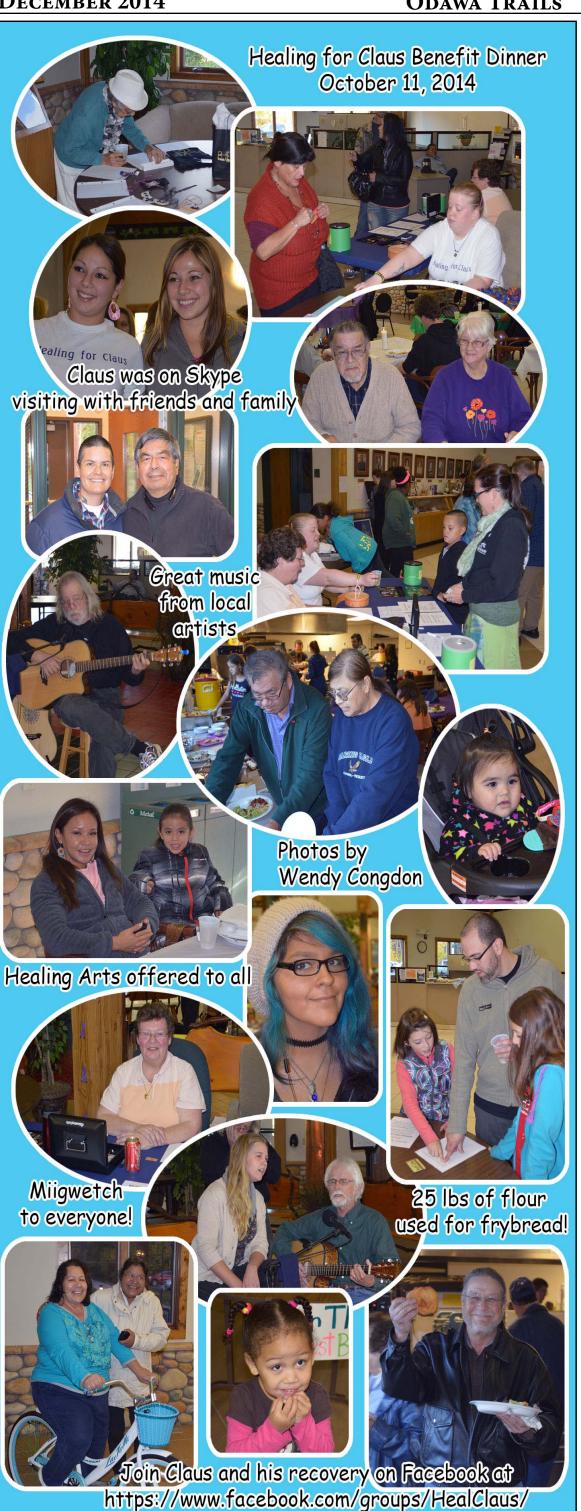
Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark

If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.

Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of the per capita payment. Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

Contact Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or **Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520.**



Christmas 2014 at the Waas No De' Buffet Thursday, December 25th, 2014

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Peel and Eat Shrimp, Oysters on the Half Shell, Full Salad Bar, including Pasta Salads, Deviled Eggs and other Odawa Favorites

Soups

Chicken Noodle, Roasted Corn Chowder and Manhattan Clam Chowder

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Entree's and Offerings

Southern Fried Chicken, Country Sausage Stuffing, Green Bean Casserole, Candied Yams, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fried Shrimp, Baked Tilapia, Ham and Potatoes Au Gratín, Fried Pollock, Savory Apple and Sage Bread Pudding, Breaded Pork Chops with Country Gravy, Salmon Oscar, Grilled Squash, Zucchini and Onions, Maple Glazed Carrots, Four Cheese Bread, Grilled Asparagus, Macaroni and Cheese, Herb Baked Chicken and many more favorites from our Italian, Seafood and Grill

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Served from 12 pm to 9 pm

Adults-\$20.95 Children Ages 6-12--\$12.95 Children under 5—Complimentary

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| Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel Pool, Petoskey, MI Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm Call 231-242-1423 for details | Housing Commission Meeting 3:30 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312 | Elders Luncheon at Noon 2 Appropriations and Finance Committee 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers | Agriculture Assessment Work Group Meeting 4 pm Tribal Council Chambers Govt. Center | Elders Luncheon at Noon 4 | Child Welfare Commission Meeting 1 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312 Election Board Work Session | Traditional Tribal Burial Inc. Board Meeting 9 am Mskiki Gumik Health Building Election Board Meeting 12 pm |
| | | | | | 4:30 pm | NICWA Holiday Bazaar 9 am - 5 pm Governmental Center |
| 7 | 8 | Elders Luncheon at Noon Legal and Legislative Cmte. Mtg. 9 am Tribal Council Chambers Tribal Council Work Session | Natural Resource Commission Meeting 6 pm Natural Resource Bldg. GRC Meeting 5:30 pm 911 Spring St | Tribal Council Meeting 9 am Tribal Council Chambers Govt. Center | 12 | LTBB Children's Winter Solstice Party |
| | | 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers | | | | 11 am - 2 pm Governmental Center |
| 14 | Citizenship Commission 15 Meeting 5:30 pm Govt. Center Rm. 118 | Gaming Authority Committee 16 Meeting 10 am Tribal Council Chambers | Land & Reservation Committee Meeting 10 am Tribal Council Chambers | Elders Luncheon at Noon 18 | Election Board Work Session 19 4:30 pm | Election Board Meeting 12 pm |
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INES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

Birthdays

Happy birthday Aunt Winnay, thank you for always letting me be your shadow! We have so much fun together. Let me know where you want to take me for your birthday, so we can celebrate! Waasey Wemigwase.

Happy birthday on December 16th, and happy holidays to our sister, Shirley Eaves. From the family.

Happy birthday to James Shomin on December 6. From the Michael Shomin family.



Aww, he was such a sweet boy. Now, he's an ornery old cuss, but we love him anyway! Happy 73rd birthday Old Man on December 30. Love, the Brassy Lady, General Junior, Sonny Boy and Kathy.

Happy 6th birthday to my Beautiful Daughter, Miss Priscylla Dohring. How the time has flown by. @ I'm thankful for you every day! You have changed our lives. Love, Mommy, Buddy, Gabrielle and Mya.



Happy birthday Princess on December 7. Miigwetch for always doing right by your tribe and your people. Keep fighting the good fight! From GJ.

Happy birthday Mom, we miss you so much when you travel. We love giving you the nose kisses to show how much you're loved! Hope your day is filled with fun. Baby Bear and Chu La Rue.

Happy birthday to Dawn Pesino on December 27th, thinking of you today and every day; you're the best, have a wonderful birthday. Love, Mom (Debra Smithkey-Browne).

Birthdays



Happy birthday to my little monster, Ava Alisa Gavin!! On December 27th, it will be 4 years since you came into this world & blessed us with your cuteness!! I love you to the moon and back a gajillion times!! Meme ©

Happy birthday to Kaela Smithkey on December 5th, have a great day granddaughter. Sending you lots of love from your grandmother (Debra Smithkey-Browne).

Happy birthday to our **Aunt** Winnay on December 7th, hope your day is full of us all! We love you! Anna Bear, Gia Butt and Zook and Uncle Stink and Bung-



Happy birthday wishes to Uncle Pat Boda, who celebrates on Christmas Eve, Cousin Jessica Kathman, who celebrates on Christmas Day and Uncle Bob Boda, who celebrates on the 27th. Hope your birthdays are filled with fun, happiness and lots of cake. Love, Ashley, Carter & Grayson Boda.

Miigwetch

From the family of Patrick V. Naganashe, miigwetch from all of our hearts to everyone who helped Patrick on his journey and who helped our family. With love, Valissa.

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Dorothy Sagataw, 91

Dorothy Sagataw, 91, of Harbor Springs, MI, walked on November 8, 2014. Dorothy was

Walking On...

born May 17, 1923 in Harbor Springs, MI, to Benedict and Hattie (Keway) Sagataw. She grew up in Harbor Springs, MI, where she attended school. She had worked in the Wequetonsing resort community as a child caregiver and cook. Dorothy later went to work at the Emmet County Medical Care Facility where she was a caregiver for 25 years until she retired. Dorothy was a member of Holy Childhood Church, Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Smith Hoover Post and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians where she was active in the tribal sovereignty days. Dorothy is survived by a sister, Connie Steele, of Traverse City, MI, and a brother, Edwin Sagataw, of Harbor Springs, MI. Also surviving are four nieces, Debra Greensky, Cynthia Greensky, Lila Sagataw and Marin Bertram; and two nephews, Christopher Bertram and Aaron Bertram; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.



Patrick V. Naganashe, 69 Patrick V. Naganashe, 69, of Good Hart, MI, walked on October 31, 2014. His service was held on Monday, November 3, 2014 at the Naganashe home. Patrick was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and a proud Vietnam War veteran. He served in the United States Navy from 1962-

TO HONOR PAT NAGA-

Pat Naganashe was Kin of Mine. I did not see him all the time. I knew this man, he was oh

I'd see him at ceremonies, pow wows and on the REZ and such. He never asked to be glorified, he was humble so much.

He'd carry a flag or eagle staff, drumming with the rest. He was an Ogitchida, and one of LTBB's best.

He carried a pipe, sang spiritual songs and said prayers. He served as Chair of SEMI, supported Michigan Indian Education and NDN affairs. And, Pat served the PEOPLE, he really did

He went across the big blue sea to Vietnam with the U.S. Navy. A boarding school student at Holy Childhood was he. Pat had a lot of challenges, but he met them head on with dignity.

He always made me laugh

when he gave me that very stern stare. We always laughed together, something was there. He could be serious when he wanted, and laugh when he wanted to. We just had fun, nothing wrong with that rule.

He came back to Waganakising; near Good Hart was his home. I did not get to visit him and Valissa on my Northern Michigan roams.

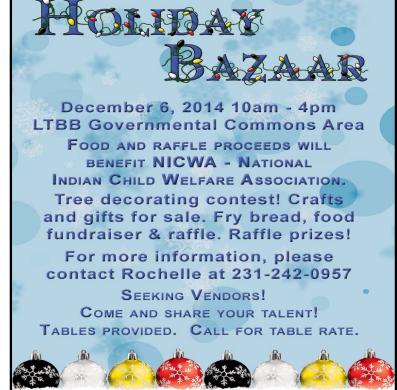
He cared for kids and family, both his and other kind. Now, Creator has taken him. He's gone to the other side.

But, Pat's memory will still remain.

His being here on Mother Earth was everybody's gain.

Baa Maa Pii Gawabamin Pat I will truly miss you! MKADE MIIGWAN 2014

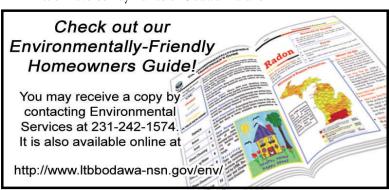
(Steven Naganashe Perry)



WHAT IS NICWA? IS IT IMPORTANT?

The National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) is an organization committed to addressing child abuse and neglect through "training, research, public policy, and grassroots community development." Significantly, NICWA also works to ensure compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, which is designed to keep American Indian families together. Through this important work, NICWA is an invaluable resource to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB), serving as a partner in assisting the LTBB to implement culturally competent, community-based services focused on strengthening LTBB families. Such work includes aiding the LTBB in increasing its "service capacity, enhancing tribal-state relationships, and providing training, technical assistance, information services and alliance building." As a result of LTBB's and NICWA's collaborative approach to strengthening and maintaining LTBB families, and American Indian families in general, LTBB families have a greater knowledge base, tools, and support system available to them as they maneuver through the legal process to ensure the integrity of the family unit.

Megwetch, Honorable Allie Greenleaf Maldonado Chief Judge Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians





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HOLIDAY BUFFET

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Wednesday, December 31

& DINNER 3

Waas-No-Dé Buffet 5pm-11:30pm

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Ovation Hall 10pm-2am | Randy Moore and the Fabulous Suedes

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