

BEAR RIVER LACROSSE Makwa Ziibi Baagadowewin

Submitted by R.J. Smith, Harbor Springs Title VII Indian Education Program Coordinator

Since August 2015, a small group of Native families and others have been coming together at least once a week to spend time together doing something they all love, play lacrosse.

What was once an integral part of our lives as Anishinaabe, Baagadowe (bumping of the hips) as it is known, almost disappeared in its original form from our Tribal memories in the Great Lakes area. Today, several community members, calling ourselves "Makwa Ziibi Baagadowewin" (Bear River Lacrosse), have decided to reclaim a sport which has so much cultural significance to us that it's even called "the Creator's Game."

Long ago, whole communities would come together to share, compete, support each other and play for the Creator's enjoyment as a way of giving thanks for the gift of life. Also called a "Medicine Game," lacrosse is played for the mental, physical and spiritual healing and well-being of not only the players, but for the good of the entire community. Games can be organized as social functions, as a way for our warriors and people to stay in shape,

as a way to train our young people to face their opponents with honor and courage or as a way to pray and ask for healing and strength for all Anishinaabe. Games are called to welcome back the Thunders that bring the life giving rain with them and to give thanks to the Creator for all the gifts we have been given.

Starting in the LTBB Education Department's 2015 summer youth camp, we were introduced to several Indigenous games and the concepts behind them, including double-ball, contemporary lacrosse and traditional wooden stick lacrosse. Following the camp, several youth and their parents traveled to Oneida, WI, to partake in a lacrosse gathering, attended by not only LTBB Odawa, but Ho-Chunk, Oneida, Ojibwe and Iroquois also to name a few. There, we got to spend time with Native lacrosse players who were at the top of the game, many having competed on a world class level, and some being a part of the famous Iroquois Nationals. We not only played contemporary lacrosse, but we were lucky enough to experience Iroquois and Woodland lacrosse as well. The number one rule is shared by all the different forms, don't touch the ball with your hands, after that, it was game on.

When we returned home, the seed



had been planted. Armed with the teachings received at the gathering in Oneida, we set about playing on our own, and inviting others to come join us. We utilize six-foot tall cedar posts as our goals, a nod to the original goals which might have been trees with all the bark removed, a rock or other natural materials. The set we use was gifted to us from one of our teachers Dan Ninham, Oneida, who told us, "These goals and sticks aren't meant

to sit around or be ornamental, they're to be used." The ball we use is a soft lacrosse practice ball wrapped in leather, honoring those originally used, which may have been made of hair sewn in buckskin or even made of wood carved from the knot of a tree. Originally using just contemporary lacrosse equipment, we now play with traditional wooden Great Lakes style sticks occasionally. Our games are open to

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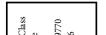
LTBB CONTINUES ON THE PATH OF DEBT REDUCTION

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Odawa Casino Resort (OCR) in Petoskey, MI, opened on June 20, 2007 with a \$122 million loan to construct the new property. There were a number of difficulties with the repayment of the loan, which led to a new refinanced amount in February of 2014 of \$40 million. It went from an interest rate of 9% down to the new average LOBOR based rate of 2% for the past two years. A \$15,208,586 balloon payment would have remained at the end of the five-year maturity on February 7, 2019, but because of additional principle payments by OCR, the current balloon payment will be \$13,001,734 and will need to either be repaid or refinanced.

The first principal payment on the new loan was due on September 1, 2014 after the six months of interest only payments being made. OCR has made every monthly principal payment since then, and when revenues allowed, additional principle payments. The current loan will be paid down from \$40 million to \$25 million by the end of December 2016.

LTBB has done this while maintaining casino operations at Odawa Casino Resort and Odawa Casino Mack-





inaw in Mackinaw City, MI, and maintaining the LTBB tribal government (the casino transfers approximately \$11.5 million a year to operate the tribal government).

Odawa Casino General Manager Eric McLester started on September 2, 2014, knowing there would have to be a "tightening of the casino budget" in order to maintain casino and tribal government operations at their current levels and to make the monthly principal loan payments of \$488,095.

"I knew coming in that it was a priority to pay the debt down," said McLester, who previously worked for the Oneida Tribe of Indians in Wisconsin for 25 years, spending 14 years as the Assistant General Manager for the Oneida Casino. "Making an almost \$500,000 monthly payment on top of everything else is challenging. We've found over the last two years, we are in a saturated gaming market. Our revenue has been flat for the last three years with expenses continuing to increase. We've had to cut expenses. In 2014-2015, we cut our expenses by 2%. In 2015-2016, our expenses went up 3.8%, but that was due to health insurance increases."We are doing more with less," he continued. "Employees are asked to do more when we don't replace employees or don't rehire certain positions. We have town hall meetings every quarter, so team members know where we are compared to where we need to be budget-wise. We communicate to them openly and explain to them why we make decisions. They have the opportunity to ask questions and to give us feedback. We also post monthly how we are progressing actual compared to budget, so everyone knows how we are doing financially."

LTBB Gaming Enterprise Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey said the casino has done a good job being transparent and honest to its team members. The Gaming Enterprise Board was created in 2015 "for the purpose of providing for monitoring, oversight and direction regarding the management of the Odawa Casino Resort."

"Once you understand the factors and circumstances surrounding the decisions, they're easier to accept," said Petoskey, who previously worked at the casino and currently is the Human Resources Director for the LTBB tribal government. "Just being honest and upfront makes a big difference."

McLester said he appreciates the team members' efforts in helping to reduce expenses. "We stress the importance of recognizing our team "Debt Reduction" continued on page 24.

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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.

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The deadline for the February 2017 issue of Odawa Trails is December 27, 2016.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in 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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LTBB SEEDS Project Featured in ANA Messenger

AND MINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS The LTBB SEEDS Project is highlighted in the ANA Messenger: Economic Development Edition – Fall 2016, published on October 12, 2016. To read the article, you may visit http://tinyurl.com/ltbbseeds. *Courtesy graphic.*



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NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



JANUARY IS RADON ACTION MONTH Submitted by the Environmental Services Pro-

gram

You can't see, smell or taste radon, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers in America and claims the lives of approximately 21,000 Americans each year. In fact, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Surgeon General urge all Americans to protect their health by testing their homes, schools and other buildings for radon. Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk and testing radon levels in your home can help prevent unnecessary exposure. If a high radon level is detected in your home, you can take steps to fix the problem to protect yourself and your family.

The EPA has designated January as National Radon Action Month. Winter is a great time for testing radon levels as they should be at their highest inside homes with closed windows and reduced ventilation. Like previous years, the LTBB air program will be partnering with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to provide free testing supplies and informational documentation to tribal citizens and employees at no charge.

The DEQ has designated Emmet and Charlevoix Counties in Michigan as "Zone 2," suggesting moderate radon levels between 2-4 piCu/L (right). In Michigan, 1 in 8 homes can expect to see a level of radon gas considered above the safe limit¹.

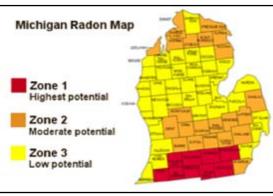
Radon enters the house though cracks in concrete slabs, loose fitting pipe penetrations, cracks in your home's foundation, and even through the water system. While complete suppression is difficult, it is possible to reduce radon to safe levels in your home. Every homeowner or renter should test their home for radon gas regardless of construction style or year built. New homebuyers should have homes tested for radon before agreeing to purchase. The presence





LTBB Tribal Citizen Maangaashkaa (Monee) Lesky and her father, Matthew Lesky, caught lake trout at the а mouth of the Bear River in Petoskey, MI, on November 13, 2016. Courtesy photo.

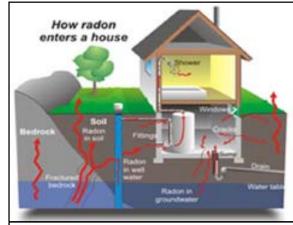




Radon in Michigan. Emmet and Charlevoix Counties are in Zone 2, suggesting moderate radon levels between 2-4 piCU/L.

of radon should not automatically scare you out of a home. Just consider a radon mitigation system may be necessary to ensure the home is safe.

If you have questions about radon gas, please stop by Environmental Services and speak to Jon Mauchmar. You may also contact Jon at 231-242-1578 or JMAUCHMAR@LTBBODAWA-NSN. GOV for any air-related questions.



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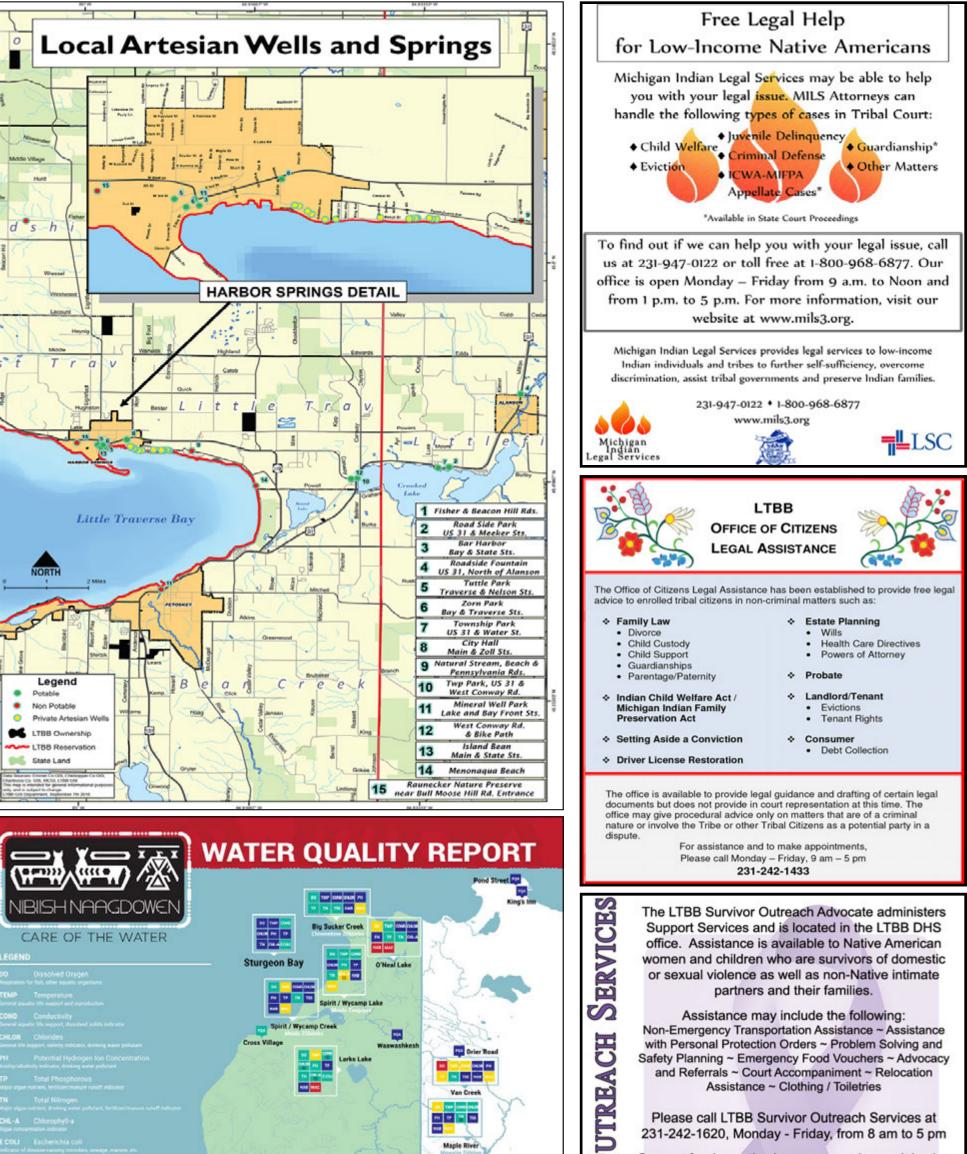
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If you would like to be on the tribal governmental vendor list for providing goods or services to the LTBB government, please contact Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Please be prepared to provide the following information: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

JANUARY 2017 NOTICE

CHANGE IN

HOURS OF OPERATION

FOR FOOT CLINIC

GCHINENDAMA ZIDANGAMIG

"Place of Happy Feet"

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017:

The new schedule for the Foot Clinic will be as follows:

Tuesday Mornings: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Are You:

Currently not eligible for Medicaid?

19-64 years old?

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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:

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 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)

o 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

Health Department LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS COLORECTAL CANCER RISK PROFILE

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the third most common cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. Native Americans living in Michigan face an increased risk for all types of cancer, including CRC, as well as higher mortality rates than the national average. In Michigan American Indian/Alaska Natives have a Colorectal Cancer rate of 359.1 per 100,000. Colorectal cancer is the second most common cancer among LTBB members behind only lung cancer.

CRC Risk Factors

Commercial Tobacco Use: Smoking and using other commercial tobacco products increase the risk of all cancers including colorectal cancer. The smoking rate for Michigan Native Americans is 43% compared to the Michigan state average of 23.3%.

Physical Activity: From data collected by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC of MI) for the Michigan Tribal Health Data Report shows that only 32% of surveyed American Indians reported meeting the recommended amount of moderate physical activity. Additionally as part of the 2005 ITC of MI Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS), 29.5% American Indian participants reported no leisure time physical activity.

Obesity and Overweight: The 2005 ITC of MI BRFS showed that 41.9% of Michigan Native American respondents were obese, the state obesity rate is 28.7%. In addition to the high obesity rate 31% reported as overweight. The ITC of MI Michigan Tribal Health Report also showed that some tribal areas had obesity rates over 50%. Talk to your doctor about your BMI and what you can do to either maintain or achieve a healthy BMI.

Diabetes: Type 2 diabetes increases the risk of developing colorectal cancer and Native Americans suffer from diabetes at a higher rate than the rest of the population. The ITC of MI Michigan Tribal Health Data report showed that Michigan's tribal communities have diabetes rates of 22% -33% compared to only 11% of the Michigan total population.

The Importance of Screening

The overall colorectal cancer screening rate at the LTBB health clinic is 46.4% this means that less than half of the clinic's patients are being screened. Early detection is of great importance when it comes to survival rates of CRC. If your family has a history of CRC than you may be at an increased risk and screening will help you and your doctor be aware of your status.

Age Group	AI Specific Incidence Rate	95% Confidence Interval	White Specific Incidence Rate
<mark>30-34</mark>	7.07	(0.00, 16.88)	3.41
<mark>35-39</mark>	<mark>14.3</mark>	(0.29, 28.32)	<mark>8.13</mark>
<mark>40-44</mark>	10.97	(0.00, 23.39)	13.91
<mark>45-49</mark>	37.83	(13.12, 62.54)	28.14
<mark>50-54</mark>	<mark>66.29</mark>	(28.8, 103.79)	<mark>56.11</mark>
<mark>55-59</mark>	111.8	(55.25, 168.34)	92.79
60-64	138.62	(63.32, 213.93)	160.02
65-69	225.84	(111.68, 340)	239.11

Native American's in Michigan are more likely to be develop colorectal cancer at a younger age than non-Hispanic Whites. Screening for colorectal cancer can help catch the cancer early which can allow for more successful treatment.

Native American's in Michigan are more likely to be develop colorectal cancer at a younger age than non-Hispanic Whites. The table to the right shows that Natives in Michigan aged 30-34 are more than twice as likely to be diagnosed with CRC and those aged 34-39 are almost as high as well. The table also shows that American Indians still have a higher risk of developing CRC as they approach and reach the recommended screening age of 50.

It is important to ask your doctor about your screening options if you are experiencing any symptoms of colorectal cancer.

Symptoms of CRC include:

- Abdominal Cramping
- Abdominal Pain
- Rectal Bleeding
- · Diarrhea or constipation that lasts more than a few days
 - Blood in the stool
 - Narrowing of the stool
 - Weakness and fatigue
 - Unintended weight loss

Your doctor can help you decide what screening method may be best for you based on age, symptoms and family history. Courtesy graphic.

End, to Start Over Again We Have Come Full Circle to the

Submitted by Sabrina Spearman, LLMSW, CTAS PA3 Grant Coordinator/Therapist

"Where there is vision, the people live. They are made rich in the things of the spirit; and then, as the logical next step, they are rich in human life. " -- Phil Lane, Sr., YANKTON SIOUX



In the upcoming month with the adolescent group, we will be learning about and practicing the following assets:

Sense of Purpose: Young person reports that "my life has a purpose."

Positive View of Personal Future: Young person is optimistic about her or his personal future.

Respect/Opening Week: Grandfather teaching on respect and establishment of group.

Family Support: Family life provides high levels of love and support.

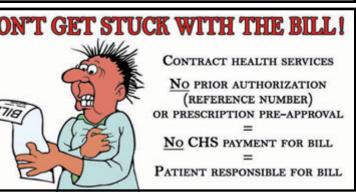
Please feel free to sign up and get started on building a close tight relationship with the youth in our community. The group is open to adolescents in the age range of 13-18. Contact Sabrina Spearman at 231- 242-1772 if you are interested in joining all the fun things to come with this program. Courtesy photos.

The adolescents were asked to attend a fire at Tony Miron's house. The adolescents had their first experience of a talking circle and enjoyed stories from Tony. It was a great time for all.



*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!





ODAWA TRAILS

This is Miss Cheryl Halfacer, the Title VII Indian Educator of Petoskey Schools. She stands for "Not judging people on their past. We all make mistakes, but we all can make better choices. Everyone has the power to change!" The SPRING Prevention Project works with Miss Halfacer throughout the school year with different programs and events in an effort to increase academic performance and to raise cul-

tural awareness to prevent youth from misusing prescription pills, underage drinking and illegal marijuana use. *Courtesy photo.*



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Al-Anon Meetings LTBB Health Park,

every Wednesday 7-8 pm Use the right back door for entrance and parking.

There is no magic formula that enables you to help someone stop – or cut back - on his or her drinking. Alcoholism is a complex problem with many related issues. But, Al-Anon can help you learn how to cope with the challenges of someone else's drinking. Come ask questions, share or just listen.

231-675-7044 www.miafg.org

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ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!

We invite the tribal community to

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

JANUARY 2017 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS - DECEMBER 23RD, 26TH, 30TH & JANUARY 2ND

Open Distribution: 16th - 20th from 9am - 3pm

Call 231-881-2855 or 231-347-2573 for food pick-up appointments outside of our Open Distribution Week

828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto

Deliveries: Local, 4th and 5th Peshawbestown, 11th and 12th Traverse City, 24th

For more information, contact Food Distribution Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine at 231-347-2573



Eating on a Budget — The 3 P's

PLAN

- Plan meals and snacks for the week according to an established budget.
- Find quick and easy recipes online.
- Include meals that will "stretch" expensive food items (stews, casseroles, stir-fried dishes).
- Make a grocery list.
- Check for sales and coupons in the local paper or online and consider discount stores.
- Ask about a loyalty card at your grocery store.

PURCHASE

- Buy groceries when you are not hungry and when you are not too rushed.
- Stick to the grocery list and stay out of the aisles that don't contain items on your list.
- Buy store brands if cheaper.
- Find and compare unit prices listed on shelves to get the best price.
- Purchase some items in bulk or as family packs which usually cost less.
- Choose fresh fruits and vegetables in season; buy canned vegetables with less salt.
- Pre-out fruits and vegetables, individual cups of yogurt, and instant rice and hot cereal are convenient, but usually cost more than those that require a bit more prep time.
- Good low-cost items available all year include:



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



- Protein beans (garbanzo, black, cannellini)
- Vegetables carrots, greens, potatoes
- Fruit apples, bananas



- Some meal items can be prepared in advance; pre-cook on days when you have time.
- Double or triple up on recipes and freeze meal-sized containers of soups and casseroles or divide into individual portions.
- Try a few meatless meals by substituting with beans and peas or try "no-cook" meals like salads.
- Incorporate leftovers into a subsequent meal.
- Be creative with a fruit or vegetable and use it in different ways during the week.





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 <u>72 hours prior to their appointments</u>.

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



ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION: 2017 PER CAPITA REQUIREMENTS

Released August 10, 2016

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The Enrollment Department has begun scanning enrollment records and linking relationships in our Citizenship Database (Progeny ES). During the scanning process, the Enrollment Department staff has noticed some of the enrollment files are missing copies of social security cards. We are sending out letters to the tribal citizens who have incomplete files by U.S. mail. If you receive a letter in the mail, please update the Enrollment Department as promptly as possible to bring your file up to date. If we do not have a copy of your social security verification on file prior to October 31, 2017, (the 2017 per capita payment distribution deadline) your per capita payment may be held or delayed in 2017. This does not affect the 2016 per capita distribution.

Acceptable Verification of your Social Securi-

ty number includes the following:

Copy of your Social Security Card

• Social Security Card number printed by Social Security Administration Office

• Social Security Administration Benefit State-

ment W-2 or 1099 form

• Pay stub containing your name and social security number

• Valid U.S. military ID card with photo (DD-2 or CAC card)

• Other official document/card containing your name and social security number.

Our goal is to not only get our records up to date, but to make sure by working together that everyone gets their 2017 per capita check. If you have any questions, call the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520.



AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce (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 credit.

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.

Executive Branch

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



We will be entering a new year soon; a year full of hope and

shout out to all the volunteers; people who donated their time and talent decorating and working the event. Biindigen donated a large amount of gifts to hand out to the children during the event; miigwech to all of you for your help.

Our Vice Chair (Stella Kay) has been traveling and recently testified in regards to the consultation process with the Army Corp of Engineers for infrastructure projects. She has attended meetings in regards to food distribution on Indian reservations and how to get better services and access local foods. We continue to be proactive in what will unfold with the new administration in January. We have been involved in meetings with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and other tribal governments in regards to the transition and the changes that may be made. On December 4, it was announced the Army Corp of Engineers denied the permit to continue to build the Dakota Access pipeline. However, shortly after the permit denial, a statement was made by the company to push forward building the pipeline and

just pay the fines until the new administration is in place.

The Vice Chair traveled to New York City to attend the United Nations Summit for discussions of what type of participation and representation tribes will have at the U.N. summit. The meetings have been informative and beneficial to the tribe as we are able to assist in steering policy that lays a foundation for the betterment of all tribal people. During a recent conference call with NCAI, work has begun on a federal agency MOU that would better protect treaty rights when agencies deal with tribal governments. The idea for the MOU was started with the White House Council on Native American Affairs. The 2018 budget calendar has been set, and the departments are working on their submissions to Tribal Council. Council will then hold public hearings, please attend, we welcome community input. I look forward to continuing to serve you and to be a contributing factor in providing and meeting the needs of our people and moving the tribe forward in a good way.

CAR NEW 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

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

Services:

- Enrollment Applications. Address Change Forms. 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.

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.

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:

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 "Re quest 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

potential.

I hope that all continues to be well with you and hope that 2017 is a good and prosperous year for everyone.

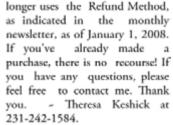
The tribe has substantially completed the Archives and Records project. We look forward to hosting an open house, so everyone can see the new space once we get staff back into their new spaces.

It was a pleasure to work and spend time with our tribal youth. I was able to stop by and have a meal and talk about concerns and ideas moving the tribe forward. We feel this is important as the youth will be handling our future.

Our Winter Solstice Party was a success. I want to give a big

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.





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	02/18/2015	February 17, 2021	01-09
Rebecca Fisher	Active	02/22/2015	February 21, 2021	02-09
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	06/07/2011	June 07, 2017	05-09
Kathryn L McGraw	Active	04/02/2013	April 2, 2019	06-09
Gwendolyn Gasco	Active	07/02/2013	July 2, 2019	08-09
Yvonne E Brown	Active	03/25/2014	March 24, 2020	09-09
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	02/22/2015	February 22, 2021	10-09
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	08/24/2015	August 23, 2021	11-09

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I S	29	30	Elders Luncheon at Noon 31 Tribal Council Work Session 9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers		Please Note: Meeting times and dates are subject to change.	NOTICE: Meetings normally held in r 312 may be relocated during month of January. Check w the Executive Office for act location of each meeting

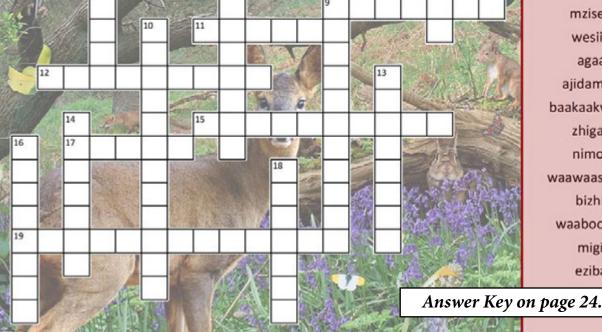
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1. eagle
2. bear
3. raccoon
4. cow
6. horse
8. wolf
10. chicken
13. pig
14. cat
16. fox
18. turkey

Across

5. animal

7. beaver

9. skunk

12. squirrel

17. porcupine

15. rabbit

19. deer

11. dog

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

January 2017

ODAWA TRAILS

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January 1	New Year's Day	Nimkwadaading
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January 12	Full Moon	Mnido Giizis
January 16	Martin Luther King Day	Martin Luther Ogimaanhs Giizhigat
January 24	Belly Laugh Day	Chi-baapi-masad Giizhigat
February 2	Groundhog's Day	Kookajiish Giizhigat
February 3	National Wear Red	Biiskan Mskwaande Giizhigat
February 11	Full Moon	Mkwa Giizis
February 14	Valentine's Day	Zaagidwin Giizhigat
March 12	Full Moon	Naabdin Giizis
March 17	St. Patrick's Day	Kichitwaa Patrick Giizhigat
March 20	Spring Equinox	Mnookmi Maajtaamigat
April 1	April Fools Day	Wayezhi'iiwewin Giizhigat
April 11	Full Moon	Ziisabaakdake Giizis
April 16	Easter	Baakwang
April 22	Earth Day	Aki Giizhigat
May 10	Full Moon	Nmebine Giizis
May 14	Mother's Day	Gashi Giizhigat
May 29	Memorial Day	Mikwenim Giizhigat
June 9	Full Moon	Waabgonii Giizis
June 14	Flag Day	Akiwewin Giizhigat
June 21	Summer Solstice	Niibin Maajtaamigat
June 18	Father's Day	Noos Giizhigat
July 4	Independence Day	Dibendizwin Giizhigat
July 9	Full Moon	Miin Giizis
July 23	Parents Day	Gitziimak Giizhigat
August 2	Full Moon	Mnoomin Giizis
August 12 & 13	Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow	Jiingtamok
September 4	Lewis & Doris Adams Holiday	Adams Kichitwaa-Giizhigat
•	(Labor Day)	Chi Nokii Giizhigat
September 6	Full Moon	Waabagaa Giizis
September 10	Grandparents Day	Mishomis & Nokomis Giizhigat
September 21	LTBB Sovereignty Day	Waaganakising Giizhigat
September 22	Fall Equinox	Dgwaagi Maajtaamigat
September 22	Michigan Indian Day	Anishinaabe Giizhigat
October 5	Full Moon	Bnaakwii Giizis
October 16	Boss's Day	Nokii-Gimaa Giizhigat
October 21	Sweetest Day	Wiishkibang Giizhigat
October 31	Halloween	Tasewang
November 4	Full Moon	Baashkaakodin Giizis
November 11	Veteran's Day	Zhimaaganish Giizhigat
November 23	Thanksgiving	Mzisenh Giizhigat, or Miigwechwendamomi Giizhigat
December 3	Full Moon	Mnido Giizisoonhs
December 21	Winter Solstice	Biboon Maajtaamigat
December 25	Christmas Day	Niibaanamaang
December 31	New Year's Eve	Nimkwadaading Naakshi
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Dengwe-Mzinigan: Face-Book

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department hosts Facebook Group called "LTBB Anishinaabemowin."

We will post materials for language learning, announcements and flyers. Materials will be accessible on the group page under the "Photos" tab or the "Files" tab. PowerPoints with audio and PDF's are downloadable.

- Search our name and "Join."
- Add your family and friends.
- Post Comments and Language Items.

For more information, contact Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department at 231-242-1457 or toll free 1-866-652-5822 or e-mail LangTech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion 2017 Spring Semester Schedule

Wegnesh? What? **5 Weekends Per Semester** Wenesh Pii? When? **January 6-8** January 27-29 February 17-19 March 10-12 March 24-26

Aaniish Epiichaak? What time? Fridays 1pm - 8pm Saturdays 8am - 8pm Sundays 8am - noon

Aapiish? Where? **LTBB Waasnodeki Community Center** 5656 Ap Gish Mok Blvd, Harbor Springs, MI

The NPIP program develops the Anishinaabe language learner's ability to understand fluent speakers. The environment and approach used in class is designed to put students at ease while listening to stories told in Anishinaabemowin.

NO ANXIETY OR FEELING INTIMIDATED OR EMBARRASSED. Students will attain a high level of listening comprehension, and eventually increased ability to speak.

Attend as a guest or register as a student!

Students can earn 4-year or 6-year diplomas. The Gijigowi Language Department can assist students with application and registration process!

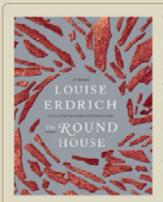
For more information, contact Gwen Gasco, LTBB Gijigowi Language Department at 231-242-1457 or e-mail ggasco@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



The Shirley Naganashe Oldman Secondary Education Completion Award recognizes your academic achievements as an LTBB tribal member. This program has been developed to promote the completion of secondary education programs. The Shirley Naganashe Oldman Completion Award, in the amount of \$100, will be awarded to LTBB tribal members who complete a secondary education program. In order to receive this award, a copy of your official transcript, copy of high school diploma, GED certificate or certificate of completion MUST be submitted.

Award applications can be found online, in person at the Education office or mailed per request (contact Education at 231-242-1480).

Stay up to date!



The Round House Louise Erdrich

'Louise Erdrich threads a gripping mystery and multilayered portrait of community through a deeply affecting coming-of-age novel." - The Oprah Magazine

E-Book Club

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

"Emotionally compelling... Joe is an incredibly endearing narrator, full of urgency and radiant candor...the story he tells transforms a sad, isolated crime into a revelation about how maturity alters our relationship with our parents, delivering us into new kinds of love and pain." - Ron Charles, Washington Post

"Deeply moving. This novel ranks among Erdrich's best work and it is IMPOSSIBLE to forget." - Carmela Ciuraru, USA Today

Join us as we start our FIRST book, The Round House, on January 9!

*This project was made possible in part by



Some of our future books include:



Applications are available online and can be downloaded from the Education Department's web-page at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or may be requested from Academic Services at 231-242-1480

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Save on your next computer with Dell

Tribal Citizens and Employees can save money on their next computer purchase when shopping with Dell. It's easy, just log on to www.dell.com/EPP_or call 1-877-289-9437 and enter Member ID#: CS25031222 to take advantage of the discount.

If you have any questions, please call Purchasing Technician Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439

UDICIAL BRANCH

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COURT

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

FILE NO. PCG-296-1016

To Respondent: Curtis Lee McFall, Jr. Case No.: 910306563, 200600947

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: An Order for Notice by Publication has been issued regarding the Per Cap Child Support Order signed and dated, October 21, 2016

Respondent, Curtis Lee McFall, Jr. must contact Tribal Court within 21 days for copies of the orders listed above. After 21 days, respondent's per cap check will be garnished for back child support.

Please contact Tribal Court in writing at <u>LTBB of Odawa Indians Tribal Court, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor</u> Springs, MI, 49740 or call 231-242-1462.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COURT	ICE TO RESPONDENT	FILE NO. PCG-269-1016
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To Respondent: Zachery Allen Bekampis Case No.: 913165877, 2015001695

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: An Order for Notice by Publication has been issued regarding the Per Cap Child Support Order signed and dated, October 21, 2016.

Respondent, Zachery Allen Bekampis must contact Tribal Court within 21 days for copies of the orders listed above. After 21 days, respondent's per cap check will be garnished for back child support.

Please contact Tribal Court in writing at <u>LTBB of Odawa Indians Tribal Court, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor</u> Springs, MI, 49740 or call 231-242-1462.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Building Strong Sovereign Nations Conference



Submitted by LTBB Tribal **Councilor Frank Bernard**

Greetings.

I wish to thank the Tribe for allowing me to attend the conference "Building Strong Sovereign Nations" in Manistee, MI, on October 27, 2016. I would like to give this short report to the citizens on a few points I feel are important. The conference was divided into four sections which I'll list with comments on each section.

The first section was a Historical Overview given by Jo-Anne Cook, GTB Judge, and Frank Ettawageshik, the Executive Director of the United Tribes of Michigan. Frank stated the LTBB Sovereign Rights are written in the U.S. Constitution: Article IV Section 1 Treaty Rights between Sovereigns.

The second section was on Leadership Ethics given by Jamie Stuck, Potawatomi Chair, and Emily Proctor, new LTBB Tribal Councilor and MSU Extension Tribal Extension Educator. Historically, the citizens could bring forth an issue, and it would go before; A. the Grandmothers, B. the Clans, C. the Tribal Council and D. the Judicial. "The issue may be discussed until it is resolved for up to four days, then it is tabled for a later time."

They pointed out Tribes are not a municipality. The local municipalities must comply with state, county and city laws. Sovereigns such as tribes must comply and negotiate with the federal government.

The third section was on Financial Management in Indian Country by John Amrhein, MSU Extension Educator. There should be an organizational chart. It is important financials be transparent. A clear understanding of self-governance

should be a major concern. There are separate entities within the government that are autonomous such as Gaming, NRD, Elders, etc. There is a difference between tribal government and business

The last section was on Conducting Effective Meetings by Brad Neumann, MSU Extension Educator. We've become a policy driven organization. This keeps most of the problems to a minimum, and the policies should be updated on a regular basis.

New Councilors should get training. Councilors should understand General Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP). The Profit and Loss Statement is just a snapshot of a business. Many tribes depend on grants, but Tribes should develop other revenue sources. The Commissions should be examining the needs of the people and finding streams of income to fund and meet their goals. The Tribe should know their financial sources.

Neumann stated, "The Tribal Council should have a vision and be a voice for the Tribe."

Photo of Frank Bernard by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

January 2017

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Commission, Board and Committee Vacancie

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending
Citizenship	3 yr. term	1
Gaming Regulatory	3 yr. term	1
Liquor & Tobacco Licensing Board	2 yr. term	1
Zoning Board of Appeals	1 yr. term	1

The following information is provided for Tribal Members who are seeking nominations for an a to an LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee. Those interested, please submit a letter long with your resume to:

ittle Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Tribal Chairman Offic 7500 Odawa Circle

larbor Springs, MI 49740 Phone (231) 242-1418 Fax (231) 242-1411 Email: <u>chairman@itbbodawa-nsn.qov</u>

The Executive Office notifies applicants when letter and resume are received. The Chairman's cominations are forwarded to Tribal Council. Thereafter, the Legislative Office handles all interview cheduling and correspondence for the Commissions or Boards, for the position vacancies.

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 documentation.

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

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.





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Tribal Council	
General Attendance log:	

DATE	November 2016
11/01/16	Tribal Council Regular Work Session
11/03/16	Tribal Council Regular Meeting
11/04/16	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting
11/05/16	Veterans Tribute at Pattengill
11/08/16	Appropriations and Finance Committee
11/11/16	Veterans Pow Wow
11/15/16	Tribal Council Regular Work Session
11/17/16	Tribal Council Regular Meeting
11/29/16	Tribal Council Regular Work Session
	*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs

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Now accepting applications

- of Odawa Indians
- Must be 55 or older or disabled of any age
- Rents are based on income
- · Accept very low, low and moderate income applicants
- All units are 2 bedroom and 1 bath
- Must belong to Little Traverse Bay Bands
 Bedrooms are approximately 121 sq. feet and 94 sq. feet
 - Located in a quiet country setting, but only 4 miles from Harbor Springs, MI
 - · Barrier free units are available
 - LTBB Housing office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Tribal Village is approximately 4 miles north of Harbor Springs, MI

Contact person: LTBB Housing Department 231-242-1540

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete th If you wish to file a Croll Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Dis crimination Complaint Form found enline at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, at any USDA effice or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the in formation requested in the form. Send year completed complaint form or letter to us by main at U.S. Department of Adjustration of the sendence of Adjustication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.O. 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or e-mail at program intake@usda.gov. a, D.C



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Phone (231) 242-1404

ENROLLMENT NO.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Council NOTICE OF HEARING

Chamber Address: 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Tribal Citizen's Name and Address:

Marcia Lynn VanDerPloeg

70 Wexford Drive

Granville, OH 43023

TAKE NOTICE: A Hearing of the Tribal Council will be held on February 2, 2017 at 10:00 am at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, in the Tribal Council Chambers.

FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE:

Disenrollment Hearing

This hearing may not be adjourned except by the authority of Tribal Council. If you require special accommodation to use the Chambers because of disabilities, please contact the Legislative Office Manager at (231)242-1404 immediately to make arrangements.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this date copies of this notice were sent by CERTIFIED REGISTERED MAIL at the addresses shown.

8-2-2016 Date

Aaron Otto, Secretary Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council

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2017 Tribal Council Regular Schedule January-December

Tuesday-Work Sessions 1pm & Thursday-Meetings 9 am

January 2017

(January 1, New Year's Day, Governme	ntal Offices Closed)
Work Session: Tuesday, January 3	Meeting: Thursday, January 5
Work Session: Tuesday, January 17	Meeting: Thursday, January 19
February 2017	
Work Session: Tuesday, January 31	Meeting: Thursday, February 2
Work Session: Tuesday, February 14	Meeting: Thursday, February 16
March 2017	
Work Session: Tuesday, March 7	Meeting: Thursday, March 9
Work Session: Tuesday, March 21	Meeting: Thursday, March 23
April 2017	
Work Session: Tuesday, April 4	Meeting: Thursday, April 6
(April 14, Good Friday, Governmental C	Offices Closed)
Work Session: Tuesday, April 18	Meeting: Thursday, April 20
May 2017	
Work Session: Tuesday, May 2	Meeting: Thursday, May 4
Work Session: Tuesday, May 16	Meeting: Thursday, May 18
(May 29, Memorial Day, Governmental	Offices Closed)
June 2017	

June 2017

Work Session: Tuesday, June 6	Meeting: Thursday, June 8
Work Session: Tuesday, June 20	Meeting: Thursday, June 22

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July 2017 (July 4, Independence Day, Governmental Offices Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday, July 11	Meeting: Thursday, July 13
Work Session: Tuesday, July 25	Meeting: Thursday, July 27
August 2017	

Work Session: Tuesday, August 8 Work Session: Tuesday, August 22

September 2017 /ork Session: Tuesday, September 12 Meeting: Thursday, Septem (September 4, Lewis & Doris Adams Holiday, Governmental Offices Closed) Work Session: Tuesday, September 26 Meeting: Thursday, September 28 (September 21, Sovereignty Day, Governmental Offices Closed) (September 22, Michigan Indian Day, Governmental Offices Closed)

HOME IMPROVEMENT **PROGRAM CHANGE**

Due to HUD guidelines, the Housing Department is required to do an environmental review regardless of the work being done. The process of these reviews can take up to three to six months; we cannot proceed until this process has been completed. Please be aware there is a possibility the review could come back with a negative impact, in which case, could be cause for denial.



OUSING

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county An application packet must be completed and returned to the Housing Dept. for processing to determine qualification. To obtain an application, please contact the Housing Dept. at 231-242-1540.

Short Term Rental Assistance: This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance. This program oriers up to \$1,500 for here 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 Ser-vices 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.



Equal Housing Opportunity TDD: 800-649-3777



October 2017

Work Session: Tuesday, October 10 Work Session: Tuesday, October 24

Meeting: Thursday, October 12 Meeting: Thursday, October 26

Meeting: Thursday, August 10

Meeting: Thursday, August 24

November 2017

Meeting: Thursday, November 9 Work Session: Tuesday, November 7

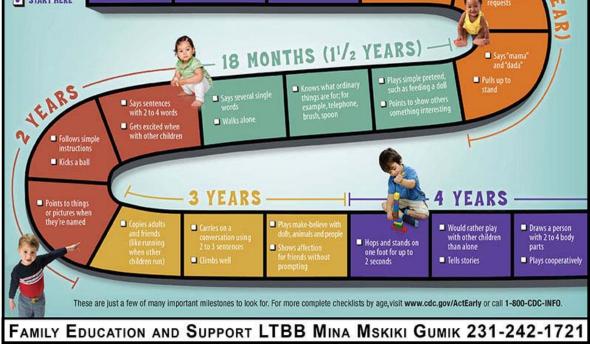
(November 10, Veterans Day, Governmental Offices Closed)

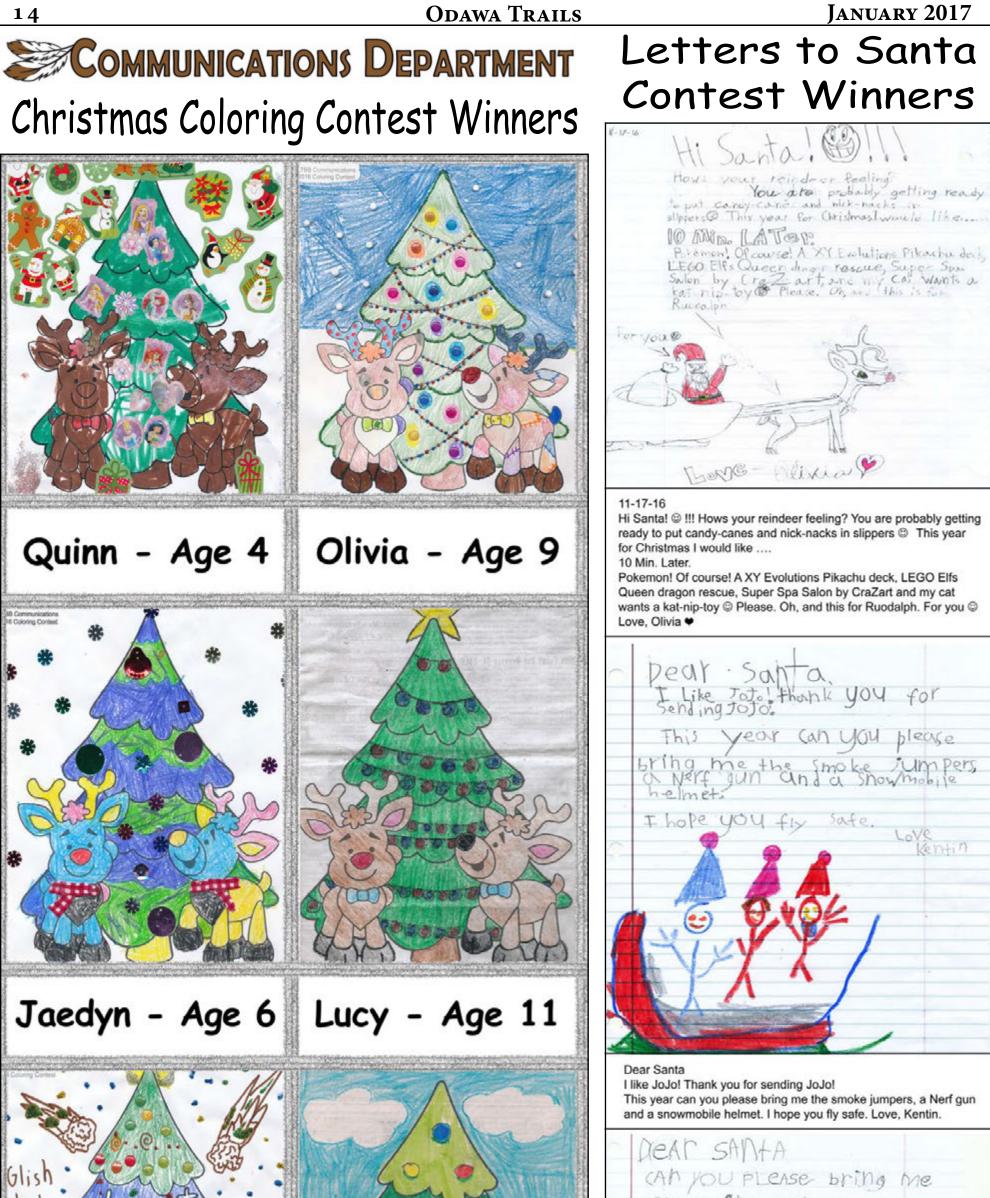
Work Session: Tuesday, November 28 Meeting: Thursday, November 30 (November 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday, Governmental Offices Closed)

December 2017

Work Session: Tuesday, December 12 Meeting: Thursday, December 14

(December 25-26 Christmas Holiday, Governmental Offices Closed) (December 31 New Year's Eve, Holiday, Governmental Offices Closed)







SOME PINK +DOLS, SOME Legas And A Showmobile HELMET. THANK YOU. LOP AUDVEY 0

Dear Santa

Can you please bring me some pink tools, some Legos and a snowmobile helmet. Thank you. Love, Audrey.

Standing Rock PHOTOS COURTESY OF BLUE SKY PHOTOGRAPHY/THERESA KESHICK

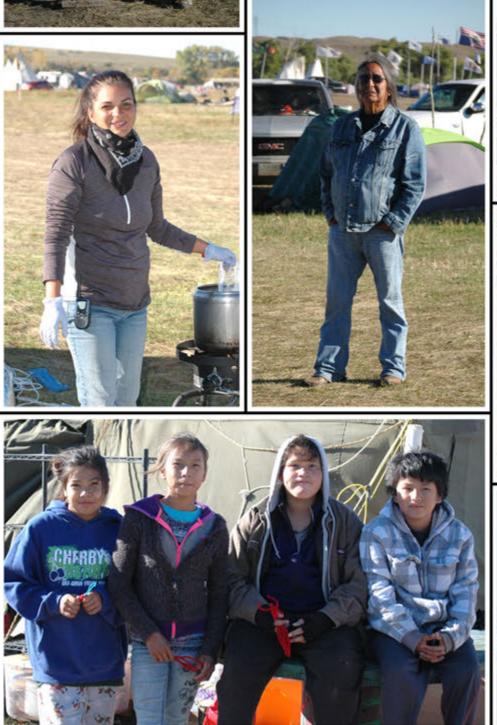


































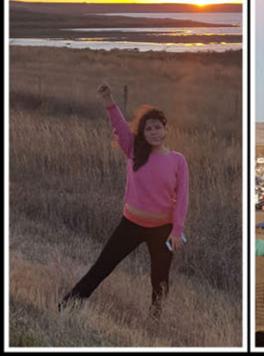












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Odawa Casino Resort Update



As we close on the end of the year, I would like to say thank you to all our guests for allowing us to provide entertainment to our community, thank you to all Team Members for their hard work throughout this year and thank you to all Tribal members for their continued support. At Odawa Casino, we have a lot to be thankful for. Over the last year, we have added an additional gaming facility in Mackinaw and improved many aspects of our current facility to provide better service to our guests. We

hope you can continue to enjoy both Odawa Casino Petoskey and Odawa Casino Mackinaw!

The winter hours of operation at Odawa Casino Mackinaw have changed to reflect business needs. The facility will be open Sunday through Thursday from 10 am to 6pm and on Friday and Saturday from 10am to 8pm. We believe this will better fit our guest's needs for the property.

Christmas is almost here and Odawa Casino Petoskey will be closing at 10pm on Christmas Eve and reopening at 2pm on Christmas Day. Additionally, the Odawa Casino Mackinaw property will be closed Christmas Day. This is to allow Team Members to be with their families during the holiday season.

New Year's Eve events will be kicking off on Friday, December 30th with a Crab Leg and Seafood Buffet in the Waas No De for \$31.45 with an Optimum Rewards Card from 5pm to 9pm. Also, Michelle Chenard will be live on the gaming floor from 8pm-12am. On Saturday, December 31st Hot Seat Drawings will be held from noon until 1am as well as a Prime Rib Buffet will be offered in the Waas No De for \$23.35 with an Optimum Rewards Card from 4pm to 11:30pm. Hernandez and Malone will be live on the gaming floor from 9pm to 1am and Randy Moore and the Fabulous Suedes will be live in Ovation Hall from 10pm to 1am. Sage will be offering a reservations only three course menu from 5pm to 12am and the Ozone will be hosting a Dance Party from 8pm to 4am with a \$20 cover charge and champagne toast at midnight. On New Year's Day, January 1st a late night buffet will be offered from 12:30am to 3:00am for \$9.95 and guests who earn 100 points between 10am and 10pm will have the opportunity to swipe at the kiosk to win free slot play. We hope to see you at the events!

On behalf of Odawa Casino, I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Eric McLester, General Manager

NCAI Applauds Signing of Cooperative Management Agreement between Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission and Department of the Interior

Editor's note: The following is a National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) press release dated November 30, 2016.



Today (November 30, 2016), the Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission and Department of the Interior signed the first cooperative management agreement under Secretarial Order 3342. The agreement allows the federal lands in the Ahtna region to be cooperatively managed by Ahtna ANCSA regional and village corporations, and its eight federally recognized tribes, to protect and harvest moose and caribou in line with their traditional and customary ways of life.

This effort has been supported by NCAI mem-

Our Tobacco Story



bership through Resolution, #ANC-14-031, to further develop cooperative management agreements between tribes, states and the federal governments.

"NCAI would like to congratulate Ahtna and applaud the Department of the Interior for signing this cooperative management agreement. The ability to continue to practice our traditional subsistence ways and protect our resources for the next seven generations is of the utmost importance. This agreement will hopefully be a model for further agreements so more tribes can manage their subsistence resources."

Secretary Order 3342, signed on October 21, 2016, allows for partnerships between tribes, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and tribes to enter into cooperative management agreements to protect resources using tribal traditional ecological knowledge.

Courtesy graphic.

In most communities, the average age of smoking initiation was between 13 and 15 years old. Most people started smoking regularly by the

time they turned 17.

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

Please note that <u>ALL</u> LTBB Governmental offices are closed on these dates, this includes Mskiki Gumik offices



December 23, 2016 - Christmas Eve December 26, 2016 - Christmas Day December 30, 2016 - New Year's Eve January 2, 2017 - New Year's Day April 14, 2017 - Good Friday May 29, 2017 - Memorial Day July 4, 2017 – Independance Day September 4, 2017 - Lewis & Doris Adams Holiday September 21, 2017 - Sovereignty Day September 22, 2017 – Michigan Indian Day November 10, 2017 – Veteran's Day November 23, 2017 - Thanksgiving Day November 24, 2017 - Day after Thanksgiving December 25, 2017 - Christmas Eve December 26, 2017 - Christmas Day January 1, 2017 – New Year's Eve



Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. developed a report designed to help health educators, program coordinators and policy makers in tribal communities.

Between 2005 and 2015, five tribal communities in Michigan conducted a series of community based surveys called the American Indian Adult Tobacco Survey (AIATS). Results of these surveys revealed striking health disparities related to commercial tobacco use, including: Smoking rates among adults ranged from 34% to 72%.

Tribal members who smoked were more likely than non-smokers to have chronic health conditions like high

blood pressure and diabetes.

This evidence reflects what some community members have referred to as an "epidemic" of commercial tobacco use. Community members have used this evidence to strengthen their response to commercial tobacco use through formal programs, policies and educational efforts. While the mechanisms of the AIATS are well-documented, what's missing from the literature are stories of how tribal communities have created lasting change using data. This report tells the story of how Michigan tribal communities turned health data into sustainable action.

To view the report, visit http://keepitsacred.itcmi.org/2016/10/our-tobacco-story/ *Courtesy graphic.*

ODAWA TRAILS

MARTIN REINHARDT KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT NMU Connencement



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A new recognition program debuted at Northern Michigan

University's commencement on December 10, 2016.

The Students' Choice Award is presented to a faculty or staff member nominated by graduating students to serve as the keynote speaker at the ceremony. The first recipient was Martin Reinhardt, a professor in the Center for Native American Studies. Reinhardt is an Anishinaabe Ojibway citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Reinhardt has taught courses in American Indian education, tribal law and government, and sociology. His doctoral research at Pennsylvania State University focused on American Indian education and the law with a special focus on treaty educational provisions.

Reinhardt's selection preceded the 20th anniversary of the center, which recently launched the only bachelor's degree program in Native American studies in Michigan. The first students to graduate from the program participated in the ceremony. Courtesy photo.

Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!

Puick Care Family Medical Center 116 W. Mitchell Street Petoskey, MI 49770 231-348-2828

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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

Native American Public Media Internship



tive youth in public broadcasting is the goal of Vision Maker Media providing the Public Media Internship to undergraduate or graduate students.

With major funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), interns can be located at Vision Maker Media's offices at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Lincoln,

Nebraska, or at a public television station in the United States. Vision Maker Media will contact public television stations that are requested by interns to determine placement options. Deadline to submit your application is March 1, 2017. For assistance: 402-472-3522 or visionmaker@ unl.edu

Courtesy graphic.

PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED EMBEZZLER SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR SHIRKING RESTITUTION OBLIGATIONS

Editor's note: The following is a Department of Justice (DOJ) press release dated November 16, 2016.



U.S. Attorney Patrick Miles announced today (November 16, 2016) that Daniel Lawrence Broton, age 56, of Sparta, MI, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Janet T. Neff to 18 months in prison for lying on a financial affidavit submitted to the U.S. Attorney's Office to aid in the collection of a restitution judgment against Broton from a 2006 criminal case. In addition to his prison term, Broton was sentenced to two years of supervised release and ordered to pay a mandatory special assessment of \$100.

Broton was formerly the financial comptroller and the chief financial officer of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. In Bell to three years in prison, three years of supervised release, \$508,392.28 in restitution, a forfeiture money judgment of \$500,000 and a mandatory special assessment of \$400.

In 2009, after completing his sentence and receiving early discharge from supervised release, Broton started a rustic furniture making company called Backwoods Casual. Backwoods Casual created furniture and home décor suitable for cabins and lakefront homes using cedar logs. In 2013, the U.S. Attorney's Office sent a financial affidavit to Broton to obtain information about his post-release financial status to assist with the collection of his outstanding restitution debt and criminal monetary penalties. Since his release, Broton had not paid a dime. Broton returned the financial affidavit to the U.S. Attorney's Office and claimed to have no employment, no occupation and no income. In fact, Broton started his business at least by 2011, was earning income, and had the capacity to make payments towards his restitution debt. He completed and returned a second affidavit in 2015 and similarly lied about his financial condition to continue to avoid paying restitution. On

and professional history as an accountant. She noted his false statements were "not an accident" but rather a calculated means to keep his income and avoid paying restitution on his prior criminal judgment. The 18-month prison sentence was the maximum suggested sentence under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.

U.S. Attorney Miles stated: "The U.S. Attorney's Office relies on financial affidavits to obtain an accurate picture of a defendant's post-release financial condition to aid its post-judgment debt collection efforts. Broton's sentence should serve as a warning to all defendants who consider making false statements on financial affidavits to the U.S. Attorney's Office to avoid payment on their criminal monetary obligations. It re-victimizes victims, undermines the court's judgment, and you will be prosecuted."

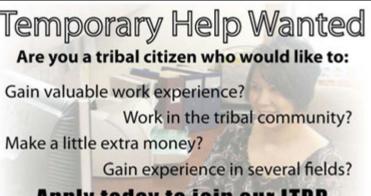
"Today's sentencing is a direct result of the excellent partnership between the IRS Criminal Investigation and the U.S. Attorney's Office," said Manny Muriel, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation. "This sentence should serve as a deterrent to those who at-



If the LTBB Governmental Offices are closed for the day, all Native Way classes will be cancelled. If the weather is uncertain, call LTBB Community Health at 231-242-1664 before 4 p.m. for class updates; otherwise, please err on the side of caution and stay home if you are not sure. If want to participate in tae kwon do, boxing or jiu jitsu, please call prior to going at 231-242-1616.

Native Way Two gym is located off the West Conway Road at 8730 East Commerce Court, Units 7 and 8, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Call 231-242-1664 with questions.



2005, Broton was charged with, and pled guilty to, defrauding the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of \$500,000 in construction funds devoted to their casino project. He was sentenced for this offense in 2006 by U.S. District Judge Robert Holmes March 31, 2016, a federal grand jury indicted Broton for making false statements. Broton pled guilty to the offense on July 14, 2016.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. District Judge Janet T. Neff recognized Broton's education

tempt to evade payment of their court-imposed restitution."

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joel S. Fauson. Courtesy graphic.

Apply today to join our LTBB **Temporary Worker pool!**

Temporary assignments can last one day or as long as a month or more. Contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Resources Department today!

Call: 231-242-1563



LTBB has received a grant through the Administration for Native Americans. This grant allows our Tribal Citizens to live-stream Tribal Council Committee Meetings. You can join the Tribal Council Committees by logging in as a "guest" at:

> Appropriation and Finance Committee http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/AFC/

Land and Reservation Committee http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/LandandReservation/

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

Participate through Connect!

ODAWA TRAILS



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Michigan

December 31 2016 Sobriety Pow Wow Sault Ste. Marie, MI Contact Information: Jackie Minton at 906-635-6050 or 906-203-4977

March 18-19, 2017 CMU's 28th Annual Celebrating Life Pow Wow McGuirk Arena Central Michigan University Mt. Pleasant, MI Contact Information: Native American Programs at 989-774-2508 or nap@cmich.edu

April 1, 2017 MSU NAISO's 34th Annual Pow Wow of Life Jenison Fieldhouse Michigan State University East Lansing, MI

Minnesota

January 13, 2017

American Indian Magnet School Pow Wow St. Paul, MN Contact Information: 651-293-5191

February 10, 2017 American Indian Magnet School Pow Wow St. Paul, MN Contact Information: 651-293-5191

February 17-19, 2017 Bois Forte Midwinter Pow Wow Nett Lake, MN Contact Information: Louise Isham at 218-757-3261

March 10, 2017 American Indian Magnet School Pow Wow St. Paul, MN Contact Information: 651-293-5191

March 25, 2017 Augsburg College Traditional Pow Wow Minneapolis, MN Contact Information: Jennifer Simon at 612-330-1144

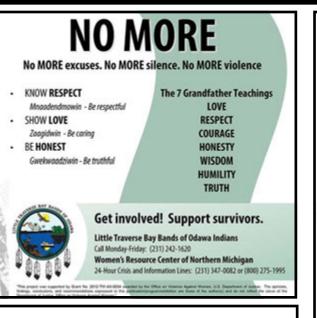
June 2, 2017 American Indian Magnet School Pow Wow St. Paul, MN Contact Information: 651-293-5191

June 2-4, 2017 Saa Gii Ba Gaa Traditional Pow Wow Orr, MN Contact Information: Louise Isham at 218-757-3261

Wisconsin

December 31 LCO New Years Pow Wow Hayward, WI Contact Information: 715-634-8924

December 31 Menominee New Years Pow Wow Keshena, WI Contact Information: 715-756-2354



We have space heaters available to tribal citizens who can show proof of the following income criteria:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), Head Start, Income at or below 135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines, Veterans Pension and Survivor Benefit Programs, National School Lunch Program (only free lunch, not reduced) or Low Income Energy Assistance

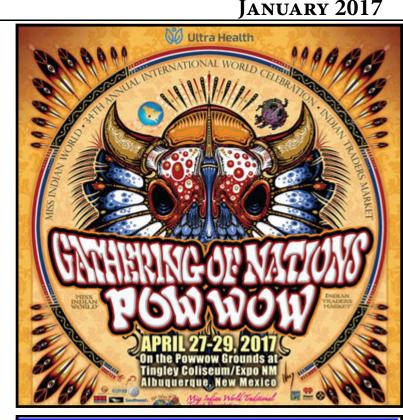
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We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help. Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get a free well and septic system or replace your current system. Please be aware it takes approximately 3 to 4 months to gain federal approval of

The LTBB Cultural Library

your application.



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Traditional Pow Wow Taking Care of the Land and Community"

Saturday January 14th 2017

Gichi Manidoo Giizis Pow Wow Registration: 10am Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm Feast at 5pm Black Bear Casino Resort Otter Creek Event Center 1785 Highway 210 Carlton, MN 55718 Hotel Reservations: 1-888-771-0777 Free Admission-Open to the Public-Alcohol & Drug Free Event



Youth Services Daily Schedule

3-3:45-Snack & Active Free Play 3:45-4:30-Homework 4:30-4:45-Dinner

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4:45-6-Scheduled Activity/Free-time

Daily Schedule is subject to change depending on activity schedule. -Anishinaabemowin lessons will be scheduled once per week.

-Fall scheduled activities will include but are not limited to:



For program information please contact Youth Services at 231,242,1593 or visit our webpage at: http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/YouthServices/YouthServices.html

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Tuesday, September 6th- December 22nd

Open: Monday through Friday

Programming, Structured Homework & Tutoring, Anishinaabemowin activities, Traditional & Fine Arts, Traditional Sports & Games, Physically Active Activities, Professional Athletic Mentoring, College Tours, Wildlife & Water Exploration, Introduction to Hunting & Fishing_and more!

Youth Services programming will be available during Petoskey Public Schools professional development days/half days (Full day 7:30AM-5:30PM and Half Day Noon-5:30PM). Transportation to extracurricular activities may be available (please inquire).

Hours: 3:00PM-6:00PM

Closed: LTBB Government Holidays & Petoskey School Breaks

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 11:00AM-2:00PM

Please call 231.242.1593 for more information or visit our web page-

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ODAWA TRAILS

SHORT-TERM RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERREPRESENTED PERSONS (STEP-UP)

Application Deadline: February 15, 2017 Notification of Award: Mid-March 2017



About the Program

The STEP-UP Program provides hands-on summer research experience for high school and undergraduate students interested in exploring research careers. The overall goal of STEP-UP is to build and sustain a biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social science research pipeline focused on NIDDK's core mission areas of diabetes, endocrinology and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases and nutrition; kidney, urologic and hematologic diseases.

The STEP-UP Program provides research education grants to seven institutions to coordinate three high school STEP-UP Programs and four Undergraduate STEP-UP Programs. STEP-UP is particularly interested in increasing the participation of students from backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical research on a national basis, including individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, and individuals with disabilities.

Program Highlights

- 8 to 10 weeks of full-time research experience.
- Students receive a summer research stipend.

• Students are assigned to a STEP-UP Coordinating Center to help coordinate and monitor their summer research experience.

• Students are paired with experienced research mentors at institutions throughout the nation.

• Students are encouraged to choose a research institution and/or mentor near their hometown or within commuting distance of their residence. Students are not required to relocate in order to conduct their summer research.

• Students receive training in the responsible conduct of research.

• All-paid travel expenses to the Annual STEP-UP Research Symposium held on NIH's main campus in Bethesda, MD. Students are given the opportunity to conduct a formal oral and poster presentation.

The STEP-UP Program is a federally funded program managed and supported by the **Office of Minority Health Research Coordination** (OMHRC) in the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney (NIDDK) at the **National Institutes of Health** (NIH).

Courtesy graphic.



MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 - CALL TO ELECTION MAILED

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017 ~ LAST DATE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION. OFFICE HOURS 1 P.M. - 5 P.M.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017 ~ NOMINATION PETITIONS DUE TO THE ELECTION BOARD BY 5 P.M. OFFICE HOURS 1 P.M. – 5 P.M.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017 - NOMINATION PETITION CERTIFICATION BEGINS AT 5 P.M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017 \sim Candidate BIOS mailed to all voters registered as of February 6, 2017

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017 - LAST DATE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. OFFICE HOURS 1 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Saturday, April 1, 2017 ~ Candidate Forum 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Government Complex in Harbor Springs, MI

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017 ~ PRIMARY BALLOTS MAILED TO ALL VOTERS REGISTERED AS OF FEBRUARY 6, 2017

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M. TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX IN HARBOR SPRINGS, MI

Thursday, May 18, 2017 $\,\sim$ Last date to file a challenge to the Primary Election by 5 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED BY THE ELECTION BOARD AT 5 P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017 – GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED TO ALL VOTERS REGISTERED AS OF MARCH 27, 2017

Saturday, June 3, 2017 \sim Candidate Forum 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the government Complex in Harbor Springs, MI

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017 ~ GENERAL ELECTION DAY 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M. TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX IN HARBOR SPRINGS, MI

Thursday, July 6, 2017 ~ Last date to file a challenge to the General Election by 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 ~ General Election certified by the Election Board at 5

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017 ~ OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS.



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD P.O. BOX 160 · CONWAY, MI 49722

VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

- IMPORTANT NOTICE -

This Voter Registration Form must be signed by the Tribal Member and verified by either of the following:

The seal and signature of a notary public OR

 Attaching a legible copy of one of the following forms of Identification that bears the signature of the Tribal Member:

- + Valid Tribal Identification Card
- State Driver's License
- + State issued identification Card or
- Passport

YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET

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TRIBAL ROLL NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

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STREET OR POST OFFIC	CE BOX ADDRESS	jonnycadillac11@ gmail.com
CITY	STATE ZIP CODE	Alice Hughes Board Member
SIGNATURE OF VOTER	DATE	231-838-9833 Alicehughes832@
SIGNATURE OF NOTAR	MY COMMISSION EXPIRES	yahoo.com

JANUARY 2017 ODAWA TRAILS 22 TING MINI OUNC 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 in-

dividual. 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 November 3, 2016

Call to Order: 9:13 a.m. Opening ceremony: Councilor Frank Bernard

Closed Session: No

Council Present: Legislative Leader Aaron Otto, Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Beatrice Law, Councilor Dexter Mc-Namara, Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Emily Proctor Absent: none

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, General Counsel James Bransky

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice-Chair Stella Kay, Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar

Judicial Officials and Staff: none Public: Andrew Stich

Invited Guest: Tribal Traditional Burial Board, Inc. Board Secretary Gwen Gasco

Agenda:

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve the agenda of November 3, 2016, as presented.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Proctor to approve the minutes of October 20, 2016, as presented.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried. **Executive Report:**

Discussion: 7&4 Report on Tradition's occurring during the fall Season- attended by General Counsel James Bransky and Natural Resource Department Director Doug Craven; Reservation Boundaries issues raising a lot of questions that are fielded by General Counsel Bransky; Health Insurance issues; Stocking Fish (salmon).

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Office Financial Report for September 2016 and verbal updates as presented by Vice-Chairperson Stella Kay on November 3, 2016.

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

10:11 a.m. Break 10:28 a.m. Resume

Legislative Officer Reports:

Legislative Leader Report -Discussion: Posted Sr. Financial Officer Report, with no word if there applicants. Returned and passed on Secretary files to Secretary Shananaquet. Sent out two letters, one to Gaming Enterprise Board regarding reporting requirements and one to the Appellate Justices regarding Backlog Reports. Continued discussion regarding new computers for Council. Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Leader Otto's verbal report as presented on November 3, 2016

stained, 0 - Absent Motion carried Secretary Report Documents Delivered to Executive: none Vetoes: none Phone Polls: none Treasurer Report Appropriations and Finance Committee (AFC) Meeting Dates -Last meeting: October 7, 2016

-Next meeting: November 8, 2016 at 1:10 p.m.

Phone Poll(s): none Tribal Council Travel Reports:

Michael Naganashe - 2014 Anishinaabemowin TEG Conference, 2014 Food Sovereignty Summit, 2015 Marijuana Conference, 2016 Partners in Action, 2016 Great Lakes Native American Conference, 2016 Fighting Poverty in Indian Country, 2016 United Tribes of Michigan, and Building Sovereign Nations.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Counselor Naganashe's written travel reports for attendance at the 2014 Anishinaabemowin TEG Conference, 2014 Food Sovereignty Summit, 2015 Marijuana Conference, 2016 Partners in Action, 2016 Great Lakes Native American Conference, 2016 Fighting Poverty in Indian Country, and the verbal and written reports as presented on November 3, 2016 for attendance at the October United Tribes of Michigan, and Building Sovereign Nations held in Manistee, MI.

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

Secretary Shananaquet - United Tribes of Michigan and Building Sovereign Nations

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Shananaquet's verbal and written travel report as presented on November 3, 2016, for attendance at the October United Tribes of Michigan meeting and Building Sovereign Nations, held in Manistee, MI.

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

Treasurer Reyes - October United Tribes of Michigan and Building Sovereign Nations

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of Treasurer Reyes verbal and written travel report as presented on November 3, 2016, for attendance at the October United Tribes of Michigan meeting and Building Sovereign Nations, held in Manistee, MI.

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

Sovereign Nations Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Harrington's verbal and written travel report as presented on November 3, 2016, for attendance at the Building Sovereign Nations, held in Manistee, MI.

1:33 p.m. Meeting Resumes Councilor Bernard - Building Sovereign Nations

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Bernard's verbal and written travel report as presented on November 3, 2016, for attendance at the Building Sovereign Nations, held in Manistee, MI.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried. Tribal Council Member Reports No reports presented

Tribal Council Committee Reports:

Land and Reservation Committee Meeting dates:

Last meeting: October 7, 2016-Cancelled

Next meeting: November 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Ethics Committee

Meeting dates:

Last meeting: October 25, 2016

Next meeting: December 20, 2016 Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Proctor to accept the Ethics Committee Report for meeting held on October

Tribal Council **Meeting Dates**

January 3 Work Session January 5 Council Meeting January 17 Work Session January 19 Council Meeting January 31 Work Session

February 2 Council Meeting February 14 Work Session February 16 Council Meeting

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**

Aaron Wayne Otto, Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet, Secretary Marci Reyes, Treasurer Dexter McNamara, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Mike Naganashe, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Emily Proctor, Councilor

25, 2016 and presented by Ethics Committee Chairperson Law on November 3, 2016.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried. Legislative Staff Reports:

Law to accept the verbal and written report of Legislative Office Manager, Michele Portman-LaCount as presented on November 3, 2016.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried Sr. Financial Analyst Report: Position currently vacant.

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates (if any)

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. - None

Traditional Tribal Burial Board (TTBB) - Invited for 3rd Quarter Reporting

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the 3rd Quarter Traditional Tribal Burial Board as presented by Board Secretary Gwen Gasco, on November 3, 2016.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried Ziibimijwang, Inc. - Invited for 3rd Quarter Reporting (No Show)

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Councilor Harrington to authorize Legislative Leader Otto to send letter to Ziibimijwang, Inc., requesting 3rd quarter Report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried Gaming Enterprise Board Scheduled to attend the Tribal

Council Meeting of November 17, 2016. **2:57 p.m.** Break

3:13 p.m. Resume 3:13 p.m. Public Comment Opens and Closes - No comments

Action Items: (Motions) Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve two Tribal Council members to attend the Michigan Economic Developers

Association meeting on December 1, 2016 in Lansing MI. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

stained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the written 2016 August Monthly report of the Odawa Casino Resort (OCR) from the Gaming Enterprise Board (GEB).

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Casino Resort (OCR) September 2016 Monthly Report.

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

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the September 2016 Gaming Enterprise Board (GEB) Budget and Ex-

2016.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to acknowledge receipt of REG-WOS 2013-004-110116-001B, 2017 1836 Ceded Territory as submitted by the Executive on November 2, 2016.

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

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to table the 2017 Legislative Branch Regular Work Session and Regular Meeting Schedule until the next regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting.

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

Action Items: Roll Call Votes

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Tribal Resolution Amendment to the Legislative Branch Operations Governmental Employee Personnel Policies Handbook Section II. Employee Benefits & Compensation Program.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bernard-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Proctor-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Otto-yes Motion carried.

Other Business:

Discussion regarding Permanent Supportive Housing

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge report presented by Treasurer Reyes and Councilor Naganashe regarding Permanent Supportive Housing and authorize Legislative Leader Otto to contact Ryan Champagne, Grand River Social Services to set up video or other means of electronic conferencing.

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

4:02 p.m. Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to adjourn.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried. Next Tribal Council Meeting

Regular: November 17, 2016

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

These Minutes have been read and approved as written. Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council

Secretary Date

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians **Tribal Council Meeting** Fribal Council Cham 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 November 17, 2016

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

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law

to authorize Legislative Leader Otto to send follow up letter to Appellate Justices regarding Back log report and to sign.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

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

11:41 a.m. Open

Andrew Stich commented on attendance at United Tribes and Sovereign Tribes. Tractor still broken down at Farm and what is the status of house. Status of Cabins at Wilderness.

Michele Portman-LaCount spoke regarding mental health services at the clinic and need for therapists, what is Tribe doing to assist Citizens who are patients or Citizens who need assistance.

12:05 p.m. Closes 12:05 p.m. Lunch Break Tribal Historic Preservation Offi-

<u>cer</u> - None

Legislative Services Attorney Re-<u>port</u> - Unavailable

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's written report as presented on November 3, 2016.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried Enjinaaknegeng Report

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Enjinaaknegeng's verbal report as presented by General Counsel Bransky on November 3, 2016. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried Legislative Office Manager Report Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor

penditure Reports.

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

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of the BDO Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 401(k) Plan Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule Years Ended December 21, 2015 and 2014; and BDO 401(k) Plan Audit Wrap-Up December 31, 2015.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Proctor to acknowledge receipt of REG-WOS 2013-004-110116-001A, 2017 Reservation Natural Resources Rules and Regulations as submitted by the Executive on November 2,

Call to Order: 9:07 a.m. Opening ceremony: Beatrice Law Closed Session: yes

Council Present: Legislative Leader Aaron Otto, Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Beatrice Law, Councilor Dexter Mc-Namara, Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Emily Proctor Absent: none

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick.

General Counsel James Bransky, Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount

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Executive Officials and Staff Present: Chairperson Gasco Bentley, Vice-Chair Stella Kay, Direct Services Administrator, Phil Harmon, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Gaming Regulatory Director Vince Cook and Gaming Regulatory Board Member David Dominic, Law Enforcement Chief Cobe, chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis

Judicial Officials and Staff: none Public: Andrew Stich, Ken Harrington, Renee Dillard

Invited Guest: Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Eric Mc-Lester, and Gaming Enterprise Board Chairperson, Denise Petoskey; Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Indian Affairs-Office of Justice Services Department of Interior District 7 Office Mario Redlegs; Ziibimijwang Inc. Chairperson Regina Brubacker-Carver

Agenda:

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve the agenda of November 17, 2016, as presented.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Proctor to approve the minutes of November 3, 2016, as presented.

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

<u>9:30 a.m.</u> Gaming Enterprise Board-Odawa Casino Resort 2016 3rd Quarter Report

10:01 a.m. Break

10:13 a.m. Resume

10:15 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

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

11:46 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Law to return to open session.

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

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Proctor to acknowledge the written and verbal 2016 3rd Quarter and Gaming Enterprise Report as presented by Gaming Enterprise Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey and General Manager Eric McLester and on November 17, 2016.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Mc-Namara, and Councilor Bernard Motion carried.

11:49 a.m. Public Comment Opens

Citizen Andrew Stich would like to know if presidential election will have an effect on the reservation jurisdiction case.

Citizen Ken Harrington commented on new U.S. 131 development. New site has obstructed exof American Indians (NCAI) election results and effect on Indian Country. Tribes need to assist with laws and clearly defining intent of laws. (NCAI) reports that election results are a devastating blow to Indian Country. Income tax credits for housing.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Proctor to acknowledge the November 17, 2016, verbal report as presented by Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley and Vice-Chairperson Stella Kay.

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

Legislative Officer Reports: Legislative Leader Report

Discussion Mandau

Discussion: Mondays are designated for office time to assist Legislative staff if necessary. The Monday of the week of Tribal Council meeting is designated for Tribal Council Officers. Legislative Leader Aaron Otto will not be available to oversee meeting of December 15, 2016.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept the November 17, 2016 verbal Legislative Leader Report as presented by Legislative Leader Otto.

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

Documents Delivered to Executive:

Tribal Resolution 110316-01; Amendment to the Legislative Branch Operations Governmental Employee Personnel Policies Handbook Section II. Employee Benefits & Compensation Program.

11/07/16 - Delivered to the Executive Department.

11/07/16 – Signed by the Executive

Vetoes: none

Phone Polls: none

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the November 17, 2016 verbal Secretary Report as presented by Secretary Shananaquet.

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

Appropriations and Finance Committee

-Last meeting: November 8, 2016 -Next meeting: December 6, 2016 Phone Poll(s): none

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the November 17, 2016, verbal Treasurer Report and Appropriation and Finance Committee (AFC) update as presented by Treasurer Reyes.

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

3:06 p.m. Public Comment opens and closes with no comments made

3:07 p.m. Break

3:21 p.m. Resume

Tribal Council Travel Reports: Tribal Council Member Reports

<u>Treasurer Reyes - Veterans Trib-</u> <u>ute at Pattengill Middle</u> School

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept Treasurer Reyes' November 17, 2016, verbal Tribal Council Member report regarding attendance at the Veteran's Tribute at Pattengill Middle School in Lansing, MI. ODAWA TRAILS

Next meeting: December 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion:

Councilor Harrington requested that the Odawa Hotel be assigned as a possible Independent business and forwarded to Land and Reservation for discussion.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to accept the November 17, 2016, verbal report of the Land and Reservation Committee as presented by Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson, Treasurer Reyes.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried. <u>Ethics Committee</u>

Meeting dates:

Last meeting: October 25, 2016

Next meeting: December 20, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.

Legislative Staff Reports:

<u>Tribal Historic Preservation Of-</u> <u>fice</u> – No Report

Legislative Services Attorney Report

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept the November 17, 2016 Legislative Services Attorney's (LSA) verbal and written report as presented by Legal Services Attorney Donna Budnick.

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

<u>Enjinaaknegeng Report</u> – Tentative Closed Session

Discussion: Ramah case settled. Nestle meeting scheduled for December. Line 5 update/possible violation of treaty right; assess the strength of tentative suit. Fredericks, Peebles advised using caution when pursuing 8A contracts. IE: (RB Construction Company) Federal Torts claim regarding accidents involving employees of the Tribe. Odawa Fishery

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington accept the November 17, 2016 Enjinaaknegeng verbal report as presented by General Counsel Bransky.

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

Legislative Office Manager Report Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Proctor to accept the November 17, 2016 Legislative Office Manager's verbal and written report as presented by Legislative Office Manager, Michele Portman-LaCount.

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

<u>Sr. Financial Analyst Report:</u> Position currently vacant.

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates

<u>Odawa Economic Development</u> <u>Management, Inc.</u> No Report

<u>Traditional Tribal Burial Board</u> – No Report

No Report

Ziibimijwang, Inc.:

Discussion: Letter of resignation, eventually take on home grown

and supported by Councilor Proctor to acknowledge receipt of Netawn Kiogima's letter of interest for the Tribal Traditional Burial Board, Inc., and to set up an interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to acknowledge receipt of Shiloh Slomsky's letter of interest for Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. and to set up an interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Proctor to approve Certified Motion #111716-01; Request for funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging (AOA), Title VI of the Older Americans Act, Part A, Part C, and NSIP FY 2017 Application

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Certified Motion #111716-02; Request for Funding from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Section 103 of the Clean Air Act, FY 2017-FY 2018 Region 5 Tribal Air Grant, Clean Air Program.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to approve Certified Motion #111716-03; Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Emergency Furnace Repairs.

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

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Proctor to approve Certified Motion #111716-04; Request for Funding from N7 Fund LTBB Youth Services Fitness Program.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve the Tentative 2018 Budget Formulation calendar as recommended by the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Certified Motion111716-05, Assignment of Wycamp River Land Parcel, 4982 Chippewa Drive, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

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Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Law to authorize Legislative Leader Otto to sign and send letter to Tribal Chairperson requesting a complete plan for the Monroe Street Property based on Developmental Overview presented to the Land and Reservation Committee on 09-09-16 by Housing Director John Givens.

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

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Proctor to approve Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 2017 Reservation Natural Resources Rules and Regulations REG-WOS 2013-004-110116-001A.

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

Motion made by Legislative Leader Otto and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 1836 Ceded Territory 2017 Natural Resources Rules and Regulations REG-WOS 2013-004-110116-001B. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

stained, 0 – Absent Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Proctor

and supported by Councilor Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Enterprise Board October 2016 Budget and Expenditures report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried. Action Items - (Roll Call Votes)

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Proctor to adopt Tribal Resolution # 111716-01: To Revise Tribal Resolution #042116-03 Appropriation of Funds

Roll call vote: Councilor Ber-

Law-yes, Councilor

nard-no, Councilor Harrington-no,

McNamara-no, Councilor Naga-

nashe-no, Councilor Proctor-no,

Secretary Shananaquet-yes, Trea-

surer Reyes-no, Legislative Leader

5:33 p.m. Motion made by Secre-

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

Please contact the Legislative Of-

fice at 231-242-1403, or 231-242-

1404 for additional updates and

clarifications of these minutes as

and are approved as corrected.

These Minutes have been read

Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council

Date

tary Shananaquet and supported by

stained, 0 – Absent Motion carried

Next Tribal Council Meeting

Regular: December 1, 2016

Otto-no Motion failed.

Councilor Law to adjourn.

Adjournment:

presented.

Secretary

Councilor

pansion of Health Building. Snow mobile club trail.

Renee Dillard commented on Council's need to know and use language.

Citizen David Harrington commented on need to have Native tutors in school

12:08 p.m. Public Comment closes

12:09 p.m. Lunch Break 1:33 p.m. Meeting Resumes

<u>1:33 p.m.</u> Mario Redlegs Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Indian Affairs-Office of Justice Services Department of Interior District 7 Office Meet and Greet.

Executive Report:

Discussion: Introduction of new Indirect Services Administrator, discussed letter of complaint from Tribal Citizen. National Congress Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried. <u>Councilor Proctor - Veterans Day</u> Pow wow

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to accept Councilor Proctor's November 17, 2016, verbal Tribal Council Member Report regarding Attendance at the Veteran's Day Pow wow in Harbor Springs, MI.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried. **Tribal Council Committee Re**-

ports:

Land and Reservation Committee Meeting dates:

Last meeting November 4, 2016

project, seed give away, bee colony update, three sister's garden, successful fall encampment, tractor update, BDO audit on tract. Difficult finding "farmers"

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Naganashe to acknowledge the November 17, 2016 verbal 2016 3rd Quarter Ziibimijwang, Inc. Report as presented by Board Chairperson Regina Brubaker-Carver.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried. Action Items: (Motions)

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve the 2017 Legislative Branch Regular Work Session and Regular Meeting Schedule.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried. Motion made by Treasurer Reyes 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:

Little Traverse Bay Bands

of Odawa Indians

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 If you will be visiting and staying on Tribally owned land for more than seven (7) days;

3. If you are enrolled in any classes or schools located in Tribal buildings; or

4. 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.

ODAWA TRAILS

JANUARY 2017

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all ages, all skill levels, men and women alike, and now have come to include many non-Native participants, many of whom currently play lacrosse or used to play in their youth and who still have a love for the game. Everyone is taught the original meanings behind the sport we all enjoy. Games are even started in a traditional manner with all the players gathered in a circle in the middle of the field, sticks raised to the sky, the ball thrown into the air after the count of "Bezhig, Niizh, Nswe!," and a large scream from all the players alerting the Creator we are playing His/Her game again.

During warmer months, we play at McLaughlin Field in Petoskey, MI, the LTBB Pow Wow grounds in Harbor Springs, MI, and even behind Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, in full view of many patrons enjoying their meals at the buffet. During the colder months, we play indoors at the Harbor Springs Middle School gym. Loaner equipment is available year-round.

As our lacrosse family continues to grow, we invite everyone to come out, whether as a player or a spectator, and enjoy some time together in hopes of making the Creator smile.

If you would like more information about Makwa Ziibi Baagadowewin and times and locations, call R.J. Smith at Harbor Springs Title VII at 231-526-4835, cell# 715-558-3891 or e-mail rsmith@ harborps.org.

We'd like to thank our teachers and all our sponsors: The LTBB Education Department, Harbor Springs Title VII, Petoskey Title VII as well as all the members of Makwa Ziibi Baagadowewin for their love, energy and dedication.

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"Debt Reduction" continued from page 1. members," he said. "We reward and recognize our team members through HR internal programs and incentive programs. Doing small things to show your appreciation of them is important."



energy by 5%. In August 2016, OCR received a Governor's Energy Excellence Award in the Best Commercial Project category. Great Lakes Energy nominated OCR for the award after Odawa completed 10 projects in 2015. Since OCR started taking advantage of Great Lakes Energy's energy savings rebate program in 2010, OCR has completed 28 energy saving projects and in 2016 alone, received \$75,000 in rebates from the state.

ments the past few years, however, look for the following improvements in 2017: A major surveillance upgrade, an IT upgrade, a Konami (slot system) upgrade, an AV/sound system upgrade on the gaming floor, a major remodel in the Ozone nightclub, the replacement of three shuttles and the continual reinvestment of slot machines on the gaming floor.

"It's the nicest (gaming) facility in a 200-mile radius," Mc-Lester said. "Our guests tell us all the time how nice it is. It's a beautiful property, but it'll be 10 years old this next June, so it was time for a reinvestment in the facility." Said Petoskey, "We built a \$122 million casino (Odawa Casino Resort) with grand ideas, but then the economy tanked. We went through defaulting on the bonds, renegotiated the bonds and financed it as a loan. The last four to five years, they've taken a hard look at what needed to be done to pay down the debt. The decisions might not have always been popular, but the bills had to be paid. I feel like we're headed in the right direction." Courtesy photos.

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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.

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 cer-tificates from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 105-143, are as follows:

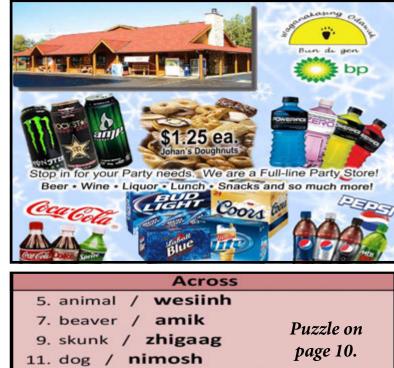
 Determine your eligibility: Tribal citizens who were enrolled, but had not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon reaching the age of 18. 2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his

or her certificates must have a notarized signature. 3. 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.

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:

LTBB Trust Fund Board 7500 Odawa Circle

Harbor Springs, MI 49740 If you have lost your certificates or need further assistance, call Trust Fund Board Member Steve Schmidt at 734-717-4406



Another way Odawa Casino Resort has reduced expenses is by becoming more energy efficient. It created an Energy Reduction Committee in 2009 to collaborate ideas and goals. In 2014, OCR joined the Michigan Battle of the Buildings, a "biggest loser" style energy competition and finished second in the entertainment buildings category. In finishing second, OCR reduced

"They're using energy intelligently," Petoskey said. "They developed some innovative solutions."

Odawa Casino Mackinaw, a 5,000 square foot Class II gaming facility with 120 slot machines, opened on May 25, 2016. The cost to build the facility was \$2.5 million, and it was the first phase of a five-year strategic development plan. By implementing the plan over a five-year period, the tribe is able to finance the plan with its own funds.

"Mackinaw is doing everything we expected," McLester said. "It is meeting and exceeding our expectations."

Odawa Casino has postponed implementing improve12. squirrel / ajidamonh 15. rabbit / waaboozonh 17. porcupine / agaak 19. deer / waawaashkeshi

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Merry Christmas to our precious grandchildren, McKenzie and Cameron Kiogima. Not a day goes by that we don't think of you and pray for you! You are greatly missed by your whole family. Our Christmas wish is that we will be reunited soon and be able to introduce you to your new cousins and your beautiful baby sister! We all have so much love to give you! You are forever and always in our hearts!





LTBB-Cultural Services Community Input Meeting

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12pm-2pm	Advanced Warm Ups Scrimmages		

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JANUARY 2017Odawa Trails2016 Veterans Day Pow Wow Held at Harbor Springs High School

Submitted by **R.J. Smith**, Harbor Springs Schools Title VII Program Coordinator

Every November 11th in the United States, we pause to remember the sacrifices and actions of our veterans, those who have heeded the call of duty on behalf of their families, communities and country.

Native Americans also celebrate this day and honor those who step up to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. Native people have been a part of every major conflict fought by the United States; from code talkers in World Wars I and II, the flag raising at Iwo Jima and countless other instances before and after, indigenous people have taken up arms in times of conflict even before being granted American citizenship.

The local LTBB Odawa community is acknowledged as being a part of Company K of the first Michigan Sharpshooters during the Civil War. They were the largest, all-Indian regiment in the Union Army east of the Mississippi River, consisting of 139 Odawa, Ojibway and Potawatomi men.

According to statistics from the U.S. Department of

Defense, American Indians have the highest per capita commitment of any ethnic group in the armed services.

Native Americans have always held warriors in high esteem, and honor them through song and dance, allowing them to prepare for the duties they would perform, talk about those things they do on our behalf, and as a way to welcome them home. For these reasons, it was decided to hold a Veterans Day Pow Wow in honor of all those who have served, are serving and will continue to serve in the future.

Organized by the Harbor Springs Title VII Indian Education Program, this year's celebration was held at the Harbor Springs High School Gymnasium, and its theme was "Honoring Veterans of All Nations!"

The event started with a traditional wooden stick lacrosse game played in honor of all our veterans and warriors. Lacrosse, called the Creator's Game or the Medicine Game, was originally an activity used by our warriors to ready themselves for war, and in some instances, replaced the battles themselves.

A potluck feast was then held with community members preparing dishes to honor the veterans in their own families. The pow wow started at 7 p.m. with our Ogichidaa, our warriors, leading the way into the arena carrying our eagle feather staffs, the original flags of our tribal nations. Dancers and singers from here and the surrounding tribal communities came wearing their finest dance clothes and singing their finest songs in order to honor all those who have given so much to protect their homelands. The event was a great sharing between Native and non-Native alike, allowing all people to participate in honoring our veterans.

Many thanks go out to all our language speakers, lacrosse players, volunteers, vendors, head staff, participants and audience members. We also graciously acknowledge the support of our sponsors: Harbor Springs Public Schools and Title VII, Petoskey Schools Title VII Program, Northern Shores Community Development, Inc., Odawa Casino Resort, LTBB SEEDS Program and the NCMC Fab Lab, LTBB Tribal Council, BC Pizza, Gurneys, Chang Cuisine and LTBB Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado.

We are hoping this turns into a yearly event and are looking forward to next year and another chance to honor our veterans. *Photos by Wendy Congdon, Pre-Press Graphic Specialist.*



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