

ODAWA TRAILS

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN BECCA LYNN CONTINUES A FAMILY LEGACY, FORGES HER OWN IDENTITY

By **Annette VanDeCar**,
Communications Coordinator

Becca Lynn's grandmother, the late Rita Gasco-Shepard, gave her granddaughter the name Sunset Western Butterfly while she watched the sunlight at Little Traverse Bay.

Similar to a butterfly who emerges after metamorphosis, Becca's journey to discover her true self has been truly transforming. She identifies as a queer/two spirit identifying indigenous person.

"Looking back, I can see I was striving toward the sunlight and chasing it," said Becca, an LTBB Tribal Citizen. "As I was coming into who I was, I was surrounded by the sunlight. I think my grandmother would see that I am happy and fulfilled, and she would be proud of that. I think she would be proud to see the lessons she taught us being carried on by us. She made my first beaded medallion with my name on it, and it's very special to me."

Becca hopes her QueerKwe Designs helps other people know it's OK to be themselves and that there is a place for everyone. She creates LGBTQ, two spirit, pansexual, asexual, non-binary and gender fluid, beaded earrings and medallion necklaces. In the future, she looks to do more masculine things such as bolo ties.



Her QueerKwe Designs was featured in a Them.us article titled, "10 Queer Businesses on Why You Should Shop Small, Slow and Local," by Michelle Kim on December 8, 2020.

"I'm an introvert for the most part and keep things private, but I made a conscious decision to be out," she said. "A lot of people feel they can't be. It's important to me that people see it is OK. I try to be inclusive in my work because I've known Native people who identify with all of those. Queer and transgender youth are at high risk for

abuse and suicide, and I want them to know there is a safe place for them."

With the COVID-19 pandemic canceling pow wows and other Native social events, Native artisans have had to become more social media savvy to sell their work. Becca has always sold her work via social media on Instagram (@queerkwe), Etsy (<http://www.etsy.com/shop/QueerKwe>) and Facebook (QueerKwe Designs) as well as at pow wows and other events. She typically only takes commissions from queer Native people.

"I wanted to create an online space for queer and two spirit people because a lot of them don't feel comfortable at pow wows and cultural events," she said. "I've had people reach out to me after coming across my work, and they're emotional about it because they see they don't have to compartmentalize who they are. I haven't found anyone else who does what I do. They may do a few items, but not anyone who makes it the center of their business."

Becca first learned how to do beadwork from her aunt, Regina Brubacker-Carver, when she was in middle school, but she didn't do it on a consistent basis until a few years ago when her friend and Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians member, Shandiin Church, got her beading again. Brittany Turner taught Becca the double needle



technique when she became a beader for Brittany's business, Cheyanne Symone LLC.

"I didn't have the attention span for it when I was younger," she said. "I honestly didn't pick it back up until shortly after coming back from Standing Rock. I went with a group there, and we saw some tough things. I had a hard time with PTSD after coming back and doing it helped me work through my emotions. It's medicine for myself and others. I put positive energy into my pieces. I feel

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ARROWHEAD INCUBATOR WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

The founders of Arrowhead Incubator – Kyle Anderson, Shiloh Slomsky and Tom Wilbur – seek to educate and empower Native American entrepreneurs to create and run successful businesses, which will benefit all tribal communities.

All three have backgrounds in non-gaming economic development, Anderson and Wilbur with the Grand Traverse Economic Development, the non-gaming economic development and commercial investment subsidiary of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and Slomsky with the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Having moved on from their positions on these tribal entities and seeing a great need to serve and assist Native Americans from all tribes in business ideation, education and community collaboration, lead them to formulate Arrowhead Incubator. Arrowhead

Incubator's mission and purpose is to empower Native American industry, employment and small businesses for the social and economic advancement of present and future tribal generations and communities.

Slomsky serves as Arrowhead Incubator's Executive Director, Anderson is the Chair of the Board of Directors and Wilbur is the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.

"Tom said I needed to talk to Shiloh because we had similar ideas about wanting to help Native people diversify themselves economically, share services and keep those dollars in our tribal communities," Anderson said. "I talked to Shiloh, and everything was so fluent and smooth. The next thing I know, the three of us began the path of creating a non-profit organization to benefit Native people. It's been wonderful. A little over a year ago, we had an idea of what we wanted to do, but we weren't sure where we were going with it. Here, we were a startup trying to help other startups during the lockdown. Yet, we knew and believed, COVID or no COVID, we were going to make it happen. Seeing we could work free of Indian country government politics; to simply help, serve and pass forward knowledge, we decided the focus was to work directly with the people. I believe the Creator had a hand in bringing the three of us together and



while the world was halted under COVID, everything began to fall into place."

Arrowhead Incubator established itself and gained non-profit 501c3 organization exception in late 2020 and was awarded a \$200,000 Social and Economic Development Strategies for Growing Organizations (SED-GO) grant in September 2020. Through the grant, Arrowhead Incubator will provide startup education, mentorship and technical support to new Native American entrepreneurs across a 12-county region in Michigan.

"We had no idea who each other was, we just had a mutual acquaintance in Tom," Slomsky said of Anderson. "I agree the Creator brought us all together. We have similarities, but more importantly, we have differences. Those differences make us stronger and more competitive. There is a lack of economic diversification in many tribes, and COVID more than

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 2-22-2021 = 4,513

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

Contact ODAWA TRAILS Information



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The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.
 The deadline for the April 2021 issue of *Odawa Trails* is March 8, 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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DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Easter Coloring Contest Rules

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

- Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.
- Limit one submission per child.
- All entries must be the original size.

- Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail to:
Attention: Communications Department, LTBB Governmental Center, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. No exceptions!

- All mailed entries must be postmarked by April 5, 2021. No exceptions!
Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category. Each winner will receive a prize!



Name: _____

Age: _____ Phone: _____

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



It was great to see the sun peak out through March, a reminder that seasons change. We are going on a year of the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to thank our leadership, our staff and our citizens. We know this pandemic has put a large amount of stress on all of us. I encourage everyone to get outside and get some fresh air.

We are actively working through the 2022 budget process with the department directors with budgets pending approval by Tribal Council.

We hope you and your families continue to be safe and healthy.

Please follow our website and Facebook page for updates and join us for our next Zoom meetings.

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

Submit your photograph and short description along with your name to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov to be included in the Odawa Trails newsletter. Any questions, please send them to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

LTBB Executive Town Hall meetings are now available to be viewed at:
www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/townhallmeetings.html

LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

SCAM ALERT!

Dear Tribal Citizen,
 Recently, it was brought to our attention that an elder was part of a phone scam with someone claiming to be the FBI. They were requested to take money out of their bank and buy gift cards. The scammers will ask you not to tell anyone what you are doing and keep you on the phone with them, so they can walk you through the process of converting those gift cards into money for them.
 The FBI, IRS and other



government agencies will not ask you for bank account and other personal information over the phone and will not

ask you to send money. If you receive any calls like this, hang up the phone, and do not answer a phone number you do not recognize. These calls are made from other countries, and they will use fake phone numbers to trick you into answering the phone.

If you have any questions about these types of calls, feel free to call Tribal Law Enforcement any time at 231-242-1500.

Thank you,
 Officer Ryan Roberts



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

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:

LTBB Tribal Directories

LTBB Tribal Directories are available for sale at the Enrollment Office. The Tribal Directories include adult name and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled prior to January 28, 2021 excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included. The Tribal Directory will be available for sale April 1, 2021.

Qualifications:

- ✓ Must include a copy of your Tribal Identification Card
- ✓ A \$5 check or money order 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/ 231-242-1522 or 231-242-1520.

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.



March Elders Birthdays

March 1

Margaret Kaestner
Evelyn Cody
Melvin Kiogima
Richard Masse
Yvonne Fronczak

March 2

Pricilla Dickerson

March 3

Leonard Dashner-Gasco
James Fisher
Mary Cody-Gibson
Tammi Lee
Paul Booth

March 4

Helen Bonneau
Camilla Jensen
Deanne Samuels
Darla Roush

March 5

Dennis Hardwick
Karen Randolph
Rayna Shawa

March 6

Steven Thompson
Raymond Suhr
Robert Taylor

March 7

James Vincent
David Minor
Kevin Wall

March 8

Timothy Todd
Roscoe Howard III
Shane Hart
Duane Boda
Mary Lawler
Beverly Wemigwase

March 9

Donna Lord
Kevin Cutler

March 10

Thomas Minor
Sara Curto
Elroy Davenport
Marcia Bane
Bradley Baker

March 11

Richard Crossett
Patsy McGowan
Peggy Holappa
Douglas Wright, Jr.
Marie Miskell
Raymond Cody, Jr.
Kimberly Johnson
Shirley Coyle
Lucy Keshick

March 12

Daniele Montez
Judith Pierzynowski
Henry Rowland
Virgina Lewis
Juanita Taylor
Regina Kiogima

March 13

Marsha Griffin
Deborah Blake
Alice Hughes
Rosalie Springfield
Marie Miller

March 14

Beverly Cabral
Gail Neeb
Mary Zeppa
Gina Gregory

March 15

Arlene Naganashe
James Lasley
Lucy Daniels

March 16

Carla Hilyard
Rebecca Healy
Roger Emery
Dawn Thorpe
Louise Beauchamp
Jeffrey Hardwick

March 17

Sharon Miller
Ronald Bekampis
Jewell Chingman
Fred Kiogima
Charles Brooks
Gary Otto

March 18

Lewis Adams, Jr.
George Shomin
Kevin Keller
Sharon Casey-Hook
David Shonibin
George Leo, Jr.
Gary Miller, Jr.

March 19

Sarah Mashburn
Marc Pamp
Raymond Bottoms
Judith Shell
Katherine Fletcher
Linda Kilborn
James Skippergosh, Sr.
Theresa Fischer
Joseph Allen

March 20

Roseanna Alexander
John Beaver
Patrick Sloniker
Sheran Patton
Glenda Turner
Bennie Lacroix
Donald McMillan
Lisa Keller
Laura Damon
Andrea Matteson

March 21

Nichelle Bunkley
Mark Shenoskey
Frank Emery
Carolyn Medawis
Laura Kieliszewski

March 22

Judith Kosequat
Madeline Hawkins

March 23

Francis Boda
Douglas Sprague

March 24

Mildred Shomin
Sharon Sanders
Michelle Shananaquet

March 25

Marion Genia
Theresa Stieve

March 26

Harry Fenner
Donald Seymour, Jr.

March 27

Robbie Schlappi
William LaCroix

March 28

Wendy Morris

March 29

Stanley Crisp
Robert Baldon
Diane Alsop
David Anthony
Gary Kenoshmeg

March 30

Rachel Neville
Jo Ann Seay
Pauline Bowers
Rodger DeBoer

March 31

William Devernavy, Jr.
Bonita Crowe

**EAT WELL
BE WELL**

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

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

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

Email Charla today to schedule an appointment!

CGordon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?

Update your contact information with the Enrollment Department.

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS

Marin Taylor 231.242.1521
Kathryn Burek 231.242.1522
Pauline Boulton 231.242.1520

STRENGTH

If we look 100 years ahead and back...what did we do to ensure our community stayed healthy?

We washed our hands.
We wore a face mask.
We watched our distance.
We got vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccines are important to help stop the pandemic. The vaccine will not give you the virus. For more information, visit [CDC.gov/vaccines/covid-19](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19)

LTBB Pharmacy

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

What prescriptions are filled at the LTBB Pharmacy?

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

PLEASE BE AWARE OF HOLIDAY HOURS AND MEDICATION REFILLS.

LTBB Tribal Flags for Sale!!

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

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) UPDATE



On November 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2020, members of the FDPIR Food Package Review Workgroup met virtually for their yearly strategic planning meeting. The meeting covered a variety of topics focused on enhancing the food package, including guide rate changes and new foods as well as the CARES Act Food Package, created to respond to the pandemic.

This year, FDPIR participants will receive

The CARES Act Food Package is optional, not mandatory, and can provide up to 21 additional units of USDA Foods to each participant up to the maximum units allowed for each category. The following maximums have been established for each category:

Food Category	Maximum # of units that can be offered
Grains, cereal, rice, and pasta	Up to <u>3</u> units
Vegetables and soup	Up to <u>5</u> units (includes USDA DoD Fresh)
Fruit and Juice	Up to <u>5</u> units (includes USDA DoD Fresh)
Meat, Poultry, Fish, Beans, Eggs, and Nuts	Up to <u>4</u> units (Two 6-ounce packages of dried egg mix or 1 dozen shell eggs will count as 1 unit. There will be a limit of 1 unit for frozen or canned meat, poultry, and fish.)
Milk and Cheese	Up to <u>4</u> units (One 5-pound package of cheese will count as 2 units. There will be a limit of 2 units of cheese.)

walleye as a traditional food, and frozen strawberries, pulled pork, pork patties, orange juice and dried cherries will be available as bonus items. Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) provided the workgroup an update on the status of the shell egg pilot – 86% of all Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) and State agencies that administer FDPIR are receiving shell eggs! The workgroup discussed a proposal to consolidate the egg category with other protein categories in the Guide Rate in response to the majority of ITOs that have already transitioned to shell eggs. The workgroup will vote on the egg category consolidation proposal this year.

Workgroup members also discussed frozen fruit and vegetable pack sizes and procurement of the holiday ham. Workgroup members also discussed the transition from the Automated Inventory System (AIS) to the Integrated Food

Management System (IFMS) and provided feedback on that process.

FDPIR CARES Act Food Package

FNS is using funds provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to make additional food available to FDPIR participants during fiscal year 2021 in response to COVID-19. The CARES Act Food Package is a temporary supplement to the regular food package that is available to all ITOs and State agencies that administer FDPIR and will be available for distribution beginning January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

Interested ITOs and State agencies must sub-

mit an application for approval before the 10th of the month to begin distribution the following month. For example, ITOs and State agencies that would like to distribute a CARES Act Food Package beginning March 1, 2021, must submit their application to their Regional Office by February 10, 2021. ITOs and State agencies are not required to offer the CARES Act Food Package every month and can decide what months are most feasible for their operation.

ITOs and State agencies are also not required to offer the maximum units for each category and can offer as much or as little as they would like up to the maximum units allowed. This flexibility allows ITOs and State agencies the opportunity to select the amount of food and types of food that works best with their current operations.

Courtesy graphics.

TRADITIONAL FOOD PRINCIPLES

At longhouse gatherings, public feasts and community events in Western Washington tribal communities, elders often speak about the importance of native foods. They say that wealth is having access to native foods, and the knowledge of how to gather, prepare and serve them. The values and cultural traditions around food today are as applicable as they were generations ago. We call these Traditional Food Principles. They address the physical and spiritual health of individuals and communities, in conjunction with the well-being of the land.

Cultivate Food Sovereignty

Food sovereignty is at the core of tribal sovereignty. It is the inherent right of a community to have access to healthy, culturally appropriate food. When our ancestors signed the tribal treaties, they made sure that we would have native foods for generations to come. Each time we exercise our right to harvest native foods, we strengthen cultural identity, relationship to the land, and to our community.

Food is the Center of Culture

People have always come together around food. It is at the heart of celebrations, family gatherings, holidays and ceremonies. During European colonization Native Peoples' access to wild foods was suppressed, as was the right to practice cultural traditions. This changed peoples' relationships with the land, the seasons and their community. As we eat together, we tell stories, share songs, observe protocols and remember our connection to the land, the water, and each other. These hold together the deep values embedded in our culture.

Traditional Foods are Whole Foods

Traditional foods are "real foods" that are grown in nature. A whole food consists of one ingredient. It is not industrialized, genetically modified, refined, or blended with additives, dyes or chemicals. Our ancestors believed that good food satisfies the wholeness within us, while most modern foods are fragmented and can leave us hungry. I imagine walking through the grocery store with my great grandparents and wonder: What would they recognize as food?

Promote Generosity

Generosity is a value inherent to Northwest Native culture, which includes both giving and receiving. People often express gratitude for the abundance of the land and the water, and they pass that gratitude on by sharing. In potlatch and other ceremonies, families work hard to give food and other items away. When we harvest native foods for elders or those in need, we are caring for the health of our community. It is through giving, not through acquiring money or things, that I become truly wealthy.

Eat with the Seasons

We live in a time when many people do not know where their food comes from. Native people historically traveled to areas where food was in season. In spring, families visited prairies to harvest and cultivate camas. In summer, people camped where berries were ripe. And always, people congregated at abundant fish runs and seasonal bird migration sites. Eating seasonal foods reconnects me to the rhythm of the land, which is intertwined with my own rhythms.

Cook and Eat with Good Intention

Cooking is a time to pay respect to the plants and animals that gave their lives to nourish our bodies. It is a time to honor the people with whom we are sharing food. If we eat while on the go, hurrying to the next task, we miss the pleasure of eating, and our bodies do not have sufficient time to savor and digest. This can leave us feeling hungry for more. When we put good intention into the food we harvest, prepare, serve and consume, we are fed in body and spirit.

Eat a Variety of Foods

Before European contact, Northwest Coastal Native People ate over 300 types of foods and therefore received a wide variety of nutrients in their diets. Today, most Americans eat only 12-20 foods on a regular basis. This negatively impacts our health and the health of the environment. When I eat a wide variety of foods, I ensure my own health and promote biodiversity.

Honor the Food Web

Everything in our food system is connected. Salmon returns to their ancestral rivers every year and give their lives so that others can live. If we take too much of one food or do not give back, we disrupt the balance. Elders instruct us to return oyster shells to the beach to provide a matrix for new oysters to inhabit. It is my responsibility to maintain the health of our food system so I can pass down a world that will support generations to come.

Eat Local Foods

Plants breathe, drink water, and absorb nutrients. After they are cut off from their life source, they begin to lose vitality. The fresher the food, the better it is for you. Eating local food supports our local economy, and protects the environment by reducing the amount of fossil fuels used to transport food to us. When I choose local foods, I help grow a strong regional food system. I taste the bounty of the land in which I belong.

Wild & Organic Foods are Better for Health

The health of the environment determines the health of our food. Wild foraged foods usually contain complex nutrients. Industrial agricultural practices with harmful pesticides and fertilizers deplete the health of the soil and the plants and animals it supports. Organic gardening is simply returning to the way our ancestors grew food. As we return to a sustainable way of growing food, our health and the health of the land we cultivate will thrive.

Researched, edited and compiled by Elise Strain and Victoria Segrest. These principles emerged from conversations with many tribal stakeholders in Western Washington during the Northwest Indian College's Traditional Foods of Puget Sound Project. For more information on our traditional foods and medicines projects and educational resources, visit www.nwipplantsandfoods.com. Funding provided by United States Department of Agriculture, and tribal contributions. Artwork by Roger Fernandes, designed by Anissa Brink. © 2021 Northwest Indian College.

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

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

Stronghearts Native
Helpline
844-762-8483

National Domestic
Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233

LTBB Survivor
Outreach
231-242-1628

LTBB Behavioral
Health
231-242-1640

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

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SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon Meetings

LTBB Health Park,
every Wednesday
7-8 pm

Use the right back
door for entrance
and parking.

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

231-675-7044 www.miafg.org

SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

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

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

NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE? WE CAN HELP!

APPLICANT DOCUMENTS

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

LICENSED PROVIDERS

- ★ COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE
- ★ UNLICENSED PROVIDERS
- ★ STATE ISSUED ID
- ★ ABILITY TO PASS ANNUAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
98 SPRING STREET, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

MARCH 2021 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 8th - 12th from 9am - 3pm
 Call 231-881-2855 or 231-347-2573 for food pick-up appointments outside of our Open Distribution Week
 828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto
 Deliveries:
 Local: 4th & 5th
 Peshawbestown: 17th
 Traverse City: 23rd
 For more information, contact Food Distribution Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine at 231-347-2573



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

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

*food distribution varies depending on availability

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JUDICIAL BRANCH

SUPREME COURT NAMES TRIBAL JUDGE ALLIE GREENLEAF MALDONADO TO "JUSTICE FOR ALL" COMMISSION

Editor's note: The following is a press release from Michigan Courts.

Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Court in Petoskey, MI, has been appointed by order of the Michigan Supreme Court to the newly-created Justice for All (JFA) Commission that will work toward the goal of 100% access to our civil justice system. The commission will lead the implementation of the JFA Strategic Plan aimed at helping more Michiganders solve civil legal problems such as landlord-tenant issues, family law disputes such as parenting time or custody and access to benefits.

The commission will be supported by the State Court Administrative Office, State Bar of Michigan and the Michigan State Bar Foundation. Justice Brian Zahra will serve as Commission Chair and Michigan Legal Help Director Angela Tripp will serve as Vice Chair.

"I am honored to continue working closely with Judge Maldonado on the JFA



Commission after the great contributions she has made to the creation of our strategic plan," Justice Zahra said. "Allie's extensive legal expertise and commitment to bringing together tribal and state courts make her uniquely qualified to help Michigan take steps toward opening the doors of justice widely for our neighbors, our communities and people statewide."

Judge Maldonado will serve on the Executive Team, which was responsible for recommending the appointment of the 19 at-large positions of the commission and will develop a process for appointment based on dedication to the purpose and goals of the commission and to en-

sure diversity in membership. The JFA Task Force's 2020 report highlights important desired outcomes that were identified by stakeholders and the steps needed to achieve those outcomes. Recommended steps include:

- Simplify, streamline and create uniform processes to improve the ability to navigate the court system.
- Improve the triage and referral systems through usability testing so that individuals can be connected to the resources they need.
- Provide education for parties on remote access to court resources, expand use of text messaging and other convenient technology, use plain language to explain procedures and processes.
- Test and implement new ways of providing affordable legal services, educate public and stakeholders on available resources.
- Improve technology and access at legal self-help centers and increase public awareness of these tools.

For more information, visit www.courts.mi.gov/justiceforall

Courtesy photo.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



MARCH 15, 2021

Branch / Department 2020 Budget submissions to Treasury Office, including General Fund Budgets, Cost Recovery Budgets and Grant / Federal Contract Fund Budgets

1ST WEEK OF APRIL

Executive Branch Budget hearings

1ST WEEK OF APRIL

Legislative and Judiciary hearings / remaining Executive Departments Budget hearings

2ND WEEK OF APRIL

LTBB 2020 Proposed Annual Budget available to Tribal Citizens. Must be posted on the LTBB website on or before April 11.

2ND WEEK OF APRIL

2020 Annual Budget Public Hearing

BY ANNUAL MEETING

Tribal Council approve annual budget. Final 2020 Annual Budget posted to Tribal Website

TBD

Annual Community Meeting

HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

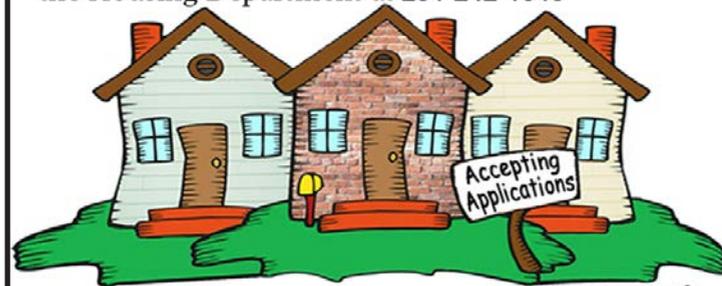
Well & Septic Assistance Program: Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault Ste. Marie, MI this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation of a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

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

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

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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



Equal Housing Opportunity TDD: 800-649-3777



SECTION 184 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM



- Low Monthly Payment
- Flexible Underwriting
- Low Interest Rates
- Monthly Mortgage Insurance - Now at a Lower Rate!

THE SECTION 184 LOAN CAN BE USED FOR:

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

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



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



Apartments for Rent

Now accepting applications

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

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

Contact person: LTBB Housing Department 231-242-1540

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, at any USDA office or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or e-mail at program.intake@usda.gov.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council
Attendance at
Various Meetings and Events



Emily Proctor
Julie Shananaquet
Marcella Reyes
Tamara Kiogima
Melissa Pamp
Leroy Shomin
Marty VanDeCar
Fred Kiogima
Fred Harrington, Jr.

DATE	January 2021								
1/8/21	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting	X	X	X			X		
1/12/21	Tribal Council Work Session		X	X	X	X		X	X
1/14/21	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
1/19/21	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting		X	X	X	X			
1/28/21	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1/29/21	Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting		X	X	X	X			

*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs

Casino vouchers and Shuttle available!
Family Owned

Coachhouse Inn LLC

Tribal Member Discount

\$74.85 per night*

1011 US-31 N, Petoskey, MI 49770 Ph: 231-347-8281

* Room rate subject to availability
Tribal ID must be shown at check-in

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 Certified Copies: \$10 Photo Copies: \$5	\$15
Tribal Notary Application Surety Bond: \$125 (Payable: Brownrigg Companies LTD)	\$10

Services

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

Updated 11/29/2018

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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.

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)

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

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.

Department of Commerce Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

LTBB Tax Agreement Area Townships

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

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

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

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

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

Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!
IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO

USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THEIR CARDS OUT TO ANYONE.

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

MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

NATIONWIDE

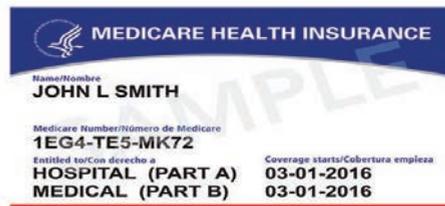
REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOTH
B AND D PREMIUM EXPENSES

WHO QUALIFIES?

To qualify for this program, you must:

1. Be an enrolled member of LTBB
2. Be enrolled in Medicare
3. Show proof of Medicare premium expenses

DOCUMENTATION WILL BE REQUIRED



! IMPORTANT INFORMATION !

YEARLY APPLICATION DEADLINES:

FIRST PAYMENT: **FEBRUARY 14TH**

SECOND PAYMENT: **AUGUST 14TH**

APPLICATION **PROCESSING** BEGINS JANUARY 1ST AND JULY 1ST. CHECKS CAN TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS TO BE SENT OUT DEPENDING ON VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS. PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE WORK TO SEND PAYMENTS OUT TO ALL OUR ELIGIBLE TRIBAL CITIZENS. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE **NOT** BE ACCEPTED.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT VALORIE GLAZIER, LTBB SPONSORSHIP SPECIALIST, AT 231-242-1748

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 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.

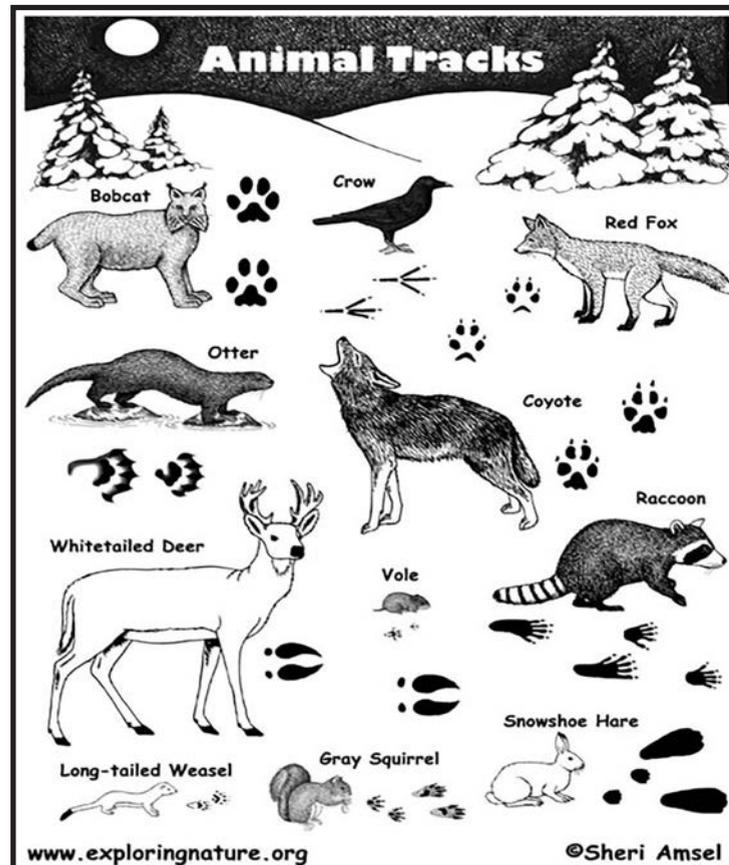
All Enrollment services are available by appointment only. You may call or e-mail to work with our staff.

231-242-1521, 231-242-1522, 231-242-1520 or enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



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!



Preparation of 2021 Tribal Directory

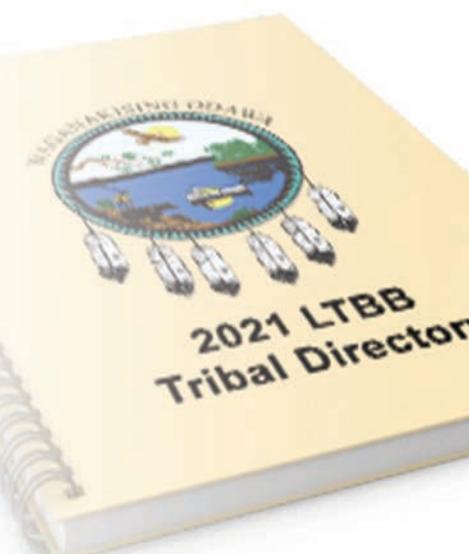
ATTENTION TRIBAL CITIZENS!

If you **do not** want your name and address included in the Tribal Directory, you will need to contact us. You can fill out a quick form at <https://tinyurl.com/LTBB2021directory>

Deadline for notification is March 1, 2021.

If you want your name and address included in the Tribal Directory, you don't have to do anything as it will be automatically added.

If you have any questions, please contact the Enrollment Office (231) 242-1521 or (231) 242-1522



You now have access to even more books!



Learn how to sign into a partner library:

1. Go to Menu > Add A Library.
2. Search for the partner library and open it.
3. Go to Menu > See Library Cards.
4. Tap Add A Card, then I'm Visiting From Another Library.
5. Choose your normal library from the list and sign in.

Get more access with your library card!
Borrow titles from any of these collections:

- Suburban Library Cooperative
- Midwest Collaborative for Library Services
- Lakeland Library Cooperative

Libby.
Brought to you by our library and built with by OverDrive.

LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

ENROLL IN MZINIGANGAMIK CULTURAL LIBRARY'S VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

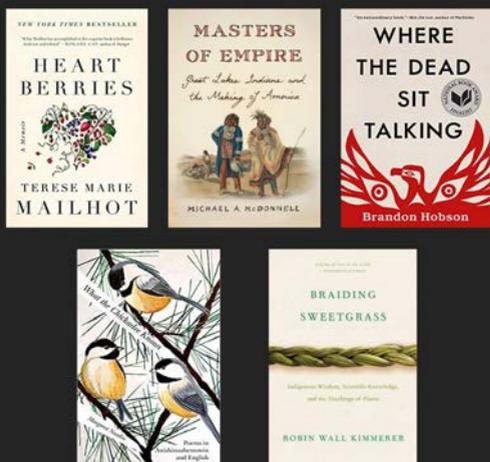
Submitted by **Celestine Petoskey**, Cultural Librarian

Mzinigangamik Cultural Library invites readers to join in with a virtual book club, which will be running through the upcoming months. Each book will have separate registration and separate discussion dates. The only requirements are to be signed up with the Cultural Library and agree to participate in the book discussion date and time. Registered readers will receive their own copy of the book to keep. Own the book already? You're still welcome to join the discussion. Contact Celestine at the Cultural Library to

claim your spot, 231-242-1487 or cepetoskey@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Also, as an added bonus for fans and readers of Brandon Hobson's "Where the Dead Sit Talking," the Festival of the Book in Harbor Springs, MI, is also inviting community members to read Hobson's newly released book, "The Removed: A Novel." There will be an author Zoom interview/discussion with Brandon Hobson regarding his newest title at the end of April. Further details will be provided on the LTBB website and Mzinigangamik's Facebook page. Miigwech. And Happy Reading!

Mzinigangamik Virtual Book Club Series



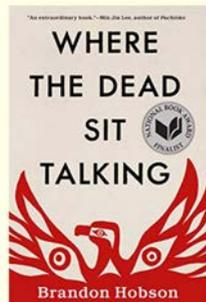
EACH REGISTERED READER RECEIVES THEIR OWN COPY TO KEEP!

20 SPOTS AVAILABLE PER BOOK

REGISTRATION DEADLINES & ZOOM BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Mzinigangamik Virtual Book Club Series

Set in rural Oklahoma during the late 1980s, **Where the Dead Sit Talking** is a startling, authentically voiced and lyrically written Native American coming-of-age story.

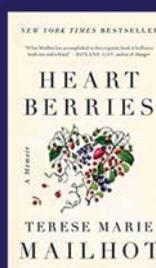


Each registered reader receives their own copy to keep!

- **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**
- **OPEN TO LTBB COMMUNITY**
- **MUST SIGN UP OR BE SIGNED UP WITH CULTURAL LIBRARY**
- **MUST PARTICIPATE IN ZOOM BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION ON THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST, 7-8PM**

To register for one of 20 available spots, contact Celestine by **March 5th** 231-242-1487 or cepetoskey@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

MZINIGANGAMIK VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB SERIES



'Heart Berries,' An Indigenous Woman's Chaotic Coming-Of-Age. Terese Marie Mailhot's new memoir is an effort to draw art from mental illness, lost love, and her family history on an Indian reservation in British Columbia.

Each registered reader receives their own copy to keep!

- **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**
- **OPEN TO LTBB COMMUNITY**
- **MUST SIGN UP OR BE SIGNED UP WITH CULTURAL LIBRARY**
- **MUST PARTICIPATE IN ZOOM BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH, 7-8PM**

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GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



Aanii Anishinaabedoog! We are in the Naabdin Giizis, Snow Crust Moon! What an exciting time we are in. Ishkakimikweng, Mother Earth is changing and getting ready for Mnokimi, Spring. The days are starting to get warmer and the nights are staying cold. That's why the ice crust develops on top of the snow, therefore, it's Naabdin Giizis.

Naabdin Giizis Snowcrust Moon, March



Anishinaabeg base life around the 13 moon system. There are 28 days in each full moon. Bopogimenh Giizis, Broken Snowshoe Moon, is considered the 13th moon. This is when the ice on the snow breaks the snowshoes and biboon, winter is coming to an end.

Bopogimenh Giizis Broken Snowshoe Moon, 13th



After the snowshoes break, that is a sign that the zisbaak/daaboo, sugar water, starts to run in Ninaatigok, maple trees. The days are getting much warmer, but the nights are still cold enough to freeze. This allows the sugar water to freeze at night and stay fresh, then during the day, it thaws enough to run and Anishinaabeg can collect it in pails. This is called Zisabaakdake Giizis, The Sugarbush Moon.

Zisabaakdake Giizis Sugarbush Moon, April



<p>NAABDIN GIIZIS Snow Crust Moon March</p> <p>Now draw each moon.</p>	<p>BOPOGIMENH GIIZIS Broken Snowshoe Moon 13th Moon</p>	<p>ZIISABAAKDAKE GIIZIS The Sugarbush Moon April</p>



BOPOGIMENH GIIZIS

The Broken Snow Shoe Moon

Anishinaabek live by the cycle of the moon system. Our calendar system is based on the phases of the moon. When a moon is full, the environment during that cycle determines what kind of moon is happening. There are 13 moons each with a 28 day cycle, which is 13 months.

The 13th moon is in between March and April. This moon tells Anishinaabek that the snow crust or ice developed on top of the snow is hard enough to break their snowshoes. When the snowshoes start to break, then that tells Anishinaabek that the days are getting warmer and the nights are still freezing which allows the sap water to start running.

Here are some vocabulary to practice:

- Aagam- snowshoe
- Aagamak- snowshoes
- Aagimose- s/he is snowshoeing
- Aagimosewok- they are snowshoeing
- Aagimosedaa- let's snowshoe



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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

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To: GHN (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

NAABDIN GIIZIS - SNOW CRUST MOON - MARCH 2021

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

Ngiikendmanaa maaba giizis, ensa biboon giibinoojiwyaang.

We knew when this month was each winter as children.

Gchigibegiizhik ngiinaabjimi nshiime minwaa nwiikaneyak. Ngiikizhebaa wiisnimi minwaa ngi'giizhoopzomi miidash pane gojiing giinipato'aang. Mii go baamaapii naakwe wiisining biindigeyaang, naasaap naakshik. Gaawii gibeyiing gojiing naakshik ngiidaminasiimi, pii dibikaaminagok aabdek biindik nwiyaami.

My youngest sister and brothers went on the snow crust all day. We would eat breakfast, get dressed warm and run outdoors. We wouldn't go indoors until lunchtime and the same for supper. Our evening play was

shorter because we had to be indoors before dark.

Ngiipshigendaanaa naabjiyaang. Pkaan giizhiyaamigat ngiibmoseyaang minwaa ngiimapto'aang giji-goon. Giizinagad megwe goon bmoseyaang bi-boong, shiwiigwa Naabdin Giizis giuwenpanad. Mii'iidik gaanjibaabiitoo'aang maanda pii.

We enjoyed the snows crust. It felt different walking and running on top of the snow. It was hard to walk through the snow in the winter, but in Snow Crust Moon, it was easy. It must be why we waited for this time to come.

Aapji giipshigendaagod zhooshkjiwyaang. Giimnabizo gijigoon zhooshkjiwens gaazhiyaad Noosinaa. Niibnanching ngiiniisaakiwebzomi minwaa ngiwenpanzimi wiigidaakiyeptoo'aang.

We enjoyed sledding. The sled that our Dad made went down smoothly on top of the snow. We went down many times and it was easy to run back up the

hill.

Noos giizhitamowaan zhooshkjiwaanaatikgoon niwiikaaneyak. Giimna-niisaakiwebizowok. Pane odi giinzhoshkjiwaanaatigewok gitigaaning, gibeyiing giibaandendiwok.

Our Dad made skis for my brothers. They went down the hill smoothly. Then, they skied across the big field and were gone for a long time.

Noos giiboodiwe niisaaki. Miizhiwe giigitaad-biyaang ngiiminikwenaa niibiishaaboo minwaa giidigonan zisbaakdaaboo zisbaakwat. Naangodnang ngiimijinaa mezweyaanh.

Our Dad built a fire down at the bottom of the hill. That is where we would sit together and drink tea with maple sugar. Sometimes, we ate maple candy.

Miimaanda mekwendimaa giibinoojiwyaang.

This is what I remember as a child.

Miisawi. That is all.

Aanii from the LTBB Aankwadong Grant Team



The LTBB Aankwadong grant team would like to say miigwech to those community members who have already submitted photos to help with the development of our upcoming online language classes. There is still time for

those who would like to send in their photos. The goal is to have as many different individuals, families and areas represented as possible with our class development. See the list below of the photos that we are in need of. Please include your name, phone number, name of person who took the photo and name of person in the photo if applicable. Photos can be e-mailed to Eva Oldman at eoldman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Miisawi. Miigwech!

Bidagoshin.	S/He is arriving.	Shkozi.	S/He is waking up/awake.
Nisikwewo.	S/He is brushing hair.	Mase.	S/He is walking.
Gizii'aabdewo.	S/He is brushing teeth.	Nokii.	S/He is working.
Biinchige.	S/He is cleaning.	Zhibiige.	S/He is writing.
Tisige.	S/He is coloring.	Zegizi.	S/He is afraid.
Jiibaakwe.	S/He is cooking.	Nishkaadizi.	S/He is angry.
Mizinbiige.	S/He is drawing.	Jepizi.	S/He is energetic.
Minikwe.	S/He is drinking.	Minwendam.	S/He is glad, content.
Wiisini.	S/He is eating.	Gichinendam.	S/He is happy.
Giigoonhke.	S/He is fishing.	Maanaadendam.	S/He is sad.
Depsinii.	S/He is full.	Zhaagwenmaa.	S/He is shy.
Giawe.	S/He is going home.	Giikiingwashi.	S/He is sleepy.
Naadamaage.	S/He is helping.	Ekwazi.	S/He is tired.
Bakade.	S/He is hungry.	Zhoonyaagamik	Bank
Giitse.	S/He is hunting.	Mshkikigamik	Clinic, Doctor's Office
Maajaa.	S/He is leaving.	Aakoziigamik	Hospital
Kitige.	S/He is planting, gardening.	Gibeshiigamik	Hotel
Odamina.	S/He is playing.	Wiigwaam	House
Gindaasa.	S/He is reading.	Jiibaakwegamik	Kitchen
Maptoo.	S/He is running.	Zaagigan	Lake
Giziibigizhe.	S/He is showering, bathing.	Shangegamik	Restaurant
Aakozi.	S/He is sick.	Ziibi	River
Madabi.	S/He is sitting.	Kinoomaagegamik	School
Nibaa.	S/He is sleeping.	Odaawegamik	Store
Naaniibowi.	S/He is standing.	Mitigwaaki	Woods, Forest
Kinoomaage.	S/He is teaching.		

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 eoldman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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

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

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

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

Biboon Kidwinan - Winter Words

Answer Key on page 28.



- ACROSS**
- 2 Shovel
 - 7 Sled
 - 8 story
 - 10 Snowshoes
 - 12 S/he is sledding.
 - 13 It is a cold day.
 - 15 A very fine snow.
 - 16 It is snowing.
 - 17 There is a lot of snow.
 - 18 story;legend

- DOWN**
- 1 S/he is shoveling.
 - 3 Snow
 - 4 It is cold.
 - 5 S/he is telling a story; storytelling
 - 6 Snowshoe
 - 9 S/he is skating.
 - 11 Bear Moon - February
 - 14 S/he is walking in snowshoes.

NATIVE NEWS

ANISHINAABE COOKING RESOURCES

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan is developing a catalog of Anishinaabe Cooking Resources as part of the Michigan Tribal Food Access Coalition and Walmart Healthy Native Food Project. These resources featuring indigenous traditional foods are developed in partnership with Bay Mills Indian Community, Hannahville Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

In 2021, the Anishinaabe Cooking Resources will feature a series of 12 monthly cooking education videos and educational resources combined into a monthly nutrition packet. The cooking videos will encourage healthy eating using traditional ingredient choices available at local grocery stores, farmer's markets or at Food Distribution Program in Indian Reservation (FDPIR) locations.

The educational resources which accompany the video each month include handouts on Anishinaabe culture through the 13 Moons Anishinaabe Nutrition project and the Michigan State University and Ground Works Harvest of the Month handout. In addition, nutrition information will be provided through partnerships with a Registered Dietician and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics will help support nutrition education and tips for healthy eating.

January's nutrition packet included the following:

- Hominy Corn Soup demonstration video with recipe
- Hominy Black Bean Bowl recipe
- Beginning with Corn, a monthly lesson from the 13 Moons Anishinaabe Nutrition project



Hominy is a specially prepared dried corn and an Anishinaabe traditional food. Hominy was a featured ingredient in January's cooking video for hominy corn soup. Visit itcmi.org/anishinaabe-cooking-resources for the full video and recipe.

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- Information from 2020 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Eatright Essentials: Heart Healthy Eating starting with Plant Based Foods: Legumes

- Harvest of the Month nutritional education page from Groundworks, Michigan State University Extension, FoodCorps Michigan, Farm to School Northwest Michigan and Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District.

Participating tribes will cross-share these resources on their websites, social media and through mailings of hard copies of materials to community members and distributions at FDPIR locations.

Resources will also be available on the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's Facebook, Instagram, Youtube channel and at www.itcmi.org/anishinaabe-cooking-resources/

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MICRONUTRIENT-PACKED BAR IMPROVING METABOLIC HEALTH GOES COMMERCIAL

A new micronutrient- and fiber-packed bar which improves metabolic health markers from cholesterol to blood sugar to inflammation is now on the market. The new bar is based on a unique formula developed by scientists with USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute (CHORI).

This patent-pending fruit-based bar formula, fortified with micronutrients, fiber and other ingredients which improve gut health, has been licensed to Advanced Micronutrition LLC of Orlando, FL.

Each bar has eight grams of fiber, so two bars per day provides 16 grams of fiber, intentionally formulated to be about half of the recommended total daily dietary fiber of 25 to 30 grams a day. The average U.S. diet has about 15 grams of fiber a day.

Micronutrients are vitamins and minerals needed in small amounts by the body for best health, and they should come from a balanced diet. Unfortunately, many people's diets do not include sufficient micronutrients and fiber for their metabolism to function optimally.

"The idea behind these bars is that they could fill in the micronutrient gaps in the typical diet and diminish the impact of deficiencies on metabolic health," explained Tara McHugh, food technologist and director of the ARS Western Regional Research Center in Albany, CA.



In clinical studies of the formula done by ARS and CHORI (now a department of the University of California, San Francisco), people who ate two of the bars a day for eight weeks without being asked to make any other changes in their diet or exercise had improvements in cardiovascular health (cholesterol, triglycerides, diastolic blood pressure and heart rate), insulin resistance, obesity indicators (weight and waist circumference) and others.

"We saw metabolic markers shift significantly in positive directions in both lean and overweight or obese groups," said McHugh.

Examples of specific improvements in the overweight/obese test group included:

- Waist circumference decreased 0.71 inches. Waist size indicates if a person is carrying too much belly fat, which can raise the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, cancer and stroke.

- HDL (high-density lipoprotein) cholesterol, the so-called good cholesterol increased while triglycerides, which are stored in fat cells, decreased.

- Insulin resistance decreased 0.6 and insulin dropped.

*For the complete list of measurements and changes, see the research paper in *The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Journal*.

In designing the bar recipe, McHugh and her team tested 72 different formulations and 45 flavors, paying meticulous attention to the levels and combinations of micronutrients selected by the CHORI team as well as the calorie content and ensuring the bars were tasty. Advanced Micronutrition further refined the taste of the original bar and has added several ingredients to further benefit gut and heart health.

McHugh also pointed out, "Because we were so precise about the bar's composition, we can easily change it in future studies as a scientific tool to study the mechanisms by which individual dietary components in a complex dietary mixture interact with each other and with the human metabolism. This type of detective work can be virtually impossible to do in human trials with a complete diet."

The Agricultural Research Service is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific in-house research agency. Daily, ARS focuses on solutions to agricultural problems affecting America. Each dollar invested in agricultural research results in \$17 of economic impact.

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Waganakising 2021 Big Fish Contest!





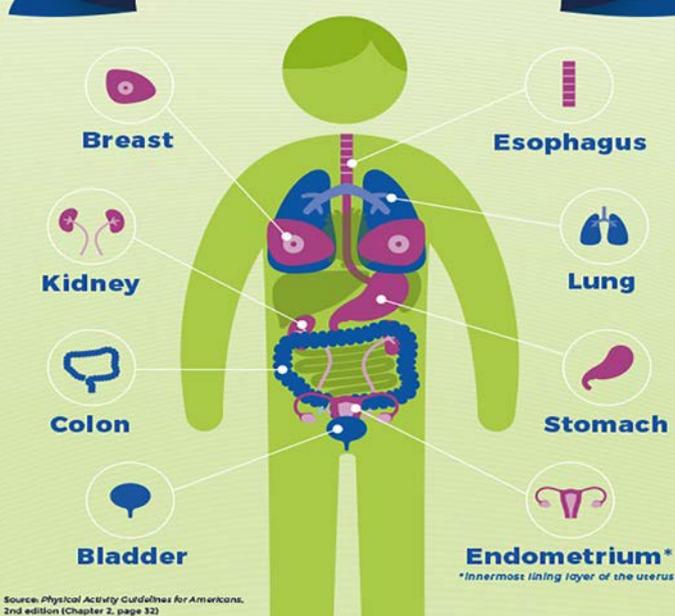
LTBB Natural Resources Department is hosting a big fish picture contest open to all LTBB Citizens and community members. We want to see what your catching. Just snap a picture of you and your catch and email it to Dhinmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or you can put it on our Facebook page! Include your contact information and location in your email or PM it after you post it to our Facebook page

LTBB Odawa Natural Resources Department. Please submit your pictures by March 15th. Must use reference or measurement tool for biggest and smallest fish.

- Prizes for biggest fish
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For information and questions call 231-242-1670 or you can email Dhinmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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August 2020

LAKOTA LAWYER TO LEAD AGRICULTURE TRIBAL RELATIONS

By Stewart Huntington



Committee and as an assistant U.S. attorney for South Dakota's Indian Country Section where she prosecuted cases involving violence against women and children.

Tom Vilsack, who served as agriculture secretary under former President Barack Obama, has been nominated by President Joe Biden to once again lead the department. Vilsack has said he wants to make equity a priority.

"He wants to make sure underrepresented voices are at the table where policy decisions are made," said Matt Herrick, USDA director of communications. As part of that commitment, Vilsack ordered the director of tribal relations would report directly to him, underscoring his commitment to improving relations in Indian country."

"Heather's appointment to lead the Office of Tribal Relations is a step toward restoring the office and the position of director so that USDA can effectively maintain nation-to-nation relationships in recognition of tribal sovereignty and to ensure that meaningful tribal consultation is standard practice across the department," said Katharine Ferguson, chief of staff at the Office of the Sec-

retary. "It's also important to have a director who can serve as a lead voice on tribal issues, relations and economic development within the Office of the Secretary because the needs and priorities of tribal nations and indigenous communities are cross cutting and must be kept front and center."

Thompson, who will oversee an office with a \$1 million annual budget, said the time is right for the federal government to step in and assist indigenous communities.

"The need in Indian country is as great now as it ever has been," she said. "COVID is killing our community members at a rate nearly twice that of the rest of the country. And, the people that we are losing are our culture bearers, our fluent speakers. They are our encyclopedias, our Googles. They are completely irreplaceable. And, USDA has amazing resources. ... I am thrilled to be a part of this when our communities are in so much need."

Taking a step back, she said she also sees how indigenous communities can help the nation.

"Right now, in this time of great upheaval in our nation, I can't imagine a time that's more important for indigenous values to be better incorporated throughout the federal government," she said. "I'm really excited to possibly being a small part in helping that along."

Stewart Huntington is a reporter based in Minneapolis, MN. He spent the past five years covering western South Dakota Indian Country for KOTA-TV, the ABC affiliate in Rapid City, SD.

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

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

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

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

Transportation is based on availability.

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

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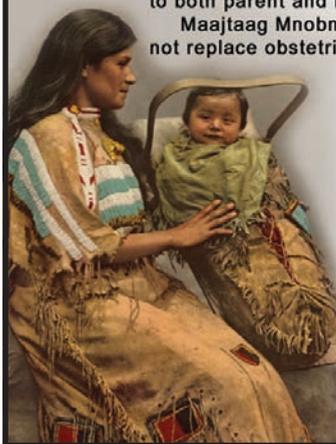
The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

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

We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach all families who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both parent and newborn up to the age of five years. Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, but not replace obstetrical and pediatric medical care.

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

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



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



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

- Are age 19-64 years
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- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs
- Are not pregnant at the time of application
- Are residents of the State of Michigan

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

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

Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!



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

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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIVE JOURNALISTS



media, training and workshops to support and enhance the knowledge and skills of journalists covering Indian country. Fellows will be encouraged to report on relevant program content and explore deeper coverage post-conference in order to complete their fellowship requirements.

Attendance during all days of the NAJF Student Newsroom September 13-19 is mandatory for all fellows, and the NAJA Education Committee will continue to evaluate COVID-19 travel logistics and announce updates as conditions warrant.

2021 NAJA-Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship

The Native American Journalists Association is now accepting applications for the 2021 NAJA-Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship through April 30. NAJA will select five students for one-time awards of \$10,000 each for the NAJA-Facebook



Journalism Project Scholarship for indigenous students pursuing journalism and media.

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled juniors, seniors or graduate students at an accredited university within the United States. Applicants must highlight a commitment to indigenous storytelling as demonstrated by completed coursework, clips/work samples and a letter of recommendation from a professor or internship supervisor familiar with their work and attesting to career commitment.

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

231-242-1600

VISION MAKER MEDIA CELEBRATES 45 YEARS OF ENGAGING NATIVE AMERICAN AND ALASKA NATIVE VOICES IN PUBLIC MEDIA

This year, Vision Maker Media — founded in 1976 as the Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium — is celebrating 45 years of engaging Native voices in public media platforms.

“What began as a film archive to conserve and document Native American stories has, through the years, transformed into the nation’s public-media leader in content by and about America’s first people — Native Americans and Alaska Natives — for public broadcasting,” says Executive Director Francene Blythe-Lewis (Diné, Sisseton-Wahpeton, Eastern Cherokee).

With continuous support from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Nebraska Educational Telecommunications, Vision Maker Media’s mission empowering and engaging Native people to share their stories remains meaningful. Currently, Vision Maker Media has 28 projects in various stages of production and 34 films in public-media broadcasting, five of which were added in fiscal year 2020.

Vision Maker Media’s content reaches nearly 90 million Americans on public television series, including Independent Lens, POV, America Re-Framed, American Masters and others.

“Every day since its founding 45 years ago, Vision Maker Media, then known as the Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium, has never wavered in its mission to share Native stories with the world that represent the cultures, experiences and values of Native Americans,” says Kathryn Washington, senior vice president of Television Content, Corporation for Public Broadcasting. “CPB is proud to be one of its earliest supporters. We congratulate them on this big anniversary and wish them continued success in fulfilling such an important mission.”

Vision Maker Media is marking its 45th anniversary with a yearlong celebration of free commUNITY events, including thematic online film screenings, online virtual programs and more. The Cherokee Nation Film Office is a sponsor of the 45th anniversary events.

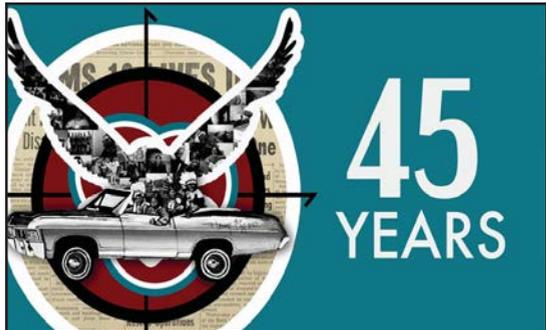
March — Women’s History Month
“commUNITY: Herald Native Women,” will showcase six films free to the public for 24/7 streaming all month at visionmakermedia.org.

An online moderated panel discussion will feature Native women leaders in partnership with Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO), who are graduates of AIO’s Ambassadors Program — the only national leadership training that encourages Native leaders to weave traditional tribal values in a contemporary reality in order to affect positive social change and advance human rights.

April — Focus on Mother Earth and the Environment

International Earth Day on April 22 will be observed with a community-themed online film streaming event titled, “commUNITY: Environment is Sacred.” Five films will feature themes of water, energy, indigenous food and health. The films will be available free to the public for 24/7 streaming all month at visionmakermedia.org. Additional online events and a panel discussion are also planned.

June — Youth Media Project
Vision Maker Media is partnering with several Native American organizations and commu-



nities with existing and sustainable youth programs. The goal is to nurture the next generation of Native youth media makers by furthering the development of the youths’ creativity through a sequence of conceptualizing, investigating and planning, to ultimately produce a short 30-60 second PSA around the topic of wellness.

October — Indigenous Peoples Day and Halloween

Indigenous Peoples Day on October 11 will be celebrated with a free film program that will stream online from October 6-13 at visionmakermedia.org.

On October 25-31, look for a curated encore of Vision Maker Media’s popular 2020 Halloween horror-themed film program, “Nightmare Vision.” The program is free and open to the public and will stream 24/7 at visionmakermedia.org.

November — Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month and Veterans Day

“commUNITY: The Meaning of Home” is a short production featuring Native veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. This is a Vision Maker Media-commissioned work by Charles “Boots” Kennedy (Kiowa). The film program is free and open to the public and will stream 24/7 from November 10-24 at visionmakermedia.org.

December — Frank Blythe Award in Native Media

This legacy award honors Vision Maker Media’s Founding Executive Director Frank Blythe’s leadership as a path maker and recognizes a lifelong career that has supported opportunities for Native Americans and Alaska Natives in public broadcasting and radio.

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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.

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



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

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GOVERNOR WHITMER LAUNCHES BIPARTISAN \$30 MILLION MICHIGAN RECONNECT PROGRAM

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

Governor Gretchen Whitmer joined today (February 2, 2021) with Republican and Democratic legislators to announce the launch of the \$30 million Michigan Reconnect program, the largest effort in state history to ensure more than 4.1 million Michiganders who are 25 or older and do not have a college degree will have an opportunity to earn a tuition-free associate degree or skills certificate.

Michigan Reconnect will pay the cost of tuition for eligible adults who want to pursue an associate degree or skills certificate at their in-district community college. The program also offers skills scholarships to help cover the cost of tuition through more than 70 private training schools with 120 programs that offer certificates in high-demand careers in industries such as manufacturing, construction, information technology, healthcare or business management.

Michiganders can submit applications at Michigan.gov/Reconnect. The application takes less than five minutes to complete and can be done on a mobile device.

Reconnect scholarships are accepted by all Michigan community colleges and are even available to eligible adults who are already enrolled in their local community college. The program pays the remaining balance of tuition and mandatory fees after other state and federal financial aid have been applied. For those who choose to attend an out-of-district community college, Reconnect will pay the in-district portion of tuition.

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity is administering Reconnect in partnership with the Michigan Department of Treasury.

To be eligible for Michigan Reconnect, you must:

- Be at least 25 years old when you apply
- Have lived in Michigan for a year or more
- Have a high school diploma
- Have not yet completed a college degree (associate or bachelor's)

Funding for Michigan Reconnect was introduced in Governor Whitmer's FY 2020-21 budget proposal. A bipartisan group of legislators – led by state Senator Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth, state Senator Jim Ananich, D-Flint, state Representative Ben Frederick, R-Owosso, state Representative Sarah Anthony, D-Lansing and former state Representative Sheryl Kennedy, D-Davison – approved \$30 million in state funding.

Michigan employers' ability to find highly skilled and capable employees is more difficult than ever and is cited as a top concern in the most recent Michigan Future Business Index Report. Michigan Reconnect will help address the dual challenges of the state's widening talent gap and aging workforce.

As of 2019, only 41% of Michigan's working-age residents had an associate degree or higher, placing Michigan at 31st in the nation. The average age of Michigan's 365,232 residents



currently enrolled at a community college is 25.7 years old and more than 36% are 25 or older, according to the Michigan Community College Association.

Michiganders without a college degree or training credential often face economic challenges. A 2020 analysis by the American Association of Community Colleges reports the median earnings of full-time employees with a high school degree is \$40,510 annually while those with an associate degree make \$50,079 per year, based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

Several organizations from all sectors of the state's economy have pledged to work as Reconnect Champions to promote awareness of the program, including the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Individuals looking to take advantage of Reconnect who are unsure what they'd like to study are encouraged to consider some of Michigan's high-demand careers. A list of those careers and wages by occupation and region is available on the Michigan Reconnect website.

A virtual news conference tour through March will also introduce Michigan Reconnect benefits to audiences across the state. The events will feature state legislators and local leaders representing community colleges and business and workforce development organizations as well as testimonials from prospective Michigan Reconnect applicants from every region of the state.

While more than eight in 10 parents of a Michigan high school student expect their child to earn a college degree, 70% said high costs are a barrier, according to a survey commissioned by the Michigan Association of State Universities.

Michigan Reconnect is an ideal solution for those families and students who initially decided they couldn't afford to pay tuition to attend community college or feared taking on student loan debt.

The program builds on the success of the Futures for Frontliners initiative Governor Whitmer launched last September and to which more than 120,000 Michiganders submitted applications by the December 31 deadline.

The nation's first program of its kind, Futures for Frontliners offered tuition-free college or high school completion to Michiganders who provided essential front-line services during COVID-19 Stay Home, Stay Safe orders between April and June 2020.

Approximately 20,000 Michiganders who applied but didn't qualify for Futures for Frontliners and are 25 years or older will automatically be eligible for tuition-free college assistance with Michigan Reconnect.

Eligible residents can learn more and apply for Michigan Reconnect at michigan.gov/Reconnect.

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BE HONEST
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For more information, contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Natural Resource Department

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

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

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

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JOE BIDEN: "TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY WILL BE A CORNERSTONE"

By Jourdan Bennett-Begay

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The third of four executive orders signed by President Joe Biden on Tuesday (January 26, 2021) focuses on strengthening the nation-to-nation relationships with tribes. It's only one presidential action of many taken by the administration in week one.

Biden signed a presidential memorandum that requires all federal agencies and executive departments to have a "strong process in place for tribal consultation," said Libby Washburn, Chickasaw and the newly appointed special assistant to the president for Native American Affairs for the White House Domestic Policy



Council. The position previously was held by Kim Teehee, Cherokee, and Jodi Archambault, Hunkpapa and Oglala Lakota, in the Obama Administration.

The move represents the new president "committing to regular, meaningful robust consultation with tribal leaders" and it requires all federal agencies and executive departments to

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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 Services are available by appointment only. See below for contact information*****

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Phone Number	Surety Bond Expiration	Serial Number
Theresa C Keshick	Active	231-242-1457	February 17, 2021	01-09
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Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	231-242-1400	February 22, 2021	10-09
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	231-242-1610	August 23, 2021	11-09
Rose M Pyant	Active	231-242-1563	April 5, 2023	12-09
Marin C Taylor	Active	231-242-1521	May 14, 2024	13-09
Janice L. Shackelford	Active	unavailable	February 16, 2026	14-09
Hayden Hooper	Active	231-242-1584	February 1, 2027	15-09

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have a "strong process in place for tribal consultation," Washburn said.

Biden gave remarks on his racial equity plan, which includes the signed tribal consultation memorandum, from the White House State Dining Room.

"Today, I'm directing the federal agency to reinvestigate the consultation process with Indian tribes," Biden said, noting respect for sovereignty "will be a cornerstone of our engaging with Native American communities."

Washburn said previous presidents like Barack Obama and Bill Clinton have done this.

So what makes this one different?

It enforces a previous tribal consultation executive order signed on November 6, 2000.

This time around, the executive order requires the head of each agency to submit, within 90 days, a memorandum with a detailed plan of action on how they will implement policies and directives, Washburn said. Agencies must listen to what tribes want.

These federal agencies and executive departments will have to continuously keep the White House updated, she said.

Tribal consultation is also crucial when it comes to the pandemic.

"This builds on the work we did last week to expand tribes' access to the Strategic National Stockpile for the first time, to ensure they receive help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, to fight this pandemic," Biden stated Tuesday (January 26, 2021).

On January 21, 2021, Biden announced FEMA would make financial assistance available to tribal governments at 100% of the federal cost share.

When the COVID-19 pandemic was declared a national emergency, it activated eligible tribal, state and local governments to access FEMA emergency funding, Washburn said. The federal cost share was 75%, and tribes were responsible for 25% of the cost.

"It has been something the tribes have been asking for, for a long time, and there has been legislation pending in the House and Senate on it," Washburn said.

The funding can be used for safe openings, operations of schools, childcare facilities, health care facilities, shelters, transit systems and more.

Another ask by the tribes: Access to the Strategic National Stockpile. Granted by the administration on January 21, 2021.

The public health supply chain executive order states the "Secretary of Health and Human Services shall consult with tribal authorities and take steps, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, to facilitate access to the Strategic National Stockpile for federally recognized tribal governments, Indian Health Service healthcare providers, tribal health authorities and Urban

Indian Organizations."

Fawn Sharp, Quinault, president of the National Congress of American Indians, said the administration's first week demonstrated the needs of tribal nations are a priority.

"I am both excited and encouraged that the Biden Administration is taking so many meaningful and significant steps towards Tribal Nations' priority issues - respect for sovereignty, racial equity, urgent action on climate change, protection of sacred sites and ancestral ecosystems, and the commitment to meaningful tribal consultation," she said. "There's immense work still to be done, but we celebrate that the first steps President Biden has taken towards truth and reconciliation with tribal nations are so responsive to our needs and aligned with our values and principles."

Since Day One, the Biden administration has gone full speed on taking presidential actions which affect tribal nations.

Hours after taking his oath, Biden revoked the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, placed a temporary moratorium on all oil and gas activities in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and signed another executive order on "advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities through the federal government."

"I think it's exciting and it shows that things are going to be front and center for him and his entire administration," Washburn said, adding that includes hiring more Native people across the board.

In addition to New Mexico Representative Deb Haaland's nomination for Interior Secretary, Washburn said, "President Biden, he promised during the campaign that tribes would have a seat at the table at the highest levels of federal government and a voice throughout the government, and I think that he's really showing in the early beginning days of his administration that he is going to make sure that happens."

And down to what is in the Oval Office. Washburn pointed out a painting of Andrew Jackson, a strong proponent of Indian removal, was removed from the Oval Office. The "Swift Messenger" sculpture by Allan Houser, Chiricahua Apache, now sits on a bookcase, reported the *Albuquerque Journal*.

As for land acknowledgements, that's an ongoing conversation.

"It is something that we are talking about, so I think we will talk about it and really, I'd like to talk to Deb Haaland about it as well, and once she's confirmed, it's something that I think will become a focus," Washburn said.

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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

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



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

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

ASSOCIATION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS WELCOMES NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Director, Colleen brings her experience to our programs which serve Indian country in areas of protecting tribal sovereignty, preserving cultures, educating Native youth and building capacity.

Before joining the association, Colleen served the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in the tribe's Repatriation Office and later as the Director of Language & Culture and NAGPRA Designee. She has also managed a Perinatal Opioid Grant for the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCMI). She is a lifetime Anishinaabemowin language learner and enjoys working with mothers and families as an Indigenous Breastfeeding Counselor. Colleen received a MS in International Administration with a focus on International Repatriation from Central Michigan University

(CMU) in 2017 and also holds a BS in Public Administration with a minor in American Indian Studies from CMU.

Colleen says: "I am honored and humbled to continue to work within Indian country at the Association on American Indian Affairs. My spirit name is Waabshkaa Asinekwe (White Rock Woman) and I am Mshiikeh ndodem (Turtle Clan). I come from a really sacred place in the heart of the Great Lakes of Michigan called Mackinac Mnising (Mackinac Island). I am an Ojibwe woman and citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. I am truly thankful each day that I wake up and step into the arena and fight for Indian country — for those who have come before me, for those here now, and for those generations to come in the future."

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MICHIGAN APPROVES GREAT LAKES PIPELINE TUNNEL PERMITS



By John Flesher, AP Environmental Writer

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

Michigan's environmental agency said Friday (January 29, 2021) it has approved construction of an underground tunnel to house a replacement for a controversial oil pipeline in a channel linking two of the Great Lakes.

The decision, a victory for Enbridge Inc., comes as the Canadian company resists Democratic Governor Gretchen Whitmer's demand to shut down its 68-year-old line in the Straits of Mackinac.

Enbridge disputes her claim — echoed by environmentalists and tribes — that the pipeline segment crossing the 4-mile-wide waterway is unsafe. But Enbridge had earlier sought to ease public concern by striking a deal with Whitmer's predecessor, Republican Rick Snyder, in 2018 to run a new pipe through a tunnel to be drilled beneath the straits connecting Lake Huron and Lake Michigan.

The project requires permits from the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Liesl Clark, director of the Michigan agency and a Whitmer appointee, said the company's application satisfied state legal requirements.

"We have issued permits designed to ensure that if a tunnel is constructed, it will be in strict compliance with relevant statutes and adhere to stringent protections against impacts to the Great Lakes," Clark said.

Enbridge has pledged to cover all costs of the \$500 million project, which it says will be completed by 2024.

The tunnel "will make a safe pipeline even safer," spokesman Ryan Duffy said, describing the permit approval as "an important milestone" for a project "virtually eliminating the potential for any release from Line 5 into the straits."

Environmental groups and tribes fighting to decommission Enbridge's Line 5, which transports oil and natural gas liquids used in propane between Superior, WI, and Sarnia, Ontario, sharply criticized approval of permits for the tunnel. They say it would pollute waters, harm fish and damage shoreline wetlands while boosting use of fossil fuels that promote global warming, which Whitmer and President Joe Biden have pledged to fight.

"A huge disappointment," said Liz Kirkwood, executive director of Traverse City-based For Love of Water, saying the decision was "directly at odds" with the logic behind Whitmer's shutdown order and that legal challenges were likely.

State officials emphasized the tunnel project was a separate legal matter from the dispute over the existing pipeline, which was laid in 1953. The underwater segment splits into two pipes, 20 inches in diameter, stretched across the bottom

of the straits.

Critics contend they are vulnerable to a rupture that could contaminate Great Lakes waters and shorelines, a hazard that became more urgent after a barge anchor was dragged across them in 2018, doing minor damage.

Whitmer last fall ordered a shutdown of Line 5 by May, saying Enbridge repeatedly had violated an easement allowing pipeline operations in the straits. The company is challenging the order in federal court and says it won't comply.

Enbridge insists the lines have never leaked and remain in good condition. It has taken steps to prevent future anchor strikes and says the tunnel project would eliminate that danger.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel unsuccessfully challenged in court a law authorizing the tunnel agreement that was enacted shortly before Snyder's term as governor expired.

Opponents then urged rejection of permits for the project. Engineers who studied the company's application documents at the request of environmental groups said Enbridge hadn't taken enough core samples and that uneven bedrock formations could lead to boring machine breakdowns.

They warned about potential collapse of the tunnel, methane leaks that could endanger workers, and bentonite clay used for lubrication and stability that could pollute the lakes and bottomlands if released.

Leaders of the state environment department said they hired a consulting firm with tunneling expertise to assist a nine-month review of Enbridge's plans which included consideration of critics' objections.

It found the project would have "minimal impact" on water quality and wetlands, said Teresa Seidel, director of the department's Water Resources Division. State law didn't allow for consideration of potential effects on climate change, she said.

One permit allows Enbridge to build the tunnel beneath submerged lands and to disturb wetlands on the north shore of the straits.

About 0.13 wetland acres, an area the size of one-tenth of a football field, would be damaged. Enbridge will compensate by conserving 1.3 wetland acres and supporting other protections.

A second permit will regulate wastewater from the project, which will be treated at an on-shore plant. About 1.4 million gallons will be discharged daily into the lakes and will have to meet standards to protect fish and other aquatic life.

Enbridge must notify the state if the plant exceeds 65% of its operating capacity. If it hits 100%, construction work will stop.

The state Public Service Commission will decide whether to allow placement of the new pipe in the tunnel.

The project also needs a Clean Water Act permit from the Army Corps. Among issues for federal consideration is the recent discovery of a possible underwater Native American cultural site in the area of the pipeline. The state permit requires avoidance of damage to such sites.

But area tribes said the Whitmer administration hasn't kept a promise to consult meaningfully with them and share relevant information.

While the decision itself is a letdown, "it is even more heartbreaking to say that this type of 'rubber stamp' approval without considering tribal treaty rights is something tribal nations are accustomed to," said Whitney Gravelle, attorney for the Bay Mills Indian Community.

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5,712 Native women were reported murdered or missing in 2016
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Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls

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Over 5,700 American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls were reported missing as of 2016, according to the National Crime Information Center, but only 116 of those cases were logged with the Department of Justice. Eighty-four percent of Native women experience violence in their lifetime, according to the National Institute of Justice. A 2008 study found that women in some tribal communities are 10 times more likely to be murdered than the national average.

For more information, please contact: William Johnson, Ziibiwing Curator at 989.775.4730

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Wang TW, Marynak KM, Gentzke AS, King BA. U.S. adult attitudes about electronic vapor product use in indoor public places. Am J Prev Med. 2019;56(1):134-140.

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advocate, Vanessa continued to learn more about how she could help her community. She found what she had in common was more than just a coincidence. She knows what it feels like to feel helpless and alone. Suicidal ideation was a common thought running through her head, but as do most Native women - she found she was stronger and more resilient than she ever thought possible.

"I knew that after everything I've been through, my life experience does not define me. No matter what a victim has been through, it does not define the person they were or who they want to become," she said. "It is my job to be that listening ear and be that calm voice for victim-survivors when they need it. I want them to feel safe with whatever it is they need to share with me. I want them to find the help they need."

Finding Purpose in Experience

Vanessa is glad she was chosen to do this type of work and because she is open to sharing her experiences, she knows it can be helpful to others.

"At the end of the day, there's somebody else going through what I did. I didn't know which way to go but being around people who were survivors and talking with them gave me hope. As a Native advocate, I must stay true to myself by taking responsibility for who I am and how I carry myself," she said, adding: "I found peace and serenity, and so can others like me."

It's important to Vanessa survivors know they are not alone and that their lives matter. They need to know it's okay to set boundaries. Our people are rich in culture. We have what it takes to do or be whatever we want in life. We can pray, go to sweats, pow wows or participate in other cultural ceremonies. *Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many in-person cultural activities have been canceled, however, there are many virtual resources available.*

"Go in with a good heart and mind and know that victim-survivors deserve to live a happy and healthy life," said Vanessa. "Healing starts with a lot of hard work and effort. Victim-survivors owe it to themselves to figure out what they want and need out of life."

The Future of Advocacy

Our StrongHearts advocates have a vision for a brighter future.

"To build a stronger community, I think we must create awareness around domestic and sexual violence," Vanessa said. "We need to break down barriers to our own success and to stop feeling as though we are less than others. As an advocate, I hope I can be the voice for those that feel they don't have one and to guide those who know where they want to go but don't know how to get there. In my advocacy, I know that I must be knowledgeable and keep educating myself, so that I can give the most accurate information and guidance to others. I know how much courage it takes to talk about domestic violence and that we as Native people need to honor that and treat victim-survivors with the utmost respect and dignity."

Giving Back

"Being a StrongHearts advocate gave me the opportunity to give back to my community," said Vanessa. "I want Native people to know that it's never too late to start on their journey to healing. I want them to stand tall and be proud of being Native. We all have a place and a purpose in this world. We just need to find a way to get there."

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

Courtesy photo.

StrongHearts advocates are breaking new ground offering culturally appropriate advocacy for Native American and Alaska Natives nationwide. Our featured advocate is Vanessa who is helping StrongHearts to become a leader in the field of advocating for Native people who experience domestic, dating and/or sexual violence.

Vanessa is a StrongHearts advocate who dives deep into her lived experience as a victim-survivor. She is determined not to be defined by her past and who has the will to make a difference. She is an exemplary Native woman who changed the trajectory of her life. Through hard work and healthy choices, Vanessa was determined to overcome the hardship that comes from being raised in a home where domestic violence was prevalent.

Personal Experience with Domestic Violence

"I grew up in low-income housing in Minnesota where I saw and heard physical violence and verbal/emotional abuse. [My parents] showed they loved each other by hitting each other," she said and explained she didn't know what domestic violence was, but she knew what it looked like, what it sounded like and how it felt. Without positive role models, she thought violence was normal. Eventually, she found herself on the same path.

"When you've been through so many traumatic experiences starting from a young age, you lose yourself. My domestic violence experience started with my very first boyfriend at 13 years old. From what I saw and heard growing up, it was somehow what I thought was normal. Domestic violence followed me throughout my whole life and in every relationship from my teenage years into adulthood. I didn't have role models growing up as a young woman and thought, this was the way life was supposed to be. This was my life."

Vanessa was in a toxic relationship, but alone in raising her four children. She started to use alcohol and drugs as a coping mechanism. Try as she might to escape substance abuse, she became an addict. She knew deep down this was not how she wanted to live. It was not who she wanted to be.

"I hurt myself, my kids and loved ones in the process," said Vanessa. "I was having bad anxiety and decided I just couldn't take it anymore. I wanted to be happy and something told me I deserve to be happy."

Finding Help

That was four years ago. After 18 years of experiencing domestic violence, Vanessa called a crisis hotline and started individual therapy at the Harriet Tubman Center in Minneapolis. From there, she found the strength to embark on her own healing journey. She took time to heal and reflect on her life.

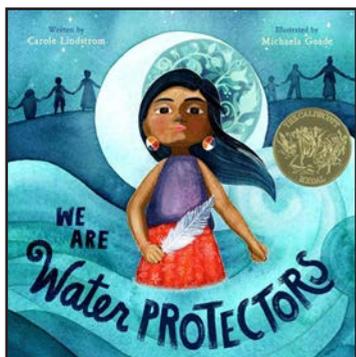
"I lived that traumatic life of chaos, drama and all that stuff, and I learned to set up boundaries with family, friends and acquaintances," said Vanessa. "When I learned to do that, my whole life became what it's supposed to be. I stopped the cycle of abuse in my own life, and that's when good things started to happen. I found purpose in my life. I knew that as a victim-survivor, I could use my experience to help others."

Helping as a StrongHearts Advocate

Becoming a domestic and sexual violence

THE FIRST INDIGENOUS CALDECOTT MEDAL WINNER

By Aliyah Chavez



us.”

The book’s illustrations were done with watercolors. Shades of blue, purple, red and pink infuse the pages.

“Michaela Goade’s semi-translucent color palette beautifully bathes every page with powerful illustrations,” said Caldecott Medal Committee Chair Annisha Jeffries.

The inspiration for the story came from Lindstrom, who watched the happenings of Standing Rock from afar in 2016.

“I felt very helpless, wondering how I could be of service so far away since I can’t be there,” Lindstrom reflected. “So, I thought, ‘Well, I’ll write a book.’”

She initially wrote a novel, and it eventually turned into a picture book. After writing, she told her editing team that she wanted an indigenous person to illustrate the book.

The publishing team chose Goade, who began working on creating the colorful illustrations.

An obstacle for Goade was figuring out how to illustrate the “heavy” topic in a way that would resonate with children.

She says she did research then reflected characters who are wearing both traditional and contemporary clothing, highlighting various genders and skin complexions.

All of these details were very intentional, Goade said, because representation of indigenous communities is

something that comes few and far between.

“We need representation for our own communities, but we also need non-Native people to see these books, value these books and lift these books up,” Goade said. “Not just in November for Native American Heritage Month, but all year.”

The book has a five-star rating on Amazon and is a No. 1 best seller in Nature Conservation.

Now that “We Are Water Protectors” has been given the seal of the Caldecott award, the duo expects it will gain even more recognition and traction.

With more visibility, the women hope it brings more awareness to environmental injustice.

“The fact that President Biden has canceled the Keystone pipeline is huge,” Lindstrom said. “And, so my hope is that we can cancel the Dakota Access Pipeline, [Enbridge’s] Line 3 and all of the pipelines on Turtle Island.”

The book was published in March by Roaring Brook Press.

In 1942, Velino Herrero, Zia Pueblo, received a different Caldecott award. He was the illustrator of “In My Mother’s House,” which was named an honor book.

Also awarded Monday was Eric Gansworth, Onondaga, author of “Apple (Skin to the Core).” His book was recognized as an honor book for the Michael L. Printz Award, given for excellence in literature written for young adults.

Aliyah Chavez, Kewa Pueblo, is a reporter-producer at Indian Country Today. Follow her on Twitter: @aliyahjchavez or e-mail her at achavez@indiancountrytoday.com

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2021 Tribal Elections Schedule

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

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Please be aware it takes approximately 3 to 4 months to gain federal approval of your application.



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ANNOUNCEMENT: FOR 2021 ELECTION POLL SITTERS

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Election Board is seeking two community members to serve as official poll sitters for the 2021 election days.

Dates and hours would include:

Monday, May 3, 2021, 8 am - 7 pm (if a primary election is necessary) &

Monday, June 28, 2021, 8 am - 7 pm

Qualified applicants must be at least 18 years of age and cannot be LTBB Tribal Members or related to any election candidates.

Duties include observing the election day process, taking notes of any irregularities and providing general assistance.

Compensation for each 11-hour election day is \$200.

Applications are available from the LTBB website, Election Board webpage.

E-mail your completed application to electionboard@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

or mail to Election Board, P.O. Box 160, Conway, MI 49722.

Application Due Date: Friday, March 26, 2021

LTBB ELECTION BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPLICATION FOR 2021 ELECTIONS POLL SITTER Due Date: March 26, 2021



First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Date of Birth
Address		E-mail Address	
Telephone Numbers			

Signature

Date

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD
P.O. Box 160, Conway, MI 49722

VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

- The seal and signature of a notary public.
- OR**
- Attaching a legible copy of one (1) of the following forms of Identification that bears the signature of the Tribal Member:
 - Valid Tribal Identification Card, OR
 - State Driver's License, OR
 - State issued identification Card, OR
 - Passport

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

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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
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INFO & REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS

- Battered Women's Justice Project
Legal Helpline
800-903-0111 x1, TTY 711
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- Federal Trade Commission Identity
Theft Hotline
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- National Center for Missing &
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800-THE-LOST*
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration Helpline
800-662-HELP, TTY 800-487-4889
- VictimConnect Resource Center
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JOE BIDEN HALTS DRILLING IN ARCTIC REFUGE

By Joaqlin Estus



The refuge is home to other wildlife, including polar bears, moose, marine mammals, fish and more than 200 species of migratory and resident birds.

Adam Kolton, Executive Director of the Alaska Wilderness League, issued a statement saying, “our long national nightmare of environmental carnage ends today... Today’s executive order to stop the plundering of this national treasure is a critical first step toward what we hope will one day be the permanent protection of one of the last great expanses of untouched wilderness areas in America.”

President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation Collin O’Mara, said in a press release, “We applaud President Biden for taking these critical first steps on our long journey to rebuild our economy, revitalize frontline communities, improve our health, reduce pollution, restore our public lands, respect indigenous communities and protect our wildlife heritage.”

Alaska’s Congressional delegation and governor, all Republicans, criticized Biden’s actions in a prepared statement.

Senator Lisa Murkowski said, “at a time when the United States, and especially Alaska, is struggling to deal with the impacts of COVID-19, I am astounded to see that the Biden administration’s ‘day one’ priority is [to] put our economy, jobs and nation’s security at risk.”

Senator Dan Sullivan said, “... in his inaugural address, President Biden called for national unity and healing. However, just hours earlier, his administration took their cues from radical environmentalists in issuing punitive and divisive actions against Alaska, many other resource development states and whole sectors of our economy.”

Alaska Representative Don Young called Biden’s action “not surprising, though no less disappointing, that ... by reviewing federal rules that Alaska benefits from, and by placing a moratorium on energy development in ANWR, President Biden has surrendered to his party’s environmental extremists.”

Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy also stated he wasn’t surprised.

“As a candidate, Joe Biden campaigned on stopping oil and gas development on federal lands. Make no mistake about it, President Biden appears to be making good on his promise to turn Alaska into a large national park,” Dunleavy said in a statement.

The president’s executive orders call for review or a halt to other federal actions of import to American Indians and Alaska Natives. He revoked the permit for the Keystone XL oil pipeline, which the Oglala Lakota say threatens their drinking water source. Biden called for review of a rule that opens the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska to logging, and for a look at the boundaries of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in Utah and of Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument.

Joaqlin Estus, Tlingit, is a national correspondent for Indian Country Today, and a long-time Alaska journalist.

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President Joe Biden put a hold on oil and gas drilling in the Arctic just hours after being inaugurated.

He signed an executive order Wednesday (January 20, 2021) placing a temporary moratorium on all federal activities related to oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Just the day before, nine leases had been signed by the Trump administration, well ahead of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act’s 2024 deadline requiring two lease sales in the refuge.

Biden’s executive order raises questions about the permitting process for the leases, saying, “in light of the alleged legal deficiencies underlying the program, including the inadequacy of the environmental review required by the National Environmental Policy Act...”

The order directs the Interior Secretary to redo a major step to “as appropriate, conduct a new, comprehensive analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the oil and gas program.” It notifies courts the incoming Attorney General may ask courts to put a hold on litigation related to oil and gas leasing in the refuge.

Biden also reinstated an Obama-era order withdrawing areas in Arctic waters and the Bering Sea from offshore oil and gas drilling and establishing the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge encompasses calving grounds for the Porcupine Caribou Herd, which includes some 200,000 animals. Pregnant females annually trek to the coastal plain of the refuge to give birth to as many as 40,000 calves.

The Gwich’in Athabascan people call the caribou calving grounds “*Iizhik Gwats’an Gwandaii Goodlit*,” meaning the sacred place where life begins.

The Gwich’in Steering Committee represents Canadian and Alaskan Gwich’in. Committee Executive Director Bernadette Demientieff said, “Mashi’ Choo, President Biden, the Gwich’in Nation is grateful to the President for his commitment to protecting sacred lands and the Gwich’in’s way of life.”

Kaktovik, the only village within the refuge, and the other villages on the North Slope of Alaska are predominantly Inupiat.

North Slope oil and gas development has been a boon for them and other local residents. North Slope Borough property tax revenues subsidize government services that would otherwise be beyond the reach of village economies. Borough services include search and rescue, water and sanitation, housing, wildlife management and Inupiat history, language and culture.

A handful of for-profit Native corporations, Inupiat and Athabascan, have voiced support for drilling in the refuge, saying it will provide much needed jobs and reduce U.S. dependence on oil imports.

The Arctic Slope Regional Corporation’s Executive Vice President of External Affairs, Richard Glenn, Inupiat, stated, “Together with the other organizations of our region, we are working to assess the meaning and magnitude of the recent Executive and Secretarial Orders.”

“We continue to advocate for the responsible development of resources in our region – a position that has never changed,” Glenn continued. “When we have assessed the orders and their impacts, we intend to work with the Biden administration in a way that best represents our tribes, communities and shareholders.”

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. ARNE VAINIO
THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INDIAN COUNTRY

Arne Vainio, M.D. was born to a Finnish father and an Ojibwe mother as one of seven children. When he was four years old, his father committed suicide and poverty followed. He credits less than a double handful of people for changing his course and advises we are all that person for someone who might be lost. After working as a many different jobs, he began a career in medicine in 1985 as a professional firefighter/paramedic. He has been a family practice physician on the Fond du Lac reservation since 1997, and is currently serving as a member at large for the for the Association of American Indian Physicians, Board of Directors. Arne has won multiple awards for his service including: Indian Health Service National Directors Award, 2008-2009; National Diabetes Physicians Recognition Award 2010; and, Association of American Indian Physicians Physician of the Year 2017.

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Visit with your friends and family outdoors, when possible. When indoors, make sure the space is large enough for social distancing

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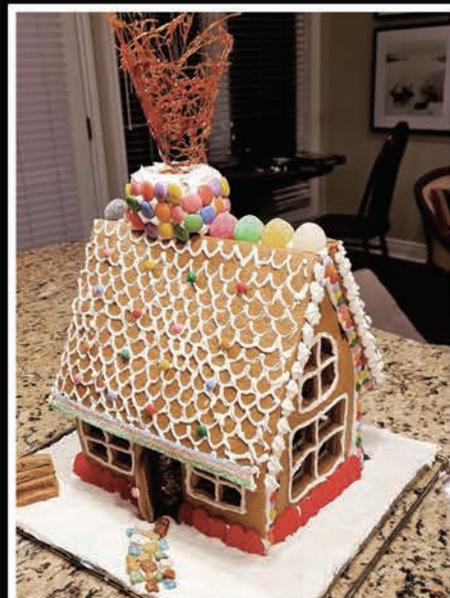
LTBB COMMUNITY MEMBERS SHOW CREATIVITY IN GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Solstice Gingerbread House prize drawing was a huge success! Forty-eight participants showed off their creative masterpieces, each as unique and detailed as the next. A huge chi-miigwech to the Odawa Economic

Affairs Holding Company for its generous donation of gingerbread houses and the time invested to ensure there were enough gingerbread kits to distribute during the PPE Pop Up and Children's Winter Solstice events. For winners, refer to the video posted on the

main LTBB Facebook page on January 13, 2021. The images of our community coming together to complete this family activity were so heartwarming, and we are excited to share some of the entries with you.

Courtesy photos.



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.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Regular Meeting January 14, 2021 via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.
 Closed Session: yes
 Opening Ceremony: Marty Van De Car
 Council Present: Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor
 Absent: Councilor, Treasurer Marcella Reyes

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel James Bransky, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Accounts Payable Mary Schneider, Safety Coordinator Sue Gasco, Language Director Carla Osawamick, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Vice-Chair Stella Kay, Planning Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Human Resources Generalist Rose Pyant, Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepf

Judicial Officials and Staff: none
 Public: Wesley Andrews, Marvin Mulholland

Invited Guest: none
Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to adopt the agenda of as amended.

Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)
 Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the minutes of December 17, 2020 as presented

Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)
 Motion carried.

Executive Oversight
Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley for January 14, 2021.

Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)
 Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to pass Declaration Statement condemning the domestic terrorism at the U.S. Capitol that undermines Democracy in the United States of America.

Vote: 6-yes, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes) Motion carried.

Tribal Council Officer Reports: Legislative Leader Report

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to accept Legislative Leader Emily Proctor's verbal and written report for January 14, 2021.

Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)
 Motion carried.

Secretary Report

The following documents were delivered and signed by the Executive on December 18, 2020:

Tribal Resolution # 121720-01 Interfund Loan from 3rd Party Billing Revenue to the General Fund for the 1st Quarter of 2021 for cash flow needs for Tribal Citizen Programming.

Tribal Resolution # 121720-02 Burial Program Supplemental funding in the Amount of \$32,000.00 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

Tribal Resolution # 121720-03 Tribal Burial Board, Inc. Request for FY2021 Contribution in the Amount of \$44,823.34 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance restricted for Economic Development.

Tribal Resolution # 121720-04 Providing \$75,000.00 to Odawa Online, GSP, LLC as startup operating capital.

Tribal Resolution # 121720-05 Appropriation for Decommissioning Lears Road Pump Station.

Tribal Resolution # 121720-06 Ziibimijwang, Inc. Request for FY2021 Contribution in the Amount of \$138,063.00 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance restricted for Economic Development.

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

-Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council:

12/23/2020 Reason for Phone Poll #1: Motion to approve Odawa Economic Affairs

Holding Corporation, Inc.'s Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

Phone Poll Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries

12/23/2021 Reason for Phone Poll #2: Motion to authorize Odawa Economic

Development Management, Inc. (OEDMI) to pursue a line-of-credit in the amount of

\$1,000,000.00 with Fifth-third Bank, and to approve OEDMI to obtain a final term sheet document to be presented to Tribal Council at a later date for approval.

Phone Poll Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept Secretary Julie Shananaquet's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for January 14, 2021.

Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Appropriations and Finance Committee

-Last Regular Meeting: December 8, 2020

(Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting were presented at the December 17, 2020 Tribal Council Meeting)

-Last Special Meeting: December 22, 2020

(Motions made at Special Appropriations and Finance Committee)

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Odawa Economic Affairs

Holding Corporation, Inc.'s Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to recommend to Tribal Council to authorize Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. (OEDMI) to pursue a line-of-credit in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 with Fifth-third Bank, and to approve OEDMI to obtain a final term sheet document to be presented Tribal Council at a later date for approval.

Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries

-Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

-Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee:

12/17/2020 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt

Tribal Resolution Providing \$75,000.00 to Odawa Online, GSP, LLC as startup operating capital.

Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

March 9 Work Session
 March 11 Council Meeting
 March 23 Work Session
 March 25 Council Meeting

April 6 Work Session
 April 8 Council Meeting
 April 20 Work Session
 April 22 Council Meeting

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

Legislative

Tribal Council Members

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

stained 0 Absent Motion carries

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Julie Shananaquet for January 14, 2021.

Vote: 6-yes, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes) Motion carried.

Land and Reservation Committee

-Last Meeting: January 8, 2021

(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting)

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Lease between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Odawa Economic Development Management Inc., for the Property located at Victory Square, known as Parcel A,

as presented on this day.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carries

-Next Meeting: Friday, February

5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

-Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: none

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor for January 14, 2021.

Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Tribal Council Member Reports: none

Legislative Office Reports: Office of Finance and Revenue.

Senior Financial Analyst: update

Tribal Burial Board, Inc.: no report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.: no report

Ziibimijwang, Inc.: no report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation, Inc.: no report

Gaming Authority – November 2020 Status Report

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort's written November 2020 Status Report dated December 27, 2020.

Vote: 4-yes, 1-no (Councilor Fred Harrington), 1-abstain (Marty Van De Car), 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Reyes) Motion carried.

Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope report continued...

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope verbal and written report for January 14, 2021.

Vote: 5-yes, 1-no (Councilor Fred Harrington), 0-abstain, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Reyes) Motion carried.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer: update

10:03 a.m. Break

10:07 a.m. Resume

10:09 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

10:51 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to return to open session.

Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik's verbal and written report for January 14, 2021.

Vote: 6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 3-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Legislative Services Attorney: update

11:00 a.m. Councilor Tamara Kiogima joins meeting

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by

Secretary Julie Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal and written report for January 14, 2021.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

General Counsel: update

General Counsel will resume report later on agenda for closed session.

Legislative Office Manager: update

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to accept Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal report for January 14, 2021.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to post Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-017 Burial Program to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register as sponsored by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the Lease between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Odawa Economic Development Management Inc., for the Property located at Victory Square, known as Parcel A.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Angie Woodin for the Hemp Regulatory Board and set up an interview.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Douglas Boda for the Hemp Regulatory Board and set up an interview.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Alicia Alvarado for the Hemp Regulatory Board and set up an interview.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Alicia Alvarado for the Hemp Regulatory Board and set up an interview.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

11:48 a.m. Public Comment Opens

Citizen Linda Gokee questions whether or not Odawa Casino will have online betting advertisement

11:50 a.m. Public Comment Closes

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Meredith Kennedy for the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and

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set up an interview.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Andrew Etawageshik for Ziibimijwang, Inc. and set up an interview.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Andrea Pierce for the Election Board and set up an interview.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Alan Proctor for the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. and set up an interview.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Heather Syrette for the Child Welfare Commission and set up an interview.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to authorize Odawa Online GSP, LLC to execute account documents with PNC that include waiver of its sovereign immunity.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported Secretary Julie Shananaquet to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION to Protect the Straits of Mackinac as a “Traditional Cultural Property Site”

Roll call vote: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-absent, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Reyes-absent, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carried.

General Counsel James Bransky: update continued

12:04 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to go into closed session for Confidential Legal matters.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

12:43 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to return to open session.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to retain Kanji Katzen PLLC for amicus briefing in state court proceedings that may impact the reservation issue.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to accept General Counsel Jim Bransky’s verbal report for January 14, 2021.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

12:48 p.m. Public Opens

Rose Pyant - Why do we keep sinking money into the farm? It seems like requests for funding comes onto the agenda on a regular basis. Does the farm even make money?

Melissa Shomin- Appreciates Councils hard work.

12:50 p.m. Public Comment Closes

Adjournment

12:52 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting

January 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Secretary Julie Shananaquet Date

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Regular Meeting January 28, 2021 via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:05 a.m.

Closed Session: yes

Opening Ceremony: Tamara Kiogima

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

Absent: none

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel James Bransky

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon, Safety Coordinator Sue Gasco, Language Director Carla Osawamick, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Vice-Chairperson Stella Kay, Health Director Jody Werner, Planning Director Amanda Swiss, Human Resources Generalist Rose Pyant, Education Director Jordan Shananaquet, Community Health Representative Joanne Steele, Health Department Office Administrator Julie Janiskee, Cultural Outreach Tribal Court Kevin Gasco, Clinic Nurse Lori Mooar, Police Dispatcher Adam Keller, WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider

Judicial Officials and Staff: none
Public: Bernadece Boda, Robin Lees, Marvin Mulholland

Invited Guest(s): Corporate Charters: Tribal Burial Board, Inc. Annette VanDeCar, Gwen Teuthorn, Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc., Tanya Gibbs, Alan Proctor

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to adopt the agenda of as presented for January 28, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizens who have walked on: Frank Francis, Leon Jackson, Jacqueline Scheidler, Ira Walker, Julia Holland, Karen Lefforge, and Yvonne M. Keshick.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

9:15 a.m. Introduction of new Tribal Government Employees:

Joann Steele – Community Health Representative

Julie Janiskee – Health Department Office Administrator

Kevin Gasco – Cultural Outreach Tribal Court

Lori Mooar – Clinic Nurse

Adam Keller – Police Dispatcher

Mary Schneider – WOCTEP Administrative Assistant

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve the minutes of January 14, 2021 as corrected.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

9:30 a.m. Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort Report – No report due. Will provide report on February 11, 2021.

Executive Oversight

Report-Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Vice-Chairperson Stella Kay Stella, Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon: Presidential appointments, working with Tribes, federal funding. Processed 63 Medicare reimbursement checks so far (*half of what they have*). National Congress of American Indians update. Biden tax package with Tribal provisions. Housing Tax Credits. Infrastructure package-COVID related-will put together shovel ready plans, gearing up for budget. Using the COVID vaccine supply as soon as they come in. Given 100 doses a week and those are given at 100 a week. Number is up to 436 now. Goal is to vaccinate everyone possible. Guidelines from IHS are to keep local but will give notice when we can go farther with vaccinating outside of area. Still working from home-phase II extended until February 2, 2021 with continued services. 2022 Budget process started.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley, Vice-Chairperson Stella Kay and Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon for January 28, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Tribal Council Officer Reports: Legislative Leader Report

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to accept Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal and written report for January 28, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

9:58 a.m. Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. 2020 4th Quarter Report

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.’s 2020 4th Quarter Report as presented by Tanya Gibbs and Alan Proctor on January 28, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

10:27 a.m. Break

10:36 a.m. Resume

Secretary Report

Documents Delivered to the Executive:

Tribal Resolution 011421-01 To

Protect the Straits of Mackinac as a “Traditional Cultural Property Site”. Signed by Executive on 01/22/21.

Veto: none

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: none

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept Secretary Julie Shananaquet’s verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for January 28, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

-Last Meeting: January 19, 2021 (*Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting*):

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012821-01 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Distinct Tribal Program FY 2021.

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

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012821-02 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration SOR 2 Anishinaabek Healing Circle Medication Assisted Treatment Initiative.

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

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012821-03 Request for Funding from the National Park Service, Battlefield Preservation Planning Grant.

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

Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012821-04 Request for Funding from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Native American Career and Technical Education Program FY 2021.

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

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012821-04 Request for Funding from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Native American Career and Technical Education Program FY 2021.

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

DISCUSSION: The AFC made the following referral to Tribal Council to review on 01/28/21:

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the updated information regarding the non-payment of the 2020 Anticipated revenue from Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. and referring the matter to the Tribal Council Meeting dated January 28, 2021.

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

-Next Meeting: 01/29/21 Special Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom to review 2022 Projected Revenues and Budget Formulation Process and 2021 Charter/Boards Budgets.

-Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: none

-Next Special Meeting: Friday January 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via

Zoom for 2022 Projected Revenues and Budget Formulation Process and 2021 Charter/Boards Budgets.

-Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday February 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM

-Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: none

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Committee Chair for January 28, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Land and Reservation Committee

-Last Meeting: January 8, 2021: *Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council on January 14, 2021.*

-Next Meeting: February 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom.

-Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: none

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Committee Chairperson for January 28, 2021. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent

Motion carried.

Tribal Council Member Reports:

Councilor Melissa Pamp – Attendance at the Tribal Burial Board work session and the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation meeting. Will also try to attend all board meetings to stay on top of board activities.

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept Councilor Melissa Pamp’s verbal report regarding attendance at the Tribal Burial Board work session and the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation meeting for January 28, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Legislative Office Reports:

Office of Finance and Revenue Tribal Burial Board, Inc. 2020 4th Quarter Report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Tribal Burial Board’s 2020 4th Quarter Report and Financial Report for January 28, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Ziibimijwang, Inc. – no report
Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation, Inc. – no report
Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope Report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope verbal and written report for January 28, 2021.

Vote: 8-yes, 1-no (Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.), 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer – no report

Legislative Services Attorney

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick’s verbal and written report for January 28, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

General Counsel

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by

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Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for January 28, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Legislative Office Manager

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for January 28, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

11:47 a.m. Public Comment opened: No comments.

11:47 a.m. Public Comment closed

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012821-01 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Distinct Tribal Program FY 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012821-02 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding

from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration SOR 2 Anishinaabek Healing Circle Medication Assisted Treatment Initiative.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012821-03 Request for Funding from the National Park Service, Battlefield Preservation Planning Grant.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012821-04 Request for Funding from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Native American Career and Technical Education Program FY 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to post the Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2019-002 Tribally Accepted Accounting Practice Statute as sponsored by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. and support-

ed by Councilor Marty Van De Car to repost the Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-017 Burial Program.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated January 20, 2021 for a total of 4.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve Enrollment List B - Declination *(Ineligible) dated January 20, 2021 for a total of 5.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

11:58 p.m. Public Comment opened: No comments

11:59 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to adjourn.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting February 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom.

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected. Secretary Julie Shananaquet Date



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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

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

LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:
911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770
231-242-1500

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





LTBB
OFFICE OF CITIZENS
LEGAL ASSISTANCE



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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Family Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce • Child Custody • Child Support • Guardianships • Parentage/Paternity ❖ Indian Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act ❖ Setting Aside a Conviction ❖ Driver License Restoration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Estate Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wills • Health Care Directives • Powers of Attorney ❖ Probate ❖ Landlord/Tenant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evictions • Tenant Rights ❖ Consumer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debt Collection
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The office is available to provide legal guidance and drafting of certain legal documents but does not provide in court representation at this time. The office may give procedural advice only on matters that are of a criminal nature or involve the Tribe or other Tribal Citizens as a potential party in a dispute.

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

GIGIIGOO'INANN STUDY



Aanii,
 We are excited to invite you to participate in an important study regarding fish consumption in our community.

We are inviting those who live in the State of Michigan and who are a member of one of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) tribes, which include Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

If you choose to participate, you will record your fish consumption on a user-friendly web-based database once a week for eight weeks. This study will help us gather im-



portant information we can use to best educate and inform healthy fish consumption practices. The whole study will be conducted online, and you can complete the entire process from your home or on your phone. Completion of the study will also earn you \$135.

If you wish to participate, there will be two monetary incentives dispersed. You will receive a \$60 gift card after completing one month of the study and another \$75 gift card after completing the second month along with a short survey. To get started, please follow this link to the online recruitment form: https://is.gd/Gigiigooinaann_Study. You can also use the QR code below to enroll from your phone. After con-

senting to the study online, you will receive an e-mail with further instructions. Please note, this study is limited to one participant per household.

If you have any questions about this study, please feel free to contact Amy Poupart (apoupart@glitc.org) at 715-588-1077 or e-mail the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan fishappcoordinator@itcmi.org. For any technical support questions, please contact Tom Chelius (tcheliu@mcw.edu) at 414-955-8040 (if calling, please leave a voicemail message).

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He has a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth and a master's degree from the Uni-

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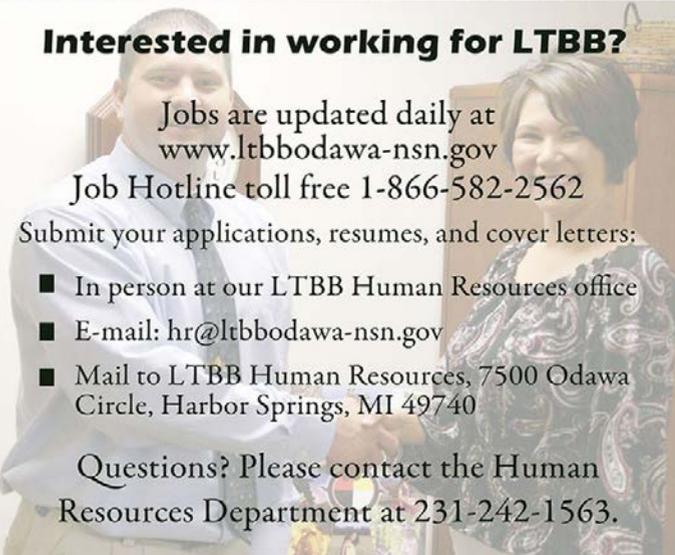
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The Bison Have Returned

By Mary Annette Pember

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The bison have returned at last to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in Montana.

Since time immemorial, tribes in the region of the Flathead Reservation in Montana depended upon the bison for material, cultural and ceremonial life. In the 19th century, however, Native people saw something they thought could never happen; the bison began to disappear as white settlers hunted the animals nearly to extinction.

In 1908, the federal government took lands from the tribes to create the National Bison Range, an 18,000-acre plus parcel in the middle of the Flathead Reservation. The range was created as a conservation measure to protect the bison.

The federal government erected a fence around the range, restricting the free-ranging animals from lands they had roamed on the Flathead Reservation and depriving Native people of their natural right to manage the land and the bison. Even though the U.S. Court of Claims found in 1971 that the federal takeover of the land was unconstitutional, the government refused to release their hold on the land and the bison.

On December 27, 2020, however, former President Donald Trump's decision to sign the Montana Water Rights Protection Act, righted this historic wrong; the lands and bison herd have been restored to the tribes.

The Montana Water Rights Protection Act was co-sponsored by all three of Montana's congressional delegates and is part of an omnibus spending bill. According to the act, the tribes agreed to release claims on water resources outside the Flathead Reservation in exchange for water rights inside reservation boundaries. A clause in the act entitled "National Bison Range Restoration" restores the National Bison Range to federal trust ownership and relinquishes ownership of the bison from the United States to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

On January 15, 2021, U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt signed secretary's order 3390 directing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management to facilitate the transition of the National Bison Range land and property to the tribes and restore it to the Flathead Indian Reservation. The Bureau of Indian Affairs will formally take the land into trust for the tribes.

After years of often heated debate and negotiations with the federal government and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the agency that managed the range, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are now owners and managers of the site.

"The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are elated that the National Bison Range has been restored to tribal ownership," said Tribal Chairwoman Shelly R. Fyant. "We are thrilled that this taking has finally been reconciled and that we can re-establish our relationship with the buffalo herd that we saved from extinction in the 1800s."

The tribes' natural resource department is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on a memorandum of understanding to guide the transition, according to Fyant.

"People visiting the Bison Range today won't see any change. Everything will operate as it did before; we are operating under the same management plan of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," said Robert McDonald, the tribes' Communi-



tions Director.

For years, opponents to the restoration have cited concerns about the tribes' ability and qualifications to manage the bison herd.

According to Rich Janssen, head of the tribes' natural resource department, these concerns have often carried distinct racial overtones.

"Some opponents have said that Indians can't properly manage the range or that we're being treated special," Janssen said.

Indeed, in an editorial in the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle* in 2020, a writer describes returning the range to tribes as a "loss of our federal inheritance."

"We have a rich history of successful conservation with our natural resources management of elk, bighorn sheep, grizzly bear and other species," Janssen said.

"We are one of the top tribes in the nation for managing natural resources," he continued. "We led the restoration efforts to bring this land back to its natural state."

Depriving Native people of their natural right to manage the bison and the range has been an affront, according to Janssen.

"The bison wouldn't be here on the range if it hadn't been for us," he said.

Ironically, the current bison herd at the range descended from animals originally collected by ancestors of the Pend D'Oreilles Tribe, one of three tribes on the Flathead Reservation.

"Native people have had a relationship with the buffalo for thousands of years," said Tom McDonald of the tribes' natural resource department. "Both the buffalo and our people were very prosperous; it wasn't on our watch that the animals nearly became extinct."

According to tribal oral history, it was *Ataticé*? Peregrine Falcon Robe, who advocated for bison conservation in the 1860s as the great herds were decimated by white settlers. In the 1870s, it was his son, Little Falcon Robe, who rescued several orphan bison calves and brought them to the reservation. The current herd at the range is descended from those animals.

Unfortunately, during his absence, Little Falcon Robe's stepfather sold the herd to non-Natives Charles Allard and Michel Pablo.

Allard and Pablo, however, believed in saving the bison, eventually selling them to the Canadian government which later turned the bison over to the U.S. federal government.

"It's incredible to see *Ataticé*?'s foresight finally come to fruition over a hundred years later," Janssen said. "The bison, like the Indians, have persevered all these years fighting for our right to exist and live even in the harshest of conditions. It's an amazing testament to both these animals and our resilience as Native people."

Although COVID-19 is curtailing celebrations for the time being, Janssen said the tribes will hold events honoring the return of the land and bison soon.

"There will be a celebration, I guarantee it," Janssen said. "This is an historic time."

Mary Annette Pember, a citizen of the Red Cliff Ojibwe tribe, is a national correspondent for *Indian Country Today*.

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anything showed the importance of economic diversification. Tribal governments and casinos are important, but there's a generalized lack of support for entrepreneurial business education. If you help small businesses, they often tend to hire within their own communities. Furthermore, academia does not hone in on the beauty of Native entrepreneurs. Natives look at business differently; they look at how their business can give back to the community. You can be a successful businessperson, and you can also help others. Thus, we created and deliver business ideation education which infuses the culture."

Anderson, whose background is in IT and tech, agrees the three of them bring different strengths to the organization.

"Tom is an expert in federal contracting," Anderson said. "Shiloh has a great knowledge of grants and compliance and of using grants to bring community organizations together. She wrote the grant proposal and all the paperwork necessary to apply to be a 501c3. She's an absolute resource. Without her, there would be no Arrowhead Incubator."

Kyle Anderson

Member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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Arrowhead Incubator has partnered with New Mexico Community Capital to bring Financial and Business Basics to Michigan to provide training to Native American entrepreneurs. Founded in 2004, New Mexico Community Capital is a private, non-profit organization that offers a continuum of programs and services for emerging entrepreneurs, Native-owned businesses, tribal governments and those wanting to increase their financial literacy skills.

"New Mexico Community Capital provides a wide assortment of trainings," Slomsky said. "We have a limited amount of space for the trainings, but we have a long waiting list. That's a testament to the trainings that they offer."

Arrowhead Incubator hopes to establish a National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) Native Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) in Michigan. NCAIED is a 501c3 non-profit organization with more than 40 years of assisting American Indian tribes and their enterprises with business and economic development. PTAC's mission is to develop and expand an American Indian private sector which employs Indian labor, increases the number of viable tribal and individual businesses and positively impacts and involves reservation communities by establishing business relationships between Indian enterprises and private industry.

"Right now, if you want assistance from a Native Procurement Technical Assistance Center, you have to call the closest one in Iowa," Slomsky said. "That would be a great resource to have here in Michigan."

One goal of the SED-GO grant is to establish the PTAC in Michigan, another is to build a Northern Michigan Native Commerce team to bring community organizations, businesses and others together to benefit local communities.

"Ultimately, you're more successful if you bring the communities together," Slomsky said. "We'd like to see it include tribal entities, local Chamber of Commerce, governments, businesses and anyone who wants to support the economics of our communities."

Although Arrowhead Incubator is based in Traverse City, MI, they serve all of Michigan and beyond, and the founders have talked about having a satellite location in the future and assisting tribal communities in other impactful ways.

"We're working on doing a programmer project to find ways to use technology to combat human trafficking," Slomsky said. "Everyone is familiar with the impact that MMIW (missing and murdered indigenous women) is having on tribal communities. Add to this, Mackinaw Island and the region is a hot spot for human trafficking. Oftentimes, they use rural communities and back roads to move these young girls and women. How can we use technology to perhaps alert the police, track where someone is or identify waterways and roads frequently used in human trafficking? We want to do whatever we can to help the Native people and Native communities."

For more information about Arrowhead Incubator, visit <http://ahin.org/> or Arrowhead Incubator on Facebook.

Shiloh Slomsky

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“Becca Lynn” continued from page 1.

my spirit helper and my ancestors are there with me when I bead.

It’s my medicine space. I don’t sit down with a specific idea of what I’m going to do; it just feels good to be creative.”

Her grandmother, the late Rita Gasco-Shepard, created exquisite beadwork as do her daughters, Vicki Lynn, Regina Brubacker-Carver and Stella Kay, known collectively as White Feather’s Daughters.

“They’re proud of who I am as a person,” Becca said. “I try to live my life in a good way and share that light. I’m honored to continue a family legacy. I use beading as that time I spend with her (her late grandmother). She passed away when I was 12, but I feel her there with me when I bead. It could be blood memory because it (beading) came so naturally to me. It’s connected me with my mom and my aunts. I’ve had powerful women help me grow up and find my spirit. I’m extremely grateful for that.”

She said those powerful women included her grandmother, her mother, her aunts, Renee “Wasson” Dillard, Kristy Dayson, Carla Osawamick, Arlene Naganashe and Jeannie Norris to name a few. Becca returned to the northern Michigan area in August 2020 after being away for eight years.

“There are a lot of good people here who are willing to share their knowledge,” she said. “It’s

not our knowledge, it’s our inherited knowledge. I thought all tribal communities were like ours, but I found that wasn’t the case. People here share their knowledge willingly, and we’ve been able to hold onto so much more of our culture than some others.”

Becca held a beading workshop at the American Indian Health and Family Services in Detroit, MI, where she taught participants to make rainbow pride pins. She gave a lecture on two spirit identity at the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University pow wow and was a camp counselor at the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Language and Culture Camp.

“I’d like to do more speaking engagements and beading workshops and talk about my own experiences at gatherings, pow wows and for organizations,” she said. “I’m also excited to learn from other people.”

Becca is close to completing her bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan. Her major is sociology, and her minor is Community Action and Social Change. She graduated from Alanson High School in Alanson, MI.

Her grandmother is the late Rita Gasco-Shepard, her parents are Chris and Vicki Lynn, her aunts are Regina Brubacker-Carver and Stella Kay, and her siblings are Joe Lucier, Sara Lucier and Chris Lynn.

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Beware of Rental Payment Assistance Scam



fall victim to their schemes. Always protect your personal and financial information unless you are absolutely certain it is being provided to a legitimate organization.”

Echoing suggestions from the FTC, Attorney General Nessel offers these tips to avoid becoming a victim of a scam:

- Never give your bank account, debit card, credit card or Social Security numbers to anyone who contacts you without first independently verifying that person's identity.

- Do your research on any organization that requests personal information or money.

- Investigate the company you are considering using online with the words “scam,” “fraud” or “complaint” to see what others are saying. Do this prior to making contact.

- Avoid companies that tell you to stop paying rent or require an up-front fee.

Anyone struggling to make rent payments should discuss it with their landlord and look into local programs that offer rental assistance and other help.

Those who are facing eviction or need help paying rent may soon find assistance through the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CERA) administered by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). For those who qualify, there may be help available for past due rent and utilities.

“Once the Legislature appropriates the emergency rental assistance funds, we are

ready and will move swiftly to assist renters and landlords in need,” said Kelly Rose, MSHDA chief housing solutions officer. “Renters should avoid further financial risk by falling for scams. A legitimate program that can help is on the way.”

Visit the Attorney General Landlord/Tenant site for more information on Michigan's eviction process and renters' rights.

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Study: 75% of Natives Would Get Vaccinated

By Joaquin Estus



sources.

The survey found 75% of the American Indian and Alaska Native participants would be willing to get vaccinated. A different study shows 64% of the U.S. general population is willing to get the shots.

However, 75% of the respondents were also concerned about potential side effects.

“Willingness to receive a vaccine and hesitancy are not mutually exclusive,” said Urban Indian Health Institute Director Abigail Echo-Hawk, Pawnee and Athabascan. “Fear and distrust of government and medical systems still exists in our community, which are hurdles that we have to overcome.”

The study notes “...histor-

ic distrust, rooted in the legacy of colonialism, genocide and medical experimentation may contribute to vaccine hesitancy.”

“The data indicates that most Native people willing to be vaccinated feel it is their responsibility for the health of their community,” Echo-Hawk said. “This shows what motivates our community when it comes to decision-making.”

Other Key Findings

- 74% of participants said getting vaccinated is their responsibility to their community

- 89% of participants wanted evidence of the vaccine's current and long-term safety

- 39% of all participants

“75%” continued on page 30.

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Wisdom ~ Nbwaakaawin
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Love ~ Zaagidowin
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Respect ~ Mnaadenamoowin
to have honour for all of Creation. You must give respect if you wish to be respected.

Bravery ~ Aakide'ewin
to be brave is to do something right even if you know it's going to hurt you.

Honesty ~ Gwekwaadiziwin
always be honest in word and action. Be honest first with yourself, and you will more easily be able to be honest with others.

Humility ~ Dbadendizwin
you are equal to others, but you are not better.

Truth ~ Debwewin
to learn the truth, to live with truth and to walk with truth, to speak truth.

"75%" continued from page 29.

reported difficulty traveling to their clinic for an appointment

- Two-thirds of participants willing to get vaccinated were confident COVID-19 vaccines were adequately tested for safety and effectiveness among Native people

- 75% of participants willing to get vaccinated had concerns about potential side effects

- 25% of participants were unwilling to receive a COVID-19 vaccine

- 90% of participants unwilling to get vaccinated recognized COVID-19 as a serious disease

- 89% of participants unwilling to get vaccinated had concerns about potential side effects

"This data will be important to all organizations conducting COVID-19 vaccine education efforts," Echo-Hawk said. "Native communities have unique challenges and needs that usually are not considered in public health campaigns."

Echo-Hawk hopes the report will increase understanding of the unique perspectives of Native people.

Recommendations

Based on the survey results, the institute recommends:

- Tailoring and centering vaccination campaigns on the cultural values of Native peoples

- Supporting tribal and

urban Indian health clinics in leading COVID-19 vaccination efforts, given their position in the community as trusted, safe and familiar spaces with cultural knowledge and expertise.

- Utilizing effective ambassadors such as healthcare providers, elders and tribal leaders to provide accessible and clear information about the COVID-19 vaccines, including the process of vaccine development, vaccine safety and effectiveness, potential side effects, cost and personal and community benefits of vaccination.

- Acknowledging how historic and current harms perpetrated by healthcare institutions and the U.S. government have contributed to skepticism of vaccines. This could be done by a public form.

- Grounding vaccination campaigns in community participation and community voice to ensure vaccine messaging is culturally relevant.

- Recognize vaccine acceptance is a spectrum and those unwilling to get vaccinated may change their opinions once concerns of safety, effectiveness and accessibility have been addressed. Conversely, acknowledge vaccine acceptance does not mean hesitancy is not present as those willing to get vaccinated voiced similar concerns around safety for Native people.

Disproportionate Impacts

Studies show American Indian and Alaska Native people continue to be disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Their numbers of cases and deaths are 3.5 and 1.8 times that of non-Hispanic Whites.

"These inequities are also the result of structural racism produced by policies and practices sanctioned by various levels of government and built into economic systems and societal norms," the report states. It also points to disparities in opportunities in health literacy stemming from Western education. "However, as Native people we recognize that traditional indigenous knowledge systems will continue to sustain us as we build thriving communities grounded in our traditional ways."

The institute is one of 12 tribal epidemiological centers across the country working to strengthen the health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. It conducts research such as a recent study of the impacts and needs of urban Native direct-service organizations due to COVID-19. It promotes health, collects and analyzes data and provides disease surveillance and resources.

Joaqlin Estus, Tlingit, is a national correspondent for Indian Country Today, and a long-time Alaska journalist.

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By Joaqlin Estus

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A Diné woman who knows what it's like to live without electricity and has fought for solar energy for her people has been selected to head the U.S. Office of Indian Energy Programs and Policy. She'll be taking over a program that the Trump administration nearly brought to its knees by cutting its budget by two-thirds.

Wahleah Johns is co-founder and director of Native Renewables, a company that brings solar energies to Native American homes and trains Navajo solar installers. She's also been a community organizer and advocate for water protection and economic and environmental justice. She's chairwoman of the Navajo Green Economy Commission.

Johns grew up on and near the Navajo reservation where about 15% of homes lack piped water and 10% lack electricity. Water and energy became core issues for her.

In a *New York Times* op-ed, Johns wrote, "How is it that the Navajo Nation borders 80 miles of the Colorado River and doesn't have access to one drop of water? How can it be



that coal and water from Navajo lands helped create electricity for Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Phoenix, and yet, 15,000 families on the reservation don't have power?"

"Our tribal government was formed in 1923 with the express purpose of completing a business transaction to sign oil lease agreements with Standard Oil," Johns wrote. "This was the beginning of a system in which corporations could make billions pillaging our homelands for uranium, coal, oil and gas deposits, leaving our groundwater contaminated and our people sickened with uranium radiation exposure, lung disease, asthma and cancer."

Without power lines, families on the reservation rely on batteries and gas generators. She said families can pay anywhere from roughly \$150 to \$700 a month just on fuels, depending on the season. "And usually in the winter, it's more."

Johns will be taking over an office that sustained a 64% budget cut. The Office of Indi-

an Energy's 2020 budget was \$22 million. The Trump administration requested only \$8 million for its 2021 budget.

The Indian Energy website reports "infrastructure development in Indian Country is limited due to limited funding and financing, inadequate infrastructure, limited technical capacity and a complicated legal and regulatory structure governing Indian lands."

The office has a staff of seven people, with three in Washington, D.C., and two each in Golden, CO, and Anchorage, Alaska. To provide services to the nation's 574 tribes, the office works to:

- Promote Indian tribal energy development, efficiency and use
- Reduce or stabilize Indian tribal energy costs
- Strengthen Indian tribal energy infrastructure
- Electrify Indian land, housing and businesses.

"I feel honored for my nomination to serve in the Biden-Harris administration as the Director of Indian Energy at DOE. As the original caretakers of this land, I believe tribes can lead the way to solving our climate crisis and building a regenerative and clean energy future," Johns said in a Tweet.

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Courtesy photo.

LINE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



Birthday



Happy belated 40th birthday to our son, Jeff Gamble, on February 23rd. (Where has the time gone???) Being 40 means that you have experienced enough to know what you want and are still young enough to go after it. You are starting a new chapter in your life this year, and we wish you and your family the very best. We love you!!! All our love, Mom and Dad.

Miigwetch!

Thanks to all who donated or attempted to donate on February 3 at our Versiti Blood Center of Michigan blood drive. Our goal was 35 units. We ended up collecting, drum roll please, 37 units! What does that mean? Over 111 lives will be impacted. Thanks to all who participated. Marty Van De Car, Odawa Casino Community Development Coordinator.

Walking On...

Yvonne Marie Keshick, 63
Yvonne Marie Keshick, 63, of Petoskey, MI, passed into the spirit world on January 22, 2021 in Flint, MI. Yvonne was born December 7, 1957 in Charlevoix, MI. She grew up primarily in Petoskey, MI, and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1975. In her spare



time, she enjoyed rock hunting, camping and traveling to the Upper Peninsula. She also enjoyed the company of her three grandchildren, who were her world. Back in the day, Yvonne was an avid bingo player and quite a pool player. Throughout her life, Yvonne always took pride in caring for others. While living in Chicago, IL, she enjoyed the work she did for the IHS clinic and NAES college. Yvonne is survived by her daughter, Maritza (Joel) Fuerte-Lopez; three grandchildren, Dominic, Abram and Ethan Lopez; brothers, John (Michele) Keshick, Donald Keshick and Robert Keshick; sisters, Theresa Keshick and Linda Gokee; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Yvonne was preceded in death by her father, John W. Keshick, Sr.; mother, Mary Keshick; sisters, Maria Keshick and Marsha Gale Keshick; and brothers, Ronald Joseph Keshick and Gregory Allen Keshick.

and the Alanson Community Church. The simplest pleasures brought Doug the greatest joy. Shopping for Shaun Cassidy records was a favorite hobby of Doug's as was making song requests to Terri Ray at the WKLT radio station. Happy Days, Laverne & Shirley, Mork & Mindy and the Brady Bunch were just a few of Doug's favorite vintage TV shows. Doug was gifted with memorization abilities and was a skilled letter writer. He looked forward to holidays, visits with friends and family gatherings. Doug brightened any room with his spirited humor, most often lifting everyone to states of rolling laughter! Doug's most admirable attribute was his loyalty in treasuring relationships and how he loved unconditionally. He will be sorely missed by friends and family, near and far. Reverend Samuel McClellan of Traverse City, MI, will officiate his prayer service and a burial service for Doug will be held at a later date. Doug is survived by his father, Robert Dominic, Jr., stepmother Molly Tate, siblings, Cherie Dominic, Kristina Dominic, Simone (Dominic) & Mathew Bellmer and their children, and Miguel Dominic. Doug was preceded in death by his mother, Linda (Burrows) Dominic, and sister, Debra (Dominic) Johnson. Doug made special bonds with his caretakers, most notably Stacey and Fallyn Dunn and

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Douglas Wayne Dominic, 57

With deepest sorrow and much love, we mourn the unexpected passing of Douglas Wayne Dominic, 57, of Alanson, MI. Doug met his Creator on February 1, 2021 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. Douglas was born on May 20, 1963 and is the beloved son of Robert Dominic, Jr. of Petoskey, MI, and the late Linda (Burrows) Dominic. Doug was an active member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands Elders Department



the late Shirley Waffle. Memorial donations may be made out to Doug's assisted living home: Royal Willows, 9000 Miller Rd., Alanson, MI 49706.

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