



# LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN WENONA SINGEL HONORED BY THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN AMERICAN INDIAN LAW SECTION

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator



The State Bar of Michigan American Indian Law Section recently presented LTBB Tribal Citizen Wenona Singel with the Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award.

The American Indian Law Section presents the Tecumseh Peacekeeping award to an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to protecting the rights of American Indians and/or American Indian nations.

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed Singel as the Deputy Legal Counsel to the Office of the Governor in January 2019, and Singel is the first Native American to hold the position in Michigan. As the Deputy Legal Counsel, Singel serves as an advisor to the governor on tribal affairs and works to strengthen the government to government relationship between Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes and the State of Michigan.

She is currently on leave as an Associate Professor and an Associate Director of the Indigenous Law and Policy Center at Michigan State University. Singel previously served as a board member of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation after her appointment by President Barack Obama and Senate confirmation.

She was an Assistant Professor at the University of North Dakota School of Law and a fellow with the Northern Plains Indian Law Center. She worked in private practice with the firms Kanji & Katzen and Dickinson Wright.

Singel also previously served as the Chief Appellate Justice for both the LTBB Appellate Court and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Appellate Court.

She was the General Counsel for the Grand Traverse Resort and served as a member of the LTBB Economic Development Commission.

Singel graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College and received her Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School.

She and her husband, Matthew Fletcher, have two children. Fletcher is a Professor of Law and the Director of the Indigenous Law and Policy Center at Michigan State University.

Courtesy photo.

# LTBB HOLDS FIRST EVER VIRTUAL ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

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The LTBB Constitution states, "The Tribal Membership, through this document, directs the Executive Branch of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to be responsible to call an annual meeting of the Tribal Membership each Spring."

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, this raised the question of how the annual membership meeting could safely be held as the constitution mandates. Ultimately, the decision was made to hold the meeting virtually via Zoom on September 26, 2020. Approximately 70 people were present at the virtual meeting.

LTBB Community Meeting Speaker Netawn Kiogima welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Maryann Endanawas, Project Instructor/Fluent Speaker in the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department, said a prayer in Anishinaabemowin, and LTBB Tribal Citizen Frank Animikwan performed an opening song on his hand drum.

LTBB Medical Director Dr. Terry Samuels, MD, updated citizens re-



garding COVID-19. He said a tribal management team composed of key leadership positions meet weekly.

"It's a balance of protecting employees and citizens while continuing to provide services to our tribal community," he said.

LTBB Appellate Justice Sean E. Cahill, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, represented the LTBB Judicial Branch and gave its presentation. LTBB Tribal Citizen Allie Greenleaf Maldonado serves as the LTBB Chief Judge, and John J. Lemire, an enrolled member of the Grand Portage Band, Minnesota Chippewa, serves as the LTBB Associate Judge. LTBB Tribal Citizens William Denemy and Frank Ettawageshik also serve as LTBB Ap-



pellate Justices. The Judicial Branch's presentation can be viewed on the Judicial webpage on the LTBB tribal website.

LTBB Tribal Prosecutor Kevin Hesselink next gave his presentation followed by the LTBB Executive Branch presentation given by LTBB Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Unit I Director Phil Harmon and Unit II Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson.

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# ODAWA CASINO CELEBRATES SPORTS BOOK GRAND OPENING

**Editor's note:** The following is an Odawa Casino press release.

Odawa Casino Petoskey celebrated the grand opening of the new Sports Book lounge on October 8, 2020, following the recent addition of sports betting at both Odawa Casino locations.

Following the approval of sports betting in the state of Michigan, Odawa Casino quickly began putting plans into motion to bring the excitement of sports betting to the Petoskey, MI, and Mackinaw City, MI, area.

"The addition of sports betting brings even more excitement to both of our locations. We are delighted that we are able to offer even more entertainment options for our guests. They can get excited about their favorite games, place bets, and even enjoy a drink while watching the big games on all of the brand new, high-definition TVs inside Victories Sports and Entertainment," said Ron Olson, Odawa Casino General Manager.

While Odawa Casino Petoskey features a full Sports Book lounge and betting kiosks, the action also takes place at Odawa Casino Mackinaw City as guests are able to place their sports bets on an all new Sports Book



kiosk located on the gaming floor.

Owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the \$140 million Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, opened in June 2007 and features nearly 1,000 slot machines, table games, multiple dining options, the fabulous new Victories Sports and Entertainment Bar and an off property 137-room hotel. Odawa Casino Mackinaw City opened in May 2016 and is currently in the process of a brand-new expansion for an even higher quality gaming experience.

Courtesy photo.

# LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 10-19-2020 = 4,530

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242-1400

### Health Department

242-1611

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Assistant

242-1401

### Health Clinic

242-1700

### Health

242-1600

### Tribal Council/Legislative Office

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242-1601

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242-1740

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242-1614

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242-1527

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242-1531

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# ODAWA TRAILS



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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 and content.

The deadline for the December 2020 issue of *Odawa Trails* is November 2, 2020.

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

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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### MEET WOCTEP STUDENT ADVISOR MICHAEL MONDOSKIN



Michael Mondoskin recently joined the LTBB Niigaandiwin Education Department as a Student Advisor within the Waganakising Odawa Career & Technical Education Program (WOCTEP).

As a tribal citizen of LTBB, returning to the local community feels like its own accomplishment, and I am thankful for the warm welcome I've received here. I recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a Bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate in

Music Education.

I also enjoy writing, receiving some academic recognition for my piece, "How to Get Over Stage Fright" (1st Place Creative Nonfiction category, 19-20 UAH Creative Writing Awards) and my paper "Louis Ballard and American Indian Representation in Music" (paper-presentation, 2019 NCUR Conference in Atlanta, GA).

I'm thrilled to be working for LTBB in northern Michigan and look forward to working on current and future projects.

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### WOCTEP OFFERS DEGREE PROGRAMS YOU CAN COMPLETE IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME

Would you like to go to school without leaving your home?

WOCTEP supports these degree programs at Bay Mills Community College:

- Business Administration AA
- Office Administration AAS
- Early Childhood Education AAS

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WOCTEP eligibility is based on household income.



WOCTEP can assist with:  
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Student Fees

Books and Course Materials listed on master syllabus (by re-imbursement)

Certification exam fee reimbursement

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Personable student advising  
Contact Chris Polasky, Michael Mondoskin or Jon Anthony in WOCTEP to learn more! 231-242-1489

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### TRIBAL CITIZENS & DESCENDANTS CAN EARN WHILE THEY LEARN!

College isn't for everyone training programs can be expensive, lengthy and difficult to manage with a job, a family or with life in general – but vocational training can be! The Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training (NIT) program is designed to address these barriers for students enrolled in high demand STEM-related programs. What does this mean for our community members? The NIT Program provides students money to complete the short-term training necessary for high paying jobs located right here in northern Michigan!

The NIT program has worked closely with area manufacturers and grant partners to identify key business sectors within northern Michigan that are growing rapidly. These relationships help our program link students to profitable careers and growth opportunities with area businesses. Focusing on these regions of growth, the NIT program targets condensed trainings that develop the necessary skillsets in students looking to jumpstart their new career without having to commit to extended degree programs.

Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training-approved programs are offered through North Central Michigan College (NCMC) in Petoskey, MI, and the Industrial Arts Institute (IAI) in Onaway, MI. Both of these institutions of higher learning tailor their programs to meet the needs of the growing manufacturing industry in our area. Trainings can be completed in a year or less and provide students the opportunity to also earn industry-recognized credentials which give an advantage in the hiring process.

When completing a NIT-approved program, students will develop the skillsets necessary to make them more employable with northern Michigan businesses. The NIT Program and its grant partners will work to connect students with opportunities for employment through NCMC's state-of-the-art Career Development Center and hiring events. Not only can students obtain training locally, but most importantly, they can become employed locally through our program!

To further ensure the success of our students,

the NIT program offers several different forms of assistance to support students with the costs associated with enrolling into a NIT-approved vocational program. Eligible students will receive tuition and textbook assistance, required course equipment, an **hourly stipend of \$12.75/hr**, mileage reimbursement and/or coverage of related training costs. All applicants will also receive program incentives for enrolling into and completing a NIT-approved course of study.

The main goal of the Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training Program is to promote and sustain economic stability within the LTBB community. **Program preference is given to indigenous students or individuals of Native American/Hawaiian or Pacific Islander descent. Descendancy refers to anyone who directly descends from original tribal people, regardless of blood quantum or tribal nation.**

Preference is also given to applicants who are residing in the Tri-County area (Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties), veterans, high school students, individuals between the ages of 16 to 49 years old and those who are underemployed, unemployed or belong to displaced households. However, everyone is welcome to apply!

Students must be enrolled in one of the five NIT-approved programs of study to be eligible to receive assistance.

**Industrial Arts Institute** Comprehensive Industrial Welding Program  
Work-Based Welding Program - Cancelled for 2020

**North Central Michigan College** Computer Numeric Control (CNC) Certificate

Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) Certificate  
Mechatronics Certificate – Coming Fall 2021

Are you ready to make your next career move and increase your earning potential? If so, please contact Kerstine Bennington at 231-242-1485 or kbennington@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov for more information. Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training looks forward to working with you!

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- MECHATRONICS - Available Fall 2021
- WELDING

The Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training (NIT) Program provides financial assistance to eligible students pursuing education in the following STEM-related programs. Assistance can include, but is not limited to, tuition, course material, transportation, and training costs.

For more information, please contact the LTBB Niigaandiwin Education Department.  
Phone: (231) 242-1485 Email: kbennington@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



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# November Elders Birthdays

## November 1

Yvonne Eastman  
Albert Schwiderson  
Edward Burch, Jr.

## November 2

James Gaus  
Wanda Elzinga  
Ramona Gall  
Walter Page, Jr.  
George Anthony  
Joyce Munson  
Michael Skippergosh

## November 3

Richard Washegesic  
Cynthia Greensky  
Dexter McNamara  
Russell Menefee  
Russell Worthington

## November 4

Chris Paulsen  
Joseph Nadeau, Jr.  
Chester Eagleman, Jr.  
Carol Rinko

## November 5

Ramona Sachtler  
Dorothy Dyer  
Anne Taylor  
Lynne Holiday

## November 6

Rita Serva  
Elizabeth Talamantez  
Maureen Kilpatrick

## November 7

Neoma Hallett  
Judith Nuytten  
George Portman, Jr.  
Katherine Martin  
Lawrence Couillard

## November 8

Judy Hernandez-Martin  
Eileen Yeager  
Edwin Fluette

## November 9

James Teuthorn  
Rosalee Star Chief  
Edward Crossett  
Renee Dillard

## November 10

Frank Francis  
Philip Ramage  
Elaine Willis

## November 11

Jerome Skippergosh  
Mark Demoinis, Sr.  
John Parks  
Shelly Solinski  
Elizabeth Williamson

## November 12

Paul Sharkey  
Marcelino Bernard, Sr.

## November 13

Theresa LeClair  
Toni Krzesowiak  
Kathy Heilman  
Cynthia Sloan  
Robert Sky-Eagle

## November 14

Bernice Olson  
William Teuthorn  
Patricia Reedy

## November 15

Edward VanValkinburg  
Cecilia Bernard  
Mary McLaughlin  
Flora Shears  
Geneva Liebenberg

## November 16

Mary Kraemer

## November 17

Rose DeLand  
Susan Christie  
Michael Fetterhoff  
Kahtnee Tobasageshik  
John Tyo

## November 18

Maria Godfrey  
David Portman  
Cinthia Szucs

## November 19

Robert Sebeck  
Harold Demoinis  
Debra Riley

## November 20

Shane Paulsen  
Larry Leo  
Joan Sobbe

## November 21

Cecil Williamson  
Amanda Meshekey

## November 22

Edward Paul  
Michael Harper  
Jill Haley  
Jon Petoskey  
Linda Keway  
Patricia Walker  
Daniel Hemenway

## November 23

Kimberly Williams  
Bruce Kahgee  
Marian Sedlak  
Allan Kesick  
Cynthia Gilbert

## November 24

Mary Kiogima  
John Denemy, Jr.  
Mark Kishego II

## November 25

Gilbert Young  
Anthony Keller  
Daniel Praschan

## November 26

Julia Shananaquet

## November 27

Mary VanEeno  
Jane Schertzing  
Nancy Ortiz  
William Hoar  
Ann Reed  
Barry Minor

## November 28

Darlene Rowland  
Velda Ries  
Mary LaFord

## November 29

Cheryl Seymour  
Charlyne Carss  
Gary Miller

## November 30

Joseph Beaver  
Barbara Sharkey  
Mark Kosequat

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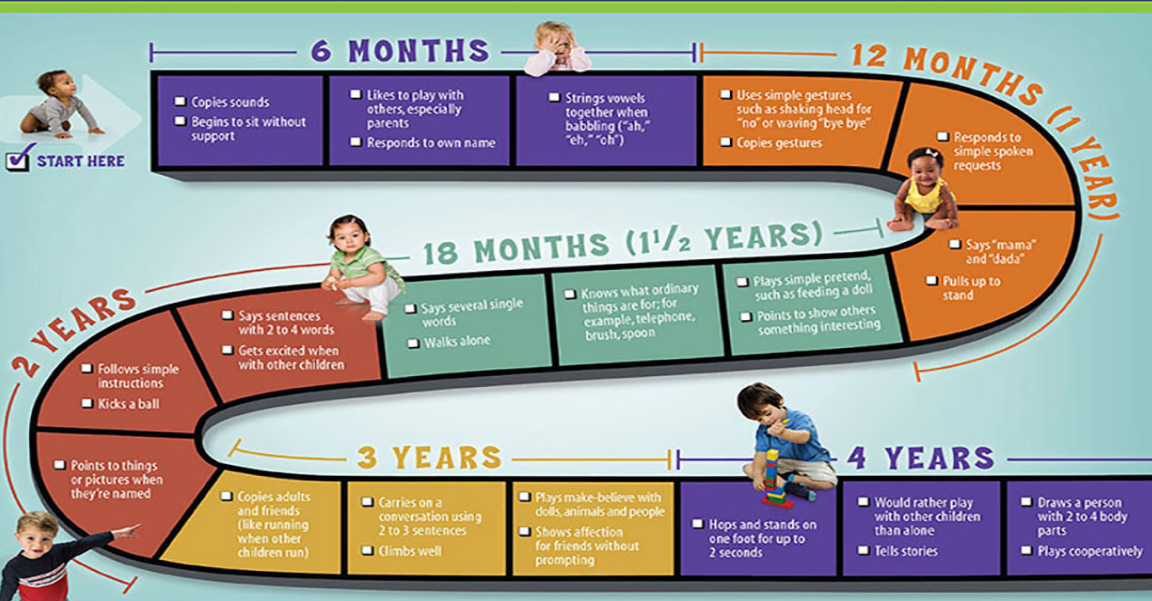
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# WOCTEP AND NIT SEEK COMMUNITY INPUT

The Waganakising Odawa Career & Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) and the Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training (NIT) have designed a survey to understand the unique needs and interests of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa commu-



nity to ensure our program services are relevant and effective in serving our people. The collection of this data will assist our programs in identifying potential educational barriers and gauging community interest in areas that may be eligible to become WOCTEP and/or NIT-supported fields of study. Participants who complete a survey and provide contact information will be entered into a drawing for a chance to receive an Eighth Generation blanket.

You can complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LTBBSurvey2020>

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### LTBB EDUCATION'S TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS

Little Traverse Bay Bands Of Odawa Indians 1h ago

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**CULTURAL** - Updates from Cultural Services.  
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# EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



The weather has cooled down, and the election seems to be on everyone's mind.

It's often overlooked that self-government in America was practiced by the Odawa people long before the formation of the United States. Yet, we have faced centuries of struggle before acquiring legal protection of our voting rights. So, I am encouraging all of you to get out and vote! Call your friends and family and encourage them to vote. Vote by

mail in ballot if you cannot make it to the polls, we need our voice to be heard. If we want changes, we have to vote, and our vote has the power to make or break elections.

Our staff continues to process COVID relief paperwork, please be sure to get that to the Human Services Department.

The holidays are fast approaching, and I hope you are able to spend some time with your family.

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Attendance at Various Meetings and Events		Emily Proctor	Julie Shananaquet	Marcella Reyes	Tamara Kiogima	Melissa Pamp	Leroy Shomin	Marty VanDeCar	Fred Kiogima	Fred Harrington, Jr.
<b>DATE</b>	<b>September 2020</b>									
9/1/20	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9/3/20	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9/8/20	Appropriations and Finance Committee	X	X	X		X	X			
9/11/20	Land and Reservation Committee	X		X		X			X	
9/15/20	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9/17/20	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9/24/20	Appropriations-Finance Committee Special Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs										

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

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"It does not require many words to speak the truth."  
 - Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA FOR RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS

Listed are the townships that are included in the LTBB Tax Agreement Area. In order to receive the Resident Tribal Member benefits, your principle address must be within the Tax Agreement Area and must be on file with the Enrollment Department. Please take note of the townships denoted with an asterisk (\*) as these are only partially included in the Tax Agreement Area. If you already live in the Tax Agreement Area and are not utilizing the Resident Tribal Member benefits, please contact the LTBB DOC Office, so I can go over these with you.

A map of the Tax Agreement Area can be found on the LTBB website under the Commerce section. The DOC Office is also available to help citizens determine whether or not their address falls into the Tax Agreement Area. DOC can be reached by calling 231-242-1584 or by e-mailing DOC@ltbboda-

wa-nsn.gov. Miigwech. – Hayden Hooper, Department of Commerce Director.

### LTBB Tax Agreement Area Townships

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

### 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!

### Department of Commerce Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

#### LTBB Tax Agreement Area Townships

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

1. Sales/Use Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013 + TCE
2. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
3. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
4. \*Motor Fuel Tax
5. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)
6. Tax on Utilities – such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service

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

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

\* The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

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

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

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

## REQUEST FOR TCE - TIMELINE REMINDER

The LTBB Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind all Resident Tribal Members to please submit all Requests for TCEs prior to making the actual purchase(s). Due to the many areas of verification that occur with a TCE Request, DOC has up to 96 hours to process a completed Request once all backup and necessary information has been received – provided there are no issues found during the verification processes or circumstances that happen beyond our control (i.e., power outages, etc.).

Please make an effort to submit your Requests

within the 96-hour timeframe, so that there is a sufficient amount of time to complete the verification processes. While we do understand that sometimes this may not be possible – this should be a last resort situation and we ask that you please reach out to us as soon as possible if you do have a unique circumstance that does not allow you to submit your Request in advance. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the TCE process – please contact the LTBB DOC office at 231-242-1584 or by e-mail at DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Miigwech – Hayden Hooper, Department of Commerce Director.

## NEW INFORMATION FOR RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS

Starting in 2021, the form used for the Annual Sales Tax Credit, commonly referred to as the Form 4013, will no longer be automatically distributed to Resident Tribal Members (RTMs). Most programs that are used for e-filing your taxes or programs used by professional tax preparers, will automatically generate the Form 4013 upon selecting that you are a Resident Tribal Member.

For those who do not e-file, do not use a tax preparer or those who prefer to have a paper copy of the Form 4013 – this will still be available **upon request**. You must contact the LTBB DOC Office and request the Form 4013 if you would like it to be mailed (or e-mailed) to you. Again, this form will no longer be automatically distributed to RTMs. The LTBB DOC Office can be reached at 231-242-1584 or by e-mail at DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. We are accepting requests now and will have a mailing list going for those who would like to receive a paper copy (mail or e-mail).

Please be advised the State of Michigan does a verification on Resident Tribal Member status, so this form should only be used if you are a Resident Tribal Member and your address with the Enrollment Department reflects this. Please keep in mind you may only claim exemption for the number of months in which you resided in the Tax Agreement Area, and your RTM status does not take effect until the 1st day of the following month in which you

moved in and updated your address with the Enrollment Department. For example, if you moved into the Tax Agreement Area on October 15th and updated your address with Enrollment on that date – you would be considered a Resident Tribal Member as of November 1st, and would claim two months of exemption on the Form 4013 (the months of November and December). It is very important your address is updated with the Enrollment Department because the State of Michigan will reject the Form 4013 filing if they find your address is not accurate with the Enrollment Department.

For any Resident Tribal Members who are unaware of the purpose of the Form 4013 – this form is used to obtain the annual sales tax credit per our Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan. The Form 4013 is filed with your Michigan Income Taxes, and the credit is given based on a formula using your adjusted gross income. It is to your advantage to submit this form, so you may receive your annual credit. If you have any questions on this form, including how to submit – please contact the LTBB DOC Office at 231-242-1584 or by e-mail at DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. You may also contact the LTBB DOC Office if you are unsure whether or not you are a Resident Tribal Member or how many months you would be considered as such.

Miigwech – Hayden Hooper, Department of Commerce Director.

Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
<b>Replacement/Expired Cards</b> A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to Elders.	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Tribal Directory</b> Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/28/2017 Published every 4 years.	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Tribal Directory Labels</b> Requestor must provide labels.	<b>\$5</b>
<b>LTBB List</b> The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Photocopies of Enrollment file</b> <b>First 3 copies free, \$1 for each page thereafter.</b>	<b>\$1 ea</b>
<b>Marriage License Application</b> <b>Certified Copies: \$10</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Photo Copies: \$5</b>	
<b>Tribal Notary Application</b> <b>Surety Bond: \$125 (Payable: Brownrigg Companies LTD)</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Services</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Enrollment Applications.</li> <li>➤ Address Change Forms.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.</li> <li>○ Minors require notarization annually.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Tribal Directory.</li> <li>➤ Marriage License Application.</li> <li>➤ Tribal Notary Application.</li> <li>➤ Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.</li> <li>➤ BIA – 4432 Indian Preference Form.</li> <li>➤ Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.</li> <li>➤ Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.</li> </ul>	

## Need to update your address?

When you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an Address Verification Form.

Address Verification and many other Enrollment forms are also available at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). They can be found in the Forms Directory or on the Enrollment page of the website.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address form for any minor children.

If you are the custodial parent of a minor, please provide proof by documentation.

Upon reaching the age of 18, an Adult Address Verification form must be completed. Failure to do so may result in a delay of per capita payment.

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

Minor verification forms must be signed and notarized.

Adult verification forms must be signed and either witnessed or notarized, depending on your address.

Contact the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521, 231-242-1520 or by e-mail [enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

## Please Note:

Changeable address forms are available for LTBB Citizens at [www.tinyurl.com/ltbbenrollmentforms](http://www.tinyurl.com/ltbbenrollmentforms). The forms must be printed and signed by the Tribal Citizen and hard copies returned to Enrollment. We still require the form to be witnessed or notarized depending on your address.

LTBB Enrollment Office 231-242-1521

# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

## THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE HAS A NEW MAIL DROP BOX

It is located to the left of the front doors of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. We will have limited quantities of adult and minor address forms and COVID Emergency Living Assistance Applications stocked. **\*\*Weather Permitting\*\***

We will happily set aside an envelope with any specific form(s) you may need as well. Just give our office a call, and we will be more than happy to try to accommodate you.

All Enrollment services are available by appointment only. You may call or e-mail to work with our staff.

231-242-1521, 231-242-1522, 231-242-1520 or [enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)



# COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

## Christmas Coloring Contest Rules

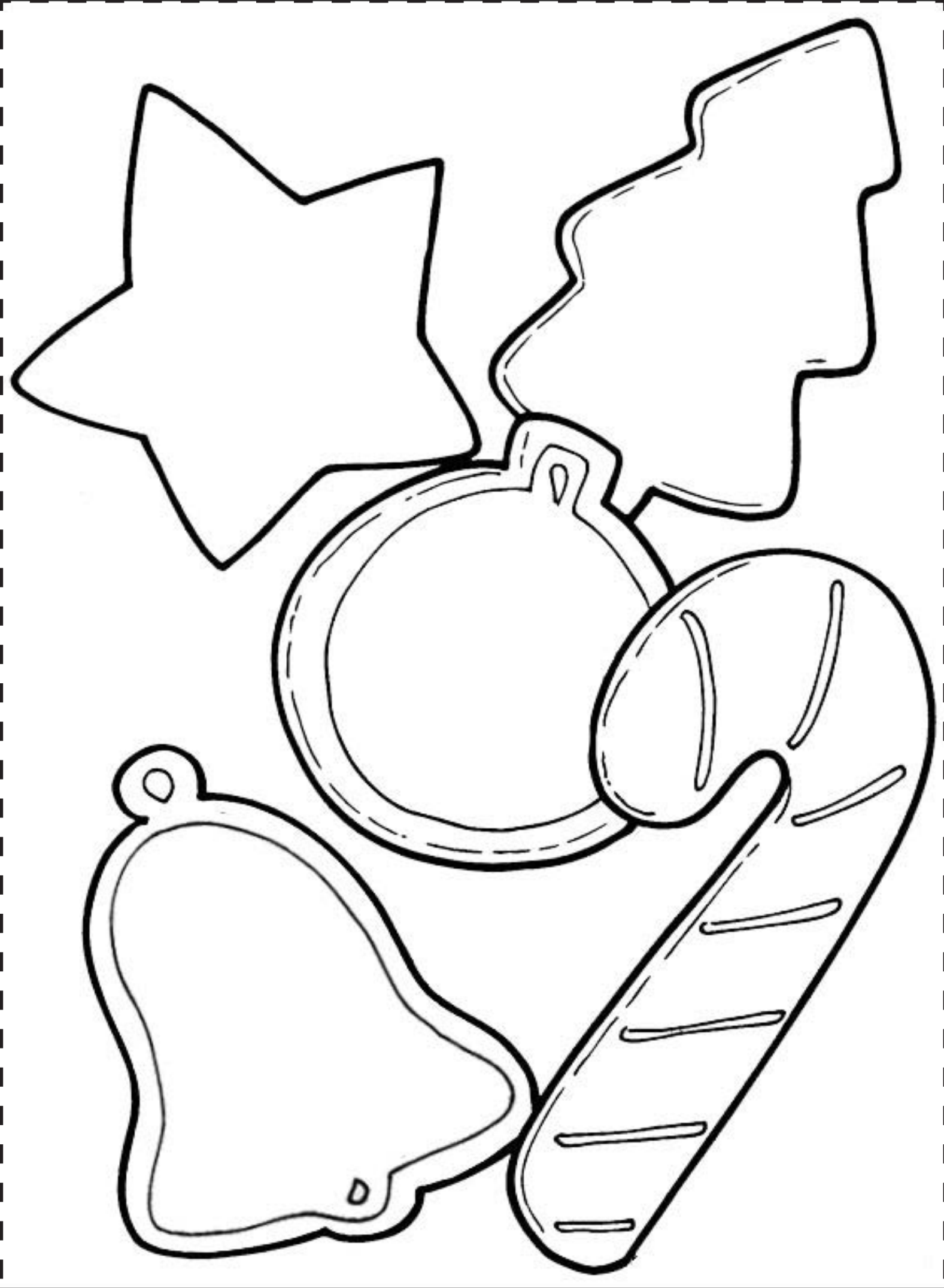
**Crayons \* Markers \* Paint \* Stickers \* Colored Pencils \* Glitter \* You choose!**

Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.

- Limit one submission per child.
- All entries must be the original size.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. **No exceptions!**

• All mailed entries must be postmarked by November 30, 2020. **No exceptions!**

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



**What have you been doing to occupy your time during the Stay Home, Stay Safe period?**

Please submit your photograph with short description if necessary along with your name to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov to be included in a section in the Odawa Trails newsletter. Any questions, please send them to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

### 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, 2017, 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.

### THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Branch of Service

This information will be used by the Grants Department.

Megwetch, Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_





# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARDS MORE THAN \$5 MILLION IN GRANTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVE CRIME VICTIMS IN WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

**Editor's note:** The following is a U.S. Attorney's Office of the Western District of Michigan press release.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Birge announced today (September 30, 2020) that, as part of a national rollout, the Department of Justice awarded \$5,174,318 in grants to improve public safety, serve victims of crime and support youth programs in tribal communities in the Western District of Michigan.

"American Indian and Alaska Native communities experience rates of violent crime and domestic abuse that are among the highest in the nation," said Attorney General William P. Barr. "The awards announced today underscore the Department of Justice's deep commitment to improving public safety in tribal communities throughout the United States. This administration will continue to work closely with our tribal partners to guarantee that they have the resources they need to combat violence and bring criminals to justice."

"The Department of Justice has a special responsibility when it comes to helping federally recognized Tribes keep their communities safe," explained U.S. Attorney Birge. "These resources underscore that commitment."

A total of more than \$103 million is being awarded to tribes across the country under the Justice Department's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS). CTAS supports activities which enhance law enforcement and tribal justice practices, expand victim services and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts. CTAS grants are administered by the Department's Office of Justice Programs (\$41.5 million), Office on Violence Against Women (\$39.1 million) and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (\$22.5 million).

An additional \$113 million is being awarded to 133 applicants nationwide under the Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program. This program, managed by OJP's Office for Victims of Crime, is designed to help tribes develop, expand and



improve services to victims of crime and promote other public safety initiatives.

"Public safety officials and victim service providers in Indian country face exceptional challenges, but they bring to their work an extraordinary array of skills and resources that enable them to meet and overcome any obstacle," said OJP Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan. "The Office of Justice Programs is proud to help fulfill Attorney General Barr's strong commitment – and the federal government's long-standing responsibility – to our tribal partners in the matter of their citizens' safety and wellbeing."

In addition to the CTAS and Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside awards, the Office on Violence Against Women is making additional tribal awards of more than \$31 million to support a wide range of efforts to address the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking.

"OVW's funding supports Native American and Alaska Native communities as they work across their communities to prevent and respond to gender based violence," said OVW Principal Deputy Director Laura L. Rogers. "These awards represent the strong commitment that OVW has made to help protect the most vulnerable members of tribal communities."

Additional awards to support tribal public safety efforts are being made by OJP and the COPS Office. These grants will provide community policing training and other training and technical assistance. Awards will also address the needs of tribal youth, fund tribal reentry efforts, help tribes combat substance abuse and manage sex offenders

and support tribal research. In addition, funds support efforts in 17 tribal communities to address the challenges posed by the outbreak of COVID-19.

"Ensuring our nation's tribal communities have the resources they need is paramount for the COPS Office and the Department of Justice," said COPS Office Director Phil Keith. "These awards are a critical component to the overall public safety strategy for tribal law enforcement and the COPS Office is honored to provide vital resources to hire more sworn officer positions, advance tribal training and procure equipment needed to keep communities safe."

The following tribes in the Western District of Michigan received funding:

**Bay Mills Indian Community \$461,941**

Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS)

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community \$900,000**

Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program (OVW)

**Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians \$251,841**

Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program (OVW)

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians \$299,815**

Tribal Youth Program (OJJDP)

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians \$416,033**

Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program (OVW)

**Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi \$658,507**

Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS)

**Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians \$836,284**

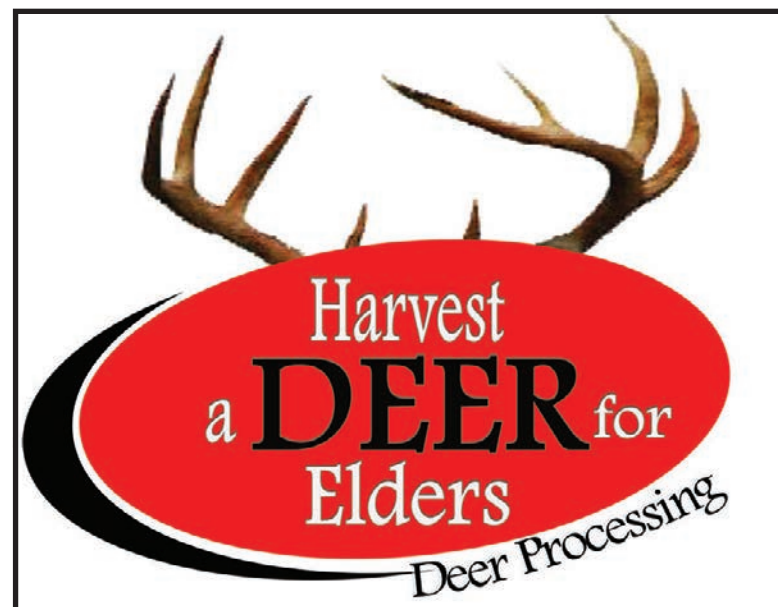
Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program (OVW)

**The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians \$1,349,987**

Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse (BJA) - \$899,897

Children's Justice Act Partnership for Indian Communities (OVC) - \$450,000

*Courtesy graphic.*



Donate your deer for:

**LTBB Elder Citizens**

**DROP OFF AT:** Walloon Village General Store & Deli  
4036 South State Street  
Walloon Lake, MI  
231-535-2471

Questions? Please call LTBB Human Services at 231-242-1620

**SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES**

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Department of Human Services  
is searching for foster homes!

If you, or someone you know, have the time and desire to become a foster parent for our youth, please contact the LTBB Department of Human Services at 231-242-1620

**DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LTBB U.S.D.A. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM?**

Please call our office to see if we are able to help you!  
Call Monday - Friday  
8 am to 5 pm at 231-242-1620.

\*food distribution varies depending on availability

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**NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE? WE CAN HELP!**

**APPLICANT DOCUMENTS**

- \* TRIBAL ID
- \* SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- \* 30 DAYS PROOF OF INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- \* SUPERVISOR SIGNED WORK/SCHOOL SCHEDULE
- \* PROVIDER AGREEMENT

**LICENSED PROVIDERS**

- \* COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE

**UNLICENSED PROVIDERS**

- \* STATE ISSUED ID
- \* ABILITY TO PASS ANNUAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

LITTLE TRVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
911 SPRING STREET, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

## NOVEMBER 2020 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 3pm

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

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

Deliveries:

Local: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Peshawbestown: 18<sup>th</sup>

Traverse City: 24<sup>th</sup>

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



**Al-Anon Meetings**

LTBB Health Park, every Wednesday 7-8 pm

Use the right back door for entrance and parking.

**Al-Anon Family Groups**  
Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers

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

HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN IN TOUCH WITH LTBB CULTURE



For information on how you can become a foster parent, please call the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Department of Human Services at 231-242-1620.

# 5 *super easy* Crock Pot Dinners



## GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

### BAASHKAAKODIN GIIZIS, FREEZING MOON, NOVEMBER

By Maryann Endanawas, Project Instructor/  
Fluent Speaker

Midaaso-shi-beshik giizis maaba ebit giizis mizinaagning.

This is the eleventh moon of the calendar year.

Mii maanda pii zhitaang wiibiboong.

It's a time of preparation for the winter season.

Kina wayaa zhiitaa, gewii shkakimikwe, wesiin-

hag, bineshiinak, nbiing eyaajik, minwaa bemood-ejik.

Everyone gets ready, even mother earth, animals, birds, water creatures and the crawlers.

Mii maanda pii nakaazyiing bekaadziwin, naanaagdowndimang, nibaawaat nebaajik gojiing, wiizhiitaawaad shkibimaadziwin minookmik.

This is a time for preparation of quietness as all nature is sleeping to gain new life for the spring.

### KIDS 7 MINUTE HIIT WORK OUT FOR SELF-REGULATION

Set an interval timer and complete each animal movement for 45 seconds, with 15 seconds of rest in between. Do as many as you can!



#### FROG JUMPS

Hop, hop, back and forth like a frog



#### BEAR WALK

Hands & feet on the floor, hips high - walk left and right



#### GORILLA SHUFFLE

Sink into a low sumo squat, with hands on the floor, shuffle around the room.



#### STARFISH JUMPS

Jumping jacks as fast as you can, with arms and legs spread wide.



#### CHEETAH RUN

Run in place, as FAST as you can! Just like the fastest animal in the Sahara.



#### CRAB CRAWL

Sit and place your palms flat on the floor behind you near your hips. Lift up off the ground and crawl.



#### ELEPHANT STOMPS

March in place lifting your knees as high as you can and stomping the ground as hard as you can!

RAISING AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSON  
[HTTPS://HES-EXTRAORDINARY.COM](https://hes-extraordinary.com)

**If you or a loved one is a victim of Domestic Violence, help is available.**

National Resource Center  
on Domestic Violence  
1-800-799-7233

Stronghearts Native  
Helpline  
844-762-8483

National Domestic  
Violence Hotline  
1-800-799-7233

LTBB Survivor  
Outreach  
231-242-1628

LTBB Behavioral  
Health  
231-242-1640

Women's Resource  
Center  
231-347-0082 or  
1-800-275-1995

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### SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

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 and Referrals ~ Court Accompaniment ~ Relocation Assistance ~ Clothing / Toiletries

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

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

"THIS DOCUMENT WAS DEVELOPED BY THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES SUPPORTED BY GRANT NO. 2012-TW-AX-0034 AWARDED BY THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE OPINIONS, FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS PUBLICATION/PROGRAM/EXHIBITION ARE THOSE OF THE AUTHOR(S) AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN."

**Namewin (a prayer)**

\_\_\_ndizhnikaaz, (My name is) \_\_\_ndodem, (My clan is)

Gizhemnido, semaa nminjigonaa nmiigwechwendam minwaa ngoding giizis gibinaabid.

Creator, I offer my tobacco and give thanks for the sun rising again today.

**Miigwech ezhiginaajwit Shkakmikwe.**

I give thanks for the beauty of Mother Earth.

Aasgaabwitowishin pane wiinakaazyaaanh gdinwewninaa minwaa ninda gechitwaawendaag'kin kinoomaadwinan.

Guide me, so I will continue to speak our language and live by our sacred teachings.

**Naagdownenim e'aakozijik minwaa engaazijik.**

Take care of those who are sick and those who struggle.

**Semaa ngabigidnaa ezhimiigwechwendamaa.**

I will offer my tobacco in thanksgiving.

**Miigwech kina gegoo minwaa kina wiyaa.**

Thank you for everything and everyone.



**LTBB GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES...**

Beginning Level 1 Language Free Online Zoom Class Starting Fall 2020  
Learn the Basics for Very New Beginners  
Tuesdays, 3 - 4:30 pm  
To register, send your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to: [langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
Check our "LTBB Anishinaabemowin" Facebook group for announcements.  
*All are welcome to join our current Beginning Level 2 class, Thursdays, 3 - 4:30 pm, see details in "LTBB Anishinaabemowin" Facebook group.*

**LTBB Anishinaabemowin**

Find us on **facebook**

Dengwe-Mzinigan: Face-Book  
Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department hosts Facebook Group called "LTBB Anishinaabemowin."

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

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

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

**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](mailto:cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)


**BEZHNIK GWETAGO (JUST ONE ONLY)**

Play together at home. Learn lingo for the Uno card game. If you would like the game sheets, e-mail [langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) and we'll e-mail them to you.


# Bezhik Gwetago



Taadwin	Card		
Taadwinak	Cards		
Taagewok.	They are playing.		
Daashjigen.	Shuffle. (the cards)		
Nswe'okiin. / Nswe'aaschigin.	Deal.		
Baashkikaash.	Skip. (turn)	Giintam.	Your turn.
Nibskaabiin.	Go back. (reverse)	Niintam.	My turn.
Bgidnigen.	Discard (put down a card)	Wiintam.	Her (or his) turn.
Bgidish.	Discard (put down animate object)		
Ngabigidnaa.	I'm going to discard. (let go, offer)		
Zhaazhigo ngiisaa.	I already put it (there).	Kaagego	0
Kaawiin gwaya ndowaasii.	I don't have any. (anyone)	Bezhik	1
Kaa maamda.	Can't. (I can't, you can't, He can't)	Niizh	2
Daapin (niizh).	Pick up (two).	Nswe	3
Daapish.	Pick (it) up. (animate, imperative)	Niiwin	4
Daapinigen.	Pick up.	Naanan	5
Ngadaapinaa bezhik.	I'll pick up one.	Ngodwaaswe	6
Ngadaapinaak (niizh).	I'll pick up (two) - more than one.	Niizhwaaswe	7
Aaniish enaazat?	What color?	Nshwaaswe	8
Nga'aanja enaazad.	I'll change the color.	Zhaangsw	9
_____ ndikid.	I say _____ . (name color)		
Bezhik gwetago!	One only!		
Ngiizhiitaa!	I'm done!		
Noonj Enaandeg	Different Colors (Wild Card)		
Ezaawaazid	the Yellow one		
Emskwaazid	the Red one		
Emakadewzid	the Black one		
Ewaabshkaazid	the White one		
Ezhaawshkwaazid	the Green one		
Egiizhigowaazid	the Blue one (color of the sky)		
Emiinaazid	the blue/purple one (color of the blueberry)		



# PHOTOGRAPHY



The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Gijigowi Language Department is looking for photos from the membership to use in their online language class. Go to [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Lang/GijigowiAnishinaabemowin.html](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Lang/GijigowiAnishinaabemowin.html) for a list of photos we are in need of.

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

For More Information Contact Eva Oldman at [eoldman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:eoldman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Message: GIN (YOU)

Subject: Bibezhik Kidwin

**Bibezhik Kidwin - One Word at a Time. AUDIO ATTACHED**

LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department would like to add you to our Bibezhik Kidwin e-mail list. A word or phrase is sent each work day and includes mp3 audio, so you can hear the word sounded out. Just another little tool to learn and practice Anishinaabe Language! To be added to the list, e-mail Carla Osawamick at [cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

You've Got Mail

# NATIVE NEWS

## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS (LTBB) IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM TRIBAL CITIZENS FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF CARES ACT FUNDING

To claim a dependent, they must have the same address as the applicant.  
**PLEASE MAIL, E-MAIL OR FAX COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**  
LTBB ATTN: Human Services, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Fax 231-242-1635 e-mail: DHSApplications@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**  
Questions on this application?  
Please contact the Human Services Department DHS at 231-242-1620  
Application required per updated Department of Treasury Guidelines.



### LTBB COVID-19 Emergency Living Assistance Deadline December 1, 2020

First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal ID \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Include all LTBB Citizen Minor Children living in the household *attach additional pages if needed***

Name	DOB	Tribal ID #	Relationship

#### Reason for Request and Showing of Need, check one or both of the boxes:

- Unanticipated losses or reduction of income from employment, business interruption or other revenue sources, in the form of reduced or shorter work hours, cut in salary or pay, furlough, reduce capacity, limited hours of operations, infected with COVID-19, quarantined or assisted an immediate family member who has been infected with COVID-19 or quarantined, stay at home orders, and unable to work due to having to take care of children that were required to stay at home from school as a result of school closures.
- Unanticipated additional expenditures including sanitizing supplies, personal protection equipment, increased food costs, increased utility costs, increased health-care or medical expenses, cost related to online education, distance learning, teleworking, funerals and other general health and welfare expenses related to the COVID-19 Emergency Disaster.

Citizens must retain records of losses or reduction of income in the form of W-2, 1099, paycheck stubs, business records or other documentation and records or receipts of expenditures included sanitizing supplies, personal protection equipment, food, utilities, health-care or medical expenses, online education, distance learning, teleworking, funerals and other general health and welfare expenses related to the COVID-19 Emergency Disaster.

**SUCH RECORDS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2025 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OIG RECORD KEEPING**

#### GUIDANCE

*Signing this application, for myself or as parent/guardian, I CERTIFY that I or my child/ward meet the eligibility for the COVID -19 Emergency Disaster Relief Payment Program criteria. For auditing purposes I further agree to maintain all receipts documenting my expenditures, which I will provide to LTBB upon request. I acknowledge that any funds I use improperly are subject to recoupment.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY Vendor# \_\_\_\_\_ AP Review \_\_\_\_\_  
Controller \_\_\_\_\_

Received HS \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Honoring  
Our Past.  
Creating Hope  
for the Future.**

#### WE CAN HELP

Victim service providers help victims rebuild their lives. We can help you learn about your legal rights and options, cope with the impact of crime, access victim compensation, develop a safety plan, and navigate the criminal justice and social service systems.

#### DIRECT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

- Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline  
800-4-A-CHILD
- Cyber Civil Rights Initiative  
844-878-2274
- Love Is Respect  
866-331-9474, TTY 866-331-8453
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving  
877-MADD-HELP
- National Domestic Violence Hotline  
800-799-SAFE, TTY 800-787-3224
- National Human Trafficking Hotline  
888-373-7888, TTY 711
- National Runaway Safeline  
800-RUNAWAY
- Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.  
888-818-POMC
- Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network  
800-656-HOPE
- Pathways to Safety International  
833-SAFE-833
- StrongHearts Native Helpline  
844-7NATIVE
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
800-273-8255, TTY 800-799-4889
- The Trevor Project  
866-488-7386
- Veterans Crisis Line  
800-273-8255 x1, TTY 800-799-4889

#### INFO & REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS

- Battered Women's Justice Project  
Legal Helpline  
800-903-0111 x1, TTY 711
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Country  
Child Abuse Hotline  
800-633-5155
- Federal Trade Commission Identity  
Theft Hotline  
877-FTC-HELP, TTY 866-653-4261
- National Center for Missing &  
Exploited Children  
800-THE-LOST®
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services Administration Helpline  
800-662-HELP, TTY 800-487-4889
- VictimConnect Resource Center  
855-4-VICTIM

### 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.

### SMILE WITH CONFIDENCE

Elders Dental Assistance Program is now processed through the Health Department! Call to see if you qualify! 231-242-1600



# VETERANS AFFAIRS BREAKS GROUND ON AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS MEMORIAL AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert Wilkie broke ground on the first American Indian Veterans Memorial at a VA national cemetery on September 25, 2020.

This is VA's first major monument honoring American Indian, Alaska Native and Pacific Islander veterans.

The memorial at Riverside National Cemetery consists of a plaza and walkway centered on "The Gift," a twice life-sized bronze statue representing an American Indian. Construction on the memorial is expected to be completed in the next couple of years. The memorial is being paid for with funds raised by the Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee with substantial funding from Southern California tribes. Riverside National Cemetery is the busiest cemetery managed by the VA's National Cemetery Administration. The cemetery was estab-



lished in 1976 through the transfer of 740 acres from March Air Force Base. The cemetery was dedicated and opened for burials November 11, 1978.

"While this memorial honors American Indian, Alaska Native and Pacific Islander veterans from across the nation, it is a great honor that it is being installed here in Southern California at the Riverside National Cemetery," said Ken Ramirez, Chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, one of the major contributors to the

project. "With so many tribes here in the Inland Empire and San Diego County, it is sure to become a revered destination for many proud Americans who understand the significant contribution that Native Americans had in armed conflicts."

To learn more about the American Indian Veterans Memorial, contact Riverside National Cemetery Executive Director Peter Young at 951-653-8417 or visit [www.facebook.com/NatCemRiverside](http://www.facebook.com/NatCemRiverside)

*Courtesy photo.*

# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MI, RECOGNIZES INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss issued a proclamation declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Grand Rapids, MI. The mayor made the designation in celebration, recognition and honor of values Anishinaabek People of the Three Fires brought to Grand Rapids, MI, including, but not limited to technology, thought and culture of these indigenous peoples. The day also honors their contributions made by indigenous people as they continue to share their home and way of life.

Bliss said this proclamation, "brings forward the intentional acknowledgement and recognition of the original people of this place that we call Grand Rapids. I encourage all residents and friends to take time on October 12 to honor and celebrate 'Indigenous Peoples Day.'"

A team of passionate indigenous people co-created and co-authored the proclamation, including:

- Matt Schultz, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, Grand Rapids Community Relations Commissioner
- Camie Castaneda, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Vice Chairperson for Anishinaabe Circle & Northern Office Supervisor for the Cultural Historic Preservation Office & Membership Services
- Frank Wesaw, Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Tribal Councilor, Descendant of Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Levi Rickert, Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation, Founder/Editor *Native News Online*
- Belinda Bardwell, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Former Chair Community Relations Commission, Native American Student Initiative Program Coordinator, Grand Valley State University



*Aanzhenii Ashquab Dandridge, Fancy Dancer, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi. Location: Grand Rapids Public Museum video recording in celebration of October 12, 2020 Indigenous People's Day.*

- Two Eagles Marcus, Tiwa Puebloan Taos Pueblo, New Mexico, President Women's LifeStyle, Inc.

Stacy Stout, Director of Equity and Engagement, City of Grand Rapids; Patti Caudill, Diversity and Inclusion Manager, City of Grand Rapids; Tommy Allen, former Chair of the Grand Rapids Community Relations Commission; and Dr. Stephanie Ogren, PhD, Grand Rapids Public Museum assisted the team in bringing the item to Mayor Bliss for consideration.

*Courtesy photo.*



**For more information, contact Don Portman at [biindigen@gmail.com](mailto:biindigen@gmail.com) or 231-487-1093**

Don't miss out on the sounds of life.



Hearing aid assistance is now processed through the Health Department. Call to see if you qualify! 231-242-1600

## PRC Covers Chiropractic Care!

**How do I get covered?**

1. Make an appointment at the LTBB Health Clinic and discuss with your physician if chiropractic care would be helpful for you.
2. If so, your physician will refer you for chiropractic care and your referral will be reviewed by our managed care team.



All approved referrals will be eligible for **three visits and ONE medical massage per month!** Patients are required to follow up with their physician annually to continue chiropractic care.

**Call the LTBB Health Clinic today to get started! 231-242-1700**

# Community Support Group

Provided by: LTBB Behavior Health

**Zoom meeting will take place every Tuesday and Thursday @ 12:00pm Starting 4/9/2020**

The meetings are intended for anyone that would like to talk to others during this difficult time. Cultural Advisor, Matt Davis and Case Manager, Sara Hacker will provide the community with information on; community resources, cultural teachings, talking circles and more.

**Information on how to participate please call 231-242-1640**


## PLEASE NOTE:

The LTBB Grants Department works with LTBB Departments to obtain external funds for ongoing and special programming, services and resources for the tribal community. Please contact the respective LTBB Department for information on programming that may be of interest to you.

## TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

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

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number	Phone Ext.
Theresa C Keshiek	Active	02/18/2015	February 17, 2021	01-09	1457
Rebecca R Fisher	Active	02/22/2015	February 21, 2021	02-09	1418
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	06/06/2017	June 5, 2023	05-09	1462
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	02/23/2015	February 22, 2021	10-09	1400
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	08/24/2015	August 23, 2021	11-09	1401
Rose M Pyunt	Active	04/06/2017	April 5, 2023	12-09	1563
Marin C Taylor	Active	05/15/2018	May 14, 2024	13-09	1521
Janice L. Shackelford	Active	2/17/2020	February 16, 2026	14-09	NA



## LTBB Pharmacy

Hours: Monday – Friday 8 am – 6 pm  
Phone: 231-242-1750

What prescriptions are filled at the LTBB Pharmacy?

- Prescriptions written by LTBB Clinic Providers
- Prescriptions written by providers where you have been referred to by the LTBB Clinic

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF HOLIDAY HOURS AND MEDICATION REFILLS.**

We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA>. Please be respectful in your comments.




## EPA Gives Oklahoma Environmental Oversight on Indian Lands

By Kolby KickingWoman

**Editor's note:** The following article and photograph appeared on *Indian Country Today*, and they are reprinted here with permission.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved the state of Oklahoma's request to administer environmental regulatory programs in Indian country.

Republican Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt, Cherokee, made the initial request to EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler near the end of July, 13 days after the Supreme Court ruled in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*.

That decision stated Congress never explicitly disestablished the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reservation and much of eastern Oklahoma remains Indian country.

While the *McGirt* case dealt with criminal jurisdiction, it appears tribal and state governments believe the ramifications of the decision extend beyond that single area.

The EPA's letter to Stitt applies to more than two dozen federal environmental programs overseen by Oklahoma agencies, including the Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Water Resources Board and the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. It gives the state approval for a hazardous waste program, experimental use permits, Clean Air Act programs and more. The approval does not apply to lands held in trust for tribes or those that qualify as Indian allotments, the letter says.

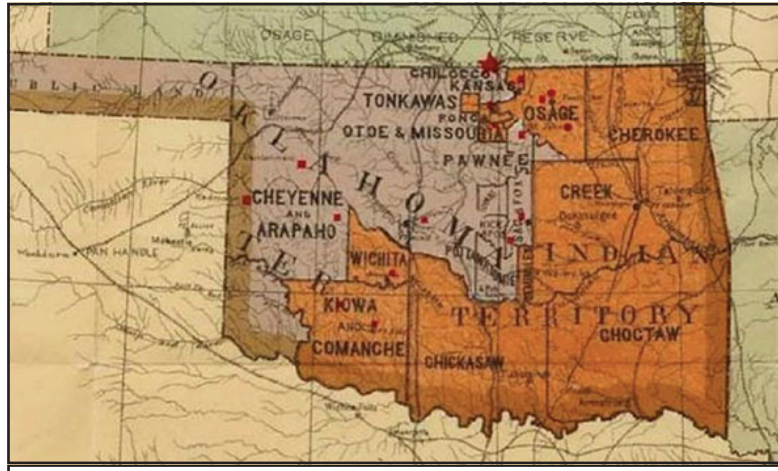
Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. called the announcement disappointing.

"Unfortunately, the governor's decision to invoke a 2005 federal law ignores the longstanding relationships between state agencies and the Cherokee Nation," Hoskin said in a statement. "All Oklahomans benefit when the Tribes and state work together in the spirit of mutual respect and this knee-jerk reaction to curtail tribal jurisdiction is not productive."

The federal law allowing states to seek environmental oversight in Indian country was authored in 2005 by Oklahoma's Republican U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe, a staunch ally of the oil and gas industry.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation was similarly disappointed and through the tribe's press secretary said concerns brought forth by the tribe during two consultations seemed to go unheard.

"The underlying law is a one-section provision surreptitiously inserted as a midnight rider in the massive (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act) of 2005 that treats Oklahoma tribes differently than other tribes throughout the United States," the tribe said in a statement. "Like the SAFETEA Act itself, this was



A map submitted as an exhibit in the Supreme Court case about the boundaries of tribal lands in Oklahoma. (Image: The Supreme Court)

a swift move meant to circumvent the federal government's trust, duty and obligation to consult with the tribal nations concerned."

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation said it submitted a request for tribal consultation just two days after the governor submitted his request.

"The MCN was granted two consultations, but it seems the concerns raised did not suffice. The MCN will continue seeking remedies to the situation."

Stitt said in a statement he was pleased with the EPA's decision. He said it would help better protect the state's public health and environment "by ensuring certainty and one consistent set of regulations" for all citizens of Oklahoma, including tribal citizens.

"As Administrator Wheeler's letter correctly points out, the State of Oklahoma did not seek to expand or increase its regulation over new areas of the state, but rather to continue to regulate those areas where the state has consistently implemented these environmental programs under the steady oversight of the U.S. EPA," Stitt said.

The EPA decision was particularly welcomed by the state's oil and gas industry, which was concerned the Supreme Court ruling in *McGirt v. Oklahoma* could ultimately lead to a patchwork of various tribal environmental regulations across the state, said Brook Simmons, President of the Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma, an oil and gas industry trade group.

"This decision grants the state no more or no less authority than it had prior to the *McGirt* decision," Simmons said. "Since 1947, the state of Oklahoma has had primacy to regulate oil and gas operations in Indian country. This does not have any new effect on that precedent."

*Kolby KickingWoman, Blackfeet/Aaniih is a reporter/producer for Indian Country Today. He is from the great state of Montana and currently reports for the Washington Bureau. For hot sports takes and too many Lakers tweets, follow him on Twitter at @KDKW\_406. E-mail - kckingwoman@indiancountrytoday.com*

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

## HOLIDAY SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR CAREGIVERS

MSU Extension is offering a FREE online series entitled **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** for six consecutive Tuesdays, starting November 17, 2020 from 1-2:30pm EST via Zoom. The entire six-week series (November 17-December 22) provides caregivers support and tools to help caregivers in a variety of ways. The series is designed to provide support and strategies to keep the caregiver strong and empowered. You will benefit from the series whether you're helping a parent, spouse or friend of someone who lives at home, in a nursing home or across the country! The series limits participants to 15, allowing for groups to develop trust, conversation, unity and support. The series will provide strategies to:

- Reduce stress
  - Effectively communicate with other family members, doctors, paid help
  - Notice signs and steps towards better self-care
  - Reduce guilt, anger and depression
  - Make difficult decisions
  - Setting goals and problem-solving
- The topics the series will cover are as follows:
- Hiring in-home help
  - Understanding depression
  - Helping memory impaired elders
  - Making decisions about driving
  - Making legal and financial decisions



- Making decisions about care facility placement
- Communicating with other family members
- Planning, creating and using agendas for family meetings

To register for this series, please go to Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Events Management site at

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/UPPTC111720/>

Once registered, participants will receive a registration confirmation e-mail a week prior to the first session that will provide the Zoom link and course material to the series. That Zoom link will be the same for all six classes of the series. If anyone needs assistance with downloading or using Zoom or technical assistance, please contact MSU Extension Educator and series presenter Tracie Abram at [abram@msu.edu](mailto:abram@msu.edu) or 906-235-2985 to schedule an appointment for assistance before November 17, 2020.

Courtesy graphic.



LTBB Behavioral Health has an open **Talk-line** for community members.

If you are feeling a need to talk with someone, please reach out to us! Take advantage of this resource before experiencing a crisis.

The **Talk-line** is open from 8 AM to 5 PM and is staffed by a LTBB Behavioral Health counselor.

Call 231-242-1645 to speak to a counselor.

### Maahtaag 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.

Maahtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, but not replace obstetrical and pediatric medical care.

In addition to providing support and 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 Maahtaag Mnobmaadzid, please call Carol J. Sodman-Morris, Maternal Nurse Educator for Family Spirit, at 231-242-1614.



**SPECIALTY SERVICES:**  
+Weight Management  
+Children's Health  
+Specialty Diets  
+Improve performance for all body types

The LTBB Community Health / Mnozhyaadaa Department is EXCITED to announce that our Dietitian is able to meet with patients via Zoom!

Recently, Charla Gordon, MA, RD, CDCES, CHES, completed her Certification for Well Coaches! So, if you need assistance in preparing your pantry, making healthier food choices, or to have someone work with you on making changes to improve your health, then contact Charla!

[CGordon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:CGordon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Email Charla today to schedule an appointment!

## 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

# MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS EXHIBITION AT THE ZIIBIWING CENTER

**Editor's note:** The following is a Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan press release.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways held a virtual grand opening of, *Boontak! (Stop it!): Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island*, a community-curated exhibition addressing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) on September 25.

The exhibition can be viewed at <http://www.sagchip.org/MMIWG/#.X3ucU7NFxu0>

The exhibition seeks to raise awareness about the atrocities of the MMIWG crisis impacting tribal communities across Turtle Island. The exhibit features 94 portraits of North American Indian women and girls, including U.S. Representative Deb Haaland (D-New Mexico), who volunteered to represent those who are missing and/or deceased. Saginaw Chippewa photographer Marcella Hadden and her granddaughter Christina Benz took the photographs over the course of three months in 2019. The exhibition also features original artworks from:

1. Luverne Adamson, "Highway of Tears" Acrylic Painting
2. Shirley Brauker, "Gone" Ledger Drawing
3. Dr. Suzanne Cross, MMIWG Beaded Medallion, Shawl & Skirt
4. Jenny Davis, "Birth of Deer Woman" Graphic Art
5. Joe Fisher, "She Dreamt" MMIWG Sculpture
6. Glenna Jenkins, MMIWG Beaded Medallion
7. Nickole Keith, "Nnoshé, My Maternal Aunt" Painting
8. Joey Kennedy, "No More MMIW" Earrings
9. Nayana LaFond, "Stacey" & "Shiloh" (2) Acrylic Paintings
10. Diane Leksche, "Kaleidoscope Facets: Standing



Tall Breeze" Stained Glass Art Mandala

11. Aryl Ruffino, (2) Photographic Canvases
12. Roger High, Sarah Hughes & Ellie Van Horn, MMIWG Quilt
13. Angela Peters & Ellie Mitchell, MMIWG Jingle Dress
14. Allyssa Shawboose, Niintam Na? (Am I next?) Animation

MMIWG is affecting every indigenous community. Therefore, in 2019, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's community formed the MMIWG Committee to acknowledge and address this epidemic of violence. The exhibit, both somber and hopeful, seeks to express the pain of the epidemic, draw attention to MMIWG cold cases, reduce future disappearances and deaths and offer a point of healing. This exhibit illuminates the devastating impact of these losses within indigenous communities. The Saginaw Chippewa's MMIWG Committee believes this crisis is a larger human rights issue which we must all work to confront.

"The MMIWG exhibit is one way of calling attention to the injustices of Indigenous women & girls across Turtle Island," states Marcella Hadden, Co-curator and Photographer. "Until change in reporting and the seriousness is given to this matter, all Native wom-

en continue to be at risk."

The MMIWG movement was first catalyzed by indigenous women protesting man camps. Man camps are temporary housing units built by extractive industries such as fossil fuels, typically for non-indigenous, non-local workers in rural areas bordering on or near Indian reservations. Man camps often span the colonial borders of the United States and Canada. Nearby indigenous communities or border towns experience increased incidences of violence, robberies, sexual assault and human trafficking.

The *Boontak! (Stop it!): Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island* exhibition will be on display at the Ziibiwing Center until May 5, 2021. During the course of the exhibition, complementary virtual MMIWG events will be offered by Central Michigan University, Mid Michigan College and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

For more information about the exhibition and events, contact the Ziibiwing Center at 989-775-4750, find us on Facebook or visit [www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing](http://www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing)

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways is temporarily closed to the public until further notice due to the pandemic.

*Courtesy graphic.*

# GRANT WILL SUPPORT NATIVE AMERICAN BREASTFEEDING INITIATIVE IN MICHIGAN

**Editor's note:** The following article and photograph were posted by the Michigan State University Department of Geography, Environment and Spatial Sciences on September 22, 2020 and are reprinted here with permission.

Congratulations to Angie Sanchez, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Geography, Environment and Spatial Sciences, on the award of "Native American Breastfeeding Initiative Embracing Culture," a grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund (\$338,406) 2020-2022. Angie and her advisor, Dr. Sue Grady, will conduct a needs assessment and implement breastfeeding programs in six indigenous tribal communities in Michigan. More than 150 indigenous community members will be trained and certified as Indigenous Breastfeeding Councilors to bring breastfeeding back as a ceremony to their communities. In addition, health care workers and other community members will be trained on how to best support breastfeeding in their communities. Breastfeeding as a traditional ceremony was lost as a result of colonialization and will, therefore, be brought back as a celebration of



Indigenous Culture and Maternal, Infant and Family Health. Most importantly, breastfeeding will help future generations of indigenous children to thrive in Michigan and beyond. For more information, please contact Angie Sanchez at [asanchez@msu.edu](mailto:asanchez@msu.edu)

*The Michigan Health Endowment Fund works to improve the health and wellness of Michigan residents and reduce the cost of healthcare with a special focus on children and seniors. You can find more information about the Health Fund at [mihealthfund.org](http://mihealthfund.org)*

*Courtesy photo.*

**HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**1-855-NRD-TIPS**  
 TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477

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

## Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department Lead to Non-Lead Transition



- We have limited centerfire rifle ammunition loaded with non-lead bullets available to eligible LTBB Citizens when lead ammo is brought into the Natural Resource Department (NRD) in exchange for non-lead (copper) ammunition.
- LTBB NRD seeks to reduce the amount of lead deposits that remain in harvested animals consumed by people and disposed of parts consumed by wild animals, causing a potential harmful effect.



For more information, contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department  
 7500 Odawa Circle  
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 231-242-1670  
[dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

## EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION

The LTBB Natural Resource Department is pleased to announce that after years of work on the issue, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recently changed its policy to allow federally recognized tribes to keep eagle remains found in Indian country. Tribal citizens who encounter eagle remains or feathers within the LTBB reservation boundaries may be able to retain them for culturally significant use. Any deceased eagle encountered must be reported to LTBB Conservation Enforcement immediately for investigation prior to moving or taking the eagle.

For more information, contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department at: 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 231-242-1670 E-mail: [dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

# TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

- Spend quality time with kids.** When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.
- Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with people they trust.**
- Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.**
- When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.**
- Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.**
- If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.**
- Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise.**

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# GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCES ACTION TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND CREATE CLEAN ENERGY JOBS BY MAKING MICHIGAN CARBON-NEUTRAL BY 2050

**Editor's note:** The following is a press release from the Office of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.



Today (September 23, 2020), Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-182 and Executive Directive 2020-10 to create the MI Healthy Climate Plan. The governor's comprehensive plan will protect Michiganders' public health and the environment and help develop new clean energy jobs by putting Michigan on a path towards becoming fully carbon-neutral by 2050.

Executive Directive 2020-10 formally sets the goal of economic decarbonization in Michigan by 2050. Transitioning to carbon neutrality will mitigate the future harms of climate change and enable Michigan to take full advantage of the ongoing global energy transformation — from the jobs it will generate for our skilled workforce, to the protections it will provide for natural resources and to the savings it will bring to communities and utility customers.

To ensure steady progress toward this goal, and to prevent irreparable harm to Michigan's ecosystem, residents and businesses in the interim, the Exec-

utive Directive further provides Michigan will aim to achieve a 28% reduction below 1990 levels in greenhouse gas emissions by 2025.

Additionally, the Department of the Treasury must develop and implement an Energy Transition Impact Project to assist communities in maintaining critical services and ensuring high quality employment for workers while moving toward a more sustainable future when faced with the closure of energy facilities.

To achieve these statewide goals, the Executive Directive tasks the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), under the leadership of its Office of Climate and Energy, to develop and implement the MI Healthy Climate Plan. It will serve as Michigan's

action plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning toward carbon neutrality throughout the economy. To help immediately position state government as a leader in these efforts, the Executive Directive tasks the Department of Technology, Management and Budget with taking specific steps to increase energy efficiency and work towards carbon neutrality in new state buildings and facilities.

Executive Order 2020-182 creates an advisory council within EGLE to guide the department in its development and implementation of the MI Healthy Climate Plan. The Council on Climate Solutions will identify and recommend opportunities for the development and effective implementation of emissions-reduction strategies while focusing on targeted solutions for communities disproportionately being affected by the climate crisis. The Council and EGLE will work closely with EGLE's Office of Environmental Justice Public Advocate — created by Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2019-06 in February 2019 — to ensure fairness for and representation from underserved communities.

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## MENTAL HEALTH EFFECTS OF HISTORICAL TRAUMA

By StrongHearts Native Helpline

The outbreak of coronavirus earlier this year left many mental health professionals concerned stay-at-home orders and other safety measures designed to protect citizens from the pandemic could cause an increase in mental health issues. Unfortunately, mental health disorders and access to mental health care has been an ongoing struggle for Native Americans. With the additional mental drain resulting from the virus' spread, it's important now more than ever to support our relatives by understanding mental health and how it disproportionately impacts our communities.

### Education

The first step in supporting people who struggle with their mental health is to educate yourself on how mental health disorders develop and how their development can impact every facet of a person's life. Experts are not entirely sure what can cause mental health disorders. However, the consensus is a mixture of genetics, environmental factors and traumas like war, intimate partner violence or child sexual abuse can result in lifelong mental health struggles. Native American communities specifically have to contend with historical trauma, which is defined as cumulative emotional and psychological wounding over one's lifetime and from generation to generation following the loss of lives, land and vital aspects of culture. According to Mental Health America, more than 21% of Native Americans had a diagnosable mental health disorder in the past year, totaling more than 830,000.

### Effects

The effects of these mental health disorders can be devastating to individuals and the Native American community as a whole. Having a serious mental health disorder can reduce an individual's life expectancy by 10 to 20 years as depression and high levels of psychological stress may result in increased rates of heart disease, diabetes and even an increased risk of cancer. Difficulty regulating emotional health can also destroy a person's ability to cope with the stresses of everyday life, including maintaining friendships and supporting a family.

### Impact

The impact of fractured familial bonds on our communities has been and continues to be significant. For decades, our children were removed from their homes and stolen from their families to be re-educated at boarding schools. At these schools, many children were victims of institutional abuse, including regular beatings, sexual abuse and punishment for practicing any kind of activities that contributed to the survival of their own culture. This complete disruption of Native American family life and culture fostered the same kind of historical trauma that mass violence and persecution caused earlier generations. The separation of children from their families and their culture has lasting effects on the mental health of Native Ameri-



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cans to this day.

### Resources

Now in this time of national crisis, these mental health struggles are even more important to highlight. Everyone — including our peoples — should be especially mindful of how the stresses of the pandemic could affect their mental well-being and the well-being of their communities.

These resources are available for anyone struggling with their mental health:

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. 1-800-273-8255

StrongHearts Native Helpline

StrongHearts is a safe, anonymous and confidential domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline that offers culturally-appropriate support and advocacy for American Indians and Alaska Natives. If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic, dating or sexual violence or if you have questions about your behavior, help is available. For one-on-one advocacy, click on the Chat Now icon at <https://www.strongheartshelpline.org/> or call 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483). Advocates are available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT.

*Courtesy graphic.*

**LTBB**  
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**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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Family Law</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divorce</li> <li>• Child Custody</li> <li>• Child Support</li> <li>• Guardianships</li> <li>• Parentage/Paternity</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Indian Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Setting Aside a Conviction</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Driver License Restoration</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Estate Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wills</li> <li>• Health Care Directives</li> <li>• Powers of Attorney</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Probate</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Landlord/Tenant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evictions</li> <li>• Tenant Rights</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Consumer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debt Collection</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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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 dispute.

For assistance and to make appointments,  
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231-348-2828

**McLaren**  
**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL**  
416 Connable Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770  
1-800-248-6777

**MUNSON HEALTHCARE**  
Charlevoix Hospital  
14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720  
231-547-4024

**Petoskey Urgent 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 Petoskey Urgent 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.**

**After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at McLaren Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI, or Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital in Charlevoix, MI.**

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Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

- In person at our LTBB Human Resources office
- E-mail: [hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)
- Mail to LTBB Human Resources, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Questions? Please contact the Human Resources Department at 231-242-1563.



# MICHIGAN 2021 BUDGET

**Editor's note:** The following is a press release from the office of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed her second budget into law amidst a global pandemic that created one of the most challenging and unique budget cycles in Michigan history.

The budget protects schools, colleges, universities and local governments from any state funding reductions below their original 2020 funding levels. The budget will also include new education investments, focused on providing students, teachers and adults across Michigan with needed resources, including:

- \$161 million in flexible per pupil spending to help districts address the increased costs of educating students in the midst of a pandemic.
- \$30 million for the Michigan Reconnect program to provide a tuition-free pathway for adults looking to upskill and earn a postsecondary certificate or Associate degree. Implementing Reconnect will help close the skills gap and move the state closer to reaching 60% postsecondary educational attainment by 2030.
- \$5.6 million for mental health counselors to assist children in schools across Michigan with mental health needs.
- \$5 million in incentives to attract and retain first-year teachers in districts across Michigan.
- An increase of \$3 million to continue to fund literacy coaches and expand resources to improve training for other educators in best practices of literacy learning.
- \$2 million in additional supports to assist vulnerable students who are learning remotely, including special education students, students who are chronically absent and children in need of childcare while their parents are working.
- \$2 million for Detroit Public TV to foster early childhood initiatives to enhance learning and early education.



- Implementation of previously announced teacher hazard payments of up to \$500 per teacher along with the addition of payments of up to \$250 for school support staff.
- \$1 million for school meal debt forgiveness.
- When it comes to budget priorities for the health of families across Michigan, the budget includes:
  - \$12.6 million for the Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies program to ensure women are given the care they need to have a healthy pregnancy and to expand support for interventions that are proven to improve outcomes.
  - \$26 million to expand access to childcare for families by increasing the income limit from 130% to 150% of the federal poverty level, expanding childcare services to nearly 6,000 children.
  - \$135 million to extend the \$2/hour wage increase for direct care workers assisting the elderly and other vulnerable individuals during this especially difficult time.
  - \$20 million in additional support for nursing homes for COVID-19-related cost increases.
  - \$20 million to support the state's psychiatric hospitals so that Michiganders in need of mental health services have improved access and care.
  - \$2 million for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund to protect Michigan families from lead in their homes.
  - \$10 million to implement policies to keep more children with families rather than entering congregate care.
  - \$2.5 million to provide first responders with the mental

health services they need, including treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder.

• The 2021 budget includes critical funding for programs within the Department of Labor and Economic Development and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, including \$100 million for business attraction efforts. A total of \$28.7 million will be provided for the Going Pro program to support job training grants to businesses to support training for current and new employees in high-demand, skilled trades industries. In addition, new funding of \$3 million is provided for a state-wide pre-apprenticeship program with the goal of developing qualified candidates for building trades apprenticeships in the construction industry. Funding for the popular Pure Michigan campaign is set at \$15 million.

• The budget also provides funding for critical initiatives directed at the environment, including \$5 million that will draw down significantly more in federal funding for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program to reduce runoff of contaminants into Lake Erie and other watersheds. The budget will also add \$1 million to Michigan Saves to help Michigan families make energy efficiency improvements to their homes.

• A total of \$4.2 million was provided to begin implementing the pre-trial incarceration task force recommendation for crisis intervention and de-escalation training through the Michigan Coalition on Law Enforcement Standards, helping ensure law enforcement officers have the training and education they need to intervene successfully. The budget includes \$7 million to increase the number of troopers within the Michigan State Police.

• The budget also includes \$14.3 million in broadband funding to help expand Internet access across the state which is more important than ever to Michiganders relying on telework, telehealth and virtual learning.

*Courtesy graphic.*

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

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

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



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

- 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](mailto:vglazier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) to set up an appointment today!

## CHECK OUT NUTRITION.GOV'S UPDATED FOOD SAFETY ON THE GO PAGE

Food safety allows you to get nutrition benefits from the food you are eating while staying healthy.

Nutrition.gov is excited to share its updated Food Safety page. Now, find more current and trending topics such as food delivery services and emergency food storage. How are you protecting yourself and your loved ones from food poisoning?

Make food safety a part of your nutrition routine with these three tips:

**Choose the right transport method.** Use Nutrition.gov's Food Safety On the Go page to keep food at the proper temperature and avoid cross contamination when you are on the road or away from home. If you are interested in having someone else bring meals or groceries to your home, select a delivery service that follows food safety guidelines.

**Store food safely.** Keep food fresh for longer and prevent foodborne germs from growing by following guidelines for storing food in the freezer, refrigerator and pantry. Our Safe Food Storage page provides information on how long foods stay fresh along with convenient resources like the USDA FoodKeeper App.



**Prepare food properly.** Clean surfaces and hands before and while preparing food to avoid cross contamination and cook food to the right temperature to kill any harmful germs. Learn about cooking temperatures and food handling on our Safe Food Preparation page.

A collection of resources from USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service and other federal agencies, Nutrition.gov's Food Safety page is a one-stop shop for answering your food safety questions.

*Courtesy graphic.*

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

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

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

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

Transportation is based on availability.

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

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The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

## VIRTUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

By Jackelyn Martin, Michigan State University Extension

**Editor's note:** The following article and photograph were posted on MSU Extension 4-H Community Service & Service Learning, and they are reprinted here with permission.

Give back to the community while keeping a safe distance.

Engaging in community service helps youth achieve better outcomes. The Search Institute identifies service to the community as one of 40 key developmental assets in youth that “help young people grow up to be healthy, caring and responsible.” In the 2018 Update on Developmental Assets Among the U.S., the Search Institute found 52% of youth reported serving in their community one hour or more per week.

The Michigan 4-H Youth Development Guiding Principles also highlight the importance of youth community service with the expectation that 4-H programs provide a space where “youth grow and contribute as active citizens through service and leadership.” While the world grapples with a pandemic forcing people to keep their distance from each other, youth community service opportunities may look different, but are still an important part of youth development.

The first step of any community service project is to understand the need and how best to address it. Making assumptions about community, agency or individual needs could result in wasted effort, limited impact or in some cases, actually cause undue harm to intended recipients. When a young person or youth group identifies an area in which they would like to contribute, it's important to do some research. Think about the organizations already affecting change in your community and ask how you can help. Many organizations publish wish lists on their websites or would be happy to discuss youth project ideas. Due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, some organizations are not able to accept donations or are only accepting the most needed items during certain hours.

Michigan State University Extension suggests the following lists of ideas for youth to consider when planning a community service project during a pandemic. This is not an exhaustive list.

Projects that can be completed with materials at home are probably the most accessible for all youth. These project ideas require basic and minimal supplies.

- Baking homemade dog treats for animal shelters.
- Writing letters to seniors or essential workers.
- Creating artwork for seniors, nursing homes or hospi-



*An adult advisor delivers youth-decorated potted plants to an assisted living facility following a virtual leadership and community service experience. Photo by John Eby, Southwestern Michigan College.*

tals.

- Creating and displaying artwork for your community through sidewalk chalk, murals or yard signs.

- Projects requiring special supplies are also possible. Service project organizers could provide families with a supply list or make arrangements to conduct a non-contact supply drop off.

- Assembling no-sew fleece tie blankets for local hospitals, women and children's shelters or nursing homes.

- Sewing, cutting or ironing homemade masks for local schools or daycares.

- Creating homemade dog or cat toys for shelters.

- Painting garden markers or signs for community gardens.

- Assembling learning or craft kits for youth that may be isolated at home.

- Planting flowers or houseplants in containers for a local nursing facility.

Youth could organize a community or neighborhood donation drive to collect needed items for local service agencies. Work with youth to establish a non-contact drop off location.

- Food drive for food banks.
- Hygiene drive for food banks or local service agencies.

- Diaper/wipes drive for local baby closet.

- Pet supplies drive for local animal shelter.

- Children's clothing/toys/books/diapers drive for local foster closet.

- Hats/gloves/mittens/winter coat drive for local homeless shelters or schools.

- Pop can tab drive for Ronald McDonald House.

Some service projects can be conducted entirely over the Internet. These often require a device and a reliable Internet connection.

- Playing virtual card games or board games with seniors isolated in their homes or nursing facilities.

- Assisting a local nonprofit with social media awareness campaign or recording a video or testimonial to support their cause.

- Reading to young people through a local playgroup or library.

- Tutoring younger students utilizing a remote meeting platform.

- Serving as a moderator or tech support for a virtual community meeting (even assisting your 4-H club or county 4-H council).

- Some service projects must be conducted as a family unit as they require travel to a designated location or require parental involvement.

- Park or roadside cleanup
- River/watershed cleanup
- Adopt-A-Beach cleanup
- Community garden cleanup

- Planting trees

- Raking leaves, cutting grass or shoveling snow for physically challenged neighbors.

- Making phone calls to friends or neighbors who might be lonely.

Be sure to remember to connect with existing service organizations or efforts to support and contribute to their work and to make sure your efforts are meaningful. Every community is different and may not have the same types of agencies. Here's a list of the kinds of agencies youth may be able to partner with in their projects.

- Local animal shelter
- Local women's shelter or family shelter

- Foster parent support group/agency

- Schools

- Community action agencies

- Food banks/organizations serving community meals

- Senior centers

- Nursing or assisted living facilities

- Single parent support groups

- Hospitals/free clinics
- Community gardens

- Local conservation organizations

- Department of Natural Resources/U.S. Forest Service/U.S. Park Service

For even more ideas, explore these resources:

- Youth Service America - Service project ideas that can be done at home

- Youth Service America - How Youth Can Help Communities Respond to and Recover from the Coronavirus Pandemic

- Learning Ally- Virtual Volunteer Opportunities

- For more information, visit <https://extension.msu.edu>



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For more information, contact Rachael Koepp at 231-242-1488 or e-mail [rkoep@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:rkoep@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

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## 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.

**STR - 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.

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

**DPA - 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.

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

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

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

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



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# MICHIGAN'S HEALTH INSURERS AGREE TO PROVIDE COVID-19 TESTING, TREATMENT AT NO COST TO PATIENTS THROUGH THE END OF 2020

**Editor's note:** The following is a press release from the Office of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) announced the state has secured agreements from nearly all of the state's health insurers to waive all out-of-pocket costs for COVID-19 testing and treatments through the end of 2020, including copays, deductibles and coinsurance. These agreements cover more than 92% of the commercial health insurance market in Michigan.

At least through year's end, consumers with these individual and group health plans will not be charged cost-sharing for medically appropriate COVID-19-related medical treatment such as primary care visits, diagnostic testing, emergency room visits, ambulance services and U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved medications and vaccines when they become available.

**The insurers who have agreed to waive cost-sharing are:**

- Aetna Better Health of Michigan
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Blue Care Network
- HAP, Alliance Health
- Humana
- McLaren Health Plan
- Meridian Health Plan
- Molina Healthcare Michigan
- Paramount Care of Michigan
- Physicians Health Plan (PHP)
- Priority Health, Priority Health Insurance Co.
- Total Health Care

The waived cost-sharing applies to commercial health insurance products from the insurers named in the state agreement. Consumers seeking COVID-19 testing or treatment should contact their insurance company to find out about their coverage. Insured consumers who pay up front or receive a bill for COVID-19 testing or treatment should contact their insurance company for assistance.

Under the U.S. Families First Coronavirus Response Act, consumers with health insurance through Oscar, UnitedHealthcare and other insurers not named in the state agreement currently have



COVID-19 coverage without out-of-pocket costs during the federal public health emergency, which is currently set to expire in late October. These insurers may extend their coverage with no out-of-pocket costs, so consumers should contact their agent or call the number on the back of their card to ask about their coverage before incurring costs for COVID-19 testing or treatment. In accordance with federal law, consumers with Medicaid or Medicare may also receive a no-cost COVID-19 test and related services provided by a health care provider.

DIFS can help consumers with health insurance questions and complaints. In addition, the Michigan Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program (HICAP) can provide shopping tips and help answer questions about health insurance, including Special Enrollment Periods for those experiencing job loss or an income reduction. Contact DIFS Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 877-999-6442 or DIFS-HICAP@michigan.gov

The mission of the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services is to ensure access to safe and secure insurance and financial services fundamental for the opportunity, security and success of Michigan residents while fostering economic growth and sustainability in both industries. In addition, the department provides consumer protection, outreach and financial literacy and education services to Michigan residents. For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/difs](http://www.michigan.gov/difs)

*Courtesy graphic.*

## LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



- November 11, 2020 - Veteran's Day
- November 26, 2020 - Thanksgiving
- November 27, 2020 - Day After Thanksgiving
- December 24, 2020 - Christmas Eve
- December 25, 2020 - Christmas Day
- December 31, 2020 - New Year's Eve

*\*Dates subject to change*

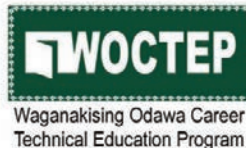
Starting winter semester, WOCTEP will offer assistance with the following programs through our partnership with North Central Michigan College:



- Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) Certificate of Development
- Medical Billing and Coding Certificate of Development
- Medical Assistant Certificate
- Phlebotomy Certificate of Development
- Computer Information Services (AAS)
- Computer Support Specialist Certificate
- Basic EMS Certificate of Development
- Criminal Justice (AAS)



Starting winter semester, WOCTEP will offer assistance with the following programs through our partnership with Bay Mills Community College:



- ◆ Associate of Arts Early Childhood Education
- ◆ Associate of Arts Business Administration
- ◆ Associate of Applied Science Construction Technology
- ◆ Associate of Applied Science Computer Information Systems
- ◆ Medical Office Certificate

**WOCTEP offers Financial Assistance!**



- ◆ Tuition Assistance
- ◆ Textbook and required course materials Assistance
- ◆ Mileage Assistance
- ◆ Hourly Stipend (based on household income)
- ◆ Examination/qualification fee Assistance

In addition to WOCTEP Financial assistance, Native WOCTEP students may be eligible for Board of Regents Tuition Award at BMCC.

WOCTEP is funded by the US Department of Education through the NACTEP program. Federal funds contribute to 90% of funding (\$448,744) and tribal support of 10% (\$50,108) for project year 1 (2019) budget.

# NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI HOSTS MICHIGAN LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR GARLIN GILCHRIST

**Editor's note:** The following is a Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi press release.

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) hosted Michigan Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist October 7 for a visit to the tribe's Grand Rapids, MI, operations. He was welcomed by Tribal Council Chairperson Jamie Stuck to tour and learn about the NHBP Grand Rapids Health Facility.

Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist chairs the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities to which Stuck was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. The task force is charged with studying the causes of the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the state's minority groups and recommend actions to address the historical and systemic inequities. One of the focus areas of the task force is removing barriers to physical and mental health care.

"We are honored to have Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist tour our clinic to allow him to see for himself the health disparities that Anishnabek people (Native Americans from the Great Lakes region) on the west



side of the state are dealing with," Stuck said. "It's important to us that we highlight the health-related issues faced by members of all 12 Native sovereign nations in the state of Michigan and the investment NHBP and other tribes have made in operating health clinics to address those needs."

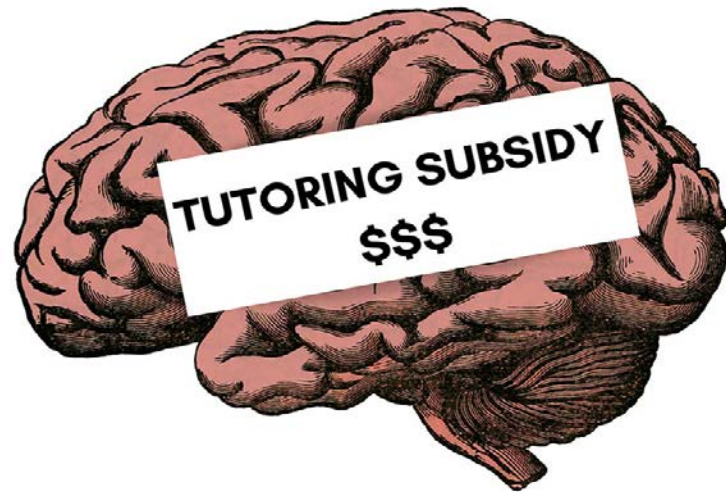
The Grand Rapids Health Facility is one of three NHBP clinics serving citizens of any federally recognized tribe. This important access to culturally informed health care reflects the NHBP vision to protect and promote the cultural, emotional, physical and financial well-being of its own and other tribal communities. Health care providers are trained to incorpo-

rate traditional approaches and trauma-informed care in the delivery of medical, behavioral, dental and home-based services to address mental, physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of wellness.

"I was excited to visit the NHBP Health and Human Services health center to see all of the important work happening in service to Native communities in our state," Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist said. "Chairman Jamie Stuck is an important partner on the racial disparities task force and the health center team is a terrific example of the work required to overcome disparate outcomes for marginalized people."

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



In accordance with law and policy, Elders Comment/Public Comment as recorded in the minutes will contain the name of the Citizen or "Immediate Family" or "Family member" and only the subject matter brought by the individual...

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Regular Meeting September 17, 2020 VIA Zoom

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m. Opening ceremony: Councilor Fred Kiogima Closed Session: Yes Council Present: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor Absent: none

Legislative Office Staff Present: Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee Corporate Charters Present: Tribal Burial Board, Inc. Chair Kevin Gill; Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. President Tanya Gibbs and Vice President Alan Proctor; Ziibimijwang, Inc. Chair Joe VanAlstine, Committee Members Blayne Bott and Kevin Donner; Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Vice Chair Brent Bennington, Treasurer Cheryl Kishigo, Secretary Melissa Shomin, Ex-Officio Rob Ellerman, and Executive Director Shanna Kishigo

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar, Safety Coordinator Sue Gasco, Accounting Technician Mary Schneider, Gijigowi Language Director Carla Osawamick, Planning Director Amanda Swiss, Planning Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Human Resources Generalist Rose Pyant, Human Resources Benefits Coordinator Stephanie Brew, Human Resources Administrative Assistant Dorla McPeak, Health Department Director Jody Werner, Education's Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepf, Human Services VOCA Victim Advocate Meghan Day

Judicial Officials and Staff: none Public: none Invited Guest: none

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to adopt the agenda for September 17, 2020 as presented.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizens who have walked on: Louise Amato, Keith Clark, Robert Kiogima, and Marian Taylor.

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

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 3, 2020 as presented.

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

Executive Oversight Report: Discussion: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley

The Executive Branch continues to monitor the COVID-19 cases in Emmet County. Due to an increase in positive cases in the Petoskey area including Petoskey Public Schools, Harbor Springs Public Schools, and Odawa Casino Resort, it may be necessary to return to Phase I for 2-4 weeks.

The 2020 Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority Negotiations are not going well.

Working on Trunk-or-Treating for the kids on October 30, 2020 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Staff would safely hand out candy to children in cars whom are not allowed to exit the vehicle they are in.

Met with Safety Coordinator Sue Gasco. Her department has masks available for distribution to Tribal Citizens in Grand Rapids and the greater Detroit area. Tentative plans are under way for distribution of masks to Lansing and Mt. Pleasant.

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson

The Mobile Response Trailer will be delivered before the end of October 2020. This will house a nurse/Medical Assistant and vaccinations for any COVID-19 related illnesses.

An RFQ for an LTBB website developer has been posted. Hope to have this processed by the end of November. The website will become mobile friendly.

A lease for the Second Street has been signed and occupancy will take place very soon.

Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

The first Executive Townhall was held last Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Two to three departments will highlight what services are available to the Citizenship. The next townhall meeting is scheduled for either Wednesday, October 7 or October 14, 2020 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon.

FY 2021 Budget meetings will continue this week and into next week.

The Tribal Community Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

Hunting and fishing licenses are available for deer and small game. The salmon are running.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson, and Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon on September 17, 2020.

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

Tribal Council Officer Reports: Legislative Leader Report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to accept Legislative Leader Emily Proctor's verbal and written report for September 17, 2020.

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

Secretary Report

The following documents were delivered to the Executive on September 4, 2020:

-Tribal Resolution # 090320-01 Authorizing Limited Waivers of Sovereign Immunity and The Right to Exclude and Address Other

Matters Required to Obtain and Maintain an Internet Gaming Operator's License from the Michigan Gaming Control Board under the Michigan Lawful Internet Gaming Act (was signed by the Executive on 09/11/2020).

-Tribal Resolution # 090320-02 Authorizing Limited Waivers of Sovereign Immunity and The Right to Exclude and Address Other Matters Required to Obtain and Maintain a Sports Betting Operator's License from the Michigan Gaming Control Board under the Michigan Lawful Sports Betting Act (was signed by the Executive on 09/11/2020)

-Tribal Resolution Possession of Firearms (due back to Tribal Council on or before 10/05/2020).

Vetoes (a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto): None

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: None

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to accept Secretary Julie Shananaquet's verbal and written report as provided on

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

November 3 Work Session
November 5 Council Meeting
November 17 Work Session
November 19 Council Meeting

December 15 Work Session
December 17 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

Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader
Julie Shananaquet, Secretary
Marcella Reyes, Treasurer
Tamara Kiogima, Councilor
Leroy Shomin, Councilor
Melissa Pamp, Councilor
Marty Van De Car, Councilor
Fred Kiogima, Councilor
Frederick Harrington, Jr., Councilor

the agenda for September 17, 2020.

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

Treasurer Report Appropriations and Finance Committee

-Last Meeting: September 8, 2020.

(Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting)

-Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 091720-01 Request for Funding from Office of Native American Programs, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHAS-DA), Indian Housing Block Grant Program FY 2021.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

-Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 090720-02 Request for Funding from Office of Native American Programs, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHAS-DA), Indian Housing Block Grant

Program - Competitive Grants Program FY 2020.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

-Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 091720-03 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Healthy Start Program FY 2019-2023,

Supplemental Funding - Midwifery Services Program.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

-Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 091720-04 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Organized Approaches to Increase Colon Cancer Screening FY 2020-2024.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

-Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 091720-05 Governmental Branch Allocation of General Funds for Fiscal Year 2021.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

-Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council the top three-point earners in the RFP process, for interviews as potential auditors for Tribal Government audit, #1, 3, and 7.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

-Next Special Meetings: Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (via Zoom) to review and discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, reduction of anticipated revenues, and other potential revenue sources.

Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM for ALL Government Branch Budget Hearings

-Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee:

-09/16/2020 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to schedule a special AFC meeting on Thursday, September 24th, 2020 @ 6pm to review and discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Reduction.

Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Comments: none Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Reyes, Committee Chair for September 17, 2020.

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

All Corporate Charters/Board discussion on finance and budgets.

Discussion regarding the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation being a source for corporations and boards to request supplemental funding instead of the General Fund.

10:24 a.m. Councilor Fred Kiogima exits meeting.

Office of Finance and Revenue Reports:

Senior Financial Analyst Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates

Discussion: Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.

For the FY 2021 Budget, OEDMI is submitting \$200,000 from sewer tap Fees back to the Tribe.

This board is working on a couple of different revenue opportunities and will be presenting these ideas to Tribal Council in a couple of weeks.

The board is working on a revised budget.

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported my Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. verbal report as presented by Tanya Gibbs on September 17, 2020.

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

Discussion: Tribal Burial Board, Inc.

A written 3rd Quarter Report will be submitted at the end of the month.

Moving forward with plans of funeral home and crematorium

Discussion: Ziibimijwang, Inc.

Working on giving Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope 'read access' only on financials.

Petoskey's last Farmer's Market is next week. Will continue with Charlevoix and Boyne City.

Kafui Ojai Adjei (aka: KK) and Rosebud Schneider continue to do amazing work.

Minogen did not open this year. Staff was concerned about COVID-19.

Ziibimijwang website is almost up and ready.

\$84,000 in gross sales made at the Farmers Market alone.

Sales made to Odawa Casino Resort's fine dining.

Tentative plans for wreaths and maple sugar for Odawa Casino Resort's Player's Club.

Grant received for a large greenhouse.

All of Ziibimijwang board minutes have been posted.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Burial Board, Inc.'s verbal report as presented by Ken Gill on September 17, 2020.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Ziibimijwang, Inc.'s verbal report as presented by Joe VanAlstine, Blayne Bott, and Kevin Donner on September 17, 2020.

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

Discussion: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation

Lume had a good month in August

Updated reports were sent to Tribal Council

The board would like to hire a part-time Administrative Assistant which will lead to full-time in 2021.

Shanna Kishigo was hired as the board's Executive Director

All Department of Commerce documents have been submitted Policies need to be updated.

The entire board attended training with Wasayabek.

Met with Ziibimijwang, Inc.

"Minutes" continued on page 22.

"Minutes" continued from page 21.

Wire transfers are working, no more paper checks.

Lume relationship is good.

The board will begin property conversation with Lume.

**11:00 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business and Legal matters.

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

**11:46 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to return to Open Session.

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

#### Public Comment

**11:47 a.m.** Opened  
No public comment

**11:48 a.m.** Closed

**11:48 a.m.** Break

**12:01 p.m.** Resume

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to accept Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal report for September 17, 2020.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation's verbal and written monthly updated as presented by Rob Ellerman and Shanna Kishigo on September 17, 2020.

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

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort's written July 2020 Status Report dated September 7, 2020.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima)

Motion carried.

Land and Reservation Committee

-Last Meeting: September 11, 2020

(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting)

-*Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 091720-06 Approval of FY 2021 - 2024 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.*

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent Motion carried.

-*Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the LTBB Land Acquisition Due Diligence Policy.*

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent Motion carried.

-Next Meeting: Friday, October 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: none

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Reyes, Committee Chair for September 17, 2020.

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

#### Tribal Council Member Reports: none

**Legislative Office Reports:**  
Tribal Historic Preservation Offi-

cer - No report

Legislative Services Attorney

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal and written report for September 17, 2020.

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

General Counsel

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to accept General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for September 17, 2020.

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

Legislative Office Manager

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to accept Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report as presented on September 17, 2020.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet

Motion carried.

#### Tribal Council Action Items:

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 091720-01 Request for Funding from Office of Native American Programs, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), Indian Housing Block Grant Program FY 2021.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 090720-02 Request for Funding from Office of Native American Programs, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), Indian Housing Block Grant Program - Competitive Grants Program FY 2020.

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

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 091720-03 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Healthy Start Program FY 2019-2023, Supplemental Funding - Midwifery Services Program.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 091720-04 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee form the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Organized Approaches to Increase Colon Cancer Screening FY 2020-2024.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to retain BDO USA, LLP for a three-year term as the LTBB Tribal Government's auditor (FY2020, 2021, and 2022), based on the scoring sheets submitted by the participating Tribal Councilors.

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

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Coun-

cilator Tamara Kiogima to approve Certified Motion # 091720-05 Approval of FY 2021 - 2024 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.

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

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to approve the LTBB Land Acquisition Due Diligence Policy.

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

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to appoint Tanya Gibbs to the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. for a 5-year term ending October 8, 2025 and to reflect the appointment within the OEDMI Corporate Charter documents.

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

**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to authorize the Legislative Services Attorney to participate in discussions with various charters and entities regarding the potential of a 3<sup>rd</sup> lease with Lume.

Discussion: Treasurer Marcella Reyes stressed the need for the Tribes Tribal Preference in Lume's hiring.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Marcella Reyes), 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima)

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to amend agenda to include the Amicus Brief regarding Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

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

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to authorize General Counsel James Bransky to sign onto the amicus brief on behalf of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in *Standing Rock Sioux Tribe v United States Army Corp of Engineers*, DC Appellate Case 20-5201, being submitted by the Native American Rights Fund on behalf of NCAI, other organizations and Tribes.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to adopt Tribal Resolution Constitutional Tribal Government Officials Voluntary Pay Cut for Fiscal Year 2021.

**Motion fails due to lack of support**

**Other Items of Business:** none

**Public Comment**

**12:55 p.m.** Opens

Citizen Melissa Shomin appreciates Shanna Kishigo's work on the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation.

**12:56 p.m.** Closes

**Adjournment:**

**12:57 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to Adjourn.

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

Next Regular Tribal Council Meeting:

**Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected/written.

Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date

## COVID-19 Resources for Indian Country - A NEW RESOURCE FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

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### Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

## NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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

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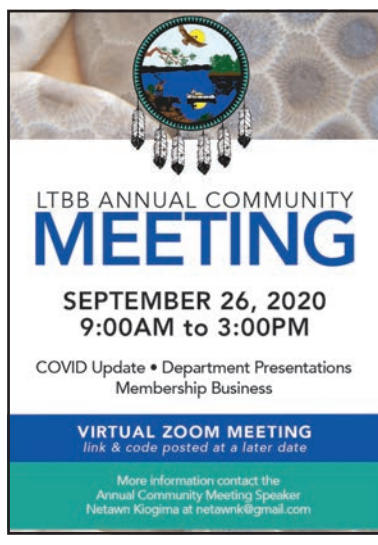
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LTBB CFO Carrie Carlson gave a financial update and stated the 2019 financials could be obtained by citizens by contacting the Legislative Office at 1-866-972-0077. Normally, the financials are provided to citizens in a booklet or on a jump drive at the annual community meeting.

LTBB Legislative Leader Emily Proctor and LTBB Treasurer Marci Reyes spoke on behalf of the LTBB Tribal Council. Also, as part of the Legislative Branch presentation, LTBB General Counsel Jim Bransky gave an update on the reservation boundary lawsuit; LTBB Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatroluk spoke about the work done by the LTBB Tribal Historic Preservation Office; and the



LTBB Corporate Charters (Ziibi-mijwang, Inc., Traditional Tribal Burial, Inc., Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. and the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Company) all gave up-

dates. The corporate charters all engage in or pursue non-gaming economic development.

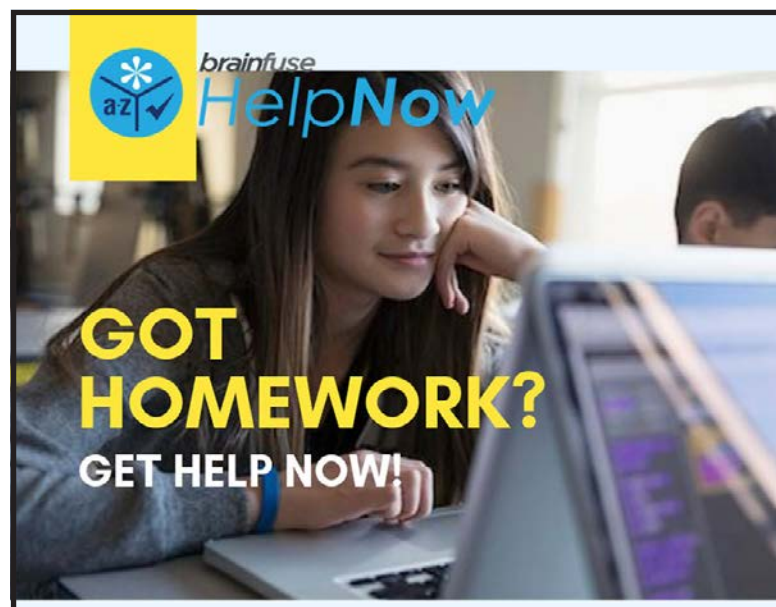
LTBB Gaming Authority Chairman Matt Stemkoski updated citizens on our gaming enterprises.

After the presentations concluded, there was a question and answer session.

The LTBB Election Board conducted the voting of next year's annual community meeting speaker. Nominees included Netawn Kiogima, Melissa Pamp, Eva Oldman, Rob Ellerman and Denise Petoskey. Eva Oldman was selected as the 2021 annual community meeting speaker.

Frank Animikwam closed the meeting with a traveling song on his hand drum.

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## ELDERS CAN EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

By StrongHearts Native Helpline

A Native American is usually considered an elder when they are above the age of 60 to 65 although it varies from tribe to tribe.

In our Native communities, we are taught to respect our elders. We honor them at ceremony, community gatherings and pow wows. Their presence is considered to be an honor. We depend on them for wisdom and guidance gleaned from their years of experience. They are invaluable to us. Yet, they can still be victims of domestic violence.



ner takes away phones, iPads or computers in a bid to control who the victim can contact.

### A Stay Together Era

Elders can be more traditional. They came of age when families stayed together even during abuse. Some elders have endured a lifetime of domestic violence. To understand why elder-survivors of domestic violence stay, consider the following.

**Love:** They have a long history of loving their partner and believe the abuse will someday end.

**Family:** They want to maintain harmony within the family.

**Normalization:** Elders may feel they have lived through the violence their whole life and there is no need or way to change it now.

**Community:** They fear having to leave the community in order to escape the abuse or are embarrassed about what other members of the community would think about the abuse.

**Manipulation and Low Self-Esteem:** They blame themselves for the abuse or feel hopeless.

**No Money/Resources:** They don't have the resources to leave their situation or feel a responsibility to financially support their abusive partner.

**Denial/Shame:** Denial or shame happens when a survivor is embarrassed and wants to protect themselves, their children and/or families from being associated with the stigma of abuse.

### Help is Available

At StrongHearts Native Helpline, we know Native American elders are humble and it can be difficult for them to ask for help. Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience domestic violence at higher rates than any other ethnic group and elders still suffer intimate partner violence. Domestic violence and dating violence are not Native American traditions, and neither is ever okay.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a free, culturally-appropriate and anonymous helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic violence and dating violence. We acknowledge and support all victims regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation or relationship status. If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic violence, help is available.

Contact StrongHearts at 1-844-7NATIVE or click on the Chat Now icon to connect one-on-one with an advocate daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. As a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, after-hour callers can connect with The Hotline by choosing option one.

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Abuse can happen to anyone. It is not limited to a specific age, class, religion, gender or sexual orientation. Abuse can happen in relationships where couples are married, living together, dating or have children together. Violent behavior can appear at any time in a relationship, though possessive, controlling and other alarming behavior often reveals itself as the relationship becomes more serious.

Domestic violence happens when an intimate partner uses a repetitive pattern of abuse to maintain power and control over their partner. The abuse can physically harm, intimidate, prevent a person from acting freely or force them to behave in ways they do not want.

### Types of Abuse

What can domestic violence look like in elder relationships? Domestic violence can look similar in elder relationships as it does in their younger counterparts, but some elders may be more vulnerable to the impacts of abuse and less able to get support.

Physical abuse includes inflicting physical pain or injury upon the victim like pushing, holding or pinching. It can also include prohibiting one to get medical help, withholding medicine or not allowing one time to heal after illness or surgery.

Emotional abuse includes verbal assaults and threats of abuse and intimidation. It also includes isolation where the abusive partner will not let the victim visit with their relatives. Isolation can be particularly harmful to elders as they may already have limited mobility or relationships.

Gaslighting is also a form of emotional abuse. This can occur when the abusive partner blames the victim for their behavior in such a way that the victim begins to question their own version of events or reality. In this situation, it can be very difficult for the victim to recognize that abuse is happening.

Spiritual and cultural abuse happens when the abusive partners uses hurtful stereotypes to criticize the victim, uses tribal membership against them, won't allow them to participate in traditions or restricts them from honoring their beliefs.

Sexual abuse includes grabbing and hurting the sexual parts of the victim's body, pressuring the victim for sex and becoming angry or violent when refused sex.

Financial abuse happens when an abusive partner keeps money, accounts or financial information hidden from the victim. The abusive partner may also give an allowance to the victim or keep the victim's social security or per capita checks. They may also use gaslighting as a tactic of control here. They may say things like, "I've always controlled the money," or "You aren't good with money,"; or "You have everything you need, don't you?"

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## SIoux CHEF'S MISSION: DECOLONIZE THE KITCHEN

By **Eddie Chuculate**  
Special to *Indian Country Today*

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Although renowned Sioux Chef Sean Sherman was forced to delay the opening of the first totally indigenous brick-and-mortar restaurant here (Minneapolis, MN) due to the coronavirus, his Indigenous Food Lab, another first, is battling through the pandemic.

The lab is a fully functional professional kitchen that serves as a culinary classroom for teaching tribal communities about seed saving and Native food history. It is also providing meals for the needy.

The lab opened in August at the Midtown Global Market in south Minneapolis, MN. The market, in the 16-story art deco Midtown Exchange building, is an indoor mercado featuring international restaurants, crafts and coffee shops.

"We're so excited to call Midtown Global Market our home," Sherman, Oglala Lakota, Founder and CEO of The Sioux Chef, said in a news release. "This space will be the heart of all of our future efforts to bring access and awareness to Indigenous Education and Indigenous Foods. Wopila!"

Original plans were to lease attached space for a restaurant, but the pandemic hit in March when Sherman and his business and life partner Dana Thompson, Sioux Chef co-owner, were on vacation.

"We were about to push go," said Thompson, of Mdewakanton Dakota lineage. "But, with the virus, there are so many unknowns, like how long are we going to wear masks, how long the virus stays on stainless steel, if people would still want to come through or even if the market would stay afloat. So, we decided not to sign a lease for the Midtown restaurant."

Although founder Sherman, 46, is a Sioux chef who was once a sous chef, The Sioux Chef is a business enterprise comprised of a 15-person team of chefs, ethnobotanists, event planners, caterers, food preservationists, foragers and academic experts like recent hire Armando Medinaceli, the team's Education Director.

Medinaceli comes from Pullman, WA, where he was an instructor in Anthropology at

Washington State University (WSU) with a focus in ethnobotany. He holds a doctorate from WSU in cultural anthropology.

Sherman, who arrived in Minneapolis in 1996, is a two-time winner of the James Beard Award, the culinary world's equivalent of an Oscar.

He's built his enterprise around a theme of using only ingredients that were available before Europeans arrived in 1492, which excludes wheat flour, cane sugar, dairy and the typical American standards of beef, pork and chicken.

In his travels to tribal communities here and abroad, he has incorporated foods such as salmon, berries, plants like wild onions and dandelions, bison, wild turkey and other game into his recipes.

"It doesn't make sense to walk into a grocery store anywhere in the country and see the same foods," said Thompson, a Minnesota native. "Foods from the Southwest are so different from what you find in the Northeast. But with monoculture farming, you get the same thing."

Thompson said their goal is to "decolonize the kitchen" by undoing 400 years of indigenous food access being stripped.

"Food is medicine, and we've got tribes right now that three generations out might not even remember what their grandparents ate," she said.

Sherman's recipes, which he keeps deceptively simple, are likely to feature sunflower oil over butter, and cornmeal or corn flour tortillas over wheat tortillas, and berry-juice vinaigrettes for his naturally grown salads.

In a partnership with a new program called Minnesota Central Kitchen, the Indigenous Food Lab is preparing 300 to 500 meals a day to feed the homeless in Minneapolis during the pandemic.

Thompson said although they have no direct say over exactly where the food goes, the lab has asked that it be delivered to Native encampments or elder centers.

The endeavor has allowed the lab to rehire about half of its 15-person staff, which it was forced to lay off due to the pandemic.

The Indigenous Food Lab is under the umbrella of North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems, which is The Sioux Chef's nonprofit arm. Initially, due to the pandemic, some of the classes like seed saving will be available online via video or on PDFs at natifs.org in October.

The Midtown Global Market was fairly bustling considering the pandemic during one midday visit in late September.

Patrons and staffers in Mexican, Vietnamese, Indian and Moroccan diners were wearing masks as were apron-wearing gloved workers at the Indigenous Food Lab.

Chefs Vern Defoe, Red Cliff Band Chippewa, and Christina Arias Acosta, a Mexico City native, were preparing huge tubs of wild rice, quinoa, hominy, white



beans and native pesto, a mix to be packaged and delivered for that day's delivery to the indigent.

While the lab forges ahead with its mission of educating other tribal cooks and activists with knowledge to take back to their tribes and hopefully, start satellite labs or restaurants under The Sioux Chef brand, Thompson and Sherman are excited about the planned opening of their new restaurant, Owamni, by The Sioux Chef.

It will be the only restaurant in the U.S. that is owned and operated by an indigenous team and uses all pre-colonial ingredients, Sherman said.

The restaurant will front the Mississippi River in downtown Minneapolis, MN, in a prime location long occupied by sushi restaurant Fuji Ya.

Owamni, Sioux for "falling water" or "waterfall," will be only a couple hundred yards from the only waterfall along the entire Mississippi River, St. Anthony Falls, once a riverside parks project is completed by the Minneapolis Parks Board.

The location is also a historic trade and migration route for the Ojibwe and Dakota bands native to the area.

It was scheduled to open this fall, but the pandemic and the discovery of 6-foot standing rock walls under the old restaurant, which has turned the excavation into an archeological dig, has delayed opening until spring 2021.

The space will house the restaurant, a community center and classrooms on different levels.

Owamni's menu isn't set, but likely will be fast casual with offerings like indigenous-inspired corn tacos with fillings such as sage-smoked turkey or ground, smoked bison with chopped garlic and roasted corn.

There are existing restaurants across the U.S. with Native themes, Thompson said, but none have a total Native menu or executive staff, Thompson said.

Thompson is excited about the lab and the future restaurant.

"You couldn't write it; we can't even believe it," she said. "It's not about Sean's ego. It's about using his vision to raise awareness of these other foods that haven't gotten the attention they deserve."

*Eddie Chuculate, Creek/Cherokee, is a writer based in Minneapolis, MN.*

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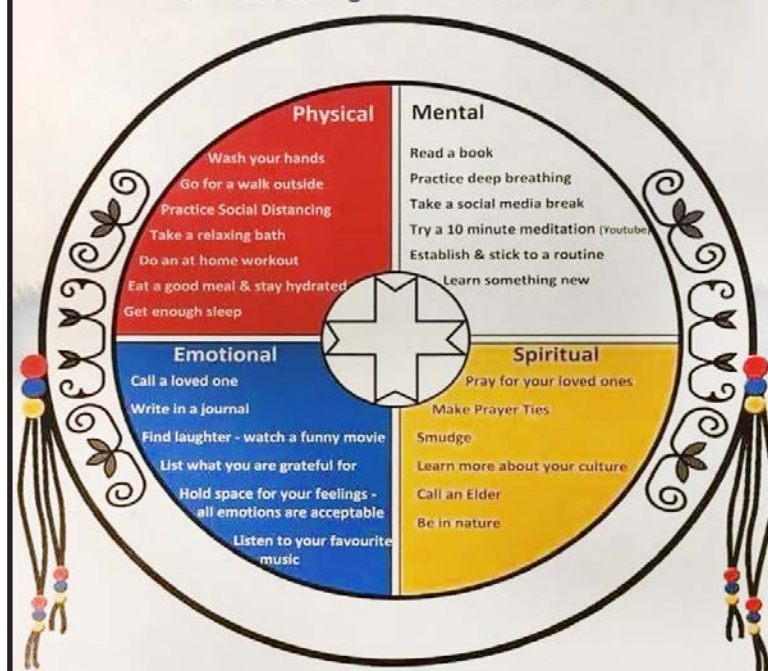
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# PINTEREST USERS CAN NOW REPORT INDIGENOUS HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

By Kalle Benallie

**Editor's note:** The following article and photograph appeared on *Indian Country Today*, and they are reprinted here with permission.

While trying to find a Halloween costume on Pinterest, users can report culturally insensitive costumes.

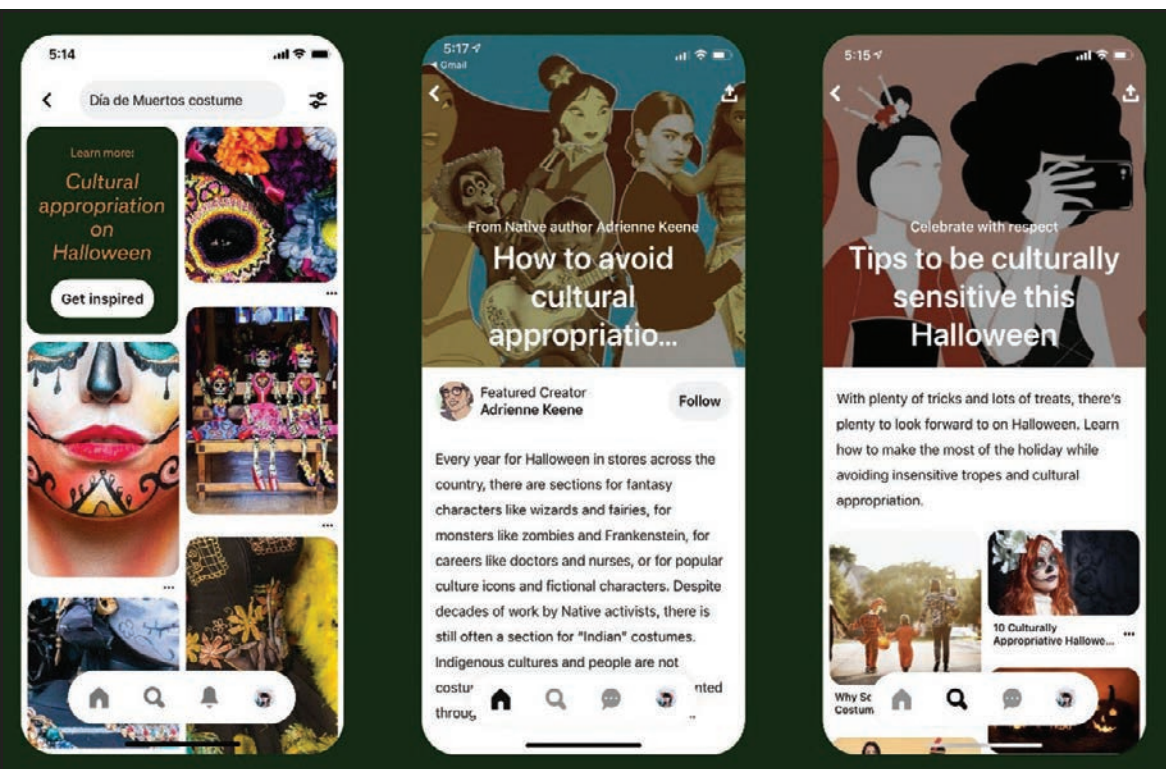
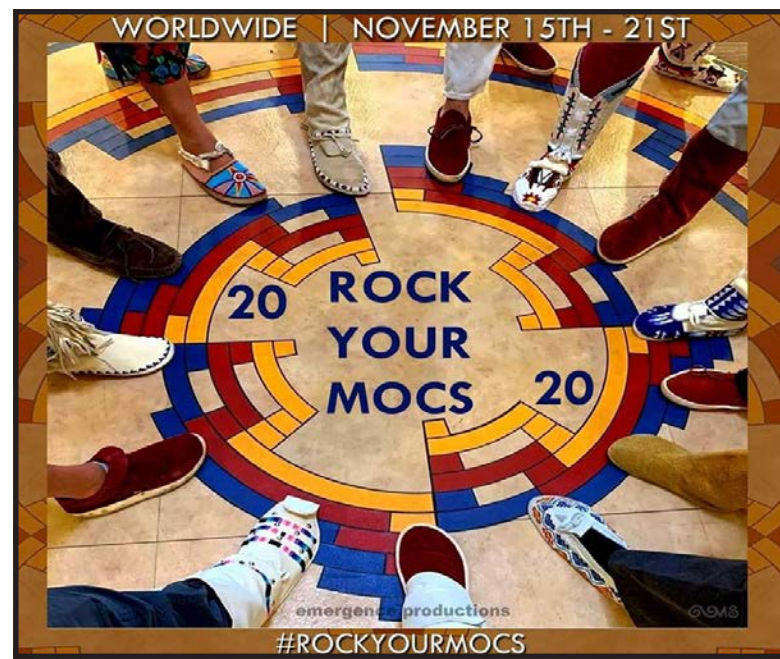
Since 2016, Pinterest prohibited advertisements for culturally appropriated Halloween costumes. But, its new product and policy update is allowing "pinners" to flag posts that are culturally insensitive, especially for indigenous people, leading up to October 31.

"Halloween should be a time for inspiration — not a time for insensitivity. Costumes should not be opportunities to turn a person's identity into a stereotyped image," said Annie Ta, Head of Inclusive Product at Pinterest. "As a place that's used by hundreds of millions of people, we feel a responsibility

at Pinterest to keep the platform inspiring and positive and bring awareness to the fact that cultures aren't costumes." When users search for a specific costume, like a Day of the Dead costume, a visible pin will show advice from experts and Pinterest employee groups on how to respectfully and thoughtfully celebrate Halloween. Also, the new "ideas" feature, which helps improve the home feed, will not recommend culturally insensitive Halloween costume posts. E-mails and notifications containing recommendations will be limited, too. "While Halloween may be celebrated a little differently this year, Pinterest wants to inspire people to celebrate — no matter how they do so — in a culturally appropriate way," the company said.

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# GOVERNING A BAND IN TWO STATES

Indian Country Today

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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Chairman Matthew Wesaw talks to us about governing one band in two states. The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi are located in Michigan and Indiana. With nearly 6,000 enrolled citizens, as you might imagine, governing in two states presents some challenges. Chairman Matthew Wesaw joins us to talk about the pandemic, his people and the tribal enterprises.



Here are a few comments: **Chairman Matthew Wesaw:**

"Well, we were fortunate in the sense that we've got some very good people working for our government. We've got an experienced emergency manager, who has been through different disaster events before, and came up with a suggestion that we need to put a health task force together right away. So, we accomplished that early March. Brought onboard some of our more involved department directors. We had our medical facility; we have our own citizen doctor. Brought on law enforcement, social services, housing facilities and our gaming com-

mission to help us recognize and understand what was happening day by day. Cause as you know, it changed almost by the hour, and they came up with some very solid suggestions on things that we should do to be as proactive as possible.

Well, one of the first things we did was try to lead by example, and we stopped all travel of all of our government and our tribal council officials. We had several trainings that were established and scheduled, and we stopped all of that. Again, to lead by example. One of the interesting things, which you mentioned in your introduction, is we are involved in two states. So, not only was our task force monitoring what was going on in the country, but they were also monitoring what was happening in Michigan, what was happening in Indiana and even looking at

what was happening in the state of Illinois. Because we're only 60 miles from downtown Chicago. So, as the governors would come out with different recommendations and executive orders, we monitored those. And recognizing that they don't impact us as a sovereign nation, we did want to align ourselves very closely with what the rest of the state was doing. So, I guess to answer your question specifically, probably within the first two weeks, we put travel bans and stay at home orders. And those were extended a couple of times. We actually still are in a position of no face to face meetings right now suggested until the end of the year.

We have very good responses in the current census. The last information I had is we're one of the top responders in the state with the 12 federally recognized tribes. And when you look at the importance of the census, versus we just talked about elections. In the election process, you're electing somebody to represent you for two, four or six years, depending on the election. But the census is the value of that is over a 10- year period. So, it is critical that our people get counted in the census because there is so much that is impacted by the number of Pokagon citizens who identify and get counted. So, that is, again, we put out a lot of information on that, and it's very important."

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## 5 KEY STEPS FOR RAISING ASSERTIVE KIDS

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- ### 1 TALK ABOUT IT

Tell kids there are 3 basic styles of communication. Each time we speak or interact with other people, we choose one of these methods: **passive**, **aggressive**, or **assertive**. For young kids, try using animals to represent each style. Let them brainstorm different creatures associated with the 3 types:

<p><b>PASSIVE</b> a turtle in his shell or a mouse that runs and hides</p>	<p><b>AGGRESSIVE</b> a tiger who attacks or bear that roars</p>	<p><b>ASSERTIVE</b> a wise owl or calm family dog who barks at danger</p>
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- ### 2 DEFINE BOUNDARIES

Discuss how there are boundaries in the world, or lines that should not be crossed.

One way to respect these boundaries is by discussing the power of "no." Whether it's an unwanted hug from grandma or a bossy friend on the playground, kids need to hear that assertively saying "no" is not only acceptable—it's their right.
- ### 3 TEACH "I" MESSAGES

Here's a simple formula:  
"I feel (insert feeling) when you (insert behavior). I would like you to (insert request)."  
"I feel angry when you tell me I can't play. I would like you to let me join in."

Know that "I" messages work because they are non-judgmental. They neither blame nor criticize, and keep the listener from feeling attacked or defensive.
- ### 4 BUILD FRIENDSHIP SKILLS

  - Assertiveness skills are not just necessary for dealing with the playground bully. It's often our closest friendships that require making our needs and feelings known.
  - Start by talking with your child about the qualities she wants in a friend. What kinds of things make a good friend? How do friends act?
- ### 5 MODEL CONFIDENCE

If we hope to raise confident kids, it's crucial to communicate assertively in our own lives. You might start by:

  - Speaking up when you need to, and letting your child see you say (and stick to) "no"
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# GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCES MI CLEAN WATER: A HISTORIC \$500 MILLION INVESTMENT TO REBUILD MICHIGAN'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

**Editor's note:** The following is a press release from the Office of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer today (October 1, 2020), along with bipartisan and bicameral partners, announced MI Clean Water, a \$500 million comprehensive water infrastructure investment in Michigan's water systems from source to tap. The MI Clean Water plan marks a significant investment after decades of underinvestment in Michigan's infrastructure.

The MI Clean Water investment is a unified approach to cleaner, more affordable water. This provides direct investments for communities, helps provide safe, clean water to residents and will support more than 7,500 Michigan jobs, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

MI Clean Water confronts the large infrastructure issues that Michigan faces such as lead-laden water service lines, toxic contamination like Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), undersized sewers, failing septic systems, unaffordable water rates and constrained local budgets. MI Clean Water will reduce barriers for communities and allow them to access needed funds for necessary and timely infrastructure upgrades.

This historic investment includes a proposal combining federal dollars for lead service line replacement in low-income communities (\$102.1 million) with bonding authority for water quality protection (\$290 million), one-time General Fund appropriation for drinking water infrastructure and innovation (\$105 million) and asset management grants (\$2.9 million) to help communities develop, update and improve their plans for wastewater and stormwater systems resulting in a comprehensive water infrastructure investment of \$500 million in Michigan's water systems. The MI Clean Water investment will be done without raising the taxes of Michiganders.



A \$207.1 million investment in drinking water quality, including:

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A \$293 million investment in wastewater protection, including:

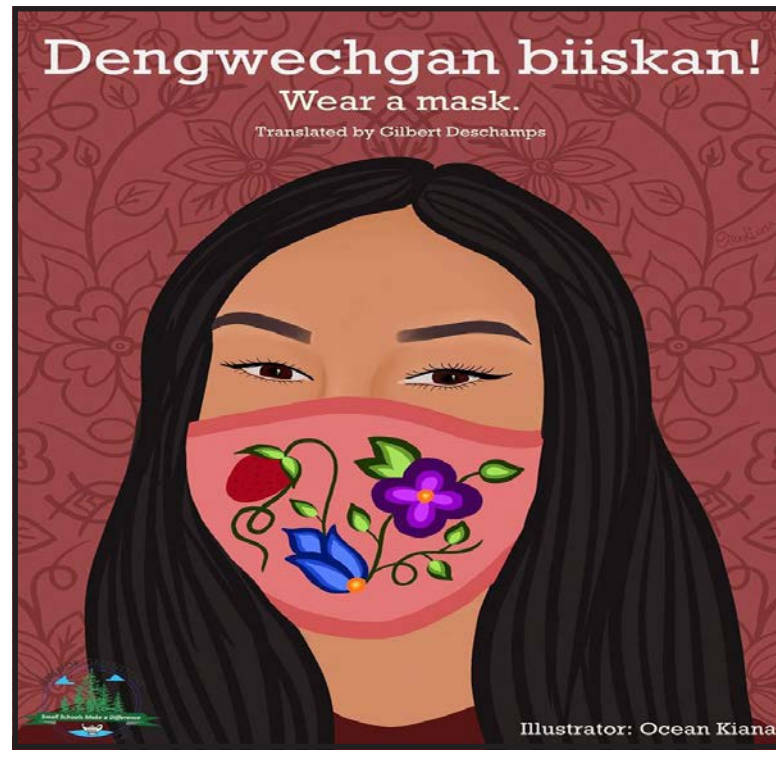
Clean Water Infrastructure Grants (eliminating sanitary sewer overflows; correcting combined sewer overflows; increasing green infrastructure) - \$235 million

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 inzhawendaagoz I am blessed  
 ninitaawe I am a skilled speaker  
 ingizhewaadiz I am generous  
 ninibwaakaa I am wise  
 inzaagichigaaz I am loved  
 indashwii I am prepared  
 ingwayakwaadiz I am honest  
 nimaaminonendam I think  
 nimijgwechiwendam I am thankful

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## Birthdays

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November 21- Mnodbishkaa Kody! XOXO Cheyenne, Khaleesi and Celestia.

## Announcement

The Laughlin/Wemigwase family will not be having their Ghost Supper this year. They ask that everyone put out a plate of food for their loved ones and honor them.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Aaliyah Thomas-Zonker**, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, who made the Dean's List for Winter 2020 semester at Jackson College. Jackson College students are recognized each fall, winter and spring semester for high academic achievement by being named to the Dean's List. The minimum requirements for being named are full-time students who complete 12 or more credits during the semester with a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

## Craven/Isaac Ghost Supper

**Type:**  
Drive Through only. Visitors will order from edge of the drive via a ring/video device. The order will be brought out to your vehicle.

**Date:**  
Nov. 7, 2020

**Start Time:**  
4:30 pm

**Location:**  
6735 Maple Drive  
Pellston, MI  
49769

## Walking On...

**Richard Henry Wemigwase, 74**

Richard Henry Wemigwase, 74, of Harbor Springs, MI, walked on October 11, 2020. Richard was born on July 23, 1946 in Harbor Springs, MI, the son of Richard Wemigwase, Sr. and Evelyn (Chingwa) Wemigwase. Richard served in the U.S. Army for two years active duty in the Vietnam War. He was Chairman of the Michigan Indian Elders Association for many years and was very active with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Richard is survived by his son, Patrick (Shannon) Wemigwase; granddaughters, Charlotte Wemigwase and Shaileigh Wemigwase; brother, Roger Wemigwase; and sisters, Christine Wemigwase and Mary Gasco. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Russell Wemigwase, Robert Wemigwase and Ronald Wemigwase; sis-



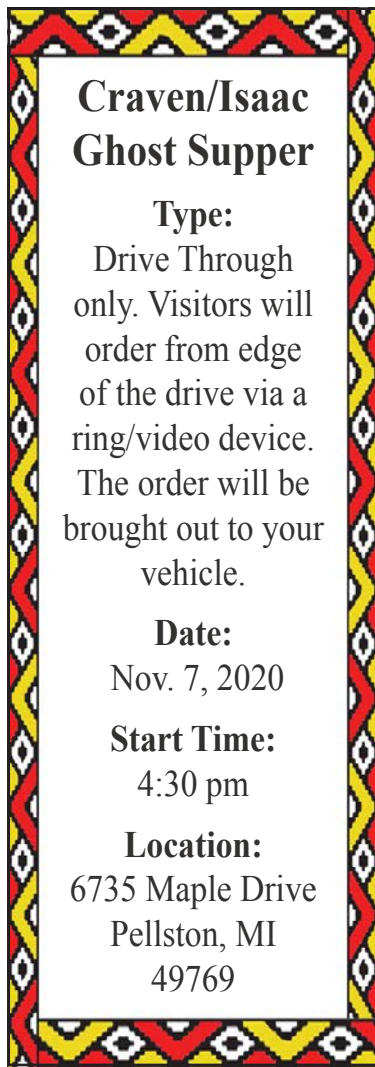
ters, Roxanne Wemigwase, Gloria Wemigwase and Shirley Wemigwase. Any memorial contributions made in Richard's name can be sent to the Michigan Indian Elders Association or the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Elders Department.


**Julia Ann Holland, 51**

Julia Ann Holland, 51, of Petoskey, MI, walked on September 27, 2020 at her home. Julia was born on July 30, 1969 in Atlanta, GA, the daughter of the late Ronald Mulholland and Donna Mae Walker. At a young age, the family moved to Charlevoix, MI, and later to Petoskey, MI, and lived at the Old Moser's Cabins where she first met the boy who she would later marry in life. She graduated from Petoskey High School with the class of 1989 and worked various places in the area, including at Boyne Highlands and Carters. She later went to work with the Youth Corps and took part in building one of the paths which are still in use today along M-119. On November 5, 1995, Julia married the boy who she once met at the Moser's Cabins, Robert Holland, and together, they made their home in Petoskey, MI. Julia enjoyed playing on her tablet, listening to music, watching movies, doing crosswords and working on model cars. She loved fast cars. She could also be found watching NASCAR



with her husband, Bob. She was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She is survived by her husband of almost 25 years, Bob Holland; two children, Elizabeth Day of Gaylord, MI, and John Lee Holland of Gaylord, MI; a granddaughter; four step-children, Helen McRoberts, Robert McRoberts, Bernadette McRoberts and Kimberly Roberts; four siblings, Norma Jean Mulholland of Petoskey, MI, Ira Walker (Lorelei) Mulholland of Petoskey, MI, Brenda King of Lansing, MI, and Amanda (James) Harless of Seattle, WA, and by many nieces and nephews.






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## Walking On...



**Jayson James Lambert, 48**

Jayson James Lambert, 48, of Hope, MI, passed away on July 28, 2020 in Detroit, MI. Jayson owned Detroit Clean Out and was working when he was stung by bees and succumbed due to an allergic reaction. Jayson was a kind-hearted and loving soul; a big warm smile would always greet everyone he encountered. In his family he was known as

"Big Jay." He was born in Midland, MI, on June 12, 1972 to Karen (Kilmer) Lambert and Darrell James Lambert. Jayson is survived by his parents and three siblings, Kimberly Lambert Wilcox, Franklin Wilcox (brother-in-law), Heidi Ann Lambert and Kevin James Lambert. He had four nephews and two nieces, Tyler James Lambert, Matthew James Lambert, Gabriel James Lambert, Savannah Englund Lambert and Emily Conley who survive him and a nephew he held very dear to his heart, preceded by in death, Colton James Lambert. A proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Jayson was spiritual in the Native ways and customs. Jayson was a member of Boy Scout Troup #742 and lived by the Scout slogan: Do a good turn daily. He was always willing to lend a hand or a listening ear. Jayson was known in

his neighborhood for building benches and placing them by the bus stops and fixing up old bicycles for neighborhood children. Jayson was a graduate of Ferris State University and had many varied interests and passions. He owned several businesses in his life and was always an entrepreneur at heart. Jayson was always athletic; he ran the Boston Marathon, was a serious biker and loved body building with his gym buddies. He was an avid photographer, could fix anything, a collector of antiques and loved all things outdoors. However, Jayson's real passion was for animals. He was always taking in strays who needed homes and nursing wounded creatures back to life. Jayson had six loving dogs when he passed away and all are in need of forever homes. Please contact the Humane Society of Midland County for more information on adoption.



**Ira W. Walker, 52**

Ira W. Walker, 52, of Petoskey, MI, walked on October 6, 2020 at his home. Ira was born on June 16, 1968 in Atlanta, GA, the son of the late Ronald Mulholland and Donna Mae Walker. At a young age, the family moved to Charlevoix, MI, and

later to Petoskey, MI, where Ira graduated from Petoskey High School with the class of 1987 and later attended North Central Michigan College. Ira worked for various businesses throughout his life. He worked with the Youth Corps, various building trades jobs, worked at Hardee's when they opened in Petoskey, MI, and worked there as the manager. In 1999, Ira went to work at Victories Casino and filled many roles there throughout his career, including casino host. However, his most memorable job would have to be when he worked at Hardee's, for it was there that he met the love of his life, the former Lorelei Southwood, and the two were later married on September 3, 1994 in Charlevoix, MI. Ira loved all kinds of sports. If there was a ball to kick, throw or hit, he liked

it. He enjoyed fishing, bowling, euchre, and cribbage. He was a Special Olympics coach, served as a hospital chaplain and was active in Promise Keepers. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and was a loving and dedicated husband, father, brother, cousin and uncle. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. Ira is survived by his wife, Lorelei; four children, Jordan (Ariell Sabina) Walker, Matthew Walker, Kenny Walker and Cheyenne Denniston; three siblings, Norma Jean Mulholland of Petoskey, MI, Brenda King of Lansing, MI, and Amanda (James) Harless of Seattle, WA; brother-in-law, Bob Holland; and by many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister, Julia Holland, on September 27, 2020.

