

Odawa Trails



PATTY CROSSER REFLECTS ON 22 YEARS AS A REGISTERED NURSE, LOOKS FORWARD TO RETIREMENT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

After 22 years working as a registered nurse and 13 years serving the LTBB tribal community, Patty Crosser will retire as the LTBB Health Clinic's Triage Nurse/Clinic Manager at the end of 2020.

"Time flies when you're having fun," she said. "I have truly enjoyed my time here. I've made a lot of friends here, both patients and staff. I'm grateful because everyone has always made me feel a part of the community."

She worked as a nurse at the LTBB Health Clinic from 2005 to 2011, worked two years for the Community Health Center in Petoskey, MI, and returned to the LTBB Health Clinic in 2013 as the Triage Nurse/Clinic Manager.

"Working for the tribe, I see how the tribal citizens are a family and care for one another," she said. "That has made my work enjoyable. I've seen a lot of changes; the evolution of services and the clinic. When I was hired, the clinic was tiny; there were only three exam rooms. Now, there is this beautiful health park with all the health services all in one building and talk of future expansion. The tribe is fortunate to have the clinic to serve the tribal community."

With her retirement, Regina Gasco, an LTBB Tribal Citizen currently working as a nurse at the health clinic, will become the Triage Nurse/Clinic Manager in 2021.

"I feel good leaving the helm to her (Regina Gasco)," Crosser said. "She is very intelligent and is a great asset to the tribe. She's a real go-getter and likes to know why things are done a certain way. She's constantly learning."



Crosser was born in the Netherlands. Her mother was from Indonesia, and her father was from the Netherlands. She and her family moved to Chicago, IL, when she was eight, and she moved to Michigan in 1972. She lived in Charlevoix, MI, for 17 years, and worked for a factory in Boyne City, MI, before entering the nursing profession.

"The factory kept laying me off, so I decided to go to college (at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI)," she said. "I originally was going to be a teacher, but you need a bachelor's degree to teach, and I couldn't leave the area because I was a single mother with three small children. They told me I could earn a nursing degree there (NCMC), so I took my prerequisites and earned my nursing degree in 1992."

After retirement, she plans to spend more time with her family. Her husband, Bob Crosser, is a photographer and musician. He is the bass player in the Jelly Rolls Blues Band and also plays the guitar and sings. She has three children, Janis, Jacob and Jesse, and seven grandchildren.

"I love nature, I love to walk and camp," she said. "I'll

take some art classes because I like to paint in watercolor and draw. With my husband being a photographer, we'll work together on projects. I like knitting, reading and cooking. When things go back to normal, I'll follow my husband's band and dance."

Courtesy photo.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN REGINA GASCO STEPPING INTO A NEW ROLE AT THE LTBB HEALTH CLINIC

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Adversity affects people in different ways. For Regina Gasco, it gave her a purpose.

"Not very many people know it, but (her husband) Jimmy (Gasco) and I had a full-term loss at 37 weeks (in 2004)," she said. "I still remember the nurses' faces who took care of me. It always stuck with me how caring, compassionate and supportive they were. It was a really challenging time in our lives, but it made our marriage stronger and it made me stronger. I had a drive to be someone who made a positive impact in people's lives. I started my prerequisites at North Central (Michigan College in Petoskey, MI) the following year (2005) and was accepted into the nursing program in 2011."

Gasco, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, graduated from North Central Michigan College with an Associate of Science in Nursing in May 2013 and started working as a cardiovascular nurse in June 2013 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. She remained in that position for two years before working as an obstetrics and gynecology/pediatrics staff nurse and charge nurse at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital until September 2019.

"The thing I enjoy the most about nursing is the patient-nurse relationship," said Gasco, who worked as a Patient Care Technician at McLaren



northern Michigan Hospital while attending nursing school. "You're right there with them, bedside, and it's very hands-on. You get to know them on a personal level. You're there to guide them, support them, comfort them, reassure

"Gasco" continued on page 24.

The LTBB Tribal Governmental buildings will be closed from December 24, 2020 to January 1, 2021. All departments will return to regular hours on January 2, 2021.

Tribal police and conservation officers will remain active.

The Health Department will be open on December 28, 2020 for patient appointments.

The LTBB Pharmacy will be open the following hours:

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12/28	8-6	1/1	Closed
12/29	8-6		

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 Odawa Trails Website www.odawatrails.com

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 1-866-652-5822

Tribal Administration Health Clinic
 242-1400 242-1700

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 Julie Janiskee, Administrative 242-1600
 Assistant
 242-1401

Tribal Council/Legislative Office Community Health
 Linda Gokee, Administrative (Transportation)
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 1-866-972-0077

Dental Clinic
 242-1740

Legal Department Maternal Child
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 242-1407

NO Collect Calls Accepted

Pharmacy
 242-1750

**Office of Citizens Legal
 Assistance**

Housing Department

Cherie Dominic, Attorney 242-1433
 NO Collect Calls Accepted
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 242-1555

Accounting Department

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 242-1440

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 242-1439

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 242-1555

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 242-1527

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 242-1621

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 242-1584

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 242-1531

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 242-1427

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 Pre-Press Graphic Specialist
 242-1429

Tribal Police
 242-1500

Natural Resource

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 Administrative Assistant
 242-1670

Elders Department

**Planning, Zoning and
 Building Department**

Dorothy Pagel,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1423

Shari Temple,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1581

Enrollment Department

Marin Taylor,
 Administrative Assistant/
 Genealogist
 242-1521

Amanda Swiss,
 Tribal Planner
 242-1508

Facilities Department

Simon Kenwabikise, Director
 242-1532

**Substance Abuse/
 Mental Health Department**

Pat Boda,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1640

Education Department

Tammy Gasco,
 Administrative Assistant
 242-1480

Brenda Schoolcraft,
 Office/Intake Coordinator
 242-1642

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin

Language Department

Carla Osawamick, Director
 242-1454

**Tribal Court/Peacemaking
 Program**

242-1462

GIS Department

Alan Proctor,
 Director
 242-1597

Tribal Prosecutor's Office

Gwen Teuthorn, Office Manager
 242-1475

Health Department

242-1611

Youth Services Department

Tina Dominic, Coordinator
 242-1593

Election Board Chairperson

Melissa Shomin
 616-206-3990

Contact Information

ODAWA TRAILS



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 February 2021 issue of *Odawa Trails* is January 4, 2021.

You can e-mail or call your submissions in to 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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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
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 - 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

January Elders Birthdays

January 1

Janice Beckhorn
John Deckrow, Sr.
Leslie Flint

January 2

John Walker
Margaret Ortner
Steven Hegenbarth

January 3

Meredith Shlechter
Norman Rittenhouse, Jr.

January 4

Verna Jeanotte
Leon Bailey, Jr.
Nancy Honeysette
David Kughman

January 5

Michael Dayson
Donna Bartley
Jay Harrington
David Adams
Monica Baker
Betty Hoffman
Lawrence Petoskey

January 6

Marie Bowers
Sharon Keller
Katherine Shomin
Dennis Shananaquet

January 7

Mary Crossett
Gary Harper
Raymond Shawa, Jr.
Jane Martell

January 8

Christine Thomas
Rosemary Knapp
Lauree Kirchoff
Corrine Smith
Brian Dominic

January 9

Colleen Field
Roger Martell
Glenn Holdorph
Dawna Daoust
Daniel Shananaquet
Virginia Irland
Deborah Harrison
Brian Fluette

January 10

Steven Melancon, Jr.

January 11

Sharalee Boda
Mary Cameron
J Cottrell

January 12

Nivia Paul

January 13

Terri Denemy

January 14

Sophie Conlin
Penelope Griffin
Bernard Roussain
Anna Disbrow
Dollie Keway

January 15

Laurie Sloan
Kaye Zitka
Monica Wines
Kaylene Hendrickson
Todd Weidenfeller
Dawn Nolte

January 16

Carter McFall
Linda Hagg
Carmen Corby
Patricia Alsip
Judy Field

January 17

Carole Prior
Marie Carter
William Boda
Rosemary Lucchese
Elaine Minichino
Lou Allen
Dale Himes
Curtis Drogmiller

January 18

Mary Rittase

January 19

Charlene Bush
Paul Martell
Ronald Elzinga

January 20

Clifford Cutler
Cheryl McLane
Michael Bugaj
Gale Walker
Regina Brubacker-Carver

January 21

Constance Woods
Regina Bentley
Christine Merrill

January 22

Andrew Lasley
Deborah Cracraft-Nord
Steven Crossett
Joseph Pierzynowski
Jeanette Mathews
Charles Heinberg
Anthony Genia, Jr.
Walter Ortner

January 23

Rhonda Shalifoe
Denise Frye
Jon Shawa
John Chisholm
Marilyn McDonald
Carolyn Taglauer

January 24

Christopher Sochay
Norman Shananaquet

January 25

Scott Sochay
Gordon Laitinen
Roxanne Deland-Phillips
Vicki Kelley
Timothy Johnston
Glenna Kimball
Deborah De Leon
Patrick Anthony
Sherry Andrews
Lawrence Stead

January 26

Anthony Davis, Sr.
Brenda Cash
Betty Keller
Steven Sochay
Dan Darling

January 27

Celeste Chingwa
Matthew Delmas
Dee Dee Gasco
John Liebgott
Diane Curtiss

January 28

Richard Wilburn
Richard Petoskey
Garland Baker
Melinda Engstrom
Mary Crowl
Ronald Roussain

January 29

Janelle Delorme
Joseph Smith
Timothy Smith
Laurie Davidson
Catherine Schwiderson
Rita Shananaquet

January 30

Mary Steffes
Donna Shlechter
Daniel Clark
Timothy Lacroix

January 31

Joan Jacobs
Juanita Rogers
Jennie Heeres
Donald Keshick
William Massey



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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
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you on making changes to improve your health, then
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CGordon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Email Charla today
to schedule an
appointment!



LTBB Tribal Flags for Sale!!



For more information,
contact Don Portman
at
biindigen@gmail.com
or 231-487-1093

NOTICE:

IN ORDER TO KEEP EVERYONE
HEALTHY AND SAFE, NATIVE WAY
HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER
WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE REMAINDER
OF THE 2020 YEAR. A REOPENING
DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN A
FUTURE EDITION OF THE ODAWA
TRAILS NEWSLETTER.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Aanii Boozhoo.
Most people are ready to celebrate the ending of 2020; it

has been one tough year. This is normally the time to make resolutions and reflect on the past year. We have many reasons to have enormous pride in our community's accomplishments through this pandemic. I am looking forward to a time when we can meet and visit with one another in person. Right now is not that time. I encourage you to stay in this holiday season and meet with your family and friends through Zoom or other virtual avenues. **If you ha-**

ven't, take some time to connect to someone important in your life today. Whether it be via e-mail, text, call or social media – connect! It's the small, daily interactions that can boost us up and through these lonely times. And, when we can return to group gatherings and community events at LTBB, you know we'll be there to boost you up, too!
Miigwetch, and please stay safe this holiday season. Wishing you and your family a happy New Year.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

2021

Legislative Branch/Tribal Council Regular Work Session & Meeting Schedule

(Thursday, December 31, New Year's Eve and Friday, January 1, New Year's Day, Offices Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday – January 12, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – January 14, 2021
Work Session: Tuesday – January 26, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – January 28, 2021

Work Session: Tuesday – February 9, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – February 11, 2021
Work Session: Tuesday – February 23, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – February 25, 2021

Work Session: Tuesday – March 9, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – March 11, 2021
(March 20, Saturday, Spring Equinox)
Work Session: Tuesday – March 23, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – March 25, 2021

Work Session: Tuesday – April 6, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – April 8, 2021
Work Session: Tuesday – April 20, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – April 22, 2021

Work Session: Tuesday – May 4, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – May 6, 2021
Work Session: Tuesday – May 18, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – May 20, 2021
(May 31, Monday – Memorial Day, Offices Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday – June 8, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – June 10, 2021
(June 20, Saturday, SUMMER SOLSTICE)
Work Session: Tuesday – June 22, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – June 24, 2021

(July 5, Monday, Independence Day observed, Offices Closed)
Work Session: Tuesday – July 6, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – July 8, 2021
Work Session: Tuesday – July 20, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – July 22, 2021

Work Session: Tuesday – August 3, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – August 5, 2021
Work Session: Tuesday – August 17, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – August 19, 2021

Work Session: Tuesday – August 31, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – September 2, 2021
(September 6, Monday, Doris & Lewis Adams Holiday, Offices Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday – September 14, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – September 16, 2021
(September 21, Tuesday, Sovereignty Day, Offices Closed)
(September 22, Wednesday, Fall Equinox)
(September 24, Friday, Michigan Indian Day, Offices Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday – October 5, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – October 7, 2021
(October 11, Monday, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Offices Closed)
Work Session: Tuesday – October 19, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – October 21, 2021

Work Session: Tuesday – November 2, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – November 4, 2021
(November 11, Thursday, Veteran's Day, Offices Closed)
Work Session: Tuesday – November 16, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – November 18, 2021
(November 25 & 26, Thursday & Friday, Thanksgiving Holiday, Offices Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday – December 14, 2021 Meeting: Thursday – December 16, 2021
(December 21, Tuesday, WINTER SOLSTICE)
(December 24, Friday, Christmas Eve, Offices Closed)
(December 31, Friday, New Year's Eve, Offices Closed)

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS



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

- December 24, 2020 - Christmas Eve
- December 25, 2020 - Christmas
- December 31, 2020 - New Year's Eve
- January 1, 2021 - New Year's Day
- May 31, 2021 - Memorial Day
- July 5, 2021 - 4th of July
- September 6, 2021 - Adams Holiday
- September 21, 2021 - Sovereignty Day
- September 24, 2021 - Michigan Indian Day
- October 11, 2021 - Indigenous Peoples Day
- November 11, 2021 - Veteran's Day
- November 25, 2021 - Thanksgiving
- November 26, 2021 - Day after Thanksgiving
- December 23, 2021 - Christmas Eve
- December 24, 2021 - Christmas
- December 30, 2021 - New Year's Eve



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 Keshick	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 Pyant	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. Shackleford	Active	2/17/2020	February 16, 2026	14-09	NA

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.

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.

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- ★ 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

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



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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 January). 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.

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@ltbbodawa-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)

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.

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!

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

Updated 11/29/2018

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. 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.

Please Note:

Changeable address forms are available for LTBB Citizens at 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

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

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NIIGAANDIWIN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM - 2021 BUDGET CUTS

Submitted by LTBB Higher Education

ATTENTION HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS! Please read the following memo as it contains important updates to programs and services offered by the Niigaandwin Education Department in 2021.

We are excited to announce the Michelle Chingwa Honorarium (MCEH) has been fully funded for 2021 but will still be subject to funding availability. At this time, there will be no changes to the amounts awarded per credit hour. They will remain at:

Community College - \$150 per credit hour per semester

4 Year College - \$250 per credit hour per semester

Graduate Level - \$350 per credit hour per semester

We are fortunate to have tribal leadership who supports the purpose of this honorarium. However, in response to government wide budget cuts, the following programs have been affected: the GPA Merit and the Adult Vocational Training Program for 2021.

The GPA Merit will not be available from January-December 2021. Fortunately, the Completion Merit will still be available! If you complete your degree, please fill out the application to receive a monetary award. The form can be accessed at the following link <https://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Forms/EDU/2020/Completion%20Merit%20Application.pdf>

As for the Adult Vocational Program, this funding has been completely cut for the 2021 fiscal year. However, we are hoping to revamp the program and bring it back better and stronger when funds become available. Stay tuned...

We remain hopeful for a better 2021 and a return of complete services in the future. Please know these decisions were not made lightly. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Miigwech,
Kim Gabrick, Higher Education Specialist
Phone: 231-242-1492
E-mail: kgabrick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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 Oneway, 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!

Courtesy graphic.

Department of Commerce Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

LTBB Tax Agreement Area Townships

Cross Village (all)
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*Bay (partial)
*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.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

- COMPUTER NUMERICAL CONTROL (CNC)
- COMPUTER - AIDED DESIGN (CAD)
- 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 Niigaandwin Education Department.
Phone: (231) 242-1485 Email: kbennington@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Like us at www.facebook.com/LTBBHigherEducation

FREE ONLINE TUTORING

LIVE ONLINE HELP, WRITING LAB & SO MUCH MORE

Get Help Today!

Students can log in using the following Username template:
first name+last name+ltbb.
The student's birthdate is used for the password.
(Ex. John Smith, born August 10, 2008;
U: johnsmithltbb & P: 8102008.)

Please contact the Niigaandwin Education Department at 231-242-1480.

www.brainfuse.com e-mail: info@brainfuse.com phone: 1-866-BRAINFUSE



ELDERS DEPARTMENT

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

ELDERS DEPARTMENT

231-242-1423

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

NO RECEIPTS OR
UTILITY BILLS
NEEDED!

FOOD & UTILITY APPROPRIATION ALLOWANCE APPLICATION

Please print the following information:

CURRENT YEAR _____ TRIBAL ENROLLMENT NUMBER _____

Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Date of Birth _____ Telephone Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

By signing above I certify this appropriation will be used towards food, cleansers, or utility expenditures.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE! OFFICE USE ONLY.

	Amount
Food & Utilities Allowance 2107-2-6370-10	
Total Amount of Check	

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY
VENDOR #: _____
A.P. REVIEW: _____

CONTROLLER: _____

Requestor: _____ Date: _____

Approval: _____ Date: _____

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MAIL:
<input type="checkbox"/>	RETURN TO DEPARTMENT:
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER:

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGE

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

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.

COVID-19 SAFE SOCIAL "PODS"

What is a pod?

A social pod is a core group of friends or family who agree to limit their in-person social activities to only each other, and practice physical distancing with anyone outside the group. Being part of a pod allows members to continue seeing people outside their household while reducing the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Do

- ✓ Agree up front exactly who is in the pod. Keep your pod to under 10 people, and no more than one other household.*
- ✓ Discuss how vulnerable to COVID members of the pod are (underlying medical conditions, over age 65).
- ✓ Agree on how all members of the pod will limit risk (e.g., not seeing people outside the pod other than masked outdoors, not working or attending school in person). The whole pod takes on the risk of each member's exposure.
- ✓ Pledge to be truthful with one another about activities.
- ✓ Stay outdoors as much as possible, even within the pod.
- ✓ Communicate immediately if anyone has symptoms or exposure to COVID-19. The entire pod needs to stop getting together immediately, and the person with COVID-19 symptoms should get tested immediately.

Don't

- ✗ Socialize with other people outside your pod, except masked, outdoors, with at least 6 feet physical distance.
- ✗ Pod with more than 10 people or two households.
- ✗ Be a part of more than one pod/social circle.
- ✗ Include people in your pod who have recently engaged in risky behaviors.
- ✗ Stop following essential public health guidance (frequent handwashing, social distancing, wearing a mask).
- ✗ Permit members of a household to be in different pods.
- ✗ Engage in activity that has not been agreed upon with your pod, such as travel.
- ✗ Stay in a pod if others are engaging in unsafe behavior (e.g., going to large parties or gatherings).



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.

* Households means a group of people living together in a shared dwelling with common kitchen or bathroom facilities.

MNIDOO GIIZIS - JANUARY



By **Maryann Endanawas**, Project Instructor/ Fluent Speaker

Mii maaba ntam emaaigizod ngobiboongak giizis, Mnidoo Giizis zhinkaazo.

This is the moon known as the first moon of the year.

Mii maanda pii bekaa naanaagdowendimang kinoomaadwinan gaamiinigoyiing ngobiboon.

A time to reflect and think about the teachings we received for this year.

Mii gegwa maanda pii ginawaabdamwaad bimaadiziiwniwaa, waanzhichigewad minwaa

ngobiboon.

This is also when we look at life and plan what needs to be done in the New Year.

Damtaawok maanda pii bemaadzijik mni-dokewok, aansokewok, noozwinkewok, minwaa shkigwaasowok.

People are busy at this time, they are in ceremony, sharing stories, giving names, and sewing.

Aanind bemaadzijik nibwaachidwok minwaa bibaagziinjingewok, Nimkodaading maage (boozhookewok) minwaa maamwi shaangewok.

Some people go visiting and welcome the New Year by shaking hands, then celebrate by having a feast.

Shkimaadgizod ngobiboon giizis pane ni-makwendan giiminwendaagziyaang maamwi.

I remember when the New Year started, we always had a great time.

Kidwinan - Vocabulary

Nimkaage - waving

Nimko - wave to someone

Nimkodaading - Celebration of the New Year

Nimkaagemi - greeting others in celebration, a New Year

Courtesy graphic.

**Bay Mills Community College
Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program
SPRING SEMESTER 2021**

**Mid-Week Class
6 Credits
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
5 - 7:50 pm
In-Person Or Zoom**

NPIP PANE WEEKENDS (6 or 8 Credits)	
BMCC (Bay Mills) In-Person Or Zoom	LTBB (Harbor Springs) Zoom Only
January 15, 16, 17	January 8, 9, 10
February 5, 6, 7	January 29, 30, 31
February 26, 27, 28	February 19, 20, 21
March 19, 20, 21	March 12, 13, 14
April 16, 17, 18	April 9, 10, 11

For more information, contact NPIP Director at BMCC
Michele Wellman-Teeple
mwellman@bmcc.edu 906-248-3354

January Kidwin
Please unscramble the words below

1. Mdnio Giiizs	January
2. Kiaiacigihminkast	It is very cold.
3. Gzwaatiiiaigim na?	Do you want to go outside?
4. Giwi-goon-nikine na?	Do you want to build a snowman?
5. Ziwkjhdiosoahea!	Let's go sledding!
6. Zaoehwodasatkha!	Let's go (ice) skating!
7. Zkopwoa!	It is snowing!
8. Badowaodea	Let's build a fire.
9. Goioizzhn!	Stay/keep warm!
10. Weewni Biamzidabaan	Travel safely.

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

Beginning Anishinaabemowin offered at NCMC this winter!! Also, Odawa Culture class!

January 11, 2021 to February 26, 2021
NISH 115 AC A (Anishinaabek Culture)
Wednesday 6 PM - 7:50 PM In Petoskey

January 11, 2021 to May 7, 2021
NISH 111 A (Elementary Anishinaabemowin I)
Tuesday 6 PM - 9:50 PM In Petoskey

NISH 112 A (Elementary Anishinaabemowin II)
Tuesday 6 PM - 9:50 PM In Petoskey

Apply at <https://www.ncmich.edu/>

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 for a list of photos we are in need of.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

For More Information Contact Eva Oldman at oldman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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

Message Insert Options Format Text

To: 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

You've Got Mail

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

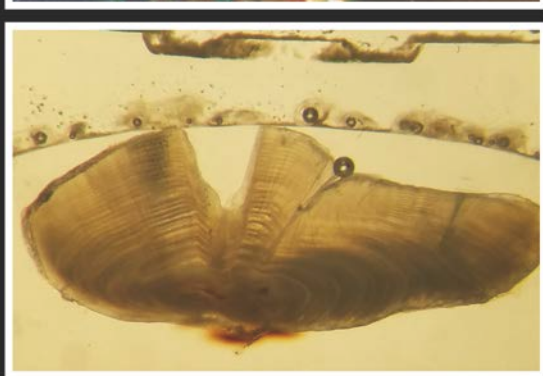
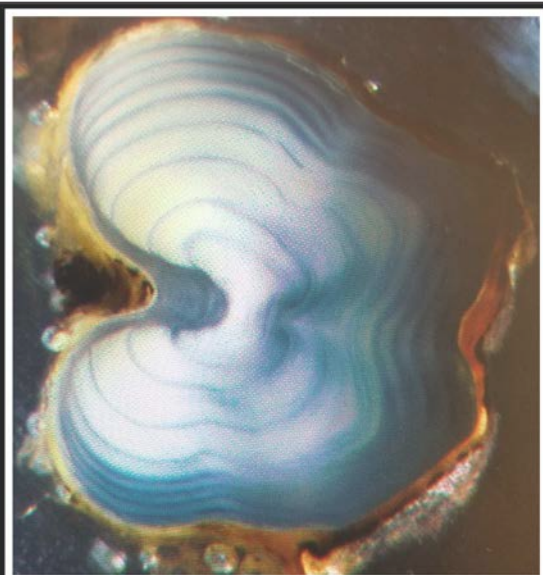
GREAT LAKES FISHERIES PROGRAM USES WINTER MONTHS TO START AGING FISH

Submitted by the **Great Lakes Fisheries Program**

As the fisheries field season winds down for the winter, the Great Lakes Fisheries Program ramps up its time in the lab. Winter is the time for our staff to process and analyze the various bio-samples that were taken throughout the field season. Aging structures are a key component we use in our population information for Lake Whitefish, Cisco, Walleye and Lake Trout. We can tell how old a fish is by analyzing one of several structures; otoliths (fish inner ear bones),

maxilla (exterior upper jawbone), scales and fin spines provide rings much like a cross-section of a tree. With the spines, maxilla and otoliths, the structure is cross-sectioned to expose the growth rings. On a scale, the rings are apparent without any alteration. We count each growth ring to determine how old the fish is. Images are taken of each scale/cross-section and are stored in our database. Ages, combined with other data from each fish, help us get a better picture of a given population over time.

Photos courtesy of the Great Lakes Fisheries Program.



LTBB NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE DEER TESTING



In an effort to encourage the removal of deer from Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) positive areas, LTBB Natural Resource Department (NRD) will make a \$10 reward available per mature deer head turned in for CWD testing, subject to the restrictions and policy below:

Tribal citizen must have a valid LTBB tribally issued Inland Hunting and Fishing License.

Hunter shall physically deliver (not mail) mature deer head (no Fawns or Yearlings) to the nearest MDNR or tribal collection and testing drop point.

The mature deer head must be submitted in accordance with collection requirements. The remainder of the deer carcass must be disposed of in accordance with applicable LTBB Citizen tribe regula-

tions.

Tribal citizens must get a verifiable receipt upon drop off with the tribal citizen's name, date, hunting license # and a signature from the MDNR or LTBB tribal NRD office or staff person. Name and information must be legible.

LTBB staff will verify the submittals are in accordance with the policy prior to issuing payments.

The receipt must be turned in to the LTBB NRD office in person or via mail to LTBB NRD, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 by the listed dates of November 11, 2020 and February 10, 2021 for payment.

An additional bonus of \$200 will be paid to tribal license holders per deer for any deer that test positive for CWD.

Tribal citizens who submit mature deer heads for testing will also be entered into a year-end drawing that will be held February 10, 2021 at the Natural Resources Commission meeting.

1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$200 and 3rd Place \$100.

All rewards are conditioned on and subject to the restrictions and policy attached.

NOTE: Year-end drawing

recipients will be subject to completing a 1099 form that will be mailed by the LTBB Accounting Department.

For more information, contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department at 231-242-1670 or dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Courtesy graphic.

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

Why Switch?



• We have limited centerfire rifle ammunition loaded with non-lead bullets available to eligible LTBB Citizens when leaded 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

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.

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

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

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

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



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



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

Children's Solstice
UNDER THE STARS

21 DECEMBER, 4-7PM

★★★★★

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For more information contact Rebecca Fisher at 231-242-1418.

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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

JANUARY 2021 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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



INSTANT POT CHEAT SHEET

THESE ALL USE MANUAL OR HIGH PRESSURE

- CHICKEN BREASTS: 10 mins
- CHICKEN THIGHS: 10 mins
- WHOLE CHICKEN: 6 mins per pound
- FROZEN CHICKEN: Add 3 mins to the recipes
- BEEF ROAST: 15 mins per pound
- BONELESS RIBS: 25 mins
- CORN ON THE COB: 4 mins
- FISH FILET: 3-4 mins
- MEATBALLS: 7 mins
- HARD BOILED EGGS: 4 mins
- QUICK OATS: 1 min
- STEEL CUT OATS: 10 mins
- PASTA: 4 mins
- PORK CHOPS: 5 mins
- PORK ROAST: 15 mins per pound
- WHOLE POTATO: 13 mins
- BIG CHOPPED VEGGIES: 3 mins
- WHITE RICE: 4 mins
- WILD RICE: 20 mins
- BROWN RICE: 25 mins

AIR FRYER CHEAT SHEET

Master everything from juicy chicken breast to crispy Brussels sprouts, without fail. Most foods can be reheated in an air fryer in 5 to 8 minutes at 300°F without drying out or becoming rubbery.

INGREDIENT	TEMP	TIME	PREP
CHICKEN BREASTS, 6 oz each	380°F	10 TO 15 MIN.	Brush with oil, season and flip halfway through cooking.
CHICKEN WINGS, split, 1 lb	400°F	20 TO 25 MIN.	Toss with seasoning.
CHICKEN THIGHS, bone-in	400°F	15 TO 20 MIN.	Season and arrange skin side up.
PORK CHOPS, bone-in, 1 in. thick	400°F	10 TO 15 MIN.	Season and flip halfway through cooking.
STEAK, 1 in. thick	400°F	10 TO 15 MIN.	Season and flip halfway through cooking.
FISH FILLETS, 1 in. thick, 6 oz each	400°F	8 TO 10 MIN.	Brush with oil and season.
SWEET POTATOES, cut into 1-in. wedges	400°F	12 TO 15 MIN.	Toss with oil, season and shake basket halfway through cooking.
BRUSSELS SPROUTS, halved	400°F	10 TO 15 MIN.	Toss with oil, season and shake basket twice during cooking.
BUTTERNUT SQUASH, cut into 1-in. pieces	400°F	12 TO 15 MIN.	Toss with oil, season and shake basket halfway through cooking.
FROZEN FRIES, 1 lb.	400°F	15 TO 20 MIN.	Shake twice during cooking.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

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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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TOGETHER

With compassion and community we can end violence against women and girls

KNOW RESPECT
Mnaadendmowin
Be respectful

SHOW LOVE
Zaagidwin
Be caring

BE HONEST
Gwekwaadziwin
Be truthful

The 7 Grandfather Teachings

LOVE
RESPECT
COURAGE
HONESTY
WISDOM
HUMILITY
TRUTH

Get involved • Support survivors

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
 Call Monday through Friday 9-5: (231) 242-1620
 Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan
 24-Hour Crisis and Information Line: (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995

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

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231-675-7044 www.miafg.org

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mnaadendmowin (respect)
 nbwaakaawin (wisdom)
 zaagidwin (love)
 gwekwaadziwin (honesty)
 dbaadendizwin (humility)
 aakde'ewin (bravery)
 debwewin (truth)

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24-Hour Crisis and Information Line:
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 Operated by Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan

Area Pantry Schedule

EMMET COUNTY

Nazarene Church - Wed 4-5:45pm
7489 Mission Road, Alanson
231-548-5462

Liberty Baptist Church - call for pantry
services 7247 South US 31, Alanson
231-548-5836

Church of Christ - 1st & 3rd Sun 12:30-
1:30pm 1727 Anderson Road, Petoskey
231-437-0210

Bay Shore Pantry - 2nd & 4th Tue 12-3pm
06072 US 31 North, Bay Shore
231-347-3618

The Manna Pantry - Tue 9am-12pm &
2nd & 4th Thur 3-6pm; call for emergen-
cies - 8791 McBride Park Court, Harbor
Springs 231-347-8852

Harbor Springs Community - Mon
9:30am-12pm - 150 West Main (enter
through double doors on 3rd Street),
Harbor Springs 231-526-2414

Pellston Area Food Pantry - Wed
5-6:45pm - 161 Highway 31, Pellston
231-638-3568

First Christian Church - Wed 9am-12pm
308 Monroe, Petoskey 231-347-6181

Salvation Army - Mon - Fri 9am-12pm
712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey
231-347-3531

St. Francis/Brother Dan's - Tue 9am-
12pm; call for emergencies - 415 State
Street, Petoskey 231-347-7423

Cross of Christ Church - 2nd Thu 5-7pm;
4th Thu 9-11am - Paper pantry only
1450 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey
231-347-5440

Seventh Day Adventist Clothing Pantry
Mon-Tues 10am - 2pm
1404 Howard St., Petoskey
231-347-2560

Northern Michigan Diaper Pantry - 1st &
3rd Fri 9:30am-11:30am - 8781 McBride
Park Court, Harbor Springs
(bldg. next to Manna)

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Boyne City Community - 1st Mon 10am-
12pm & 3rd Mon 5-7pm - 401 State
Street, Boyne City 231-582-2551

Boyne Valley Pantry - Thu 2-5pm
3031 Main Street, Boyne Falls
231-549-2230

Seventh Day Adventist - Mon 6-8pm,
Wed 10am-12pm - 326 Park Street,
Boyne City 231-582-0151

Bible Baptist Church - 1st & 3rd Thu
6-7pm; call for emergencies - 05855
M-66 North, Charlevoix 231-547-4300

Charlevoix Community - Mon and Thu
10am-12pm; last Sat 10-11am - 101 State
Street, Charlevoix 231-547-9122

Care & Share - Tue 2-4:30pm; Thu
9:30am-12pm - 710 M-32, East Jordan
231-536-7423

Walloon Lake Community - 2nd & 4th Tue
5-6:15pm - 4320 M-75, Walloon Lake
231-535-2288

ANTRIM COUNTY

Bellaire Community Pantry - Mon 1-5pm
& Thu 10am-5pm - 205 Broad Street,
Bellaire 231-533-8973

Good Samaritan - Tue 10am-7pm, Wed,
Thu, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm
9746 Main Street, Ellsworth
231-588-2208

Antrim County Baby Pantry - 2nd & 4th
Thu 12:30-4pm - 209 Jefferson Street,
Mancelona 231-584-8401

Community Lighthouse - Tue & Thu 9am-
5pm - 430 West State Street, Mancelona
231-587-9967

Mancelona Pantry and Resale - Tue,
Wed, Thu 9am-4pm - 200 Maple,
Mancelona 231-587-9606

Area Soup Kitchen Schedule

EMMET COUNTY

First Presbyterian Church - Thu & Sun
12-1pm - 501 East Mitchell Street,
Petoskey 231-347-4793

St. Francis/Brother Dan's - Tue 12-1pm
415 State Street, Petoskey
231-347-7423

Nazarene Church - Wed 4-5:45pm
7489 Mission Road, Alanson
231-548-5462

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Lighthouse Community Lunch Program
Mon & Thu 11:30am-1:30pm
104 State Street, Charlevoix
Charlevoix United Methodist Church
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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.

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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.

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NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
HOUSING DEPARTMENT
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tel: 231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550
TTY: 7-1-1



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Now accepting applications

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- Accept very low, low and moderate income applicants
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- Located in a quiet country setting, but only 4 miles from Harbor Springs, MI
- Barrier free units are available
- LTBB Housing office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

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

Contact person: LTBB Housing Department 231-242-1540



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NATIVE NEWS

WINGS OF WONDER IN EMPIRE CLOSES DOORS, LESSARD CLOSES A CHAPTER

By Ross Boissoneau

Editor's note: The following article and photograph appeared on the *Leelanau Ticker*, and they are reprinted here with permission.



For the first time in more than three decades, the cages and flight pens are empty. All is quiet at Wings of Wonder, the raptor rehabilitation center outside Empire, MI. Rebecca Lessard, the founder of and guiding force behind Wings of Wonder, has said goodbye to her birds of prey as she embarks on the next chapter of her life: Retirement.

Of course, the birds never were really hers. That's why she says she was never downcast about letting the birds fly free after they had been rehabilitated.

"Was I sad to release them? Never. It's their birthright," says Lessard.

Lessard says the creation of the center was not intentional. She wasn't even interested in birds.

"I had a degree in biology. I always worked with mammals," she says.

It wasn't until a veterinarian friend suggested she try to help an injured red-tailed hawk that she stumbled into what became her life's work.

The way she tells it, she was afraid of the bird but gathered it into her arms. It was then that something happened she wasn't prepared for. She looked into the hawk's eyes and was smitten by the need.

"My life changed in that moment," she says, almost wonderingly. As did the lives of countless hawks, eagles, vultures, falcons and other birds. "I didn't get in the way of the universe," she says.

She started small, building a flight pen with her late husband. Then another. The number of birds she was rehabilitating grew until finally a decade into her experiment, she decided to officially become a non-profit.

"It was crushing us financially, so I incorporated as a non-profit."

That was also about the time, she stopped going on rescue runs to wherever there was an injured bird. She might be gone for hours, and upon her return, she would still need to feed and take care of the birds at Wings of Wonder. So, she began enlisting the assistance of rescue volunteers around the state. She also had a small contingent of five or six volunteers to help her at the center.

How many birds has she rescued and rehabilitated over the years? Lessard doesn't really

know.

"The number's not important. The first year, I had 12, then 35. Some years, it was 180 or 190. I probably averaged 100 to 120 a year." So, 31 years at 100 to 120 a year adds up to ... a lot of birds she and her team have helped.

Despite her best efforts, some of the birds were unable to survive if they were released back into the wild. Lessard got certified to keep those birds which could not be released.

That led to something she feared more than the birds: Talking to crowds of people.

The birds became the centerpieces of educational programs she conducted.

"I wasn't good at public speaking," Lessard says. "It was scary."

But the goal — helping the birds and educating people about them — was so important she worked to overcome that fear. She eventually hosted 150 programs a year.

"I'd take live raptors to over 10,000 people a year. That's when I realized my calling, that hush of 'Wow.' I got this golden moment to fill people's heads with facts," she says.

Her lecture partners included Doolin, a turkey vulture who became one of her and her audience's favorites.

"He's just a clown," Lessard says. "He was on a tether. He'd walk up to someone and pull on their shoelace. They're really curious. He became a rock star."

Now Doolin, Rita Mae and other birds have made the big move to Michigan Avian Experience (MAE). The sanctuary is in Brooklyn, MI, near Jackson, where Lessard's friend, Francie Krawcke, heads the team.

Lessard is also working with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in Harbor Springs, MI, in a new endeavor. They are setting up a tribal eagle display aviary and rehabilitation center, the first of its kind east of the Mississippi River.

"The partnership with the tribe has been incubating for 15 years," says Lessard. "[The new center] is being designed from the ground up with intention. The concept drawings are almost finalized. It's really, really beautiful."

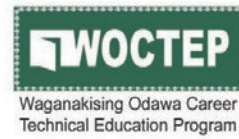
Lessard's last scheduled release was in September in Harbor Springs, MI, where the tribe will be operating for the next year under her license. But two days later, she received an emergency call on an eagle found on South Fox Island. She'd already dispersed most of her medical supplies but was able to gather the necessary supplies and nursed that bird back to health. It was released on South Fox Island October 19. Her educational birds had been transported to MAE earlier that month.

She's now happy to be surrounded only by chickadees, nuthatches and the like.

"It's really neat to not have birds under my care. That's probably why I now have six bird feeders and a suet feeder," Lessard says with a laugh.

Courtesy photo.

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



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For more information, contact Rachael Koepf at 231-242-1488 or e-mail rkoepf@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

LTBB of Odawa Indians is the recipient of this grant under the Department of Labor (DOL). In accordance with the Jobs for Veterans Act, WIOA



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



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HUSBAND AND WIFE CREATE EIGHT BOOK SERIES CHRONICLING NAKOTA BOY



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In the books, Paul shares his teachings with his friends and his teacher.

The books are illustrated by Chloe Bluebird Mustooch, a Nakota woman who grew up with the Bearheads' children.

All of the books are available on www.goodminds.com and www.highwaterpress.com

Courtesy graphic.

Wilson and Charlene Bearhead wrote an eight-book series featuring Paul Wahasaypa, an 11-year-old Nakota boy.

Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

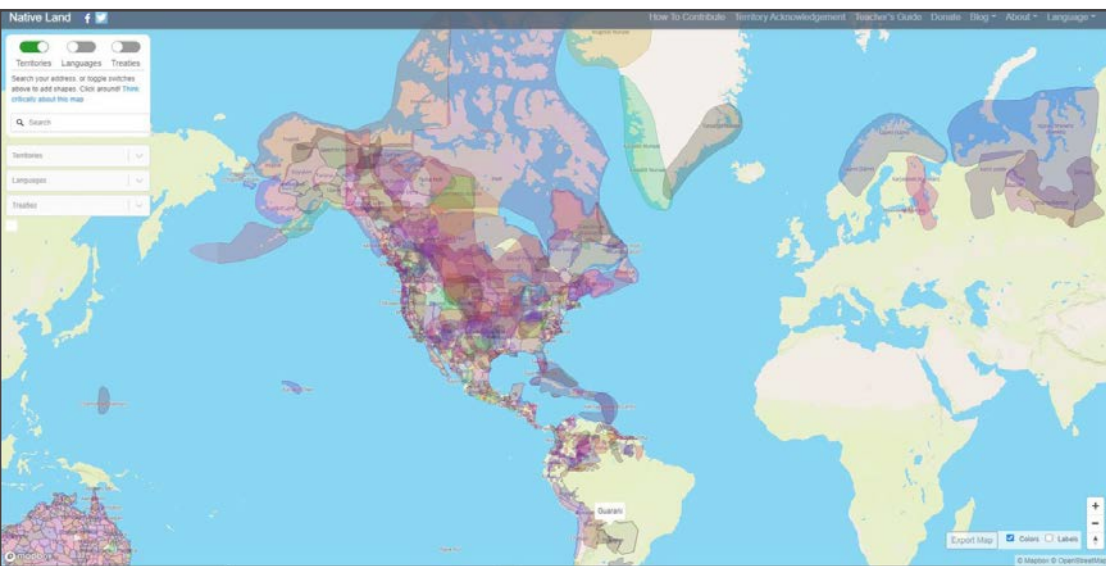
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- Work in the tribal community?
- Make a little extra money?
- Gain experience in several fields?

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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

INTERACTIVE MAP SHOWS WHICH TRIBAL LAND YOU'RE LIVING ON



You can type in virtually any address and see tribes, languages and treaties that have connections there.

Long before European settlers began colonizing the land we now know as North America, hundreds of thousands of people lived here. An increasing number of states now celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day either concurrent with or in place of Columbus Day, on the second Monday in October, which might motivate you to learn more about the Native Americans who originally inhabited the area you call home.

Victor Temprano, CEO of mapping software developer Mapster, is also the founder of Native Land Digital, a Canadian not-for-profit organization. While working on resource development projects mapping out pipelines in British Columbia several years ago, Temprano began to wonder whose territories they originally were. As he started to research various tribes, he mapped the geographic data he discovered, and it grew from there.

With an Indigenous Executive Director and Board of Directors who oversee and direct the organization, Native Land Digital has made its data public. You can access the map to learn about territories, languages and treaties of indigenous peoples associated with virtually any address.

For example, if you put in the White House,

you'll see that America's most famous residence sits on land that belonged to the Anacostan and Piscataway tribes. Jumping to the other coast, you'll find that California's iconic Hollywood Sign is on land that belonged to the Chumash, Tongva and Kizh people.

Meanwhile, a search for Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom Park shows the beloved theme park exists on Seminole land.

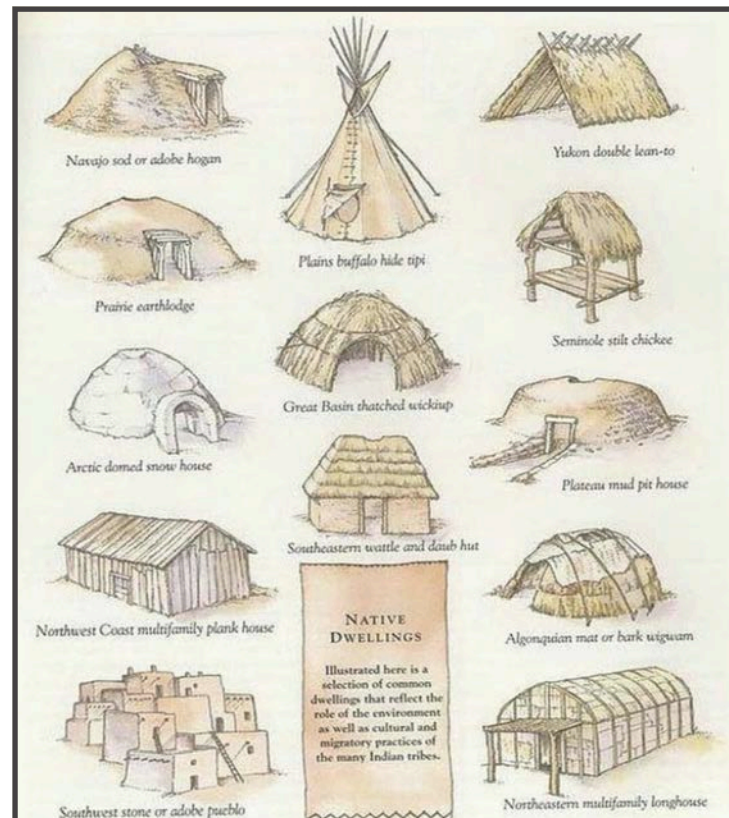
To use the address search feature, begin typing an address into the search field and select the correct location from the list of suggestions. Alternatively, you can move around the interactive map and zoom in on any area for details.

You can then toggle the switches that display territories, languages and treaties to learn more. Links are also provided for each tribe or nation listed to direct you to websites and other maps where you can learn more.

Native Land Digital provides a teacher's guide, which educators can use to help teach history, start discussions and offer feedback. There is also a section for contributors, where users can make suggestions, notify the developers about errors or learn about volunteer opportunities. Donations are also accepted to help the project continue and grow.

To try the map for yourself, visit Native-Land.ca and start learning.

Courtesy graphic.



USA AND CANADA

Indigenous-Owned Bookstores

USA

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM



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VANCOUVER, BC

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BRANTFORD, ON

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VANCOUVER, BC

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WASHINGTON NFL TEAM DROPS NATIVE FOUNDATION

By Dalton Walker

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

The Washington NFL team dumped its controversial mascot earlier this year and now, it appears it has dumped its foundation created to help Native people.

The team will no longer make contributions to the Original Americans Foundation and will instead focus its charitable efforts on the Washington Football Charitable Foundation, *USA Today* reported. The Washington Football Charitable Foundation will continue to assist Native communities, according to the newspaper, but it's unclear how.

"As part of our evolution into a franchise of the future, the Washington Football Team's new leadership is reviewing our philanthropic strategy," read a team statement to *USA Today*.

A spokeswoman for the foundation confirmed the shift away from the Original Americans Foundation and a new philanthropic strategy to *Indian Country Today*.

Julie Jenson said part of the strategy is working with



advisors and leadership within the Native American community that is long-term and sustainable. Strategy specifics haven't been built out yet, she said.

In July, the team said it was retiring its logo and nickname, a dictionary-defined racial slur, after mounting pressure from activists and sponsors. It hasn't made a public decision on a new name and is competing in this NFL season as the Washington Football Team.

The team launched the Original Americans Foundation in 2014. An announcement on its website from that time outlined its goals and cited its ability to "provide resources that offer genuine opportunities for tribal communities."

According to the post, Snyder and his staff traveled to 26 reservations in 20 states and met with 400 tribal leaders.

"The fact is, too many Na-

tive American communities face much harsher, much more alarming realities," Snyder said in the announcement. "I've listened. I've learned. And frankly, it's heart wrenching. It's not enough to celebrate the values and heritage of Native Americans. We must do more."

It also noted the foundation had given a new backhoe to the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, among 40-plus projects being processed that year.

USA Today reported the foundation donated \$3.7 million in its first year, \$1.6 million in the second, \$650,000 in the 2017 fiscal year, \$303,000 in the 2018 fiscal year and \$0 in 2019. It's unclear where the money was spent or which tribes benefited.

The NFL franchise is facing sexual harassment claims recently exposed by the *Washington Post*. The report names Original Americans Foundation Executive Director Gary Edwards as one of the franchise employees accused of sexual harassment.

Dalton Walker, *Red Lake Anishinaabe*, is a national correspondent at *Indian Country Today*. Follow him on Twitter at @daltonwalker. Walker is based in Phoenix, AZ, and enjoys Arizona winters.

Courtesy graphic.

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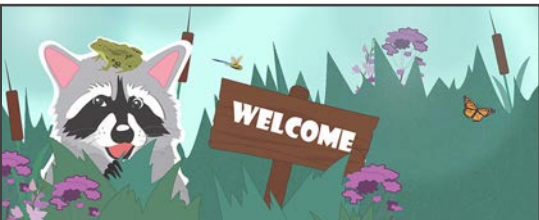
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creation.

What in the Wild was designed to be easy enough to learn that it can be played with elementary school aged children and challenging enough to win to keep adults engaged.

You can purchase *What in the Wild* at <https://www.thegamecrafter.com/games/what-in-the-wild> for \$27.99.

The print and play version contains the card deck and rulebook for the game formatted to print on standard letter size (8.5"x11") paper. It can be purchased at [https://www.thegamecrafter.com/games/what-in-the-wild-print-play-for-\\$9.99](https://www.thegamecrafter.com/games/what-in-the-wild-print-play-for-$9.99).

Game contains:

- 1 double-sided pdf containing the *What in the Wild* card deck
- 1 single-sided pdf of the *What in the Wild* rulebook

To extend the life of your game, consider putting the cards in protective sleeves, also available via The Game Crafter: Poker Sleeve Pack (100).

Proceeds from the sale of *What in the Wild* are used to distribute copies of the game to educators across Michigan for use in their classrooms to complement the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' "Go Wild for Michigan's Wildlife" curriculum package. If you're an educator who's interested in using the curriculum for your K-5 students, go to DNR Education for more information about how to sign up.

Courtesy graphic.

Do you have what it takes to make a home for wildlife?

What in the Wild is a game system consisting of a deck of 120 cards and rules for five different games. Cards contain plant and animal species and the food, water, shelter and space they need to survive. Much as with wildlife conservation in the real world, the games of *What in the Wild* focus on cooperation, collaboration or side by side competition rather than head to head competition. Each game was designed with children and families in mind, and most have variants that let you ramp up the challenge as players get older and are looking for more strategic gameplay.

The games include:

- Match It! A memory game where you explore the different types of habitat elements and which species use them.
- Connect It! A cooperative game of map building to construct a resilient ecosystem before time runs out.
- Slap It! A fast-paced race to assemble habitat for as many species as you can.
- Group It! A push your luck set collection game.
- Build It! A collaborative game of habitat

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

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) announces a new website that features the latest information on legislative and administrative updates and trusted resources on COVID-19 for tribal nations.



National Congress of American Indians

Visit <http://www.ncai.org/COVID-19>

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

FLINT WATER CIVIL SETTLEMENT DETAILS PRESENTED TO COURT FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

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



the residents of Flint participate in this process as we all work together towards the brighter future that Flint deserves."

Today (November 17, 2020), the full details of the agreement between the settling parties were filed in court with Judge Judith Levy of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Judge Levy will review the agreement as part of a motion for preliminary approval of the \$641.2 million settlement.

While the court itself will still need to make the final determination that the settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate, this is the first opportunity for the people of Flint to see all the details and assess the settlement for themselves.

On a date to be set by the court, Judge Levy will hold a hearing on the motion for preliminary approval that will be open to the public. After that hearing, Judge Levy will determine if the settlement meets certain legal standards for preliminarily approving the settlement. If preliminary approval is granted, then the process of claim registration, through which Flint residents indicate their intention to file a settlement claim, can begin.

The detailed terms of the settlement agreement filed in court are contained in a lengthy agreement with many exhibits and can be viewed at www.flintsettlementfacts.org

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



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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

COVID-19 SOCIAL GATHERING GUIDANCE PAUSE TO SAVE LIVES

Socializing with family or friends may feel safe, but it is risky – especially with COVID everywhere in Michigan today. It's best to only get together outside. If you must gather indoors, you may only see one other household at a time.

To reduce risk, follow these guidelines:

- **Pick only one other household to see over the next three weeks.** Even better, form a consistent **social pod**.
- **Choose a household that is also being careful.** If anyone in either group feels sick, postpone the gathering.
- **Limit duration indoors.** The longer the visit, the greater the risk.


Follow these rules as much as possible:



Wear a mask – only take it off when you eat or drink, then put it back on.



Stay six feet apart.



Keep voices down and avoid shouting or cheering.



Do not share utensils.

After a gathering, monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19. If anyone in the group feels sick, get tested.

For more information about social gatherings, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. Questions or concerns can be emailed to COVID19@michigan.gov.



GET CREATIVE WITH FOREST-INSPIRED CRAFTS

Need a creativity boost? Take a look around the house – and even outside the house – for a little inspiration. With the following winter craft ideas, simple items like popsicle sticks, recycled paper, pine cones and twigs can be transformed into beautiful, often purposeful crafts. Half the fun is collecting the ingredients for your project.

One of the simplest projects is a festive origami conifer tree, made from your favorite paper by following along with these PDF instructions. Make one as a splendid standalone centerpiece or go wild and create a whole forest of different sizes and hues.

spatula to cover the cone in natural peanut butter (no sugar or additives for wild birds, please!), and then roll it in bird seed. Hang it outside and watch the chickadees, nuthatches and sparrows flock to this tasty treat.

Ornament: Begin by first baking gathered pine cones on a sheet of foil in a 250-degree oven for 30 minutes; make sure they don't burn. This helps to dry the pine cones and remove any critters that could be hiding within. Once they're cool, it's time to get creative! Paint the cones with acrylic paints, glue on small beads or stones or decorate with glitter glue. You can hang the decorated pine cones on trees, add them to a holiday wreath, string them on a twine garland or use them as a rustic alternative to a gift bow.

Sticks and Stones

Did you know popsicle craft sticks are primarily made from fast-growing, sustainably managed birch and aspen forests? That makes them a good option for craft projects like winter snowflakes (though small twigs from the backyard work great, too).

Snowflake ornament: First, cross three sticks together and firmly tie them in the center with yarn or twine. Then, color them with markers or paint and decorate with wooden beads, small stones or shells. Add a string or ribbon to hang them where they can be admired. Want to go big? Make this project using paint stirrers or branches.



Pine Cone Projects

When it comes to nature-related crafts, pine cones show up in all sorts of decorative items. Two popular ones – a bird feeder and an ornament – are quick and fun to make.

Bird feeder: Welcome feathered friends with a pine cone bird feeder. Start by using a



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MUNSON HEALTHCARE

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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.

LTBB Pharmacy

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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.

LTBB EDUCATION'S TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS

Little Traverse Bay Bands Of Odawa Indians 1h ago

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Text one of the **keywords** listed below to 33222 in order to sign up for updates from that department!

LTBB—General updates from the Education Dept. & the Cultural Library.
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WOCTEP—Updates from Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program.
K12—Updates from LTBB K-12 Services.
HIGHERED—Updates from Higher Educational Services.
CULTURAL—Updates from Cultural Services.
 *Standard messaging & data rates may apply.

Christmas Tree Origami Instructions

- Before starting, cut off all white space to make a perfect square.
- Start with the pattern side up. Fold the paper in half (point to point) both ways. Unfold.
- Flip over to the white side. Fold the paper in half (edge to edge) both ways. Unfold.
- First, pinch together the left and right corners, then, with the top corner, fold to the bottom.
- Fold toward center line and unfold.
- Using the crease you just made, open and flatten this flap.
- Repeat Steps 4 and 5 on the other 3 flaps.
- With only the pattern side showing, fold along this crease and unfold.
- Fold each patterned flap backward underneath itself.
- Use as decoration, a card or an ornament for your new tree!

For a how-to video, visit Michigan.gov/ForestsForALifetime.

Choosing the perfect Christmas tree is a cherished tradition for many Michigan families. It works wonders for the holiday spirit – and also the environment and the economy!

Did you know...

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AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND AND THREE NATIONAL NATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDERS TO CO-CREATE DATA AND RESEARCH CAPACITY

Editor's note: The following is an American Indian College Fund press release.



Only 14.5% of American Indian and Alaska Natives (AIAN) age 25 and older have a bachelor's degree or higher—less than half of the rate of the overall population at 31.5% according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The American Indian College Fund is embarking upon a \$1 million, five-year research project, American Indian and Alaska Native College Students: Building Collaborative Data Capacity for Assessing College Access, Persistence and Graduation Success funded by the Spencer Foundation. The project, in collaboration with three other national Native American scholarship-providing organizations (NNSPs), will create data capacity across organizations. Partner organizations include the American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC), the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) and Indigenous Education, Inc. (IEI), which administers the Cobell Scholarship.



The research project will explore ways to increase AIAN students' access to and graduation from college as well as ways students interact with institutions once they are in college.

The four NNSPs will build a shared database, which will combine the number of students served across organiza-

tions to provide a larger, more robust sample when conducting qualitative and quantitative research. The database will also enable comparisons across the group of students served collectively according to Dr. David Sanders, Vice President of Research at the American Indian College Fund (the College Fund), which will direct the program. The project provides the opportunity to work with consultants to develop an institutional assessment, allowing post-secondary institutions to measure the success of their efforts to serve AIAN students.



The College Fund started college affordability research one year ago with a grant from the Lumina Foundation. That work established research norms with other NNSP member organizations, creating the opportunity to extend the work.

The result will be a larger AIAN student research agenda while meeting research needs for AIAN post-secondary students. The project will also use research results to ensure non-tribal colleges and universities are held accountable for how they serve their communities.

Native students are a significant and unique population underserved by higher education, distinguished from other racial/ethnic student populations by their tribal nation citizenship within the United States. The combination of both racial identity and tribal citizenship status complicates the relationships and experiences AIAN students



have with higher education.

"The real power of this project is that by working across organizations, we will gather data that will allow us to establish a broad Native American research agenda. We are looking forward to how we grow this initiative to do research with AIAN communities in the future, and to partner with other organizations while allowing them to ask the kinds of questions they want to ask (and answer) for the benefit of their organizations and Indian Education in general," Dr. Sanders said.

Cheryl Crazy Bull, President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund, said, "The College Fund is excited to work with our colleagues in the Indigenous higher education scholarship world as we address the critical gap in data about Native students in higher education. Through the support of the Spencer Foundation, we are able to not only fill that data gap, we are able to provide guidance and resources to all of higher education so institutions can create safe and welcoming environments for indigenous students. Equity in higher education for our people is achieved through honest, informed change and this initiative moves us along the path to that change."

In addition to funding the research project, the Spencer Foundation will disseminate exemplary research about education on its website, including article abstracts, book chapters and report summaries to help grantees reach broader audiences and create greater visibility for their work with other scholars, policy makers and practitioners.

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MOLLY OF DENALI APP ENTERTAINS AND EDUCATES YOUNG CHILDREN



The Molly of Denali app is the winner of the Excellence in Early Learning Digital Media award from the American Library Association.

Adventure with Molly of Denali from PBS KIDS.

In this app, kids ages 4-8 can explore the village of Qyah, and its forests, lakes and wildlife. This app is packed with new games and interactive activities for your child to learn about Alaskan culture and nature. Garden vegetables, fish salmon and go dog sledding. Create beading projects or help run the Denali Trad-

ing Post while learning from books, diagrams and captioned photos. Solve problems and accomplish tasks around town. Our educational games are designed to support your child's foundational literacy skills and reading comprehension.

Molly of Denali Features: Teaching Games

Veggiezilla: Learn how to care for a garden and grow giant vegetables.

Alaskan Adventure: Learn about Alaskan animals.

Fish Camp: Learn about fishing and respecting nature.

Sled Dog Dash: Learn about dog sledding and caring for your dogs.

Beading Art: Learn the tradition of Alaskan Native beadwork with simple patterns.

Denali Trading Post: Interact with customers and fill orders.

Educational Adventure

Step into Molly's world with character interactivity.

Pick blueberries for Molly's dad.

Have a snowball fight with Trini and Tooy.

Feed the sled dogs.

Play the drums with Grandpa Nat.

Make Learning Fun

Kids from ages 4-8 can get a fun introduction to familiar informational texts and their features.

Learn how to read field guides, recipes and maps.

Learn how to understand diagrams, indexes and captions.

Learn about dog sledding, sustainable fishing, traditional Alaska Native arts and more.

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Learn about Alaska Native values with a focus on community and traditions.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

1. The seal and signature of a notary public.
OR
2. Attaching a legible copy of one (1) of the following forms of Identification that bears the signature of the Tribal Member:
 - Valid Tribal Identification Card, OR
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SIGNATURE OF NOTARY	MY COMMISSION EXPIRES	

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2021 Tribal Elections Schedule

JANUARY

Monday, January 11 - Call to Election Mailed

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 2 - Last Date to Register to Vote in the Primary Election

MARCH

Tuesday, March 16 - Candidate Nomination Petitions Due by 5 p.m.

Friday, March 19 - Last Date for Primary Election Candidates to Withdraw

Wednesday, March 24 - Official List of Primary Candidates Posted

Tuesday, March 30 - Last Date to Register to Vote in the General Election

APRIL

Friday, April 2 - Primary Ballots Mailed to All Those Who Are Registered to Vote As Of February 2

MAY

Monday, May 3 - Primary Election Day
 Location To Be Determined, 9 am - 6 pm

Thursday, May 6 - Non-Certified Primary Results Posted

Thursday, May 13 - Last Date to File a Challenge to the Primary Election by 5 pm

Friday, May 14 - Last Date for General Election Candidates to Withdraw

Monday, May 17 - Certification of the Primary Election at 5 pm & Official List of General Election Candidates Posted

Thursday, May 27 - Mailing of the General Election Ballots

JUNE

Monday, June 28 - General Election Day
 Location To Be Determined, 9 am - 6 pm

JULY

Thursday, July 1 - Non-Certified General Election Results Posted
 Thursday, July 8 - Last Date to File a Challenge to the General Election by 5 pm

Monday, July 12 - Certification of the General Election at 5 pm & Official Results of General Election Posted

AIM Co-Founder Eddie Benton-Banai Dies

By Amy Forliti, Associated Press

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



Eddie Benton-Banai, who helped found the American Indian Movement partly in response to alleged police brutality against indigenous people, has died. He was 89.

Benton-Banai died Monday (November 30, 2020) at a care center in Hayward, WI, where he had been staying for months, according to family friend, Dorene Day. Benton-Banai, Anishinaabe Ojibwe, had several health issues and had been hospitalized multiple times in recent years, Day said.

Benton-Banai was born and raised on the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation in northern Wisconsin.

He made a life of connecting American Indians with their spirituality and promoting sovereignty and was the grand chief or spiritual leader of the Three Fires Midewiwin Lodge.

Day said he was someone people looked to for guidance in the religious practice of the Anishinaabe Ojibwe people — and he gave countless babies their traditional names.

Benton-Banai's place in the American Indian Movement, a grassroots group formed in 1968, can be traced to his launch of a cultural program in a Minnesota prison, said Co-Founder Clyde Bellecourt.

Bellecourt was in solitary confinement when he heard someone whistling "You are My Sunshine," and he looked through a tiny hole in his cell and saw Benton-Banai, a fellow inmate, recognizing him as an indigenous man.

Bellecourt said Benton-Banai approached him about helping incarcerated indigenous people, and they started the prison's cultural program to teach American Indians about their history and encourage them to learn a trade or seek higher education.

Bellecourt said Benton-Banai thought they could do the same work in the streets, and the program morphed into the American Indian Movement, an organization that persists today with various chapters.

"It started because I met Eddie in jail," Bellecourt said. "Our whole Indian way of life came back because of him. ... My whole life just changed. I started reading books about history of the Ojibwe nation... dreaming about how beautiful it must have been at one time in our history."

One of the group's first acts was to organize

a patrol to monitor allegations of police harassment and brutality against Native Americans in Minneapolis where it's based. Its work included job training, efforts to seek better housing and education for indigenous people, provide legal assistance and question government policies.

At times, the American Indian Movement's tactics were militant. In one of its most well-known actions, the group took over Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to protest U.S. and tribal governments. The 71-day occupation turned violent, and two people died in a shootout.

Akim Reinhardt, a history professor at Towson University in Maryland, said Benton-Banai's roots in the group often got overshadowed by more powerful personalities in the movement, including Russell Means, Dennis Banks and John Trudell.

"It's a shame, because clearly when we listen to the people who were there, they all mention him," said Reinhardt, who has written broadly about the movement.

Lisa Bellanger, executive director of the National American Indian Movement and Benton-Banai's former assistant, said he was instrumental in the group's work using treaties to protect the rights of indigenous people.

He was also part of a team that pushed for the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, she said, as government policies stifled or outlawed religious practices. The law safeguarded the rights of American Indians to practice their religion and access sacred sites.

Bellanger said Benton-Banai also helped launch the International Indian Treaty Council, which advocates for the rights of indigenous nations to govern themselves, and for the protection of tradition, culture and sacred land.

But in addition to his activism work, Benton-Banai was also a father figure.

"We could always go to him with questions," Bellanger said. "We could run crying to him if we needed to. We had that personal faith and trust and love in him, at a time that was crucial for young girls."

Day said Benton-Banai was raised by his grandparents and grew up speaking Ojibwe.

"He had a very solid spiritual foundation to his traditional and indigenous learning, and that's what made him, I believe, who he was," she said.

His book, "The Mishomis Book" is touted as the first of its kind to offer Anishinaabe families an understanding of spiritual teachings.

Benton-Banai also founded a school in St. Paul in 1972 called the Red School House, which — along with its sister school in Minneapolis — fueled a broader movement to provide alternative education for indigenous children so they could learn while maintaining their spiritual and cultural practices, Day said.

Bellecourt said the American Indian Movement's philosophy of using the sovereignty and spirituality of indigenous people as a strength can be attributed to Benton-Banai's leadership.

"I considered him our holy man," he said.

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- This is not an exhaustive list. These are the most common symptoms of serious illness, but you could get very sick with other symptoms — if you have any questions, call for help immediately.



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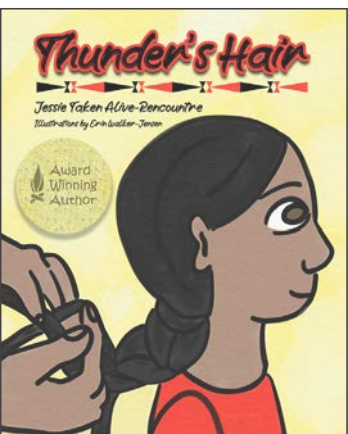


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- If you live in an area where malaria, dengue or other infections are common and you have any of above symptoms, seek immediate medical care according to the local health authorities.
- Stay in touch with your primary care provider to ensure you continue to receive the routine care you need, such as medication refills, follow-ups and other routine consultations.

The Book Thunder's Hair Educates and Empowers

The purpose of the book *Thunder's Hair* by Jesse Taken Alive Rencountre is to in-



spire and empower our Native children to take pride in their hair as well as to educate their

peers and even adults about the importance and beauty of our hair. It also addresses the too common problem of bullying amongst children.

Thunder is tired of dealing with bullies at school who pick on him because of his long hair. They don't understand why a boy would grow his hair long. When he is sure he has made up his mind to cut it, his grandmother reminds him of the power of having long hair.

It is available for purchase as a paperback at www.ama-zon.com for \$14.99.

Jesse Taken Alive Rencountre is a **Hunkpapa Lakota** from the Standing Rock Sioux



Tribe who teaches the JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) program at Rapid City High School. She holds a master's degree in Counseling and Human Resource Development from South Dakota State University.

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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 forth by the individual. No attempt will be made by the Legislative Branch to summarize the comments. Written public comments will be accepted by the Legislative Office. Written comments shall be attached to the official approved minutes housed in the Legislative Branch. Written comments are not published, however shall be open to review within the Legislative Office in accordance with any laws regarding such documents.

THERE ARE NO MINUTES AVAILABLE TO BE PUBLISHED AT THE TIME OF PRINTING THIS ISSUE OF THE ODAWA TRAILS

AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND AND PENDLETON WOOLEN MILLS NAME STUDENT DESHAWNA ANDERSON AS 2020 TRIBAL COLLEGE BLANKET CONTEST WINNER

The American Indian College Fund and Pendleton Woolen Mills, the international lifestyle brand headquartered in Portland, OR, have selected Deshawna Anderson's "The Courage to Bloom" as its 2020 Tribal College Blanket Contest winner.

Anderson is an enrolled member of the Crow nation, an American Indian College Fund scholar and a student attending Little Big Horn College, a tribal college in Crow Agency, MT. She is studying business administration.

Pendleton creates wool blankets in partnership with the American Indian College Fund (the College Fund) for its American Indian College Fund collection. In addition, Pendleton has provided nearly \$1.65 million in higher education support for American Indian and Alaska Native students. The College Fund and Pendleton launched the Tribal College Blanket Design Contest to further elevate the voices, work and representation of tribal college and university (TCU) students while providing additional scholarship opportunities. Anderson's design is the first winner of the annual competition.



A visual learner, Anderson became interested in art as an education tool to communicate her perspectives and experiences to others. She said, "My art is influenced by the Apache and Crow cultural landscapes, from the Crazy Mountain Range in the Northern Rockies of Montana to the Salt River Canyon," (which has been described as the most scenic vista in Arizona). She also draws inspiration from historic and contemporary Apache beadwork, quillwork and burden baskets (conically shaped and fringed baskets that traditionally were used by women to carry everyday items like food and firewood).

Anderson's career goal is to work in the marketing field and to design a clothing line of t-shirts, sweats and other clothing, and her experience with the blanket design will help her as she embarks upon her career.

"I would like to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity and for your hard work. A shout-out to Pendleton and the American Indian College Fund and everyone who has helped me here at Little Big Horn College," she said.

Dr. David Yarlott, President of Little Big Horn College, said, "What a tremendous boost in morale and confidence for a tribal college student to be recognized and rewarded for talent in Native thought and design! The thought that went into the design that symbolizes a contemporary issue for our Native community tugs at our hearts and raises awareness. We at Little Big Horn College are certainly proud of our student, Deshawna Anderson, for this honored recognition from the American Indian College Fund and Pendleton Woolen Mills. Thank you to the College Fund and Pendleton for the opportunity for our TCU students."

Cheryl Crazy Bull, President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund, said, "On behalf of the College Fund, I want to thank Pendleton for

recognizing the importance of visibility and representation of Indigenous people through their commitment to supporting the College Fund's mission. When we are able to help promote the talents of students like Deshawna, whose heartfelt passion shows in her blanket design, we are accomplishing a positive outcome for all of Indian education."

Courage to Bloom was chosen from 48 entries in the inaugural 2020 Tribal College Blanket Design Contest and will be available for purchase in spring 2021. You can pre-order a blanket at <https://www.pendleton-usa.com/blankets/featured-blankets/american-indian-college-fund/>.

The Tribal College Blanket Design Contest is open to all Native American TCU students. The contest provides a new, high-profile platform to recognize and develop the work of promising artists and raise the voices and representation of Native students and TCUs through internationally distributed products. Located in remote, rural areas and on Indian reservations, TCUs provide a critical link to higher education, career advancement and indigenous knowledge for some of the nation's poorest and least-connected Native communities. Every year, the College Fund provides millions of dollars to thousands of TCU students; the blanket design contest will add to that support while elevating Native art, culture and stories.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2021 Tribal College Blanket Design Contest. Submission guidelines and applications are available on the College Fund's website at <https://collegefund.org/pendletoncontest>. Any Native TCU student can submit up to two designs. Formal artistic study and textile design experience are not required.

Design winners are selected each year by a committee comprised of Native American artists along with College Fund and Pendleton staff. Prizes include:

- Grand prize winners: \$2,000 cash, a \$5,000 scholarship and six of the winning blankets.

- (bullet) Second place winners: \$500 cash and a \$2,500 scholarship.

- Third place winners: \$250 cash and a \$1,500 scholarship.

Courtesy photos.

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

January 12 Work Session
January 14 Council Meeting
January 26 Work Session
January 28 Council Meeting

Harbor Springs, MI.

February 9 Work Session
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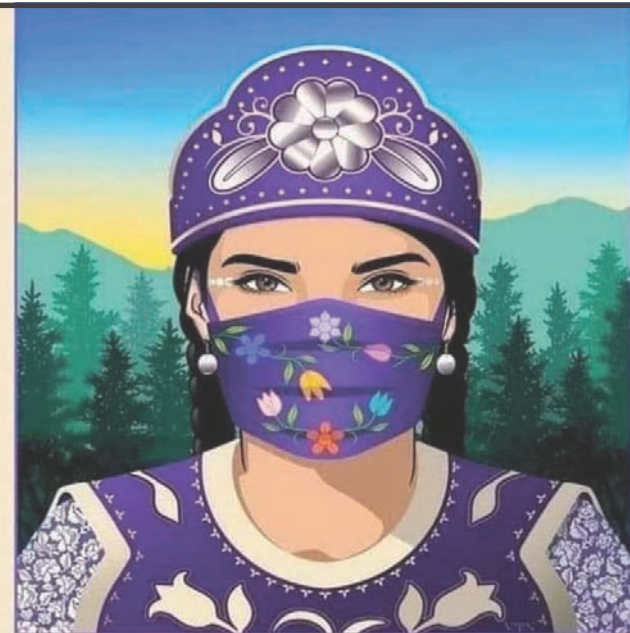
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NEW TRIBAL DIVISION SPEAKS TO NEEDS OF TRIBAL NATIONS

By StrongHearts Native Helpline



Tribal nations have long advocated for amending the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to allow tribes to access VOCA funding on a direct government to government basis. In recent years, the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) held listening sessions with tribal leaders, representatives and advocates to discuss victim needs for crime victims' services in Indian country.

These consultation and listening sessions resulted in several recommendations being acted upon that were announced on August 6, 2020. They include:

- A Tribal Division was created to streamline the distribution and management of tribal grant awards and ensure the OVC is adequately staffed to meet the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

- The Victims of Crime Tribal Financial Management Center (OVC TFMC) was also launched to provide training, technical assistance and resources to support Native American and Alaskan Natives;

- A formula was developed to address allocation of tribal set-aside funds.

"Tribal Leaders have strongly advocated for the establishment of a tribal division, similar to that of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)," said Liz Carr, Senior Policy Analyst for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC). "The benefits of having a Tribal Division include having a high-level deputy director with a working knowledge of Tribes and an office staffed by people with experience working in Indian Country or at the very least, having a good understanding of the barriers faced in tribal communities."

What are Tribal Set-Aside Funds?

For the third time since 2018, Congress authorized set-aside funding from the Crime Victims Fund for a tribal victim services program to provide support to tribal communities and improve services for victims of crime, consistent with the requirements of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The OVC is charged by Congress with administering the Crime Victims Fund.

Although Congress recognized the need in tribal communities and developed a 5% set aside through the appropriations process, the set-aside funding is not considered permanent funding, which not only presents future programming issues, it hinders future designs on programs.

"Basically, there is nothing specific in the current Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) as it

pertains to funding for Tribes," explained Carr. "However, there is legislation being proposed to address the permanency of the tribal set-aside funds. The Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment "SURVIVE Act" would authorize 5% set-aside funding. This bill would amend VOCA and authorize more permanent funding for tribal victim service programs."

Tribal Set-Aside and StrongHearts

In August 2019, StrongHearts Native Helpline (StrongHearts) was the recipient of two grants from the Office of Victims of Crime to enhance services over the next three years.

"These two grants were funded through the tribal set aside," said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump. "Over the three-year period, we will have received nearly \$3 million to enhance and grow our operations. To date, we have been able to increase the number of victim-survivors that we help by introducing online chat advocacy and adding a sexual violence component to the advocate's repertoire. Future plans include offering round-the-clock advocacy (24/7) and adding a text by phone option."

Improved Access Still Needs Work

"These resources should be a permanent set-aside for tribal programs that are administered by the Tribes they serve," added Jump. She explained that without funding for victims of crime, the need for justice and healing could not be provided to tribal members who have long suffered the consequences of the anti-Indian policies that were enacted to displace indigenous people.

"Native Americans continue to be poverty stricken and are in dire need of the service that we so desperately want to provide," said Jump. "Considering Native women are 2.5 times more likely to be raped or be a victim of sexual assault than any other ethnic group, StrongHearts Native Helpline serves as a potential lifeline for survivors of these crimes."

OVC Background

The OVC was established in 1988 through an amendment of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA). The OVC is charged by Congress with administering the Crime Victims Fund. Through OVC, this fund supports a broad array of programs and services that focus on helping victims in the immediate aftermath of crime and continuing to support them as they rebuild their lives.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate and anonymous helpline for Native Americans impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence. Visit StrongHearts Native Helpline online for one-on-one chat advocacy or call 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) open daily 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. StrongHearts advocates offer peer support and advocacy, personal safety planning, crisis intervention and referrals to Native-centered domestic violence service providers.

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Fatigue	sometimes	✓	✓	✓
Fever		rarely	✓	✓
Headache	✓	rarely	✓	sometimes
Itchy eyes	✓			
Loss of taste/smell	sometimes	rarely	sometimes	✓
Nasal congestion	✓	✓	✓	rarely
Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea		sometimes	sometimes	sometimes
Runny nose	✓	✓	✓	rarely
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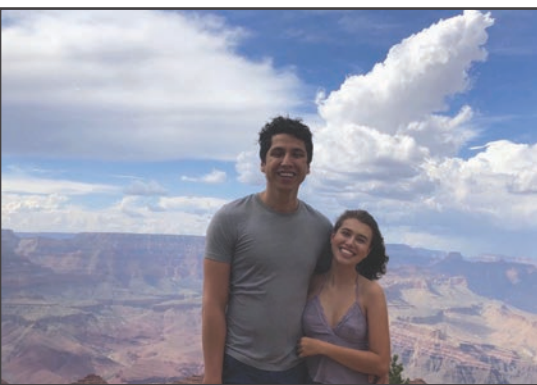
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NATIVES HELP NATIVES IN ONLINE MARKETPLACE

By Aliyah Chavez

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The weaver who sells their work at flea markets. The beader who markets their work on social media. The jeweler who vends at a local fair.

Many indigenous artists were negatively affected by canceled pow wows and markets this summer. They weren't allowed to sell their products in person, which has had many looking to the Internet.

A new indigenous-owned marketplace, From The People, allows artists to post and sell their products online — and allows buyers from all backgrounds to purchase authentically made and ethically produced crafts from the artist themselves.

The company believes in “Natives helping Natives” and was started in February by co-owners, Chase McNiel, Diné, and Isabella Johnson, Coquille Tribe.

Johnson, a Stanford University student, says in May during widespread coronavirus shutdowns, she heard of many artists who were losing profits from canceled events. At the time, she was a committee member of the Stanford Pow Wow, the country's largest student-run pow wow, before it was canceled and moved online for safety concerns.

The timing of canceled events, the co-founders said, made it essential to get the project moving quickly.

“I knew people would need something like From The People to survive, so they could sell their goods and keep going with their livelihoods,” McNiel said.

The company welcomes indigenous artists from all backgrounds to post their work for sale, including those from federally or state recognized tribes. They also encourage artists from tribes who are seeking recognition, First Nations and those in Pacific Islander communities.

Part of the company's philosophy is to provide authentic products, which is why it makes it a priority to operate in compliance with the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990.

The act is a truth-in-advertising law that makes it illegal to market any art or craft product as “Indian made” when that product was not actually made by a Native person.

In recent years, trends of “tribal” prints have become increasingly popular, which has resulted in an increased risk of stereotyping Native arts.

“The act helps ensure a level playing field in which things that are being sold as Indian are actually being made by Indians, as defined by the act,” Ken Van Wey, a program specialist with the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, told *Indian Country Today*.

Van Wey has been doing this work for 23 years and says the number of complaints to the Indian Arts and Crafts Board has increased dramatically in recent months due in large part to social media.

On average, he says the Indian Arts and Crafts Board receives 125 complaints a year. As of August, the board had received between 400 to 500 complaints in 2020 alone.

The consequences for violating the act are severe, though critics argue there's not enough enforcement.

A first-time violation of the act for an individual can result in a \$250,000 fine and/or a five-year prison term. Businesses that violate the law can be fined up to \$1 million.

In 2018, a New Mexico jewelry store owner was sentenced to six months in prison and a year

of supervised release for selling counterfeit Native jewelry. The owner was also ordered to pay more than \$9,000 in fines.

To avoid this, From The People requires any artist who wishes to sell their work as “Indian made” or “Native made” on its website to provide a proof of enrollment and state their tribal affiliation in their online posting.

This extra step to ensure authenticity is part of what drew Anishinaabe beader Sophie Hill to post her items on the website.

“If you are buying or selling on From The People, you are guaranteed to buy from an Indigenous person,” Hill said.

She also markets her products on popular online hub Etsy.

“Sometimes on Etsy, you could have someone who isn't Indigenous selling beadwork. Ethics are really important to me, especially knowing I am offering my art in a space that isn't just about money.”

Niquita Thomas, Lower Cayuga from Six Nations of the Grand River, is a beader who also sells her work on From The People. She uses beading as a main source of income and says she was excited to join the online community of indigenous artists.

“When you have to list your tribe and affiliation on the site, it tells someone where your work stems from. It tells them a little bit more about what the products are, where the materials came from and the person who made it.”

Thomas says putting good thoughts and intentions into her beadwork is essential, a lesson from her grandma and uncles, who taught her the craft.

“I don't work when I feel unwell,” Thomas said. “I even smudge my work before shipping it. I wish the product well before it starts its journey.”

From The People is among a handful of Native-owned companies that showcase and promote the artwork of indigenous artists.

Beyond Buckskin is a Native-owned online retailer that sells the work of more than 40 artists and small businesses. The company uses established partnerships with artists and small businesses to help them sell their products.

The Southwestern Association for Indian Arts held a virtual “Indian market” this summer, reporting 450 artists participated.

The organization says only 77 artists had existing websites when it announced plans to go virtual. Following the market, hundreds of artists were able to sell their products online through the association's help.

Online marketplaces like these are helpful to artists who are transitioning from selling in-person to online, says Amanda Smith, president of the Native American Business Association.

“E-commerce business platforms have the benefits of easing barriers while providing increased business reach and low operational costs,” Smith said. “Many of these are specialized and cater to various groups and topics. It is great to have a marketplace that is dedicated to Native artists.”

Smith says artists who are making the jump to go virtual can face barriers such as learning how to make a website and finding start-up capital, among other business challenges.

From The People says it welcomes the opportunity to work with artists who may not be tech-saavy.

“Any Native vendor who wants to join, we would love to have them,” Johnson said.

The company uses social media to recruit artisans to join its community.

When an artist joins, they are given an account that comes with a profile page, including a biography, item listings and review page. There are no listing fees and artists can post an unlimited number of items. The company charges a small fee after an item has been sold.

The co-founders say this work is only beginning for them, hoping one day they are able to create an app for the website.

One of the co-founders, McNiel, is a graduate of Stanford University. He previously worked as a mechanical engineer at an aerospace company before resigning in February to look for other

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“meaningful” opportunities.

It was shortly after that, McNeil self-funded From The People, where he now works full-time.



He custom-coded the website, which includes the marketplace, and a map of Native businesses and land. Future iterations of the website will include a category for indigenous

books and authors.

“I grew up going to flea markets with my parents,” McNeil said. “A lot of people in my family sell their jewelry in those spaces, so this work is special to me.”

Johnson says the work is meaningful to her because it ensures authenticity and that Native artists are profiting from their work.

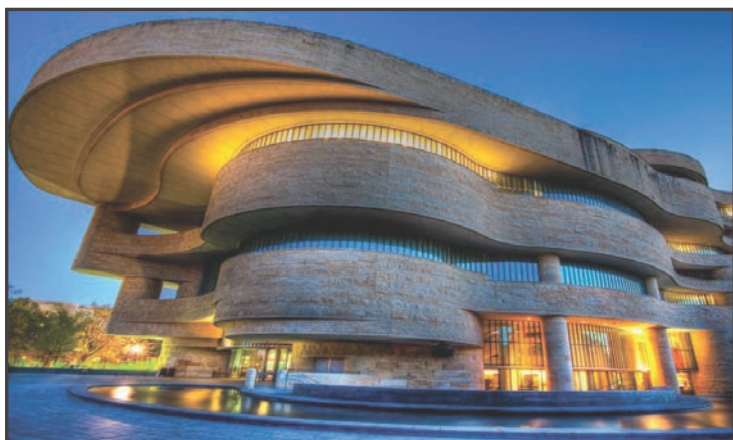
“We really want the website to function as a space where people can learn and educate themselves,” Johnson said. “And that the marketplace will promote the work of Native people. It’s a one-stop virtual shop.”

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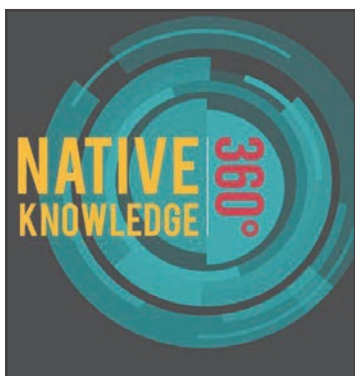
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN RECEIVES DONATION OF NEARLY \$5.7 MILLION FROM FEDERATED INDIANS OF GRATON RANCHERIA IN CALIFORNIA

Editor’s note: The following is a press release from the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian.



of Graton Rancheria

The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria are descendants of Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo tribes. The Miwok of west Marin County have, through the years, been referred to as Marshall Indians, Marin Miwok, Tomales, Tomales Bay and Hookooeko. The Bodega Miwok (aka Olamentko) traditionally lived in the area of Bodega Bay. The neighboring Southern Pomo Sebastopol group lived just north and east of the Miwok. The town of Sebastopol is located about one mile midway between the north boundary of Miwok territory and the southern edge of Southern Pomo territory. In 2000, President Bill Clinton signed into law legislation restoring federal recognition to the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. The legislation also provided for the restoration of land.



About NK360°

Native Knowledge 360° (NK360°) is a set of teaching resources that provides educators and students with new perspectives on Native American history and cultures. Most Americans have only been exposed to part of the story, as told from a single perspective through the lenses of popular media and textbooks. NK360° offers educational materials and teacher trainings that incorporate Native narratives, more comprehensive histories

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Principal funding for the Native Knowledge 360° education initiative provided by the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. Lead funding provided by Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, Cherokee Nation and Elizabeth Hunter Solomon. Major funding provided by the Booth Ferris Foundation, Ralph Lauren Corporate Foundation, National Museum of the American Indian’s National Council, Bonnie and Jere Broh-Kahn and Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation. Additional funding provided by Rodney Copenen, The Nathan Cummings Foundation, William Lomax, TEW Foundation, the Secretary of the Smithsonian and the Smithsonian Seattle Regional Council.

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In partnership with Native peoples and their allies, the National Museum of the American Indian fosters a richer shared human experience through a more informed understanding of Native peoples. The museum in Washington, D.C. is located on the National Mall at Fourth Street and Independence Avenue S.W. Connect with the museum on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and AmericanIndian.si.edu.

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them and educate them to continue their recovery or to go home.”

She began working as a Clinic Nurse at the LTBB Health Clinic in September 2019 and is currently transitioning into a new position as Clinic Nurse Manager with Patty Crosser retiring at the end of 2020.

“When I was a new nurse, I never thought I would take on that type of (administrative) role, but I found myself doing that (at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital),” Gasco said. “When I was a charge nurse in OB/GYN/Peds, I handled scheduling and had leadership responsibilities. I always wanted to come back to the tribe and to give back. I have big shoes to fill, but I’m up for the challenge. I’m very fortunate to be surrounded by a great group of MA’s (medical assistants), medical staff and support staff. I’m so appreciative of all their work. It makes my job easier.”

Gasco is also very appreciative of the training and guidance she has received from Patty Crosser, who has 22 years of experience working as a nurse, 13 of those for LTBB.

“Patty will be missed by many,” Gasco said. “She has made a positive impact and a lasting impression on our tribal community. I will continue to mirror your compassionate and empathetic care as she has set the bar very high. I’m grateful to learn as much as I can from her because she is a great resource. They say nurses are lifelong learners, and it’s true. I learn something new every day that makes me a better nurse.”

Gasco graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Ferris State University (FSU) in May 2019 and is currently pursuing her Master’s in Nursing Administration from FSU. She credits family members for motivating her to further her education. Her grandmother, Alice Yellowbank, has a Master’s in Education and served on the LTBB Tribal Council. Her father, Archie Kiogima, Jr., has a Bachelor’s in Biology from Michigan State University and is the Wildlife Biologist in the LTBB Natural Resource Department. Her sister, Netawn Kiogima, has a Bachelor’s in Education from Central Michigan University (CMU) and a Master’s in Curriculum Development and Culture from CMU and works as a language instructor in the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.

“She inspired me to pursue my education,” she said of Yellowbank. “I’m proud of what she has accomplished in her life and how she served

the tribe. If it wasn’t for my family’s support, I wouldn’t be where I am today.”

While she attended nursing school and worked nights as a nurse at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital, her family was there to make sure her sons, Mkoohns, and Wedaase, were well taken care of.

“Nursing school is very intense, and I worked nights for seven years after that,” she said. “I never would have made it without them. Jimmy was always very supportive and stepped up to helping around the house and with the kids while I was in nursing school and working nights. He is an amazing, supportive husband, and I am very lucky. My parents (Regina, Sr. and Archie Kiogima, Jr.) and my sister Krystal (Kiogima) were always there to help us with the kids and always asking if we needed help with anything.”

She graduated from Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI, in 1999 and earned a certificate of clerical technology from Bay Mills Community College. She worked in the LTBB Environmental Services Program as the Assistant from 1999 to 2001, left the area for a few years and returned to work in the Environmental Services Program as the Assistant/Water Quality Assistant/Recycling Technician from 2004 to 2011.

“I loved working with (the late) Taimi (Hoag, former Environmental Services Director), Rachel (Smolinski, former Environmental Services Director) and Kira (Davis, former Water Quality Specialist),” she said. “We started the recycling and composting program at LTBB. It was a great job. I worked outside the majority of the time, and I enjoyed the work. I feel like I’ve come full circle now.”

She also served as the Co-Chair of the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Committee and volunteers at the pow wow.

Her husband, Jimmy, has worked in the Surveillance Department at Victories Casino and Odawa Casino for 18 years. Her son, Mkoohns, is a senior at Petoskey High School, and is on the varsity football team. Her son, Wedaase, is a sixth-grader at Petoskey Middle School and is a three-time wrestling state champion. Her grandparents are Alice and Bob Yellowbank and the late Dorothy and the late Archie Kiogima, Sr. Her parents are Regina, Sr. and Archie Kiogima, Jr., and her siblings are Netawn Kiogima, Archie Kiogima III and Krystal Kiogima.

Courtesy photo.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM OF INDIAN ARTS & CULTURE SHARE ONLINE EDUCATION TOOL EXPANDING ACCESS TO TREATIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND NATIVE NATIONS

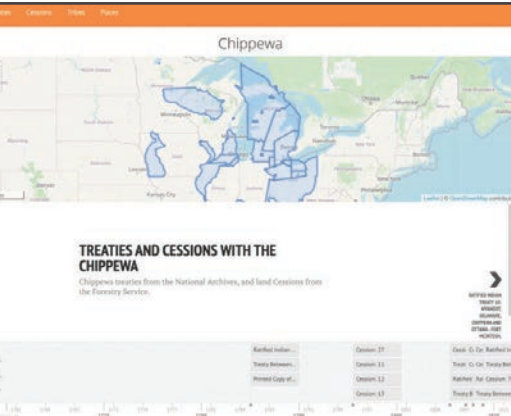
Thanks to the generous donation from an anonymous donor, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) collaborated with our digitization partner to launch the Indigenous Digital Archive’s Treaties Portal. This website provides public access to digital copies of NARA’s series of ratified Indian treaties. We worked with Dr. Anna Naruta-Moya and her team at the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture in Santa Fe, NM, to make this access happen.



and culturally important collection and make these records accessible for anyone, anywhere, through our National Archives Catalog. Now, many more descendants of the original peoples can examine the names and seals and read the words set down by their ancestors so long ago. But more than that, the treaties are still relevant today as tribal leaders and lawyers continue to use them to assert their rights in court such as in cases over land and water rights. With such increased access to these records, we plan to continue and increase our educational outreach to Native American communities and to raise and increase awareness of Native American history.

Resources on the Treaties Portal website include classroom ready curriculum and a set of three video workshops by Professor of Law Librarianship Sherri Thomas (Taos Pueblo and Black). The “How-To” workshops cover “Treaties – What Are They?”, “Treaties – Historical Context”, and “Research You Can Do with the Digital Treaties Explorer.” Closed captioning and transcripts are also available. An additional education tool, a set of Native designed Treaties Trading Cards, will be available for free download or ordering in print form.

Courtesy graphics.



The ratified Indian Treaties, numbered 1–374, were transferred to the National Archives from the Department of State in the late 1930s. They are housed in a specially protected area within the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. and are not pulled for use in the Central Research Room. More than 50 of the treaties are written on large sheets of parchment and several contain pictographs, drawings/maps and wampum.

NARA has been able to do needed conservation work, scan and digitize this historically

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- 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.

How learning hits home.

GOVERNOR WHITMER, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES APPLAUD FURTHER COST REDUCTIONS FOR MICHIGAN DRIVERS UNDER AUTO INSURANCE REFORM

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) applauded further cost reductions drivers will see under the state's new auto insurance reform law as the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) announced a reduction in its annual assessment charged on auto insurance policies. The 14% savings per vehicle to the assessment reflects a further reduction in costs achieved through the historic, bipartisan auto insurance reform Governor Whitmer signed into law in 2019.

The reduced assessment to \$86 per vehicle will take effect July 1, 2021. This is the second time the assessment has been reduced due to cost reductions under Michigan's new auto insurance reform law with a drop from \$220 per vehicle to \$100 per vehicle that took effect July 2, 2020.

Under Michigan's old auto insurance law, each driver had to purchase unlimited Person-

al Injury Protection (PIP) medical coverage and pay the MCCA assessment, which reimburses insurers for catastrophic medical claims. Under the new law, Michigan drivers can still choose unlimited medical coverage, but can now also choose the level of PIP medical coverage they want when they start or renew a policy, and only drivers who choose unlimited PIP medical coverage pay the MCCA assessment as long as the fund does not have a deficit.

Prior to the announcement, under the new auto insurance reform law, the average statewide PIP medical reductions had already exceeded the statutory requirements. Additional key provisions, including the PIP medical fee schedule, will take effect in 2021. In addition to promoting choice and reducing costs while maintaining benefits, the new auto insurance law also provides for increased consumer protections. The new law prohibits insurance companies from using certain non-driving factors when establishing premiums, provides stronger anti-fraud protections and increases fines and penalties on insurance companies, agencies and licensed agents.

DIFS continues to offer monthly virtual town halls to answer drivers' questions about the new auto insurance law and operate its dedicated, no-fault hotline with calls being answered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drivers can call 833-ASK-DIFS (275-3437), e-mail autoinsurance@michigan.gov or visit www.michigan.gov/autoinsurance for more information.

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JOY HARJO APPOINTED TO THIRD TERM AS U.S. POET LAUREATE



This digital project features an interactive ArcGIS Story Map, developed with the library's Geography and Map Division, which maps 47 contemporary Native American poets across the country — including Joy Harjo, Louise Erdrich, Natalie Diaz, Ray Young Bear, Craig Santos Perez, Sherwin Bitsui and Layli Long Soldier.

The map connects to an online audio collection developed by Harjo and housed in the library's American Folklife Center, which features the participating poets reading and discussing an original poem. Each chose their poems based on the theme of place and displacement and with four focal points in mind: Visibility, persistence, resistance and acknowledgment.

"This has been a challenging year for the country, for our earth. Poetry has provided doorways for joy, grief and understanding in the midst of turmoil and pandemic," Harjo said. "I welcome the opportunity of a third term to activate my project and visit communities to share Native poetry. The story of America begins with Native presence, thoughts and words. Poetry is made of word threads that weave and connect us."

During her laureateship, which began June 19, 2019, Harjo opened her term as the nation's first Native American poet laureate with a poetry reading and concert in the library's Coolidge Auditorium accompanied by a three-piece band. Her first term closing event was canceled after the

pandemic forced the closure of the library's public buildings, and she started her second term on September 1.

Harjo has adapted to the virtual world by participating in programs such as the 2020 Library of Congress National Book Festival — in a video recorded especially for the event and by appearing in the festival's accompanying broadcast special on PBS — as well as in "The Poetry of Home," a virtual series developed with the *Washington Post*.

About Joy Harjo

Joy Harjo was born in Tulsa, OK, on May 9, 1951 and is the author of nine books of poetry, including her most recent collection, "An American Sunrise" (W.W. Norton), as well as "Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings"; "The Woman Who Fell From the Sky," which received the Oklahoma Book Arts Award; and "In Mad Love and War" (Wesleyan University Press, 1990), which received an American Book Award and the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award. Harjo has also written a memoir, "Crazy Brave," which won the 2013 PEN Center USA literary prize for creative non-fiction as well as a children's book, "The Good Luck Cat," and a young adult book, "For a Girl Becoming."

Harjo has also recently released her co-edited anthology, "When the Light of the World Was Subdued, Our Songs Came Through: A Norton Anthology of Native Nations Poetry" (Norton).

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COVID-19 RISK LEVEL

Rankings compiled by four Michigan public health experts in June 2020

9	DRINKS AT A BAR ATTENDING CONCERT
8	HITTING THE GYM ATTENDING CHURCH VISTING AN AMUSEMENT PARK ATTENDING GAME AT STADIUM
7	PLAYING A CONTACT SPORT SWIMMING AT A PUBLIC POOL
6	GAMBLING AT A CASINO DINING INDOOR AT A RESTAURANT GETTING YOUR HAIRCUT A TRIP TO THE PLAYGROUND
5	BACKYARD BARBECUES A DAY AT THE BEACH SMALL IN-HOME GATHERINGS FLYING SHOPPING AT A MALL
4	VISITING THE DENTIST WALKING IN A BUSY DOWNTOWN WORKING IN AN OFFICE BUILDING DINING OUTSIDE AT A RESTAURANT
3	GROCERY SHOPPING CAMPING WITH FAMILY STAYING IN A HOTEL GOLFING IN A CART GOING TO THE LIBRARY
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Tlingit Artist Creates Stamp for U.S. Postal Service

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



The U.S. Postal Service has tapped Rico Lanáat' Worl, a Tlingit/Athabascan artist based in Juneau, AL, to create a Northwest Coast art stamp for distribution in 2021.

The design of the stamp, titled "Raven Story," by Rico Lanáat' Worl, was unveiled by the Postal Service as part of its Forever Stamps series.

The Postal Service had planned to unveil the stamp with Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) at Celebration 2020, but the event was cancelled because of the pandemic. SHI is working with the agency to hold a release ceremony next year.

The Postal Service has featured Northwest Coast art stamps in the past; in 1996, it released a stamp featuring Worl's clan uncle, Nathan Jackson, performing a Raven dance. However, this is thought to be the first time such a design has been illustrated by a Tlingit artist.



Antonio Alcalá, who served as art director on the project, reached out to Worl about creating the stamp after seeing his work for sale at the National Museum of the American Indian gift store in Washington, D.C.

"It was a huge honor to be invited to participate. I also felt the weight of needing to represent well since I was showcasing as a Tlingit artist on a national platform," Worl said. "I hope that as a designer, I can represent on a national scale the modernity of Native people — that we're engaged in modern culture while still carrying forward our traditional heritage."

Merging traditional artwork with modern design touches, this stamp depicts one of many stories about Raven, a figure of great significance to the indigenous peoples of the Northwest Coast. Among the cultures of the region, Raven plays an essential role in many traditional tales, including stories about the creation of the world. Inspired by the traditional story of Raven setting free the sun, the moon and the stars, Worl depicted Raven just as he escapes from his human family and begins to transform back into his bird form.

"Many depictions of this story show Raven with the Sun in his mouth representing the stealing of the Sun. I was trying to showcase a bit of drama," Worl said. "The climax of the story is after Raven has released the sun and the moon and has opened his grandfather's final precious box, which contained the stars. In this design, I am imagining Raven in a panicked state of escape — transforming from human form to raven form



and holding on to as many stars as he can while trying to escape the clan house."

Worl called the depiction an exciting moment of humanity for Raven, who is a powerful being much of the time.

"I think it's a moment we all feel at times. A moment before we accomplish a goal when we may feel frazzled and have trouble holding everything together in our hands while trying to accomplish multiple goals at the same time. Even the greatest among us experience the moment that is on the cusp between accomplishment and failure."

Rico Lanáat' Worl is a Tlingit/Athabascan social designer and artist with training in anthropology.

His work began with the development of the arts department at Sealaska Heritage Institute, implementing programs to empower the indigenous artists of Southeast Alaska. The programs focused on developing fundamental skills and access to resources.

Through his current ongoing project, Trickster Company, he carries forward the goals of empowering indigenous artists. Through this brand, he works to celebrate indigenous resilience and cross-cultural connection, break into a tourist market which profits millions of dollars from knock-off "Native" artwork and represent the story of how indigenous people are not only here today but engaged in modern lifestyles.

These goals are also foundational in his work outside of the brand. His crafts range from product design, digital design, jewelry making, printmaking, public art and most recently, he has been working to develop his skills in sculpture and computer-aided 3D design.

Sealaska Heritage Institute is a private non-profit founded in 1980 to perpetuate and enhance Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian cultures of Southeast Alaska. Its goal is to promote cultural diversity and cross-cultural understanding through public services and events. SHI also conducts social scientific and public policy research that promotes Alaska Native arts, cultures, history and education statewide. The institute is governed by a Board of Trustees and guided by a Council of Traditional Scholars, a Native Artist Committee and a Southeast Regional Language Committee.

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Puzzle on page 9

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| 4. Gwii-goon-ninike na? | 9. Giizhoozin! |
| 5. Zhooshkijwedaa! | 10. Weweni Bbaamaadizin |

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LINEs FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



Birthday



I would like to wish my mother, **Judy Ann Field**, a very special & happy 70th birthday on January 16th!! We love you so much mama, you've been a rock in all of our lives, and I can't imagine where I'd be in this life without you ♥ You're so very special to so many and such a thoughtful, loving, caring person who I am beyond proud and blessed to call Mom and my babies call Grandma. We love you Mama xoxo

Happy Holidays



Another year gone by. So many memories, so much lost time, so many new memories made without you two. You have missed out on so much with us, and us with you! You have so many cousins now on your Kiogima side, some who remind us of you!! And, your little sister Kelsey is such a mixture of the two of you! We pray for the day you will meet each other! There is so much love!!

We love you to the moon Cameron and McKenzie and miss your sweet smiles and laughter. We pray you have a wonderful Christmas and stay safe, always!

Wherever you are, our love will find you!

Grandpa and Grandma Kiogima and your whole Kiogima family.

Walking On...



Nangonhs Massey, 21

Nangonhs Gianna Massey, 21, of Mt. Pleasant,

MI, died on November 16, 2020 at Mid-Michigan Medical Center in Midland, MI. Nangonhs was born on July 30, 1999 in Petoskey, MI, the daughter of Miengun and Melissa Pamp. Nangonhs grew up in Petoskey, MI, and Mt. Pleasant, MI. She attended school at Mt. Pleasant High School. Nangonhs was a mother to two-year old son, Miigwan Ezra Sprague, who was Nangonhs' entire world. She loved Miigwan dearly and was an excellent mother. Nangonhs was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and also a descendent of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Burt Lake Band. She was involved in her Native American culture and danced

Walking On...

at many pow wows. She was a friend and relative to hundreds throughout Michigan's Native American communities. Nangonhs had a special love for the care of Mother Earth. She was a "Water Protector" and dedicated to the preservation of life-giving water and the care of Michigan's natural water sources. Nangonhs was very artistic, loved listening to music, and creating music and sharing her music online. She was a true and faithful friend to many, a good listener and counselor. Nangonhs was lighthearted, very humorous and loved to make people laugh. Nangonhs is survived by her son, Miigwan Ezra Sprague; parents, Miengun and Melissa Pamp (Massey); sisters, Mnookmi Massey and Waaskonye Pamp; brothers, Miengun, Wahsnoday and Niigik Pamp and Archie Kiogima IV; father, Travis Stuebing; grandparents, David Massey, Sr., Rita and Chico Gonzalez, Kathryn Genereaux and Lori McSawby; uncles, David Massey, Jr., Cory Meyer and Azhuwauk "Che" Pamp; aunts, Nicole Massey, Rebecca Meyer, Elizabeth Munson and Gitchie Wabanimkee-Krogel; cousins, Aaliyah Welham, Tristan Bourrie, Micaela Lee-Ann, Meagan Sherman, Darren Robinson, Riley Robinson, Zaelyn Meyer, Chayton

Massey, Taylin Massey, Mia Pamp, Ogitchida Pamp, Lizzy Pamp and Azhanae Ailing; and special friend bazigim, Andrew Shomin.



Jesse Lee Oldman, 33

Jesse Lee Oldman, 33, of Harbor Springs, MI, passed away on December 7, 2020 at his home in Harbor Springs, MI. Jesse was born on December 2, 1987 in Gillette, WY, the son of Steven Oldman, Sr. and the late Shirley (Naganashe) Oldman. Jesse grew up in Harbor Springs, MI, where he graduated from Harbor Springs High School. He also graduated from Kalamazoo Valley Community College with an Associates degree and attended Ferris State University. Jesse was a member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe and also a descendant of the Little

Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He was involved in his Native American culture and traditional ways. He was a champion grass dancer and an avid pow wow singer. He loved to play sports and enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a loving father to his daughters, Satori and Selena. The love of his life, Sunnese, meant the world to him. Jesse is survived by his father, Steven Oldman, Sr.; daughters, Selena and Satori; the love of his life, Sunnesse Granados; brothers, Jason Oldman, Steven Oldman, Jr., Gregory Oldman and William King; sisters, Eva Oldman, Moon Meade, DeEtra Meade, Elisa Fonseca and Mani Fonseca; nieces, Maria Oldman, Alexa Oldman, Sienna Oldman, Minaatigo-Niibiishenh and Shirley Osawamick; nephews, Alonzo Oldman, Jason Oldman, Jr., Maheengunse Osawamick, Jr., and Delanté Oldman; aunts, June Friday, Louella Monroe, Ramona Lou Oldman, Terri Terran, Pam Sixfeathers, Benita Smith, Diane (Thomas) Naganashe, Beverly Wemigwase and Barb (Barry) Laughlin; uncles, Virgil Oldman, Curtis Oldman, Steven Charles Oldman and Paul (Tanya) Raphael; and numerous cousins and friends.



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