



# LTBB Government Services Available Out of Area

**Editor's note:** This is the second of two articles detailing out of area services provided by LTBB Departments.

## Department of Human Services (Binagek)

### Burial Assistance

- Available for every tribal citizen.
- Alleviate financial burden for family of citizen upon passing.
- Can pay funeral home directly or reimburse family.
- Application, original death certificate, original receipts.

### Emergency Fund

- Available to every tribal citizen within the U.S.
- Tribal households eligible once every two years.
- No income requirements.
- Emergency need has to relate to citizen's health and wellbeing such as utility shut off, eviction prevention, emergency shelter, emergency medical procedure (payor of last resort), etc.

### Community Services Block Grant

- Any LTBB citizen in Michigan.
- Utility shut off prevention, emergency shelter or eviction prevention.
- Clothing for children in foster care or clothing to obtain employment (interview clothes).
- Emergency prescription assistance or emergency medical transportation fuel.
- Income guidelines apply; meet minimum standard of 125% poverty level.

<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/FY-2020-Annual-Income-Guidelines.pdf>

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

- Any LTBB citizen in Michigan.
- Emergency and Direct (No shut off notice required) assistance available.
- Natural gas, electric, oil, wood, propane, wood pellets or other heating sources.
- Income guidelines apply.

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### Survivor Outreach Services (Zoongde)

Services are designed based on specific, applicable active client needs.

- Crisis intervention.
- Problem-solving.
- Safety planning.
- Cultural advocacy.
- Housing advocacy.
- Civil/criminal justice advocacy.
- Assistance with PPOs.
- Court accompaniment: (depends on what county and if time allows advocate to attend court).

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# JUSTICE FOR NANGONHS PROTEST HONORS ALL MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Approximately 200 people attended the Justice for Nangonhs protest held June 22, 2021 outside the Detroit Federal Courthouse in Detroit, MI.

The peaceful protest honored the memory of Nangonhs Massey, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, who was killed in her home in Mt. Pleasant, MI, on November 16, 2020.

It also raised awareness for all missing and murdered indigenous women.

It was held outside the Detroit Federal Courthouse where Kaden Gilbert, who was arraigned last year in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan on counts of first-degree murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and assault causing bodily harm, was scheduled to appear. Gilbert's hearing was rescheduled to August 6, 2021. She is being prosecuted in federal court because Massey's death occurred on the Isabella Indian Reservation.

A "No More Stolen Sisters: Justice for MMIW Rally, Honoring our Stolen Sisters" is scheduled for August 6, 2021 at noon outside the Detroit Federal Courthouse in Detroit, MI. It is asked that those attending the rally wear red in honor of Nangonhs



Massey and all of our other stolen sisters.

The U.S. Department of Justice maintains records on murders every year across all demographics of men and women in the country. When it comes to indigenous women, they are 10 times more likely to be killed than the average national murder rate, and murder is the third-leading cause of death for Native  
*"Justice for Nangonhs Protest" continued on page 31.*

# PRESIDENT BIDEN MEETS WITH ANISHINABEK DELEGATION WHO ASK HIM TO SHUT DOWN LINE 5 DURING HIS RECENT VISIT IN MICHIGAN

**Editor's note:** The following is a press release from MackinawOde.

MackinawOde (Heart of the Turtle), an indigenous-led Water Protection group based in Petokey, MI, attended President Joe Biden's, "America's Back Together" tour to celebrate the country's progress against the COVID-19 virus on July 3, 2021.

The event took place at King Orchards cherry farm in Central Lake, MI. Approximately 300 people attended, including members of MackinawOde (Heart of the Turtle) and their allies.

"This iconic industry that holds a lot of character for Michigan is sort of on the ropes. We are in the middle of a crop failure for tart cherries and sweet cherries," said Juliette King McAvoy, vice president of sales and marketing for King Orchards and co-chair of the Great Lakes Business Network. "Clean water and clean energy infrastructure are important for the future of Northern



Michigan, and it was an honor to discuss that with the President, governor and our state senators who can influence that future." The location was officially announced the same morning. MackinawOde had their group ready the night before and met in the morning time for an Anishinabek Pipe ceremony on Torch Lake in Eastport, MI, led by Tom Binesiwegiizhig. A water

ceremony was also conducted by Beatrice Menase Kwe Jackson. Once the group made it to King Orchards, members were searched by the Secret Service, and the group made its way into the cherry fields, carrying their signs and wearing their Anishinabek regalia. "We were all excited to meet the President and tell him to shut down Line 5. We are a peaceful  
*"Biden" continued on page 32.*

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# LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 7-19-2021 = 4,487

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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.

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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 September 2021 issue of *Odawa Trails* is August 2, 2021.

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

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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## EXECUTIVE BRANCH

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Miigwetch for your trust

and support in the latest election. I will do my very best to listen and ensure transparency.

LTBB has faced many obstacles over the past year with the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic proved the LTBB community is a community of resilience. When families needed help, leadership stepped up to ensure all families were assisted. Our Health Department was instrumental in vaccinating not just our citizens and their families, but

also the service industry employees in our local area and the greater community. As a result of these efforts, Emmet and Charlevoix counties have some of the highest vaccination rates in the State of Michigan.

You can see a plentiful supply of kindness. We come together in a time of need and work together for the greater good. I am looking forward to the next four years and leading the community in a good way.

## LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

### LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY'S READ TO OWN PROGRAM

By Celestine Petoskey, Cultural Library Specialist

Through CARES Act federal funding, Mzinigangamik Cultural Library was able to create the Read to Own program.

Sixty iPads were purchased and made available for LTBB enrolled Pre-K through 12th grade students to assist with COVID-impacted schooling and education purposes. The program required student applicants to use the iPad to read ebooks and submit book reviews for what they read from the digital library. Each iPad came pre-installed with the Libby app, and each student in the program signed



up for a library card number with Mzinigangamik.

As of mid-July 2021, nine students have already completed their requirements and now own their own iPads. The program assisted 19 students within the tri-county area and another 32 students throughout the state of Michigan. Nine more LTBB students applied from out of state, including Minnesota, Nevada, New

Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. It's wonderful to be able to provide a program during these times when we all learned to do things a bit differently than we've been used to.

In addition to the Read to Own program, Mzinigangamik still offered summer reading as well for adults and youth alike. There's never a bad time to brush up on some reading.

If you aren't signed up with our Cultural Library yet, library registration forms are now available on the LTBB website for local and out of area people to register.

LTBB Cultural Library graphic by David K. Burks.

## ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

### THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE HAS A 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

### 2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

Tribal Directories include adult name and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled before January 28, 2021, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

To receive your copy:

- ✓ Must include a copy of your Tribal Identification Card
- ✓ A \$5 check or money order payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians
- ✓ Choice of cover design. If you do not specify, we will choose for you!

Mail to: LTBB of Odawa Indians, ATTN: Enrollment Office  
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### LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



- September 6, 2021 - Adams Holiday
- September 21, 2021 - Sovereignty Day
- September 24, 2021 - Michigan Indian Day
- October 11, 2021 - Indigenous Peoples Day
- November 11, 2021 - Veteran's Day
- November 25, 2021 - Thanksgiving
- November 26, 2021 - Day after Thanksgiving
- December 23, 2021 - Christmas Eve
- December 24, 2021 - Christmas
- December 30, 2021 - New Year's Eve

### LTBB TOWN HALL MEETINGS



- August 11
- September 8, October 13
- November 10 and December 8

For updates on time and LTBB Department agendas, follow the official Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA](http://www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA)

Town Hall meetings are held on ZOOM at [www.tinyurl.com/ltbbtownhall](http://www.tinyurl.com/ltbbtownhall) Use passcode 002323



We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at

<https://www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA>.

Please be respectful in your comments.



### Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

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

Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!

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

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# GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

## CAROL KIOGIMA'S LANGUAGE JOURNEY



Aanii, Carol Kiogima ndizhinikaaz.

I've been attending Language Immersion since 2015. I've taken Anishinaabemowin language classes at North Central Michigan College with instructors Gwen Teuthorn

and Carla Osawamick and the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.

My dream is to be able to speak Anishinaabemowin like the elders. For example, I was driving three elderly women to appointments as a Community Health Representative in the LTBB Health Department. They were speaking the language and laughing. I was envious because I didn't understand anything they were saying.

I've been teaching my children (binoojiinhak) and grandchildren (nosshenhak) what I've been learning when I see them. They are doing well

with what I can give them for now. Maybe someday, we can have a conversation in the language.

My nmisenh (Jane Martell) and I are in the Language Immersion Program and we recently, received our two-year Nishnaabemowin Pane Immersion Program (NPIP) diplomas from Bay Mills Community College. We are hoping to carry on our language and have conversations just like our instructors. To us, our language is unique and needs not to be forgotten, but to be carried on to the next seven generations.

*Courtesy photo.*

## JANE MARTELL'S LANGUAGE JOURNEY



I began my language journey when my grandson, Zhaawan, was in an Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Program in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Preschool age children were immersed into daily activities where only Anishinaabemowin was spoken. I wanted to be able to speak with him in our language.

I enrolled in classes offered at North Central Michigan College, taught by Gwen Teuthorn. I then enrolled in the Bay Mills Community College Nishnaabemowin Pane Immersion Program (NPIP) in which I recently, received a two-year diploma. I regret I didn't try to learn our language sooner. My grandparents and parents were forbidden and

punished for speaking a language so beautiful and descriptive.

Megwetch to our language teachers (Mabel, Shirley, Barbara, Carla, Netawn, Maanyaan and Linda BA who has walked on), who are eager to help us. Linda BA was a passionate teacher with a mission and a desire to pass on the language. I will always remember her for her stories and her humor.

I plan to continue my language journey. I hope you will join me.

*Courtesy photo.*

## OTAAGEWOK - MINOONIN GIIZIS - AUGUST STORY

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

Ngoding giienh niizh mindimoowehnsak otagewok. Zaben minwaa Maaniis giizhinkaazowok. Miisa maaba Zaben giiginoonad Maaniis'an wiikmaan wiibaa taagewaad naakshik. Aapji gewii wewiip giinkwetwaan Maanii Zabenan.

One time, two ladies were going to bingo. Their names were Elizabeth and Mary. Elizabeth phones Mary to ask her if she wants to play bingo tonight. Mary answered Elizabeth quickly.

"Niiwo-dabaganek nganimaajidaabaanik kabinkwenin endaayin naano-dabaganek." dinaan Zaben'an.

"I will leave here at 4 o'clock and pick you up at 5," Mary says to Elizabeth.

Miisa giinidgamdaabaangod Maaniis Zaben endaad. "Kiizhiitaa na mishi?" dinaan Zabenan. "Enh, nbiiskawaagan nganaadin." kida Zaben.

Then, Mary arrives at Elizabeth's place. She asks Elizabeth, "Are you ready?" Elizabeth says, "Yes, I'm ready, I'll get my coat."

Pane ngiinimaajidaabaango'ok taagegamigong. Giinibiindigewok minwaa giigiishkna'nanaawaan taadwinan. Miisa giikwewenaakdabwaat zhismaawaan taadwinan wiidaminawaat.

Off they went driving to the bingo hall. They went in and bought their bingo cards. Then, sat down and prepared their cards to play bingo.

Gimaapiich digon Zabenan, "Ngakwezhaa wiigwamesing minwaa ngakwezagaswaa.

Then, Elizabeth said, "I'm going to go to the bathroom and have a smoke first."

Miish gwa wiitaageng zhiitaa Maaniis. Mii gego giimide waawiingasod ntam gindaaswin. Giibimaadbise Zaben, "Wewiipaan" dinaan Maaniis.

It's almost time to play and Mary is ready. The first number was called. Elizabeth came in and quickly sat down. "Hurry," said Mary.

Kchitaagewok gekpii ngodabaagiswaan miisa minwaa giibigidaangzhewa. Pane minwaa Zaben giinimaajipto, "Ngakwezagaswaa." kida.

After about one hour of playing cards, they

went on a break. Elizabeth went off running again, "I'm going for a smoke," she said.

Maaniis gewii giibaagiishknadoon waaminkwewa minwaa waamijiwaat. Miigo minwaa wiiba wiitaagewaad.

Mary went to buy some drinks and snacks. It's almost time to play again.

Nongo dash zhaazhi Zaben madabi wiitaaget. Ginwaabmaan dash gwa Maaniis, aapji gwa niibna mskodoonechigan iidik gaatood," nendam gewe. Gaawii gego giinaasiin wiikiwenhin.

This time, Elizabeth was in her chair ready to play. Mary looked at her and thought, my, she put on a lot of lipstick! She didn't say anything to her friend.

Jibwaa taageng shkwaach gchizhoonyaa kwebigidaangzhewok minwaa jina. Pane giinimaajipto minwaa Zaben wiizagaswaa minwaa wiigwaamenhsing wiizhaa.

So, before the last game was played, the jackpot, we were on a short break. Off Elizabeth went to go have her smoke and use the washroom.

Wiiba giibiindige miidash ekitood, "Enwek senaa maanjoo'idik ezhinagziwaane!" "Zaam niibna mskodoonechigan iidik zaagieying gaashoobiiwdizyaanh." kida gewe. "Aaniish naa dagiwinmoyin!" dinaan gewe Maaniis.

She came back rather quickly and then, she said, "I don't even know what I look like!" "I put too much lipstick on, it's all on the outside of my lip line," she says. "Why didn't you tell me?" she said to Mary.

Miidash giinkwetaagod, "Mii'idik nongo ezhinaagsiwaad kwewok zhoobiiwdizwaad nginendam genii" dinaan gewe Zabenan." Miidash giigchibaabaapwaad ezhiniizhwaad. Gaawii nana shkitoosiinaawaa wiiboonaapwaad.

So, Mary answered her, "I thought that is how women wear their makeup now a days she told Elizabeth." Then suddenly, they both started to laugh and laugh. They just couldn't stop laughing.

Miisa pane goonda baniizhwaad aapji gwa minwendaagziwok.

Now, when these two get together, they have such a fun time.

## Anishinaabemowin PANE IMMERSION PROGRAM

### Language Weekends-Summer Semester 2021

**Wenesh Pii? When?**

June 25, 26, 27  
July 9, 10, 11  
August 20, 21, 22

**Aaniish epiichak? What time?**

Fridays, 1 - 8 pm  
Saturdays, 9 am - 7 pm  
Sundays, 9 am - 1 pm

**Aapiish? Where?**

Online - Zoom

Register for 8 credits (5 weekends) or 6 credits (4 weekends)

Opportunity for make-up hours include midweek classes and Bay Mills weekends

For more information, call Gijigowi Language Department at 231-242-1457 or e-mail [langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) In partnership with Bay Mills Community College

## COMING THIS FALL ONLINE LANGUAGE CLASS

**AANKWADONG on the cloud**

**ANA**

### BEGINNING 1 ANISHINAABEMOWIN

The Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department is offering **FREE** online community language classes. Learners can sign up **NOW** for Beginning 1 Anishinaabemowin. This is a fall semester class part of a two year program. This two year program will be four 15-week courses with summers off. **FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE** to log in on your own days and times. **NO LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** Basic computer skills required. Certificates will be awarded upon completion of program.

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| Begins September 7, 2021<br>Ends December 17, 2021 | Begins January 2022<br>Ends May 2022 | Begins September 2022<br>Ends December 2022 | Begins January 2023<br>Ends May 2023 |

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**AANKWADONG on the cloud**

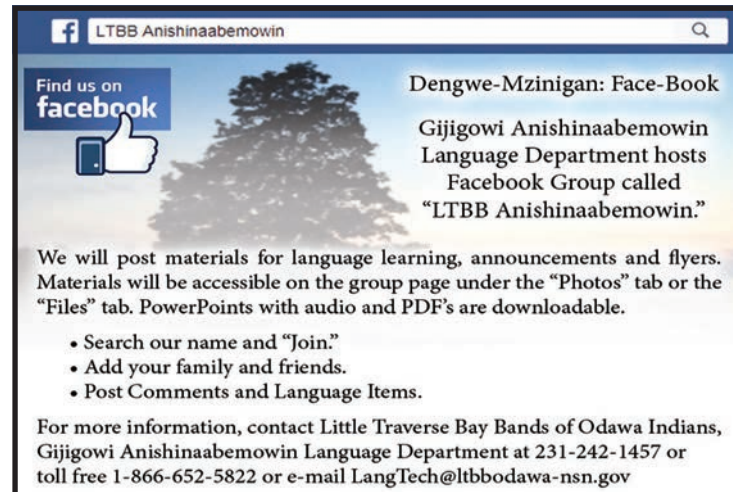
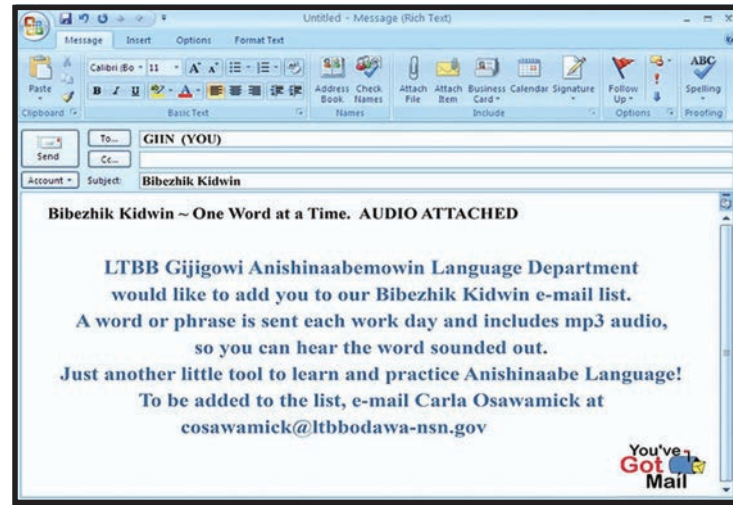
LTBB Aankwadong Project, of the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department (GALD), is still looking for photographs from community members to use in the development of their online classes. The goal is to have as many different individuals, families and areas represented as possible. For a complete list of photos needed, please go to <https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/departments/language/> Please note that all photos need to be originals, taken by either the person submitting them or their relative. Photos must be clear, good quality digital photos.

Email your photo(s) to Eva Oldman, Aankwadong Project Coordinator, at [eoldman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:eoldman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). Please include your name, phone contact, name of person who took the photo and name of person in the photo.

Miigwech for contributing and supporting this exciting project!



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department



**Save on your next computer with Dell**

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

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

**Bineshiinh'ik**  
Birds (Bi ne shiinh ik) SET C

Answer key on page 32.

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Write in Translation, Then Find Anishinaabemowin in Word Search

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| pichi     | _____ | memeskniniisi     | _____ |
| gyaashk   | _____ | baapaasenh        | _____ |
| meme      | _____ | jiigabiiganesii   | _____ |
| waabzii   | _____ | waa'oonenh        | _____ |
| mizisenh  | _____ | naabesenh         | _____ |
| wiinaange | _____ | ozaawa-bineshiinh | _____ |

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

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

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

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

**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

# August Elders Birthdays

## August 1

Virginia Thomson  
David James  
Deborah Adams  
Melissa Becerra  
Michael Blumke

## August 2

Robert Keller  
Anthony Hudson  
Mary Brimacombe  
William Keway  
Patricia Prendeville  
Harry Gasco

## August 3

Gertrude Chingwa  
Sharon Garrow  
Angeline Castie  
Joan Denemy  
James Hutchison  
Frank Howell

## August 4

John Clark, Jr.  
Maanii Baldon  
John Sharkey  
Donna Colter  
Nancy Jennings

## August 5

Early Kilpatrick  
Randall Stine

## August 6

Carol Quinones  
Rodney Strate  
Carol Hubble  
Chris Cutler  
Sonia Von Der Lippe-Salvia  
Antonio Brown

## August 7

Laurie Guerra-Pena  
Peggy Cutler

## August 8

Michael Levandoski  
Debra Williams  
Dennis Dominic  
Robert Sharkey  
Dawanna Shingledecker  
Julie Pego

## August 9

Dale Westrick  
Dawn MacLaren  
Linda Gasco  
Mary Clearing-Sky  
Loretta Antoine

## August 10

Nancy Biss  
Alice Honson  
Mark Givens  
Gary Evans

## August 11

Betty Christensen

## August 12

Alvina Ruth  
Cherissa Sky-Eagle Smith  
Leo Wasageshik  
Wayne Ettawageshik

## August 13

Phebe Boda  
Carol Howard

## August 14

Robert Dominic  
Elaine Wilson  
James Deckrow  
Karen Boda  
Sharyl Jones  
Victoria Loonsfoot

## August 15

Joseph Mier  
Michael Washegesic

## August 16

Ronald Suhr  
Michele Ward  
Pauline Kewagoshkum  
Pamela Worthington  
Alice Arthur  
Mary Evans  
Roxann Sawade

## August 17

Joan Robinson  
Leonard Mitchell  
Louis Metzger III

## August 18

Marvin Cherette, Sr.  
Robert Minor, Jr.

## August 19

Cecelia Brock  
Daniel Gould  
Dianna Naganashe  
Carla Greensky  
Dorothy Perry

## August 20

Darlene Sholes  
Laura Persing

## August 21

Gerald Lapalm  
Donald Lasley  
Marilyn Tieppo  
Clarence Sebeck

## August 22

Margaret Compo  
Lloyd Basford, Jr.  
Susan Swadling  
Albert Carey  
Mary Roberts  
Brian Persing  
Cynthia Brouckaert  
Ronald Boda

## August 23

Ronald Lasley  
Linda Leigh  
Sharon Merkel  
Roger Smith, Jr.  
Robert Lasley  
Shirlee Coombe  
Beulah John

## August 24

Sandra Russell  
Julia Tanner  
Vicki Lynn  
David Smith  
Molly McNally

## August 25

Stephanie Sudzinski

## August 26

Kathryn Bartlett  
Judith Drogmiller  
Patricia Hynes  
Richard Bottoms

## August 27

Leonard Zehe  
Arlene Roussin  
Michele Keshick  
Robert Stead

## August 28

Martin Benson  
Cherie Leece  
Betty Stendel  
Francis King

## August 29

Anthony Chingman III  
Diane Winans Dunham  
James Stokes  
Patricia Steinhoff  
Kimberly Kilborn

## August 30

Robert Swartout  
Toni Smith  
Frances Bush  
Bernadine Campbell  
Rose Miller  
John Crossett  
Karen Lada

JOIN US IN RAISING AWARENESS OF DIABETES IN OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY

LTBB COMMUNITY HEALTH

# DIABETES WALK A THON

August 10th - 16th

The LTBB Community Health Department is hosting a virtual walk-a-thon. A team effort is needed to honor the 414 tribal members within our community that have Diabetes or Prediabetes. For each mile walked, we pay tribute to those individual tribal members.

Record your individual miles, then contact Marlene Gasco, Community Wellness Advocate with your figures.  
Mrgasco@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or (231)242-1616

Brought to you by the Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Grant

# Homegrown Project

Fresh and Locally Grown crops for you to harvest!

Join the LTBB Community Health Department to gather on the following dates/times:

| Mondays: 3pm - 8pm    |                      |                         |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| June 28               | July 5, 12, 19, 26   | August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 |
| Thursdays: 12pm - 5pm |                      |                         |
| July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | August 5, 12, 19, 26 |                         |
| Saturdays: 1pm - 4pm  |                      |                         |
| July 10, 24           | August 7, 21         |                         |

To see when crop is able to be harvested, please check the LTBB Community Health Mnozhiiyaa Facebook page or call the Community Health Department (231)242-1601

Brought to you by the Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Grant

ATTENTION WAGANAKISING ODAWAK

The Cultural Services Program has coordinated with local Cultural Keepers, LTBB Departments, and local businesses in order to create cultural packages for LTBB Citizens. These packages have been created as a way to stay safe during COVID-19, but continue events that would have otherwise been in-person. These packages are designed to connect our citizens to our culture while combating pandemic fatigue.

## CULTURAL PACKAGE RAFFLE

- August, Medicine Pouch Package
- September, Grave Crown Package

\*\*Please note, per local Culture Keepers, grave crown making starts Oct. 1st\*\*

- 40 CULTURAL PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE IN EACH CATEGORY FOR LTBB CITIZENS WITHIN THE U.S.
- VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS WILL ACCOMPANY THESE CULTURAL PACKAGES
- SELECT DAYS & TIMES AVAILABLE FOR EXTRA HELP VIA ZOOM

REGISTRATION FOR EACH ACTIVITY WILL OPEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH & INDIVIDUAL FLYERS WILL FOLLOW WITH REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For additional questions, please email: [culturalprogramming@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:culturalprogramming@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

# 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.

Do you need a Food & Utility Appropriation Allowance Application? Go to [www.tinyurl.com/2021FUA](http://www.tinyurl.com/2021FUA). Still have questions? Call the Elders Department at 231-242-1423 for information.

## 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

# AANKWADONG (ON THE CLOUD)

## ONLINE ANISHINAABEMOWIN PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Beginning I  
 Fall 2021  
 15-Week Semester  
 September 7 - December 17, 2021



assignments into Brightspace, including written texts, Word, PDF, images such as jpeg/png photos, mp3 audio file, mp4 video file (tutorials/instructions will be provided to assist).

• Course Requirements: Student must have access to a desktop or laptop computer.

Register for class by e-mail to [Aankwadong@ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:Aankwadong@ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov)

Registration Deadline: Friday, August 27, 2021.

Student will be assigned a NCMC student account and e-mail.

Students will be graded and receive a certificate of completion.

Student must be willing to make a commitment to:

- Participate in class on a regular basis.
- Devote an average of 4-8 hours or more per week to study.
- Complete 2-4 assignments and a quiz or test each week.
- Submit weekly assignments and quizzes by due dates.
- Participate in weekly

forums to interact with other students.

• Take and submit a final exam during the last week of the semester - Week 15.

• Complete the entire 15-week class.

In Beginning I, students will learn:

- An introduction about the background and history of Anishinaabemowin.
- About the writing system, syllables and sounds.
- How to introduce oneself in Anishinaabemowin.
- Greetings and farewells.
- Vocabulary sets: Beginning verbs-actions and feelings; beginning nouns-names of objects; beginning animal names, beginning weather terms.
- To make simple sentences and questions.

For further information, contact the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department by e-mail to [aankwadong@gmail.com](mailto:aankwadong@gmail.com)

*Courtesy graphics.*

# ARE YOU A RECENT GRADUATE?

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## CONTACT THE NIIGAANDIWIN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY AUGUST 13TH, 2021

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WE WANT TO HONOR YOU AND YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH A GIFT!

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TO RSVP, PLEASE CALL OUR MAIN LINE AT 231-242-1480 OR EMAIL OUR OFFICE ADMINISTATOR TAMMY GASCO AT [TJGASCO@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV](mailto:TJGASCO@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV) WITH YOUR NAME & MAILING ADDRESS

### Aankwadong

#### Online Anishinaabemowin Program

#### Beginning I - Fall Semester 2021

## STUDENT APPLICATION

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS

STREET 1: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET 2: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE RANGE:  16-19    20-29    30-39    40-49    50-59    60+

TRIBAL AFFILIATION:  LTBB    LTBB Descendent    Non-Native    Other Tribe

NAME OF YOUR TRIBE OR TRIBAL COMMUNITY: \_\_\_\_\_

I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF COMMITMENT:

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| I understand that this is an asynchronous class using Brightspace LMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| I agree to participate in class on a regular basis                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| I will devote an average of 4 - 8 hours, or more, per week to study   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| I will complete assignments and quizzes by weekly due dates           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| I will participate in weekly forums to interact with other students   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| I will take the final exam during the last week of class              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| I will complete the class and make every effort to succeed            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |

I sign as confirmation of my agreement and dedication to successfully complete Beginning I Online Anishinaabemowin:

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR STUDENT IF 16 YEARS OLD: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

## Medicaid

Are You:

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

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

**Miin Giizis**

**Niibin (Summer)**

**Niibing** - In the summertime, during summer  
**Aapiji minogiizhigat.** It's a beautiful day.  
**Aambe gojiing.** Come on, let's go outside!  
**Baatiinad gezhichigengiba.** There's a lot we can do.

**Gdaakitigemi.** We can make a garden.  
**Wegnesh gekitigaadmang?** What will we plant?

**Gdaabimosemi.** We can go for a walk.  
**Aapiish gebaazhigaadeseyiing?** Where will we go walking?

**Gdaawingaashkemi.** We can pick sweetgrass.  
**Aapiish genjimaawndoongeyiing?** Where will we go harvesting?

**Gdaabigizmi.** We could go swimming.  
**Wegenen jiiigiik genjibigizyiing?** Which beach will we swim at?

**Gdaawiiwaaskemi.** We can gather birchbark.  
**Aapiish genjiwiigwaaskeyiing?** Where will we gather birchbark?

**Gdaaboodwemi.** We can make a fire.  
**Wenesh pii geboodweyiing?** When will we make a fire?

**Gdaajiiibaakwemi gojiing.** We can cook outside. (have a cookout/BBQ)  
**Wenesh gemanazmang?** What will we cook?

**Gdaabkwaakdokemi.** We can play ball.  
**Aapiish dabakwaakadokeyiing?** Where do we want to play ball?

**Gdaawewebzomi.** We can go swing.  
**Wenesh pii gewewebzoyiing?** When will we go swinging?

**Gdaamiinkemi.** We could go berry picking.  
**Wenesh pii gebaamiinkeyiing?** When will we pick berries?

**Gdaazhaami jiiingtamok.** We can go to a pow wow.  
**Aaniipiish temigak jiiingtamok?** Where is the pow wow at?

**Gdaagiigoonhkemi.** We can go fishing.  
**Aapiish genjigiigoonhkeyiing?** Where will we fish at?

**Gdaabiimskowebshkigemi.** We can go biking.  
**Aapiish gebaazhaayiing.** Where will we go?

**Gdaa'naaknaashkemi.** We could harvest bulrush.  
**Aaniipiish gezhaayiing?** Where should we go?

**Gdaagibeshimi.** We can go camping.  
**Aapiish genjigibeshiyiing?** Where will we camp at?

By Maryann Endanawas

## Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!



McLaren  
Northern  
Michigan  
MedCenter

116 W. Mitchell Street Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-348-2828

**McLaren**  
NORTHERN MICHIGAN  
REGIONAL HOSPITAL

416 Connell Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770  
1-800-248-6777

**MUNSON HEALTHCARE**  
Charlevoix Hospital

14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720  
231-547-4024

McLaren Northern Michigan MedCenter, formerly known as Northern Michigan MedCenter and Quick Care, can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.

When using 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.

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



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

- Are age 19-64 years
- Have income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level\* (\$16,000 for a single person or \$33,000 for a family of four)
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in Medicare
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs
- Are not pregnant at the time of application
- Are residents of the State of Michigan

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

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

## 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.



## Anishinaabemdaa.com

New mobile friendly website, new design, updated code, new games, new legends and more!



## Learn the Anishinaabe Language

Grammar  
Everyday Terms  
Culture  
Legends  
History  
Fun and Games  
Language Camp Info  
Coloring Book  
CD-ROMs Info

**Anishinaabemdaa**

**Anishinaabe Weather Terms**

| Past                        | Present                | Future                         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| It was a good day yesterday | It is a good day today | It will be a good day tomorrow |
| Gimnagizhigat jiinaagwaa    | Mnagizhigat nangwaa    | Wimnagizhigat waabang          |
| It was a hot day yesterday  | It is a hot day today  | It will be a hot day tomorrow  |
| Gigizhaatengat jiinaagwaa   | Gizhaatengat nangwaa   | Wigizhaatengat waabang         |
| It rained yesterday         | It is raining today    | It will rain tomorrow          |
| Gimbiwaan                   | Embiwaan               | Wimbiwaan                      |

Hundreds of interactive words and phrases with audio!

## 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.

**Miigwech!**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

## RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER ADDRESS POLICY CHANGE

The LTBB Department of Commerce has implemented a policy change regarding Resident Tribal Member address records. If citizens have lived or currently live in the Tax Agreement Area and did not update their address with the LTBB Enrollment Department as soon as they moved in, they are now able to correct their address record to accurately reflect the time they have lived in the Tax Agreement Area. If citizens find they need to correct their address record for Resident Tribal Member purposes, they will need to contact the LTBB Department of Commerce and fill

out the proper form as well as provide 1-2 proofs of residency showing the effective dates for living in the Tax Agreement Area. Please note correcting your address record does not allow citizens to obtain TCEs for purchases they previously made. Resident Tribal Member status will still take effect on the first day of the following month of which the address record is updated. If you have any questions or to obtain the necessary form, please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce at 231-242-1584 or [DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN VENDOR LIST - PUBLIC LIST COMING SOON

The LTBB Department of Commerce has recently taken over the responsibility of maintaining the LTBB Tribal Citizen Vendor List. This is a voluntary list for any LTBB Tribal Citizen business owners (51% ownership or more) who would like for LTBB to potentially contact them in regard to the products/services offered by their business.

There are two options for the list – one is your business information will be made available to employees of the LTBB tribal government and

LTBB-owned businesses only or you may also choose to have your business information made available on a public list (NEW!) which will be maintained on the LTBB website.

If you are interested in having your business added to either of these lists, please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce at 231-242-1584 or [DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

The form to have your business added is also available on the Department of Commerce web page on the LTBB website.

# NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

## LTBB GREAT LAKES FISHERIES PROGRAM CONTRIBUTES TO ANNUAL LAKE WIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM



In the late spring through mid-summer, the Great Lakes Fisheries Management crew conducts population assessments around Little Traverse Bay. These assessments consist of setting gill nets in and around the bay in order to obtain information about predator abundance. Primarily focused on data regarding Lake Trout and Burbot, the management team also gathers data on other predator species such as Yellow Perch and Walleye.

The overall goal of this Lake Wide Assessment Program (LWAP) is to pool data with

tribal, state and federal agencies in an effort to collectively assess the fish community of Lake Michigan. When we better understand our fish community in the lake, we can see the bigger picture of how healthy our lake is. These assessments also inform us if there seems to be problems or areas of concern arising; from there, we can develop management strategies like stocking, habitat restoration or the need for more in-depth studies.

*Photos by Fisheries Research Technician Serena Lake.*

## LTBB ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Address Verification Forms are now being accepted through Email & Fax.

- Forms must be completed in full
- Hardcopies **MUST** still be mailed in or left in outdoor mailbox located in front of Administration Building

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

231-242-1526

Office is open for appointments  
For questions or appointments call:

231- 242-1522 – Katie

231-242-1521 – Marin

231-242-1520 – Pauline



| Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule   | FEES             |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Replacement/Expired Cards in person or via mail</b><br>A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Any name charges no charge. Free to Elders | <b>\$10.00</b>   |
| <b>Tribal Directory</b><br>Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 02/01/2021<br>Published every 4 years.  | <b>\$5.00</b>    |
| <b>Tribal Directory Labels</b><br>Requestor must provide labels  | <b>\$5.00</b>    |
| <b>LTBB List</b><br>The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.   | <b>\$5.00</b>    |
| <b>Photocopies of Enrollment file</b><br><b>First 3 copies free, \$1.00 for each page thereafter.</b>  | <b>\$1.00 ea</b> |
| <b>Marriage License Application</b>  | <b>\$25.00</b>   |
| <b>Certified Copies: \$10.00</b><br><b>Photo Copies: \$5.00</b>  |                  |
| <b>Tribal Notary Application</b>   | <b>\$10.00</b>   |
| <b>Residency/Business residency requirement</b><br><b>Surety Bond: \$125.00</b>  |                  |
| <b>Marriage Commission Application</b>   | <b>\$25.00</b>   |
| <b>Residency/Business residency requirement</b>  |                  |

- Services:**
- > Enrollment Applications.
  - > Address Change Forms.
    - o Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
    - o Minors require notarization annually
  - > Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification. (MI resident requirements)
  - > BIA – 4432 Indian Preference Form.
  - > Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
  - > Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.

## 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

## Need to update your address?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Minor verification forms must be signed and notarized.

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

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

# TRIBAL PROSECUTOR

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
 7500 Odawa Circle  
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 231-242-1401

LTBB is accepting resumes for the position of Tribal Prosecutor. Please send all correspondence to [tribalchair@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tribalchair@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

**Application Requirements:** The Tribal Attorney – Prosecutor is responsible for independently prosecuting criminal, juvenile and other cases in Tribal Court and handling Indian Child Welfare cases in state court.

**Essential Functions:** (includes, but is not limited to, the following) Provides advice and prepares formal legal documents on a wide range of problems dealing with complaints and citations filed in Tribal Court. Responsibilities range from interviewing conservation enforcement officers, law enforcement officers and individuals; gathering and analyzing evidence in cases; to preparing and presenting evidence in court.

- Attends court, drafts court filings and performs research for Child Welfare cases.
- Attends court, drafts court filings and performs research for criminal cases.
- Attends court, drafts court filings and performs research for landlord/tenant cases.
- Attends court, drafts filings and performs research for treaty enforcement cases.
- Attends court, drafts filings, performs research and enforces Indian Child Welfare Act.

**Additional Responsibilities:** (includes, but is not limited to, the following)

- Maintains regular contact with tribal officials.
- Maintains regular contact with federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement prosecutors.
- All other job-related duties as assigned.

**Contacts**

Immediate peers, peers in other departments, subordinates, immediate supervisor/manager, executives, customers, tribal officials, tribal organizations and federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials.

**Requirements**

**Education:** Bachelor's degree and Juris Doctorate required. **Certification/License:** Must be admitted to practice law in the State of Michigan. Will be required to undergo and successfully pass a background check. Must maintain a good moral character standing.

**Knowledge/Skills/Abilities:** Must have in-depth knowledge of Indian law and jurisdiction. Must be able to formulate sound decisions and use tact and discretion. Must have in-depth knowledge of Michigan, federal and tribal codes. Must be able to deal courteously and effectively with many different types of people. Must be able to handle multiple assignments simultaneously. Must be able to maintain tact and discretion. Must maintain confidentiality. Native American preference will apply.

# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## LTBB FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS PROGRAM UPDATE

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Soon, we will be able to have everything back to a more usual pace in our community. While many of us were all tucked in a stay-at-home mode due to COVID-19, our Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) team was busy keeping the essential program running. Orders were taken, boxes were filled, and deliveries made.

There's a new look at the FDPIR Food Distribution Center in Petoskey, MI, and some new foods, too! Now, it is time to come back into the site for a tour and see what delicious and nutritious foods we have available. The food is now all displayed grocery store style and more foods on our shelves are being purchased locally. Our FDPIR program was awarded a 638 Demonstration pilot project, which allows for some of the foods in the FDPIR program to be purchased from our own farm, Ziibimijwang!

Joe VanAlstine and his associates from across the nation and the USDA have been hard at work adding more traditional indigenous choices to the food package at FDPIR. How about some ground bison, wild rice, frozen blueberries, frozen strawberries, walleye, salmon and catfish to name a few? Many of these

foods support indigenous food growers and producers in the U.S. Starting in August, four new foods will be added to the food package: Fresh spinach, head lettuce, jalapenos and sweet red peppers!

As part of the program, we welcome you to come in to shop and choose what you need to feed yourself and your family. When you check out, you will find the value of your monthly food package will exceed the amount you might be eligible for with a Bridge card. What's more, you will have the option to select fresh, locally grown foods and support indigenous farmers and businesses in addition to choosing from the many canned, frozen and dry goods staples produced in the U.S.

To see if you qualify for the FDPIR program, please call the LTBB FDPIR program at 231-347-2573. You may be eligible and not even know it with our adjustments for living expenses; be sure and fill out the paperwork to find out.

New recipe videos using FDPIR foods have been developed and can easily be accessed at <http://www.itcni.org/anishinaabe-cooking-resources/monthly-nutrition-education-packet/>.

Have a wonderful summer! Charla Gordon, Registered Dietitian

## AUGUST 2021 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 3pm  
 Call 231-881-2855 or 231-347-2573 for food pick-up appointments outside of our Open Distribution Week  
 828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto  
 Deliveries:  
 Local: 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Peshawbestown: 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Traverse City: 24<sup>th</sup>  
 For more information, contact Food Distribution Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine at 231-347-2573



WE ARE OPEN & READY TO HELP YOU!



Must meet income-eligibility requirements in order to receive free legal services.

[WWW.MILS3.ORG](http://WWW.MILS3.ORG)



## 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](http://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:

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

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**

## 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 (231) | Surety Bond Expiration | Serial Number |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Rebecca R Fisher                   | Active         | 242-1418           | February 20, 2027      | 02-09         |
| Cynthia Brouckaert                 | Active         | 242-1462           | June 5, 2023           | 05-09         |
| Beverly J Wemigwase                | Active         | 242-1400           | February 21, 2027      | 10-09         |
| Julie Rose Janiskee                | Active         | 242-1610           | August 23, 2021        | 11-09         |
| Marin C Taylor                     | Active         | 242-1521           | May 14, 2024           | 13-09         |
| Janice L Shackelford               | Active         | unavailable        | February 16, 2026      | 14-09         |
| Hayden Hooper                      | Active         | 242-1584           | February 1, 2027       | 15-09         |
| Lakota Washington                  | Active         | 242-1401           | May 4, 2027            | 16-09         |

# THE BENEFITS OF FRUIT



**PINEAPPLE**

Rich in potassium, calcium, vitamin C, beta carotene, thiamin, B6, as well as soluble and insoluble fiber.



**WATERMELON**

Helps prevent kidney disorders, high blood pressure, the prevention of cancer, diabetes



**ORANGE**

Boosts immune system function, reduce signs of aging, protect against cancer, and boost cellular repair.



**LEMON**

Has nourishing elements like vitamin C, vitamin B6, vitamin A, vitamin E, folate, niacin thiamin, and riboflavin.



**APPLE**

Helps improve digestion, prevention of stomach disorders, gallstones, constipation, liver disorders.



**KIWI**

An excellent source of vitamin C, vitamin A, folate, vitamin E, and vitamin K. Has antioxidant properties.

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## JULY 2021 RESOURCES

Compiled by the Intertribal Council of Michigan

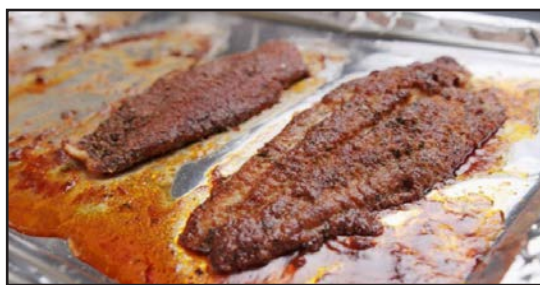
Dear LTBB:

Through your participation in the Walmart Healthy Nutrition and/or the MI Tribal Food Access Coalition Projects, we have compiled a set of resources for each month in 2021. The resources are focused on healthier eating, using ingredients which may either be found at your local grocery store, farmer's market or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) site.

The resources, which are shared each month, also include Anishinaabe culture through the 13 Moons Anishinaabe Nutrition project. Lastly, we have included two handouts from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, which supports the monthly recipe.

This seventh set, July 2021, includes:

- The Blackened Catfish recipe with the link to the cooking demonstration video.



- A Tasty Cornmeal Pancakes with Blueberry Sauce Recipe.
- A lesson from the 13 Moons Anishinaabe Nutrition project – Miinan Berry is our Relative.
- 2020 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics - Eatright Essentials: *Cooking Basics*: "Make Your Own Rubs and Marinades" Handout.
- 2020 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics - Eatright Essentials - *Eating Healthy on a Budget*: "Healthy Breakfasts."

You can view these at [www.odawatrails.com](http://www.odawatrails.com)  
Courtesy photo.

## 2021 SUMMER NISH FISH

WE'RE BACK IN ACTION

**SUMMER PROGRAM BEGINS JUNE 28TH**

Program will begin at the LTBB Powwow Grounds each day then will travel to activities laid out for the summer.

If you have any questions, please call 231 - 242 - 1649 or email [awoodin@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:awoodin@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

NISH FISH PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE SPRING PREVENTION OFFICE LOCATED AT LTBB HEALTH BUILDING.\*\*

LIMITED TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES WHILE ATTENDING.

Check our Facebook for updates about Nish Fish and other upcoming events! [www.facebook.com/LTBBSpring](https://www.facebook.com/LTBBSpring)

\* The schedule may change and parents will be notified of any change. Nish Fish will cancel the day of inclement weather.  
\*\* SPRING Prevention office is located within the LTBB Health Building: 1260 Ajjak Ave, Petoskey, MI 49770

**9-18 y/o**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE \***

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Tuesday, June 29th    | Nish Fish begins! Sweetgrass picking   |
| Tuesday, July 13th    | Compass Training                       |
| Thursday, July 15th   | Hiking at a nature trail               |
| Tuesday, July 20th    | Bug collecting                         |
| Thursday, July 22nd   | Caterpillar finding                    |
| Tuesday, July 27th    | Cultural Teachings: 4 medicines        |
| Thursday, July 29th   | Stories and teachings at Greensky Hill |
| Tuesday, August 3rd   | Jiimaan Journey: 1-day event           |
| Thursday, August 5th  | Swimming all day                       |
| Tuesday, August 10th  | Canvas painting                        |
| Thursday, August 12th | Activity at LTBB Powwow Grounds        |
| Tuesday, August 17th  | Cultural teachings at sweat lodge      |
| Thursday, August 19th | Hand drum making                       |

## SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

### 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

The 7 Grandfather Teachings guide us in our

## actions

to end sexual violence

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa  
Survivor Outreach Services  
Call Monday through Friday 8-5: (231) 242-1620

24-Hour Crisis and Information Line:  
(231)347-0082 or (800)275-1995  
Operated by Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan

### 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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE POLICY, THIS INSTITUTION IS PROHIBITED FROM DISCRIMINATING ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, RELIGION, POLITICAL BELIEFS, OR DISABILITY. TO FILE A COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION, WRITE USDA, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS, ROOM 326-W, WHITTEN BUILDING 1400 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, S.W. WASHINGTON D.C. 20250-9410, OR CALL (202) 702-5964 (VOICE AND TDD). USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.

### 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](http://www.miafg.org)

# YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## CAMP AGAMING LTBB YOUTH SERVICES WAANIIGAANZIJK IS TAKING ACTION WITH NATIVE YOUTH ACTIVISM

Our youth learned activism is the use of direct and noticeable action to achieve a result and that their voice is powerful and counts.  
*Courtesy photos and courtesy graphics.*

**Native women use innovative methods to raise awareness of missing, murdered Indigenous women!!!**

**The Youth Activists... Water Protectors!!!**

**No Justice No Peace**

**Resistance and Our Fight for Indigenous Rights!!!**

**Activists Marched for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women**

**MMIWQ**

### ACTIVISM

Definition: Efforts to help implement changes in society.

| Race/Ethnicity   | Gender  | Environmentalism   |
|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Equal rights and opportunities for all races/ethnicities</li> <li>-Social change activists</li> <li>-Human Rights advocate</li> <li>-Against stereotyping, discrimination, racism</li> <li>-Individual + group rights</li> <li>-Freedom of association</li> <li>-Employment opportunities for all</li> <li>-End slavery</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Equal rights + opportunities for all genders (LGBTQ)</li> <li>-Social change activists</li> <li>-Human Rights advocate</li> <li>-Equal pay</li> <li>-End violence against women</li> <li>-Fight for women's suffrage</li> <li>-Marriage rights for all</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Protection of environments/nature</li> <li>-Fight for climate change laws + pollution laws</li> <li>-Green policy for all</li> <li>-Healthy lifestyles to keep a healthy environment</li> <li>-Preservation of natural resources</li> <li>-Protect soil, water, + air</li> </ul> |

Examples: Making artwork, writing letters to newspapers, political campaigning, rallies, protesting, participating in groups, marches, lifestyle choices based on beliefs, sit-ins, strikes, petitions, demonstrations, sharing on social media, and many more.

What can you do to be an activist for one of these types of activism?

## EAT WELL BE WELL

**SPECIALTY SERVICES:**

- +Weight Management
- +Children's Health
- +Specialty Diets
- +Improve performance for all body types

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

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

**CGordon@lbbodawa-nsn.gov**

**Email Charla today to schedule an appointment!**



## Community Support Group

Provided by: LTBB Behavior Health

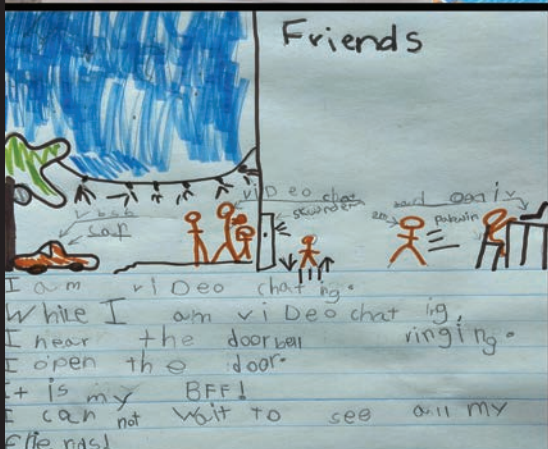
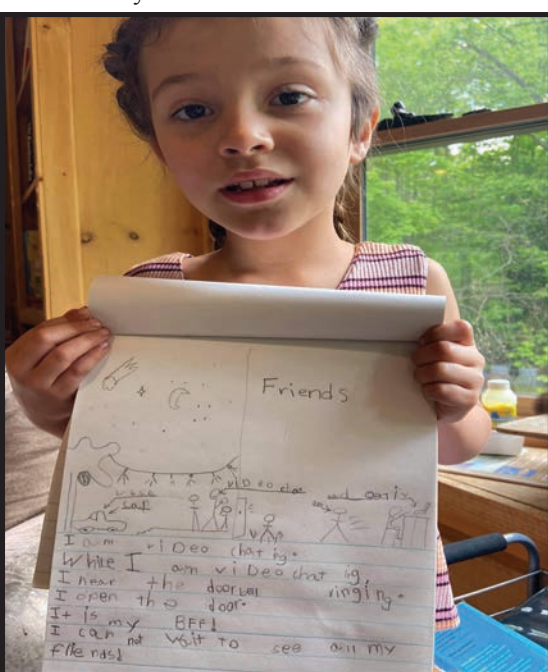
**Zoom meeting will take place every Tuesday and Thursday @ 12 pm Starting 4/9/2020**

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

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

### We R Resilient Youth Contest Winner

Wren is the winner of Youth Services' "We R Resilient Youth" writing contest. She shared how the way she connects with friends and family has changed since COVID-19 started.  
*Courtesy photos and courtesy graphic.*



**WRITE 2 WIN!**

- FRIENDS & FAMILY
- CULTURAL
- SCHOOL & SPORTS
- FEELINGS & BRING CHEER
- TIME

**WRITE 2 SHARE!**

**YOUTH CONNECTING AND GROWING**

WE ARE NOT ALONE!  
SHARING IDEAS DURING COVID-19

## PRC Covers Chiropractic Care!

**How do I get covered?**

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

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

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

Don't miss out on the sounds of life.

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

## SMILE WITH CONFIDENCE

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

# NATIVE NEWS

## MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL TO HONOR LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

The Michigan Environmental Council (MEC) announced on its website that LTBB Tribal Citizen Frank Ettawageshik will receive its Helen & William Milliken Distinguished Service Award at the 23rd Annual Environmental Awards Celebration on August 19, 2021 at Gordan Hall in Dexter, MI.

The announcement states, "Frank Ettawageshik has been a wise and inspired environmental leader for more than



four decades. Serving in many roles with numerous groups, he has steadfastly fought to ensure natural resources, especially Michigan's cherished waters are treated as natures

to be preserved, not commodities to be sold."

The Helen & William Milliken Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who show outstanding leadership, enduring commitment and extraordinary public service in protecting natural resources at the local, state and national levels.

Now in its 41st year of operation, MEC leads a coalition of more than 70 organizations to achieve positive change through public policy solutions.

*Courtesy photo.*

## LTBB RECEIVES DONATION FROM LOCAL AUDUBON SOCIETY FOR MIGIZI AVIARY AND REHABILITATION CENTER



The Petoskey Regional Audubon Society recently donated \$500 to assist with the building of the Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center.

The Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center will be equipped to admit injured, sick and orphaned raptors and provide intensive care and outdoor enclosures for continued rehabilitation and conditioning. For non-releasable eagles, a permanent home will be provided in the form of a 100-foot curved aviary with wood screening made from trees harvested onsite.

Once the first \$200,000 of the \$600,000 total budget is secured, the Migizi Aviary project will begin phase one and break ground. We hope to complete the rehabilitation enclosures and the lab/office building by the end of 2021.

If you would like to donate, please visit [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=YV9ATNTZB29C8](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=YV9ATNTZB29C8)

or you can mail a check to LTBB Eagle Aviary, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs MI 49740.



Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo are Cynthia Donahey of the Petoskey Regional Audubon Society and Natural Resource Director Doug Craven.

If you have questions or would like a presentation given to your organization, please contact Doug Craven, LTBB Natural Resource Director, at [dcraven@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dcraven@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or 231-242-1670.

For more information, visit <https://wingsofwonder.org/eagle-aviary-center/>

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## SET ASIDE YOUR DEVICE - SPEND SACRED TIME WITH YOUR CHILD

By **Intertribal Council of Michigan, Inc.**

Childhood is Sacred, a multi-tribe awareness campaign, is dedicated to putting children first through education and activities which support healthy child growth and development and nurturing community relationships.

The campaign started in April 2021 as part of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health (LAUNCH) project being led by tribes in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

The campaign acknowledges the Anishinaabe belief children are a gift from creation. Each child is born with a gift and purpose which sup-



ports community. It is our job as caretakers, parents and community members to ensure every child blossoms and their gifts are realized. Everyone experiences hardships and challenges in life. As parents and caretakers, there are days we feel exhausted and desperate for a break. You and your child(ren) can learn to beat these challenges by setting aside "Sacred Time." Sacred Time is the quality moments you intentionally set aside with your child(ren) to Be Active, Be Playful and Be True. These are moments away from digital devices without judgement.

Children are sponges for learning and powerful teachers. For adults, spending time

with a child is an opportunity to be youthful and see the world in a different way. It is special to be able to get on a child's level and see how they look at and move through the world. We find new solutions when we understand how they think; we are more compassionate when we know how they feel.

Tribes in Michigan participating in the Childhood is Sacred project are the Hannahville Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

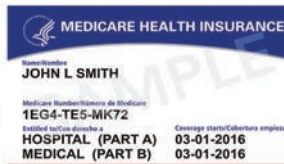
For more information and resources about Childhood is Sacred, go to <https://www.itc-mi.org/launch/>

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

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

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

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

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

### Please Note:

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

LTBB Enrollment Office 231-242-1521

# PETOSKEY LOCALS SCORE COMEDY SHOW DEAL WITH ROKU, APPLE TV

By Sean Miller, Arts and Entertainment Reporter

**Editor's note:** The following article and photographs appeared in the *Petoskey News-Review*, and they are re-printed here with permission. DeJuan Jordan is an LTBB Tribal Citizen, previously worked as the Library Project Assistant in the LTBB Education Department and works contractually with LTBB through his business Alpine Media Company. Brad Hall is a Table Games Shift Manager at Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI.



I usually get into some sort of trouble or something goes wrong and we spend the episode getting through it and resolving everything by the end," he said.

The show, as described by Hall, acts as a sort of scripted reality show. It appears like a public access show and is shot like the show is through the cameraman's eyes watching Hall get into drunken stupors while in nature.

"I remember re-watching an episode from season two. I was asking Brad how he was going to get up some steep hill and we were just yelling back at each other before he fell or rolled down the hill," said Jordan.

"The show is really shot like it's through my eyes and my point of view watching this guy getting lost out in nature."

The duo recently shot at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and is continuing to film through the summer and will begin editing in about a month to get the show ready for the streaming services.

Hall has also reached out to a few celebrities such as Brandi Love to join the show and was successful in getting Bob Saget to have a small role in the upcoming season.

"All I'll say is we are 'getting chased by a bear' in the wild and for whatever reason, I think it would be a good idea to FaceTime Bob Saget," he said.

Both Hall and Jordan are excited for the upcoming season and, looking back, are thrilled with the progression and picking up a contact to air it nationally later this year.

"You can really see the progression every year we have been doing this," said Jordan.

"It's gotten so much more advanced as we have come to understand lighting and camera work. It's going to be a great show this season," he said.

Other locations featured in the upcoming season in-

clude Alanson, MI, Beaver Island, MI, and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

The duo is also planning on doing some community outreach for the show and plans on having a float in the upcoming Fourth of July parade to promote the show and let people know what they have been up to this summer.

The show is also currently looking for sponsors to run advertisements during the show — much like commercials — as each show is only about 15-30 minutes. They need those sponsors and advertisements in the show to fill the full length and help pay for travel and expenses.



"We have a few sponsors but are really looking for a few others that would like to get their message or product out to the whole country," said Hall.

"The show is geared up here and shot mostly in Michigan, but the end goal is to make this the best show we can."

An exact premiere date for the upcoming season of "Drunk Nature" has yet to be determined but the show will air on Roku and Apple TV this coming September.

People are encouraged to visit [www.drunknature.com](http://www.drunknature.com) to see previous episodes and learn more information about the upcoming season. You can also visit Brad Hall Comedy on Facebook as well as e-mail Hall at [bradhallcomedy@gmail.com](mailto:bradhallcomedy@gmail.com) if your business is interested in advertising.

*Courtesy photos.*



A comedic video that started as a joke during a canoe trip has since turned into a full-fledged comedy show that will air on multiple streaming services this fall.

Petoskey locals Brad Hall and DeJuan Jordan are the two brains behind "Drunk Nature" — a comedic show featuring drinking, funny nature facts and more — and have recently scored themselves a deal to get their third season featured on Roku and Apple TV.

"I can't believe this is actually a thing," said show creator and comedic writer Brad Hall.

"I started this in 2017 as a joke and a kind of stupid little video of me making up facts about the river we were canoeing down. I shot and edited it on my iPhone and got something like 1,000 views," he said.

Just a few years later, Hall has taken that idea and created a show while bringing on Jordan and his videography skills.

The duo has filmed and traversed lands across Michigan, Indiana, Louisiana and more during the show's tenure and plans on continuing their travels through the filming of their upcoming season.

"It's like 'Strange Wilderness' meets 'Drunk History,'" said Hall.

"Essentially, I play a character dumber than myself, and I usually explain where we are, what we are doing for the day's travels and adventure and, while drinking out in nature,

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

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- ◆ Examination/qualification fee Assistance

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

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

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# CHEROKEE TAKES ON NEW YORK MODELING WORLD

By Lindsey Bark, Cherokee Phoenix

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

In high school, people would ask Colby Brittain if he was a model, and if he wasn't, he should be. He took it as a sign and signed with his first modeling agency in Tulsa, OK.

Brittain initially thought he would go to college to play sports or have a career in the medical field.

"I would just have people come up to me all the time and they would either ask me if I did model or tell me that I should," he said. "That happened so many times that I finally told my mom, I said 'look, I think this is a sign.' I mean it just happened so many times, there's no way that this is something I shouldn't do. It was just kind of one of those feelings."

Though he signed with an agency in Tulsa, OK, he and other models attended an expo in Dallas, TX, and he ended up with offers from agencies across the country.

"I think I got like 32 callbacks from everybody there," he said. "So, I had options to sign with agencies in New York and over in Milan (Italy) and L.A., Chicago. Even like Mexico and stuff. I ended up signing with Kim Dawson in Dallas."

He said after modeling there for a year for companies such as JC Penney, he got to model in New York City, signing with DNA Modeling Agency where he has been since 2015.

"I think it was June of 2015, I went to New York and I met with agencies and I signed with an agency called



DNA," he said. "That's pretty much how I got to New York. I was there in June and July, I came back home, and then, I moved to New York full time in January of 2016."

He did runway modeling in Men's Fashion Week and commercial modeling and his biggest break was shooting a campaign for the clothing company Aeropostale.

"My biggest job that I did when I first started was for Aeropostale," he said. "It was a national campaign. One of my goals when I first got to New York was to be in Times Square on the big screen. So, that was a pretty cool experience. Aeropostale had a store there in Times Square and I got to see myself up on the big screen there."

Brittain has also modeled for other popular brands. "I shot for Ralph Lauren doing e-comm, which is internet work for them. Men's Warehouse, I do a lot of stuff for their website, and I also shot their campaign, and I was in all of their stores nationwide. Warby Parker is an eyeglasses company; they're getting really, really popular."

Brittain has been on a whirlwind since his career began in 2014. In the midst of it, he has managed to go to college and earn a bachelor's degree in business care management. He has also been accepted to New York University to pursue his master's degree.

"I just got accepted into NYU for grad school. I'm going to get my master's in public health. And, I'll start that in the fall," he said. "Initially, I planned on going to med school, I wanted to be a doctor. I can see myself working in New York or wherever in public health and then, hopefully one day coming back home and providing my knowledge and expertise to the (Cherokee) Nation and working for the (Cherokee) Nation."

He said one thing he's learned about the modeling industry is staying true to himself despite jobs he may or may not get.

"Don't let the industry sway how you feel about yourself and your confidence level and things like that. You go to a bunch of castings and you might book one out of 20, you know. So, it's just staying confident and being yourself."

He said he's also used his career as a platform to shed light on being Cherokee and educating others.

"I get to work with people from all over the world like models from Belgium or South Africa," he said. "You never know who you're going to be working with. I take a lot of pride of being able to be on set and saying that I'm Cherokee and speak about my knowledge of the tribe and Native Americans in general and inform people of certain aspects of our way of life."

*Courtesy photo.*

## Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

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Help us help you! Have questions? Contact us at 231-242-1540. Applications are available at [www.tinyurl.com/ERAP2021](http://www.tinyurl.com/ERAP2021) and can be submitted in person or mailed to LTBB Housing, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or e-mailed to [hjohnson@lbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:hjohnson@lbbodawa-nsn.gov)

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**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.

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

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

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# GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCES PLAN TO EXPAND TUITION-FREE COLLEGE TO 22,000 ADDITIONAL MICHIGANDERS UNDER FUTURES FOR FRONTLINERS PROGRAM

Governor Gretchen Whitmer today (June 22, 2021), during an event on Belle Isle in Detroit, MI, marking the state's return to normal, called for the expansion of the Futures for Frontliners scholarship program to meet increased demand and popularity. The tuition-free scholarships would now include frontline workers who served between November 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021.

With the expansion, upwards of 22,000 additional workers would be eligible to apply for this opportunity. This would add on to the more than 120,000 essential workers who quickly applied for the program when it launched in the last quarter of 2020.

The additional \$100 million investment would come from federal American Rescue Plan funding.

When the Futures for Frontliners program launched in September 2020, Michigan was the first in the nation to utilize \$24 million from the 2020 Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide a tuition-free path to a post-secondary education. In just over three months' time, more than



120,000 Michiganders applied for the program and nearly 16,000 of those applicants are already enrolled in classes with a semester completed through their local community college.

Futures for Frontliners, inspired by the GI Bill which provided college degrees to those serving their country in World War II, offers eligible Michigan adults without college degrees or high school diplomas who were disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 a tuition-free pathway to gaining the skills needed to obtain high-demand, high-wage careers. The funding was not only available to those in the medical field, but also essential workers in manufacturing, nursing homes, grocery stores, sanitation, delivery, retail and more.

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# DON'T INVITE A BEAR TO YOUR BARBECUE

By Michigan DNR



Bears can remember the locations of food sources and will continue to return if food is available. Bears which rely on human food sources can lose their natural fear of humans, which often results in negative outcomes for the bears.

To avoid attracting bears, clean grills after each use and make sure all grease, fat and food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area which keeps bears out. Don't burn trash in campfire pits or camp grills as food waste usually does not get burned adequately to remove food smells.

Those who live and recreate in bear country share the responsibility of avoiding activities which create potential problems for bears. Learn more about How to be Bear SMART at Michigan.gov/Wildlife.

Questions? Contact Rachel Leightner at 517-243-5813.

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# INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS

By Michigan DNR



## Michigan Invasive Species

More than 54 boat landing events were held across the state to mark this year's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Awareness Week, June 27 to July 4, 2021. Public awareness about the impacts of harmful, nonnative aquatic plants and animals is critical to protecting Michigan's ecosystems, tourism and economy.

The boat landing events were part of the eighth annual Landing Blitz in which representatives of state departments and local partners such as lake associations and cooperative invasive species management areas give boaters tips to prevent the spread of harmful species and comply with recently updated laws. Similar AIS Landing Blitz events were held in each of the Great Lakes states and Canadian provinces.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued a proclamation to mark Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week and raise awareness about this important issue to help prevent the spread of

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Protect Michigan waters from the threat of aquatic invasive species by following these simple steps:

Required actions – it's the law in Michigan:

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- Remove all drain plugs and drain all water from bilges, ballast tanks and live wells before transporting a watercraft.
- Dispose of unused bait in the trash, not in the water.

Recommended additional actions – protect our waters by following these steps:

- Clean boats, trailers and equipment by removing plants, debris and mud before leaving the access area. Dispose of the material in a trash receptacle or otherwise away from the water body if possible.
- Wash boats and trailers before leaving the access area if possible or at a nearby car wash or at home.
- Dry boats and equipment for five days before launching into a different water body.
- Disinfect live wells and bilges with a bleach solution (1/2 cup bleach to 5 gallons water).

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



- We have limited centerfire rifle ammunition loaded with non-lead bullets available to eligible LTBB Citizens when lead ammo is brought into the Natural Resource Department (NRD) in exchange for non-lead (copper) ammunition.
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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.

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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

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# STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE RELEASES CHAT ADVOCACY ONE YEAR REPORT

In May 2020, StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) introduced online chat advocacy. The service was precipitated by an urgent need StrongHearts noted as victim-survivors of domestic, dating and sexual violence were having to shelter-in-place with their abusive partners during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chat advocacy users connect with a highly trained advocate in a free, anonymous and confidential one-on-one chat session. There is no need to download an app or any software to use it. Users simply click the Chat Now icon on the StrongHearts website. Chat advocacy also increased accessibility for individuals who may be hearing impaired or those who may be uncomfortable or unable to vocalize a call for support. In 2021, the service became available 24/7.

Based on chats documented during the first 12 months of chat advocacy from May 18, 2020 to May 16, 2021, StrongHearts Native Helpline answered a total of 942 chats from across the United States. Chat users are primarily working age Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) victim-survivors seeking help during the day when they may be away from their abusive partner and have more access to a computer or smartphone. Eighty-one percent of chat users found StrongHearts through a search engine such as Google or social media.

Additional report findings:  
Who is using chat advocacy?  
• 62% are IPV victim-survivors



- 26% are sexual violence victim-survivors
  - 12% are non-IPV victim-survivors
- What are chat users' ages?
- 41% are aged 34-51
  - 37% are aged 22-33
  - 18% are aged 13-21
  - 4% are ages 52+

What do Native victim-survivor chat users need?

- 70% peer support
- 30% shelter
- 28% legal advocacy

"I so appreciated this chat feature," noted one chat user. "It looks like I'm texting a friend, so I feel safe to do it."

"This report reflects only data that was self-disclosed by chat users and does not necessarily represent every contact to StrongHearts Native Helpline," said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. "However, our report strongly indicates that chat advocacy is a much-needed service for our Native American and Alaska Native relatives." Courtesy graphic.



# PRESIDENT BIDEN APPOINTS GOVERNOR WHITMER TO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

President Biden today (July 8, 2021) appointed Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Council of Governors, a bipartisan group of governors which addresses matters of homeland defense, the National Guard, disaster response and other safety and security issues. Governor Whitmer will serve a two-year term.

"I am honored that President Biden appointed me to the Council of Governors," said Governor Whitmer. "Since I took office in 2018, I have guided Michigan through multiple disaster response efforts, including extreme polar weather and energy shortages, a 500-year flood, and the COVID-19 pandemic. I welcome the opportunity to work across the aisle to put our nation's security first and make a difference in the lives of Americans."

The Council of Governors (Council) was created by the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2008 and formally established by Executive Order 13528, issued on January 11, 2010. The Council is intended to serve as a mechanism for governors and key federal officials to address matters pertaining to the National Guard, homeland defense and defense support to civil authorities.



The Council consists of 10 governors appointed by the President – five from each party – with two governors serving as co-chairs. The Executive Order specifically names a number of federal participants in the Council, including the Secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security, the President's Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor, the Commander of U.S. Northern Command and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, among others.

### Governor Whitmer Elected to Continue Bipartisan Leadership Role on National Governors Association Executive Committee

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer was elected to the National Governors Association (NGA) Executive Committee after a vote by fellow leaders of states and

territories.

Founded in 1908, the NGA is the bipartisan organization of the nation's governors, which was formed to share best practices, address issues of national and state interest and share innovative solutions which improve state government and support the principles of federalism.

"It is my honor to continue serving on the NGA's Executive Committee where Republicans and Democrats come together to tackle big issues with bold ideas," said Governor Whitmer. "I will bring a Michigander's perspective to this national group and I look forward to learning from the diverse group of leaders who are all committed to collaborating on challenges we all face."

In addition to Governor Whitmer, the following governors were elected to positions on the NGA Executive Committee: Governor Asa Hutchinson, Arkansas, Chairman; Governor Phil Murphy, New Jersey, Vice Chairman;

Governor Kay Ivey, Alabama; Governor Doug Ducey, Arizona; Governor Jared Polis, Colorado; Governor Charlie Baker, Massachusetts; Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, New Mexico; and Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York.

*Courtesy photo.*

# LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS CONTRIBUTE TO PELLSTON MURAL



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

LTBB Tribal Citizens Noodin Craven, 19, and Wiigwaas Craven, 13, lent their artistic talents to a mural in the Village of Pellston, MI.

Noodin painted a grass dancer in the letter "N" while Wiigwaas painted a brook trout in the letter "P" and a chickadee in the letter "T." Noodin is a Pellston High School graduate and has worked for MacGregor Heating and Cooling for two years as a HVAC Installer. Wiigwaas attends

Pellston Middle School and is an eighth grader.

The idea of creating the mural came from Mary Rapin of Bliss Gardens Farm and Community Kitchen. Following approval of the mural from the Pellston Village Council, Pellston Middle School/High School Art Teacher Erika Faust recruited Pellston students and graduates to assist with the project. The students came up with the idea to make the mural resemble an old-time postcard. Home Depot donated the paint and supplies for the project.

*The photos appear courtesy of Doug Craven.*



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# CUSTER FALLS AGAIN, ANISHINAABEK CAUCUS JOINS GOOD TROUBLE MONROE

**Editor's note:** The following is an Anishinaabek Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party press release.



The Anishinaabek Caucus joined Good Trouble Monroe to protest the continued presence of the Custer's statue in downtown Monroe, MI, on June 26, 2021.

Julie Dye, Elder of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, read the land acknowledgement, a formal recognition of Indigenous People's contribution, whose practice of opening meetings with a land acknowledgment is growing.

"The State of Michigan occupies the ancestral, traditional and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabek - Three Fires Confederacy, the Odawa (Ottawa), Ojibwe (Chippewa), and Bodewadmi (Potawatomi). The Michigan Democratic Party recognizes historic Indigenous communities in Michigan and those forcibly removed from their homelands. We further recognize the ongoing relationship of dependence upon, and respect for, all living beings of earth, sky and water. In offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty, history and experiences."

The statue stands upon Potawatomi lands, and tribal citizens outlined the crimes Custer committed: 10 years of torture, abuse and genocide of the Native American people starting in 1866. Local citizens summarized the year-long process which has so far resulted in the city's agreement to engage a consultant to study the question of whether the statute should stay or reside elsewhere.

Numerous testimonials, attesting to the heinous acts committed by Custer and to the feelings of constituents about Custer's glorification have poured into the Monroe City Council through letters and public comments during city council meetings throughout the past year. The support comes from Michiganders of every ethnic background. Owen Gosling, of Cheboygan, MI, wrote:



"I speak as a white person whose family has a personal connection to General Custer and the Battle of Little Bighorn. My ancestor, Adolph Goslin, immigrated from Prussia to the United States after the Civil War and entered into service with the U.S. Army as a surveyor in the prairies. After Custer's defeat on the battlefield, my ancestor's regiment was the one sent to recover the bodies of the fallen U.S. servicemen. We are not proud of our connection to George Custer. Custer represents the worst elements of our country and our shameful treatment of Indigenous Americans. Although we cannot change history, we can change the lessons that we draw from that history and we can begin the work of

repair. I urge that you remove the statue, so we can send a clear signal that his life and behavior is not worthy of either celebration or emulation."

Katybeth Davis, founder of Good Trouble Monroe, recognized the status of most citizens as immigrants and as such, must recognize standing indigenous people have. Moreover, Katybeth pointed out there have been 10 previous rallies around the Custer statue to draw attention to the hate and divisiveness this figure causes. This one, on the 145th year after Custer's defeat at Little Bighorn, aims to have Custer fall again.

Nat Spurr, tribal citizen of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, expressed frustration with how long this statue has had its place in downtown Monroe, MI.



"... these people, they don't identify with our ways. They don't respect our traditions. They don't respect our culture or we wouldn't have a monument dedicated to George Armstrong Custer right in the middle of Monroe, at the corner of Elm and Monroe Street since 1910. The guy died 145 years ago today at the Battle of Little Bighorn. This statue was dedicated by William Howard Taft, the U.S. president in 1910. So, it's been here the past 111 years, 35 years after his death. It's totally irresponsible on the part of, you know, the state, the city of Monroe, the county of Monroe, and there's no excuse for it. It just needs to go."

Chris Franklin, Oneida of the Thames 1st Nations, Bear Clan and United States Coast Guard Veteran from 1964 to 1968 when he was honorably discharged, shared about General Custer from the viewpoint of a veteran.

"General Custer is not fit to walk amongst the men and women of this country's military. There was no integrity or courage or anything redeemable in his military performance. It is not heroic to ride into a defenseless village and murder and mutilate women and children and elderly. These are the actions of a coward. As I mentioned, this is disrespectful to all veterans and active duty personnel to honor this person, who in this day and time, would be charged with war crimes. Tried, convicted and dishonorably discharged and possibly face execution for the war crimes he committed. Enough is enough of false heroes. We do not build monuments to war criminals."

Jerry Fisher, Oneida of the Thames 1st Nations and on the Board of Directors of the North American Indian Association of Detroit said:

"We need to change the narrative. You know, the narrative has been that 'history belongs to the 'Custer' continued on page 20.

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victors.’ We need to change it to ‘history belongs to the survivors.’”

Traditional Anishinaabek song and dance were a part of the program. Nottawaseppi Boys, Doreece Manoka, Devon Harris, Kevin Harris, Jr. and Charles Pfeifer, members of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, sang and



drummed. Jefferson Ballew IV danced in regalia of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi.

The United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) unanimously voted to support the removal of the George Armstrong Custer monument. Through a resolution, the United Tribes of Michigan pronounced, “UTM accepts the mission to engage, as a matter of mutual concern, issues that impact the health, security, safety and general welfare of Native Americans; and African American, Native American and allied residents of the City of Monroe have issued a clear call to remove this monument as expeditiously as possible due to the harm it poses, therefore, be it resolved that the United Tribes of Michigan calls for immedi-



ate city action to remove the Custer monument from downtown Monroe.”

Garnering attention nationwide, more than 14,000 people have signed a petition for removal or relocation of the Custer statue. Graham Denton, an organizer for the Custer Relocation Project for Good Trouble Monroe, asked, “When in U.S. History, is it okay for U.S. soldiers to attack citizens who have surrendered to the U.S. government and are living on land that the U.S. government designated for them on legally defined land?”

Numerous voices from the audience spoke of the same injury done centuries ago. Yet, it is continually replayed: Native American heritage is made invisible and there is a push to separate the indigenous from their own lands.

Redbird, Cherokee, in 1962, moved from Monroe in protest when taxpayer money was to fund the Custer statue’s move from a corner in downtown Monroe to its current location in Saint Mary’s Park.

Jeffrey Taite, Cherokee, attended school in Monroe, MI, and recalls memories of bullying because of his melanization. A row of gym lockers was pushed onto his younger brother as a triumph by bullies who had no idea Jeffrey’s family was Native American. Erasure of Native Americans as a people is ongoing.

Tasha Green, 2022 candidate for Mayor in Westland, MI, summed up the spirit of the rally, “What happens to your family, happens to my



family.” Wilson Irizarry-Omega, Taino-Arawak, brought his wife and daughter to deepen their understanding of social recognition and value for multinational cultures.

Advocacy to remove the Custer statue has received community support and solidarity from 14 organizations: Anishinaabek Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party, Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership (ARCUS),

Cass County Michigan Democratic Party, Center for Change - A Northern Michigan Advocacy group, Coalition of Natives and Allies, Concerned Citizens of Monroe County and Allies, Eliminating Racism and Creating/Celebrating Equity, Idle No More Michigan, Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports & Media, Monroe County Positive Action Network, Native American Student Community Organization Movement (NASCO), Native Justice Coalition, Turtle Island Dreamkeepers and United Tribes of Michigan.

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# "THIS IS OUR TIME. THIS IS OUR SHOW."

By Meghan Sullivan and Carina Dominguez

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

When filmmakers Taika Waititi, Maori, and Sterlin Harjo, Seminole and Muskogee, would trade funny stories about their indigenous upbringings, it initially seemed the comical tales would stay between the two friends. Then, one day they were struck by an idea: What if they made a show about these stories?

"We've been zombies in Westerns for so long ... Native people are some of the funniest people in the world, and our communities are rich and vibrant, and quirky and weird, and lovely and beautiful and sad, and that's what this show depicts," said Harjo of his new comedy show, "Reservation Dogs," which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival.

It wasn't the only indigenous story found at the 2021 Tribeca Film Festival.

The prestigious film festival, which has occurred annually in New York City since 2001, featured eight films which either centered indigenous stories or were written by indigenous people. The lineup included "Reservation Dogs," "Burros," "Joe Buffalo," "Catch the Fair One," "Kapaemahu," "Shikaakwa," "Primer" and "They're Trying To Kill Us."

*Indian Country Today* attended the screenings and interviewed cast members. The takeaway? Native storytelling on the national level is more present than ever before.

"We've been a part of cinema from the very beginning, and we've never been portrayed in a realistic way. And it's happening now and it's ... beautiful," Harjo said.



"It's really cool to see an all-Native crew and cast, especially living here but being from Oklahoma," said two audience members who were Muskogee (Creek). "We'd been hearing about this project for the last year, so it's one of those things where we'd follow any updates that came out."

One attendee, Patricia Tarrant, Mandan Hidatsa Arikara, was especially looking forward to the comedic aspects of the show.

"We use humor as a coping mechanism — through trauma, intergenerational trauma, we use humor to help us recover from it and move on," she said.

Jacobs echoed this sentiment.

"It makes sense that this is a comedy because Native people are funny and tell me one Native person who doesn't use humor to cope with all of the shit that we deal with," said Jacobs in a post screening panel. "The show demonstrates that sense of humor that we have that's like making fun of each other, that's like a smart-ass type of humor, that's also mourning and celebrating and healing all in one."

Harjo said it was a chance for non-Native audiences to be invited into the type of teasing, humor and community indigenous people know so well.

"I'm excited for both indigenous and non-indigenous audience members to watch Reservation Dogs, and to see indigenous stories at the helm," Jacobs said.

Excitement about the show and the potential for future indigenous-led projects was apparent in the engaged audience as well as in the cast's behind-the-scenes comments. All four lead actors had similar advice for the next generation of indigenous actors, writers and directors.

"Have a vision, stick to it, and put action into that — it's not a dream without action," Alexis said.

Factor agreed. "Just keep going — work hard towards your goal, and everything will be alright," he said.

"This is our time. This is our show. We're going to do a lot of stuff as a whole community - not just me and not just the people on this set, so keep writing," Woon-A-Tai said.

### Next Generation

One wouldn't have to look far to find the next generation of indigenous storytellers in the film industry. A few days after "Reservation Dogs" premiered, a 15-minute drama, "Burros," made its debut at Tribeca. The short film stars 6-year-old Amaya Juan, Tohono O'odham, in her first ever acting role.

"Burros," which is set on the Tohono O'odham Nation in Arizona near the U.S.-Mexico border, follows a young indigenous girl who befriends a Hispanic migrant her age who has become separated from her family during their journey to the United States.

It was directed by Texas local Jefferson Stein and co-produced by Larry "Bear" Wilson, Tohono O'odham, who acted as a liaison between his community and the filmmakers.

"A lot of people don't know what's going on out there," Wilson said. "We were there before that border was. Our people are on both sides of it — in fact, I have family in Mexico."

Increased militarization on the U.S.-Mexico border has recently made it harder for the separated Tohono O'odham communities to

"Our Time" continued on page 22.

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His highly anticipated comedy, "Reservation Dogs," will start running on FX and Hulu later this summer but had an early screening at the festival. It follows the adventures of four indigenous teenagers in rural Oklahoma as they attempt to make their way to California, and stars D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai, Ojibwe, Devery Jacobs, Kaniē'kehá:ka Mohawk, Paulina Alexis, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation and Lane Factor, Caddo and Seminole Creek.

### "Radical" Humor

The breakthrough production involves a "radical" concept which Harjo hopes won't be rare in the film industry for long: Every writer, director and series regular on the show is indigenous.

"That shouldn't be a radical thing that they're showing us as human beings but it's very radical and it's about time in 2021," Harjo said.

Throughout the interviews, cast members, who had gathered in New York to celebrate the show's release, continuously emphasized how much the all-indigenous production felt like a family gathering.

"It was the first time I had ever experienced the feeling of home on set and community," Jacobs said.

This family reunion atmosphere seemed to extend out into the audience as well. Many viewers at the premiere were indigenous, hailing from various Native nations across the country but now living in New York City. They had eagerly signed up for a ticket when they heard "Reservation Dogs" would be premiering at Tribeca.

“Our Time” continued from page 21.

stay connected. “Burros” subtly showcases this by contrasting an elder generation able to speak Spanish, Tohono O’odham and English with the younger generation which knows less Tohono O’odham and no Spanish.

Stein had connected to this situation from his family’s own story of language loss — his grandparents, who immigrated to the United States, spoke Yiddish and Hebrew. By the time his dad was born, no one in the family spoke these languages anymore.

As for being a non-Native director telling a Native story, Stein said he was conscious of the dynamic and spent two years working with Tohono O’odham Nation in an effort to portray the subject matter correctly.

“Awareness is the first thing .. There were hundreds of stories that I heard while I was there that inspired moments of this project,” he said.

Part of this approach was casting people from the area, which was how Juan became involved with the production. The 6-year-old had never acted before — she was chosen for the

movie after Stein visited her kindergarten class. But as the lead role in the film, her performance clearly drives the story forward.

In post-premiere interviews, she emphasized her gratitude to the film team as well as members of the Tohono O’odham community, who had created a fundraiser so her and her parents could attend the movie’s premiere in New York City.

“I’m going to cry now. Thank you to the community for helping us, and for the donations to come out here. And just to let you know, you’re the best!” she said.


While indigenous stories shone brightly at this year’s festival, attendees are hopeful next year there will be even more.

“I want to see as many indigenous stories out there as there are storytellers,” Jacobs said. “I hope this opens the door for a whole industry of indigenous creatives, for us to look around and see all of our storytellers showing different types of projects — showing dramas, showing comedies, showing scary stories and all of that.”

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If your garden is full of cucumbers, you may want to consider pickling them, not only to extend their shelf-life, but to enjoy their health benefits.

Researchers at the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and North Carolina State University (NCSSU) recently found a stable, naturally occurring, health-promoting compound called  $\gamma$ -aminobutyric acid (GABA) was generated through the fermentation of brined cucumbers. Previous research studies demonstrate consumption of GABA from foods or supplements has positive health benefits like reducing blood pressure, improving decision making, reducing anxiety and boosting immunity.

Researchers demonstrated low-salt fermentation enhances GABA content in pickled cucumber products prepared for direct consumption. Also, fermenting them in lower salt brines and storing them in their original fermented juices increases the GABA levels.

“Fruits and vegetables are made up of thousands of unique molecules. These molecules rule the flavor, texture and nutritional value, but it is difficult to study them in such complex systems,”

said Suzanne Johanningsmeier, ARS Research Food Technologist. “To tackle this problem, we use advanced analytical chemistry techniques like mass spectrometry to study food molecules and figure out the best food processing methods for improved quality of fruit and vegetable products.”

Fermentation is a process that’s been known for years as a very powerful tool toward food preservation. Some other well-known foods where GABA content has been enhanced through fermentation are sourdough bread, soy sauce and dairy products like yogurt, kefir and certain cheeses.

“Worldwide, people are interested in consuming fermented foods as part of a healthy lifestyle. Most often, we associate the healthfulness of fermented foods with probiotic microbes. But many fermented foods contain few to no microbes when consumed,” said Jennifer Fidler Moore, North Carolina State University Graduate Research Assistant. “Our research shows that the health-promoting potential of lactic acid fermented cucumbers reaches far beyond the world of probiotics. This opens the door to more research into health-promoting compounds made during fermentation of fruits and vegetables.”

The research, recently published in the *Journal of Food Composition and Analysis*, also found the health promoting compound GABA in pickled cucumbers did not break down during pasteurization and remained stable over at least six months storage time.

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### LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

**GENERAL ELECTION**  
June 28, 2021

**OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS**

| TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON / VICECHAIRPERSON  | IN PERSON | MAIL IN    | HAND TALLY | TOTAL      | %              | RANK |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|------|
| BERNADECE (BERNIE) BODA & LINDA GOKEE | 16        | 344        | 5          | 365        | 43.92%         | 2    |
| REGINA GASCO-BENTLEY & STELLA KAY     | 15        | 446        | 5          | 466        | 56.08%         | 1    |
| <b>VOTE TOTALS</b>                    | <b>31</b> | <b>790</b> | <b>10</b>  | <b>831</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |      |

| TRIBAL COUNCIL       | IN PERSON  | MAIL IN     | HAND TALLY | TOTAL       | %              | RANK |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------|
| RICKY COMPO          | 18         | 319         | 2          | 339         | 9.45%          | 7    |
| TAMARA LYNN KIOGIMA  | 20         | 534         | 5          | 559         | 15.58%         | 1    |
| LEROY SHOMIN         | 13         | 460         | 4          | 477         | 13.29%         | 3    |
| DOUG EMERY           | 5          | 148         | 4          | 157         | 4.38%          | 9    |
| WILLIAM ORTIZ        | 18         | 437         | 4          | 459         | 12.79%         | 4    |
| MARCI REYES          | 15         | 467         | 2          | 484         | 13.49%         | 2    |
| KENNETH DEWEY        | 15         | 287         | 2          | 304         | 8.47%          | 8    |
| AARON WAYNE OTTO     | 20         | 403         | 2          | 425         | 11.85%         | 5    |
| SHARON SIERZPUTOWSKI | 13         | 368         | 3          | 384         | 10.70%         | 6    |
| <b>VOTE TOTALS</b>   | <b>137</b> | <b>3423</b> | <b>28</b>  | <b>3588</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |      |

| VOTER PARTICIPATION | REGISTERED VOTERS | BALLOTS CAST | % VOTING |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|
|                     | 1857              | 845          | 45.50%   |

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned election officials of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast for the election held on the twenty eighth day of June, 2021.

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# GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCES NATIONAL AWARD RECOGNIZING MICHIGAN AS A TOP STATE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer today (July 1, 2021) announced Michigan has been recognized as a top state in sustainable development practices by *Site Selection* magazine, affirming Michigan's commitment to green energy practices and social responsibility while continuing to be a state where businesses can succeed and grow.

For East North Central regional rankings in this year, Michigan ranked second, ahead of peer states, including Ohio (#3), Wisconsin (#4) and Indiana (#5).

In addition to Michigan's overall top-three ranking and competitive spot within the regional rankings, Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI, (#2), Lansing-East Lansing, MI, (#3), Ann Arbor, MI, (#7) and Kalamazoo-Portage, MI, (#9) all made the list of top 10 metro areas in the East North Central region – the most of any state in the region.

*Site Selection's* rankings blend standard green metrics such as LEED-certified buildings, renewable energy use and green building incentives with unique inputs such as areas' corporate social responsibility profiles, brownfield redevelopment, corporate facility investments in sectors with green connections and commercial real estate environmental among other data points.

Just last week, Governor Whitmer joined the Michi-

gan Economic Development Corporation in announcing brownfield as well as a Michigan Community Revitalization Program performance-based grant, support for Whirlpool Corporation's new Technical Center on a brownfield site in St. Joseph, MI. The innovative project also includes a multi-family development with 80 apartments in Benton Harbor, MI, which combined with the Technical Center, will generate positive business impacts, including the ability to attract and retain needed talent while offering housing options.

These efforts extend to business expansion projects as well. Dakkota Integrated Systems, LLC was awarded a Michigan Business Development Program grant last year to construct and operate a 300,000 square-foot manufacturing facility in the city of Detroit, MI, returning a blighted portion of the former Kettering High School and Rose Elementary School sites to productive use along with the creation of 400 new jobs in the city.

This summer, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy will award \$15.6 million in brownfield grants and loans to 21 projects for redevelopment of contaminated properties. This funding directly supports a vibrant economy while protecting the environment. More than half of EGLE's budget each year flows into Michigan communities through grants, loans and other spending which supports local projects, protects public health and the environment and creates economic growth and jobs for Michigan workers.

When brownfields – vacant or abandoned properties with known or suspected contamination – are redeveloped,



property values increase both on the revitalized site and on other nearby properties.

For example, through the combined support of a Community Revitalization Program performance-based grant from the Michigan Strategic Fund and brownfield support through EGLE, the Allen Place Project in Lansing, MI, has been able to add critical affordable rental housing units in the community while incorporating sustainable green features, including permeable pavement, planter boxes, solar panels, a micro-grid and rain gardens into the development. The project is also supporting area food-based businesses with accelerator spaces for food-based entrepreneurs and a farmer's market.

Earlier this month, Michigan was recognized as a top state for new manufacturing jobs and investment by Area Development, being awarded the 2021 Manufacturing Gold Shovel Award on the strength of 2,619 new jobs and \$441.8 million in private investment. That momentum has continued throughout the month with Governor Whitmer attending groundbreakings for Speedrack Products in Walker, MI, and TechSmith's new international headquarters in East Lansing, MI, and announcing 350 new manufacturing and logistics jobs in the state as a result of support approved this month by the Michigan Strategic Fund.

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# NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MUSICIANS SUPPORT MICHIGAN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES HIGHLIGHTING THE NEED FOR INCREASED VACCINATIONS AMONG YOUNG ADULTS



An award-winning group with more than 30 million plays on Spotify is lending their music to Michigan tribal communities in a Public Service Announcement (PSA) encouraging the uptake of the COVID vaccines among young adults across Michigan. "The Halluci Nation," formally known as "A Tribe Called Red," blends instrumental hip hop, reggae, electronic dance music with elements of First Nations music, particularly vocal

chanting and drumming.

These PSAs were developed based on local survey results and an assessment of demographic trends within Michigan. In large, data indicates COVID-19 infections are highest among young adults between the ages of 20 and 29 years old. This same age group has been one of the most hesitant age groups to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Sharing reliable and accurate information while also debunking misinformation will help to build confidence within the American Indian/Alaska Native young adult population to encourage vaccine uptake.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's produced PSA, featuring Native Americans and tribal providers from across the state of Michigan

is being distributed on social media platforms, Facebook and Instagram and aired via Spectrum Reach Charter Communications in Michigan tribal service areas beginning June 28, 2021. The PSAs are also available for viewing on YouTube <https://tinyurl.com/itcmiCOVID>

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Resource: CDC: Smoking and Cancer <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/diseases/cancer.html>

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# SCIENTISTS SERVE UP VACCINE COCKTAIL FOR PROTECTING CATTLE FROM DISEASE

Scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) have developed a new experimental vaccine to protect cattle from the bacterium which causes John's disease, *Mycobacterium avium* subsp. *paratuberculosis* (MAP).

John's disease, also known as paratuberculosis, is a chronic intestinal disorder which can cause diarrhea, weight loss, poor health and sometimes, death in afflicted cattle. In the United States, John's disease is most prevalent in dairy herds, costing the industry more than \$220 million annually in losses. The disease also affects other ruminant animals, including sheep, goats and deer.

Rather than use the cells of live but weakened or dead MAP, as has been done with past commercial vaccine formulations, ARS microbiologists Judy Stabel and John Bannantine set their sights on four proteins from the bacterium, which they discovered from prior research to sequence and characterize its genome (or genetic makeup).

In preliminary trials, vaccinating mice with the proteins reduced bacterial colonization of the rodents' intestinal walls and bacterial shedding in feces, a major route by which other hosts become infected. Cattle, for example, can become infected while grazing pasture where MAP-contaminated manure is located. Calves ingesting colostrum from an infected dam is another route of infection, noted Stabel, who along with Bannantine, is with the ARS National Animal Disease Center's Infectious Bacterial Diseases Research Unit in Ames, Iowa.

Encouraged by the results with mice, the researchers scaled-up their efforts, using standard laboratory procedures to produce the four proteins and combine them into a single, recombi-



nant vaccine "cocktail" which could be administered to calves at doses of 200 or 400 micrograms.

Throughout, the researchers strived to avoid shortcomings of past vaccine formulations which had been developed, including a tendency to trigger blemishes at the site of injection and interference with the accuracy of serological tests used to detect not only MAP, but also another closely related bacterial species which causes bovine tuberculosis.

Trials with dairy calves, detailed in the April 2021 issue of the journal *Vaccine*, indicate the vaccine cocktail did not disappoint. In addition to rendering the young animals immune to the disease over the course of a year of monitoring, the formulation showed little to no cross-reactivity with serological tests for both John's disease and bovine tuberculosis. Administering the vaccine cocktail also did not trigger blemishes at the injection site, Stabel reported — a potential benefit for animals raised for their meat and hides.

The researchers note the need for additional efficacy trials and welcome collaboration with an industry partner to explore the patented vaccine cocktail's commercial potential further.

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# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE FUND ANNOUNCES 2021 GRANT RECIPIENTS



The Native American Heritage Fund (NAHF) Board selected projects in 11 Michigan communities as recipients of the fund's 2021 grants at the board's June 18, 2021 meeting.

From a pool of 17 applicants, the NAHF Board chose to award grants totaling more than \$480,000 in support of community art and projects, curricula updates, mascot revisions and other projects which honor Native American culture and history in the area.

The 2021 NAHF grants include:

- East Jordan Public Schools – \$17,500 to develop curricula on Indigenous/Anishinaabek culture, history and language in participating Title VI schools in Northern Michigan.

- Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency (Kalamazoo RESA) – \$16,800 to expand the Kalamazoo

County Native American Family Meet Ups program to include families of children third-12th grade.

- Lansing School District: Vivian Riddle Elementary School – \$47,712 to rebrand the current mascot from a bear wearing a Native American headdress to “Rhinos.”

- Michigan College Access Network (MCAN)/Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College – \$60,000 to increase college completion of students at tribal colleges by placing college completion coaches at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College and Bay Mills Community College for the next three years.

- Michigan Technological University – \$19,056 to develop experiential, place-based local literacy modules which engage educators and communities to know about tribal culture and history.

- Northport Public Schools – \$22,860 to install new signage on municipal land dedicated to Odawa/Ojibwa Native American history in Leelanau County.

- Okemos Public Schools – \$213,663.50 to rebrand the current mascot “Chiefs” to a new mascot which is culturally responsive.

- Rochester Community Schools – \$6,100 to educate

staff and the community with a Pow Wow demonstration and foster this learning continuously through book clubs and Twitter chats.

- Saugatuck Public Schools – \$43,022 to rebrand the current mascot from “Indians” to “Trailblazers.”

- Sault Area Public Schools – \$26,000 to establish a language program and create signage in English and Ojibwe.

- Traverse City Area Public Schools – \$8,200 to create a new monthly educational series “Anishinaabe Expressive Cultural Series” to increase cultural knowledge and awareness.

The NAHF Board is composed of Chairperson Jamie Stuck (NHBP Tribal Council Chairperson); Vice Chairperson Dorie Rios (NHBP Tribal Council Vice Chairperson); Secretary Elizabeth Kinnart (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians citizen); Treasurer Melissa Kieswetter (Michigan Department of Civil Rights Tribal Liaison/Native American Specialist); and Board Member Kimberly Vargo (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Vice Chairperson).

To learn about past recipients or about future application requirements, visit [nahfund.com](http://nahfund.com).

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## Nishnaabemtoo Gday!

Vocabulary for your dog

|                        |                                       |                           |                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Maajaan.               | Come here.                            | Boontaan.                 | Stop it.                              |
| Biizhaan maanpiil      | Come over here!                       | Bekaayaan.                | Be quiet.                             |
| Nibadibin.             | Sit down.                             | Bezaayaan.                | Be still. (Stay.)                     |
| Gwishiman.             | Lay down.                             | Nishin.                   | Good.                                 |
| G'zinjinshin.          | Shake (paw).                          | Aasinaa nishin.           | This is good (ever good).             |
| Biimskojitan.          | Roll over.                            | Pkwezhigaanhs kwilyaan?   | Do you want a cookie?                 |
| Gojiing.               | Outside.                              | Aapiish gdamniwin?        | Where's your toy?                     |
| Gojiing gwizhaa        | Do you want to go out?                | Aapiish bkwaakwat?        | Where is the ball?                    |
| Zaagjiitan.            | Go outside (outdoors).                | Naadin bkwaakwat.         | Get the ball.                         |
| Biindigen.             | Come inside.                          | Biidoon bkwaakwat.        | Bring the ball.                       |
| Gbakade na?            | Are you hungry?                       | Miinshin.                 | Give it to me.                        |
| Wiisinin.              | Eat.                                  | Wenesh enookiyyin?        | What are you doing?                   |
| Gaaskanaabaagwe na?    | Are you thirsty?                      | Wegnesh ezhichigeyin?     | What are you up to?                   |
| Minikwen.              | Drink.                                | Bimosedaa.                | Let's go for a walk.                  |
| Onibaan.               | Go and sleep<br>(Go and go to sleep.) | Boozin.                   | Get in (the car).                     |
| Aanilsh ezhiwebziyyin? | What is the matter? What's wrong?     | Nday (n dye)              | My pet dog, my dog                    |
| Aambe.                 | Let's go.                             | G'zaagin dnay.            | I love you my dog.                    |
| Gegwaa.                | Don't.                                | Aasinaa kwaawnen-daagwaz! | You're so funny!<br>You're ever cute! |
| Kaa.                   | No.                                   | Nimosh                    | Dog                                   |

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# ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS WIN COVID-19 AID CASE

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The Supreme Court ruled Friday (June 23, 2021) Alaska Native corporations are eligible for a portion of the coronavirus relief money.

The justices ruled 6-3 in the case, *Yellen v. Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation et al.*, which involved the massive pandemic relief package passed last year and signed into law by then-President Donald Trump. The \$2.2 trillion legislation earmarked \$8 billion for “Tribal governments” to cover expenses related to the pandemic.

The question for the court was whether Alaska Native corporations, which are for-profit companies, which provide benefits and social services to more than 100,000 Alaska Natives, count as “Indian tribes” as defined by the Indian Self-Determination Act and Education Assistance Act and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The high court answered yes.

Under the self-determination law, Alaska Native corporations have been able to receive federal funds intended for indigenous populations throughout the past 45 years. This was not viewed as contentious in the past — a brief states the “federal government’s treatment of ANCs as ISDEAA tribes has been neither anomalous nor sporadic” — and it has been a “fundamental reality” for Alaska Natives for decades.

“The Court today affirms what the Federal Government has maintained for almost half a century: ANCs are Indian tribes,” wrote Justice Sonia Sotomayor for a group of both liberal and conservative members of the court.

The ANCSA Regional Association and Alaska Native Corporation Association cheered the decision.

“We are pleased to see the Court affirm Alaska Native corporations’ eligibility for CARES Act funds to help our people and communities recover from the devastating effects of COVID-19. Alaska’s economy is only now starting to recover, and these funds are needed to help our communities get back on their feet,”



the associations said in a statement.

The case is important not only because of the amount of money it involves but also because Native Americans and Alaska Natives have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

Both the Trump and Biden administrations agreed the corporations should be treated as tribes and doing differently would be a dramatic departure from the status quo.

The federal government had set aside more than \$530 million for Alaska Native corporations under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

But, after the CARES Act was passed, three tribal nations sued to prevent payments to Alaska Native corporations. They argued under the language of the law, only federally recognized tribes qualify for the aid and Alaska Native corporations do not because they are not sovereign governments as tribes are.

“Federally recognized tribes have undertaken extraordinary efforts to ensure continuity of government operations, maintain essential services and resources, and otherwise provide for the health and welfare of their communities throughout the COVID-19 crisis,” said the National Congress of American Indians in its brief to the court.

“This Court should ensure that the remaining Title V funds are reserved to support such efforts, not diverted to unrecognized entities with no such governmental responsibilities.”

The national organization’s president, Fawn Sharp of the Quinault Nation, encouraged the

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U.S., tribes, partners and allies work together to create a "strong nation-to-nation relationship."

"The relationship between tribal nations and the federal government was born out of conflict and it has fallen upon every generation to carry forward our inherent tribal sovereignty to serve our tribal citizens," Sharp said. "NCAI looks forward to continuing our work representing tribal governments and working with Alaska Native Corporations, tribal partners and other allies to ensure that the United States meets its treaty obligations and its trust responsibilities to moving forward."

In a statement after the ruling, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez said the coalition of tribes which brought the lawsuit was disappointed.

"This case was never about the funds. Instead, it was about upholding tribal sovereignty and the status of federally recognized tribes," he said, adding the ruling "undermines federally-recognized tribes and will have consequences far beyond the allocation of CARES Act dollars."

Part of the issue for the court was Alaska is unique. Unlike in the lower 48 states, Alaska Native tribes aren't situated on reservations. Instead, Native land is owned by Alaska Native corporations created under a 1971 law. The for-profit corporations run oil, gas, mining and other enterprises. Alaska Natives own shares in the corporations, which provide a range of services from healthcare and elder care to educational support and housing assistance.

During the pandemic, these services were vital to many in the Alaska Native community. Some feared a ruling against the Alaska Native corporations would negatively impact Alaska's indigenous populations and alter the tribal legal landscape.

"If ANCs are taken out of the equation, there are no organizations that could fill this void - state, federal or tribal. There just aren't," said Stephanie Aicher, in-house counsel for Cook Inlet Regional, Inc. or CIRI, one of the 12 Alaska Native corporations, in a previous interview with *Indian Country Today*.

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## Bay Mills Community College Awarded a Four-Year Computer Science Initiative Grant



Computer science education provides today's college students the necessary skills and opportunities to thrive in today's world. Yet, American Indian and Alaska Native peoples are still and have been historically underrepresented in the computer science fields. To remedy that, the American Indian College Fund launched its Tribal College and University Computer Science Initiative to create new and expand existing computer science programs at higher education institutions serving American Indian and Alaska Native students to meet the community and workforce needs of indigenous communities and to provide career opportunities for Native students in computer science fields.

The four-year initiative will focus on faculty hiring and professional development; developing or enhancing computer science academic programs and curriculum at the Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs); developing and participating in a community of practice activities; and participating in community engagement, sustained pathways and/or student support through industry partner relationships.

The College Fund selected the following four applicants to participate in the initiative. The TCUs and their programs include:

(bullet) Bay Mills Community College (BMCC), located in Brimley, MI. BMCC's program, Nanda-gikendan Waasimowini (seek to learn computers in Ojibwe), will develop an online Bachelor of Science degree in computer information systems with a computer science track which

will be accessible across the country. BMCC will hire one additional full-time instructor to develop courses and two adjunct faculty to meet specific course needs. It will also support its current Computer Information Systems department chair/faculty member to obtain a graduate degree and relevant computer science education and training. BMCC students will receive hands-on experience in programming, project design, technical support and will work to help BMCC create computer science awareness in the community.

(bullet) The Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), located in Santa Fe, NM, will launch its The IAIA Art of Computer Science program. IAIA will create an interdisciplinary computer science environment across degree programs using computer science courses/modules while supporting development of a gaming degree. It will also hire full-time, pro-rata and adjunct faculty to teach and contractors to develop computer science curriculum and assist other departments with integration of computer science education across disciplines. To ensure all faculty have proficient computer skills, IAIA will also support professional development for 35 permanent faculty to take basic computer science coursework to integrate computer science concepts and skills into their courses and programs of study. The Institute will implement community engagement projects for students to incorporate computer science education and awareness into their community internships work to help provide their communities with an understanding of the value computers and computer science skills in a culturally relevant way.

(bullet) Navajo Technical University (NTU), located in Crownpoint, NM, will launch its CSE@NTU-Computer Science Enhancement at NTU program to enhance current associate degrees in comput-



er science programming by expanding the programs to the Bachelor of Science degree level. NTU will hire one additional full-time computer science faculty member to assist in teaching and developing the program. NTU will also support current computer science faculty and the new hire with professional development opportunities relevant to computer science education and will incorporate speaking opportunities for computer science industry experts and professionals to work with faculty, staff and students.

(bullet) Salish Kootenai College (SKC) in Pablo, MT, will launch its Increasing Computer Science Capacity at Salish Kootenai College program to offer computer science programs through the creation of a one-year certificate of completion in computer programming and to offer enhanced computer science coursework for SKC's STEM disciplines. SKC will develop a path for the computer programming program's sustainability through dual-enrollment opportunities for reservation high school students. The college will hire one additional full-time computer science faculty member to support dual-enrollment courses and courses within the proposed one-year certificate program and will support current and new faculty with professional development opportunities in culturally sustaining pedagogy, technical pedagogy and specialized industry training relevant to computer science education and training. SKC will also host summer coding workshops and develop dual-enrollment computer science courses with at least two reservation high schools to enhance student exposure to computer science education and careers.

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Check off the milestones your child has reached and share your child's progress with the doctor at every visit.

- 6 MONTHS**
  - Copies sounds
  - Begins to sit without support
  - Laughs to play with others, especially parents
  - Responds to own name
  - Strings vowels together when babbling ("ah," "eh," "oh")
  - Uses simple gestures such as shaking head for "no" or waving "bye-bye"
  - Copies gestures
- 12 MONTHS (1 YEAR)**
  - Responds to simple spoken requests
  - Says "mama" and "dada"
- 18 MONTHS (1 1/2 YEARS)**
  - Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
  - Points to show others something interesting
  - Walks alone
  - Says several single words
  - Knows what ordinary things are for (e.g., telephone, brush, spoon)
- 2 YEARS**
  - Follows simple instructions
  - Kicks a ball
  - Points to things or pictures when they're named
  - Says sentences with 2 to 4 words
  - Gets excited when with other children
  - Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
  - Plays with blocks, stacking them
- 3 YEARS**
  - Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
  - Thinks well
  - Plays make-believe with dolls, animals and people
  - Shows affection for friends without prompting
- 4 YEARS**
  - Would rather play with other children than alone
  - Tells stories
  - Draws a person with 2 to 4 body parts
  - Plays cooperatively
  - Hops and stands on one foot for up to 2 seconds

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

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- 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
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- National Runaway Safeline: 800-RUNAWAY
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- Pathways to Safety International: 833-SAFE-833
- StrongHearts Native Helpline: 844-7NATIVE
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- The Trevor Project: 866-488-7386
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- Battered Women's Justice Project Legal Helpline: 800-903-0111 x1, TTY 711
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Country Child Abuse Hotline: 800-633-5155
- Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Helpline: 877-FTC-HELP, TTY 866-653-4261
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: 800-THE-LOST\*
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- VictimConnect Resource Center: 855-4-VICTIM

# 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.*

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**  
**Tribal Council Chambers**  
 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
**Tribal Council Regular Meeting**  
 May 20, 2021  
 via ZOOM

Call to Order: **9:01 a.m.**  
 Opening ceremony: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley  
 Closed Session: Yes  
 Council Present: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet, and Legislative Leader Emily Proctor  
 Absent: None  
 Legislative Office Staff Present: Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee  
 Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Administrative Assistant Nicholus Peltier  
 Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley, Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Health Director Jody Werner, Health Department Office Manager Julie Janiskee, Human Services Generalist Melanie Gasco, Education Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepf, Planning Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Physician Medical Director Dr. Terry Samuels MD, Natural Resource Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Gijigowi Language Director Carla Osawamick, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Natural Resources Director Doug Craven, WOCTEP Student Advisor Michael Mondoskin, Health Community Wellness Advocate Marlene Gasco  
 Judicial Officials and Staff: None  
 Public: Renee Dillard, Bernadece Boda, Marvin Mulholland, Ricky Compo, Melissa Shomin, Tammy Okuly, Hadassah Greensky  
 Invited Guest: David Giampetroni, Riyaz Kanji  
**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to Adopt the Agenda of May 20, 2021 as amended.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Executive Oversight Report:  
**Vice-Chair Stella Kay:** Received 1st payment of the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$22,000,000.00. Should have close to \$30,000,000.00 by the time this is over. Working with CFO for spending plan. Can be used to replace lost revenue up to a certain point, and Indirect Costs.  
**Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon:** Covid update CDC update on guidelines, no more masks for those who are vaccinated. Changes will start Monday at Tribal Government.  
**Health Director Jody Werner:** Last vaccine clinic will be May 25, 2021. Reaching out to parents of 12-15yr old youth.  
**Dr. Samuels:** Moderna or Pfizer are recommended vaccines with regard to higher effectiveness. Vaccine may or may not be needed for an annual booster as research testing is still evolving.  
**Executive Director Unit II Daugherty Johnson:** Native Way June target date to open Native Way Gym, this

includes in person activities in small groups in outdoor settings.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, and Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson for May 20, 2021.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
 Review and Approve Minutes of May 6, 2021.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to approve the minutes of May 6, 2021 as presented.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Officer Reports:**  
**Legislative Leader Report:**  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal report for May 20, 2021.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Secretary Report**  
 Documents signed by the Executive:  
 -Waganakising Odawak Statute # 2021-003 Interim Criminal Code  
 -Waganakising Odawak Statute # 2021-004 Domestic Violence  
 -Waganakising Odawak Statute # 2021-005 Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2021-003 Interim Criminal Code  
 -Waganakising Odawak Statute # 2021-006 Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2015-019 Administrative Procedures Act.  
 -Tribal Resolution # 042221-01 Appropriation of Funds for the 2022 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets  
 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:  
 -**05/10/2021 Reason for Phone Poll:** Motion to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute, Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute # 2021-003, Interim Criminal Code.  
 Phone Poll Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (*Secretary Julie Shananaquet*) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Julie Shananaquet’s verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for May 20, 2021.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Treasurer Report:**  
**Appropriations and Finance Committee**  
 -Last Meeting: May 11, 2021 (*Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting*)  
 -**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052021-01 Request for Funding from Native American Programs and Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) FY 2021.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent  
 -**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052121-02 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, Native American Nutrition Prescription Program (NA-NPP) FY 2022 – FY 2023.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent  
 -**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Budget Modification for

development of the Cross Village Campground and Migizi Aviary Rehabilitation Center Projects.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent  
 -**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Funding in the Amount of \$300,000.00 to come from the Third-Party Revenue to fund the planning and design of new LTBB Health Park.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent  
 -**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding to the Niigaandiwon Education Department in the Amount of \$200,000 for FY21 Budget, and \$400,000 for the FY22 Budget to be used for Aanjigin (Continuous Growth) Honorarium Program.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent  
 -**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa

Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to request phase I & II assessment of Land Parcel #133.  
 Vote: 2 -yes; 0 -no; 0 -abstain; 1 -absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima)  
 Motion carries.  
 -**Motion** made by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to assign Land Parcel #136.  
 Vote: 2 -yes; 0 -no; 0 -abstain; 1 -absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima)  
 Motion carries.  
 -**Motion** made by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to assign Land Parcel #137 and direct General Counsel Jim Bransky to inquire purchase price for parcel.  
 Vote: 2 -yes; 0 -no; 0 -abstain; 1 -absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima)  
 Motion carries.  
 Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None  
 -Next Meeting: Friday, June 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom  
**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Committee Chairperson for May 20, 2021.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Tribal Council Member Reports:** None  
 Legislative Office Reports:  
**Office of Finance and Revenue:**  
 Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:  
 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 – No report  
 Senior Financial Analyst:  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for May 20, 2021.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Tribal Historic Preservation Office:** No report  
**Legislative Services Attorney:**  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick’s verbal and written report for May 20, 2021.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**General Counsel:**  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky’s verbal report for May 20, 2021.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Legislative Office Manager:**  
**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount’s verbal and written report for May 20, 2021.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**11:04 a.m. Break**  
**11:21 a.m. Resume**  
 Tribal Council Action Items:  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052021-01 Request for Funding from Native American Programs and Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) FY 2021.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052021-02 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, Native American Nutrition Prescription Program (NA-NPP) FY 2022 – FY 2023.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052021-03 Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) Road Addition: US 31/Charlevoix Avenue Wheelway.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to repost LEG-289 Medicare Reimbursement Honorarium Act to the web as sponsored by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to repost LEG-290 Health, Food, and Housing Program Statute to the web as sponsored by the Appropriations and Finance Committee.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to post Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute # 2013-010 Fair Employment to the web as sponsored by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and the Senior Financial Analyst shall complete a Financial Impact Statement and forward it to the Appropriations and Finance Committee and Tribal Council.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Motion** made by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Executives Sign Code Regulations REG-WOS 2009-007-05192021-002  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution Budget Modification for development of the Cross Village Campground and Migizi Aviary Rehabilitation Center Projects.  
 Roll Call: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes  
 Motion carries.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to adopt Tribal Resolution Funding in the Amount of \$300,000.00 to come from the Third-Party Revenue to fund the planning and design of new LTBB Health Park.

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

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

August 31 Work Session  
 September 2 Council Meeting  
 September 21 Work Session  
 September 24 Council Meeting

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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

Pamp and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to refer Tribal Resolution- Promotion of a Living Wage to Tribal Council to be added to the next work-session.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carries.  
 Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: None  
 -Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom  
**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Committee Chair for May 20, 2021.  
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.  
**Land and Reservation Committee**  
 -Last Meeting: May 14, 2021 (*Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting*)  
 -**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend Tribal Council approval of Certified Motion Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) with revision to add the Wheelway.  
 Vote: 3 -yes; 0 -no; 0 -abstain; 0 -absent Motion carries.  
 -**Motion** made by Legislative Leader

**Public Comment:**  
**11:44 a.m. Opens**  
 Mary Schneider -Thanked leadership for all efforts regarding pandemic. Questioned Councilor Fred Kiogima regarding disclosure of active shooter plans.  
 Bernadece Boda -In consideration to Active Shooter Plan and other Safety Plans and Protocols...Tribal Law Enforcement cross-deputation agreements renewal and why have they lapsed? In consideration of any American Rescue Plan funds LTBB will receive, requesting maximum amount to tribal citizen families who may be in need.  
 Ricky Compo - In regards to the wheelway, Tribal Council should hold off on giving any funds to Emmet County.  
**11:51 a.m. Closed**  
**11:52 a.m. Public comment reopened**  
 Renee Dillard wanted to let Tribal Council know she is here attending the meeting.  
 Ricky Compo -Asked if the Odawa Casino Resort is going to follow the tribal government administration on mask requirements and will any COVID money help the casino water  
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women.

On November 22, 2019, Attorney General William P. Barr launched a national strategy to address missing and murdered Native Americans. The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Initiative placed MMIP coordinators in U.S. Attorney's offices in 11 states to develop protocols for a more coordinated law enforcement response to missing cases. The plan also called for the deployment of the FBI's most advanced response capabilities when needed, improved data collection and analysis and training to support local response efforts.

As part of the MMIP Initiative Pilot Project, the Bay Mills Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians developed Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Tribal Community Response Plans, sharing them on May 25, 2021.

On November 26, 2019, President Donald Trump signed Executive Order 13898, forming the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indian/Alaska Natives, also recognized as Operation Lady Justice (OLJ). The OLJ Task Force aims to enhance the criminal justice system and address the legitimate concerns of American Indian/Alaska Native communities, regarding missing and murdered people, specifically missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

The task force is a multi-agency effort, which allows top federal officials to engage, coordinate and work with tribal governments on developing strategies to address the crisis by looking at means to:

- Collect and manage data across jurisdictions.
- Establish protocols for new and unsolved cases.
- Establish multi-jurisdictional cold case teams.
- Improve the response to investigative challenges.
- Provide clarity on the roles, authorities and jurisdiction for those involved.

On October 10, 2020, President Donald Trump signed Savanna's Act into law. It was enacted to develop, revise and review national law enforcement guidelines between the federal government and Native American tribes to help track, solve and prevent crimes against Native Americans. The law is named after Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind, a pregnant 22-year-old Spirit Lake tribal member from North Dakota who was killed in 2017.

MMIW found itself as a movement first in Canada where the grassroots efforts to raise awareness found footing around 2015. Since that time, MMIW has grown tremendously.

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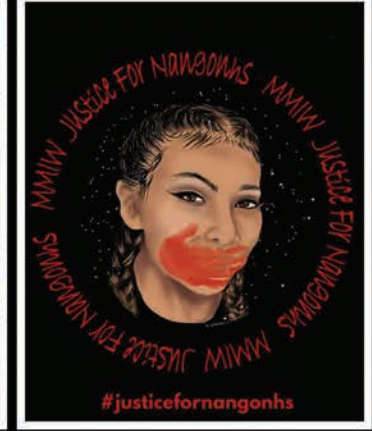
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water protection group and hold ourselves with respect, we follow our traditional Anishinabek teachings," said Nathan Wright, Founder of MackinawOde. "A long time ago, a delegation of Anishinabek people would meet the President either in Washington, D. C. or when they visited our territory. We sent our delegation to greet the President when he came to our territory and spoke of our concerns."



Wright feels indigenous people need to assert themselves, their opinions and their territory. During this event, MackinawOde greeted a sitting President and reminded him of the concerns over Line 5 and the dangers it poses to the Great Lakes. President Biden was engaged at least five times by members of the group. All engagements mentioned to him to shut down line 5. They heard short responses like he is working on it or he just listened.

One of the group's best engagements was when Wright asked President Biden for a picture with himself, Ray St. Clair, Field Director, Peggy Mcnew, Elder, Beatrice Menase Kwe Jackson, Spiritual Leader, and Michael T. Findley, Pipe Carrier. All are members of federally recognized tribes throughout Michigan and Minnesota and members of MackinawOde. Biden happily obliged, telling Wright to put his arm around him. The President seemed to jump at the opportunity. One onlooker yelled out, "Oh my God," seeming to suggest they could not believe what they were seeing.

"We just had an eagle fly over, and now, we were gathered around President Biden, wearing our regalia, and representing our people," said Wright. Wright also spoke to Biden earlier who said, "Remember Indian Nations," to which



Wright responded, "Right on brother."

"So often, others are allowed to speak for us, and no one asks us for our opinion. The media does this and so does society in general. MackinawOde aims to change this," said Wright. "Our mission was accomplished. We came showing ourselves as Anishinabek people welcoming the President of the



United States to our territory and letting him know we want the Line 5 and Line 3 pipelines shut down. And we did this better than we thought. It was an historic day for all Anishinabek as we assert ourselves as a people, wear our traditional attire, greet the President and air our grievances in a respectful manner. We believe our actions will help make a difference. And we know the story of our actions will be repeated for others to hear." Wright also states the group spoke with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, U.S. Senator Gary Peters and U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow about Line 5. Wright says all of our comments were well received. Wright says it is his belief Anishinabek Treaty rights may be the final solution to getting the Enbridge pipeline out and stopping the tunnel from being built, "it may be our Treaties that will help put an end to

this."

**More About MackinawOde**

MackinawOde is a non-profit indigenous led group based out of Petoskey, MI. Founded in 2019, MackinawOde also educates the public about dangers to our environment using indigenous teachings and even Treaty Plant Walks. Their past actions include the indigenous aspect of the Line 5 Enbridge Eviction Notice on May 13, 2021 in Mackinaw City, MI, where more than 500 people attended, making it the largest Line 5 protection group event ever. They have been featured in many media articles and television interviews for their efforts. Founding member Nathan Wright has been an indigenous and water rights activist since he was 12 years old. A former U.S. Marine and now, a water protector. He used to fight for his country, but now he fights for Mother Earth. A veteran of Standing Rock, he



owns a business called Herbal Lodge, which utilizes indigenous wild forage plant and mushroom medicines from the pristine forests of Michigan. He is joined by fellow MackinawOde board members, Adam Victor and Christian Nakarado.

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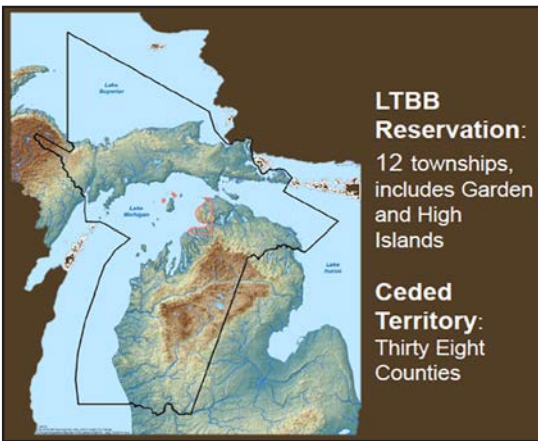
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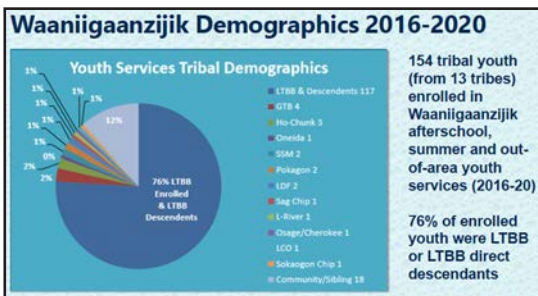
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LTBB Waaniigaanizjik youth program provides year-round, out-of-area-services for tribal youth residing in the Great Lakes region.



**Distance Learning and Out-of-Area Outreach 2020**

- 65 tribal youth received cultural and academic support materials during Waaniigaanizjik's nine-week summer and afterschool mailing program.
- 21 tribal families enrolled with Waaniigaanizjik academic support services.
- 558 cultural mailing packets (Waaniigaanizjik Fun Packs) were distributed via mail and local delivery.
- 250 cultural and high interest books were distributed in our youth book bag program (Read-Around-the-Bay).
- Waaniigaanizjik Anishinaabemowin activity booklets were distributed to 210 tribal youth at LTBB's Youth Halloween and Solstice events.

**Waaniigaanizjik Fun Packs**

Many tribal youth do not have access to local cultural and academic support materials. Last year, LTBB Youth Services created Fun Packs and Art-kits-to-go programs to expand outreach to tribal youth residing in and around the Great Lakes area.



**Youth Services Webpage**  
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**Contact information:** Barry Bott, Youth Assistant, at [bbott@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:bbott@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov), Cara Gamez, Academic Support Specialist, at [cgamez@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:cgamez@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) and Kristina Dominic, Youth Services Director, [kdominic@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:kdominic@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). For summer program questions or inquiries, please call 231-340-1910.

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# U.S. BOARDING SCHOOLS TO BE INVESTIGATED

By Kalle Benallie

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

The U.S. Department of Interior will formally investigate the impact of federal Indian boarding schools, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced before tribal leaders on Tuesday (June 22, 2021).

The new "Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative" will result in a detailed report compiled by the Interior and will include historical records of boarding school locations, burial sites and enrollment logs of children's names and tribal affiliations. Haaland made the announcement virtually at the 2021 National Congress of American Indians mid-year conference, a four-day gathering for tribal leaders, policymakers and partners to discuss issues currently facing Indian country.

The unprecedented move will ultimately aim to create healing by understanding the true scope of boarding schools in the U.S., Haaland said.

"I know that this process will be long and difficult. I know that this process will be painful. It won't undo the heartbreak and loss we feel. But only by acknowledging the past can we work toward a future that we're all proud to embrace," Haaland said who is a citizen of Laguna Pueblo.

The initiative will make "a comprehensive review of the troubled legacy of federal boarding school policies" from as early as the 19th century.

The agency says it will proceed in phases to collect information. Tribal nations, Alaska Native corporations and Native Hawaiian organizations will be formally consulted to clarify "the processes and procedures for protecting identified burial sites and associated information," the agency said in a news release.

As news spread across Indian country, tribal leaders reacted saying the investigation is important and needed.

"This troubling history deserves more attention to raise awareness and to educate others about the atrocities that our people experienced, so that they can better understand our society today and work together to heal and move forward," Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez said in a statement.

Hopi Tribe Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma asks how many children never made it home.

"It brings to question now: How many of those kids that were taken away all came back? And are some still considered missing and where may some of these kids be?" Nuvangyaoma said.

"I think it's going to reignite maybe some emotions for some elders who have, you know, a history with this," he added.

The chairman praised Haaland and her role in the Biden administration.

"Had it been somebody else, not of a Native background, Native culture, would this actually be getting the attention that it's getting today? My thought is no," Nuvangyaoma told *Indian Country Today*. "So, I would align with everybody else in that same thought, in that concept because we do have a Native American woman, a strong woman at the helm who understands some of these concerns, is probably the only reason why this is being brought up now as a scenario."

On social media, Native and non-Native people reacted, commending Haaland's actions. Some added they are nervous to learn the findings of the report.

"I hope families will have closure if their relatives are found," one person wrote on Twitter.

"This is huge. I grew up knowing about



these sites bc both of my grandparents survived them (only by life, not sure if their hearts totally survived) and my father made sure I knew the stories. Horrifying to think of how much this is going to uncover on record," another wrote.

The agency added available historical records will be surveyed from federal repositories like the National Archives, the American Indian records repository and non-governmental organizations which operated Indian residential boarding schools.

A final written report will be submitted to Haaland by April 1, 2022 and will be supervised by the office of the assistant secretary for Indian Affairs.

"We must shed light on what happened at federal boarding schools," Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland, citizen of the Bay Mills Indian Community, said. "As we move forward in this work, we will engage in Tribal consultation on how best to use this information, protect burial sites, and respect families and communities."

The initiative, Haaland said, was created after the discovery of 215 unmarked graves of indigenous children by Canada's Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. Many believe it is likely more graves will be found at the U.S. Indian boarding schools.

Federal boarding schools first started with the Indian Civilization Act of 1819 when the U.S. enacted laws and policies to establish and support Indian boarding schools across the nation. For more than 150 years, indigenous children were taken from their communities and forced into boarding schools which focused on assimilation.

A key point of Haaland's included the federal government's attempt to wipe out tribal identity, language and culture and how that past has continued to manifest itself through long-standing trauma, cycles of violence and abuse, premature deaths, mental disorders and substance abuse.

She added a story of her own grandmother who was loaded on a train with other children from her village to be shipped off to boarding school. This story was also highlighted in a recent op-ed Haaland penned for the *Washington Post*. She said many families have been haunted for too long by the "dark history" of these institutions and the agency has a responsibility to recover that history.

"I don't see it as my role to be the voice for all Native people, but rather to amplify your voices so that American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities have a seat at the table to speak for themselves," Haaland said. "By sitting at this table together, we can build a better relationship for future generations that is not rooted in the worst parts of our past."

*The Associated Press and ICT reporter Aliyah Chavez contributed to this report.*

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**Susie Q. Searles, 70**

Susie Q. Searles, 70, of Pellston, MI, died June 2, 2021 at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI. Susie was born on May 25, 1951 in Boyne City, MI, the daughter of Walter and Isabell (Pabo) Carson and was raised in East Jordan, MI, graduating from East Jordan High School. Susie was a stay-at-home mother while the kids were raised, following which she went to work at a local laundromat before going to work as a Cashier at the Victories/Odawa Casino. Susie worked there for more than 15 years. Susie was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and enjoyed spending time outside, going to the Petoskey Break Wall and Maple Bay. She was

a people watcher and liked camping, going to garage sales and auctions, hunting, fishing and mushrooming. Susie's greatest love and joy was her family. She treasured the time she spent with her husband, children and especially, her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Alvin Searles; two daughters, Linda (Jason) Whitley, of Charlevoix, MI, and, Melissa McClanathan, of Charlevoix, MI; three grandchildren, Carson, Ella and Sara; stepchildren, Alvin Searles, Jr., Jessica Searles and Craig Searles; and step-grandchildren, Gavin, Morgan, Mitchell, Jaden, Trey, Truman and Cyrus. Susie was preceded in death by her parents and by three siblings, Elsie Carson, Una Myrick and Kit Carson.

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