#### 150 Years and Waiting

By Tim LaCroix, LTBB Tribal Citizen

At the beginning of this winter, PBS television aired the documentary film, "Road To Andersonville," which told the story of Company K (Native American sharpshooters in the Civil War).

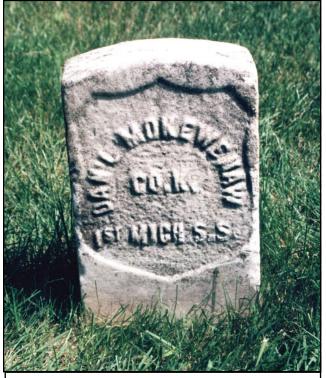
This program piqued my curiosity when it mentioned there was a chief who was part of Company K. That got me to checking into it a little more thoroughly, and what I found was really interesting because it involves one of our chiefs whose name has been forgotten for some time (so I am finding out).

Sometimes, history has a way of correcting itself, and maybe this story will help correct an injustice done to one of the most notable and legendary chiefs of our tribe. The records I have been able to obtain substantiate beyond doubt that he was and is someone we need to have honored in some way due to his achievements at a time in history when Native Americans were treated

I do not consider myself a historian, but the facts are there for everyone to find and are very easy to research on the internet. (I provided many of the documents to Annette VanDeCar of the Odawa Trails in case anyone would like to see them.) Chief Mwakewenah's story is one of honor, bravery and self-sacrifice.

Here is his story..... (although not complete and not nearly as comprehensive as I would like).

Like most of our ancestors, Chief Mwakewenah's name was changed to a westernized name. In Chief Mwakewenah's case, he was given a first name of Daniel



"The remains of the Indian hero arrived in this city, and as there was no means of giving timely information to his people, was temporarily buried in the City Cemetery - doubtless to be removed, at some future time, to the burial place of the Ottawas." The Saginaw Enterprise, June 30, 1864. Photo by Chris Czopek, taken at Brady Hill Cemetery, Saginaw, MI.

and last name of Wells. So, he was known by the white man as Daniel Wells. However, he kept his Native American name throughout most of his life (although like all of our ancestors, they spelled his last name phonetically, so when you do research, it was spelled Mukkuenah, Mwa-ki-wina, Kaw-que-we-naw and Mo-ke-we-naw,

Chief Mwakewenah was born approximately 1823. His name first appeared (that I can find) June 3, 1843 as a member of the Native American Old Mission (or Grove Hill Mission Church). That is where he received his non-Native name of Daniel Wells. Approximately the same year, he married Phebe Quakejeshnoqua, who was also admitted in the Native American Old Mission Grove Hill Church on January 7, 1844. Also in January, Harriet Mwakewenah was born of Daniel and Phebe. Harriet was baptized on July 4, 1844. My research into Harriet ended there. These records can be researched online through the Native American Old Mission Grove Hill Church.

In a book titled, "A History of the Grand Traverse Region," by M.L. Leach, in approximately 1852, Daniel Wells greeted Andrew Porter (a teacher) at the landing site of his boat in Bear Creek (now known as Petoskey, MI). This is a direct quote of that encounter as it appeared on page 129 of that book: "On leaving the vessel, the party were kindly received by the headman, Daniel Wells, or Mwa-ke-we-nah, whom the band afterward elected chief, and who, a few years later, laid down his life for the country in the war of the rebellion."

"Waiting" continued on page 22.

Deadline: Must be received by the LTBB Pow Wow Committee by Friday, April 15, 2016.

Theme: Protecting Our Waters (Nbi Naagadendim-

Open to Native Americans only, you must provide a copy of your Tribal ID. Please also provide your name and contact information.

All entries must be submitted in person to the LTBB Communications Department, located at 1345 U.S. 31 North, Petoskey, MI, mailed to LTBB Communications Department, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740 or e-mailed to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Entries must be 8" x 8" and 5 colors maximum. Black and white are to be counted as colors.

Two winning designs will be selected by the Pow Wow Committee in the following categories:

Youth (9-17) and Adult (18 and up).

The youth winner will receive \$100 while the adult winner will receive \$200.

Original submissions only.

All designs submitted become the sole property of the LTBB Pow Wow Committee and may be used in current or future promotional material for the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow. By submitting a design and

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Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow t-shirts, and on related promotional materials. By submitting a design, each artist forever waives any royalty or other payment for the use of the design.

For more information, please contact Annette Van-DeCar at avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

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Being Odawa is all about Freedom

**MARCH 2016** 

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

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

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

# Information Contact



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

The deadline for the April 2016 issue of Odawa Trails is February 29, 2016.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in tonewsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 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

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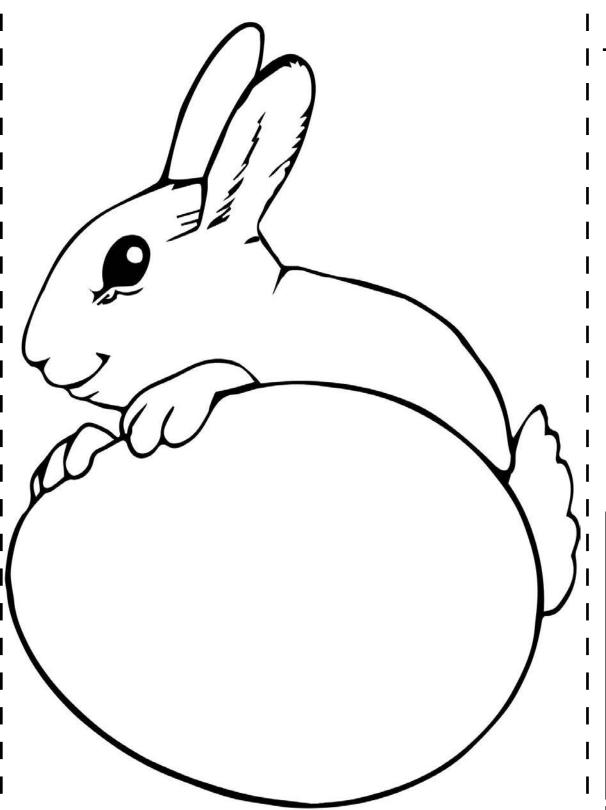
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# EPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS





Name:

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#### ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)

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

#### LTBB Tribal Directories

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

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

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

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

#### KIDS! DECORATE THE EASTER BUNNY AND YOU COULD WIN A \$20 TOYS"R"US GIFT CARD!

#### Easter Bunny Decorating Contest Rules

- · You may use colored pencils, crayons, markers, paint, and glitter on the picture.
- · Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No exceptions!
  - · All entries must be the original size.
- · All mailed entries must be postmarked by March 24, 2016. No exceptions!
  - Limit one submission per child.
  - Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- · Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12. Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category.

#### Mailing Address:

Easter Bunny Decorating Contest Attn: LTBB Communications Department 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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#### 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.

#### 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.

Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

#### March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month -Colon Cancer Screening Saves Lives



Colon cancer is the third leading cancer among American Indian men and women in Michigan. While colorectal cancer affects all racial and ethnic groups and is most often found in people ages 50 and older, a greater percentage of American Indian men and women with colon cancer are diagnosed at younger ages compared to the general population in Michigan. Screening rates are also lower among the American Indian population. Therefore, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Health Department is taking action to increase screening rates within our tribal community.

The best way to prevent colorectal cancer is to get screened regularly starting at age 50. There are often no signs or symptoms of colorectal cancer that's why it's so important to get screened.

"The good news is that Colon Cancer is pre-

ventable," states Regina Brubacker-Carver, LTBB's Health Educator. "A screening colonoscopy can actually remove polyps in the colon before they become cancerous."

There are also new and easier to use types of stool sampling screening tests which can be completed at home. Home stool screening tests are called Fecal Occult Blood Tests or FOBT. Thy often require diet and medication restrictions and three separate stool samples. However, the new Fecal Immunochemical Tests or FIT has no dietary or medication restrictions and only requires one or two samples. The FIT is much easier to use than the older FOBT versions.

screening begin at age 50 for those at average risk and earlier for those at increased risk. Screening tests include 1. Colonoscopy for everyone, 10 years and 2. FOBT or FIT every year.

The American Cancer Society recommends

Talk with your health care provider or Mina Mskiki Gumik at 231-242-1700 about your risk for colon cancer and which screening tests are best for you. The best test is the one that gets done.

For more information on colon cancer, visit www.cancer.org or http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/ colorectal/

Courtesy graphic.

#### Complete a Physical Activity Survey and Receive a Chance to WIN ONE OF THREE \$100 WAL-MART GIFT CARDS



Submitted by Billi Jo Head, REACH Grant Coordinator

We could all use a little extra cash in our pockets. Here is your chance!!! Come to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Health Park in Petoskey, MI, and grab your physical activity survey! Everyone who takes the survey will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$100 gift cards for Wal-Mart. Tlat's correct, we will be having a total of three winners!! You can pick up your surveys from Central Registration or from Billi Jo Head at the Health Park beginning March 1. Once you turn in the survey, you will be given a slip to fill out, and your name will be put into the drawing. The names will be drawn on March 31 at 2 p.m.

Courtesy graphic.

#### STRUGGLES OCCUR BUT ... THEN WHAT?



By Sherry Barnes, LLMSW

While I know of and work in this world as a clinician, I find powerful lessons in the natural world, including comfort and illustrations, which remind me to look outside of myself for understanding.

Change from winter to spring should be close or be just around the corner when this article is printed. As spring of 2016 approaches, and winter of 2015 comes to an end, the glistening snow, which has caused so much extra work, will be melting. But, it does not just vanish as it "goes away." It is to be recycled as water which flows

over the Earth and brings forth

And while the melting snow can be problematic, it is only problematic for a brief amount of time. Yes, seasons seem to change with ease. After the snow is melted away, plants and saplings push through the Earth so effortlessly even though menacing obstacles and visible barriers such as a thick layer of last year's fall leaves ex-

At times, struggles do not seem so effortless for us humans to experience. I think this is important to write about because we all face struggles. We all have rough times which challenge us. It is part of life. And, we speak of getting through these times or getting stuck, but we seldom speak of what allowed us to make it through them and of how we could learn from our experiences of going through them. It is true some occurrences are more difficult than others, how we perceive such times or seasons can greatly affect our inner peace and our well-being. When we accept what is or has happened, we can focus more accurately on what we are ex-

periencing now and offer our

energy to what lies ahead of us. This is not to say we should just accept all that happens to us without seeking to change what needs to be changed, but there are many occurrences in which we have little to no control over. There may be times we experience anguish and mental stress and need to seek help for ourselves from others. But, if we are not able to accept the gifting of working through struggle, we may hold on to the past in a way that can leave us feeling weighed down and make being able to be fully present in our daily lives increasingly difficult.

So, the seasons will change from winter to spring, which can create a physical difference that can be seen and felt "in the air." I am speaking to you of a change in your thoughts and your beliefs that can create the potential for a physical and felt change/difference within you.

Our natural world accepts life's changes and struggles with ease. I encourage each of you to recall the model nature has provided for us, to embrace the struggles and changes that life brings with the attitude of "super" natural acceptance.

Courtesy photo.

#### MICHIGAN INDIAN LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION UPDATE

Submitted by the Trust Fund Board

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

All adults have been paid or they have deferred payment to a later date, however, tribal children who were enrolled before December 16, 1997 but

had not yet turned 18 are still in the process of redeeming their certificates. The following steps are intended to aid in this process. Redeeming certificates from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 105-143, are as follows:

- $1.\ Determine\ your\ eligibility:\ Tribal\ citizens\ who\ were\ enrolled,\ but\ had$ not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon reaching the age of 18.
- 2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his 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.
- 4. Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

Note: The address on the certificates is not correct:

LTBB Trust Fund Board 500 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.

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

#### Services:

Enrollment Applications. Address Change Forms.

If approved, Surety Bond: \$125

Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.

Adults require notarization if mail is del
 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.

#### 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 ent to complete an address verification form.

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

Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the

newsletter, you must keep your address current. Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of

the per capita payment. Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

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

#### LTBB

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



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Mina Mskiki Gumik Presents

#### Veterans Affairs Day

March 22, 2016 – 2 p.m.- 6 p.m.

Location: LTBB Health Clinic 1250 Lears Road Petoskey, MI 49770

Representatives from the Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center will be available to discuss VA services offered at the Health Clinic, provide information on eligibility and enrollment for VA health

benefits and more. We hope to see you there!!! Transportation may be available upon request. For questions, please call Cathy Bradley at 231-242-1620 or Val Glazier at 231-242-1748.



### March Elders Birthdays

#### March 1

Margaret Kaestner
Melvin Kiogima
Evelyn Cody
Richard Masse

#### March 3

Pricilla Dickerson
James Fisher
Leonard Dashner-Gasco
Paul Booth

#### March 4

Camilla Jensen
Deanne Samuels
Darla Roush

#### March 5

Karen Randolph Rayna Shawa Dennis Hardwick

#### March 6

Robert Taylor Raymond <mark>Su</mark>hr

#### March 7

David Minor James Vincent

#### March 8

Mary Lawler
Beverly Wemigwase

#### March 9

Donna Lord

#### March 10

Elroy Davenport
Bradley Baker
Thomas Minor
Sara Curto
Marcia Bane

#### March 11

Marie Miskell
Douglas Wright, Jr.
Peggy Holappa
Raymond Cody, Jr.
Patsy McGowan
Gerald Ramage
Mark Kishego
Kimberly Johnson
Richard Crossett

#### March 12

Virgina Lewis
Regina Kiogima
Judith Pierzynowski
Juanita Taylor

#### March 13

Alice Hughes
Marie Miller
Rosalie Springfi eld
Marsha Griffin
Deborah Blake

#### March 14

Gina Gregory
Gail Neeb
Mary Zeppa
Beverly Cabral

#### **March 15**

Arlene Naganashe Lucy Daniels James Lasley

#### March 16

Roger Emery
Carla Hilyard
Dawn Thorpe
Louise Beauchamp
Rebecca Healy

#### March 17

Fred Kiogima
Charles Brooks
Gary Otto
Jewell Chingman

#### March 18

Eleanor Barber Lewis Adams, Jr. Sharon Casey-Hook George Shomin

#### March 19

Raymond Bottoms
James Skippergosh, Sr.
Katherine Fletcher
Theresa Fischer
Joseph Allen

#### March 20

John Beaver
Sheran Patton
Laura Ure
Patrick Sloniker
Glenda Turner
Donald McMillan
Roseanna Alexander
Bennie Lacroix

#### March 21

Joan Pricco
James Hardwick
Frank Emery
Carolyn Medawis
Laura Kieliszewski

#### March 22

**Judith Kosequat** 

#### March 23

Francis Boda Douglas Sprague Mark Reinhout

#### March 24

Sharon Sanders Mildred Shomin

#### **March 25**

Theresa Stieve

#### March 26

Harry Fenner

#### <u> March 27</u>

William LaCroix Janet Sagataw

#### March 28

Wendy Morris

#### March 29

Gary Kenoshmeg Theodore Sky-Eagle, Jr. Nancy Gardner

#### March 30

Jo Ann Seay Rachel Neville Pauline Bowers

#### March 31

Bonita Crowe
William Devernay, Jr.
Wanda Thompson

# I STAND FOR... Staying active!

#### SPRING Prevention Project

We are proud of another youth leader from the tribal community, Sydney Kay, for bringing our prevention messages all the way down to Michigan State University. Go Green!



#### Laugh, Learn and Live Well



When: March 10th, 5-8 p.m. Location: Waasnodegamik, 5656 Apgishmok Blvd.,

Harbor Springs, MI, 49740

(Community Center off State

Road)

We will be learning how to make a simple and delicious baking mix useful for many products. We will be sampling several products, and each participant will receive some to take home.

Stress, social isolation and loss of community can all contribute to diabetes, a major health concern for Anishinaabe. Come join us as we laugh, learn and create community.

Each session will be limited to 25 attendees. To register for the event or for more information, please contact Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

## Healthy Start Family Spirit Gathering

When: March 26, 2016, 12pm – 3pm Where: LTBB Community Center Who: Families enrolled in the program

Please join us for a celebration honoring our babies born in 2015/2016. Lunch will be provided. Special gifts for our babies as well as our children ages 1-5.

Please contact Maternal Child Health Nurse, Carol Sodman-Morris, at 231-242-1614 or Family Spirit Health Educator, Ashley Dominic, at 231-242-1721 for more information.





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LOCATION: Monday/Friday at LTBB Health Park
Monday/Wednesday at LTBB Community Cer
ATURE: Wear comfortable cotton exercise clothing d

COST: FREE

TEACHERS: Tamela Okuly-Shananaquet

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Marlene Gasco
QUESTIONS
CALL: Elders Dept. 231-242-1423
Healthy Heart Dept. 231-242-1616

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid (Maj-tog Minowb-maude-zid) Means "A Start of a Healthy Life"

We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach all families who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed

to both parent and newborn up to the age of five years.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, but not replace obstetrical and pediatric medical care. In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is

education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and after pregnancy. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information on Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid, please call Carol J. Sodman-Morris, Maternal Nurse Educator for Family Spirit, at 231-242-1614 or Ashley Dominic, Health Educator for Family Spirit, at 231-838-5761.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Elders Commission ~ 2016 Meeting Schedule

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>,
May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>,

August (3rd, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th

All meetings to be held at the LTBB

Governmental Center, Room 312, at 5 pm.

#### AANII FROM THE MNO UDE (HEALTHY HEART) PROGRAM

Our traditional healer, Jake Pine, is available for appointments March 7, 8 and 9. Please call Community Health at 231-242-1601 to schedule an appointment.

Charla Gordon, our registered dietician, is available for appointments March 8 and March 24. If you have any nutrition questions, are interested in a healthier lifestyle or if you have diabetes, heart disease or weight concerns, call Community Health at 231-242-1601 to set up an appointment with Charla to begin your recipe for good

#### LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS MNO ODE (HEALTHY HEART) PROJECT



The purpose of this project is to help those who have diabetes reduce their risk of cardiovascular disease.

Diabetes is a serious problem for American Indians and Alaskan Natives. Cardiovascular disease is a major complication of diabetes, and the number one cause of death for American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

The purpose behind the Mno Ode Project is to help reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease amongst diabetics within the tribal community.

Research has shown it is possible to reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease by:

Controlling blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose levels

Stopping smoking

Taking an aspirin a day Losing weight through a healthier diet and physical ac-

Could you have heart disease?

Most people don't know if they have cardiovascular disease until they have an emergency such as a heart attack or stroke.

You could have heart dis-



You have diabetes You have high blood pres-

You have high cholesterol Your blood sugar levels are too high

You weigh more than you should

How can the Mno Ode Project help you?

We will watch your health closely

Offer several types of classes (nutrition/exercise) that are available to help manage your diabetes and reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease.

Free health and dental check-ups and medical tests are available

Transportation is available with a 72-hour notice required.

Who can join this project? The project is looking for volunteers who are 18 years of

age or older, have been clinically diagnosed with diabetes, and are interested in reducing their risk of cardiovascular disease.

Additional Benefits

The Mno Ode Project works closely with Charla Gordon, a registered dietician. She worked for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe for 21 years and Keweenaw Bay for 2 1/2 years. If you have nutrition questions, are interested in a healthier lifestyle or you have diabetes, heart disease or weight concerns, Charla is available by appointment twice a month. Please call Marlene Gasco at 231-242-1616 to schedule an appointment

The project also works with Traditional Healer Jake Pine. Jake specializes in traditional Native medicine and is available the first part of every month by appointment. Please contact Marlene Gasco at 231-242-1616 to schedule an appointment.

Laugh, Learn, Live Well Se-

There is a growing concern about the deep connection between diabetes and stress. The Live Well series is designed to bring those at risk for diabetes the tools needed to reduce stress and prevent or delay diabetes and its complications.

The LLLW series happens once a month, and please contact Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 for details and to sign up.

Diabetic Foot Specialists are available twice a week to perform annual diabetic foot exams and routine nail/foot care. Please contact Marlene Gasco at 231-242-1616 to schedule an appointment.

The project also provides various types of exercise classes. Please contact Marlene Gasco at 231-242-1616 for more informa-

If you or someone you know could possibly benefit with the use of this project, please call us today at 231-242-1616 to get started.

## LTBB ODAWA INDIAN TRIBE OPENS FARMER'S MARKET TO



By Cathy Edgerly, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.

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Summary

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB), of Petoskey, Michigan, experience many health disparities. In 2007, 77% of adults in Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC) REACH tribal communities, including LTBB, were overweight or obese [1]. Through the ITC's REACH- Journey to Wellness program, funded by the CDC, LTBB seeks to cultivate a healthier environment for its community. It did this by opening a farmer's market in June 2015.

Interest in the market grew during the season, and the number of vendors and patrons steadily increased.

#### Challenge

Limited physical and financial access to healthy food is associated with obesity and premature death.

In Petoskey, 13.5% of the population lives below the poverty line, and many live more than 10 miles from a grocery store [2,3]. In 2007, 41% of adults among ITC REACH tribal communities were obese, compared to 28% of all adults in Michigan [4]. An estimated 22.5% of adults among Michigan tribes perceived their health as either fair or poor, a striking statistic since perceived health can be predictive of mortality risk [5,6]. Access to healthy food is particularly significant in tribal communities. For centuries, the displacement of Native peoples led to a

"The farmer's market is here to create a healthier food and beverage option for the community. You have asked for it, and now, we're here. Utilize us!" - Billi Io Head, LTBB REACH Coordinator

disconnection from their traditional food systems. Systematic oppression, racism and historical trauma, resulting in loss of traditional food sources and poverty, contribute to the health and economic disparities which persist in Native communities today

Increasing the availability and affordability of healthy food is a significant step toward improving the health of the LTBB community. The LTBB farmer's market helps to address Petoskey's lack of full grocery stores by providing the community with a

"Farmer's Market" continued on page 7.

#### 2016 Annual LTBB Community Meeting

Date: May 21, 2016

Time: 8 AM Registration, 9 AM Meeting

8 AM-Noon Executive Departments' Information Booths and Vendors

Where: Ovation Hall, Odawa Casino - Petoskey, MI

For more information or suggestions, please contact Annual Meeting Speaker Emily Proctor at proct64@yahoo.com

#### PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unable to attend the LTBB Annual Meeting, join us via Adobe Connect. We will be live-streaming the Annual Meeting at: http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/AM2013

We will be gathering questions before the Annual Meeting, please post questions on the LTBB website, Citizens Only Portal:

http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



#### Veekend Urgent Care Alternative!

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

McLaren NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL



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 Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI or Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix, MI.

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



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

Are age 19-64 years

•Have income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level\* (\$16,000 for a single person or \$33,000 for a family of four)

Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in Medicare

. Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs

· Are not pregnant at the time of application

· Are residents of the State of Michigan

Eligibility for the Healthy Michigan Plan is determined through the Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodology.

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

#### Are You:

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



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

#### DON'T GET STUCK WITH THE BILL!



CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

NO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (REFERENCE NUMBER) OR PRESCRIPTION PRE-APPROVAL

NO CHS PAYMENT FOR BILL

PATIENT RESPONSIBLE FOR BILL

#### "Farmer's Market" continued from page 6.

place to purchase healthy and affordable food options. In addition, it offers a creative outlet for artists and a space for people to connect and socialize with one another.

#### Results

The farmer's market ran every Sunday for 16 weeks. LTBB promoted the market on social media, in Odawa Trails, with flyers around the casino and with the help of other farmer's markets in nearby towns spreading the word. Vendor fees and leftover food supported the LTBB Youth Department and Food Distribution Center, which provides food assistance to tribal members. The farmer's market attracted new vendors and an increasing variety of produce throughout the season. The first market began with three vendors and grew to an average of seven per week. Through continued promotion and word of mouth, the number of patrons also steadily grew. Approximately 30% of customers on a given Sunday were repeat visitors, and 91% of patrons surveyed thought the price of products was good or excellent. This suggests the market was accessible and valuable to the community.

#### **Sustainable Success**

The success of this farmer's market lies in LTBB's philosophy of collaboration, education, growing

leadership and awareness of the needs of their community members. For example, LTBB scheduled the market in consideration of the other farmer's markets in the area, to ensure healthy food is available to the community several days of the week. The market provides opportunities for patrons to learn about how to choose healthy foods and also how to cultivate them. To ensure continued success of the market, a permanent market manager will be hired and trained to continue the work started by the original organizers. There are also plans to increase the number of vendors and the amount of fresh produce offered in the next market season.

- 1) Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's STEPs Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (2007)
  - 2) http://tinyurl.com/quickfact
  - 3) http://tinyurl.com/counthealthrank
- 4) Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's STEPs Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (2007)
  - 5) Ibid.
  - 6) http://tinyurl.com/poororfair
- 7) Echo Hawk Consulting. "Feeding Ourselves: Food access, health disparities, and the pathways to healthy Native American communities." http://tinyurl.com/wsimg Accessed October 10, 2015.

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#### Zika Virus Alert - Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center



#### Fact Sheet

The Zika virus is a cause for concern for those traveling to Central America, South America or the Caribbean Islands. Zika may be linked to microcephaly, a condition in which a newborn infant's brain and head are abnormally small. Women who are pregnant or may become pregnant soon are advised to postpone visits to areas where Zika virus outbreaks have been seen. If such travel is unavoidable, measures to avoid mosquito bites are strongly encouraged. Women trying to become pregnant should talk to their healthcare provider before traveling to these areas and should avoid

#### mosquito bites during the trip. What is Zika virus?

Zika virus is an infection which is spread to people through mosquito bites. Only one out of five people infected with the virus will have symptoms. When symptoms do occur, they are usually mild and include fever, rash, joint aching and red eyes (conjunctivitis). Symptoms may last from a couple days to a week. There currently is no vaccine for this virus.

#### Who is at risk?

Anyone who is living in or traveling to an area where Zika virus is found can be infected with the virus.

Mosquito-transmitted Zika virus is not currently found in the United States. Some cases have been reported among travelers returning from places where infection has occurred. Outbreaks of Zika have been confirmed in South and Central America, Africa, the Pacific Islands and the Caribbean. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are closely monitoring the outbreaks. Up-to-date information on the spread of Zika may be found at www.cdc.gov/ zika/geo/.

The major concern with Zika virus is for babies of mothers who contract the virus while

pregnant.

Microcephaly and other poor pregnancy outcomes are being studied in a major effort to understand the connection with the virus. U.S. health officials recommend:

- Pregnant women in any trimester should consider post-poning travel to the areas where Zika virus transmission has been ongoing.
- Pregnant women who do travel to one of these areas should talk to their healthcare provider. In addition, they should take extra care to avoid mosquito bites during the trip.
- Women trying to become pregnant should talk to their healthcare provider before traveling to these areas and should avoid mosquito bites during the trip.

#### How does Zika virus spread?

Zika virus is mainly spread through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on a person already infected with the virus. These mosquitoes can then spread the virus to other people through bites. The *Aedes* mosquitoes typically lay eggs in and near standing water in things like buckets, bowls, animal dishes, pots and vases. They are active during the day.

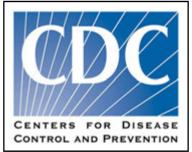
In rare cases, the Zika virus can be spread from mother to child during pregnancy or around the time of birth. There are currently no reports of infants getting Zika virus through breastfeeding. A few cases have been reported in which the virus was spread through blood transfusion or sexual contact.

# How can Zika virus be prevented? To reduce your risk when

traveling to areas where transmission is ongoing or during warm months in the U.S., the most important measure is to prevent mosquito bites:

• Use a mosquito repellent

- approved by the EPA, including those containing DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus, Picaridin or IR3535. Follow directions on the label.
- Do not use concentrations of more than 30% DEET. Ap-



ply DEET to exposed skin (not eyes or mouth) and on clothes, but do not use on open cuts or wounds. Do not apply underneath clothes.

- Do not let children apply repellents to themselves. Apply the repellent to your hands and rub it on the child. Do not apply repellents to children's eyes, mouth or hands and use cautiously around ears. Do not apply DEET on infants (mosquito netting can be used over infant carriers) or oil of lemon eucalyptus on children under three years of age
- Wear protective clothing such as long sleeved shirts, long pants and socks.
- Use air conditioning or window/door screens to keep mosquitoes outside. If needed, sleep under a mosquito bed net.

In warm weather, remove mosquito habitat around your home. Young mosquitoes (larvae) live in water before growing into adults that can fly. Items that collect water should be emptied at least once a week to prevent mosquito breeding. Pay attention to flower pots, garbage cans, wheelbarrows, old tires, birdbaths and any other items which hold water. Clear rain gutters. Cover swimming pools when not in use.

#### How is Zika virus treated?

There is currently no specific treatment for Zika virus. Proper care can help relieve symptoms, including getting plenty of rest, drinking fluids to prevent dehydration, and medication to reduce fever and pain. If you develop the symptoms described above and have recently traveled to areas with Zika outbreaks, see your healthcare provider. They may order blood tests to look for Zika.

More information can be found at www.cdc.gov/zika.

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Al-Anon Family Groups

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

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

Assistance may include the following:
Non-Emergency Transportation Assistance ~ Assistance
with Personal Protection Orders ~ Problem Solving and
Safety Planning ~ Emergency Food Vouchers ~ Advocacy

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

and Referrals ~ Court Accompaniment ~ Relocation

Assistance ~ Clothing / Toiletries

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

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



If you have the time and desire to be a foster parent for our youth, please contact Human Services at 231-242-1620.

to grow in our community.



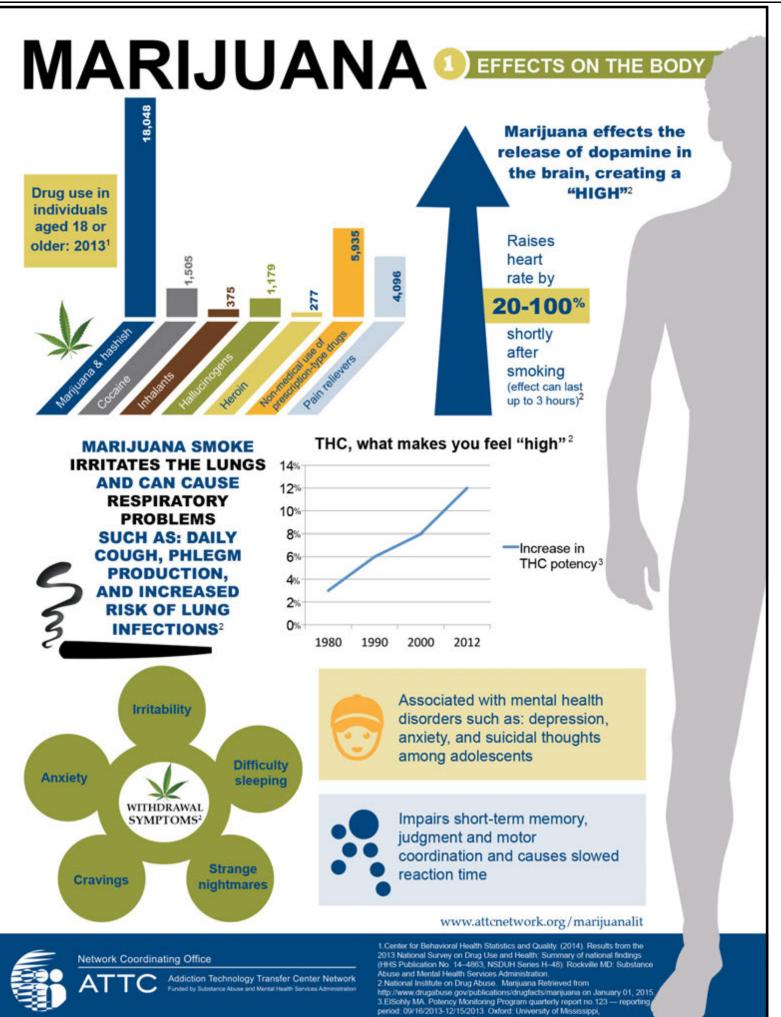
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contact us for more details!

Human Services Department - 231-242-1620

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#### GRANTS & **DONATIONS** PROGRAM

Due to budget reductions in 2016, the Small Grants and Donations program will be implementing only a one-time distribution in 2016. The new deadline for the 2016 Small Grants and Donations program will be April 15, 2016. Grant applications are available from Beverly Wemigwase at 231-242-1400 or on the LTBB website. All grant applications shall be postmarked on or before the April 15, 2016 date. Any applications received postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted.

#### WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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 your application.

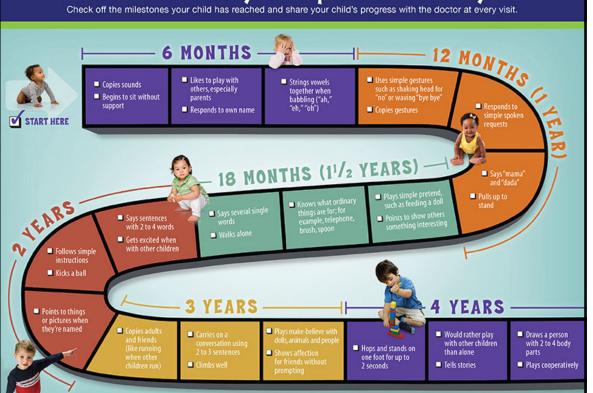
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#### Your Child's Early Development is a Journey



#### **SECTION 184** LOAN GUARANTEE **PROGRAM**

Low Monthly Payment

Flexible Underwriting

Low Interest Rates

NO Monthly Mortgage Insurance

THE SECTION 184 LOAN CAN BE USED FOR

Acquisition of existing housing

Rehabilitation of existing housing
Construction of new housing, including manufactured housing affixed to a permanent foundation

REFINANCING IS BACK!!! Includes rate and term, streamline, cash out FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE LTBB HOUSING DEPT at 231-242-1540.



- Must be a LTBB Tribal Citizen
- Must be 55 or older or handicapped/disabled of any age
- Rents are based on income, income guidelines do apply
- \$200 security deposit
   All units 2 bedrooms and 1 bath
  - Located in a quiet country setting, only 4 miles from town
- Barrier free units are available

 Bedrooms 12 by 13 & 9½ by 9½ Vah Wahs Noo Da Ke Tribal Village is approximately 4 miles north of Harbor Springs, MI

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS HOUSING DEPARTMENT 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tele: 231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550 TDD 800-649-3777

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Family Education and Support LTBB Mina Mskiki Gumik 231-242-1721

These are just a few of many important milestones to look for. For more complete checklists by age, visit www.cdc.gov/ActEarly or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### MARCH 2016 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 14th - 18th from 9am - 3pm 828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto

Deliveries:

Local, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

Out of Town, 29th, 30th and 31st

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





# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

#### ALL Address Verification Forms Due October 31, 2016

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTOBER 31, 2016. Faxed copies are not acceptable and will not be processed. The Address Verification form must contain the original signature. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If

you have any questions concerning guardianship

or custodial issues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-

Minors who turn 18 by OCTOBER 31, 2016 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFI-

CATION FORM. This form must be returned by OCTOBER 31, 2016. Address verification forms can be downloaded at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm or you may

call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520 or

231-242-1521 to have a form mailed to you.

#### HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. 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 with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used ONE TIME ONLY and the rent requested must be affordable and can NOT exceed 35% of the household gross monthly income. Please note the application packet must be received and approved in advance of your moving into the rental in order to qualify for this program.

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

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

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

Well & Septic Assistance Program: Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault Ste. Marie, MI this program provides the resource and technical assistance associated with the installation of a new well a 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.



TUESDAY & THURSDAY YOGA MONDAY & THURSDAY 8 ам то 9 ам

Jiu Jitsu WEDNESDAY 6 рм то 7 рм

5 рм то 6 рм





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.

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

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

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

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

Transportation is based on availability.

Call 231-242-1616 to set up a ride as soon as possible.

Miigwech!

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff



#### 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	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

#### Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

Gain valuable work experience?

Work in the tribal community?

Make a little extra money?

Gain experience in several fields?

#### 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

# GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

#### Petoskey High School Anishinaabemowin Classes

Aanii kina gwaya, here is the update on PHS Anishinaabemowin Classes.

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We just finished our first semester in January and are starting our second semester. The beginning class has a steady ground on vocabulary, everyday language, family terms and calendar vocab; it's time to move on to demonstrative pronouns and pluralizing nouns and verbs. The intermediate class worked very hard on the seven personal pro-

nouns and creating advanced sentences. Here is a sample of a word collage project they finished last sememster.

If you have a student at PHS or a Petoskey Middle School 8th grader, make sure to sign them up to learn our local language. For more information, contact Netawn Kiogima at 231-242-1456 or Katie Frentz in the PHS Counseling Department at 231-348-2206.



#### MEET THE KAP Trainees

Submitted by the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department

The new KAP Teacher Trainees, Cathy Gibson, Cheyenne Worthington, Dollie Keway, Margaret Gasco and Renee Dillard, are very involved in training activities to learn to speak Anishinaabemowin and to learn to teach Anishinaabemowin to others in the community.

They are very hard at work every day, attending classes, attending activities, doing homework and practicing. When you see them, please give them a pat on the back and words of encouragement.

Miigwech.



Aanii Anishinaabek bimaadizijik, Cathy "Kaatnii" Gibson, ndazhinkaanigoo. Biidaasige'ing ngiibiindaadiz. Ndawiidigemaa James "JD", eko semdana shi nswe bboonigak. Biidaasige'ing ndidaami. Larry Shananaquet, noos miinwa Marie Shomin Shananaquet, ngashiba ngitziimak. Niizh niijaanisak ndowaak miinwaa shkiniikwenhs ndaanis.

Nate, Cassie miinwa Evelynn zhinkaazawok niijaanisak. Nswe noshenhak ndowaak miinwaa Nateya, Taeja miinwaa Isaac zhinkaazwok.

N dagichizheyen dam kinamaagoowaanh Anishinaabemowin. Begish naa waabndamaa kina Anishinaabek Anishinaabemowaat.

Baamaapii Kawaabiminim, Cathy "Kaatnii" Gibson

Hello everyone, I am called Cathy Gibson. I have been married to James "JD" Gibson for 33 years. We live in Petoskey, MI. My parents are Larry Shananaquet and late mother Marie (Shomin) Shananaquet. I have two grown children and one young daughter. Their names are Nate, Cassie and Evelynn. I have three grandchildren and their names are Nateya, Taeja and Isaac

I am extremely proud to be taught Anishinabemowin. I hope to see all Anishinaabek speak the language.

See you later, Cathy Gibson. Aanii kina gwaya,

Waganakising Odawak ndodabendaagwas. Mshkiki Giizis ndanoozwin gaanigo. Cheyenne Worthington ndozhaagaanashii noozwin. Forrest Worthington kendmaawan. Bubba Ngashi Candace Worthington zhinkaaza noozwin. Niin e'aabiji gaachii'yaanh. Bezhik nmisenh ndowaa miinawaa nswe nwikaane'yik ndoowaak. Niizh niingonisak miinawaa niiwin niingoniskwek ndoowok. Wiikwe-



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Hello everybody,

I'm a citizen of the Waganakising Odawak. Medicine Moon is the name I was given. Cheyenne Worthington is my English name. My father is Forrest Worthington, but he's known as Bubba. My mother's name is Candace Worthington. I'm the youngest (smallest) in my family. I have one older sister and three older brothers. I'm from Harbor Springs. I was born in Petoskey. I'm twenty five years

"Trainees" continued on page 11.



at the LTBB Health Park Conference Room

This is an open community class.

Register on the first day or stop in to the

Regular and consistent attendance is encouraged, but guests are welcome to drop-in.

For more information, please call the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department at 231-242-1457.

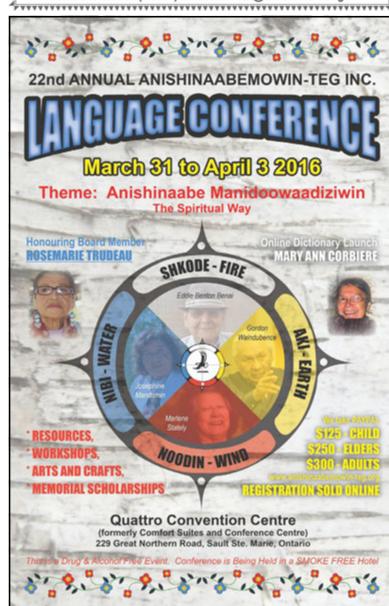


#### Ebiimoshin (modern phrase to say "e-mail me")

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

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

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



"Trainees" continued from page 10. old. I'm a student. My future husband is Kody Kiogima. We have one baby. Our daughter's name is Khaleesi. We live north, outside of Harbor Springs. I'm thankful for the opportunity to learn Anishinaabemowin and I'm happy for this chance to share Anishinaabemowin with you.

> Dollie Keway Aanii, bemaadzijik. Dollie



Keway ndizhinikaanigo. Biidaasigeng ngii njindaadis. Naanmidina shi niizhwaaswi ndasaboonigiz. Vince Keway miinawaa Leona Honson ngitziibaniik. Nshiimeyak Greg miinawaa Lisa. Bezhik gwis ndoowaa, Zhaabidiis zhinkaaza. Ndamiigwechwendam kinoomaagowaanh. Nwiikinoomaagen anishinaabemowin egwenh'iidik gwa waakinoomadizijik. Miigwech giigindamiik maanda.

Hello, people who are alive—even the spirits. I am called Dollie Keway. I was born in Petoskey. I am 57 years old. My late parents are Vince Keway and Leona Honson. Greg and Lisa are my siblings. I have one son, he is called John. I'm grateful they are teaching me. I want to teach the language to anyone

who wants to learn. Thank you all for reading this.

Aanii! Margaret Gasco sa ndonooziwin. Mdaaswe shi ndansaboonigiz. zhaangswe Waganakising Odawak ndodabendaagwaz. Ann Arboring ngiijindaadiz. Biidaasige endaa'aanh. Ndoskoonwe. Bezhik binoojiinhs ndowaa. Phoenix zhinkaaza ngwis. Ngwis ngo biboongizi. Noos Kevin Gasco nooziwinkaaza. Gitziibaniin gii zhinikaaibaniin Clarence Gasco miinawaa Zabet Kishigo (Gasco). Nookomisba gii zhinikaanaawaan "Chic." Nda getnaamis kinoomaadiziyaanh Anishinaabemowin miinawaa gwoding,wiikinoomage'yaanh maampii yaa'ying.

Hello! My name is Margaret Gasco. I am 19 years old.



I belong to the Waganakising Odawak. I was born in Ann Arbor. I live in Petoskey. I attend school. I have one baby. My son's name is Phoenix. He is one year old. My father's name is Kevin Gasco. His parent's names were Clarence Gasco and Elizabeth Kishigo (Gasco). My grandma's nickname was "Chic." I am determined to learn Anishinaabemowin and one day, teach it in our area.



Aanii kina gwaya. Wasson ndazhinikaanigoo, ndozhaaganaashii noozwin Renee Dillard. Wagaanaksing ndodabindaagwaz. Owaashtinoong odenaang ngiibindaadiz. LTBB shkwaaniganing wiigwaaman ndidaa. Nwiidigemaagan mba. Bezhik niijaanis ndowaa, Ezaak zhinkaaza ngwis. Kokobinaaganak miinwaa pshkimdenhsan niibinaa ndazhitoonan. Ngichinendam aagwetaani kinoomaagiziyaanh gnaajiwaang gichitwaa Anishinaabemowin.

Hello everyone. I am called Wasson, in English, my name is Renee Dillard. I belong with the LTBB Tribe. I was born in Grand Rapids. I live at reservation housing. I am a widow. I have one child, my son's name is Isaac. I make lots of baskets and woven bags. I am very much happy to learn our beautiful sacred Language.

Courtesy photos.

2016 Spring Semester Schedule LTBB is a satellite site of NPIP, which is accredited through Bay Mills Community College Wegnesh? What? Aaniish Epiichaak? What time? 5 Weekends Per Semester Fridays 1 pm - 8 pm Saturdays 8 am - 8 pm Wenesh Pii? When? Sundays 8 am - noon January 8, 9, 10 January 29, 30, 31 Aapiish? Where? February 19, 20, 21 LTBB Waasnodeki March 11, 12, 13 Community Center April 1, 2, 3

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. NO ANXIETY OR FEELING INTIMIDATED OR EMBARRASSED. Students will attain a high level of listening

Attend as a guest or register as a student!

comprehension, and eventually, increased ability to speak.

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

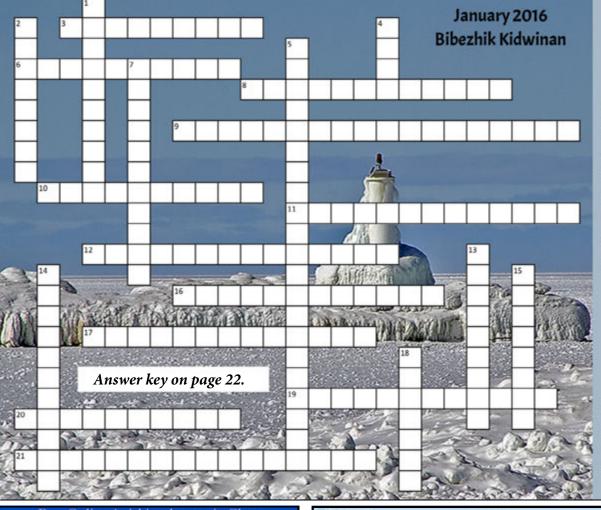
For more information, contact Gwen Gasco, LTBB Gijigowi Language Department, at 231-242-1457 or e-mail ggasco@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



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



#### **ACROSS**

- 3. [I am from] Chicago.
- 6. [Aaniipiish/Where] are you from?
- 8. I came from ...
- 9. movie theatre
- 10. where
- 11. a new beginning, a fresh start
- 12. [I'm going] to the store.
- 16. I'm going to try.
- 17. hotel
- 19. [Aapiish/Where] did you come from?
- 20. Let's start. / Let's begin.
- 21. [I'm going] to the hotel.

#### DOWN

- 1. It's a new year, first of the year.
- 2. [I'm going] to town.
- 4. town
- 5. [I'm going] to the movie theatre.
- 7. start over; all over again
- 13. I am from ...
- 14. store
- 15. [Aaniipiish/Where] are you going?
- 18. I am going.

#### **WORD BANK**

maajtaadaa ngagwejitoon

aanjmiinwaa gaanjibaayin

Chicagong

gibeshiigamigong ndizhaa

odenaang

oden shkimaajtaang

gibeshiigamik

mzinaatesjigegamigong mzinaatesjigegamik

aaniipiish

odaawegamigong

izhaayin odaawegamik

shkibiboon

ndonjibaa

ngiibinjibaa

enjibaayin



Keep up-to-date with the Youth Services Department activities!

#### Please note:

Our hours change on non-school days. We are closed on all LTBB Governmental Holidays

http://tinyurl.com/ltbbyouthcalendar





# March

	Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntam-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niiwo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Namo-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
			Elders Luncheon at Noon  Tribal Council Work Session  9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	Elders Commission Meeting 2 5 pm Govt. Center Rm 312	Elders Luncheon at Noon  Tribal Council meeting 9 am Govt. Center Tribal Council Chambers	Election Board Work Session 4.4:30 pm 407-A Michigan St. Petoskey, MI  CWC Meeting 1 pm Govt. Center Rm 118	Election Board Meeting 12 pm 407-A Michigan St. Petoskey, MI  Tribal Burial, Inc. Meeting 9 am Mskiki Gumik Health Building
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201	Easter 27	28	29	30	Elders Luncheon at Noon 31		Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel Pool, Petoskey, MI Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm Call 231-242-1423 for details

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# LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

# FEBRUARY IS WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER MONTH IN THE LTBB CULTURAL



William Kent Krueger is an Ojibwe/Irish American author

and crime writer, best known for his Cork O' Conner book series, which are set mainly in Minnesota and Michigan. In 2005 and 2006, he won back to back Anthony Awards for best novel. In 2014, his stand alone book Ordinary Grace won the Edgar Award for best novel of 2013.

William wanted to be a writer from a very early age. He started writing short stories in second grade. Throughout his early adult life, he supported himself by logging timber, digging ditches, working in construction and being published as a freelance journalist.

While in college, he became intrigued with his Ojibwe ancestry and began researching the culture and weaving the information into his books. Krueger's books are set in and around reservations. The main character, Cork O'Conner, like himself, is part Ojibwe and part Irish.

Many of our library patrons love his books, so, for February, we celebrate his work and look forward to a new book soon.

Courtesy photo.

#### Month in the LTBB Cultural Library

Here is just one of our many young adult authors, Joseph Bruchac.

For more than 30 years, Bruchac has been creating poetry, short stories, novels, anthologies and music which reflect his Abenaki Indian heritage and Native American traditions.

He is the author of more than 120 books for children and adults. The bestselling Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children and others of his "Keepers" series with its remarkable integration of science and folklore continue to receive critical acclaim and are used in classrooms throughout the country.

Bruchac lives in the Adirondack mountain foothills town of Greenfield Center, NY, in the same house where his maternal grandparents raised him. He and his two grown sons, James and Jesse, continue to work extensively in projects involving the preservation of Abenaki culture, language and traditional Native skills, including performing traditional and contemporary Abenaki music with the Dawnland Singers.

He holds a B.A. from Cornell University, an M.A. in Literature and Creative Writing from Syracuse and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the Union Institute of Ohio. His work as an educator includes eight years of directing a college program for Skidmore College inside a maximum security prison.



Select list of awards include:

American Book Award for Breaking Silence

Horn Book honor for The *Boy Who Lived with the Bears* 

Scientifi c American Children's Book Award for The Story of the Milky Way

Cherokee Nation Prose Award

Hope S. Dean Award for Notable Achievement in Children's Literature

2005 Virginia Hamilton Literary Award

2001 Parents Guide to Children's Media Award for Skeleton Man

2000 Parents Choice Gold Award for Crazy Horse's Vision

1999 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas

1999 Jane Addams Children's Book Award for Heart of a Chief

1998 Writer of the Year Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas

1998 Storyteller of the Year Award from the Native Writers

Circle of the Americas 1997 Paterson Award for Dog People

1996 Boston Globe Book Award for The Boy Who Lived with the Bears

> 1995 Knickerbocker Award Some of his books include:

Bruchac, Joseph (1975). Turkey Brother, and other tales: Iroquois folk stories. Illustrated by Ka-Hon-Hes. Sydney

The First Strawberries: A Cherokee Story, pictures by Anna Vojtech

A Boy called Slow, illus. Rocco Baviera, 1994

The Earth Under Sky Bear's Foot, illus.

The Story of the Milky Way: A Cherokee Tale, Bruchac and Gayle Ross, paintings by Virginia A. Stroud, 1995

Between Earth & Sky: Legends of Native American Sacred Places, illus. 1996

Lasting Echoes: An Oral History of Native American People,

Squanto's Journey: The Story of the First Thanksgiving, illus.

Crazy Horse's Vision Code Talker: A Book About the Navajo Marines, 2005

> Buffalo Song illus.., 2008 Night Wings, 2009 Dragon Castle, 2011 Wolf Mark, 2011

These are just some of his many works. You can find many of his titles in our LTBB Cultural Library.

Courtesy photo.

# "Being able to see the results of what you do each and every day, is what drives you. It's what drives me. It's not a job. It's a passion. Bill Anostubby, Chickstow Not



"Do You WANT TO BECOME MORE EMPLOYABLE?"

Are you an enrolled American Indian, Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian, Burt Lake Band Member or first generation descendant (1/8 Blood Quantum) of Little Traverse Bay Bands?

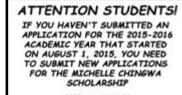
Are you underemployed (work 31 hours or less), unemployed, laid off, dislocated worker, need of your GED or need of retraining Are you 18 or older?

If so, contact: Stacey Nongueskwa-Lopez, Outreach Worker for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program

- Programs available in the following areas Job search & placement assistance
- Job career assessment
- Career/individual employment plan Resume' workshops
- Basic & higher education assistance

LTBB Education Department Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Stacey Nongueskwa-Lopez 231-242-1488, 231-445-2625 Fax: 231-242-1490 slopez@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov





\*\*Please Note\*\* Applications WILL NOT be



be downloaded from the Education Department's web-page at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or may be equested from Academic Services of 231-242-1480.

## CHECK OUT THESE GREAT BOOKS!

In the month of March, the LTBB Cultural Library will be celebrating young adults and their books. Please stop in and check out our selection of young adult books. Can't make it in. Check out our e Library instead. Let's all get reading!







Young adult books are not just for teens, most YA books are suitable for adults, too. I read them and love them! So, stop in and check one out today!

Not a patron? Not a problem! Stop in or call and have one of our cheerful library staff help you become a patron, and don't forget to ask about our e-library! Hope to see you soon, and remember, we must know our traditions if we are to pass them on!





# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

EGISLATIVE BRANCH

#### TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce

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

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 fi lled out called "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form

of Odawa Indians

**Tribal Council** ATTENDANCE LOG

January 2016

DATE

01/05/16

01/07/16

01/11/16

01/12/16

01/18/16

01/19/16

01/21/16

01/25/16

The Little Traverse Bay Bands

Tribal Council 01/11/16 Work Session

Appropriations and Finance Committee

\*additional recording of attendance may be

Tribal Council Regular Meeting

Gaming Enterprise Board

Water Quality Work Group

Tribal Council Work Session Tribal Council Regular Meeting

reported on future report logs

Gaming Enterprise Board

is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form

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

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.

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2017 Budget

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#### Attention Tribal Businesses/Entrepreneurs!

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

#### NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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

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

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

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

#### Free Legal Help for Low-Income Native Americans

Michigan Indian Legal Services may be able to help you with your legal issue. MILS Attorneys can handle the following types of cases in Tribal Court:

 Child Welfare
 Criminal Defense
 Child Welfare
 Criminal Defense **♦** Eviction ICWA-MIFPA Appellate Cases

Other Matters

\*Available in State Court Proceedings

To find out if we can help you with your legal issue, call us at 231-947-0122 or toll free at 1-800-968-6877. Our office is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit our website at www.mils3.org.

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



231-947-0122 \* 1-800-968-6877 www.mils3.org





LTBB OFFICE OF CITIZENS **LEGAL ASSISTANCE** 



The Office of Citizens Legal Assistance has been established to provide free legal advice to enrolled tribal citizens in non-criminal matters such as:

- **Family Law**
- Child Custody Child Support
- Guardianships Parentage/Paternity
- Indian Child Welfare Act /
- Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act
- Setting Aside a Conviction
- Driver License Restoration
- **Estate Planning**
- Health Care Directives Powers of Attorney
- Landlord/Tenant
- Tenant Rights
- Consumer **Debt Collection**

The office is available to provide legal guidance and drafting of certain legal documents but does not provide in court representation at this time. The office may give procedural advice only on matters that are of a criminal nature or involve the Tribe or other Tribal Citizens as a potential party in a

For assistance and to make appointments, Please call Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm 231-242-1433

#### LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



March 25, 2016 - Good Friday May 30, 2016 - Memorial Day

July 4, 2016 - Independence Day

September 5, 2016 - Adams Holiday (Labor Day)

September 21, 2016 - Sovereignty Day

September 23, 2016 - Michigan Indian Day November 11, 2016 - Veterans Day

November 24, 2016 - Thanksgiving Day

November 25, 2016 - Day after Thanksgiving

December 23, 2016 - Christmas Eve

December 26, 2016 - Christmas Day December 30, 2016 - New Year's Eve

#### JANUARY 21, 2016 ost to Tribal Website and distribute to Branches / Departments approved 2017 Budget Formulation Process calendar JANUARY 22, 2016 Distribution to Branches and Departments General Fund Budget Allocation by Branch / Department

December 31, 2015 General Fund Balance reported in Treasury Office Report

JANUARY 21, 2016

FEBRUARY 1, 2016 Accounting Department to distribute templates and submission instructions to Branches / Departments

March 15, 2016

Branch / Department 2017 Budget submissions to Treasury Office, including General Fund Budgets, Cost Recovery Budgets and Grant / Federal Contract Fund Budgets

APRIL 4 & 6, 2016 Executive Branch Budget hearings

APRIL 10, 2016

Remaining Branches / Departments Budget hearings April 10, 2016

LTBB 2017 Proposed Annual Budget available to Tribal Citizens

APRIL 12 & 15, 2016 2017 Annual Budget Public Hearing

APRIL 21, 2016 FINAL 2017 Annual Budget approved by Tribal Council

April 22, 2016 Final

2017 Annual Budget posted to Tribal Website May 21, 2016

Annual Community Meeting

#### EETING MINUTES OUNCIL

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

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians **Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers** 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 January 7, 2016

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:05 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A.

Council Present: Secretary Aaron Otto, Treasurer Marcella Reves, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Beatrice Law, Councilor McNamara, Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Julia Shananaquet Absent: none

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna

Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr.

Judicial Officials and Staff: none Invited Guests: Ziibimijwang Inc., Regina Brubaker-Carver, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wesley Andrews

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adopt the agenda for January 7, 2016 as amended.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reves and supported by Councilor Law to approve the minutes of December 10, 2015

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Ziibimijwang Inc., verbal 2015 4th Quarter report for as presented by Regina Brubaker-Carver.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept the verbal and written Executive Oversite Report as presented by Chairperson Gasco-Bentley.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Legislative Leader Report: Absent

10:23 a.m. Break. Councilor Naganashe left the meeting.

10:39 a.m. Resumed.

Secretary Report:

Documents Delivered to the Executive

Tribal Resolution #121015-01; Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$40,000, for Department of Kikaajik.

Submitted to the Executive on 12-14-15 and signed on 12-14-15.

Tribal Resolution #121015-02; Authorizing Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department to Carryover Department Raised Revenue. Submitted to the Executive on 12-14-15 and signed on

Resolution #121015-03; Budget Modification for Employee Appreciation.

Submitted to the Executive on 12-14-15 and signed on 12-14-15.

Tribal Resolution #121015-04; Budget Modification for Communication budget.

Submitted to the Executive on 12-14-15 and signed on 12-14-15.

Tribal Resolution #121015-05; Use of 3rd Party Billing Funds, in the amount of \$7,438.00, for Dental Clinic Construc-

Submitted to the Executive on 12-14-15 and signed on 12-14-15.

Tribal Resolution # 121015-06; Authorizing Swap Documents and Related Documents from Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Authorizing Tribal Appropriations for Payments of the Swap Obligations, Affirming Adoption of Law Governing the Arbitration of Disputes related to the Loan (including the Swap), and Law Regarding Security Interests and

Addressing Related Matters. Submitted to the Executive on 12-10-15 and signed on 12-10-15.

Tribal Resolution #121015-07; Supplemental Funding Request to Operate

Submitted to the Executive on 12-

Bell's Fisheries for FY 2016.

14-15 and signed on 12-14-15.

Tribal Resolution #122115-01; Authorizing Department of Natural Resources Department to Carryover FY 2015 Treaty Enhancement Funds, in the amount of approximately \$30,000.00.

Submitted to the Executive on 12-23-15 and signed on 12-23-15.

Tribal Resolution #122115-02; Amendment to Tribal Resolution # 042715-01, Appropriation of Funds for the 2016 Operating Budgets and Restatement of Funding Allocation for the 2016 Fiscal Year, to address FY 2016 Budget Emergency.

Submitted to the Executive on 12-23-15 and signed on 12-23-15.

ii. Vetoes: None

iii. Phone Polls:

12-21-15: Reason for Phone Poll: to adopt Tribal Resolution: Amendment to Tribal Resolution # 042715-01, Appropriation of Funds for the 2016 Operating Budgets and Restatement of Funding Allocation for the 2016 Fiscal Year, to address FY 2016 Budget

Vote- 8-yes; 0-no; 0-Abstained;

12-21-15: Reason for Phone Poll: to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality FY 2017 Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation WyCamp Creek Project.

Vote- 8-yes; 0-no; 0-Abstained; 0-Absent

12-21-15: Reason for Phone Poll: to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing Department of Natural Resources Department to Carryover FY 2015 Treaty Enhancement Funds, in the amount of approximately \$30,000.00.

Vote- 8-yes; 0-no; 0-Abstained; 0-Absent

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Otto's verbal and written report as presented on the agenda for January 7,

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe) Mo-

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal report for January 7, 2016.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

Motion carried.

Tribal Council Travel Reports: none at this time.

10:56 a.m. Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to go into closed session for land.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe) Mo-

11:48 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to return to open session.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

11:49 a.m. Public Comment

opened: No comments. 11:49 a.m. Public Comment

Land and Reservation Committee: no meeting, no report. Next meeting

is January 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Ethics Committee Meeting: no meeting, no report. 1st meeting will be at January 15, 2015 1:30 p.m. in the Tribal

> 11:52 a.m. Lunch recess. 1:30 p.m. Meeting resumed.

Council Chambers.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay's verbal and written report for January 7,

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor McNamara), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for January 7, 2016.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

2:06 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to go into closed session for legal. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained,

0 - Absent Motion carried.

2:42 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to return to open

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept the Enjinaaknegeng Report as presented by General Counsel Bransky for January 7, 2016.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept Legislative Office Manager Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for January 7, 2016.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to amend the agenda to include the following: Reservation litigation travel; Tax Agreement Appendix A; Posting of the Constitutionally Mandated Compensation for Tribal Prosecutor; Living Wage Assessment; and Taskforce for National Association of Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (NAFD-

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

2:59 p.m. Councilor Bernard left the meeting.

2:59 p.m. Public comment opened: no comments.

#### **Tribal Council Meeting Dates**

March 1 Work Session March 3 Council Meeting March 15 Work Session March 17 Council Meeting

April 5 Work Session April 7 Council Meeting April 19 Work Session April 21 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 Marci Reyes, Treasurer Dexter McNamara, Councilor Julie Shananaquet, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Mike Naganashe, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor

> 3:00 p.m. Public Comment closed. 3:01 p.m. Break.

3:10 p.m. Meeting resumed.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Tribal Burial Board Inc., Corporate Charter 2015 4th Quarter Report as presented by Wesley Andrews Board Chairperson.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve the Independent Contracting Agreement between Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Wesley Andrews, d.b.a. Andrews Cultural Resources for Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAG-PRA); Michigan Anishnaabeg Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA); and Tribal Historical Preservation Office (THPO) services.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of Beverly Wemigwase's resignation from the Gaming Regulatory Commission as received by the Legislative Office on December 16, 2015, and to extend a Chi Miigwech for her 16 years of services on this Com-

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Councilor Harrington to appoint David Dominic to the Natural Resources Commission to serve the remainder of a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2017.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 4 - No (Councilor Shananaquet, Treasurer Reyes, Councilor McNamara, Councilor Naganashe), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to assign Lisa Flynn to the Traditional Tribal Burial Board, Inc. to serve a four (4) year term ending January 5, 2020.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to assign Joseph VanAlstine to the Ziibimijwang, Inc. to serve the remainder of a term ending January 8, 2019 and approve Ziibimijwang, Inc. Corporate Charter as updated.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

#### Review Denemy Letter of Interest and Resume' for qualifying factors.

Motion made by Treasurer Reves and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of the letter of interest from William A. Denemy for the Gaming Enterprise Board and set up an interview.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Harrington), 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

Review Harrington Letter of Interest and Resume' for qualifying fac-

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of the letter of interest from Ken Harrington for the Gaming Enterprise Board.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Harrington), 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to re-post the Compensation for Tribal Council Draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar as sponsored by Coun-

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion #010716-01; Request for Funding from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, GLNPO, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding; Lakewide action and Management Plan Projects.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bernard, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve Certified Motion #010716-02; Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Fire Management Funds, Natural Resources Department Fire management/Fuel Reduction Funds

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to approve Tribal Council Travel to the United Tribes of Michigan meeting on February 9 and 10, 2016 in Lansing, Michigan.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained,

1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Treasurer Reyes to disapprove Tribal Minimum Internal Control Standards REG-WOS 2005-006 121015-015 as submitted by the Executive Department on 12-10-15. Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained

(Councilor Harrington), 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes

and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Tribal Minimum Internal Control Standards REG-WOS 2005-006 010616-016 as submitted by the Executive Department on 01-06-16.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained

(Councilor Harrington), 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to authorize and approve the travel of one or two Tribal Councilors to attend meetings in Michigan, Minneapolis and Washington, D.C. regarding Reservation litigation

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to post the Constitutionally Mandated Compensation for Tribal Prosecutor Statute to the Odawa Register.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the memo from Senior Financial Analyst that included an assessment of the current living wage, in accordance with WOS 2013-010, Section XIII.A.4.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to NOT adjust the living wage for FY 2016 based on the assessment presented by the Senior Financial Analyst, in accordance with WOS 2013-010, Section XIII.A.4.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Secretary Otto), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reves and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the revised Appendix A of the Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bernard) Motion

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reves to approve Certified Motion #010716-03 for Representation at the Taskforce for National Association of Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (NAF-

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bernard, Councilor McNamara) Motion carried.

4:39 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to adjourn.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bernard, Councilor McNamara) Motion carried. Please contact the Legislative Office

at 231-242-1403, 231-242-1404 or 231-242-1406 for additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected: Aaron Otto, Tribal Council Secre-

Date

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians **Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers** 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 January 21, 2016

Closed Session: yes Call to Order: Meeting was called

to order at: 9:05 a.m. Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A.

Law Council Present: Secretary Aaron Otto, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Beatrice Law, Coun-

cilor McNamara Absent: Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Julia Shananaquet

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick.

Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Sr Financial Analyst Stella Kay Executive Officials and Staff Pres-

ent: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Elder Department Director Arlene Naganashe, Tribal Administrator Albert Judicial Officials and Staff: none

Preservation Officer Wesley Andrews Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Councilor

Invited Guests: Tribal Historic

Law to adopt the agenda for January 21, "Minutes" continued on page 16.

2016 as amended.

"Minutes" continued from page 15.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve the minutes of January 7, 2016 as

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept the 2015 4th Quarter Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act-Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Report as presented by-Wesley Andrews.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Bernard, Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Chairperson Gasco Bentley.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

9:58 a.m. Break.

10:11 a.m. Resumed. Councilor Naganashe arrived.

10:12 a.m. Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to go into Closed Session for Legal and Land Purposes.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

11:06 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Mo-

11:07 a.m. Recess called.

11:18 a.m. Resumed.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept the Enjinaaknegeng Report as presented by General Counsel Bransky for January 21, 2016.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Mo-

> Legislative Leader: Absent. **Secretary Report:**

i. Documents Delivered to the Executive" None

ii. Vetoes: None

iii. Phone Polls:

01-13-16: Motion to pass Certified Motion 011316-01; Authorization of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. to Administer the BIA Child Welfare Assis-Program under PL 93-638. tance

Vote- 8-yes; 0-No; 0-Abstained; 0-Absent

01-13-16: Motion to pass Certified Motion 011316-02; Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Development.

Vote- 8-yes; 0-No; 0-Abstained; 0-Absent

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Secretary Otto's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Councilor Law to accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal Appropriations and Finance Committee report.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Mo-

Treasurer Reyes: Land and Reservation Committee update regarding meet-

11:46 a.m. Public Comment opened and closed. No comments.

Councilor Law: Ethics Committee update regarding meeting schedules.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to accept Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay's verbal and written report.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained,

1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Mo-

12:10 p.m. Lunch break.

1:30 p.m. Resumed. Executive Report: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Michigan

Lobbyist Noel LaPorte. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to

accept Lobbyist Noel LaPorte's verbal report as presented January 21, 2016.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick verbal and written report for January 21, 2016.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to authorize and to approve the Tribal Chair sign onto the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc. ("NIWRC") Amicus Brief in VOISINE v UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, on behalf of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Office Manager Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for January 21, 2016.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Mo-

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to pass Certified Motion #012116-01; Request for Funding from the United States Department of Justice; FY 2016 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicita-

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes

and supported by Councilor Naganashe to pass Certified Motion #012116-02; Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; FY 2016 Rights Protection Implementation.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Mo-

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to pass Certified Motion #012116-03; Governmental Branches Allocation of General Funds for Fiscal Year 2017.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the Annual Budget Calendar for the 2017 Budget Formulation Process as received by Senior Financial Analyst Stella Kay.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Tribal Council attendance at Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Impact Week, April 27-29, 2016 in Washington DC.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to appoint William A. Denemy to serve a two (2) year term expiring January 21, 2018 on the Gaming Enterprise Board upon obtaining a Primary Gaming License from the Gaming Regulatory Commis-

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0- No, 1- Abstained (Councilor Harrington), 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to re-approve the 2016 Tribal Council Regular Work Session/Meeting Schedule as previously approved, noting that start times of such will be noted as posted.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Mo-

Motion made by Councilor Mc-Namara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to authorize travel for one Councilor to attend the Inter-Tribal Workgroup (ITWG) meeting for Violence Against Women's Act training in Scottsdale, Arizona April 6, 2016 with costs to be reimbursed by ITWG; and attendance at Federal Bar Indian Law Conference in Scottsdale Arizona April 7-8, 2016.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Otto and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Tribal Council attendance at meetings of the Employee Handbook Work Group.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law

and supported by Secretary Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution: Amendment to the Legislative Branch Operations Governmental Employee Personnel Policies Handbook Section B Leaves of Absence. Roll Call vote: Frank Bernard-yes,

Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Naganashe - yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Treasurer Reyesyes, Secretary Otto-yes Motion carried.

2:59 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment closed. 3:00 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Mo-

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

Aaron Otto, Tribal Council Secre-Date

#### Tribes are Leading Oregon to Better Oral Health



Pilot project approved by state will employ mid-level dental providers to improve care

The Coquille Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians have received approval from the Oregon Health Authority for a pilot project to integrate mid-level dental providers into their health care systems. The pilot will operate under an Oregon law approved in 2011 which promotes innovative and data-driven improvements to the state's oral health system.

Called <u>dental</u> health aide therapists (DHAIs), these providers help expand high-quality, cost-effective care to more people. They can perform preventive care and routine restorative duties such as filling cavities. Similar to physician assistants, they focus on a limited number of much-needed procedures and go through a rigorous educational program. They work under the supervision of a dentist and are re-certified every two years.

"Our intent is to increase access to care for our tribal members. The rates of untreated tooth decay are four times higher nationally for Native preschool-aged children compared to their non-Native peers, and those numbers are reflected here as well. That is unacceptable.

We need to turn those numbers around, and this [is] a step in the right direction," Mark Ingersoll, Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua

and Siuslaw Indians Its tal

said. denclinic

Northwest Portland Area

cares largely for its own members as well as members of other tribes within the five-county service area. With one full-time dentist at the clinic, the need for more providers is acute. The tribe plans to hire an experienced DHAT this year to start providing services and has sent one of its members to the two-year Alaska DHAT Education program.

The Coquille Tribe is also recruiting a student from their



community to receive DHAT training.

"This model of care really focuses on quality and the continuity of care that comes from training and hiring members of our own community. We know they are far more likely to stay here and be a part of our health care system unlike the itinerant dentist model that is common in the Indian Health Service system," Brenda Meade, Tribal Chairperson of the Coquille Indian Tribe, said. The tribe is newly establishing an oral heath component as part of their health care services. "We are building

from the ground up, and having a DHAT as part of the team means we can serve more people with better care at lower costs. It just makes sense."

Indian Health Board

Indian Leadership for Indian Health

The pilot would replicate what Alaska Natives did more than a decade ago by educating and hiring these providers to help their dentists extend care to more people. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) reported in 2014 their dental health aide therapists have helped extend care to more than 40,000 Alaskans in rural communities. In addition to expanding care to many who need it, this approach has brought jobs to tribal communities in Alaska, economic growth to participating clinics and cost savings to patients who used to travel hundreds of miles to see a dentist for urgent and costly care.

The two tribes are partnering for the pilot with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), an organization which supports health promotion and disease prevention for the 43 federally recognized tribes of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

"We know that many Oregonians struggle to get the dental care they need. But American Indians are among those who suffer the greatest oral health disparities because of access to care. That is why we are excited to bring a proven, innovative solution to tribes in this state and, at the same time, demonstrate the benefits of this provider to all those in need," Joe Finkbonner, NPAI-HB's Executive Director, said.

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#### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS For the Mtigwaakiis housing development. Tribal Preference applies. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540



Equal Housing Opportunity TDD: 800-649-3777

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/

Gaming Authority

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

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

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!

#### Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians mission, Board and Committee Vacancies

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending	
Child Welfare	3 yr. term		
Citizenship	3 yr. term	3	
Housing	4 yr. term	2 1 2 3	
Gaming Regulatory	3 yr. term		
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term		
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term		
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3	
Election Board	4 year term	2	
Natural Resources Commission	Remainder of term expiring 2017, 2 full terms	3	

vided for Tribal Members who are seeking nominations for an appointment i mittee. Those interested, please submit a letter of interest along with your resu

ttle Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa India ibal Chairman Office 80 Odawa Circle urbor Springs, MI 49770 sone (231) 242-1418 Fax (231) 242-1411

The Executive Office notifies applicants when letter and resume are received. The Chairman's nominations are a Tribal Council. Thereafter, the Legislative Office handles all interview scheduling and correspondence for the commissions or Boards, for the position vacancies. The Executive office is also accepting resumes for nominations for the app

Judicial Postings: Appellate Justice, rer <u>Judicial Postings:</u> Appellate Justice, remainder of 6 year term, expiring April 2017 Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Oda Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges an

Chief Judge, 4 year term, expiring 2020
Powers, Jurisdiction, Eiglbilly, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odisws Indians.
Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for

# NATIVE NEWS

#### LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN FREDERICK HOLDORPH APPOINTED TO LTBB NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION



On January 14, 2016, LTBB Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado administered the oath of office to Frederick Holdorph, an LTBB Tribal Citizen appointed to serve on the LTBB Natural Resources Commission for the remainder of a four-year term

ending on September 30, 2019.

According to WOS 2005-01 Natural Resources Commission Amendment and Repeal of Statutory Inland Regulations, the primary purpose of the Natural Resources Commission is to protect treaty hunting and fishing rights through monitoring resources and promulgating regulations that are consistent with the treaty rights and wise use of the resources. It further states, the commission "shall promulgate rules and regulations for all hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering, including subsistence and commercial, for the area within the boundary established by the Treaty of 1855, the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory and 1836 Treaty Ceded Waters."

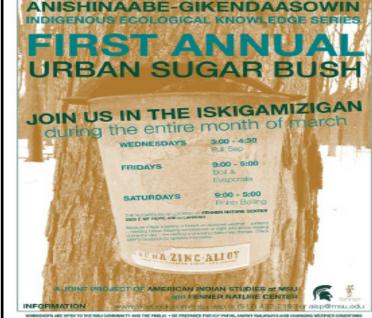
The Executive nominated Holdorph for the position, and the LTBB Tribal Council appointed him by a 7-0 vote at the December 10, 2015 Tribal Coun-

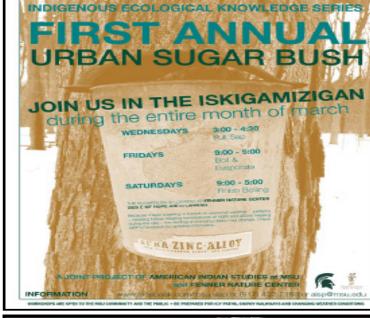
Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo are Frederick Holdorph and LTBB Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado.

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# Odawa Casino Resort Update



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Also during the month, guests had their bellies full of laughter from the Funny Business Comedy Show in

the Ozone every Saturday night at 9pm, which will continue in March.

Work continued on the Mackinaw project in February and those who pass by the property on the

highway will be able to see the progress of the building as it is being constructed. The project is still on

target to have a facility up and running on the projected opening date of May 15, 2016!

Don't forget to wear green this month, as Odawa Casino will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day in the

Ozone on March 12th and green beer will be available on March 17th in the Rendezvous. On March

19th, Table Games will be hosting a Charity Poker Tournament, benefiting the Little Traverse Bay

Humane Society. During the week of March 4th, Sage will be participating in the Harbor Springs

Restaurant Week that will go through March 13th.

Easter is right around the corner on March 27th and the Sage will be offering a prix fixe Easter dinner on

Saturday, March 26th.

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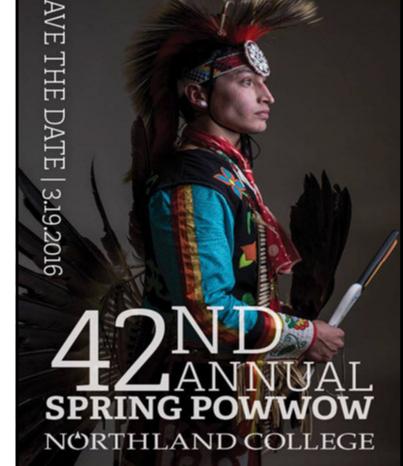
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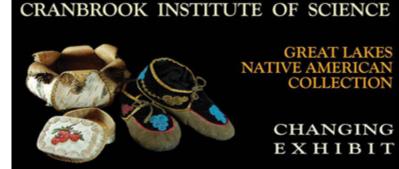
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#### Mackinaw City Odawa Casino Groundbreaking Ceremony **JANUARY 23, 2016** PHOTOS BY WENDY CONGDON









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# On the Pow Wow Trail

#### <u>Michigan</u>

March 19-20 27th Annual Central Michigan University Pow Wow CMU Events Center Central Michigan University Mt. Pleasant, MI Contact Information: Native American Programs at 989-774-2508 or cmich.edu/powwow

April 2-3 44th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow Skyline High School Ann Arbor, MI

April 9-10 33rd Annual Pow Wow of Life Jenison Fieldhouse Michigan State University East Lansing, MI

April 9-10

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Grand Valley State University Fieldhouse

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#### <u>Minnesota</u>

March 11 American Indian Magnet School Monthly Pow Wow St. Paul, MN

April 9 32nd Annual Circle of Nations Indigenous Association Pow Wow Morris, MN Contact Information: Michelle

Cass Lake, MN

Contact Information: Flower Kingbird at 218-335-4224

April 29

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Contact Information: Maria at cermak26@gmail.com

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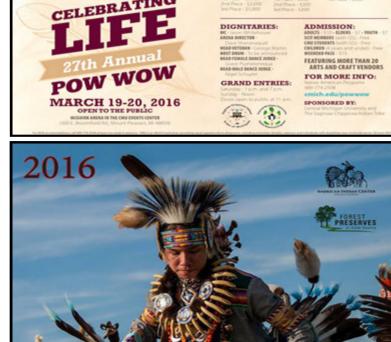
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#### SAULT TRIBE CHAIR REELECTED HEAD OF CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY BOARD



Editor's note: The following is a Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians press release dated January 28, 2016.

Aaron Payment, Chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was reelected Chairman of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) at its January 2016

**CORA** oversees Great Lakes tribal fishing in the 1836 Treaty

Ceded territory in the eastern Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Michigan.

Officers are elected from among the Conservation Committee Chairs and Tribal Chairs of CORA member tribes, Sault Tribe, Bay Mills Indian Community, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Courtesy photo.

#### Odawa Casino's 4th Annual Celebrity TOURNAMENT POKER Provides Donations to Toys for Tots



Editor's note: The following is an Odawa Casino Resort press release dated January 15, 2016.

Odawa Casino Resort recently hosted its fourth annual Celebrity Poker Tournament to benefit Toys for Tots. During this December's tournament, 103 toys were donated, and \$980 was raised. Local radio celebrities and poker players alike played against each other for this tournament, and for every person who was knocked out of the competition by a celebrity, Odawa Casino donated \$10. Toys for Tots also received \$10 from each buy-in.

"Odawa Casino has hosted many charity events and plans to host many more in the future. Giving back to the community is a top priority for not only the Team Members, but I have also seen its importance reflected in the number of casino guests that participate," said Nick Foltz, Associate Director of Table Games for Odawa Casino.

The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope that will assist less fortunate children in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens. Since 1947, Toys for Tots has given millions of kids a Merry Christmas thanks to donations from their local community.

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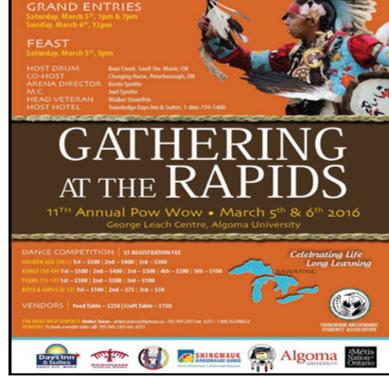
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# SECRETARY JEWELL ANNOUNCES OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S LARGEST LAND INTO TRUST ACQUISITION FOR TRIBAL NATIONS



Nearly 90,000 acres of land accepted in trust for Pueblo of Isleta in New Mexico advances important self-governance and self-determination priorities

Editor's note: The following is a U.S. Department of the Interior press release dated January 15, 2016.

As part of President Barack Obama's goal of placing half a million acres of tribal homelands into trust for the benefit of tribal nations, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell today (January 15, 2016) announced the Bureau of Indian Affairs has placed 89,978 acres of land into trust status for the Pueblo of Isleta. The administration's single largest trust acquisition to date brings to nearly 400,000 the total acreage placed in trust on behalf of federally recognized tribes since 2009.

Secretary Jewell made the historic announcement at a formal signing ceremony in Isleta, NM, with Isleta Governor E. Paul Torres, acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Lawrence S. Roberts and U.S. Senator Tom Udall.

"This land into trust milestone marks the culmination of years of hard work by the Pueblo of Isleta as well as important progress in the Obama Administration's goals of empowering tribes, restoring tribal homelands to support self-determination and self-governance," Secretary Jewell said. "I congratulate Governor Torres and the Pueblo's leadership for their dedication to this priority, ensuring homelands for future generations."

As part of President Obama's pledge to work nation-to-nation with tribal leaders to strengthen their communities and build their economies, this administration has taken a total of 397,268 acres into trust during the past seven years. That total represents almost 80% of the administration's goal of placing 500,000 acres into trust by the end of the president's term. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire land in trust for federally recognized Native American tribes by the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of 1934.

"Previous policies of allotment, assimilation and virtual moratoriums on restoring tribal homelands continue to have profound negative impacts on tribal communities. During this administration, tribes have demonstrated that the restoration of tribal homelands promotes safe and prosperous communities for current and future generations," said Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Lawrence S. Roberts. "Tribal leaders across Indian country continue to place a high priority on restoring tribal homelands. We are fully committed to placing half a million acres of land into trust during this administration as a step in the direction of correcting misguided policies of previous administrations."

The Pueblo of Isleta, a federally recognized tribe located south of Albuquerque, NM, purchased the property known as the Comanche Ranch and asked the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to accept the property in trust. The



Ranch, which was used by the U. S. military as a practice bombing range during World War II, consists of 88,000 acres of land. The Pueblo also acquired another parcel, the Corridor Property, of approximately 1,900 acres adjacent to the Pueblo. The Pueblo plans to continue current use of the properties.

"The Pueblo of Isleta is very thankful to the foresight of tribal leadership who in 1997 made the purchase of land known as the Comanche Ranch," said Governor E. Paul Torres. "Through the persistence of tribal leadership and the support of the BIA Southern Pueblos Agency, Albuquerque Area Office, and more importantly, the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, the Pueblo of Isleta will celebrate a historic event as this land base is placed into trust for the Pueblo of Isleta."

Under federal law, lands held in trust for Native Americans and Alaska Natives cannot be sold or transferred to non-Native Americans and can benefit from federal programs for business development, housing, environmental and cultural protection. Typical uses of trust land include governmental operations, cultural activities, agricultural/forestry activities, housing, economic development, social and community services, health care and educational facilities

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# Odawa Casino to Host a Charity Poker Tournament to Benefit the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society



Editor's note: The following is an Odawa Casino press release dated February 10, 2016.

Odawa Casino will be hosting a charity poker tournament on Saturday, March 19 at 3 p.m. to benefit the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society (LTBHS). The buy-in is \$100 with \$10 automatically going to the LTBHS. There will be Odawa Casino guest celebrities as well as an LTBHS representative playing in the tournament, and each \$10 bounty a celebrity or an LTBHS representative collects will also be donated to the Humane Society. Tournament players can also spend \$20 for an additional



\$5,000 in chips and the full \$20 will go to the LTBHS.

Along with raising money through the poker tournament, team members at Odawa Casino will also be volunteering their time at the Humane Society throughout the month of March.

"Giving back to the community is extremely important to the Team Members of Odawa Casino. There are a lot of pet lovers on our team, so being able to contribute to the Humane Society means a lot to me and the whole team." said Nick Foltz, Associate Director of Table Games for Odawa Casino.

Anyone 19 and older can participate in the tournament by calling 877-442-6464 ext.8815 to pay by credit card through Fri-

day, March 18 or they can buy-in in the poker room on the day of the tournament.

Little Traverse Bay Humane Society is a donor-funded, non-profit corporation which offers a temporary home to companion animals. As a no-kill shelter, its mission is to offer warm shelter, veterinary services, and personal attention to all the animals in their care as well as proactive methods to control pet overpopulation. They also offer boarding, grooming, doggie daycare and training. LTBHS is committed to educating the public about the humane treatment of companion animals.

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#### Northwest U.S. Treaty Tribes Fight Proposed Canada Oil Pipeline That Threatens Salish Sea



Representatives from four Northwest tribes argued against oil spill risks, destructive increases in oil tanker traffic and threats to treaty-reserved fishing rights posed by project

Editor's note: The following is an Earthjustice press release dated January 22, 2016.

An alliance of Northwest U.S. treaty tribes, represented by Earthjustice, presented final arguments today (January 22, 2016) against a proposed new tar sands pipeline in Canada. The TransMountain Pipeline Project, proposed by Texas oil giant Kinder Morgan, calls for tripling the amount of oil shipped from



tar sands fields in Alberta from its present level of approximately 300,000 barrels per day to 890,000 barrels per day to the British Columbia coast.

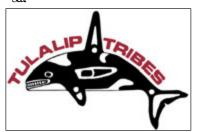
The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Tulalip Tribes, Suquamish Tribe and Lummi Nation joined Canadian First Nations, conservationists, the cities of Vancouver and Burnaby and the Province of British Columbia in a historic effort to reject the pipeline proposal and protect the Salish Sea. The Northwest tribes are opposing the project as intervenors before Canada's National Energy Board, the government body responsible for making a recommendation to the Canadian federal government on the future of the pipeline proposal.

Today's arguments before Canada's National Energy Board represent a critical and final call to safeguard the Salish Sea from increased oil tanker traffic and a greater risk of oil spills. Experts have acknowledged a serious oil spill would devastate an already-stressed marine environment and likely lead to collapses in the remaining salmon stocks, further contamination of shellfish beds and extinction of southern resident killer whales. If approved, the TransMountain Pipeline would instigate an almost seven-fold increase in oil tankers moving through the shared waters of the Salish Sea, paving way for a possible increase in groundings, accidents and oil spills.

"Th e U.S. sovereign nations have treaty-reserved fishing rights and cultural heritage that are put at grave risk by the TransMountain project," said Earthjustice attorney Kristen Boyles, who delivered the final arguments to the NEB on behalf of the U.S. tribes today.

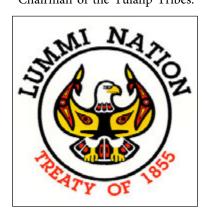


"Yet, TransMountain failed to consider or even talk with the U.S. tribes about their interests, in violation of both Canadian and international law. The tribes decided that they had to go to Canada and speak for themselves in opposing this pipeline." "The Salish Sea has faced the increase of vessel traffic and the potential threat to treaty fishing areas and resources, thus facing a threat of irreparable damage to salmon and shellfish on both sides of the border from a spill or accumulative oil spills," said Swinomish Chairman Brian Cladoosby. "We are speaking directly to the Canadian regulators to highlight the risks of this pipeline to our lives, our culture and the priceless waters of the Salish



"The TransMountain Pipeline expansion threatens the ancient fishing grounds of the Suquamish Tribe. Increased traffic disrupts fishing and the real threat of oil spills puts the Salish Sea at an unreasonable risk. It is our duty as stewards to the Salish Sea to oppose this project," said Suquamish Tribal Chairman Leonard Forsman.

"Our People have always depended upon the Salish Sea for their life and culture. We live in a time where corporations are making major errors in the way they extract natural resources, at all costs and risks," said Chairman Tim Ballew II of the Lummi Nation. "We have to unite, with all others that believe they have no voice. We have to rally together and demand to be heard. There is too much to lose. We praise the (encyclical) statement of Pope Francis and his call for responsible government. As Natives, as aboriginals, as indigenous peoples, we have argued that the Earth is Sacred and we should treat it with respect. We are gambling with the inherited rights of all our children. What type of Earth will we hand over to them, if we fail to speak out! It is amazing that this type of decision can be made without consideration of the impacts to the Treaty Nations immediately south of the border, and in disregard to the interests of the United States itself? It is this disregard that our allies are concerned about. In addition, both the USA and Canada have committed to the duties and obligations of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In light of that duty, we are demanding that consultations be held with all parties impacted." "We have a sacred duty to leave our future generations, our children, our children's children, a healthy world," said Mel Sheldon, Chairman of the Tulalip Tribes.



"We will continue to oppose this project because it further threatens the Salish Sea with reckless increases in oil tanker traffic and increased risk of catastrophic oil spill."

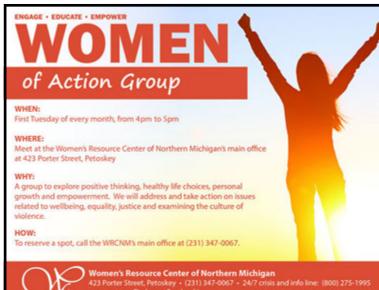
The proposed tar sands pipeline expansion is one of several projects that would dramatically increase the passage of tankers and bulk carriers through the Salish Sea on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border. In addition to oil, regulators in both countries are reviewing controversial proposals to export huge quantities of U.S. coal. Taken together, these projects would greatly increase the risk of oil spills and other accidents that threaten the Coast Salish economies and cultures.

Take a look into our fi ght to protect the Salish Sea: http://earthjustice.org/features/photos-pipeline Read our FAQ on the proposed Kinder Morgan TransMountain pipeline expansion, http://earthjustice.org/sites/default/files/files/TransMountain%20 FAQ%202016.pdf

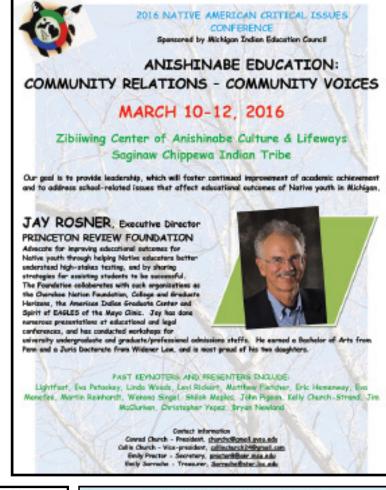
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"Waiting" continued from page 1.

On page 26 of the same book titled, "A History of the Grand Traverse Region, by M.L. Leach, it states: "In 1836 ..... But fourteen years later, the Indians, desiring to adopt the habits of civilization, delegated A.J. Blackbird, of Little Traverse, with one of his people, to ask the government permission so to do, while they retained the privileges of their reservation according to treaty." If you do the math, this visit would have been in 1850. Chief Mwa-ke-wenah would have only been 27 at that time, so it is doubtful he would have been on this visit to Washington as a chief, but more than likely a headman? This citation from the book conflicts with documents found in the National Archives (which are also available online). In these documents, it shows very clearly Chief Mwa-kewenah did in fact go to Washington along with other chiefs in the surrounding area. That year was 1855. Given the use of two different dates, it's possible one is incorrect or that there may have

been more than one visit to Washington. A book titled, "When Michigan was Young: the story of its beginnings, early legends and folklore," by Ethel Rowan Fasquelle, referenced Daniel Wells on page 143. Here is what it states: ".... And they decided to make one more appeal to Washington for their old lands. With this end in view, two of their wise men, Chief Mwa-ke-we-nah, called Daniel Wels by white men, and Andrew Blackbird, an educated Ottawa from Arbre Croche, were selected to go to Washington to intercede for them." I am not able to obtain a date, it is presumed to be in 1855 due to the letters in the National Archive (also online). But the language of the quote, which refers to an additional appeal, may support the prospect that more than one visit to Washington did take place. Obviously, this needs further research.

The following documents appeared in the National Archives that mention Chief Mwakewenah.

January 16, 1855. Memorial and Request by Chippewa and Ottawa to President. This request was a joint attempt by both tribes to make the Superintendent of Indian Affairs know of their wish to be buried next to their forefathers, and so they are asking for monies from Washington to purchase property in those locations. Chief Mwa-kiwina was one of the signatories.

February 27, 1855. 1855 Plea for Information by Ottawa and Chippewa. This plea is an attempt by both tribes to obtain information regarding payments made according to the 1836 treaty and payments made therein. Chief Maw-que-we-naw was one of the delegates from Little Traverse along with Ke-nee-chon-gun and Ke-way-tun-do. This plea was delivered during the visit to Washington by Chief Maw-que-we-naw. At that time, he allegedly met (that event is still being checked for documentation) Congressman John F. Driggs (Congressman from Michigan's 6th District) who was later crucial in his life.

February 28, 1855. February letter to President by Ottawa and Chippewa. This was a letter to the Commission of Indian Affairs and thanking them for their visit and looking forward to a just settlement. Chief Mwa-ki-wina signed as one of the delegates.

July 31, 1855. Treaty with The Ottawa and Chippewa. Chief Mwakewenah along with Chief Waw-so, Chief Ke-ne-me-chaw-gun and headmen Pe-taw-se-gay (Petoskey), May-tway-ondaw-gaw-she, Me-ge-se-mong, Pi-a-zhick-way-we-dong and Kew-way-ken-do signed on behalf of the Little Traverse Bay Bands. Prior to being chief, Chief Mwakewenah was a headman in approximately 1852 as referenced in the book titled, "A History of the Grand Traverse Region," by M.L. Leach, which stated he was later elected as chief (page 129). So, within that three-year period, he was then elected as chief.

November 22, 1855. <u>Little Traverse Plea for Education.</u> This was a letter addressed to the Hon. Marrypenney Superintendent of Indian Affairs requesting monies to educate the children. Chief Ma-ki-wina was one of the signatories along with other individuals from the tribe, including William, Charles and A.J. Blackbird.

After those dates, I have not been able to locate any information of Chief Mwakewenaw until August 15, 1863 when he enlisted in Company K, First Sharpshooters. (Thanks to the assistance from Civil War historian Chris Czopek of Lan-

sing, MI). On May 12, 1864: Chief Mwa-ke-wenah was wounded in action at Spottsylvania, VA, and sent to a hospital in Washington D.C.

On June 5, 1864: Chief Mwakewenah walked on due to his injuries he received.

On June 30, 1864, this article appeared in the newspaper *The Saginaw Enterprise*:

"A Michigan Indian Sharpshooter

Those who saw the passage through Washington of Gen. Burnside's corps will remember the Indian Battalion embraced in it, a body of active, robust young men. They were volunteers from the Ottawas of Michigan, and constituted the1st Michigan sharpshooters. In the fight in the Wilderness this regiment was deployed as skirmishers, and made sad havoc in the rebel ranks, especially among their officers. One of the most noted of the Ottawas was a chief named Mo-ke-we-naw, or as better known to his neighbors in Michigan, Daniel Mo-ke-we-naw. He was very popular with the tribe, and was the principal to enlisting the band. He was skillful in the use of his rifle, and his men say that in the first fight in the Wilderness he killed not less than thirty-two rebels, a number of them officers. Towards the close of the fight, a rebel sharpshooter selected Daniel as a mark - a very prominent one, by the bye, he standing six feet four inches in his moccasins, and proportionately large in frame. The rebel fired, and the ball took effect in Daniel's hand, and he being unable to reload his rifle, left the field. He went to Fredericksburg with the wounded, and thence came to Washington. It was decided by surgeons that a portion of the wounded hand must be amputated. The operation was performed, but death ensued. The body was taken in charge by Hon. John F. Driggs, of Michigan, who had it embalmed by Dr. Thomas Holmes and placed in a handsome coffin, with a plate, upon which was inscribed the name of the chief, the cause of his death, and the date and name of the battle in which it was received .... (and send home).

The remains of the Indian hero arrived in this city, and as there was no means of giving timely information to his people, was temporarily buried in the City Cemetery – doubtless to be removed, at some future time, to the burial place of the Ottawas."

Sometime in June 1864, Congressman Driggs arranged for Chief Mwakewnah's body to be sent home to his people, but they had no way of letting his people know that he was to be delivered, so arrangements were made by Congressman Driggs to have him buried in the local cemetery in Saginaw. Congressman Driggs paid for a brass plate to honor Daniel.

The research regarding Chief Mwakewenah's military records in Company K was by Chris Czopek of Lansing, MI, including obtaining the article from the *Saginaw Enterprise* and the accompanying picture.

We owe it to Chief Mwakewenah to help him continue to make his journey home. It has been 152 years in the making. We know who he is, and where he is buried, so there is no reason not to bring him home.

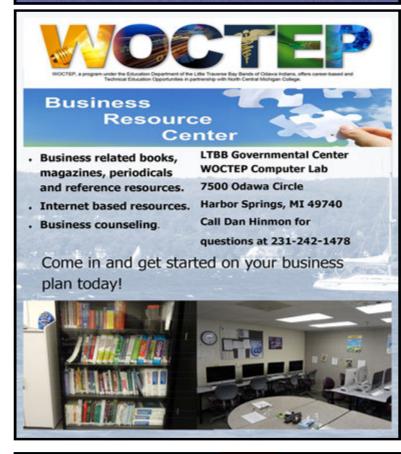
It would be wonderful if the tribe identified his descendants, and they along with others were part of a volunteer commission to bring him home. Resources for funds could be from a Go-FundMe donation page, money from our burial fund or even asking the federal government to help pay the cost of bringing him the rest of the way home (with full military honors) through our state and local representatives.

As a veteran, I feel it is important to bring his body home, so his spirit can be at peace. We need to be in this together as one people to do what is right. Thank you all, and especially to my sister, Sher i Patton, Chris Czopek, PBS and for anyone willing to assist and/or volunteer in this endeavor (Miigwetch). Please contact someone on Tribal Council and voice your opinion or suggestions in this matter. It is not my intention in writing this story to offend anyone only to bring to light something that we should all care about. History is something we all have in common and no one person owns it. It is there for all of us to discover and in some cases like this, make right.

A copy of all references are available through LTBB Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar if anyone would like to review them or they can easily be found online with just a little digging. I encourage anyone interested in researching this further to please do so.



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#### ACROSS

Puzzle on

page 11.

- 3. [I am from] Chicago. / Chicagong ...
- 6. [Aaniipiish/Where] are you from? / ... enjibaayin
- 8. I came from ... / ... ngiibinjibaa.
- 9. movie theatre / mzinaatesjigegamik
- 0 where / Agnilplish
- 10. where / Aaniipiish ...
- 11. a new beginning, a fresh start / shki-maajtaang
- 12. [I'm going] to the store. / Odaawegamigong ...
- 16. I'm going to try. / Ngagwejitoon.
- 17. hotel / gibeshiigamik
- 19. [Aapiish/Where] did you come from? / ... gaanjibaayin?
- 20. Let's start. / Let's begin. / Maajtaadaa.
- 21. [I'm going] to the hotel. / Gibeshiigamigong ...

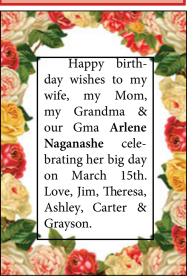
#### DOWN

- 1. It's a new year, first of the year. / Shki-biboon
- 2. [I'm going] to town. /  ${\bf Odaawegamigong}$  ...
- 4. town / odaawegamik
- 5. [I'm going] to the movie theatre. /  ${\bf Mzinaatesjigegamigong}$  ...
- 7. start over; all over again / aanj miinwaa
- 13. I am from ... / ... ndonjibaa.
- 14. store / odaawegamik
- 15. [Aaniipiish/Where] are you going? / ... izhaayin?
- 18. I am going. / Ndizhaa.

# Lines From our Membership



#### Birthdays



Happy birthday toCollin Sutton, who will be 10 years old on March 6th. I love you and am proud of the young man you have become. All My Love, Dad.

Happybirthday to our favorite Auntie Beverly Wemigwase. From all your kids.

Wishing **Raymond Bottoms** a very happy birthday on March 19. Love, from your family.

Happy birthday to **Sharon Sanders** on March 24. Lots of good wishes from brothers, sisters, daughter and grandsons.

On March 6th, our grandson, Collin Sutton, will be 10 years old. You have brought so much joy to our lives, we love you lots and wish you many more years of happiness. Love, Grandpa and Grandma Sutton.

#### Birthdays

Happy birthday to Lulu Beauchamp on March 16 and Chris Beauchamp on March 9. I hope Arizona isn't too cold. From Chilly Willie and all your relatives in the U.P. and around the world.

Happy birthday to Skylyn Keshick on March 23. Have a wonderful day! From Chilly Willy and all your relatives in the U.P.and around the world.

Happy birthday to **Pie** (March 14) and **Yucker** (March 9) celebrating in heaven. From Chilly Willy and all your relatives in the U.P. and around the world.

Happy birthday to our one and only (thank goodness) **Smash** on March 19th! Love you lots! The Gascos.

Happy birthday to my great-grandson, Collin Sutton, whose birthday is March 6th. You are a special boy. Lots of love, GG Petoskey.

Wishing our one and only **Fro** a happy birthday on March 7th. You're the best! The Gascos.

Happy birthday wishes to Elana Naganashe celebrating 20 years on March 15th. Love, your family.

Birthday wishes for Jo Ann Seay. Hoping your special day, March 30, is a great day. From your whole family.

#### Walking On...



Viola V. McNamara, 93

Viola V. McNamara, 93, of Harbor Springs, MI, passed away Monday, February 1, 2016 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. Viola was born May 7, 1922 in Good Hart, MI, the daughter of John P. and Agnes (Gibson) Lasley. She attended school in Good Hart, MI, and Harbor Springs, MI. She married Willard "Bill" Mc-Namara, and the couple made their home in Harbor Springs, MI. He died in 1976. Viola had worked as a cook at Nub's Nob and at Stafford's Bay View Inn and Pier Restaurant. She was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Viola enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Her greatest joy was spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Viola is survived by her son, Dexter, and his wife, Deborah, of Petoskey, MI; her daughter, Cheryl Cranick, and her husband, Bryan, of Harbor Springs, MI; grandchildren, Billy, Derek, Shane and Manice; great-grandchildren, Macklin, Jada, Sophie and Gunnar. Also surviving are her sister, Mary Lou Bowers; and her brothers, John and Duane. Viola was preceded in death by her brothers, Gordon, Stanley, Roger and Milo; and by her sis-

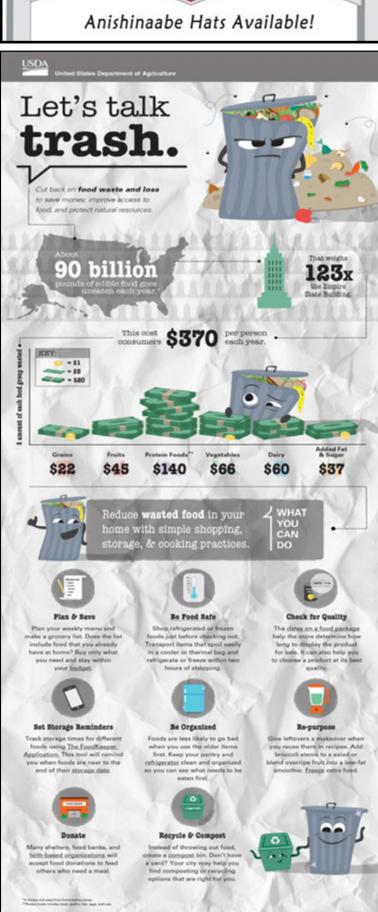
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