

# Odawa Trails!



## MIIGWETCH FOR YOUR SERVICE

### ALICE HUGHES

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Election Board honored LTBB Tribal Citizen Alice Hughes for nearly 30 years of service on the Election Board by gifting her with a Pendleton blanket.



Hughes completed her service on the Election Board in November 2021.

Per Waganakising Odawak Statute 2012-020 Election Board, the Election Board “conducts all general and special elections and adopts rules and regulations governing elections.”

In order to be appointed an Election Board member, an LTBB Tribal Citizen must be 18 years of age and be a registered voter.

Election Board Secretary Carla Osawamick said Hughes’ dedication was inspirational.

“Alice, known as Allie, was very dedicated to serving on the Board,” Osawamick said. “She never missed work sessions or meetings and always arrived early. She often volunteered for special work sessions.”

The Election Board also registers voters. LTBB tribal citizens must be 18 years old to be registered voters.

“We’re a people, we should stand up for our rights and be counted,” Hughes said.

Hughes said the most enjoyable thing about serving on the Election Board were the people she worked with over the years.

“It was rewarding because I felt like I was doing something worthwhile,” Hughes said of serving on the Election Board. “I thought it would be interesting to do it. I wanted to do something within the tribe.”

In the early days of the Election Board, board members mailed and tabulated all the ballots by hand. It wasn’t until 2000 or 2001 when the Election Board hired someone to mail and electronically tabulate the ballots.

“It was an enormous undertaking when we did everything by hand even though we had fewer tribal members back then,” Hughes said.

In her free time, she enjoys visiting and going places while she’s still able to get around.

Hughes wanted to wish the Election Board members all the best going forward.

Courtesy photo.

## LTBB HELPING TO SHAPE STATE OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Boozhoo! Aanii! Kina Gwaya,

Waabishkaa Mukwa Kwe ndizhnikaaaz miinwaa Amanda Weinert, zhaaganaash noozwin. Mukwa ndodem. Garden Peninsula ndoonjibaa. Biidaasige ndodaa. Bahweting Ojibwe miinwaa Waganakising Odawa miinwaa zhaaganaash ndaaw. Kinomaagaa kwe ndonaangzhe.

I am writing to share some of my work as the Ishkaakimikwe Kinoomaagewinan (Teachings of the Earth) Curriculum Specialist for the LTBB Niigaandiwin Education Department.

In August of 2021, *Maawndoongan: Anishinaabe Resource Manual to Accompany the State of Michigan Social Studies Standards* was released on the Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments (CMTED) new website, cmted.org.

This was a long time coming. *Maawndoongan* was needed decades ago, and stems from generations of Anishinaabek educational advocacy. Standardized, settler K-12 public education often lacks authentic information about Indigenous Peoples. *Maawndoongan* is



a much-needed resource for all students, teachers and school administration.

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What does *Maawndoongan* mean? We wanted a word which represents the manual and our work well. The title was gifted to the team by Isabelle Osawamick, Outreach Language Specialist/Anishinaabemowin teacher at Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. *Maawndoongan* - (pronounced like “yawn” but with an “m”) + (pronounced like “own” with a “d” in front) + (hard

“Curriculum” continued on page 36.

## SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER WITHIN THE LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY

In the month of December 2021, the Niigaandiwin Education Department was tasked with the planning of the Children’s Winter Solstice and the CARES PPE Pop-ups events in Grand Rapids, Lansing and Sault Ste. Marie, MI. This is the second holiday season we’ve faced as a community during a global pandemic and through the support and encouragement of our Tribal Chairperson Regina-Gasco Bentley as well as the Executive Office, we were able to serve more than 500 tribal families this holiday season.

While the Niigaandiwin Education Department was tasked with coordinating these events, it was very much a community effort. We had so many LTBB employees, enterprises, board members as well as community members who poured themselves into making these events a success. Through the help of so many, we were able to provide LTBB Tribal Families with food items, products from our very own tribal farm, Ziibimijwang, books as well as children’s toys and educational materials.

We are proud to say employees across departments and branches — including the Odawa Casino — donated toys for the Solstice and pop-up events. And we can’t forget our tribal gas station, Biindigen! They made a huge toy donation for these events and we are so grateful.



Chi Miigwetch to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation (OEAH) Board Members and Staff. OEAH generously donated gifts for our teen youth, purchased CASES of Ziibimijwang products

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 1-24-2022 = 4,474

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ElectionBoard@ltbbelectionboard.org

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Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement

Debendziwin aawan maanda Odawa aawiyiing. Geyaabi gdaa'anaa miinwaa gdanwewmi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing debendziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendziwin miinwaa wiinmaadendziyiing. Gdabendaanaa debendziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadziwin miinwaa mndoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaanijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinoomaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabii'amigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadenda-mowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigi kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

LTBB Mission Statement

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

## Contact Information

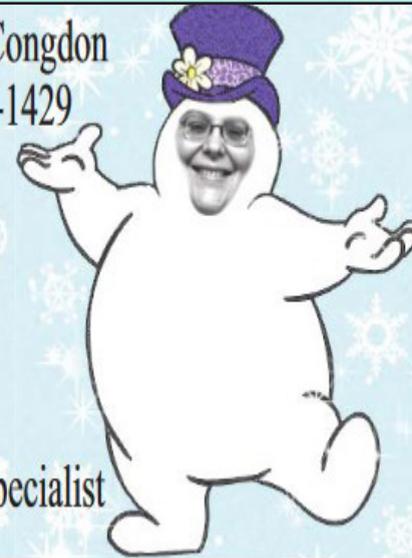
# ODAWA TRAILS

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

The deadline for the March 2022 issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 7, 2022.

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

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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### FORM 4013: RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER ANNUAL SALES TAX CREDIT - TAX YEAR 2021

The Form 4013: Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit is now available for the 2021 tax year. This form will not automatically be distributed; however, it is available **upon request** from the LTBB Department of Commerce (DOC) office. Most programs used for e-filing taxes or programs used by professional tax preparers will automatically generate the Form 4013 upon selecting you are a Resident Tribal Member. For those who do not e-file or do not use a tax preparer or those who prefer to have a paper copy of the Form 4013 – please contact the LTBB DOC office to request a copy be mailed or e-mailed to you. The LTBB DOC office can be reached at 231-242-

1584 or [DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). For any Resident Tribal Members who are unaware of the purpose of the Form 4013 – this form is used to obtain the annual sales tax credit per our Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan. The Form 4013 is filed with your Michigan Income Taxes and the credit is given based on a formula using your adjusted gross income. It is to your advantage to submit this form so you may receive your annual credit. If you have any questions on this form, including how to submit – please contact the LTBB DOC office. Miigwech – *Hayden Hooper, LTBB Department of Commerce Director.*

### ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN OWNED BUSINESSES

LTBB Tribal Citizen owned businesses wishing to be e-mailed of various business opportunities within the LTBB Government or LTBB-owned enterprises should contact the LTBB Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide an e-mail address in which they would like to be contacted and include a brief statement of what

their business offers. LTBB DOC will reach out to these businesses directly when departments or entities ask for their business opportunities to be shared. LTBB DOC can be reached at 231-242-1584 or [DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

### IMPORTANT TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UPDATE

The LTBB Department of Commerce would like to share an important update regarding the Tribal Certificate of Exemption (TCE). While we strongly encourage Resident Tribal Members (RTMs) to obtain TCEs prior to the purchase(s), there is now a way to request a refund directly from the Michigan Department of Treasury for taxes paid on eligible items. If you made an eligible purchase while being an RTM, and you did NOT claim your exemption at the time of purchase – please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce for detailed information on how to request your refund. Refund claims must be made within four years of the original

date of purchase. Please note this refund option should not be used as an alternative to the regular TCE process; rather, it should be a fallback option as the process for a refund is more burdensome on the RTM and still requires the RTM to obtain a TCE. The refund will be requested directly from the Michigan Department of Treasury, however, LTBB DOC can walk you through the process and help you obtain the necessary paperwork to do so (TCE, appropriate receipts, forms from the seller, etc.). Please contact the LTBB DOC office at 231-242-1584 or [DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) for additional information.

### REQUESTS FOR TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION (TCE)

The LTBB Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind all Resident Tribal Citizens (RTC) that Requests for Tribal Certificates of Exemption (TCE) must be submitted prior to making the purchases. DOC has up to 96 hours to process the request once all necessary information has been received. If the purchase is made before obtaining the TCE, there is now a fallback option which makes it possible for Citizens to request a refund directly from the Michigan De-

partment of Treasury, however this should not be used in lieu of the regular TCE process. The refund process is more burdensome on the RTC and still requires that a TCE is obtained. Refund requests can be made within four (4) years of the original date of purchase. Please contact the DOC office at 231.242.1584 or [DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) if you need to request a refund or for any other TCE questions.

### LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA & RESIDENT TRIBAL CITIZENS

Listed below are the townships included in the LTBB Tax Agreement Area. If your principal residence is within the Tax Agreement Area and your address is updated with the LTBB Enrollment department, you are considered a Resident Tribal Citizen and are eligible for several tax exemptions as defined in our Tax Agreement. For more information on the available exemptions, please contact the DOC office at 231.242.1584 or [DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

- 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 (North of the bridge only)
- \*Charlevoix Township (North of the bridge only)

LTBB Tax Agreement Area Townships:  
 Cross Village (all)  
 Friendship (all)

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ISSUES CONCERNING LAND CLAIMS DISTRIBUTION (TRUST FUND), PLEASE CONTACT CARRIE CARLSON, CFO, AT 231-242-1442.**



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

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

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



Waganakising Odawa Career Technical Education Program

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

**WOCTEP offers Financial Assistance!**



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

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

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



**STAY CONNECTED!**

Text "HigherEd" to 33222 to receive LTBB Higher Education updates and deadline reminders. Standard data and msg rates apply.

## 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  
 Pauline Boulton 231.242.1520



# EXECUTIVE BRANCH

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



January Executive Town Hall Meetings.

I want to encourage our community to join the Executive Branch on the second Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to learn about the new projects our departments are working on. Attendees have the opportunity to engage and ask questions as well as connect with internal resources. Additionally, the Executive Branch is featuring tribal elders in the sessions to provide invaluable cultural teachings which remind us of who we are as Waganakising Odawak. The Executive Town Hall meetings also serve as a platform for sharing our important COVID-19 updates from our physicians and Health Director which include up-to-date information on strains, mitigation efforts and

vaccination/booster guidelines.

As we navigate through yet another surge in COVID-19 cases, please continue to implement the 3 W's in your routine - Wash your hands, Wear a mask and Watch your distance. These steps may be simple but are very important to ensure we continue to move forward in this pandemic. A big chi-migwech to our Health Clinic and Pharmacy staff for their tireless efforts in keeping our community members healthy, safe and informed, to our departments constantly evolving their services to meet the current needs of our citizens and to the LTBB community for their persistence and sacrifice in this pandemic. Together, we will get through this. Migwech!

### LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



- May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day
- July 4, 2022 - Independence Day
- September 5, 2022 - Lewis & Doris Adams Day
- September 21, 2022 - Sovereignty Day
- September 24, 2022 - Michigan Indian Day
- October 10, 2022 - Indigenous People's Day
- November 11, 2022 - Veteran's Day
- November 23, 2022 - Thanksgiving
- November 24, 2022 - Day After Thanksgiving
- December 23, 2022 - Christmas Eve
- December 24, 2022 - Christmas Day
- December 30, 2022 - New Year's Eve

Boozhoo kina gwaya (Hello everyone).

2022 is going to be an exciting year full of new goals and projects.

Our staff are already hard at work introducing opportunities to our community such as virtual open Anishinaabemowin classes and affordable housing development, both of which were recently highlighted in the December and

# JUDICIAL BRANCH

## CEDAR BATH: PRESERVING THE ANISHINAABE CULTURE WITH TRADITIONAL CEREMONIES

The Anishinaabe people believe our spirit comes from the star world. With that knowledge, our people were given instructions to prepare our spirits for this journey here on Mother Earth and also the preparation for when our spirit returns home back to the star world. One of the instructions given to prepare our spirits is the Cedar Bath Ceremony. To recognize the birth of a new life, we prepare the first bath of that child/spirit. The medicine is to give them the strength they need for their journey, the wisdom, the healing and the sense of belonging. It helps them recognize themselves as Anishinaabe.

Cedar, as one of our sacred medicines, is used for protection, purification and bringing balance. The cedar bath ceremony is a personal ceremony which brings healing to the body, mind and spirit. This ceremony is used for transitional phases in life from birth to death.

This ceremony is also performed to provide healing from past traumas, grief, negativity, fear and toxins. In addition, this ceremony helps



loved ones who have walked on with their journey to the spirit world.

An important step before beginning the ceremony is harvesting and preparing the cedar water. When gathering the cedar, we offer the semaa (tobacco) first, we tell the Creator the purpose of the ceremony AND always ask for the good medicine only. Semaa ngabigidnaa wiidaapnamaa wenshishiing mshkiki. - I'll offer tobacco to pick this good medicine.

Always have good intentions and positive thoughts when harvesting medicine. We give thanks to the Creator for giving us this medicine. We then boil the cedar leaves in a glass or a stainless-steel pot. We want the water to be as



pure as possible. Boil until the cedar turns brown. The water is now ready for a cedar bath.

Whether the ceremony is for you personally, a newborn or the passing of a loved one, reach out to the elders, traditional healers, spiritual advisors and or mentors in your community who can better instruct you or assist you with the ceremony. Be sure to offer your semaa.

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## Temporary Help Wanted

- Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:**
- Gain valuable work experience?
  - Work in the tribal community?
  - Make a little extra money?
  - Gain experience in several fields?

### Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!

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

Call: 231-242-1563

## LTBB TOWN HALL MEETINGS



Please join the Executive Branch on the second Wednesday of each month from 10AM to 12PM to receive updates on the LTBB Government's COVID-19 response, department services, Tribal Elder teachings, and more! Attendees can attend by phone, or Zoom. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Agendas and notices for any rescheduled meetings will be posted on the LTBB website, and other tribal communication outlets.

- 2022 LTBB Town Hall Meeting Schedule:**
- February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11,
  - June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14,
  - October 12, November 9, and December 14

Call 786-635-1003 Webinar ID: 870 1757 9318 Passcode: 002323 or on Zoom at [www.tinyurl.com/lbbtownhall](http://www.tinyurl.com/lbbtownhall) Use passcode 002323

## Community Support Group

Provided by: LTBB Behavior Health

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

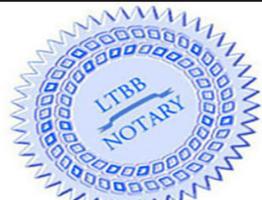
The meetings are intended for anyone that would like to talk to others during this difficult time. Cultural Advisor, Matt Davis and Case Manager, Sara Hacker will provide the community with information on; community resources, cultural teachings, talking circles and more.

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

## TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

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

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Expiration Date	Serial Number	Phone Number
Rebecca R Fisher	Active	February 20, 2027	02-09	Not Available
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	June 5, 2023	05-09	231-242-1462
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	February 21, 2027	10-09	231-242-1400
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	August 23, 2027	11-09	231-242-1610
Marin C Taylor	Active	May 14, 2024	13-09	231-242-1521
Hayden Hooper	Active	February 1, 2027	15-09	231-242-1584
Lakota Worthington	Active	May 4, 2027	16-09	231-242-1401



# February Elders Birthdays

**February 1**

Eileen O'Shea  
Doris Beaudin  
Kathryn Loonsfoot  
Michael Schmidt  
Candace Quick  
Dorothy Buren

**February 2**

Robert Nadeau  
Carolyn Mejia  
Michael Peters  
Lori Gee  
Karen Lambert

**February 3**

Denise Zimmer  
Clayton Walker  
Paul Shananaquet  
Ann Waldmiller

**February 4**

Wilbert Bunkley, Jr.  
Andrea Sandoz  
Ellie Payton  
Charlotte Duvernay  
Theodore Engstrom

**February 5**

Benjamin Bernard  
Darlene Mulholland  
Barbara Memon  
David Harrington

**February 6**

Michele Hillman  
Stephanie Brew  
Sherry Archibald  
Kathy Austin  
Brunell Martineau

**February 7**

Richard Wanshon  
Donald Masse  
Russell Masse

**February 8**

Glenn Browning  
Connie Fitch  
Lewis Fisher  
Marcia Petrescue

**February 9**

Joey Deckrow  
Grace Zerbe  
Wynonah Shawa  
Michael Givens  
Evert Sineway  
Terry Lark

**February 10**

Michele Mabry  
Ralph Swanson  
Sally Spangler

**February 11**

Donna Hielkema  
Joyce Thompson  
Katherine Beech  
Dennis Frederick

**February 12**

Floyd Genia, Jr.  
Josephine Pawneshing  
William Tuffelmire  
Wayne Montez

**February 13**

Gregory Williamson

**February 14**

Carolyn Nadeau - Forbes  
Brenda Spikes  
Rhonda Lowe  
Mikel Bagby  
Patricia Dyer-Deckrow  
David Gross

**February 15**

Kevin Casey  
Artie Romero

**February 16**

Kendra Pertot  
Angela Bowen  
Doreen Sampson  
Deborah Reynolds  
Betty Moses  
Sharon Shepard  
David Hardwick

**February 17**

Jacqueline Campos  
Thomas Adams  
Lee Graham

**February 18**

Ralph LaVigne, Jr.

**February 19**

Leela Harrison  
Carol Jeffers  
Nancy Bailey  
Christine Wemigwase  
Roberta Butcher  
Beatrice Oberlin

**February 20**

Mary Cripps  
Gregory Shananaquet  
Justin Shananaquet  
Krystine Rojas  
Deleta Smith

**February 21**

Steven Otto  
William Vandegriff  
Wade Smith  
Kimberly White  
Kathryn Terlizzi

**February 22**

Charles Barber, Sr.  
Sandra Gilbault

**February 23**

Andrew Gould  
Barbara Kenwabikise  
William Meshekey, Jr.  
Arvilla Bateman  
Mashilaa Beam  
Ronald Washegesic, Sr.

**February 24**

Johanna Cameron  
Jerri Lynn Barker  
Roxanne Ross  
Gary Young

**February 25**

Beverly McLean  
Ronald Wilson  
Gayla Keshick  
Carla Osawamick  
Mary Calcaterra  
Dolores Thomas

**February 26**

Allan Moore  
Jeanette Bailey  
David Duvernay

**February 27**

Patricia Maple  
Colleen Falwell  
Joann Nelson  
David Martell

**February 28**

Pamela Flores  
Kirk Warren

**Ininaatig Dibaajimowinan**  
STORYTELLING : SUGAR MAPLE

Join us VIRTUALLY  
Tuesday  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
7pm ET / 6pm CT

REGISTER:  
<https://forms.gle/byUM8SyDu5VytTjx9>

Community members come together from across sugar maple territory to talk about our relationship with *Ininaatig* (the maple tree). A panel of elders, harvesters, and resource managers will share stories, experiences, concerns, and items of importance for the next generation to care for *Ininaatig*.

šapomáhtek (Menominee) wáhta? (Oneida) ininaatig (Ojibwe) shokul mtuk (Stockbridge-Munsee)

State of Wisconsin Sustainable Development Institute, NIACS

**EAT WELL BE WELL**

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

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

CGordon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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

Email Charla today to schedule an appointment!



**WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME SHOES.** OPIOID ADDICTION DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE

Opioid addiction is a medical condition that can affect any race, gender, or social class. Those affected need our compassion and respect.

- Opioids can be highly addictive.
- Talk to your doctor about other options for pain management.
- Never share an opioid prescription.
- Dispose of unused medication safely at a take-back program near you.

STOP THE STIGMA.

If you are a member of our Tribal Community and you need help, call Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Behavioral Health at (231) 242-1640

100% Funded by SAMHSA Tribal Opioid Response grant #479T10010716

**2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!**

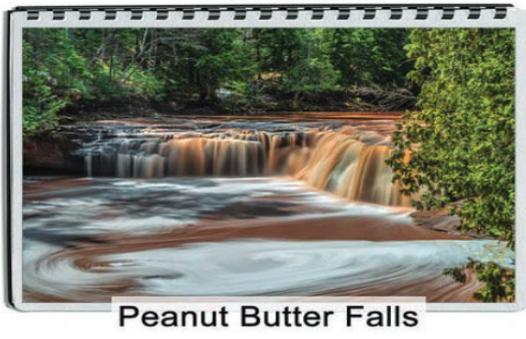
Tribal Directories include adult name and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled before January 28, 2021, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

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  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Enrollment Office  
231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521  
Fax 231-242-1526



# COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

## LTBB Christmas Coloring Contest Winners



Lucius - 5



Skylar - 8



Khaleesi - 6



Quinn - 9



Jayce - 5



Esme - 11



Honoring  
Our Past.  
Creating Hope  
for the Future.

### WE CAN HELP

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

#### DIRECT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline

800-4-A-CHILD

Cyber Civil Rights Initiative

844-878-2274

Love Is Respect

866-331-9474, TTY 866-331-8453

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

877-MADD-HELP

National Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-SAFE, TTY 800-787-3224

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888, TTY 711

National Runaway Safeline

800-RUNAWAY

Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.

888-818-POMC

Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network

800-656-HOPE

Pathways to Safety International

833-SAFE-833

StrongHearts Native Helpline

844-7NATIVE

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

800-273-8255, TTY 800-799-4889

The Trevor Project

866-488-7386

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255 x1, TTY 800-799-4889

#### INFO & REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS

Battered Women's Justice Project

Legal Helpline

800-903-0111 x1, TTY 711

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Country

Child Abuse Hotline

800-633-5155

Federal Trade Commission Identity

Theft Hotline

877-FTC-HELP, TTY 866-653-4261

National Center for Missing &

Exploited Children

800-THE-LOST\*

Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Services Administration Helpline

800-662-HELP, TTY 800-487-4889

VictimConnect Resource Center

855-4-VICTIM

# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## HUMAN SERVICES MAILBOX NOW AVAILABLE



The Department of Human Services (DHS) would like to announce our new mailbox for tribal citizens to drop off DHS applications. It is located outside the main door at the 911 building in Petoskey, MI. Staff will be checking it throughout the day Monday through Friday, and it will be available for tribal citizen use on the weekends.

DHS is not responsible for lost/stolen items if used for other departments.

*Courtesy photo.*



## 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.

WINTER PRODUCE



the winter months. Check out broccoli, Brussels sprouts, root veggies, squash and more. SNAP-Ed Connection's Seasonal Produce Guide has tips, information and recipes for 28 kinds of produce which make a delicious addition to your winter meals. Remember, canned, frozen and dried varieties are another great way to add more fruits and veggies to your plate all year long. SNAP-Ed Connection's Seasonal Produce Guide can be found at <http://snaped.fns.usda.gov/seasonal-produce-guide> Courtesy graphic.

It's getting colder outside, but there are still lots of fruits and veggies fresh and abundant in

FEBRUARY 2022 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<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: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Peshawbestown: 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Traverse City: 17<sup>th</sup>  
 For more information, contact Food Distribution Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine at 231-347-2573



Stepping into the **NEW YEAR** with MyPlate

Step 1: Reflect & Take Action

Focus on where you are now and discover small changes you can make going forward. Take the [MyPlate Quiz](#) to see how your eating habits stack up against the MyPlate recommendations. For more information, make sure to check out all of the personalized resources on the quiz results page.



Step 2: Start Simple

Take it one day at a time and focus on small changes you can accomplish now, and then slowly build on those to meet your long-term goals. The [Start Simple with MyPlate app](#) can help you set and track daily food group goals as you work on eating healthier. Don't forget to use your custom MyPlate code to personalize your food group goals.



Step 3: Make a Plan for Home

Look for fun ways to eat at home more often. Theme-nights like homemade taco night can make things interesting and help make meal planning easier. Check out [MyPlate Kitchen](#) to discover over 1,000 healthy, budget-friendly recipes.



Step 4: Make a Plan for Grocery Shopping

Now that you have a meal plan, you're ready to shop. The [Shop Simple with MyPlate tool](#) can help you save money while shopping for healthy food choices. Use this tool to find cost-saving opportunities in your local area and discover new ways to prepare budget-friendly foods.

Step 5: Celebrate Success

As you build healthy habits and find ways to reach and keep your goals, make sure to celebrate your accomplishments along the way! And don't forget, MyPlate is here to help you! So, continue to visit [MyPlate.gov](#) for more information and resources to keep you eating healthy in the new year.



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

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

**Stronghearts Native Helpline**  
 844-762-8483

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
 1-800-799-7233

**LTBB Survivor Outreach**  
 231-242-1628

**LTBB Behavioral Health**  
 231-242-1640

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

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

**KNOW RESPECT**  
 Mnaadendmowin  
 Be respectful

**SHOW LOVE**  
 Zaagidwin  
 Be caring

**BE HONEST**  
 Gwekwaadziwin  
 Be truthful

**The 7 Grandfather Teachings**  
 LOVE  
 RESPECT  
 COURAGE  
 HONESTY  
 WISDOM  
 HUMILITY  
 TRUTH

**Get involved • Support survivors**  
 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
 Call Monday through Friday 8-5: (231) 242-1620  
 Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan  
 24-Hour Crisis and Information Line: (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995

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**SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES**

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

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

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

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

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The 7 Grandfather Teachings guide us in our **actions** to end sexual violence

mnaadendmowin (respect)  
 nbwaakaawin (wisdom)  
 zaagidwin (love)  
 gwekwaadziwin (honesty)  
 dbaadendizwin (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

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# NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

## ELK HUNT 2021

Shannon Ortiz harvested a cow, weighing 250 pounds, in Otsego County, MI, on December 7, 2021 and Jacob Ortiz harvested a bull, weighing 550 pounds, in Otsego County, MI, on December 5, 2021. It was a family affair as

they were accompanied by their brother, William Ortiz II, their mother, Mindi Ortiz, their father, William Ortiz, and their uncle, Patrick Ortiz.

*Courtesy photos.*



**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

**HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES**

**1-855-NRD-TIPS**

TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477

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

**EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION**



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

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

# 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](mailto:enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

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

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

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

7845 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
231-242-1670  
[dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)




## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS ENJIBOOZBIIGENG - ENROLLMENT OFFICE

### Services for our citizens:

- Picture Tribal Identification Cards – Available same day. May be requested via mail and electronically.
  - Address Changes – Adults only need to be notified if not having mail sent to their home. Minors must be notified annually. We have a Tribal Notary in office and many other onsite at the Government Complex.
  - Marriage License Applications – Please allow one business day to pick up the Licenses.
  - Tribal Directories – Available same day.
- We certify for our citizens:
- Michigan Indian Tuition Waivers
  - Eagle Parts and Feather Applications
  - LTBB Indian Blood Quantum
- Apply to become a:
- Citizen – Application available via mail

only

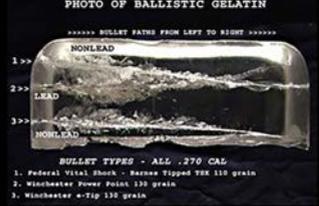
- Tribal Notary
  - Marriage Commissioner Need something?
  - Request a document from your Enrollment file
  - Blood quantum adjustment
  - Relinquishment requests Have any questions or need a form sent to you? Call or email: Lindsey Doerfler – P: 231-242-1522 E-mail: [ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) Marin Taylor – P: 231-242-1521 E-mail: [mtaylor@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:mtaylor@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) Pauline Boulton – P: 231-242-1520 E-mail: [pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) Forms are also available on the LTBB Website.
- <https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment>  
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/forms>

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

**Why Switch?**



**PHOTO OF BALLISTIC GELATIN**



**BULLET TYPES - ALL .270 CAL**

1. Federal Vital Shot - Remco Tipped 110 grain
2. Winchester Power Point 130 grain
3. Winchester 4-Tip 130 grain

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



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

 Like us at [www.facebook.com/LTBBHigherEducation](https://www.facebook.com/LTBBHigherEducation)

FOR CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND FINANCIAL AID UPDATES

# ELDERS DEPARTMENT

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

## ELDERS DEPARTMENT

231-242-1423

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

### FOOD & UTILITY APPROPRIATION ALLOWANCE APPLICATION

Please print the following information:

CURRENT YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ TRIBAL ENROLLMENT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

### DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE! OFFICE USE ONLY.

Amount

Food & Utilities Allowance	2107-2-6370-10	
<b>Total Amount of Check</b>		

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY

VENDOR #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A.P. REVIEW: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTROLLER: \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help. Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get a free well and septic system or replace your current system. Please be aware it takes approximately 3 to 4 months to gain federal approval of your application.

### 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

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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



Emily Proctor  
 Marcella Reyes  
 Tamara Kiogima  
 Melissa Pamp  
 Leroy Shomin  
 Marty Van De Car  
 Fred Kiogima  
 William Ortiz  
 Aaron Otto

**November 2021**

DATE									
11/2/21	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11/4/21	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11/9/21	Anishinaabek Caucus MMIW Townhall via Zoom							X	
11/9/21	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting		X		X	X	X		
11/16/21	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
11/18/21	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

\*Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs

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



Emily Proctor  
 Marcella Reyes  
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 Aaron Otto

**December 2021**

DATE									
12/3/21	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting	X	X		X	X	X		X
12/7/21	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X		X		X	X		
12/9/21	Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Meeting								X
12/13/21	Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Meeting								X
12/14/21	Appropriations and Finance Committee Special Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12/14/21	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12/16/21	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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2022

## Legislative Branch/Tribal Council Regular Work Session &amp; Meeting Schedule

*(Offices closed Thursday, December 30, in recognition of New Year's Eve and Friday, December 31, in recognition of New Year's Day)*

Work Session: Tuesday – January 04, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – January 06, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – January 18, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – January 20, 2022

Work Session: Tuesday – February 01, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – February 03, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – February 15, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – February 17, 2022

Work Session: Tuesday – March 01, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – March 03, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – March 15, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – March 17, 2022  
*March 20, Spring Equinox*

Work Session: Tuesday – April 05, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – April 07, 2022  
*(April 15, Good Friday, Legislative Offices Closed)*  
Work Session: Tuesday – April 19, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – April 21, 2022

Work Session: Tuesday – May 03, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – May 05, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – May 17, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – May 19, 2022  
*(May 30, Monday - Memorial Day, Offices Closed)*

Work Session: Tuesday – June 07, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – June 09, 2022  
*June 21, Tuesday SUMMER SOLSTICE*  
Work Session: Tuesday – June 28, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – June 30, 2022

*(July 4, Monday, U.S. Independence Day, Offices Closed)*  
Work Session: Tuesday – July 12, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – July 14, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – July 26, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – July 28, 2022

Work Session: Tuesday – August 09, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – August 11, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – August 23, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – August 25, 2022

*(September 5, Monday, Doris & Lewis Adams Holiday, Offices Closed)*  
Work Session: Tuesday – September 13, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – September 15, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – September 27, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – September 29, 2022

*(September 21, Wednesday, Reaffirmation Day, Offices Closed)*

*(September 22, Thursday, Fall Equinox)*

*(September 24, Friday, Michigan Indian Day, Offices Closed)*

Work Session: Tuesday – October 11, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – October 13, 2021  
*(October 10, Monday, Indigenous Peoples' Day Offices Closed)*  
Work Session: Tuesday – October 25, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – October 27, 2022

Work Session: Tuesday – November 08, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – November 10, 2022  
*(November 11, Thursday, Veteran's Day, Offices Closed)*

Work Session: Tuesday – November 29, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – December 01, 2022  
*(November 23 & 24, Thursday & Friday, Thanksgiving Holiday, Offices Closed)*

Work Session: Tuesday – December 13, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – December 15, 2022  
*(December 21, Wednesday, WINTER SOLSTICE)*

*(December 23, Friday, in recognition of Christmas Eve, Offices Closed)*  
*(December 26, Monday in recognition of Christmas Day, Offices Closed)*  
*(December 30, Friday, in recognition of New Year's Eve, Offices Closed)*  
*(January 2, 2023, Monday in recognition of New Year's Day, Offices Closed)*



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
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Enrollment Office

Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
<b>Replacement/Expired Cards in person or via mail</b> A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Any name charges, no charge. Free to Elders.	\$10
<b>Tribal Directory</b> Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/1/2021 Published every 4 years.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory Labels</b> Requestor must provide labels	\$5
<b>LTBB List</b> The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
<b>Photocopies of Enrollment file</b> <b>First 3 copies free, \$1 for each page thereafter.</b>	\$1 ea
<b>Marriage License Application</b> <b>Certified Copies: \$10</b> <b>Photo Copies: \$5</b>	\$25
<b>Tribal Notary Application</b> <b>Residency/Business residency requirement</b> <b>Surety Bond: \$125 **Cannot be waived**</b>	\$10
<b>Marriage Commission Application</b> <b>Residency/Business residency requirement</b>	\$25
*** Enrollment Fees waived for LTBB Veterans***	
<small>August 19, 2021</small>	

### 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

### 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).



Helping Native Americans achieve self-sufficiency through employment and training opportunities in 28 counties throughout Michigan.

Examples of Services Provided:

- Help with job search & placement
- Development of an Individual Employment Plan
- Opportunities for classroom training
- Assistance for entrepreneurs and small business related costs
- Financial assistance for education and employment related costs.

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

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

# GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

## GAAZHIWEBZIT ZEBET

By Maryann Endanawas,  
Project Instructor/Fluent  
Speaker



Miishgwa minwaa ni'an-semigak giizhigadoon Makwa Giizis. Mii gego makwok zhitaawaad wiishkoziwaad. Zhaazhi giibwaajigewok gi-wiindamaagaazwok mshkikiin waaninakaazang minwaa ngobiboon.

Miisa gewe Zebet giimzhiitaad wiibaazhaad enjinkweshtaadwaad gaagdajik. Ngodibagiswaan wiini'njibzo, aapiji sawiigo minogiizhigad nendam. Giizis giizaagiwebizo, gizhii'aanhzhe miigo ezhi-waaskojiizid goon.

Miisa Zebet giinimaaji-idaabaangod. Aapiji minabizo daabaan nendam gewenh midash giinigaanjidaabaangod. Nwaanj gego nimkwendan Zebet.

Miidash goding geskanaa giimizaagiweptoo goyaa. "Aaniish gona aapiji, gegaa ngiipsikwaa makwa!" Kida Zebet. "Ngiigichinigaakmige jibwaa psikwak!" Miige-go giimi-biimskwaashyaanh. Mii minwaa giipkiteshnaang aasmeyiing goon koshiing shawe miikan. Neyaa minwaa giinaakweshin daabaan enizhaa'amba.

Aaniish gegonaa maaba enokiid gojiing maanda pii nendam gewenh, eshkwa ninaawdabid. Ngiigchishkoshin, ngiikwenookshkaa dash, giindakenmaan daabaan. Gaawii goaanwi giishpawekshimaasii kida gewenh! Ngiinaanaagdownendam aaniish iidig maaba makwa ebaakinomaaged nendam gewenh.

Maage nengaach wiimbizoyaanh, geyaabi zhooshkwaanoon miikanan nendam gewenh. Miidash giizhiitaad minwaa wiimaajibzod, jibwaa biimskomak wiigidaakiwebzod gidaaki miigiwaabmad

daabaan tkamaakshinit miiknang. Gapitaakshing iidik aasmeyiing michikaning edweying etemigak. Giwaabman kchizhoopshinid daabaan edweying.

Wewiip giinipatoo oodi madabit daabaan. Gaawii goyaa giikendaagzisii maage ndawaabjigaade genagaazwad wiwiikbingaazod daabaan nendam Zebet.

Mbe miisa iidik neyaap danigiwebzoyaanh. "Zhaazhi ngiizhinomaago aabdek wi-wiingezyaanh," kida gewenh Zebet. "Gchikinoomaagewog wesiinhak pane waazhibimadiziying" kida gewenh Zebet. Miidash giinigiwet, giijiibaakwe minwaa giishange minwaa semaa'in giibigidnan.

Miisawi maanda ngoding Zebet gaazhiwaamjiget, pane wiimiwiingezid.

### What Happened to Elizabeth

The days are changing in the month of February. The bears are getting ready to awaken from their medicine dreams. They have been told what medicines to use for this year.

One day, Elizabeth was getting ready to attend a seminar full of speakers in the next town. It will take her about an hour to get there. It sure is a beautiful day to travel she thought. The sun is out shining so brightly, and the snow is just glistening.

Then, Zebet started her

drive to the seminar. She was thinking that her car was driving great, that she sped up a little. She was thinking about a lot of things.

Suddenly, she saw something run in front of her. "What the heck, I almost hit a bear!" she said. "I slammed on the brakes to avoid hitting him." Her car spun around and hit the snowbanks. Then, it came to a stop and it was pointing in the direction she was going.

What the heck is he doing out here this time of the year she thought as she settled back in her chair. This really shook me up she said, and she parked her car to check if there were any damages. There were no dents. What is this bear teaching me at this time she thought?

Maybe I'm being shown that I should drive slower, the roads are still icy she thought. She started back on her journey, as she was driving around the corner to go up the hill, she saw a car sideways on the hill. It must have hit the guard rails on both sides before it stopped. She could see the dents on the car.

She jumped out quickly to go and check if anyone was in there. No one was around. She thought maybe they've gone to get another vehicle to pull this one out.

"I guess I will turn back and go home," she said. "I've already been shown that I need to be careful," said Elizabeth. "The animals have always been our teachers," she said. She went home and cooked a meal and fed the spirits and did her offerings.

This is a story that happened to Zebet, and she was always reminded to be careful when she was out and about.

Courtesy photo.

LTBB Anishinaabemowin

Dengwe-Mzinigan: Face-Book

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department hosts Facebook Group called "LTBB Anishinaabemowin."

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

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

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

Message (Rich Text)

To: GIIN (YOU)

Subject: Bibezhik Kidwin

Bibezhik Kidwin ~ One Word at a Time. AUDIO ATTACHED

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

You've Got Mail

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)

WE ARE HERE TO PROTECT WATER IS LIFE MNI WICONI

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.

Anishinaabemdaa.com

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

Learn the Anishinaabe Language

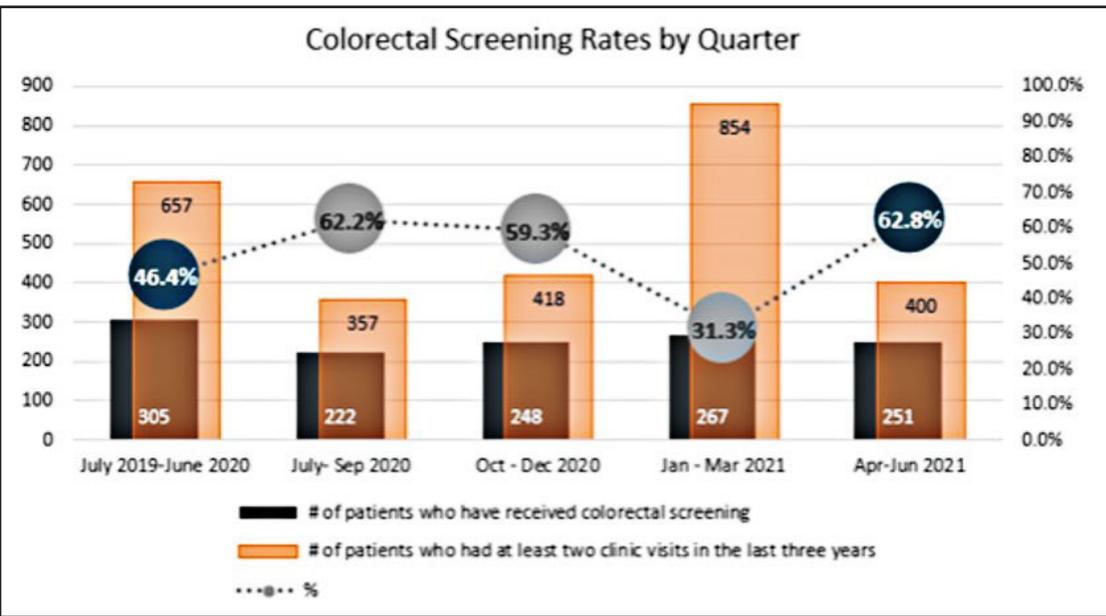
- Grammar
- Everyday Terms
- Culture
- Legends
- History
- Fun and Games
- Language Camp Info
- Coloring Book
- CD-ROMs Info

Hundreds of interactive words and phrases with audio!

Past	Present	Future
It was a good day yesterday Gimnaagizhigat jinaagwaa	It is a good day today Mnaagizhigat nangwaa	It will be a good day tomorrow Wimnaagizhigat waabang
It was a hot day yesterday Giigizhaatempat jinaagwaa	It is a hot day today Gizhaatempat nangwaa	It will be a hot day tomorrow Wiigizhaatempat waabang
It rained yesterday Gimnaasaan	It is raining today Fimnaaan	It will rain tomorrow Wimnaasaan

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN AND LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS BUILD ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS (EHR) CAPACITY TO ADDRESS COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING



The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' colorectal cancer screening rates began at 46.6% while provider reminders and referral processes were in place, a lack of proper documentation and follow up processes contributed to the low screening rate. Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, in partnership with James Spillane of Health IQ provides weekly EHR Office Hours where participants receive technical assistance and engage in peer-to-peer learning. As a result of participation in these sessions, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is now utilizing client reminders, screening bundles and improved provider reminder systems.

By the end of year one, these efforts increased screening rates to 62%.

Like many health centers, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians lacked clear and consistent colorectal cancer patient identification and screening referral processes. Entries were made in varied areas of the patients' EHR, which led to missing information necessary for screening referral and follow up to colonoscopy. In addition, a lack of screening providers created a six month back log for screening colonoscopy appointments, which lost additional patients in the process and hindered colorectal cancer screening results back to the tribal clinic. As a result, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians colorectal cancer screening rates were fairly low – 46% before participating in the CRC Screening Project.

The EHR system has many functionalities underutilized by clinics. Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan works with James Spillane of Health IQ to provide ongoing training and technical assistance for clinical staff to increase capacity to use the full functions of their EHR. Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan coordinates virtual weekly training and technical assistance, referred to as office hours for Health Information Managers, Clinic Managers and other professional and allied health staff from multiple tribal clinics. The participants receive training and support and share problems and solutions across tribal health centers.

As a result of ongoing efforts, clinic staff learned to utilize EHR functions to improve referral processes and coordination of care. The clinic can now pull reports for screening reminder by patients and by providers. Clients who are due or overdue, receive reminders by mail. The improvements are evident in the increased screening rates from 46.6% to 62% in one year.

Ongoing data monitoring has helped clinical staff and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan coordinator to use data to track progress and plan educational and outreach activities. Following a dip in screening rates related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians implemented a media outreach communications campaign to reengage patients in cancer screening.

*Courtesy graphic.*

## DECEMBER 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 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 support the monthly recipe.

This 12th set, December 2021, includes:

- The Michigan Maple Salmon Recipe with the link to the cooking demonstration video
  - A nourishing Three Bean Chili Recipe
  - A lesson from the 13 Moons Anishinaabe Project - Waawaashkeshi (Deer) is Our Relative
- 2020 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

- Eatright Essentials - *Cooking Basics*: "Mastering 1-Pot Meals" Handout

You can view these at [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov)

*Courtesy graphic.*

### Do you Know the Symptoms of coronavirus?

COVID-19	Flu	Cold	Allergies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fever</li> <li>✓ Dry Cough</li> <li>✓ Fatigue</li> <li>✓ Shortness of Breath</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fever</li> <li>✓ Dry Cough</li> <li>✓ Runny Nose</li> <li>✓ Headache</li> <li>✓ Sore Throat</li> <li>✓ Muscle and Joint Pain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Cough</li> <li>✓ Sore Throat</li> <li>✓ Aches and Pains</li> <li>✓ Runny or Stuffy Nose</li> <li>✓ Watery Eyes</li> <li>✓ Sneezing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sneezing</li> <li>✓ Coughing</li> <li>✓ Itchy Eyes</li> <li>✓ Runny or Stuffy Nose</li> </ul>

### 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

### 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 message 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

## STOP THE STIGMA.

Member of our Tribal Community and need help? Call LTBB Behavioral Health. (231) 242-1640

### 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.

# LTBB Recognizes Tom Sandison for His Service to the LTBB Pharmacy

By Jody Werner, Health Director

Tom Sandison, our first Chief Pharmacist, retired on January 4, 2021.



Tom joined our team in May of 2017, when our pharmacy was being built. He oversaw the completion of the pharmacy and setting it up so we could begin dispensing prescriptions in December

2017. The pharmacy has been a great addition to our Health Department, and the collaboration between our pharmacists and providers has allowed us to provide very high-quality care to our clients. Additionally, our pharmacy has been very successful, and the revenue has allowed for our Elders to receive reimbursement for their Medicare B premiums along with some other programs. Our LTBB Citizens take pride in having our own pharmacy where they can come and receive their medications.

Tom and I went to Sault Ste. Marie, MI, together in December 2020 to receive our first shipment of COVID vaccines from the Coast Guard, and it was an historical event that we were very honored to be a part of.

Tom decided to take a step towards retirement in 2021 and began working part-time.

He was ready to leap into full-time retirement and we are very happy for him.

Please join me in saying Miigwetch to Tom for his ser-



vice to LTBB. Mark Dawson is our current Chief Pharmacist and a new pharmacist, Jennifer Cuper, started on January 3, 2021. *Odawa Trails file photos.*

**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.

## Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!

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

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

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

Petoskey Urgent Care can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.

When using Petoskey Urgent Care, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.

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

## MAKE EVERY MOVE COUNT

When you Move More every day, you can reach some pretty big goals over time. Small steps can add up to huge strides — in your physical health, mental health, stress levels, sleep, productivity, relationships and more. Let movement take you places you never thought possible!

<p><b>10 Minutes</b> of stretching is like walking the length of a football field</p>	<p><b>2.5 Hours</b> of walking every week for a year is like walking across the state of Wyoming</p>
<p><b>30 Minutes</b> of singles tennis is like walking a 5K</p>	<p><b>1 Hour</b> of dancing every week for a year is like walking from Chicago to Indianapolis</p>
<p><b>20 Minutes</b> of vacuuming is like walking one mile</p>	<p><b>30 Minutes</b> of grocery shopping every other week for a year is like walking a marathon</p>

Source: purdue.edu/walktothemoon/activities.html For more ways to add activity to your life, visit [HEART.ORG/MOVEMORE](http://HEART.ORG/MOVEMORE)

## HOW TO BE MORE ACTIVE

### 1 MOVE MORE

Adults should get a weekly total of at least

**150 minutes** of moderate aerobic activity **OR** **75 minutes** of vigorous aerobic activity  
*or a combination of both, spread throughout the week.*

- ➔ **BE STRONG**  
Include muscle-strengthening activity (like resistance or weight training) at least twice a week.
- ➔ **ADD INTENSITY**  
Increase time, distance, amount or effort for more benefits.
- ➔ **SIT LESS**  
Get up and move throughout the day.

**KIDS & TEENS** should get at least **60 minutes** of physical activity every day.

### 2 TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- SET GOALS**  
Set realistic goals and make small, lasting changes to set yourself up for success.
- KEEP GOING**  
Once you reach these goals, don't stop. Gradually increase your activity and intensity to gain even more health benefits.
- WALK MORE**  
There are many ways to get active. You may find walking the easiest way to start.
- ADD IT UP**  
Find ways to move more throughout your daily routine, whether it's at work, on your commute or at home. Every active minute counts toward your goal.
- MAKE A HABIT**  
Do something active every day at about the same time so it becomes a regular habit. Put it on your schedule so you're less likely to miss a day.

## 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!

# LTBB Native Way Health & Wellness Center HOURS

**- MONDAY - TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY - 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY - CLOSED**

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, mask wearing is a must whether you are vaccinated or not. Also, Community Health has changed the limit to one gym member at a time, so it is very important for you to schedule on the website or call (231)487-1796 to schedule and keep your scheduled appointment time.

Scan the QR code with your cell phone camera to be taken right to the Signup website!



"Fit is not a decision, it is a way of life!"

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

# AMERICAN INDIAN ADULT HEALTH SURVEY

Submitted by **Community Health**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians along with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan are conducting a personalized health survey. This survey is called the American Indian Adult Health Survey, and it will take place from February 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022. You may be randomly selected to take the survey. If you are selected, you will receive a letter in the mail. This letter will include more details about the survey and provide you with options to either self-administer the survey online or to schedule an in person or telephone survey.

The objective of the survey is to collect accurate, tribal-specific data on preventive health and risk behaviors linked to chronic diseases, injuries and preventable infectious diseases within the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians adult population. The survey is also part of an ongoing evaluation effort associated with the Three Fires Comprehensive Cancer Prevention



and Control Project. The Three Fires Project is administered by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan with funding for direct services administered by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Health Center.

We realize surveys may be inconvenient, therefore, we're providing three options to take the survey: Self-administered online; schedule an appointment with a trained LTBB community or staff member to meet you in person to conduct the interview or to have the interviewer call you by phone to take the survey. **The survey is completely anonymous, and no one will ever be able to identify you from your responses. Your name or address will never be recorded or shared.**

The information from



the surveys will provide many valuable benefits to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Results of the survey will be shared with tribal leaders and community members. The data will be useful when applying for grants, starting new health programs and activities and in determining how tribal health care systems are working. We greatly appreciate your valued time and assistance in this project.

For more information, please contact Angeline Roberts, Administrative Assistant at LTBB Community Health, at aroberts@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-242-1601.

Courtesy graphics.

## American Indian Adult Health Survey Fact Sheet

### What is an American Indian Adult Health Survey?

The American Indian Adult Health Survey (AI-AHS) is sponsored by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan to learn about health and health behaviors among adults living in our tribal community. The AI-AHS can be self-administered online or conducted via an in person or telephone interview. The AI-AHS is being conducted among several tribes in Michigan as an evaluation of the Three Fires Comprehensive Cancer Prevention and Control Project. Results will be used to inform future health programming and services based on the identified needs of our community.

### How will the AI-AHS be useful?

The AI-AHS is a useful tool in several ways. First, the results will tell us about the health status of our community members and what types of programs and services are needed to address the identified health needs of our specific community and secondly, a similar survey was done five years ago at the start of the Three Fires Comprehensive Cancer Prevention and Control Project. Select indicators from the survey results will measure the success of the Three Fires Project goals and objectives. For example, have our smoking rates decreased? and have our cancer screening rates increased?

### Who will be selected to take the survey?

Survey participants will be selected from a random sample. This sample will be drawn from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians primary service area. A selected random sample is necessary to ensure representation of our larger tribal community. Those selected will receive a letter in the mail with guidance and options for taking the survey. These options include to self-administer online or to schedule an in person or telephone interview. All responses are confidential and no names or contact information are recorded or shared.

### What topics would be on the survey and how long would it take?

The survey asks about information related to health status (e.g. height, weight, health care access), risk behaviors (e.g. smoking and alcohol use, physical activity), health care screenings (e.g. cancer screenings, routine checkup), and chronic conditions (e.g. diabetes, cancer, depression). There are questions about the pandemic's effect on these health behaviors. The survey takes about 25-40 minutes to answer all questions.

FEBRUARY 4, 2022

# LEND YOUR HAND.

Make a difference on World Cancer Day. Join us to ensure that all of our relatives are screened for cancer. **Make your screening appointment today. Call Emily at 231-242-1772.**

## Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid

### Healthy Start Family Spirit

Services provided for expectant mothers, children ages 0-5, and their families.

Serving citizens and descendants of LTBB and other recognized tribes within our community.\*

**What to expect:**

- Educational materials and skill building to support and promote the growth, development, health and well-being of child and family.
- Additional support services provided by community resources and referrals, and based off family needs.
- Midwifery Program available for prenatal and postpartum mothers.
- guided curriculum developed by the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health and the use of a supplementary curriculum called Gikinawaabi provided by the Intertribal Council of Michigan.
- Monthly visits in home, office or agreed location.
- \*Monthly group experiences to be determined.

**Out of our service area?** Follow us on Facebook for supplemental information on parenting topics open to all.

**Contact:**

Carol J. Sodman-Morris: P: 231-242-1614 | Email: CSodman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
Maternal Child Health Nurse/Midwife

Cheyenne Klogima: P: 231-242-1721 | Email: CMKlogima@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
Family Spirit Support Health Educator

Address: 1260 Ajjaak Avenue, Petoskey, MI

\*servicing the 27 county area

## LTBB Enrollment Department Announcement

**The Enrollment Office has changed its policy.**

In the past, we have been only accepting the original address change form. Due to the short notice of this year's per cap and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will now accept photo copies of the original **address change form**. You may now fax, mail, scan or email a picture of the address change form to Enrollment.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us through one of the following:**

Fax: 231-242-1526  
Email: Enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
Phone: Lindsey Doerfler 231-242-1522  
Marin Taylor 231-242-1521  
Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520

## 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  
231-242-1526

Office is open for appointments  
For questions or appointments call:  
231-242-1522 - Lindsey  
231-242-1521 - Marin  
231-242-1520 - Pauline

# COMMON NUTRIENT DEFICIENCIES

## & low cost fixes

<p><b>IRON</b> dried beans cooking with a cast iron skillet canned salmon fortified cereal</p>	<p><b>FIBER</b> brown rice dried beans dried lentils oatmeal</p>	<p><b>FOLATE</b> enriched cereal black-eyed peas peanuts</p>	<p><b>IODINE</b> iodized salt enriched bread</p>	<p><b>VITAMIN A</b> mixed vegetables</p>
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# LTBB MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAM REACHES 100TH SUBLOCADÉ DOSE MILESTONE

Submitted by Behavioral Health

The LTBB Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program treated its first patient in January of 2019.

The program is a fully integrated approach, combining best practice medicine and behavioral health therapies to treat persons with opioid use disorder. Treatment is wholistic, addressing each patient's physical, mental/emotional and spiritual needs.

LTBB MAT program was designed to have the best outcomes for individuals and their families while protecting the Odawa community from possible negative impact. LTBB MAT utilizes two medications (Sublocade or Vivitrol) which are administered by injection one time per month. Each patient consults with Dr. Cynthia Statler to determine the best medicine for their individualized treatment, followed by outpatient counseling with Behavioral Health.

To increase community interest and provide information about the MAT program, a media campaign was launched which ran in 2020 and 2021. The campaign focused on reducing the stigma associated with opioid addiction and integrated the Grandfather Teaching of Respect. The community response to the media campaign was very positive.

On November 16, 2021, the LTBB MAT program administered dose number 100 and has treated 31 individuals. Dr. Statler and the team in Behavioral Health continue to develop best practices for the community to fight the disease of opioid addiction.

If you or someone you know suffers from



an opioid addiction, please contact us for help at 231-242-1640.

*Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo are Behavioral Health Manager Randall Koch and Dr. Cynthia Statler.*

**STOP THE STIGMA.**

Member of our Tribal Community and need help? Call LTBB Behavioral Health.

**(231) 242-1640**

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



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



Baapin (Laugh) Kendan (Learn) miinwaa (and) Maadizin (Live)

## Baapin, Kendan, miinwaa Maadizin: Coffee with an Elder Series

Until we can sit together around the table, the LTBB Community Health Department has partnered with the Niigaandiwin Education Department inviting you to a new virtual series of Laugh, Learn, and Live.

**Join us for a 6-Part Series learning from our knowledge keepers within LTBB.**

There will be cultural teachings, as well as health and wellness, and time for social connection!

### Topics:

**Smudging, Manoomin, Winter Storytelling, Local Plants and Indigenous Foods.**

**While anyone is welcome to join, there will be 20 kits available for raffle every month for LTBB Tribal Citizens to accompany the topic(s) in the series.**

Additional information and dates are forthcoming!

For more information, contact

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

or LTBB Community Health at 231-242-1601

Brought to you by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians Grant

### 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.

### HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGE

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



# LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

## READ THROUGH FEBRUARY FOR BOOK BINGO!

Rules:

1) Sign up for a LTBB library card number (local and non-local, tribal and non-tribal).

2) One title can be used to fill ONLY THREE spaces.

3) Books read to early readers count as well.

4) Each BINGO (verti-

cal, horizontal or diagonal) receives one entry into the month's raffle drawing. You are only eligible to win ONE prize.

5) Turn in BINGO card to Cultural Library by **March 4th by 5 p.m.** for a chance to win one of four incentive prizes (in each age category - kids, teens, adults) in the February BIN-

GO drawing.

Monthly Book BINGO runs through February 2022. BINGO cards are available on the Education Dept. Forms Directory on the LTBB website, on the library website and from the Mzinigangamik Cultural Library. Call 231-242-1487 with questions.

## February Book Bingo

FOR KIDS

Library Book	Love / Friendship	Part of a Series	Hearts	Poetry / Rhyming
Pink or Red Cover		Take Turns Reading with Someone	An Ebook	Do Something Nice for Someone
Read in a Comfy Chair	Read a Magazine	Your Favorite Book		Read out Loud
A Chapter Book	Read for 20 Minutes	Snow on the Cover	Read in Your PJs	One-Word Title
	Make a Valentine Card	A Picture Book	White Cover	Sing any Song

## February Book Bingo

FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Drink Hot Cocoa or Tea	A Book Chosen at Random	Read for 45 Minutes	An Audiobook	Read on a Sunday
An Ebook	Read a Magazine	Read while Wearing Blue	Friends or Family	One-Word Title
Library Book	Self-Help or DIY Book	White Cover		Read out Loud
	A Book Made into a Movie	A Children's Picture Book	Poetry	Biography or Memoir
Read a Recipe & Try It	Mystery or Thriller	Your Favorite Book	Read in Your PJs	



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## MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM



### REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOTH B AND D PREMIUM EXPENSES

**WHO QUALIFIES?**  
To qualify for this program, you must:

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

\*DOCUMENTATION WILL BE REQUIRED\*

**! IMPORTANT INFORMATION !**

YEARLY APPLICATION DEADLINES:  
FIRST PAYMENT: **FEBRUARY 14TH**  
SECOND PAYMENT: **AUGUST 14TH**

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

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

# NATIVE WAY

LTBB Community Health is excited to announce you are now able to schedule your workout sessions.

If you already have a membership, all you need to do is scan the QR code with your cell phone camera to begin.



If you do not have a membership, you will need to have a current physical. Once your physical has been completed, then you will need to call Marlene Gasco, Health Wellness Advocate, to schedule your orientation. (231)487-1796

Brought to you by LTBB Community Health  
<https://tinyurl.com/NativeWaySignUp>

# NATIVE NEWS

## OATH OF OFFICE

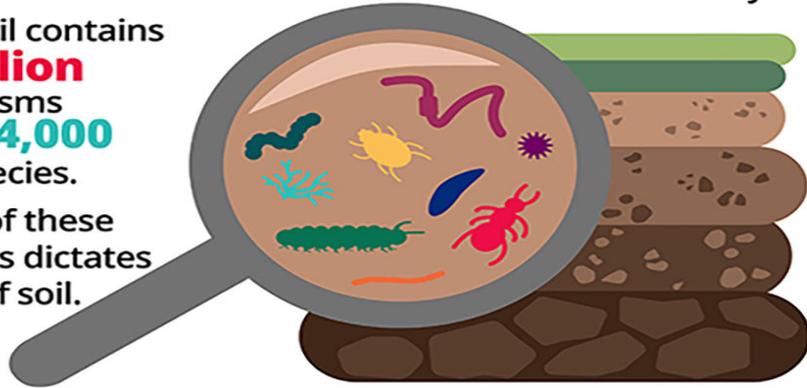
On December 15, 2021, LTBB Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado virtually administered the oath of office to Law Enforcement Officer Tate Fettig.

Courtesy photo.



### FOREST SERVICE RESEARCH: BY-THE-NUMBERS

Soil is home to **more than 25%** of Earth's total biodiversity. 1 gram of soil contains **about 1 billion** microorganisms and **around 4,000** different species. The health of these communities dictates the health of soil.



## ODAWA CASINO SUPPORTS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

On December 9, 2021, Odawa Casino presented Northern Michigan Equine Therapy with a check for \$1,056.80 through its Spare Change Donation Program.

Odawa Casino launched the Spare Change Donation Program in August 2020 in response to the national coin shortage and simultaneously supports local non-profits within the community. The program includes boxes around the casino floor where guests are able to donate the change from their gaming vouchers instead of cashing them in at the casino cashier.

For information about Northern Michigan Equine Therapy, please visit [www.nmequine.org](http://www.nmequine.org)

On December 12, 2021, Odawa Casino hosted another Toys for Tots Poker Tournament. The event broke its previous record, collecting 240 toys and raising \$4,000.

Courtesy photos.



## BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION UNVEILS LOGO



The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) marks a significant milestone by unveiling its official logo. This is the first logo for BIE since becoming a bureau in 2006. The initial logo design was created by Kayla Jackson, a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe who is also a graduate of the Bureau's Haskell Indian Nations University located in Lawrence, KS.

Jackson submitted her design as part of a BIE-wide competition inviting students to lead in the creation of the new logo. Following a collaborative effort where each element was thoughtfully selected to embody the essence of the Bureau, the logo went through the official process for federal approval.

"This design captures culture, knowledge, and leadership," Kayla Jackson said. "The open book represents lifelong learning. The Indigenous stu-



dent is wearing a fancy shawl regalia including moccasins, ribbon skirt, shawl, yoke, beaded headband, and eagle feather with hair long and braids. The student embodies the spirit of their ancestors by dancing with honor and carrying out prayers with every step. The eagles that are emblazoned on the shawl represent acknowledgement, strength, and determination. Finally, in the background, there is the sun which gives us growth, abundance and hope."

The center of the logo is an indigenous student placed on an open book indicating the power of knowledge and lifelong learning. The four lines on the book represent the four directions, the four seasons, the four stages of life and four sacred plants. The logo represents the ongoing

commitment of the BIE to its mission as it provides educational services to its students and tribal communities.

The logo will be used on all official correspondence as well as publications, website, social media and communication materials.

The bureau was established on August 29, 2006. Previously, all Bureau of Indian Education programs had been within the Office of Indian Education Programs at the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Both Bureau of Indian Education and Bureau of Indian Affairs are under the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The bureau currently supports 183 bureau-funded elementary and secondary schools located on 64 reservations in 23 states which serve approximately 46,000 Indian students. Of these, 53 are BIE-operated and 130 are tribally controlled through BIE contracts or grants. Additionally, the BIE directly operates two postsecondary institutions: Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS, and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, NM.

Courtesy photos.

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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



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 7500 Odawa Circle  
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 Tele: 231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550  
 TTY: 7-1-1

## Apartments for Rent

Now accepting applications

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

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

Contact person: LTBB Housing Department 231-242-1540

# RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE FAST CHARGERS IN MACKINAW CITY, MI

Odawa Casino, along with tribal officials and Consumers Energy, celebrated a ribbon cutting to premiere four new dedicated electric vehicle chargers located at Odawa Casino Mackinaw City.

These new vehicle chargers are unlike any other in the area as they can power an electric vehicle battery as little as 30 minutes, providing great benefit to drivers. Odawa Casino is the first in the area to have electric vehicle chargers of this caliber.

“Odawa Casino Mackinaw is very excited to have these four EV fast chargers up and running for our guests. This is a huge step towards reducing our Carbon Footprint,” said Dave Heinz, Lead Electrician for Odawa Casino. “I would like to thank the following for all of their work to make this happen; Bethany Tabor (Consumers Energy), Brad Kober (RW Mercer), Jim Frank (EV Build), Brad Hinkley (Inovis Energy), Ron Olson (Odawa Casino), and EGLE.”

Odawa Casino is proud to lead the charge in renewable resources and energy efficiency. In 2016, Odawa was selected as the recipient of the Governor’s Energy Excellence Award in recognition of their efforts in reducing energy waste.

Consumers Energy provided a financial incentive



and helped install and power the chargers, part of the energy provider’s commitment to power one million electric vehicles by 2030.

“We’re excited that Odawa Casino is making it easier for EV drivers to power up while they visit the casino and travel across our state,” said Lauren Youngdahl Snyder, Consumers Energy’s vice president of customer experience. “Michigan is making a major EV transformation, and that will only accelerate as drivers see this and over 30 other EV fast charging locations that we’ve powered throughout the Lower Peninsula.” Owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, opened in June 2007 and features nearly 1,000 slot machines, table games, multiple dining options, a sports book, the fabulous Victories Sports and Entertainment Bar and an off property 137-room

hotel. Odawa Casino Mackinaw City opened in May 2016 and recently completed a new expansion for an even higher quality gaming experience.

*Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo are Marty Van De Car, Odawa Casino Community Relations Coordinator; Nick Foltz, Odawa Casino Director of Table Games; Craig Kahgee, Odawa Casino Player Development Manager; Dave Heinz, Odawa Casino Lead Electrician; Brandon Kargol, Field Representative for Congressman Jack Bergman; Barry Laughlin, Odawa Casino Director of Property Operations; Karl Bloss, Consumers Energy Electric Vehicle Customer Programs; Dean Martin, Village of Mackinaw City Community Development Director, Zoning Administrator; Amy Mallard, Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; Carlin Smith, Consumers Energy Community Affairs Manager, and Patrick Wyman, Manager of the Village of Mackinaw City.*

# INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES COLLABORATION ON BOARDING SCHOOLS

By Mary Annette Pember

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

The Department of the Interior and the National Indian Boarding School Healing Coalition have reached an agreement to share records and information in support of the agency’s Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative.

Under a memorandum of understanding announced December 7, 2020, the department and the coalition agreed to meet regularly as the department creates a report ordered by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland detailing historical records with an emphasis on cemeteries and burial sites, related to the federal Indian boarding school program. The report is due April 1, 2021.

“The first step to healing is acknowledging the painful truths of federal boarding school policies and gaining a fuller understanding of their impacts,” Haaland, Laguna Pueblo and the first indigenous cabinet member, said in a statement.

“Today’s action will help



strengthen our efforts to gather necessary information and records, so that we can unravel the threads of trauma that linger in Indigenous communities,” she said. “As we continue to allow federal boarding school survivors and their families an opportunity to be heard, I am hopeful that we can heal and work together for a future that we will all be proud to embrace.”

The authority of the Interior Department is limited, however, and the coalition continues to call for passage of the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act sponsored in the House of Representatives by Representative Sharice Davids, D-Kansas, Ho-Chunk, and in the Senate by Senator Elizabeth Warren, D-Massachusetts. If signed into law, the commission would be em-

powered to investigate all federal agencies, churches which operated schools and private enterprises which benefited from child labor through the schools.

No funding will be exchanged under the memorandum. The work of the initiative is funded through existing appropriations.

“The coalition’s research has been funded mostly by private funders and donors but no federal grants,” said Christine Diindiisi McCleave, chief executive of the coalition and a citizen of the Turtle Mountain Ojibwe Nation.

“We look forward to working with the Department of the Interior to finally get information to the survivors, descendants and relatives of those who experienced these schools.”

*Courtesy photo.*

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# USDA Research Seeks to Strengthen Cranberry Resiliency as Climate Change Affects Production

Regardless of how you choose to incorporate cranberries into your meals, we can all agree it is a much sought-after item for Thanksgiving and other winter holidays. That's why researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service are currently working to preserve its production in the looming threat of climate change.

More extreme and hotter weather is expected with climate change, which poses challenges for current cranberry production regions. Cranberries are sensitive to heat stress, leading to declines in yield and fruit quality and increases in disease pressure. The nation's major cranberry-production regions are also locations for major ARS-funded cranberry research (Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin). All of these states have experienced warming climates over the last century, but the cranberry production states of New Jersey and Massachusetts have experienced some of the most rapid warming. This means that without an agricultural solution soon, the nation may end up handling fewer, smaller or lower quality cranberries.

"It's important for us to understand the interaction between a cranberry's genetics and its environment," said ARS Research Geneticist Jeffrey Neyhart. "Once we understand this interaction, we'll be able to protect and increase productivity, fruit quality, stress tolerance and disease resistance."

Tapping into the wild cranberry gene pool



may be one way to improve the resiliency of the cultivated cranberry as the climate continues to change. Dr. Neyhart and the research team are currently working to discover potential wild cranberry genes associated with various stresses.

"We were able to identify genomic segments in the wild cranberry that correlate with stresses such as extreme temperatures, soil pH and drought," said Dr. Neyhart. "Selecting these genomic segments in breeding can help us to efficiently move more favorable wild genetics into new cranberry varieties."

In addition to breeding efforts, ARS researchers are also trying to better understand heat tolerance in cranberries which can lead to improved cranberry cultivar recommendations for growers based on their location or management practices. This research will be ongoing, and other solutions to this agricultural challenge will be explored as innovative cranberry research continues into 2022.

Courtesy photo.

# AISES Internships Accepting Applications Until February 20, 2022

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Internships place students in 10-week summer positions with partner agencies so interns apply and develop the academic concepts they are learning in a professional setting. The AISES Internship program also promotes advanced study to the graduate level and assists students in developing professional networks.

Each agency has its own eligibility requirements. However, AISES requires all applicants:

- Be a current AISES member at the time of application.
- Students must be an enrolled member or descendant of an enrolled member of a federally or state recognized American Indian tribe, Alaska Native village or Native Hawaiian or descendant of a Native Hawaiian.

## AISES Internships

### Accepting Applications

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Deadline to apply is February 20, 2022.

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- Students must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at either an accredited four-year college/university or a full-time student at a two-year college enrolled in a program leading to an academic degree.

All internship applications can be found on the AISES Summer Internship Site at <https://www.aises.org/students/internships>  
 For questions, please contact [tkingsbery@aises.org](mailto:tkingsbery@aises.org)  
 Courtesy graphics.

# NORTHERN SHORES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC. F.A.R.M. LOAN PROGRAM



Northern Shores Community Development, Inc. is pleased to announce we have received funding from the Native American Agriculture fund for the F.A.R.M. Loan program. "Capitalizing

and Growing Odawa Agriculture" and "Capitalizing and Growing Native Agribusiness and Value-added Agribusiness" are the projects funded. We have included Treaty Fishing in our description of Agriculture/aquaculture as well as harvesting, gathering and processing natural resources to produce a product.

Emerging and/or established Native entrepreneurs, farmers, ranchers, fishers and gatherers are encouraged to apply for a loan. The FARM



Loan program provides flexible, affordable capital and business assistance. Our mission is to assist tribal members across the State of Michigan with training, technical assistance and access to flexible and affordable capital.

Please contact Sandra Witherspoon, F.A.R.M. Loan Director, at 231-347-6753 or at [switherspoon@nscdi.org](mailto:switherspoon@nscdi.org) for more information.

Courtesy graphics.

## Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department

**MANDATORY TAG RETURN**  
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**DEPARTMENT**  
**BY JANUARY 31, 2022**

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 Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562  
 Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

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

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

### LTBB EDUCATION'S TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS

**Little Traverse Bay Bands Of Odawa Indians** 1h ago

- Want to be updated everytime there is an event?
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Text one of the **keywords** listed below to 33222 in order to sign up for updates from that department!

**LTBB**—General updates from the Education Dept. & the Cultural Library.  
**WIOA**—Updates from WIOA: Employment and Training Services.  
**WOCTEP**—Updates from Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program.  
**K12**—Updates from LTBB K-12 Services.  
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**CULTURAL**—Updates from Cultural Services.  
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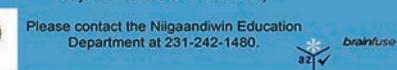
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Please contact the Niigaandiwin Education Department at 231-242-1480.



## "FITBIT FOR THE FACE" CAN TURN ANY FACE MASK INTO SMART MONITORING DEVICE

Dubbed "FaceBit," the lightweight, quarter-sized sensor uses a tiny magnet to attach to any N95, cloth or surgical face mask.

Not only can it sense the user's real-time respiration rate, heart rate and mask wear time, it also may be able to replace cumbersome tests by measuring mask fit. All this information is then wirelessly transmitted to a smartphone app, which contains a dashboard for real-time health monitoring. The app can immediately alert the user when issues such as elevated heart rate or a leak in the mask unexpectedly arise. The physiological data also could be used to predict fatigue, physical health status and emotional state.

Although a tiny battery powers the device, FaceBit is designed to harvest energy from any variety of ambient sources, including the force of the user's breathing, motion and heat from a user's breath as well as from the sun. This extends the sensor's battery life, lengthening time between charges.

"We wanted to design an intelligent face mask for health care professionals that does not need to be inconveniently plugged in during the middle of a shift," said Northwestern's Josiah Hester, who led the device development. "We augmented the battery's energy with energy harvesting from various sources, which means that you can wear the mask for a week or two without having to charge or replace the battery."

The research was published in the Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies. In the study, researchers found FaceBit's accuracy was similar to clinical-grade devices, and the battery lasted longer than 11 days between charges.

Hester is an assistant professor of computer science, computer engineering and electrical engineering and the Breed Junior Professor of Design at Northwestern's McCormick School of Engineering.

### Approximating the Fit Test

Before designing FaceBit, Hester and his collaborators first interviewed doctors, nurses and medical assistants to better understand their needs for smart face masks. In a series of surveys, all clinicians indicated quality of mask fit was most important, especially when working directly with patients with viral infections.

To ensure their N95 masks are properly sealed to their faces, health care workers periodically undergo a 20-minute "fit test." During this process, health care workers first put on an N95 respirator followed by a clear hood over their entire head. Another worker then pumps either sweet or bitter aerosol mists into the hood. The concentration of the aerosol is gradually increased inside the hood until it can be detected by the person wearing the respirator. If the wearer tastes bitter or sweet before a certain number of aerosol pumps, then the mask is not properly sealed.

Although Hester's FaceBit cannot yet replace this cumbersome process, which is a long-standing challenge in the medical industry, it can ensure the mask retains proper fit between testing events. If the mask becomes loose throughout the day or if the user bumps the mask during an activity, for example, FaceBit can alert the wearer.

"If you wear a mask for 12 hours or longer, sometimes your face can become numb," Hester said. "You might not even realize that your



mask is loose because you cannot feel it or you are too burnt out to notice. We can approximate the fit-testing process by measuring mask resistance. If we see a sudden dip in resistance, that indicates a leak has formed, and we can alert the wearer."

### Face-centric Bio-sensing

But the FaceBit can assess more than mask fit, it also can monitor the person wearing the mask in real time. By gathering various physiological signals such as heart and respiratory rates, FaceBit can help wearers better understand their own bodies in order to make beneficial health decisions. All health information, including mask fit and wear time, are displayed on the accompanying smartphone app.

According to Hester, every time a person's heart beats, their head moves an imperceptibly tiny amount. FaceBit can sense subtle motion and differentiate it from other motions in order to calculate heart rate.

"Your heart is pushing a lot of blood through the body, and the ballistic force is quite strong," Hester said. "We were able to sense that force as the blood travels up a major artery to the face."

Because stressful events can elicit physiological responses, including rapid breathing, FaceBit can use that information to alert the user to take a break, go for a walk or take some deep breaths to calm down. Hospital systems also could use this data to optimize shift and break schedules for its workers. And because heart rate and respiration rate are so tightly entangled with each other, having the ability to effortlessly monitor both could open new research possibilities.

### Battery-free Future

An expert in sustainable, battery-free technology, Hester hopes his team or others eventually will be able to make FaceBit completely battery free. Now, the wearer's breathing and movements or the sun can extend the battery's life. But, in the future, harvested thermal and kinetic energy could solely power the device.

Although his team evaluated the device on volunteers in real-world scenarios, Hester said FaceBit still needs to undergo clinical trials and validation. The team released the project as open source and open hardware so others can build and validate the device.

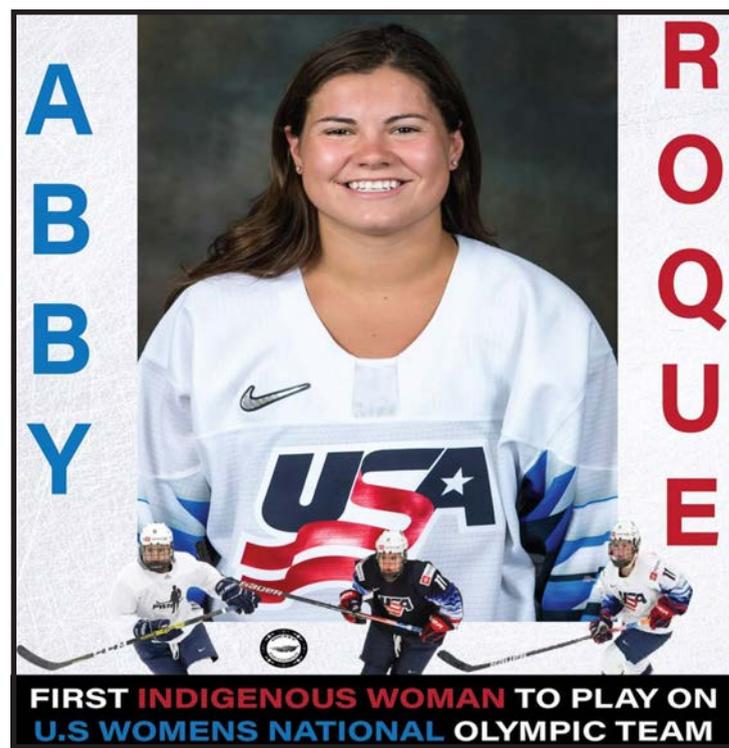
"FaceBit provides a first step toward practical on-face sensing and inference and provides a sustainable, convenient, comfortable option for general health monitoring for COVID-19 front-line workers and beyond," Hester said. "I'm really excited to hand this off to the research community to see what they can do with it."

The project, "FaceBit: Smart Face Masks Platform," was supported by the National Science Foundation's Grants for Rapid Response Research for addressing the COVID-19 pandemic (award number CNS-2032408).

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Tobacco plants have large green leaves that need to be dried and shredded before use. Tobacco has been used in a sacred way by many tribes for a very long time. If used properly, tobacco can both heal and communicate with the Spirit World and Creator. Just like sweetgrass, cedar, and sage, traditional tobacco is to be burned during prayers and ceremonies in small amounts. Tobacco has both honor and purpose but when used improperly has no connection to Aboriginal spirituality..



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## TREASURY ANNOUNCES NEW GUIDANCE FOR USE OF CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND EXPENDITURES

On December 15, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) announced under the CARES Act, Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) monies **may be used for costs incurred by December 31, 2021.** Previously, Treasury only considered costs to have been incurred if performance or delivery took place by December 31, 2021. The revised guidance now considers costs to have been incurred "if the recipient has

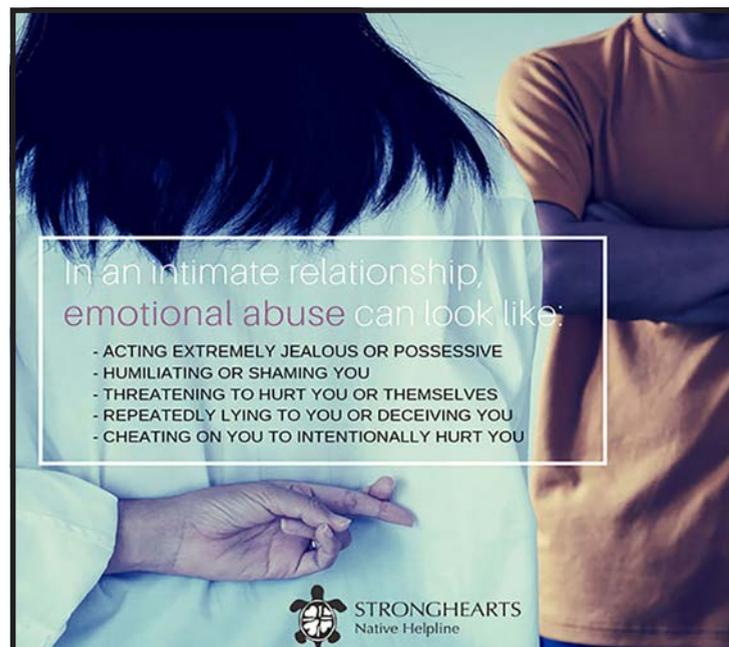


incurred an obligation with respect to such cost by December 31, 2021" and notes an obligation includes "an order

placed for property and entry into contracts" or similar transactions which require payment. Treasury also noted it is currently permitting recipients to record their expenditures through September 30, 2022.

Taken together, Treasury's announcement provides some added flexibility for tribal nations seeking to utilize their remaining CARES Act funding.

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# "Exciting Time" as New Editor to Lead ICT

By *Indian Country Today*



evidence-based, focused on the Indigenous economy both as it is and as it should be."

That includes the exploration of investments which include a structure for Free, Prior and Informed Consent. The project will also chronicle innovation, using indigenous knowledge and economics to showcase tribal enterprises building sustainable models.

The innovative economics project is funded by the Bay and Paul Foundations. The project will also partner with Arizona State University to create new research on economic issues, including using social risk as a metric.

Trahan said: "Imagine how Standing Rock would have been covered if there was a transparent accounting of the social risks involved for Energy Transfer Partners? Now that the government has recognized the power of using ESG frameworks — Environment, social and governance — there is a potential to dramatically shift the balance. But that can only happen if there is a transparent reporting and an accounting of the risks for such projects."

Bennett-Begaye has been ICT's managing editor, deputy managing editor and the Washington editor. She is also a Native American Journalists Association board member.

She identifies as The Towering House Clan, The Coyote Pass Clan of Jemez, The Mexican Clan and The Hopi with Red Running Into the Water Clan.

Since her hire with ICT in 2018, Bennett-Begaye has reported stories on health, education, public health, 2020 Census, policy, politics and more. She has focused on the COVID-19 pandemic coverage in Indian country, in which she built a COVID-19 database on a spreadsheet using publicly available data from tribal nations. Johns Hopkins University partnered with ICT on the project to make it more comprehensive.

She received her master's degree in magazine, newspaper and online journalism through the Newhouse Minorities Fellowship at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University in New York in 2016. After graduate school, she taught high school journalism, video production and theater in her home state, New Mexico. Her health experience comes from her undergraduate degree in athletic training from Fort Lewis College, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's CUPS Program and Future Public Health Leaders Program.

She's written for Native Peoples Magazine, Fan First, MediaShift, *The Daily Times*, NAJA's Native Voices News through the Native American Journalism Fellowship, NPR's NextGen Radio Project and Syracuse.com/The Post-Standard. While in New Mexico, Jourdan co-founded the Survival of the First Voices, an art and media organization for Native youth.

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*Indian Country Today* (ICT) began 2022 with a new editor: Jourdan Bennett-Begaye, Diné. She will be the first woman to be the chief news executive for the 40-year-old newspaper and website.

Mark Trahan, Shoshone-Bannock, is taking on a new role with ICT. He will be the lead correspondent for an indigenous economics project and will work on special projects with IndiJ Public Media President Karen Michel, Ho-Chunk. Trahan will carry the title of editor-at-large.

IndiJ Public Media is the non-profit organization which owns ICT and its daily TV newscast program.

"This is a rez kid's dream come true," Bennett-Begaye said. "Mark has built an extraordinary news organization from its ashes, and his mentorship has been invaluable. I'm incredibly grateful for him, Karen, and the rest of our leadership to have confidence in me to lead a newsroom that is so rich with talent, innovation, and immeasurable compassion.

"My love for ICT goes back to college when I saw the potential of this organization in delivering the most accurate information — the digital way. I hope to continue to take ICT forward in an industry that often overlooks Indigenous journalists and news. My goal is to change the larger narrative of Indigenous people, and set the agenda for mainstream journalism," she said. "Ultimately, I hope to cultivate a newsroom for young people that we have never seen before. One where we write the news thinking of our grandmas reading it, capturing history for Indigenous youth to learn in school, and educating our people so they can make informed decisions for their kids and grandkids."

"This is an exciting time in the evolution of ICT and Jourdan is the right person to take the editorial lead of our digital news site and digital staff," said Karen Michel, president and CEO of IndiJ Public Media. "Jourdan has strong news judgment and essential talents that make a good editor. She has been mentored these past few years by Mark Trahan, so I am confident that she will use her expertise and experience to build on ICT's foundation of journalism excellence."

"There is so much to say here," Trahan said. "ICT is in great hands with Jourdan Bennett-Begaye. She already has a legacy of leadership and service. She cares deeply about the quality of journalism at ICT and she's continuing to build the newsroom of the future, one that opens up a career door for Indigenous writers, reporters and editors."

Trahan said this is an incredible moment. "ICT has grown so much over the past four years," he said. "And we know this enterprise needs a long arc. We need to be thinking about the next decade ... not just the next edition. Jourdan is the ideal candidate to do just that."

Trahan said he is eager to launch the indigenous economics project.

"Reporting on these issues will change how people perceive the very nature of Indigenous economics," Trahan said. "The project will be

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## ILLUMINATIVE PRODUCERS PROGRAM

IllumiNative and Netflix have launched the IllumiNative Producers Program, a year-long program which will support a cohort of seven early and mid-career indigenous producers. Throughout the program, the fellows will develop a current project, attend monthly workshops and have access to network-building opportunities with their cohort as well as mentors and leaders in the industry. Fellows will also receive a \$25,000 stipend to support their work and creative feedback and mentorship as they develop their project.



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  3. Agree to participate in the program fully.
- Application Deadline: **February 21, 2022**  
Questions about the Producers Program can be sent to [connect@illuminatives.org](mailto:connect@illuminatives.org)
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**Qualifications**  
Applications are open to early and mid-career indigenous producers working in television, film and/or documentary.  
To qualify for the program, each applicant must:

## AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND LAUNCHES \$2.25 MILLION WOUNSPEKIYA UNSPEWICAKIYAPI NATIVE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM



Teachers are some of children's first role models. However, according to the U.S. Department of Education, fewer than 1% of all people in the teaching profession in the United States are Native American, which is compounded by a lack of Native role model teachers serving in K-12 classrooms in rural areas and reservation-based schools. The American Indian College Fund is launching a two-and-a-half-year Native teacher education program at tribal colleges and universities (TCUs) serving Native communities across the country to support teacher recruitment, development and retention. Funding for the program is provided by Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies.

The program, called *Wounspekiya Unspewicakiyapi* or teaching teachers, will increase the number of Native teachers working in Native communities while ensuring the continuity and sustainability of indigenous knowledge and lifeways in Native students. Program graduates will go on to serve not just as teachers, but also as community advocates, role models and culture-keepers in their communities while prioritizing a Native world view with their students.

The reason for the Native teacher shortage is systemic. A range of barriers prevent Native students from pursuing a teaching career. They include poor perceptions of the value of teaching as a career; accessibility to and awareness of postsecondary education pathways; a need for financial assistance, college preparation and career guidance support; and TCUs' limited capacity to develop the next generation of teachers (including a lack of student teaching and college transfer opportunities to four-year degree and teaching certificate programs). Yet the development of a strong generation of Native teachers is what is needed to develop the talents and futures of Native children.

The *Wounspekiya Unspewicakiyapi* project is designed to support students interested in education careers from the recruitment phase to their first and second academic years through teacher education programs to state certification and employment. The College Fund will work with TCUs through a co-visioning process to examine obstacles to completing teacher education programs and to provide support to build upon and amplify successful practices identified by TCUs to increase student success.

Five pre-selected TCUs with existing teacher education programs will participate in the *Wounspekiya Unspewicakiyapi* project in the first program year. Emerging teacher education programs at other tribal colleges and universities will receive small innovation grants in the second program year with funding based on the established capacity of teacher education programs. Established teacher education programs will be given funding priority with

small grants awarded to support new programs. TCUs will be chosen based on how their programs support recruitment, retention, completion and certification upon graduation of Native students in TCU teacher education programs.

**American Indian College Fund Receives \$1 Million Grant from Chan Zuckerberg Initiative**

The American Indian College Fund (College Fund) announced it has received a \$1 million grant from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) to support the College Fund's work helping indigenous students access a higher education. The College Fund's work creates greater education equity in Native communities while lifting families out of poverty. The grant is part of CZI's \$500 million investment.

Building on key investments CZI made since its founding five years ago, the organization has embarked on an enterprise-wide effort to more consistently and systematically apply a racial equity lens to its work.

The College Fund was chosen for the grant based on its longtime work in tribal communities with indigenous students through providing scholarships, academic and career programs and its financial and programmatic support for the nation's 35 accredited tribal colleges and universities located on or near Indian reservations.

The College Fund's work was chosen in addition to that of more than 90 other non-profit organizations whose work promotes diversity, equity and inclusion.

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## Sweetgrass wiingashk

Sweetgrass is a tall, natural wild grass with a sweet scent. It is usually braided, dried and burned before use. Sweetgrass is used for blessing a person, place or thing.

Sweetgrass can be burned in prayer during ceremonies to attract positive energies and is used for smudging. It is considered a sacred plant.

## BLACK BEANS HELP FIX INSULIN RESISTANCE AND GUT BACTERIA BALANCE



of leptin, glucagon and a group of inflammatory biochemicals were all significantly better in the mice on the high-fat plus black beans diet.

The researchers also found adding black beans to the high fat diet restored the balance of healthier bacteria in the gut, particularly decreasing the ratio of Firmicutes bacteria to Bacteroidetes bacteria in the gut by 64% compared to mice on the high fat diet without black beans and mice on a low-fat diet. High ratios of Firmicutes to Bacteroidetes are associated with obesity. Intestinal bacteria associated with inflammation such as *Blautia* and *Clostridium* all were significantly reduced in mice fed the high fat plus black beans diet compared to mice on the high fat diet without beans.

Mice on the high-fat plus black beans diet also decreased low density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, 28% and triglyceride levels 37% compared to mice eating the high-fat diet without black beans. These are both risk factors for cardiovascular disease.

Other diabetes-related biomarkers such as the levels

Perhaps, the most interesting scientific information coming from this study, according to Yokoyama, is data to begin determining just how black beans improve insulin resistance. It appears black beans may inhibit the JNK/c-Jun pathway which has many but not necessarily well-defined functions, including regulating inflammatory responses. Chronic inflammation is believed to be the basis for insulin resistance and other metabolic diseases.

Black beans or more precisely black turtle beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) are generally low in fat and high in fiber and protein. They are popular in Latin American, Mexican and Caribbean cuisines as well as in Cajun and Creole cooking. Like all common beans, black beans are native to the Americas. Today, they have been introduced around the world to become known as frijoles negros or poroto negro in Spanish, feijão preto in Portuguese and karuppu kaaramani and kala ghevada in various regional cuisines of India.

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## GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCES AUTO INSURERS TO ISSUE \$400 PER VEHICLE REFUND CHECKS NO LATER THAN MAY 9, 2022

At the direction of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) has issued a bulletin to Michigan's insurers and launched a consumer FAQ page to inform insurers and consumers of the timeline and other requirements for Michigan's upcoming \$400 per vehicle auto insurance refunds.

The refunds were made possible by the cost saving and fraud prevention provisions of the historic, bipartisan auto insurance reform signed into law by Governor Whitmer in 2019. The refund plan issued by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) will result in \$400 refunds sent to policyholders for every vehicle insured as of 11:59 p.m. on October 31, 2021. Surplus funds will be transferred by the MCCA to insurers by March 9 and the new DIFS bulletin directs insurers to issue refunds via check or ACH deposit to consumers as expeditiously as possible, but in no event, no later than May 9, 2022.

In addition to issuing industry guidance,



DIFS has also launched a consumer FAQ page at [Michigan.gov/MCCAREfund](http://Michigan.gov/MCCAREfund). The webpage contains important information and answers common questions about the refund timeline, eligibility requirements and tells consumers what they can do if they have questions or concerns about their refunds.

Consumers with questions or concerns about auto insurance, can contact DIFS by calling Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 833-ASK-DIFS (833-275-3437) or by e-mailing [autoinsurance@michigan.gov](mailto:autoinsurance@michigan.gov).

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## NAJA-NBC News Summer Fellowship Applications Open Through February 4, 2022

The NAJA-NBC News Summer Fellowship gives students real world experience and exposure to one of the world's leading news divisions, which includes NBC News, MSNBC and CNBC. NBCUniversal will offer fellows the opportunity to join one of the following NBC programs as interns:

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The fellows selected will receive \$16.50 an hour plus overtime (more than 40 hours per week) for 10 weeks during the summer. NBCUniversal will offer a \$2,000 housing or technology stipend. The housing stipend is available for candidates who reside outside a 50-mile radius from our Tri-State Area offices. The stipend will be provided for technology upgrades should we hold remote internships (see below note regarding COVID-19).

Production experience is preferred, but not required.

All the internships are located in 30 Rockefeller Center with the exception of the placements at CNBC, which are located in Englewood Cliffs, NJ. Transportation is provided to Englewood Cliffs, NJ, from various locations in Manhattan and Brooklyn (see below note regarding COVID-19).

The official start date of the program is June 6, 2022. If your academic schedule impedes your



ability to start on this date, alternatives can be discussed.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a current NAJA member
- Students must be willing to live in New York City or its environs for the duration of the internship. (see below note regarding COVID-19).
- Must be enrolled full-time at a U.S. college or university
- Must be a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student
- Must major in journalism or a communications discipline
- GPA of 3.0 or above is desired
- Must have unrestricted authorization to work in the U.S. without holding a VISA or sponsorship
- Recent graduates will not be considered

*COVID 19: During this time, we ask all applicants bear with us as we determine the best avenue for hosting Summer Fellows this upcoming summer. We are awaiting information and developments about the state of the pandemic which will enable us to decide whether the internship will be held remotely or in person at our offices in 30 Rockefeller Plaza or at Englewood Cliffs. We will continue to keep applicants posted as we make decisions about our summer programs.*

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Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) is offering remote estate planning for wills, powers of attorney, patient advocate designations, funeral representatives and Lady Bird deeds.

MILS is offering a digital estate planning clinic on February 8, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to make creating your estate plan as safe and convenient as possible. These documents can be signed and executed from the comfort of your own home. This program is open to tribal members, employees and their family. The



guidelines of this program will allow us to cater to a broader group than is typically permitted by MILS' funders.

This program is available to those who make up to 500% of the poverty and eligibility guidelines. The threshold

starts at \$63,800 and is increased by \$22,400 for each additional household member.

Additionally, we are open and still offering our services statewide to income-eligible individuals and tribes, advocates for the rights of individuals, which advances systems of justice and works to preserve Indian families through state and tribal courts.

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# TIME FOR A WINTER WOOD STOVE CHECKUP

By Michigan DNR

When snowflakes float down from the cold winter sky, tendrils of woodsmoke lazily unfurl upward from crackling wood stoves. For many in Michigan, heating with wood is a way of life.

If you're lighting a wood stove for the winter season, take 15 minutes to do an annual checkup using tips provided by the DNR and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. While you're at it, also test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

**Placement**

Check to see there is adequate space between the stove and nearby furniture and walls. The stove should not touch or overheat anything around it. A protective, fireproof hearth pad should be installed underneath the stove to protect the floor and catch hot embers which could spill out.

**Glass**

If your stove has a glass window, it can tell you a lot about the stove's condition. Glass which dirties quickly is a sign of poor combustion. The two main causes are a stove not getting enough air or wood which is too wet. Water content in wood, which can be measured with a moisture meter, should be under 20% before burning.

Also, check for cracked glass and have it replaced to avoid leaking smoke into the home.

**Firebox**

Most stoves are lined with firebrick. A cracked firebrick lining is okay, but if some is missing or crumbling, it should be replaced. Besides assessing the lining, look at gaskets



around the door of the stove to ensure a tight fit.

Regularly clean ashes from the stove using metal tools and a metal bucket that won't melt and keep ashes away from combustible materials until cold enough for disposal.

**Stovepipe and chimney**

Black drips or buildup on the stovepipe leading out of the home are a red flag. They can indicate dangerous creosote buildup or that the pipe was installed upside-down.

After reviewing the stovepipe, go outside and look at the chimney. It should be covered from the elements and be free of creosote buildup. Creosote on the exterior can indicate flue problems.

**Certification**

A metal label located on the back of the stove shows whether it complies with current EPA standards – view the EPA Certified Wood Heater database to see if it's time for an upgrade. Newer stoves can be more efficient than older models, saving fuel and burning cleaner.

For more safety and efficiency tips, visit the EPA Burn Wise webpage.

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# INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for scholarship support for the 2022-2023 academic year. The program provides financial support in exchange for a minimum two-year service commitment within an Indian health program in a chosen health professional discipline. At IHS, we strive to develop our next generation of leaders as well as help make the pursuit of a meaningful career in Indian health attainable for American Indian and Alaska Native students. Eligible stu-



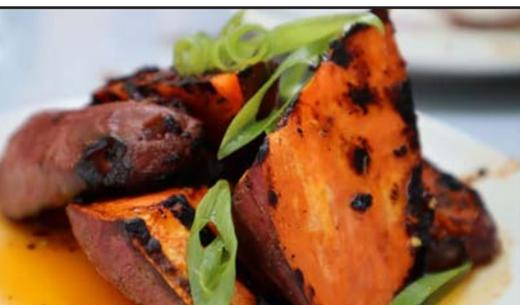
dents are encouraged to apply by **February 28, 2022** at <https://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/apply/#NativeHealth> #NativeHealth #IndianCountry

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# DECOLONIZED MENU AT OWAMNI BY THE SIOUX CHEF

By Indian Country Today

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sion.

Every culture seems to have food at the center of gatherings and a new indigenous restaurant has a menu that's entirely decolonized.

Owamni by the Sioux Chef opened on July 19, 2019 and prides itself on providing true North American cuisine.

The restaurant is in downtown Minneapolis, MN, on the banks of Haha Wakpa, also known as the Mississippi River.

"As you might know, it's a wonderful, beautiful, sacred space, and we're just excited to have a restaurant that's extremely unique and kind of the only one out there like it," said Sean Sherman, also known as the Sioux Chef.

It's Sherman's dream come true - a restaurant which features indigenous foods in the homelands of the Dakota.

The menu features entrees like a Native grain bowl with bison, tepary beans, wild rice, quinoa, pesto, seasonal vegetables and a seed mix.

Sherman, Oglala Sioux, has hired almost 70 staff to run the restaurant, which is operating



with a mask mandate in place.

"Luckily, we kind of already had kind of spaced ourselves out and didn't pack the restaurant as tight as we could have. And we also have this wonderful patio for people to spread outside," Sherman said.

The Owamni team has indigenous representation from Anishinaabe, Mdewakanton Dakota, Navajo, Northern Cheyenne, Oglala Lakota, Wahpeton-Sisseton Dakota and continues to grow.

Owamni features a salad with crunchy fried crickets instead of croutons.

"It's surprising how many people will eat them without saying anything because it's not normal yet. You know, but very few people who order that salad ask for it without the crickets," Sherman said.

The restaurant also has a version of their website written in Dakota.

*Courtesy photos.*

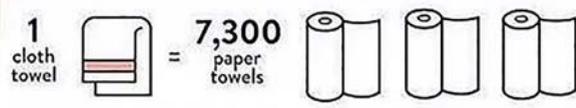
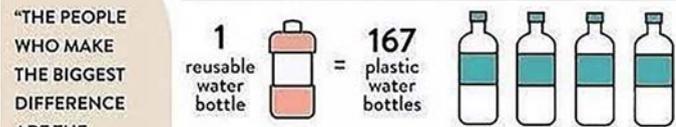


# Sage mshkodewashk

Sage is a green-grey herb with velvety leaves. Once harvested, it is best to store in a cool, dry place. Sage candles and teas are very popular for their warm woody scent and flavor. Sage is often dried and bundled together and these bundles are called 'smudging sticks'. Sage is burned in smudging ceremonies, to drive out negative spirits, feelings, or influences. It is thought to have healing abilities. Sage smoke is believed to keep bad spirits from entering an area where a ceremony is taking place.

There are many other ceremonies where sage plays an important role. For example in a purifying ceremony it is wrapped around an object to purify it. Sage is spread around the floor of a sweat lodge before the lodge is used, and sage wreaths are placed around the head and wrists of a sundancer before the Sundance begins.

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# Now Sworn In, First Native Parks Director Faces "A Huge Task"

By Chris Aadland

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Record annual attendance numbers. Low morale among employees. Billions of dollars in maintenance needs.

Those are just some of the challenges Charles "Chuck" Sams III will have to tackle as director of the National Park Service, which he officially took leadership of after a swearing in ceremony on December 16, 2021.

With the swearing in, Sams became the first Native American to hold the position and the most recent indigenous person to hold a high-ranking position in the federal government since Joe Biden became president. His boss will be Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, the Interior Secretary and first indigenous person to hold a Cabinet-level position.

Sams' background and citizenship with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation also means some are optimistic he'll work to improve how the agency and its hundreds of national parks, historic sites, monuments and recreation areas work with tribal nations and incorporate their history and culture.

"Everyone should have access to the outdoors no matter where they live, how much money they have or what their background is," Haaland said in a press release announcing the swearing in. "Chuck Sams understands the importance of connecting people to nature, and I am thrilled to work with him as the Interior Department works to make our national park system accessible to all Americans."

Kat Brigham, Chair of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's Board of Trustees, said Sams has a big challenge tackling the current needs of the park service, but she's hopeful he'll also prioritize improving the agency's work and coordination with tribal nations and indigenous people.

"He's got a huge task," she said. "But I hope, eventually, that he'll be able to help us tell our story about our traditions and our culture within the National Parks area."

Sams has a 25-year background in tribal administration and non-profit natural resource and conservation management. That work has included facilitating land transfers and donations to the park service in addition to working in park system lands with volunteers on conservation and invasive species management among other related roles in public lands and conservation.

Sams will take over a park service which hasn't had a permanent director since 2017.



Before he was confirmed in late November, a Senate committee tasked with vetting Sams questioned him about his priorities and how he'd address some of the more pressing needs of the agency and the 85 million acres of land it manages. Those priorities, he said, include tackling the agency's \$12 billion maintenance backlog. In 2020, Congress passed a \$6.5 billion bill aimed to address that backlog after years of underinvestment.

But for David Lamfrom, one of the most immediate issues to address is the mood among park service employees. Lamfrom is the vice president of Regional Programs for the National Park Conservation Association and works on community-building and reaching more diverse constituents.

He'd like to see a more diverse park service workforce. But first, he said, the workplace culture and concerns about harassment and gender discrimination has to be addressed, which Sams has recognized as a priority.

"I think building back that trust and morale within the agency is going to be a really top priority," Lamfrom said.

The morale concerns and other staffing issues come amid surging popularity for the park service with many national parks like Zion and Glacier national parks having experienced record attendance numbers in recent years.

"There's a lot of other issues that he's gonna have to deal with, like the fact is that during the pandemic, America fell in love all over again with our national parks," Lamfrom said.

In addition to ensuring people can access the parks while making sure they're adequately protected, despite record attendance numbers at many national parks, he said he'd like to see the agency engage with groups who aren't flocking to park service units and make them more welcoming for all.

"The demographics tell us that that flocking is not consistent across all communities," Lamfrom added. "So there's attention and care that needs to be put into ensuring that communities who have felt disengaged from the parks, or have never felt engaged with the parks, can connect and feel welcome."

Regardless, he said, Sams is "absolutely up for this" and is taking over at an important and potentially "transformational" moment.

In the press release, Sams said he is honored to serve and "incredibly proud to work with the dedicated employees of the National Park Service."

"I have no doubt that together, we'll be able to expand access to the outdoors, protect America's public lands, and upgrade our nation's infrastructure system," he said.

Organizations, like the National Congress of American Indians, and other tribal leaders, have been pressuring the park service to improve tribal consultation, to improve access to historic and culturally significant sites or better protect them and to include indigenous history and culture as part of each park's experience.

Brigham, who has years of experience working with Sams from his time working as an administrator with the tribe, said he has the knowledge and experience to do just that.

"Chuck knows why the land is important to the tribe; we have been taught the need to take care of the land, so the land can take care of us ... he knows the importance of family connecting to the land, traditionally, culturally, and in taking care of the land," she said. "Those are things we don't have to educate him on, as we have had to try and educate other people."

For his part, Sams has said he wants to, whether that's through improved consultation with tribal nations or incorporating traditional indigenous ecological knowledge into agency management decisions or incorporating indigenous history and culture into park experiences, has said engaging with Indian country is a top goal.

"As the Park Service's first Native American director, Chuck is well-positioned to balance recreational uses and stewardship with our Tribal Nations' needs to maintain our traditional and ancestral ties to these lands," NCAI President Fawn Sharp said after Sams was nominated in August.

At the same time, Brigham said she and other tribal leaders are eager to help out if he asks for it.

"We're willing to help, because it is going to be a huge task," she said. "We know it's not gonna happen overnight."

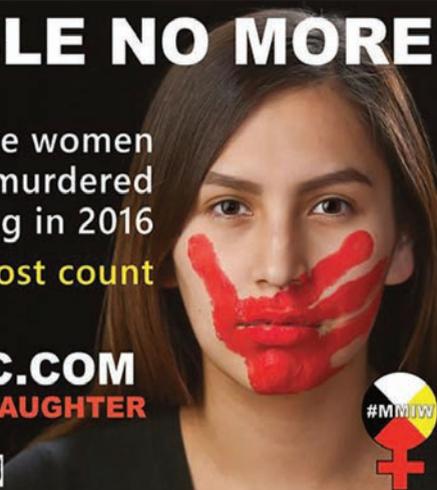
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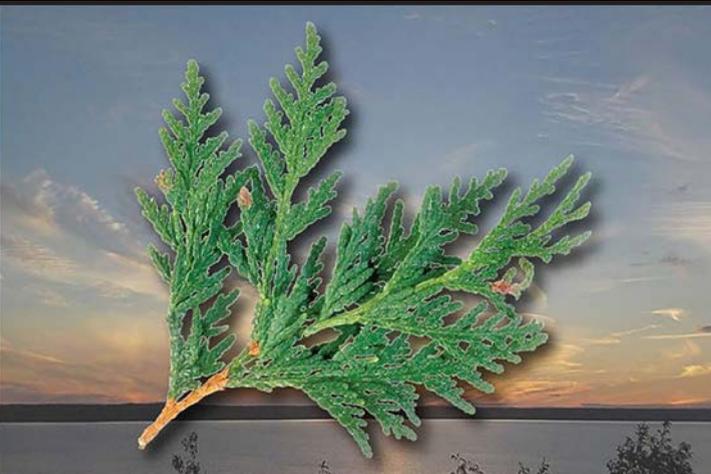
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## Cedar giizhik

Cedar is a dark green leaf that dries easily with a very strong fresh odor. Once the cedar is dried, it is burned while praying; the prayers will rise on the smoke and be carried to the Creator.

Praying can happen either aloud or silently. In many tribes, cedar is sprawled along the floor of the sweat lodges. Cedar is burned to cleanse many different things, and also can be used for self-cleansing.

Burning cedar drives out negative energy around and within you.



# DESIGN CHOSEN FOR WILMA MANKILLER COIN

By Nancy Marie Spears

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The Wilma Mankiller quarter, slated to begin circulating in 2022, will feature an image of the Cherokee chief, wrapped in a traditional shawl with the seven-pointed star of the Cherokee Nation to the right and "Cherokee Nation" written in the Cherokee syllabary below her name.

The wind is at her back as she gazes into the future.

The selection of Mankiller, who was the first woman elected principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, was announced in June by the U.S. Mint. Her quarter – which was designed by noted Mint sculptor Phebe Hemphill, who also sculpted several Code Talkers \$1 coins – is the third coin of the American Women's Quarters program.

Mankiller, who was a Medal of Freedom winner and a long-time champion of the rights of indigenous people and women, was elected chief in 1985 and led the Cherokees for a decade.

She's one of five women chosen to appear on the new American Women's Quarters program. The others are writer, performer and social activist Maya Angelou; physicist and space pioneer Sally Ride; Santa Fe school superintendent Nina Otero-Warren and Chinese American film star Anna May Wong. Others are expected to be chosen for the years 2023 to 2025.

The selection of Mankiller was powerful, Oklahoma female chiefs and tribal leaders said.

Edwina Butler-Wolfe, former governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and now education director of the Sac and Fox Nation, said Mankiller played a role in her gaining the confidence to become an indigenous woman leader.

"I like the saying that Wilma used, she had said, 'Women can help turn the world right side up,'" Butler-Wolfe said. "We bring a more collaborative approach to government. If we do not participate, the decision will be made without us. And that's so very true. And I took that to heart because you got to be at the table."

The new quarter design, she said, shows "our Native American women can be somebody."

"Wilma Mankiller made a pathway to all American Indian women who seek to take on the role of being a leader in a tribal government," Butler-Wolfe said.

She said that doesn't mean she or those around her haven't had push back from their own communities on the issue of tribal women leadership, something usually based on societal beliefs or simple tradition.

When the quarter comes out, Butler-Wolfe said, she plans to implement better teachings on



Mankiller, who died in 2010. Without Mankiller, she said, there likely wouldn't be as many indigenous female leaders as there are today.

Butler-Wolfe said she would like to ensure the tribe's schools have some lessons on the life and influence of Mankiller to bolster the scant indigenous education in Oklahoma.

"I see it only as promoting and inspiring kids," she said. "Maybe one little girl sitting out there in the classroom, that may be a leader someday, we never know. I never knew I was going to be a leader."

Women leaders are not new to the Kaw Nation, Chairwoman Lynn Williams said, noting she is the fourth woman to lead her tribe.

Williams, who called the upcoming quarter release awesome, said she met Mankiller once and they talked for a few minutes, and she heard Mankiller speak numerous times.

"She was a great woman," Williams said. "You could feel a good presence around her. When she spoke, it was in such a way that she didn't have to be harsh or anything, but she could get her point across."

Williams said having Mankiller's face on the quarter will do positive things for the tribes and young tribal citizens.

"We as Natives have been silent for far too long," Williams said. "We want our voices to be heard. We want people to know how things really are for us. I think having her face on that quarter is just going to help us, and help our young people to realize, anybody can do whatever you set your mind and your heart to do."

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# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



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**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting Minutes November 18, 2021 via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:03 a.m.**  
 Opening ceremony: Melissa Wiatrolik  
 Closed Session: No  
 Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor  
 Absent: Councilor Melissa Pamp  
 Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee  
 Corporate Charters Present: Gaming Authority Chairperson Mary Kilmer and Vice-Chairperson Denise Petoskey; Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. President Tanya Gibbs, Vice-President Alan Proctor, Board Member Doug Craven, and Board Member Belinda "Lin" Bardwell; Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Administrative Assistant Nichlos Peltier, Vice-Chairperson Denise Steffel and Executive Director Shanna Shananaquet; Tribal Burial Board, Inc. Chairperson Annette VanDeCar; Ziibimijwang, Inc. Chairperson Joe VanAlstine and Mi-nogin Market, Market Supervisor/Team Lead, Rosebud Schneider.

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Natural Resources Department Great Lakes Fishery Management Technician Emily Barkley, Education's WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Human Resources Generalist Rose Pyant, Natural Resources Department Data Licensing Assistant Kathleen Willis, Planning Department's Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Education's WOCTEP Lead Student Advisor Ben Hinmon, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Gijigowi Language Director Carla Osawamick, Accounting Department Controller Cheryl Kishigo, Chief of Law Enforcement Terrance McDonnel, Elder's Department Director Mary Roberts, Education's Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepf  
 Judicial Officials and Staff: None  
 Public: Dan Pierzynowski, Brian Anthony, Ricky Compo, Patrick Anthony, Roberta Hinman, Renee "Wasson" Dillard, Bernadece Boda, Doug Emery, Marvin Mulholland, Judy Fields, Melissa Shomin, Elicia Peltier, Andrea Roque, Tiana Wesaw, Deleta Smith, Daniel Hinmon, Timothy Hinmon, Katherine Hinmon, Zane Peltier Jr., Zane Peltier III, Gary Kilmer, Lance Hinmon, Hope Harwood, Douglas Sprague, Rosalynn Pangowish, Samantha Cole  
 Invited Guest: Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Finance Roger Borton, and Director of Human Resources Andrea "Andi" Shananaquet  
**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt the Agenda of November 18, 2021 as presented.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizens who have walked on: John Beaver, Ronald Davenport, Reginald Dodge, Nicholas King, Emelia Lacey, Richard Petoskey, and Stewart Walker.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
 Review and Approve Minutes of October 21, 2021.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the minutes of October 21, 2021 as corrected.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
 Review and Approve Minutes of November 4, 2021.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to approve the minutes of November 4, 2021 presented.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
**9:30 a.m.** Introduction of new Tribal Government Employees:  
 Emily Barkley Great Lakes Fishery Management Technician NRD  
 Kathleen Willis Data Licensing Assistant NRD  
 Tate Fettig Deputy Law Enforcement Officer Law Enforcement  
 Kelly Lynd COVID/Clinic Nurse Health  
**Executive Oversight Report:** No written report.  
**Discussion: Vice Chairperson Stella Kay**  
 Rebecca Fisher has left her position as the Executive Assistant for the Executive Administration.  
 Cathy Bradley has ended her Temporary Staff position in the Chairperson's office.  
 Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley will be out of the office for a few days.  
 Vice Chairperson Stella Kay has been attending a summit with the President of the United States and cabinet members.  
 1,939 COVID checks have been mailed to Tribal Citizens.  
 Positive COVID-19 cases on the rise.  
**Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon**  
 Phase 2.5 has been implemented until January 1, 2022 due to the rise in positive COVID-19 cases.  
 -Citizens and Guests will need to schedule appointments with Departments.  
 -Staffing will be reduced to 50% or less for departments to maintain social distancing requirements.  
 -In-person meetings and events are cancelled and should be conducted by Zoom.  
 The next Executive Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 24, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Topics of discussion include teachings on Prayer, Honor, and Respect.  
**Motion** to acknowledge the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Vice Chairperson Stella Kay and Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon for November 18, 2021.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
**Tribal Council Officer Reports/Committee Reports:**  
Legislative Leader Report:  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor's verbal and written report for November 18, 2021.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
**9:45 a.m.** Odawa Casino Resort/Gaming Authority 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report  
**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort's verbal and written 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by General Manager Ron Olson and Director of Finance Roger Borton on November 18, 2021.  
 Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/GSP Online Gaming verbal and written 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by Primary Executive Official Roger Borton on November 18, 2021.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.  
**11:01 a.m.** Break  
**11:10 a.m.** Meeting resumes  
**11:00 a.m.** Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. - 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal & written Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by President Tanya Gibbs for November 18, 2021.  
 Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor William Ortiz), 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
**Tribal Council Officer Reports/Committee Reports continued.**  
Secretary Report:  
 Documents Delivered to the Executive - none  
 Vetoes (a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto): none  
 Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: none  
**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes verbal report as provided on the agen-

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

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

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

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

**Legislative Tribal Council Members**  
 Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader  
 Marcella Reyes, Secretary  
 Leroy Shomin, Treasurer  
 Tamara Kiogima, Councilor  
 Aaron Otto, Councilor  
 Melissa Pamp, Councilor  
 Marty Van De Car, Councilor  
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da for November 18, 2021.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
Treasurer Report:  
 Appropriations and Finance Committee  
 -Last Meeting: November 9, 2021 (Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting)  
**-Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Use of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"), restricted for Affordable Housing Development funds, in the Amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), for the Development of Modular or Single-Family Homes at Wah Waas No De Ke, Harbor Springs, MI.  
 Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carries.  
**-Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin To Transfer \$2.3 million from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' General Fund Account to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Short-term Investment Account.  
 Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carries.  
 -Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee:  
**-11/11/21 Reason for Phone Poll:**

*Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Burial Program Supplemental funding in the Amount of \$64,000.00 from General Fund-Fund Balance.*  
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
**-11/12/21 Reason for Emergency Phone Poll:** *Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental funding for Ziibimijwang, Inc. in the amount of Thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.*  
 Phone Poll Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.  
**-11/17/21 Reason for Phone Poll #1:** *Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, GLRI Great Lakes Basin Coregonine Restoration Projects FY 2022.*  
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
**-11/17/21 Reason for Phone Poll #2:** *Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from The Nature Conservancy, "Kiyi Restoration Analysis" Project.*  
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
 -Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom  
 Other activities: Conversations with Legislative Leader Emily Proctor regarding meeting and presentation platforms; Will be working on a job description with Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey for a new Legislative position; Attended the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation meeting on November 8, 2021.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for November 18, 2021.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
**Public Comment**  
**11:44 a.m.** Opens  
 Bernadece Boda commented she is not in support of the Grandparent and Grandchild Visitation Statute. The Tribe should invest in bit coins and cryptocurrency. Odawa Casino Resort should use cryptocurrency. Supports Lance and Ben Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation board.  
 Ricky Compo commented the Tribe needs an investment plan. Grand Traverse Band distributes 50% of its slot revenue to their members. Supports another stimulus in 2022 from the ARP COVID funding. Does not support the Grandparents and Grandchild Visitation Statute.  
 Amanda Swiss commented she is not in support of the Grandparent and Grandchild Visitation Statute. It interferes with and supersedes parents' rights. Encourages Tribal Council to vote no.  
 Andrea Roque supports Ben and Lance Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Board of Directors.  
 Renee "Wasson" Dillard is in support of the Grandparent and Grandchild Visitation Statute.  
 Brian Anthony commented there needs to housing in Mackinaw City.  
 Elicia Peltier supports Ben and Lance Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Board.  
 Melissa Shomin commented she is in support of an additional direct distribution to Tribal members from ARP Funds.  
 Michael Dayson commented he would like to see relief going to the people who it was intended for.  
 Judy Field commented Tribal Citizens come first. Encourages Tribal Council to help out citizens, near and far, with another payment from the stimulus money.  
 Chris Shomin commented there are many citizens in need right now. Supports another payment to all citizens

ASAP. It's not about being greedy or lazy, its about you and the Executive caring for your citizens.  
 Ricky Compo supports Ben and Lance Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Board.  
 Melissa Shomin thanked Tribal Council and everyone in attendance. Appreciates all the reports.  
 Daniel Hinmon supports Ben and Lance Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Board of Directors.  
 Timothy Hinmon supports Ben and Lance Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Board of Directors.  
 Bernadece Boda asked Tribal Council, to provide to all citizens, copies of balance sheets and Profit/Loss statements from each corporation and each of their subsidiaries, an explanation of any missing documents, balances in each fund, any unreported balances, what are the funds designated for in each budget, and if no designation, why. She requested the documents be placed in the Citizens Portal.  
**12:01 p.m.** Closed  
**12:02 p.m.** Lunch break  
**1:01 p.m.** Meeting resumes  
**1:00 p.m.** Tribal Burial Board, Inc. - 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report  
**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Tribal Burial Board, Inc. 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by Chairperson Annette VanDeCar for November 18, 2021.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
**Tribal Council Officer Reports/Committee Reports continued.**  
Land and Reservation Committee:  
 -Last Meeting: November 12, 2021 (Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting)  
**-Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Approval of Site Plan for Pole Barn for the Drier Rd. Property.  
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
**-Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Payment and Retention of Land Tax Bills Policy.  
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
**-Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to post the Donated Land Acceptance Statute to the web as sponsored by the Land and Reservation Committee.  
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.  
 -Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None  
 -Next Meeting: Friday, December 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Chairperson for November 18, 2021.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)  
 Motion carries.  
**Tribal Council Member Reports:**  
 Councilor Fred Kiogima - No report  
 Councilor Tamara Kiogima - No report  
 Councilor William Ortiz - Attending the 20/20 Negotiations. Has no report.  
 Councilor Aaron Otto - No report  
 Councilor Melissa Pamp - Absent  
 Councilor Marty Van De Car - As of January 2023, Marty will be on the City of Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce Board.  
 Treasurer Leroy Shomin - No additional report  
 Secretary Marcella Reyes - No report  
 Legislative Leader Emily Proctor "**Minutes**" continued on page 28.

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– Shared unofficial City of Harbor Springs Election votes.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge the verbal reports from Councilor Marty Van De Car and Legislative Leader Emily Proctor for November 18, 2021.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

Legislative Office Reports:  
Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst:

Office update  
Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.  
Tribal Burial Board, Inc.  
Ziibimijwang, Inc. – Discussion of Ziibimijwang, Inc. Tribal Resolution supplemental request in the amount of \$32,000.00

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation, Inc.  
Gaming Authority

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for November 18, 2021.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer:

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik’s verbal and written report for November 18, 2021.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

Legislative Services Attorney:  
**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick’s verbal and written report for November 18, 2021.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

General Counsel – Written report  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky’s written report for November 18, 2021.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

Legislative Office Manager – Written report  
**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount’s written report for November 18, 2021.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

**2:44 p.m.** Break  
**2:59 p.m.** Meeting resumes  
**Public Comment:**  
**3:01 p.m.** Opens

Zane Peltier Jr. supports both Ben and Lance Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Board of Directors.

Rebecca Harwood supports Ben and Lance Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Board of Directors.

Hope Harwood supports Lance and Ben Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation.

Mary Schneider questioned why isn’t the Tribe buying from our own farm? Does Odawa Casino Resort get their fish from our fisherman?

Timothy Hinmon would like to see the farm put under a corporation, make it profitable. Plant a cannabis farm for our people. Stop wasting money.

Patrick Anthony is confused about the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. vacancy. Is Belinda Bardwell on the board or not?

Bernadece Boda commented about Ziibimijwang, Inc.’s budget of \$140,000 and then requesting supplemental funding. They should not receive any funding as they should be self-sufficient.

**3:06 p.m.** Closes  
Tribal Council Action Items:

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge re-

ceipt of the Executive Nomination of Steven Otto to the Elders Commission and set up an interview.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Aaron Otto), 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 111821-01 Approval of Site Plan for Pole Barn for the Drier Rd. Property.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve the Payment and Retention of Land Tax Bills Policy.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to post for comment the Donated Land Acceptance Statute to the web as sponsored by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 111821-02 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, GLRI Great Lakes Basin Core-gone Restoration Projects FY 2022.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 111821-03 Request for Funding from The Nature Conservancy, “Kiyi Restoration Analysis” Project.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to appoint Lance Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation for a 3-year term ending November 18, 2024.

Vote: 2 - Yes, 5 - No (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion fails.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to appoint Ben Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation for a 3-year term ending November 18, 2024.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 4 - No (Secretary Marcella Reyes, Councilor William Ortiz, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor, Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion fails.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to approve TRIBAL COUNCIL’S LEGISLATIVE DIRECTIVE # 111821-01 Amendment to Legislative Branch Operations Governmental Employee Personnel Policies Handbook #110917-01.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to approve and post the Legislative Services Attorney job description.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to adopt Tribal Resolution: Use of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”), Restricted for Affordable Housing Development funds, in the Amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), for the Development of Modular or Single-Family Homes at Wah Waas No De Ke, Harbor Springs, MI.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-no, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 111821-01 Approval of Site Plan for Pole Barn for the Drier Rd. Property.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve the Payment and Retention of Land Tax Bills Policy.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to adopt Tribal Resolution: To Transfer \$2.3 million from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians’ General Fund Account to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians’ Short-term Investment Account.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution: Burial Program Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$64,000.00 from General Fund-Fund Balance.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding for Ziibimijwang, Inc. in the amount of Thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding for Ziibimijwang, Inc. in the amount of Thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution: Use of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds in the Amount of \$4,500,000.00 for the equivalent to the Reduction of Revenue.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution: Use of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds in the Amount of \$4,500,000.00 for the equivalent to the Reduction of Revenue.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution: Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for Green Sunrise Products LLC, 1520 US 131 Hwy, Petoskey Marijuana Retail License and Related Matters.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-no, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution: Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for Green Sunrise Products LLC, 1520 US 131 Hwy, Petoskey Marijuana Retail License and Related Matters.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution: Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for Green Sunrise Products LLC, 1520 US 131 Hwy, Petoskey Marijuana Retail License and Related Matters.

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roy Shomin-no, Secretary Marcella Reyes-absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-no Motion carries.

**Other Items of Business:** None

Adjournment:

**4:27 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting

**Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom**

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.

Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Regular Meeting December 16, 2021 via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:10 a.m.**

Opening ceremony: Regina Gasco Bentley

Closed Session: none

Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

Absent: Councilor Tamara Kiogima (arrived 9:16 a.m.)

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee

Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Executive Director Shanna Shananaquet; Tribal Burial Board Treasurer Gwen Teuthorn

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Executive Assistant Kerstine Ome, Education’s WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Health Department Dental Assistant Jeanette Hudak, Safety Coordinator Susan Gasco, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Accounting Department Controller Cheryl Kishigo, Inland Fish and Wildlife Program Manager Bill Parsons, Planning Director Amanda Swiss, Human Resources Generalist Rose Pyant, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, GIS Director Alan Proctor, Education’s Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepp, Interim NIT Project Director Ben Hinmon

Judicial Officials and Staff: None

Public: Dan Pierzynowski, Patrick Anthony, Melissa Shomin, Nichol Peltier, Patrick Anthony, Renee Dillard, Samantha Coleman, Brian Anthony, Ricky Compo, Mendel, Gary Shomin, Robert Martell, Douglas Sprague, Wayne Ettawageshik, Tim Hinmon, Bernadece Boda, Jesse Boda

Invited Guest: Odawa Casino Resort Director of Finance Roger Borton

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to adopt the agenda of December 16, 2021 as amended.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen(s) who have walked on: Russel Genia, Virgil Sineway, and Charlene Klont.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt the agenda of December 16, 2021 as amended.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

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Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

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Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

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Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

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Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt the agenda of December 16, 2021 as amended.

eral Dana Nessel to discuss Line 5.

The children’s Christmas Solstice was well attended by citizens in the Grand Rapids and Lansing areas. Thanked Fred Harrington Jr. and Riley Sargent for volunteering.

Michigan State Senator Wayne Schmidt, the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Civil Rights along with the Executive has asked Tribal Council to consider writing a Tribal Resolution about the Tribe’s stance on the Canadian Indian Boarding Schools.

Vice Chairperson Stella Kay has attended the United States Department of Agriculture Commodity Food Program and the Department of Health and Human Services Infrastructure meetings.

Thanked Health Director Werner and General Counsel Bransky for taking the lead on getting Michigan Tribes Medicaid reimbursement.

Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson will be giving an update on the Heynig Rd Housing development at the January 2022 Executive Town Hall Meeting.

**Discussion:** Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

Echoed thanks to Fred Harrington Jr. and Riley for volunteering their services for the Children’s Christmas Solstice.

The local Children’s Christmas Solstice will be this Friday, December 17, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

All departments and program are wrapping up the 2021 Fiscal Year.

**9:40 a.m.** Councilor Fred Kiogima left the meeting due to technical difficulties

**9:43 a.m.** Councilor Fred Kiogima returned to the meeting.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by

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term beginning December 16, 2021.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 2 – Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima), 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Odawa Casino Resort pursuing a PNC Bank Loan in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing slot machines; and authorize the signing of a contact with Aristocrat not to exceed \$1,033,207.80 and a contract with SG Gaming not to exceed the amount of \$1,965,500.00, upon receipt of the loan funds.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP, LLC Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Tamara Kiogima), 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to approve CERTIFIED MOTION #121621-02 Funding for Fiscal Year 2022 Tribal Burial Board, Inc. Budget in the amount of Sixty-One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$61,597.17) allocated from Amended FY2022 Operating Budgets, Legislative-Charter Fund/Economic Development Spending.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121621-03 Funding for Fiscal Year 2022 Ziibimijwang, Inc. Budget in the amount of Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Five (\$43,785.00) for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, allocated from Amended FY2022 Operating Budgets, Legislative-Charter Fund/Economic Development Spending.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Melissa Pamp), 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter for Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation

Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget not to exceed \$89,323.00

Vote: 8 – Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Tamara Kiogima), 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**11:32 a.m.** Councilor Tamara Kiogima steps away

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve Enrollment List A – Eligible for Citizenship dated December 15, 2021 for a total of nine (9).

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to post the Tribal Council Policy and Procedure – Tribal Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, Work Sessions and Hearings short title: TCP&P00002.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to amend the agenda to include:

**Motion** to schedule a Special Work Session on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and Ziibimijwang, Inc. Corporate Charters.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima) Motion carries.

**Public Comment:**  
**11:41 a.m.** Opens

Rose Pyant appreciates any kind of assistance from the Tribe.

Gary Shomin commented on the frivolous recall against several Tribal

Councilors. Does not appreciate comments made against his son Treasurer Leroy Shomin.

Brian Anthony commented Ziibimijwang, Inc. should be its own department.

Patrick Anthony commented Tribal Council should have concern of money being spent on charters and investments. Not accusing anyone of mismanagement of funds. Cannot thank Tribe enough.

Brian Anthony commented does not believe we should apply for any grant that does not allow people to use food cards. Should be able to use food card and food from the farm.

Gary Shomin thanked Tribal Council for all of their hard work.

**11:52 a.m.** Closed

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION Amended Appropriation of Funds for the 2022 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets.

Roll Call: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-absent, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) Cost of Living (COLA) for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) Government Employees and Odawa Casino Resort Employees and to appropriate, not to exceed the amount of \$1,990,161.92, for FY 2022 Operating Budget to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

Roll Call: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-absent, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-abstain, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to authorize and approve the Legislative Leader Proctor to sign the Agreement for Legal Services with Peebles Kidder Bergin & Robinson LLP, to provide legal services related to litigation filed by Bear Creek Township against the Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima) Motion carries.

**12:15 p.m.** Lunch break

**1:16 p.m.** Meeting resumes

**Legislative Office Reports:**  
**General Counsel:**

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky’s verbal report for December 16, 2021.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima) Motion carries.

**1:31 p.m.** Councilor Tamara Kiogima arrives

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to schedule a Special Work Session on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and Ziibimijwang, Inc. Corporate Charters.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Office of Finance and Revenue** - Senior Financial Analyst

Office update  
Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Tribal Burial Board, Inc.  
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.

Ziibimijwang, Inc.  
Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation, Inc.

Gaming Authority – October 2021 Monthly Report and 2021 Bidding Opportunity

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for December 16, 2021.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort October 2021 Monthly Report dated November 22, 2021.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 2021 Bidding Opportunity.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to authorize and approve the position of the Sr. Financial Analyst as the Legislative Branch designee to provide “Financial Review” in accordance with WOS 2019-004 Contracting Statute, and Sr. Financial Analyst shall be responsible to notify the Department of Commerce of the designation and update as needed.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of November 18, 2021.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to approve the minutes of November 18, 2021 as presented.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carries.

Tribal Council Officer /Committee Reports:

**Legislative Leader Report:**

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal and written report for December 16, 2021.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Secretary Report:**

Documents Delivered to the Executive for signature on 11/18/2021:

-Waganakising Odawak Statute Grandparent and Grandchild Visitation Statute.

Documents signed by the Executive:

-Tribal Resolution # 111821-01 Use of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”), Restricted for

Affordable Housing Development funds, in the Amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), for the Development of Modular or Single-Family Homes at Wah Waas No De Ke, Harbor Springs, MI.

-Tribal Resolution # 111821-02 To Transfer \$2.3 million from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians’ General Fund Account to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians’ Short-term Investment Account.

-Tribal Resolution # 111821-03 Burial Program Supplemental funding in the Amount of \$64,000.00 from General Fund-Fund Balance.

-Tribal Resolution #111821-04 Supplemental funding for Ziibimijwang, Inc. in the amount of Thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

-Tribal Resolution # 111821-05 Use of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds in the amount of \$4,500,000.00 for the equivalent to the Reduction of Revenue.

-Tribal Resolution # 111821-06 Authorization of the COVID-19 Employment Financial Impact Relief Payment Program that allows for a one hundred dollars (\$100.00) payment to Little

Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Employees to come from American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) funds in the amount of Sixty-one Thousand and One Hundred Dollars (\$61,100.00) for Six hundred and Eleven Employees.

-Tribal Resolution 111821-07 Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for Green Sunrise Products LLC, 1520 US 131 Hwy, Petoskey Marijuana Retail License and Related Matters.

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

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: None

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes’ verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for December 16, 2021.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,

0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Treasurer Report:**

**Appropriations and Finance Committee**

-Last Regular Meeting: December 7, 2021

(Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting)

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121621-01 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish Hatchery Maintenance Projects FY 2022.

Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Councilor William Ortiz)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Amended Appropriation of Funds for the 2022 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets.

Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Councilor William Ortiz)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to acknowledge receipt of the replacement contract with Video Security Specialists with the same terms and conditions as the previous approved contract (October 22, 2020) with CBTS.

Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Councilor William Ortiz)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Gaming Authority 2022 Fiscal Year Operating Budget.

Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Councilor William Ortiz)

Motion carries.

*Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) Cost of Living (COLA) for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) Government Employees and Odawa Casino Resort Employees and to appropriate, not to exceed the amount of \$1,990,161.92, for FY 2022 Operating Budget to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.*

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

*Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the 2023 Budget Formulation Process Calendar.*

Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Councilor William Ortiz)

Motion carries.

Special Meeting: December 14, 2021

(Motions made at special meeting)

*Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Odawa Casino Resort pursuing a PNC Bank Loan in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing of slot machines; and authorized the signing of a contact with Aristocrat not to exceed \$1,033,207.80 and a contract with SG Gaming not to exceed the amount of \$1,965,500.00, upon receipt of the loan funds.*

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

*Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP, LLC Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget.*

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

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION #121621-02 Funding for

Fiscal Year 2022 Tribal Burial Board, Inc. Budget in the amount of Sixty-one thousand five

hundred ninety-seven dollars and seventeen cents (\$61,597.17) allocated from Amended

FY2022 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets, Legislative-Charter Fund/Economic Development

Spending.  
Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-ab-

sent (Councilor William Ortiz)

Motion carries.

Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding

Corporation Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget.

*Motion fails due to lack of support*

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to

recommend Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121621-03 Funding for

Fiscal Year 2022 Ziibimijwang, Inc. Budget in the amount of Forty-three thousand seven

hundred eighty-five dollars (\$43,785.00) allocated from Amended FY2022 Fiscal Year

Operating Budgets, Legislative-Charter Fund/Economic Development Spending.

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

*Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to*

*recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Odawa Economic Development Management,*

*Inc. Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget.*

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

*Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to*

*recommend to Tribal Council to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter for Odawa Economic Affairs*

*Holding Corporation Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget not to exceed \$86,000.00*

Vote: 2-yes, 1-no (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carries.

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: None  
-Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for December 16, 2021.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Land and Reservation Committee**

-Last Meeting: December 3, 2021 (Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting)

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to pass the Land Acquisition Due Diligence Policy.

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

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None

-Next Meeting: Friday, January 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Chairperson for December 16, 2021.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Member Reports:**

Councilor Fred Kiogima – No report

Councilor Tamara Kiogima – No report

Councilor William Ortiz – Reviewed property in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, attended the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation meeting, and discussion on the Ben Hinmon correspondence.

Councilor Aaron Otto - \$100 COVID relief money for employees of the Tribal Government and Odawa Casino Resort, and reminded his fellow council members to follow Mandated rules for Tribal Council. Giving Charters the tools, they need to function as Tribal Council requested.

Councilor Melissa Pamp – Office closure between Christmas and New Year’s, Zoom chat, Will abstain from all votes that deal with Lume, Will meet with Judge and Legislative Services Attorney on Adult Protection Statute Review, Native Organizers Alliance-Indigenous Futures Survey, Casino job postings posted as part time but after hire, they were given full time so some who did not apply because of the part-time posting are

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*“Minutes” continued from page 29.*

upset., Scheduled Lunch breaks.

**2:53 p.m.** Treasurer Leroy Shomin exits meeting

**Public Comment:**

**2:55 p.m.** Opens

Linda Gokee, stated she is the only person employed by the Tribe that must sign out in order to make public comment. Other governments do not do that.

Patrick Anthony, thanked Tribal Council for the work but believes they need to take more control for the chat feature for Zoom meetings.

Brian Anthony, Emily is doing a wonderful job bringing our Tribe into compliance. Need to work better for the Citizens and what our Tribe is going to do.

Gary Shomin, thanked Tribal Council for their hard work. Grandfather teachings, by the time you are 18yrs old you should know them. How far do you let folks go in harassment on a board? Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation should be eliminated.

Note: Benedict Hinmon written Public Comment will be entered into the record as attached to the official Minutes in file.

Gary Shomin. What is the reason for recall because the money should be used for good things. Thankful for who is in charge. We have been through so many recalls, it should be added to our name and recalled people should not see who signs the recall so that needs to be fixed. The recall will cost \$25-30,000.00.

Brian Anthony, the people who are initiating the recall as using their rights of Citizenship.

Patrick Anthony, we have had so many recalls we should change our name to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Recalling. Participated in one recall and very sorry I recalled the person I did, but found out the person recalled saw who participates so that needs to change.

**3:15 p.m.** Closed

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to recognize that per Executive notice on December 8, 2021 all Tribal Government buildings will be closed December 27, 28, 29, 2021 and Legislative employees will be considered off during the office closure.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 2 – No (Councilor Aaron Otto, Secretary Marcella Reyes), 1 – Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Member Reports continues...

Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – No additional report

Secretary Marcella Reyes – No report

Treasurer Leroy Shomin – absent Councilor Marty Van De Car – No report

**4:07 p.m.** Break

**4:10 p.m.** Secretary Marcella Reyes exits meeting

**4:30 p.m.** Meeting resumes

Tribal Council Member Reports continues...

Councilor William Ortiz-provided update regarding Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and clarity on statements made.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor William Ortiz, and Councilor Melissa Pamp’s verbal report for December 16, 2021.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Legislative Office Reports continued:

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

– No report

Legislative Services Attorney:

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick’s verbal and written report for December 16, 2021.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Legislative Office Manager:

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Manager Michele

Portman-LaCount’s verbal report for December 16, 2021.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Other Items of Business:** None

**Adjournment:**

**5:01 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adjourn.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

**Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom**

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.

Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**

**Tribal Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 6, 2022**

**via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:04 a.m.**

Opening ceremony: Dr. Frank Animikwam, MD

Closed Session: Yes

Council Present: Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

Absent: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, University of Minnesota Intern Eva Oldman

Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Administrative Assistant Nichlos Peltier

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Education’s WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Tribal Health Department Dr. Frank Animikwam, MD, Education’s Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepp, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Tribal Chairman’s Office Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Tribal Chairman’s Office Executive Assistant Kerstine Omev, Planning Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Chief of Law Enforcement Terry McDonnell, Elders Outreach Coordinator Holly LaCombe, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Interim Education NIT Project Director Ben Hinmon, Enrollment Department Enrollment Receptionist/Data Entry Lindsey Doerfler, Accounting Department Controller Cheryl Kishigo

Judicial Officials and Staff: None

Public: Ricky Compo, Doug Emery, Gary Shomin, Brian Anthony, Judy Field, Bernadece Boda, Jesse Boda, Marvin Mulholland, Timothy Hinmon, Renee Dillard, Patrick Anthony, Christine Shomin, Melissa Shomin

Invited Guest: None

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to Adopt the Agenda of January 6, 2022 as presented.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of December 16, 2021.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to approve the minutes of December 16, 2021 as corrected.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Executive Oversight Report:

**Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon**

Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley is out of the office today.

Tribal Government Operations is working under Phase 2.5...

-The Emergency Management Team continues to meet every Mon-

day and is monitoring the uptick of positive COVID cases in our area.

-More positive COVID employees amongst government employees.

Solstice event went well.

The Executive Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Zoom meeting information is as follows:

[www.tinyurl.com/lrtbbtownhall](http://www.tinyurl.com/lrtbbtownhall)

Webinar ID: 850 4133 1897

Passcode: 002323

Dial by Phone: 1 (786) 635-1003

**Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson**

Continued work on houses on the Waa Waas No De Ke (Heynig Rd) property. Foundations are ready for the following:

-Three (3) - 1 Bedroom homes

-Two (2) - 2 Bedroom homes

The new Tribal Prosecutor Jana Simmons is on board

Rochelle Ettawageshik is the new Qualified Expert Witness for the Tribe.

**Additional information:**

On-Site facility for weather related shelters.

Dr Frank Animikwam: Clinic is still providing COVID testing. Home test kits are in low supply-need to contact clinic to pick up (preferably a non-house member. Home test kits may provide false negative so if symptomatic COVID is the illness. Elders first assistance with additional kits if available. Call Clinic for details, 231-242-1700.

Hemp Board: Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon will provide update from Executive Assistant.

RE: Critical Race Theory: Is it possible for the Education Department stay on top of this bill? Per Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon, they are on top of this and involved.

Is there anyone who checks on Elders in our Elder’s housing when there are power outages? The answer is yes, law enforcement.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon and Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson for January 6, 2022.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Officer and Committee Reports:**

Legislative Leader Report:

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal and written report for January 6, 2022.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Secretary Report:

Documents Delivered to the Executive on 12/17/2021 and is due back to Tribal Council on/before January 17, 2022

-Tribal Resolution Amended Appropriation of Funds for the 2022 FY Operating Budgets

-Tribal Resolution United States Bureau of Labor Statistics *Consumer Price Index* for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (*CPI-W*) Cost of Living (COLA) for Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians (LTBB) Government Employees and Odawa Casino Resort Employees and to appropriate, not to exceed the amount of \$1,990,161.92 for FY 2022 LTBB Operating Budget to come from General Fund-Fund Balance

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

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: None

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes’ verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for January 6, 2022.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Treasurer Report:

**Appropriations and Finance Committee**

-Last Regular Meeting: December 7, 2021

-Last Special Meeting: December

14, 2021

(*All Motions made at the December Appropriations and Finance Committee Meetings were*

*presented to Tribal Council on December 16, 2021)*

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee:

**12/28/2021 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 010622-01 Acceptance of Funds as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Mental Health Block Grant FY 2023-2024.**

Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

-Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Marcella Reyes, Committee Secretary for January 6, 2022.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Land and Reservation Committee:

-Last Meeting: December 3, 2021

(*Motions made at the December Land and Reservation Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council on December 16, 2021)*

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None

-Next Meeting: Friday, January 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Chairperson for January 6, 2022.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Member Reports:**

Councilor Fred Kiogima – Absent Councilor Tamara Kiogima – No report

Councilor William Ortiz – Attended the January 3, 2022 Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Meeting, Met with Ziibimijwang, Inc. Board Member Kevin Gasco regarding the future of the farm, and is working with Natural Resources Department Great Lakes Fishery Program Manager Kevin Donner regarding a potential land parcel in Nahma, Michigan [that would support fishing].

Councilor Aaron Otto – No report Councilor Melissa Pamp – Indicated she may possibly revisit the COVID Incentive plan. Gave prayers for all the families who have lost family members due to COVID.

Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – Announcement of Tribal Citizen Eva Oldman, a part-time Internship for the Legislative Branch for a part of her final semester at the University of Minnesota from January-May 2022. Eva will be graduating with a Bachelors in Tribal Administration and Governance. Welcome aboard Eva!

Secretary Marcella Reyes – No report

Treasurer Leroy Shomin – Absent Councilor Marty Van De Car – Welcomed Eva Oldman to the Legislative Branch. Appreciated her entrepreneurship.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor, and Councilor Marty Van De Car verbal report for January 6, 2022.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Legislative Office Reports:

Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst

Office Update

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Tribal Burial Board, Inc. – No report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. – No report

Ziibimijwang, Inc. – No report

Gaming Authority – Odawa Casino Resort November 2021 Monthly Report

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal report for January 6, 2022.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort November 2021 Monthly Report dated December 29, 2021.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**10:46 a.m.** Break

**11:00 a.m.** Meeting resumes

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer:

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik’s verbal and written report for January 6, 2022.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the sole source Contract with Wesley Andrews/Andrews Cultural Resources in the amount of \$9,100.00 with contract date parameters January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and authorize Legislative Leader to sign the contract thereafter.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Legislative Services Attorney:

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick’s verbal and written report for January 6, 2022.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

General Counsel:

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky’s verbal report for January 6, 2022.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

**11:44 a.m.** Opens

Gary Shomin - Thanked Tribal Council for their work. Addressed concerns over a potential recall of elected officials.

Brian Anthony – Commented on a fellow citizens concern over a potential recall.

Bernadece Boda – Commented she is not employed by the Tribe or any of its Corporate Charters/Boards. She did not initiate any recalls and wanted to set the record straight.

Patrick Anthony – Commented about the potential recall.

**11:54 am.** Closed

Legislative Office Manager – Absent, no report

Tribal Council Action Items:

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Matt Stemkowski to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and set up an interview.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 010622-01 Acceptance of Funds as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Mental Health Block Grant FY 2023-2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara

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*"Minutes" continued from page 30.*

Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to post for comment the Vulnerable Elder and Adult, or Incapacitated Adult, Protection Statute to the web as sponsored by Councilor Melissa Pamp.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the TRIBAL COUNCIL'S LEGISLATIVE DIRECTIVE # 010622-01 Amendment to Legislative Branch Operations Governmental Employee Personnel Policies Handbook #110917-01 for *Job Descriptions and Posting*.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to post for comment the Enjinaaknegeng Statute to the web.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Child Protection Statute.

Roll Call: Councilor Fred Kiogima-absent, Councilor Tamara Kiogi-

ma-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-absent, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion carries.

Other Items of Business:  
Closed Session for Personnel (Legislative Services Attorney pay range and job posting).

**12:19 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to enter into Closed Session for Personnel.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**1:03 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to return to Open Session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

**1:12 p.m.** Opens

Bernadece Boda – Thanked Tribal Council for starting this meeting in a new good way.

Ricky Compo – Thanked Eva Oldman for furthering her secondary education.

Patrick Anthony – Asked if Tribal Citizens are able to comment at the Tribal Council Special Work Session on Thursday, January 13, 2022 regarding Odawa Economic Affairs

Holding Corporation and Ziibimijwang, Inc.

Ricky Compo – Asked when the Hemp Board meets? Has seen no minutes posted to the Tribal website.

Brian Anthony – Commented he is happy the Tribal Council is looking into Housing for Tribal Citizens.

Bernadece Boda – Thanked the Tribe for its continued efforts regarding the COVID pandemic and to keep up the good work.

Brian Anthony – Commented about the Lume profits going towards housing. Questioned if the American Rescue Plan Act funding could support infrastructure. The Tribe needs to do something for our community members.

Bernadece Boda – Asked if the Health Department was going to hold a booster clinic for 12-17-year-olds?

**1:25 p.m.** Closed

**Adjournment:**

**1:26 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to adjourn.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting;

Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.

Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



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# BOOZHOO! OJIBWE SPEAKING PUPPETS HIT THE AIRWAVES

By Dan Ninham

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

Heidi Holton remembers the day Ojibwe puppeteer Michael Lyons called in to the radio station where she worked.

She'd been following his puppets, Nanaboozhoo and Natasha, on YouTube, and commenting about their use of the Ojibwe language and culture.

"He said, 'How about 'Boozhoo Nanaboozhoo' on the radio?'" she recalls. She stopped a moment to think.

"Hmm. Puppets on the radio? That might just work!"

And it has. A five-minute radio show, "The Boozhoo Nanaboozhoo Podcast," is now featured regularly on the morning show at KAXE/KBXE community radio in Bemidji, MN, where Holton is news and public affairs director. It's one of a growing number of platforms for Lyons and his puppets to reach new audiences.

"It didn't hurt that both Michael and I grew up watching and loving 'The Muppet Show,'" Holton told *Indian Country Today*. "Unlike me, he did something with that and created his own puppets who teach us all about Ojibwe culture and language. They also take phone calls from 'celebrities' like Keanu Reeves, Anthony Fauci and Sylvester Stallone."

The radio station did a test run with Lyons and got great feedback, Holton said. KAXE/KBXE then included his work in its annual Legacy funding. And his reach is growing as a self-made entrepreneur with a niche as an entertainer, author and educator.

Lyons, a citizen of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, has written and illustrated a number of children's books, comic strips, comic books and a coloring book in the Ojibwe language.

He also has a podcast on YouTube which airs daily at 8 a.m. central time which goes beyond teaching the Ojibwe language, delving into a range of issues.

"Boozhoo Nanaboozhoo' is a comedy podcast which teaches Ojibwe words and phrases," he told *Indian Country Today*.

"It's not an Ojibwe language class that makes jokes and sings songs. I do tell stories about my grandparents and their experiences about boarding school, but we also talk about totally unrelated subjects, like why they faked the moon landing, how KISS is the greatest band of all time, and discussions about genuine appreciation for Adolf Hitler's paintings."

## Finding His Voice

Lyons' interest in language and culture started with his grandparents, who were boarding school survivors. He wrote a song called "Home," about his grandfather's eventual escape from the Flandreau Indian Boarding School in South Dakota.

His interest in working in the Ojibwe language grew because he wanted to become a comic strip artist.

"For 20 years, I was drawing and trying to get published, but nobody was all that interested in my work until I started drawing cartoons that taught Ojibwe," he said.

His first children's book, "Little Cutie: A Teddy Bear's Vision Quest," tells the story of a bedraggled teddy bear searching for his identity.

"I illustrated a couple of children's books in Ojibwe, then when Facebook became a thing, I published color cartoons with an 'Ojibwe Word of the Day.' Eventually, I had enough to publish a collection of these cartoons in a book called, 'Ojiberish, An Illustrated Introduction to Ojibwe.' The only problem was people started writing to me asking how to pronounce certain words and phrases."

"That's when I decided to start the puppet show with Nanaboozhoo and Natasha. This way, viewers could hear Ojibwe spoken."

He taught the Ojibwe language and culture



at a school in Bemidji, MN, for three years. That lit a fire that is continuing to burn.

"That really helped me learn a lot of Ojibwe and sort of informed me how the show goes, but again ... it's only partly about that," he said. "Sometimes, Nanaboozhoo will go off on a comedic rant on how terrible public schools are currently and that tribal schools are even worse."

His flair for the dramatic started in school in Minnesota.

"I always wanted to be either a rock star or a cartoonist as a kid and a grown up and didn't really think anything of puppets until this show," he said. "Once I started doing the voices for the characters, I reached way back in my experience in high school speech and theater programs at Laporte High School."

He had an eye for comedy, too.

"I was one of those kids who was always in some stage production or competing in the 'Humorous Interpretation' category of a speech tournament," he said. "I did my first professional stand-up comedy spot when I was 16 years old at a dinner theater thing we put on at a bar in Walker, MN. I basically plagiarized a bunch of jokes from a Steve Martin album I had."

## Not 'Sesame Street'

The daily, livestreamed podcast on KAXE features Nanaboozhoo, a middle-aged, Ojibwe speaker who is in a relationship with co-host Natasha.

"Natasha is the adorable and adoring sweetheart to Nanaboozhoo," he said. "She is usually just off-camera when Nanaboozhoo is on, to offer commentary and laughter to his rants. She also sings, plays guitar and piano. Often times, Natasha will get teleported (you know, like in 'Star Trek') outside to put out tobacco and pray in Ojibwe. More times than not, Gichi Manidoo responds with his characteristic, gruff Irish/Australian accent. She's also in charge of the phone lines when celebrity guests call in, like Sylvester Stallone or Kermit the Frog."

But don't mistake the show for those other puppets.

"Boozhoo Nanaboozhoo' is clean, family-friendly comedy, but it is not a spin-off of 'Sesame Street' in any way," Lyons said. "We don't swear or talk about sex in a bad way during the hour-long, live-streaming show, and we will teach a few phrases, but along the way, Nanaboozhoo and Natasha discuss anything."

He said the show was influenced by controversial podcaster Owen Benjamin, a former actor and alt-right commentator who has been banned at times by YouTube and other social media, and by comedians Dave Chapelle and Michael, Jr.

"We're not a children's show," Lyons said.

Music, however, is also a key element.

"Writing songs and recording music is a big part of the show," he said. "As far as my background connecting to my current work, I could say that I was inspired by David Bowie and the movie, 'Labyrinth,' as a teenager, and I grew up watching 'Sesame Street' and 'The Muppet Show.'"

In addition to Nanaboozhoo and Natasha, the podcast features a cast of animal characters who make cameos from time to time, including Animosh (Dog), Makwa (Bear), Sabe' (Big Foot), Amik (Beaver) and "a gray alien named Steven," he said.

## Looking Ahead

Lyons doesn't have mentors. He does have major influences, though.

"Puppets" continued on page 33.

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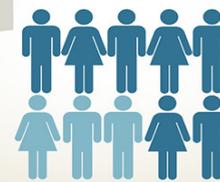
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Source: American Journal of Preventive Medicine



"Puppets" continued from page 32.

"I would credit Jim Henson for being the father of this sort of medium," he said. "David Bowie and Paul Stanley are musical heroes of mine. I've learned a lot about comedy from people like Owen Benjamin, Dave Chapelle and Michael, Jr."

"Boozhoo Nanaboozhoo" is his only job. He makes his living through the videos and the radio show and from sales of books.

He plans to continue to grow the YouTube channel and is scheduled to do some in-person events.

"His sense of humor, storytelling, celebrity impersonations and music are remarkable," Holton said. "Listeners who haven't seen the podcast but have only heard him on the radio ask me, 'Are Natasha and Nanaboozhoo as fun as they seem on the radio?' – not knowing Michael is both characters. In fact, some have asked for a relationship advice segment from

the couple, as they are incredibly kind to each other and are role models for supportive partners."

Lyons was featured on the "Area Voices" show of KAXE, "Michael Lyons: The Man Behind Boozhoo Nanaboozhoo," and on Native Report and Minnesota Native News.

"Humor and satire are important and especially from differing perspectives," Holton said. "We are lucky to have Michael Lyons' wry sensibility and talent on KAXE/KBXE."

**For More Information**

Michael Lyons collection of books and comics are for sale on Amazon.com and at Birchbark Books. His podcast can be viewed on YouTube.

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Courtesy photo.

## NEW YEAR'S OPPORTUNITY TO START FRESH AND QUIT SMOKING

For many people, New Year's Day is a time for a fresh start. Many folks make health minded New Year's resolutions, including beginning a new workout routine, kicking off a health-conscious diet or starting a journey to a smoke-free lifestyle.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2019, 20.9% of American Indians and Alaska Natives smoked cigarettes. However, also according to the CDC, in 2015, nearly 7 in 10 adult cigarette smokers wanted to quit smoking, and in 2018, more than half of adult cigarette smokers had made a quit attempt in the past year.

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Keeping tobacco sacred and respecting its ceremonial use is one way to begin the journey to live a smoke-free lifestyle.

The Truth Initiative has developed 10 Steps to Successfully Make a Plan to Quit Smoking: <https://truthinitiative.org/research-resources/quitting-smoking-vaping/10-steps-successfully-make-plan-quit-smoking>

Some tips outlined include:

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- Go! Focus on getting through one day at a time
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Other resources include the BecomeAnEX.org online community. There are resources and a network of people ready to help your quit smoking.

The American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program is a great resource aimed to help Native Americans begin their journey to quit smoking while also preserving traditions. Online help is available at [aiquitline.com](http://aiquitline.com) or by calling 1-855-5AI-QUIT (1-855-524-7848).

Smokefree.gov is also a great resource which has programs aimed specifically for veterans, women, teens and elders over 60.

Finally, 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) is the national phone number which will dial you into your state's resources and support to quit smoking. The *quitSTART* app is also a free smartphone app which helps you quit smoking with tailored tips and inspiration.

The National Native Network is jointly funded by the Office on Smoking and Health and Division of Cancer Prevention and Control

under Cooperative Agreement #NU58DP005493-01. Through Networking2Save – CDC's National Network Approach to Preventing and Controlling Tobacco-related Cancers in Special Populations Program – the CDC funds eight national networks to support prevention of commercial tobacco use and prevention of cancer in populations experiencing tobacco- and cancer-related health disparities.

The network is administered by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and is directed by a board composed of three partner tribal organizations: California Rural Indian Health Board, Great Plains Tribal Leader's Health Board and the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium.

Source:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Burden of Cigarette Use in the U.S. - American Indians/Alaska Natives (Non-Hispanic): [tinyurl.com/CDCBurdenofCigaretteUseintheUS](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact-sheets/fast_facts/index.htm)

Smoking & Tobacco Use: Fast Facts - Many Adult Cigarette Smokers Want to Quit Smoking:

[https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data\\_statistics/fact-sheets/fast\\_facts/index.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact-sheets/fast_facts/index.htm)

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Sources: All sources are available at [ChooseMyPlate.gov/lets-talk-trash](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov/lets-talk-trash).  
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Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed an executive directive



establishing the Office of Rural Development within the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). The Office of Rural Development will focus on all rural matters, provide guidance on pressing issues in rural Michigan and offer insight on how the Whitmer-Gilchrist Administration can invest in thriving rural communities.

The Office of Rural Development will have the following responsibilities, among others:

Collaborate with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and other stakeholders on rural economic development

Collaborate with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to facilitate rural affordable housing development

Promote sustainability, environmental preservation and green energy development

Address the ramifications of population and demographic trends in rural Michigan

Analyze and provide guidance on education-related issues affecting rural communities

Collaborate with the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office to facilitate expansion of high-speed internet connections in rural communities

Coordinate with tribal leaders in this state on issues facing rural Michigan

A new senior leader at MDARD, the Deputy for Rural Development, will run the office and be the state's point of contact for community leaders on urgent rural issues. The individual designated as Deputy for Rural Development will have demonstrated competency in issues facing rural Michigan.

Courtesy graphic.

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# Admiring the Fighters

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with cancer, knowing what to expect and making plans to proceed can help create a less stressful situation.

## GET THE FACTS

Write down questions and concerns before your appointments and bring them with you.

What kind of cancer do I have?

Can my cancer be treated?

What are my treatment options?

Where is the cancer? Has it spread?

## MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

### Healthy Diet

Nutrition is an important part of cancer treatment. Eating the right foods before, during, and after can help you to feel better and to stay stronger.

### Adequate Rest

Helps manage the stress and fatigue of the cancer and its treatment.

### Exercise

Studies suggest that people who participate in some physical exercise during treatment not only cope better but may also live longer.

### Fatigue

One of the most common and distressing side effects of cancer treatments.

Hair loss is a common side effect from chemotherapy treatments.

## BE PREPARED FOR CHANGES

Cancer survivors face physical, emotional, psychosocial, spiritual and financial challenges as a result of their diagnosis and treatment.

## DEVELOP YOUR OWN COPING STRATEGIES

Highs and lows of cancer are experienced not only by those diagnosed but also family members, friends, and caregivers.

FIND A SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

KEEP A JOURNAL TO HELP ORGANIZE YOUR THOUGHTS

WHEN FACED WITH A DIFFICULT DECISION LIST PROS AND CONS

For more information regarding your cancer diagnosis visit: [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org), [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov), [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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for an indigenized breakfast AND sponsored the second annual gingerbread house raffle for our community. Chi Miigwech to the Ziibimjwaang Board and staff for tirelessly working around the clock to fulfill our order of corn mush and maple sugar so LTBB Tribal Families could have an indigenized breakfast over the holidays. Miigwech for also donating the wreath and garland which decorated the front of the LTBB government center for the Children's Solstice. Chi miigwech to both OEAHC and Ziibimjwaang for donating staff and/or board members time for these events as well.

Chi miigwech to the Waaniigaanzijik Youth Services Department! They graciously donated candy for extra "materials" to decorate the gingerbread houses and donated Uno cards with handouts from our language department for how to play the game in Anishinaabemowin! They made cultural kits for our youth downstate and also provided the prizes for the Second Annual Gingerbread House Raffle sponsored by OEAHC. Chi miigwech to the

Mnozhiyaa Community Health Department for providing our community with fresh fruits and nuts at the Solstice as well as extra staff to help with whatever was needed as we hosted these events. Chi miigwech to the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department who donated a range of wonderful coloring and activity books in Anishinaabemowin! Chi miigwech to our tribal Law Enforcement who assisted with traffic direction at the Solstice as well. And we certainly cannot forget to say chi miigwech to our very own Solstice Claus, Fred Harrington, Jr. and his special elf, Riley! To each and everyone one of you — even those individuals who are not specifically mentioned here — kchi miigwech. We are incredibly honored and humbled to work alongside so many caring individuals who show up for OUR people. Chi miigwech to everyone who not only helped make these events possible, but also successful – we are so grateful.

The Niigaandiwin Education Department Team

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"1 butt per litre of water can KILL the fish in a stream"

Think twice before tossing your butt on the ground

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“g” and soft “u”) + (pronounced like “nun.”)

It can be explained as “the gathering of information to share with people.”

“gathering” of something like information.

It can imply events, books, links, videos (resources).

It comes from the word *maawndookiin* which means to “share.”

It stems from the word *maawndoongen* which means to “gather stuff up.”

It also comes from the word *maawnjiding* which means a “gathering of people.”

*Maawndoongan* was the next-step after several Anishinaabek assisted in re-designing the K-12 Michigan Social Studies Standards (approved by Michigan State Board of Education in June 2019). In addition to this project, I was part of the redevelopment of the K-4th grade standards for MDE, 2016-2019.

Before the 2019 standards update, the former standards adopted in 2007 made little to no reference of tribes or tribal issues. Tribal educators and our allies were determined to include tribal sovereignty, tribal governments and treaties within the 2019 updates.

*Maawndoongan* was created for all educators and learners – to ensure Michigan K-12 classrooms will include accurate and vetted Anishinaabek content.

I am very grateful that my position at LTBB

**USHG 8.3.4 Civil Rights Expanded** – evaluate the major accomplishments and setbacks in securing civil rights and liberties for all Americans over the 20th century. Examples may include but are not limited to: Indigenous Peoples, Latinos/Latinas, new immigrants, people with disabilities, and the gay and lesbian community, The Stonewall riots, Rehab Act 1973, ADA 1990, American Indian Religious Freedom Act 1978, United Farmworkers, Harvey Milk 1978, Ruth Ellis, Indian Civil Rights Act 1968.

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allows me to participate in projects like this. And, I truly hope I represent LTBB well.

If you have some time, dive into the manual at <https://cmted.org/michigan-social-studies-standards-guide/>, and share with the educators in your life. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments (aweinert@ltbbdawa-nsn.gov). Chi miigwech!

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**SCHOOL**  
 Incorporate traditional tobacco knowledge and practices into education.

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## ROOT VEGETABLES

Root vegetables are underground parts of plants which are edible and include carrots, sweet potatoes, beets and radishes. Yucca, daikon, jicama and salsify are other flavorful options. Providing vitamins, minerals and fiber, root vegetables can add a boost of nutrition to any meal. Get the nutrition facts on these four popular root vegetables:

• Yucca, also called cassava, is a starchy vegetable commonly used in Latin American cooking. One cup of yucca contains 330 calories, 558 mg potassium and 42 mg Vitamin C.

• Carrots are used for the base for many soups, called mirepoix, for dipping in savory spreads like hummus, and as a kid-friendly side at meals. One cup of chopped carrots contains 52 calories, 1,070 mcg Vitamin A and



10,600 mcg beta-carotene, an antioxidant.

• Daikon, often called white or winter radish, is a crunchy, white vegetable often used in Japanese cuisine. One cup of sliced daikon contains 21 calories, 263 mg potassium and 26 mg Vitamin C. Use it to add crunch to a slaw or stir fry.

• Potatoes are budget-friendly and can be prepared in many ways, including baked, roasted and mashed. One large potato contains 284 calories, 1570 mg potassium and almost eight grams of fiber. Try sautéing chopped potatoes with onions, peppers, garlic and



eggs and topping them with avocado for a healthy breakfast hash, a dish typically made from chopped potatoes, vegetables, eggs and sometimes meat.

Discover other cooking methods for root vegetables on Nutrition.gov’s Meal Prep and Cooking Tips page, and follow Nutrition.gov on Twitter for more seasonal recipes. All of the nutrition facts above were obtained from USDA’s FoodData Central.

*Courtesy photos.*

## DONE DEAL: SAN MANUEL BAND MAKES HISTORY AS LAS VEGAS RESORT OWNER

By Stewart Huntington and Sandra Hale Schulman

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

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians made history on December 16, 2021 after winning final regulatory approval for its plan to buy a Las Vegas gaming resort.

The approval makes the San Manuel Band the first tribal operation to own and operate a resort in the heart of the U.S. gaming industry in Las Vegas.

“This is monumental,” said Latitia Deanne Casas, chair of the San Manuel Band’s Gaming and Hospitality Authority. “Historic and humbling.”

The Nevada Gaming Commission voted unanimously to approve the tribe’s plans to buy the Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas. The commission’s vote was the final hurdle and allows the tribe’s \$650-million purchase to proceed.

“This is very exciting,” commission Chair Jennifer Togliatti said in welcoming the new owners.

The news came one day after the Seminole



Tribe of Florida’s Hard Rock International announced it had reached a deal to purchase the operations of The Mirage Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas for \$1.075 billion and build its iconic guitar hotel on the property. The deal must also be approved by regulatory authorities.

The Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut in March became the first tribe to operate a casino in Las Vegas when it opened the Mohegan Sun Casino At Virgin Hotels Las Vegas.

“This is an exciting story,” Daniel Cobb, a professor of American studies at the University of North Carolina, said recently.

“It’s one more chapter in a much longer story of renaissance and renewal,” as tribes across the continent reclaim their culture and re-assert their sovereignty, he said.

### Unprecedented Growth

The San Manuel Band, based in San Ber-  
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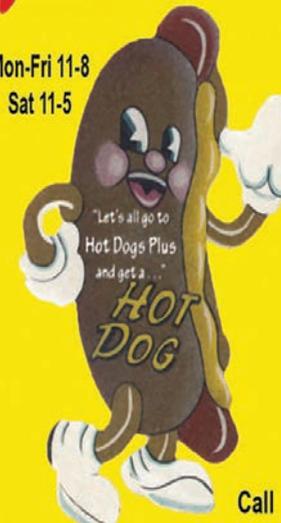
**What is nicotine?**  
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ardino County, CA, is buying the Palms Casino Resort from Red Rock Resorts, which spent almost \$700 million on renovations after acquiring the 703-room resort in 2016 for \$321.5 million.

The resort has never re-opened after Nevada mandated a 78-day shutdown of gaming due to the pandemic in March 2020. The tribe hopes to re-open the resort in the spring with some 1,200 employees.

In her presentation to the gaming commission in Las Vegas, Casas touched on the remarkable historic arc sketched by the San Manuel Band.

She told of the near annihilation of her people in 1866 when the state of California sponsored a month-long campaign against them. Casas told how her great-great-grandfather, Santos Manuel, led a group of fewer than 30 tribal members to safety in the desert.

"His leadership is why we are here today," she told the five-member commission.

After more than a century living mostly in poverty, the band opened its first bingo hall in 1986 and subsequently grew its gaming business into a Southern California economic giant.

The band is one of the region's largest employers and on December 13, 2021 opened a new 432-room hotel addition to its casino resort in Highland, CA, 60 minutes from Los Angeles. The opening of the \$760-million addition and renovation was accompanied by a rebranding.

The resort, which had been known as the San Manuel Casino, is now called the Yaamava' Resort and Casino.

"As we watched Yaamava' take shape over these last three years, the San Manuel community recognized we were building something special," San Manuel Chairman Ken Ramirez said in a prepared statement.

The San Manuel Band, a federally recognized tribe, descended from the Yuhaaviatam clan or "People of the Pines" of the Maara'yam (Serrano), who thrived in the highlands, passes, valleys and mountains in and between the southwestern Mojave Desert and an area known as the Inland Empire region in what is now Southern California.

Beginning in the 1780s, the Maara'yam were forced from their villages into church missions in order to provide unpaid labor to Spain. Later, after the territory became part of the state of California, the Yuhaaviatam were attacked by the state government-sanctioned militia in Big Bear Valley during a 32-day campaign in 1866. In 1891, the San Manuel Reservation was established. The tribal lands have grown from 640 acres to more than 1,100 acres.

The tribal gaming industry has ballooned since its early days.

In 2000, there were 256 Indian gaming operations in the country which handled \$10.6 billion in gross gaming revenue. By 2019, the last

year not disrupted by the pandemic, the industry had grown to 522 operations which handled \$34.6 billion in gross revenue, according to the National Indian Gaming Commission.

#### Seminole Plans

Hard Rock International, the worldwide hospitality and entertainment company owned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, announced this week it has reached a deal to acquire the operations of The Mirage Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas from MGM Resorts for just over \$1 billion.

Hard Rock plans to build its iconic guitar-shaped hotel on the Las Vegas Strip.

"We are honored to welcome The Mirage's 3,500 team members to the Hard Rock family," Jim Allen, chairman of Hard Rock International, said in a statement. "When complete, Hard Rock Las Vegas will be a fully integrated resort welcoming meetings, groups, tourists and casino guests from around the world to its nearly 80-acre center-strip location."

The first Guitar Hotel was built on tribal homelands in Hollywood, FL, a 36-story landmark which shoots "string" light projections 200 feet into the air and has an LED light show timed to music which dances nightly on the hotel's façade.

Hard Rock is buying the operating assets of The Mirage Hotel and Casino, entering into a long-term lease agreement with VICI Properties Inc. for the real estate.

Allen noted the company had no previous involvement with the former Hard Rock Hotel & Casino which operated from 1995 to 2020 east of the Las Vegas Strip. That property was purchased in 2018 and was rebranded into Virgin Hotels Las Vegas with a gambling floor operated by Mohegan Sun Casino.

Hard Rock International bought the naming rights in May 2020 with plans to eventually open a Las Vegas Strip property.

MGM Resorts International CEO and President Bill Hornbuckle called the deal "a significant milestone for MGM Resorts and for Las Vegas."

The Mirage's location and size prompted the bid and purchase. It's not clear if the iconic Mirage volcano fountain will remain at the property, which opened with a Polynesian theme in November 1989 by former casino mogul Steve Wynn. MGM Resorts acquired the 3,000-room resort in 2000.

There is no announced date for the hotel's construction and opening

*Stewart Huntington is a reporter based in Minneapolis, MN.*

*Sandra Hale Schulman, Cherokee, has been writing about Native issues since 1994. She is an author of four books, has contributed to shows at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, The Grammy Museum and The Queens Museum, and has produced three films on Native musicians.*

Courtesy photo.

## FIFTH GRADE ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

The Michigan Arbor Day Alliance (MADA) would like to invite fifth-grade students to participate in our annual Fifth Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Arbor Day is an important holiday, and we hope students will join us in celebrating it by flexing their artistic muscle to create an original poster depicting this year's theme: "Trees for the Future!"

Why should you enter? Well, besides the fact trees are amazing, for people and the environment, there are also prizes for the top three posters entries and their teachers. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- First Place**
- \$100 Acorn Naturalist gift certificate for winning student
  - \$100 gift card for winning teacher for classroom supplies
  - \$100 for a tree planting at your school or in your community
- Second Place**
- \$50 Acorn Naturalist gift certificate for winning student
  - \$50 gift card for winning teacher for classroom supplies
  - \$100 for a tree planting at your school or in your community



Third Place

- \$25 Acorn Naturalist gift certificate for winning student
- \$25 gift card for winning teacher for classroom supplies
- \$100 for a tree planting at your school or in your community

Please be sure to follow all of the contest rules to ensure your student's entry is not disqualified. The contest rules, entry form and additional classroom resources can be found at [www.miARBORdayalliance.org](http://www.miARBORdayalliance.org) We hope you have fun with this contest. We are looking forward to seeing all the fantastic entries.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us at [miARBORday@gmail.com](mailto:miARBORday@gmail.com) or call 517-543-1512 x5. Please remember to submit all posters by **March 7, 2022.**

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# LINE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



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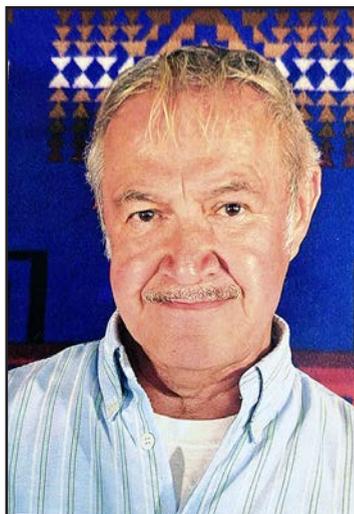
**Jason Daniel Oldman, Sr., 46**

Jason Daniel Oldman, Sr., 46, of Harbor Springs, MI, passed away on December 12, 2021 in Mount Pleasant, MI. Jason was born on June 23, 1975 in Denver, CO, the son of Steven Oldman, Sr. and the late Shirley (Naganashe) Oldman. Jason grew up in Harbor Springs, MI, where he graduated from Harbor Springs High School. He also graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree. Jason was a member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe and also a descendant of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He was a Sun Dancer and Pipe Carrier who practiced his Native American traditional ways. He was a member of the Eagle Society Eagle drum group. He started the Five Mile Creek drum group, was a grass dancer and traveled all across Indian country singing at pow wows. He loved to play sports and enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a loving father, son, brother, uncle, nephew and grandfather. Jason is survived by his father, Steven Oldman, Sr.; brothers, Steven Oldman, Jr. and Gregory Oldman; sisters, Eva Oldman and Stephanie Oldman; sons, Jason Oldman, Jr. and Jullien John; daughters, Maria Oldman and Sienna Oldman; nieces, Alexa Oldman and Minaatigo-Niibiishenh Shirley Osawamick; nephews, Alonzo Oldman, Maheengunse Osawamick, Jr. and Delanté Oldman; aunts, June Friday, Louella Monroe, Ramona Lou Oldman, Terri Terran, Pam Sixfeathers, Benita Smith, Diane (Thomas) Naganashe, Beverly Wemigwase and Barb (Barry) Laughlin; uncles, Virgil Oldman, Curtis Oldman, Steven Charles Oldman and Paul (Tanya) Raphael; grandfathers, Wayne (Connie) Brown and Darrell Hanway; grandmothers, Katherine Hanway and Darlene Lopez; and numerous cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley (Naganashe) Oldman, and brother, Jesse Lee Oldman.



**Sara Jean Thomas, 64**

Sara Jean Thomas, 64, of Muskegon, MI, passed away on December 16, 2021. Sara was born on October 27, 1957, the daughter of Raymond and Mary Cody. She married Benjamin Thomas on December 13, 1995. After 20 years of marriage, he passed away in 2015. She was a proud elder of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and a member of the Native American Church of the Morning Star. She enjoyed collecting stones and crystals, casino trips, reading, cooking and baking. She was an independent, funny, strong, loving, humble, amazing woman who will be deeply missed. Sara is survived by her children, Valerie Graves and Aaliyah (William) Thomas-Zonker; grandchildren, Jasmine, Justice and Ayden Graves; brothers, Raymond (Constance) Cody and Michael (Barbara) Anthony; sisters, Evelyn (Larry Gray) Cody, Patricia (Patrick) Maple, Joyce (Ronald) Robertson and Mary (Stacey) Cody-Gibson; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother, Edward Brown; and sister, Mona Cody.



**Alfred "Al" Neilson Sprague, 76**

Alfred "Al" Neilson Sprague, 76, of Harbor Springs, MI, passed away at McLaren Hospice House of Cheboygan. The son of Clyde and Rose (King) Sprague, Al was born on April 28, 1945 in Good Hart, MI. He grew up in Good Hart, MI, and graduated from Harbor Springs High School. In 1968, he married Vicki Shomin in Petoskey, MI. Al was in the United States Army from October 1965 to Octo-

ber 1967. He was an engineer equipment repairman, diesel mechanic and sharpshooter while in the Army. Al worked for MacGregor Plumbing and Heating as an HVAC Technician for more than 39 years. He started in February 1968 and retired in December 2007. He liked to fish and collect items. He also enjoyed reading and watching TV. Al made birch bark picture frames in his spare time as well. Al is survived by his children, Marc Sprague (Tracie Wittla) and Lori (Paul) Perrault; his grandchildren, Victoria (Tyler) Burt, Sydney Wittla-Sprague, Theodore Wittla-Sprague and Madison Perrault; and his brother, Douglas (Merilee) Sprague. He is preceded in death by his wife, Vicki Sprague, his son, William Sprague, and his brother, Harry Sprague. Al enjoyed volunteering at his local food pantries. His family asks those who would like to make a donation in Al's memory to do so to their local food pantry.



**Virginia Marie (Shananaquet) Schansema, 51**

Virginia Marie (Shananaquet) Schansema, 51, of Levering, MI, passed away January 4, 2022. She was born in Cheboygan, MI, to Samuel and Nancy Shananaquet. She graduated from Pellston High School. She was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands. She is survived by her mother, Nancy Shananaquet; her husband, Ron Schansema; her three boys, Xavier, Dominic and Frankie, all of Levering, MI; her extended boys; her brothers, Paul (Beth) Shananaquet, Justin (Chris) Shananaquet and Norman (Karen) Shananaquet, all from Beaver Dam, WI.; her sisters, Marilyn (Patrick) Hume of Pellston, MI, Mary (Gary) Powell of Indian River, MI, Sherry Shananaquet of Harbor Springs, MI, and Ronda (Chuck) Ellis of Petoskey, MI; her sisters-in-law, Karen (Sam) Shananaquet of Beaver Dam, WI, and Ophelia (Albert) Nez of Rio Rancho, NM; her aunts and uncles, Dorothy and Don Boda of Brutus, MI, Tom and Diane Naganashe of Harbor Springs, MI, and Jim and Arlene Naganashe of Petoskey, MI. She was



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Infographic sources: CDC.gov and the Health Library at [sjchs.org](http://sjchs.org)

preceded in death by her father, Samuel Shananaquet; her brothers, Sam of Beaver Dam, WI, and Albert of Rio Rancho, NM; her nephew, Derek (Nez) Shananaquet Sullivan Sherron of Beaver Dam, WI; and many nieces, nephews and cousins from all over the world. She was a traditional/ceremo-

nial jingle dress dancer. She loved doing bead work, crafts, drumming, singing, going to pow wows and craft shows and spending time with family and friends. She will be missed for her smile, friendship and the love she had for everyone and especially by her dogs, Daisy, Drako and Roxie.

## Birthdays



Happy birthday to my beautiful mother, **Grace Zerbe**, on February 9. Love you, Pauline.



Happy 50th birthday to **Kathy VanDeCar** on February 24. We wonder what you'll be cooking up for your birthday dinner. Whatever it is, we hope you have a great day! Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

## Love Line



I love you **Bobcat** and I always will. You are missed and will never be forgotten.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Waterfront Property Management & Builders**, who was named a *Home & Cottage Home Sweet Home 2021* award winner for Best Renovation and Remodel. LTBB Tribal Citizen **Joe Lucier** is the President of Waterfront Property Management & Builders, located in Alanson, MI. Waterfront Property Management & Builders was established in 2006 and offers a wide spectrum of residential services, including new construction, remodeling, painting, roofing, maintenance, lawn care,

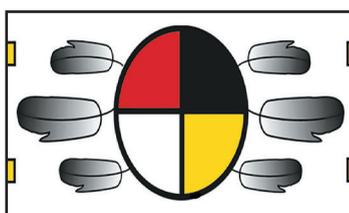


docks, etc. For more information on Waterfront Property Management & Builders, visit [www.mywaterfrontteam.com](http://www.mywaterfrontteam.com) or its Facebook page The Waterfront Team.



Congratulations to **Kyan Kiogima**, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, who graduated in December 2021 with her Master of Science degree in Communications from Grand Valley State University! This proceeds her Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality and

Tourism Management/Meeting and Event Management, and a minor in Music, also from Grand Valley State University in 2014. Kyan resides in Grand Rapids, MI, and is currently the Events Manager at Meyer Music, a local, family-owned school music dealer. She is in her 8th year of employment and looks forward to sharing her knowledge and skills with the company and school music programs around the state for years to come. In addition, she plays alto saxophone with the Grand Rapids Symphonic Band and is the Booking Manager for Echoes of Pink Floyd, a Pink Floyd tribute band. Kyan is the granddaughter of the late Augustine and Helen (Shawa) Kiogima, and the daughter of Melvin and Nancy Kiogima of Traverse City, MI.



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## Birth Announcement



We (Marie Schuyler-Dreaver and Harvey Dreaver) are SO PROUD and grateful to finally announce we are grandparents to Miss **Lavender Ann Wemigwans**, she made her entrance into this earth world last evening (December 21, 2021) after a long 32 hours of labor (not all done in the hospital). I'm so grateful both Tommy (Wemigwans, Jr.) and Kayla (Dreaver) allowed me to join them on the journey of bringing baby girl earth side as their Doula. Harvey spoke to baby in nēhiyawēwin (Cree) in a speech we prepared together for her to hear our indigenous language first before all else. Dr. Frank Takyi is an awesome doctor and guided baby and Kayla along in the process. Lavender arrived on December 21, 2021 at 9:49 p.m. at 9 pounds and 4 ounces and was 21-plus inches long. Mumma delivered her with no pain medication and naturally. The proud parents (Kayla Dreaver and Tommy Wemigwans, Jr.) of Miss Lavender are doing great! We cannot wait until the spring season to share her with all of you, our friends and family.

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