

ODAWA TRAILS



CAELYNN MILLER-KEYES CROWNED MISS VIRGINIA TEEN USA 2013, POISED TO COMPETE IN MISS TEEN USA 2013



Caelynn Miller-Keyes, a LTBB descendent, is Miss Virginia Teen USA 2013 and will compete in Miss Teen USA 2013 in the Bahamas next July. The exact date of Miss Teen USA 2013 had not been announced at press time.

She won the Miss Virginia Teen USA 2013 competition in November 2012, won the Miss Virginia High School America competition in October 2011 and finished seventh at the Miss High School America competition in March 2012.

Miller-Keyes, a senior at Stafford High School in Fredericksburg, VA, participates in the National Honor Society, Key Club and Students Against Drunk Driving. She will attend Regent University, majoring in biology and hopes to become an anesthesiologist.

She and her family reside in Fredericksburg, VA. Her family includes her grandmother, Marie "Tootsie" (Keshick) Miller, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, her mother, Jai-leah Miller-Kamenicky, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, her stepfather, John Kamenicky, and siblings, Arianna Miller-Keyes, 20, Josh Kamenicky, 17, Haydn Kamenicky, 12, and Isabella Kamenicky, 7.

Caelynn would like to thank her Mom, her family and all those who support her.

Caelynn Miller-Keyes, 17, took time out of her busy schedule to answer our questions.

Odawa Trails: When and how did you become interested in competing in pageants?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "I began competing in pageants about two years ago. I was introduced to pageantry through

one of my best friends, and after competing for the first time, I fell in love with it all."

Odawa Trails: How many pageants have you competed in?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "Miss Virginia Teen USA was my eighth pageant."

Odawa Trails: What do you enjoy the most about doing it?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "I enjoy everything about pageants, other than five hour rehearsals, but the best part is all of the people I have had the pleasure of meeting. I've met many professional people- from other contestants, judges, pageant and clothing sponsors to winners from previous pageants. Working in pageants has given me the opportunity to showcase my Native American heritage; the judges are always curious about my background. It also has helped me boost my confidence."

Odawa Trails: Are you judged on a personal interview, a fashion runway presentation and eveningwear? Which one is the most nerve-racking for you? Do you know beforehand, what questions you will be asked during the personal interview? Where do you usually purchase your fashion runway and eveningwear from?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "For Miss Virginia Teen USA, I was judged on an interview, swimsuit, evening gown and onstage question. The onstage question is always the most nerve-racking part for me. The onstage question is only asked to the girls who made the top five. So, it's very scary to

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AREA STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AS PART OF CROOKED TREE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

As part of the Crooked Tree Youth Leadership Program, students from three Emmet County, MI, high schools attended the morning session of the November 18, 2012 LTBB Tribal Council meeting held in the Tribal Council Chambers at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The program is sponsored by LTBB, the Emmet County Board of Commissioners and Michigan State University Extension and gives students an opportunity to learn about local and state government through attending presentations and meetings and going on field trips.

It includes an introduction to tribal government (LTBB) and an introduction to county government (Emmet County) as well as attending the Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience to be held March 17-20, 2013 at the State Capitol in Lansing, MI. The Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience will include the students having breakfast with a State Senator or State Representative and visiting lobbyists, state agencies and state departments.

The 10 youth, who are participating in the leadership program, are primarily from Pellston High School in Pellston, MI, Harbor Springs High School in Harbor Springs, MI, and Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI. They were

Destiny Abney, Julia Yates, Keisha Lonely, Logan Spray, Amy Klunge, Tequara Kiley, Elizabeth Kurburski, Emily Kurburski, Josef Smith and Randall Abney.

Accompanying the youth were Youth Services Coordinator Kristy Dayson, MSU Tribal Extension Educator Emily Proctor, MSU Extension Public Policy & Leadership Bethany Prykucki, MSU Extension Educator and 4-H Youth Development Darren Bagley and Pellston Public Schools Title VII Indian Education Coordinator Laura Chaney.

The group arrived at the Tribal Council meeting as Tribal Council discussed whether to give the Village of Mackinaw City the \$50,000 it requested in order for Mackinaw City to do its own studies in regards to the proposed casino project in Mackinaw City, MI.

After having a conference call later in the meeting

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242-1420

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242-1601

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242-1406
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242-1401

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242-1615

Accounting Department
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242-1541

Housing Department
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242-1540

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242-1439

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242-1527

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242-1621

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Tribal Police
242-1500

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242-1407

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242-1429

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Director
242-1531

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Assistant
242-1423

**Natural Resource
Department**
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Administrative Assistant
242-1670

Enrollment Department
Linda Gokee,
Administrative Assistant
242-1521

Facilities & Safety Department
Susan Gasco,
Director
242-1558

**Odawa Enterprise
Management**
242-1583

Education Department
Tammy Gasco,
Administrative Assistant
242-1480

**Planning, Zoning and
Building Department**
Shari Temple
Administrative Assistant
242-1581

**Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin
Language Department**
Carla Osawamick, Director
242-1454

Ellie Payton,
Mobility Coordinator
242-1508

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Alan Proctor,
Director
242-1597

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Pat Boda,
Administrative Assistant
242-1640

Grants Department
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Writer
242-1560

Jennifer Wilson,
Office/Intake Coordinator
242-1642

**Tribal Court/Peacemaking
Program**
242-1462

Tribal Prosecutor's Office
Gwen Gasco,
Office Manager
242-1475

Health Department
242-1611

Health Clinic
242-1700

Health
242-1600

Youth Services Department
Kristy Dayson,
Coordinator
242-1593

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 language. The freedom 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.

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement
Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'iiing. Geyaabi gdaa'ana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'iiing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'iiing na-kaazwinan jimnomewzi'iiing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

Contact Information

ODAWA TRAILS



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

The deadline for the February 2013 issue of *Odawa Trails* is December 31, 2012.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in 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



JANUARY ELDER BIRTHDAYS

January 1 Janice Beckhorn Leslie Flint John Deckrow, Sr.	January 12 Nivia Paul Brian Anthony, Sr. David Demoinis Frances St. Andrew	January 23 John Chisholm, Sr. Carolyn Taglauer Denise Frye Marilyn McDonald
January 2 Margaret Ortner Priscilla Leist	January 14 Sophie Conlin Tonia Schwanke Penelope Griffin	January 24 Richard Gould
January 4 Leon Bailey, Jr. Verna Jeanotte Nancy Honeysette	January 15 Kaye Zitka Lorraine Jung Curtis Willis	January 25 Patrick Anthony Deborah De Leon Glenna Kimball
January 5 John Shonibin, Jr. Lawrence Petoskey Jay Harrington Betty Hoffman David Adams Monica Baker	January 16 Patricia Alsip Judy Field Kevin Gross Andrea Cagle	January 26 Ronald Mulholland Brenda Cash Betty Keller Linda Tragoszanas
January 6 Sharon Searles Marie Bowers	January 17 Marie Carter Carole Prior Rosemary Lucchese William Boda	January 27 Dee Dee Gasco Nicholas Gemuenden Edward Burch Diane Curtiss
January 7 Jane Martell Gary Harper	January 18 Mary Rittase	January 28 Richard Wilburn Melinda Engstrom Richard Petoskey Kathryn Siler
January 8 Corrine Smith Lauree Kirchoff Rosemary Knapp Christine Thomas	January 20 Clifford Cutler Cheryl McLane Michael Bugaj	January 29 Catherine Schwiderson Rita Shananaquet
January 9 Virginia Irland Deborah Harrison Roger Martell Rosalie Parsons	January 21 Christine Merrill Regina Bentley James Covey Gary Compo	January 30 Donna Shlechter Mary Steffes
January 10 Steven Melancon, Jr.	January 22 Andrew Lasley Robert Kiogima Jeanette Mathews	January 30 Ruth Eagleman Jennie Heeres Ann McClellan William Massey Shirley Dunkley

Dear Elders,

Please watch for your 2013 Food and Utility Reimbursement Letter and Application in the Mail and in the March Issue of Odawa Trails.

We Will Start Taking Reservations for the 19th Annual Anishinaabemowin Teg Conference to be Held March 27-31, 2013 at Kewadin Casino and Resort in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, After the March Issue Comes Out. Early Reservations Will Not Be Taken.

Miigwech,
Elders Program Coordinator Tammy Okuly
and Elders Program Assistant Kathy McGraw



Happy Holidays

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Indian Hills Gallery

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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
- Mail to LTBB Human Resources, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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

ELDERS PROGRAM

LTBB ELDERS ASSOCIATION AND ELDERS PROGRAM SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER TO LTBB ELDERS

The LTBB Elders Association and the Elders Program provided Christmas gift baskets for LTBB Elders who are shut-ins or those residing in elder care facilities in the

Northern Michigan area. Volunteers put the gift baskets together at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, after the Elders Luncheon on December 4,

2012. Volunteers delivered the gift baskets later that week.
Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette Van-DeCar.



ELDERS PROGRAM HOSTS LTBB COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

For the second year in a row, the Elders Program hosted a LTBB Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22, 2012 at the LTBB Community Center, located north of Harbor Springs, MI.

Last year, the Elders Program hosted it at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

This year's LTBB Community Thanksgiving Dinner was in honor of two LTBB Elders, Kenneth Gablow, Sr. and Lucy Washe, who had recently walked on. Everyone in the LTBB Community was welcome to attend the dinner, and approximately 40 people attended.

The Elders Program would like to thank Don and Dorothy Boda, Cherie Dominic, Kathy McGraw, John Gasco, Bev Wemigwase, Winnay Wemigwase, Angel Bernard, Tina Dominic, Andrea Otto, Karen Boda, Lara Lonchar, Tasha Keshick, Richard Wemigwase, Mike Smith, Annette VanDeCar, Melissa Wiatroluk, Mnookmi Massey, Vicki Kelley, Mike Garrow, Mark Garrow, Sarah VanDeCar, Odawa Casino, all those who donated food and their time and all those who attended.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



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Governmental Services Resource Guide

7500 Odawa Circle

Main number (231) 242-1400 or (866) 652-5822

www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

**Located at 7500
Odawa Circle,
Harbor Springs, MI:**

Executive Office

231-242-1401 Fax: 231-242-1411

Tribal Chairman and Vice-Chair
Oversight of the Tribal Administrator

Oversees Executive; divisions, services, commissions, boards and committees created by Tribal Council.

Is the Tribal Ambassador

Executes and administers laws

Receives, prepares and submits nominations to the Tribal Council for consideration for appointed positions set out in the Constitution or future Tribal statute

Regulates gaming enterprises

Recommendations to Tribal Council matters of interest or benefit to the Tribe

Provides Tribal Notary Service

Executive Branch Public Document Requests

Manages community driven economic development:

Biindigen (Gas Station and Convenience Store) 231-487-1093

Tribal Administrator

231-242-1420 Fax: 231-242-1430

Oversight of Executive Departments and Programs

Distribution of Tribal Funds

Distribution of Tribal Assets

Small Grants and Donations Applications

Raffle Licensing

Accounting Department

231-242-1440 Fax: 231-242-1449

Provides accurate and timely information to all branches of government and subsidiaries of the government.

Provides an open competition procedure to insure that all Tribal Citizens who are interested in contracting with the Tribe are given a fair opportunity.

Communications

231-242-1427 Fax: 231-242-1430

Odawa Trails newsletter

www.odawatrails.com

Advertising

Homecoming Pow Wow Committee/Miss Odawa Nation Program:

e-mail: avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

www.odawahomecoming.com

www.odawahomecoming.com

Education

231-242-1480 Fax: 231-242-1490

Cultural Library

Cultural Services

Pre K-12 Grade In-School Tutoring

Summer Tutoring (K-12 Grade)

Jump Start School Readiness Program (PreK-2 Grade)

Pre K-12 Grade Education Assistance Scholarships

Higher Education: Michele Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship

Other various scholarship opportunities

GED

Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP)

Certificates offered:

- Entrepreneur
- New Media
- Medical Assistant
- Nurse Aid
- Phlebotomy
- Textiles
- Graphic Arts

Elders Program

231-242-1423 Fax: 231-242-1430

Food and Utility Reimbursement

Elder Activity Programs

Elder Lunch Program

Direct Client Assistance

Emergency Fuel and Utility

Enrollment

231-242-1521 Fax: 231-242-1526

Enrollment Application/Genealogy Research

Marriage License Application

Tribal Notary Application

Tribal Identification Cards

Tribal Directory/labels

LTBB List (first name, middle name, last name, adults only)

Address Change Forms

Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification

Bureau of Indian Affairs - 4432

Indian Preference Form

Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form

Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood

Facilities/Safety

231-242-1558 Fax: 231-242-1795

Responsible for Building and Grounds Maintenance

Safety inspections

Safety training

Public Water Testing

Gijigowi Language Services

231-242-1454 Fax: 231-242-1490

Language Classes

Learning media

Translations services

Housing

231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550

Down Payment Assistance

Short Term Rental Assistance

Foreclosure Prevention Assistance

Home Improvement Assistance

Transitional/Emergency Housing

LTBB Rental Units

Sanitary Services from Indian Health Services (Well and Septic)

Credit Counseling

Mortgage Application Assistance

Land Contract Assistance

Human Resources

231-242-1555 Fax: 231-242-1565

Coordination of Governmental Employment Benefits

Professional Development

Recruitment

Temporary Worker Pool

MIS (Management Information Systems)

231-242-1531 Fax: 231-242-1535

Webmaster
Technology management for all governmental departments and programs

NRD Environmental Services

231-242-1574 Fax: 231-242-1575

Environmental Education and/or Technical Assistance-Surface water, wetlands, air quality, recycling, energy or as requested

Radon testing kits

Mold inspection

Technical assistance with environmental compliance

Issue Wetland permits

Home and property inspection related to environmental liability

Repatriation, Archives and Records

231-242-1459 Fax: 231-242-1455

Data Storage

Archives

Research

Collections

NAGPRA

Museum Collections

Legislative Branch (Tribal Council)

231-242-1406 Fax: 231-242-1416

1. Make laws necessary to exercise Tribal jurisdiction, including civil and criminal authority and the regulation of commerce;

2. Approve/disapprove policies, resolutions and regulations presented from the Executive branch;

3. Provide by law for jurisdiction over Indian Child Welfare matters and all other domestic relations matters;

4. Enact laws governing the

issuance of the charters of incorporation for economic or other purposes, and to regulate the activities of these corporations;

5. Implement, by statute the inherent right to exclude person(s) or other parties from Tribal lands;

6. Adopt rules of conduct to govern all levels of Tribal government;

7. Establish rules and procedures to provide access for review of the records of LTBB by the membership unless specifically excluded by this Constitution or applicable law;

8. Enact laws governing the encumbrance of lands or other intangible assets, and the encumbrance and disposition of non-real estate tangible assets;

9. Purchase, receive by gift, or otherwise acquire land, interests in land, personal property or other intangible assets which the Council may deem beneficial to LTBB;

10. Request lands be placed in trust with the United States for the benefit of the Tribe when the Council deems beneficial to the Tribe;

11. Approve land use plans and zoning of lands;

12. Approve leases for Tribal-ly owned land and lands held in trust;

13. Approve all sales, or dispositions of Tribal lands, provided that such sale or disposition must also be approved by a majority vote by referendum, or by a quorum at an annual membership meeting;

14. Employ legal counsel;

15. Approve the filing of lawsuits in the name of the Tribe as proposed by the Executive, provided; the Council may approve the filing of a lawsuit in the name of the Tribe without Executive concurrence by an affirmative vote of six (6) members of the Council;

16. Establish committees, commissions, and boards, and approve appointments as presented by the Executive. The Council shall develop laws setting out qualifications for appointees and ensuring that the Tribal membership is given reasonable notification of available positions;

17. Establish and maintain government offices for the Tribe;

18. Appropriate funds, and enact a budget formulation statute that allows for public input from

the Tribal membership;

19. Raise revenue, including the power to enact laws to levy taxes and govern the collection of taxes and license fees;

20. Develop policies for receiving any grants, donations, or other funding from any person, corporation, municipality, government, or other entity, and the policy shall provide that such receipts are a matter of Tribal record;

21. May establish such lower courts as may be deemed necessary upon request from the Judiciary;

22. Approve the creation or dissolution of Executive divisions or departments to promote and protect the peace, health, safety, education, and general welfare, including but not limited to cultural and natural resources, of the Tribe and its members;

23. Approve negotiations with any other governments, businesses or individuals by a majority vote of the Council; and

24. To provide by statute for the management of any and all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe that will further the economic development. Such statutes will delegate management responsibilities to Tribally chartered corporations or other subordinate Tribal entities, or where appropriate, to the Executive Branch.

Odawa Fishery 231-436-7821

Legal Department (Legislative Branch)

231-242-1407 Fax: 231-242-1417

Office of the General Counsel
Legislative Branch Public Document Requests

Office of the Treasury (Legislative Branch)

231-242-1408 Fax: 231-242-1416

Financial services of the Tribe regarding revenue, appropriate of funds, and budget process

**Located at 7845
Odawa Circle,
Harbor Springs, MI:**

Natural Resource Department

231-242-1670 Fax: 231-242-1690

Treaty Rights Protection
Natural Resource Management
Renewable Energy
Hunter Safety
Enforcement
Inland Tribal Hunting/Fishing Licenses
Gathering Permits
Firewood collection permits
Great Lakes Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Licenses
Treaty Rights Enhancement Programs
- Commercial Fishing Apprentice Program
- Commercial Fishing Safety Gear program
- Commercial Net Mesh Program
- Subsistence Net Program
Annual Hunter Safety Class

Fisheries and Wildlife Biologists on staff

Natural Resource Commission and Natural Resource Department meet cooperatively twice each month

**Located at
1345 US 31 N,
Petoskey, MI:**

Department Of Commerce

231-242-1584 Fax: 231-242-1599

Processing and issuing Tribal Certificates of Exemption (Tribal 3998) for all Resident Tribal Members (RTM)

Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit (Form 4013)

RTM Utility Tax Exempt Service Business Registration Certificates for Persons Conducting Business under Assumed Name or Partnership (DBA)

Profit and non-profit corporation filing assistance

Tribal Notary Services

GIS Dept. (Geographical Information System)

231-242-1597

Property description mapping and interpretation

Mapping and data services

Technical help desk to LTBB Government Departments and Programs for GIS/GPS software and hardware

Participates in joint projects and provides technical assistance to surrounding governments (county, city, township)

Commonly requested maps are available for convenient download at http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/GIS_2/AvailableMaps.html

Planning Department

231-242-1580 Fax: 231-242-1585

Planning assistance for Land use

Transportation

Facility Development

Administers Zoning Ordinance

Administers Building Codes

Assists with construction development process for Tribal projects

Mobility Coordinator assists Tribal Citizens with accessing existing transit and transportation resources when no other transportation is available

231-242-1508

Youth Services

231-242-1593 Fax: 231-242-1599

Youth Groups (ages 8-18) runs from 5-7 pm at the White House

Tuesdays - Social Activities such as bowling, movies, Youth Center nights, etc

Thursdays - Cultural Activities such as regalia making, traditional teachings, crafts etc

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UNITY Council

Weekly meetings on Mondays

Activities include planning and implementing projects in four focus areas which include: Com-

munity service, environmental awareness, cultural/heritage and healthy lifestyles; leadership building and many more

Community Events

Held monthly

Activities include: Ice Skating, Baseball games, Picnics, Gingerbread House Decorating, Craft nights, Veteran's Feast and many more

Transportation

Petoskey students can take the bus from the Middle School directly to the White House

Harbor Springs students can take the bus to the LTBB Government Center and Youth Services Staff will pick up and bring to the White House

Youth Services staff currently provides transportation home in areas from the LTBB Housing in Harbor Springs, Oden, and Petoskey, MI

Please contact Youth Services for more information on transportation.

**Located at
911 Spring Street,
Petoskey, MI:**

Department of Human Services

231-242-1620 Fax: 231-242-1635

Protective (Adult and Child) Services

Case Management

Foster Care/Adoption

Foster Home Licensing

Family Preservation

ICWA case monitoring throughout the United States

Low Income Energy Assistance

Community Service Block Grant

Childcare Assistance

Burial Assistance

USDA-Food Distribution

Emergency Client Assistance

Family Violence Prevention and Services

Law Enforcement

231-242-1500 Fax: 231-242-1510

Public Safety Programs

Sex Offender Registry

Office of the Prosecutor

231-242-1475 Fax: 231-242-1511

Tribal Court

231-242-1473 Fax: 231-242-1470

Tribal Notary Services

Judicial Branch Public Document Requests

*Contact the Tribal Court for additional services that may be provided

Adult Drug Court

231-242-1474

For adults who struggle with drug and alcohol addictions

Joe Lucier, Adult Drug Court Coordinator

Youth Drug Court

231-242-1465

For youth who struggle with drug and alcohol addictions

Mary Roberts, Youth Drug Coordinator

**Located at
1250 Lears Road,
Petoskey, MI:**

Health Department

231-242-1700 Fax: 231-242-1717

Health Clinic, Primary Health Clinic services - Mon-Fri. by appointment

Dental Clinic, Comprehensive Dental services, **231-242-1740**

-Mon.-Fri. by appointment

Community Health Outreach

Health education and prevention

Tobacco cessation education and support

Native Way Gym

Nutrition, Traditional Medicine

Limited transportation assistance
231-242-1601

Contract Health

231-242-1600 Fax: 231-242-1617

Mental Health, Substance Abuse/Prevention:

231-242-1640 Fax: 231-242-1659

Screening and Assessments

Addictions Recovery Counseling - individual and groups

Mental Health Therapy

Depression Group Therapy

Family Counseling

Prevention and Education Services

Children and Adolescent Counseling - preschool and up

Couples Therapy

Aftercare and Follow-up Counseling

Gambling Addiction

MATRIX Substance Abuse Treatment Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

SPRING grant (Significant Prevention Resulting In New Generations) Prevention Service

Maternal Child Health

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid "Healthy Start"

Prenatal education and support for Native women or women carrying Native babies; parenting education and support through age 2

Breastfeeding supplies

231-242-1614

Teen Pregnancy prevention and assistance

231-242-1721

**Located at
915 Emmet Street,
Petoskey, MI:**

Election Board

616-774-9534

Public Document Requests

Voter Registration

Regulates, Conducts and Certifies Elections

Maintains Financial Disclosures of Tribal Officials

More information, as well as forms, can be found by clicking www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

We said goodbye to a very valued employee, our Substance Abuse Counselor, Susan Yates. Sue retired after 13 years of service to the LTBB community. We were very sorry to see her go, but we wish her well on the next phase of her life!

We would like to welcome the newest member of our team, Jody Ginop. Jody is the new Licensed Professional Counselor in Mental Health. Welcome Jody!

If you have not done so, it is not too late to get your seasonal influenza vaccine. Seasonal flu activity peaks in January, February or later, which makes receiving your flu shot now even more important. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



recommends everyone six months or older should get a flu vaccine each year.

The United States Congress designated January as Cervical Health Awareness Month. According to the National Cancer Institute, Native American women have the second-highest cervical cancer death rate among all ethnic groups. However, if it is detected early, cervical cancer is one of the most successfully treatable cancers.

Being vaccinated before exposure to the HPV virus helps protect women against cervical cancer and the precancerous lesions that precede it. The National Cervical Cancer Coalition (NCCC) recommends all girls and young women ages 11-26 be vaccinated against HPV to prevent cervical cancer. Also, regular pap tests will help detect any precancerous or abnormal cells early enough, so cervical cancer can be prevented. Together, vaccination and screening can save lives.

Call the Health Clinic at 231-242-1700 to schedule your yearly pap test or to start your HPV vaccine.

Courtesy graphic.

MEET LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR JODY GINOP



and her minor was Psychology. She earned a Master's degree in Professional Counseling from Western Michigan University. She worked as a middle school teacher for emotionally impaired and behavior disordered youth for nine years and was a teacher at a prison for two years before working in counseling. She most recently worked at a residential women's treatment center in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, for approximately a year and at Hiawatha Behavioral Health in home-based therapy and crisis intervention for a little over a year.

"It was something I always wanted to do," Ginop said of pursuing her Master's degree in Professional Counseling at age 37. "It was time for the next step in my path. I followed what was in my heart. There's something about helping people that is

very fulfilling. At the end of the day, if you can say you've done something good for someone, that's a good day. I believe every person in this world has a special, amazing and unique story to share, and I just love people for who they are. I'm honored and blessed to be here. It is very welcoming, and I appreciate the people I work with."

She has a husband, Keith, and four children, Jaykob Wood, 19, a sophomore at the University of Michigan, Kaleb Wood, 16, a junior at Cheboygan High School, Nathan Ginop, 14, a freshman at Cheboygan High School, and Kevin Ginop, 5, who is in kindergarten.

She enjoys gardening, spending time with her family and doing outdoor activities year-round.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Jody Ginop started as a Licensed Professional Counselor in Mental Health on September 24, 2012.

Ginop, who is originally from Cheboygan, MI, and graduated from Cheboygan High School, earned a Bachelor's degree in Special Education from Emporia State University. Her double major was English and Creative Writing,

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

MEET ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT THERESA BODA-NAGANASHE



helping out where needed: Mainly, the front desk answering phones and then, in Enrollment, assisting the department in getting ready for the yearly per capita distribution.

In 2010, I celebrated the birth of my first grandson and had the privilege of being able to take care of him while his mom worked. Again in 2012, I celebrated the birth of my second grandson. Working in the temp pool allowed me the time to spend with them. My sister, Lisa Naganashe, who is the Accounting Technician, informed me of a temp position in

Accounting. I applied and was offered a temporary position. I took direction from my mother, Arlene Naganashe, who is the SPRING Health Educator; if she can go back to work after a brief stay at home, then, so can I. I checked the tribal website for jobs and noticed the position I was temping for was available. I took a shot and applied. Thankfully, I was hired as the Accounting Assistant. It is my honor to once again provide a service to our membership.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Hello fellow LTBB Citizens. I am the daughter of James and Arlene Naganashe. I live in Pellston, MI, with my daughter, Ashley Boda, grandsons, Carter and Grayson, and my very special friend, Ron. I have a son, Jonny.

You have probably seen my face in other departments. For a long time, I worked in Human Services with the Food Distribution Program, Daycare Assistance Program and various other low income programs. After that, I spent a very brief period at the Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI. After taking some time off work, I started in the tribe's temp pool,

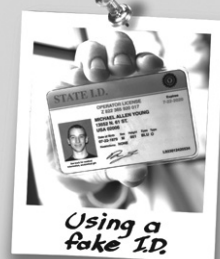
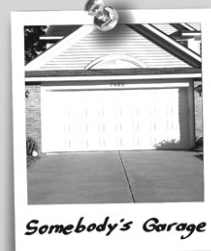
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231-340-1000

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Significant Prevention Resulting in New Generations
Be Above The Influence

Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!

Quick Care Family Medical Center

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

Charlevoix Area Hospital

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

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

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

Notice: Up North Medical Center, also known as Boyne Country Urgent Care, located on M-119 in Harbor Springs, MI, is no longer open after hours or on weekends, so LTBB is no longer using it as an urgent care facility. After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at Quick Care Family Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI or Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix, MI.

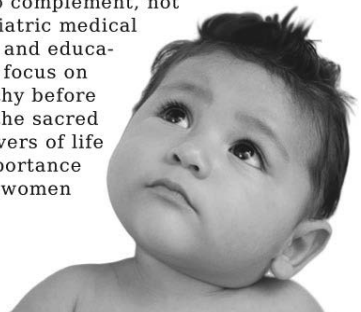


Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid (Maj-tog Minowb-maude-zid) Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid means "A Start of a Healthy Life."

We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach any woman who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both mom and newborn up to the age of two years.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, not replace prenatal, postpartum and pediatric medical care. In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and between pregnancies. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information, please call: Mina Mskiki Gumik ~ Tina Shawano at 231-242-1614





LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

2013 Tribal Council Regular Schedule

Work Sessions and Meetings begin at approximately 9 a.m.

(January 1 - New Year's Holiday, Offices Closed)

Work session: January 5, 2013	Meeting: January 6, 2013
Work session: January 19, 2013	Meeting: January 20, 2013
Work session: February 2, 2013	Meeting: February 3, 2013
Work session: February 16, 2013	Meeting: February 17, 2013
Work session: March 2, 2013	Meeting: March 3, 2013
Work session: March 16, 2013	Meeting: March 17, 2013
<i>(March 29-31 Good Friday and Easter Holiday, Offices Closed)</i>	
Work session: April 6, 2013	Meeting: April 7, 2013
Work session: April 20, 2013	Meeting: April 21, 2013
Work session: May 4, 2013	Meeting: May 5, 2013
Work session: May 18, 2013	Meeting: May 19, 2013
<i>(May 27 - Memorial Day, Offices Closed)</i>	
Work session: June 1, 2013	Meeting: June 2, 2013
Work session: June 22, 2013	Meeting: June 23, 2013
<i>(July 4th, Offices Closed)</i>	
Work session: July 6, 2013	Meeting: July 7, 2013
Work session: July 20, 2013	Meeting: July 21, 2013
Work session: August 3, 2013	Meeting: August 4, 2013
Work session: August 17, 2013	Meeting: August 18, 2013
<i>(September 2 - Labor Day, Offices Closed)</i>	
Work session: September 7, 2013	Meeting: September 8, 2013
<i>(September 21 Sovereignty Day, Offices Closed)</i>	
Work session: September 21, 2013	Meeting: September 22, 2013
<i>(September 27, Michigan Indian Day, Offices Closed)</i>	
Work session: October 5, 2013	Meeting: October 6, 2013
Work session: October 19, 2013	Meeting: October 20, 2013
Work session: November 2, 2013	Meeting: November 3, 2013
<i>(November 11, Veterans Day, Offices Closed)</i>	
Work session: November 16, 2013	Meeting: November 17, 2013
<i>(November 28 - 29 Thanksgiving Holiday Offices Closed)</i>	
Work session: December 7, 2013	Meeting: December 8, 2013
Work session: December 21, 2013	Meeting: December 22, 2013
<i>(December 24-25 Christmas Holiday Offices Closed)</i>	
<i>(December 31 New Year's Eve, Holiday Offices Closed)</i>	



ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS DUE OCTOBER 31, 2013

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTOBER 31, 2013. Faxed copies are not acceptable and will not be processed. The Address Verification form must contain the original signature. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship or custodial issues, please contact

the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.
 Minors who turn 18 by OCTOBER 31, 2013 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form must be returned by OCTOBER 31, 2013.
 Address verification forms can be downloaded at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm or you may call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 to have a form mailed to you.



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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

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

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

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

MICHIGAN INDIAN LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION UPDATE

Submitted by the Trust Fund Board

It has been more than a decade since the original Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement certificates were issued.

All adults have been paid or they have deferred payment to a later date, however, tribal children who were enrolled before December 16, 1997 but had not yet turned 18 are still in the process of redeeming their certificates.

The following steps are intended to aid in this process. Redeeming certificates from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 105-143, are as follows:

1. Determine your eligibility: Tribal citizens who were enrolled, but had not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon reaching the age of 18.
2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his or her certificates must have a notarized signature.
3. Copy two pieces of identification: One piece of identification (e.g. Driver's license) must have a picture, and the second piece needs at least your signature.
4. Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

Note: The address on the certificates is not correct:
 LTBB Trust Fund Board
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740
 If you have lost your certificates or need further assistance, call Trust Fund Board Member Steve Schmidt at 734-717-4406.

Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP)

Relationship Building for Better Partnerships; Anishinaabe Tribes & MSUE

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Session 1: January 8, 2013 9-3 PM
 Session 2: February 5, 2013 9-3 PM
 Session 3: February 26, 2013 9-12 PM
 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs

REGISTER NOW! NO COST TO ATTEND!
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/RelationBldingLTBB>

Multicultural Action Mini-Grants (up to \$1,000) will be Available to Participants who Attend all 3 sessions!

This 3-part series provides a unique opportunity for LTBB and MSUE to learn from each other, build working relationships, and plan some collaborative projects together. Each session will encourage communication and engagement and help foster reciprocal learning between the tribal community and MSUE creating an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. Participants will have the opportunity to share in both tribal culture and MSUE culture to explore ways of creating effective partnerships. The purpose of the competitive mini-grants are to enhance partnerships between MSUE and the tribal communities to build, strengthen, and support the work started during the series.



Any Questions? Please Contact:
 Regina Brubacker-Carver at (231) 242-1664
 RBrubacker@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV
 OR
 Barb Smutek at (906) 203-72012 or smutekba@anr.msu.edu

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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MEET FOOD DISTRIBUTION WORKER CODY SEMS



Program. Those who qualify for the program receive food once a month. To see if you qualify for this program, you may call 231-242-1620 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"I like to help people," Sems said. "We help make their lives better. It's rewarding."

Sems, who grew up in Cheboygan, MI, graduated from Cheboygan High School and attended North Country Equipment School in Escanaba, MI. He did irrigation work for five years prior to accepting his current position.

He and his wife, Amanda, a Medical Assistant at the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, have a son, Evan, 2-1/2, and are expecting another son on December 19, 2012. They have a dog named Biscuit, who is a Shih Tzu Terrier/Maltese mix. Cody enjoys hunting and fishing.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Cody Sems started as the Food Distribution Worker in the Human Services Department on October 1, 2012.

He works with Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, at the LTBB Warehouse in Petoskey, MI, and delivers food to LTBB Tribal Citizens and members of other federally recognized Indian tribes who live in the 27-county service area who qualify for the U.S.D.A. Food Distribution



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

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

*food distribution varies depending on availability

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CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!

We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details!
If you are interested, please contact the Human Services Department at
231-242-1620

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10 tips choose MyPlate

Nutrition Education Series

10 tips to a great plate

Making food choices for a healthy lifestyle can be as simple as using these 10 Tips. Use the ideas in this list to balance your calories, to choose foods to eat more often, and to cut back on foods to eat less often.

- 1 balance calories**
Find out how many calories YOU need for a day as a first step in managing your weight. Go to www.ChooseMyPlate.gov to find your calorie level. Being physically active also helps you balance calories.
- 2 enjoy your food, but eat less**
Take the time to fully enjoy your food as you eat it. Eating too fast or when your attention is elsewhere may lead to eating too many calories. Pay attention to hunger and fullness cues before, during, and after meals. Use them to recognize when to eat and when you've had enough.
- 3 avoid oversized portions**
Use a smaller plate, bowl, and glass. Portion out foods before you eat. When eating out, choose a smaller size option, share a dish, or take home part of your meal.
- 4 foods to eat more often**
Eat more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and fat-free or 1% milk and dairy products. These foods have the nutrients you need for health—including potassium, calcium, vitamin D, and fiber. Make them the basis for meals and snacks.
- 5 make half your plate fruits and vegetables**
Choose red, orange, and dark-green vegetables like tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and broccoli, along with other vegetables for your meals. Add fruit to meals as part of main or side dishes or as dessert.
- 6 switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk**
They have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but fewer calories and less saturated fat.
- 7 make half your grains whole grains**
To eat more whole grains, substitute a whole-grain product for a refined product—such as eating whole-wheat bread instead of white bread or brown rice instead of white rice.
- 8 foods to eat less often**
Cut back on foods high in solid fats, added sugars, and salt. They include cakes, cookies, ice cream, candies, sweetened drinks, pizza, and fatty meats like ribs, sausages, bacon, and hot dogs. Use these foods as occasional treats, not everyday foods.
- 9 compare sodium in foods**
Use the Nutrition Facts label to choose lower sodium versions of foods like soup, bread, and frozen meals. Select canned foods labeled "low sodium," "reduced sodium," or "no salt added."
- 10 drink water instead of sugary drinks**
Cut calories by drinking water or unsweetened beverages. Soda, energy drinks, and sports drinks are a major source of added sugar, and calories, in American diets.

USDA United States Department of Agriculture Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion
Go to www.ChooseMyPlate.gov for more information.
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10 tips kid-friendly veggies and fruits

Nutrition Education Series

10 tips for making healthy foods more fun for children

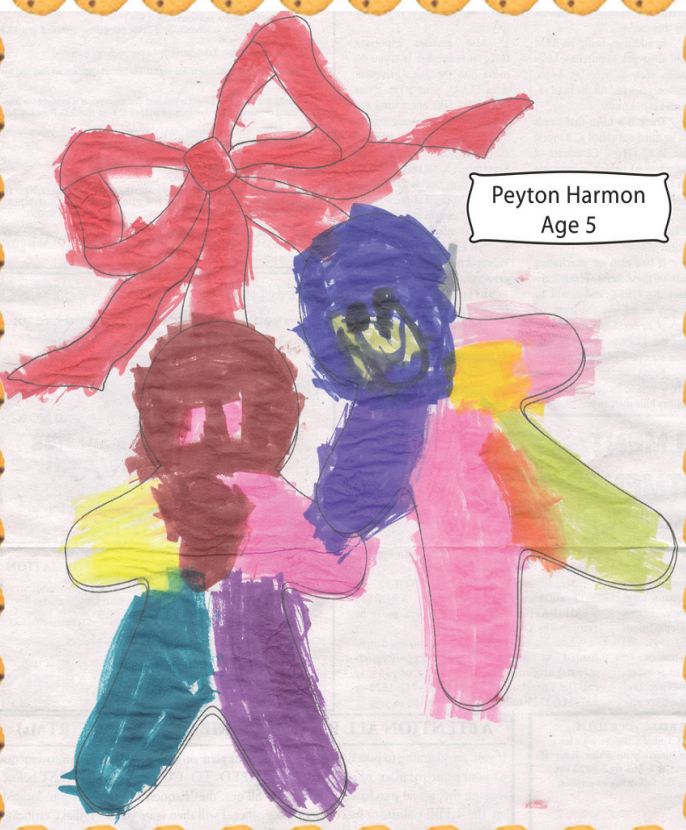
Encourage children to eat vegetables and fruits by making it fun. Provide healthy ingredients and let kids help with preparation, based on their age and skills. Kids may try foods they avoided in the past if they helped make them.

- 1 smoothie creations**
Blend fat-free or low-fat yogurt or milk with fruit pieces and crushed ice. Use fresh, frozen, canned, and even overripe fruits. Try bananas, berries, peaches, and/or pineapple. If you freeze the fruit first, you can even skip the ice!
- 2 delicious dippers**
Kids love to dip their foods. Whip up a quick dip for veggies with yogurt and seasonings such as herbs or garlic. Serve with raw vegetables like broccoli, carrots, or cauliflower. Fruit chunks go great with a yogurt and cinnamon or vanilla dip.
- 3 caterpillar kabobs**
Assemble chunks of melon, apple, orange, and pear on skewers for a fruity kabob. For a raw veggie version, use vegetables like zucchini, cucumber, squash, sweet peppers, or tomatoes.
- 4 personalized pizzas**
Set up a pizza-making station in the kitchen. Use whole-wheat English muffins, bagels, or pita bread as the crust. Have tomato sauce, low-fat cheese, and cut-up vegetables or fruits for toppings. Let kids choose their own favorites. Then pop the pizzas into the oven to warm.
- 5 fruity peanut butterfly**
Start with carrot sticks or celery for the body. Attach wings made of thinly sliced apples with peanut butter and decorate with halved grapes or dried fruit.
- 6 frosty fruits**
Frozen treats are bound to be popular in the warm months. Just put fresh fruits such as melon chunks in the freezer (rinse first). Make "popsicles" by inserting sticks into peeled bananas and freezing.
- 7 bugs on a log**
Use celery, cucumber, or carrot sticks as the log and add peanut butter. Top with dried fruit such as raisins, cranberries, or cherries, depending on what bugs you want!
- 8 homemade trail mix**
Skip the pre-made trail mix and make your own. Use your favorite nuts and dried fruits, such as unsalted peanuts, cashews, walnuts, or sunflower seeds mixed with dried apples, pineapple, cherries, apricots, or raisins. Add whole-grain cereals to the mix, too.
- 9 potato person**
Decorate half a baked potato. Use sliced cherry tomatoes, peas, and low-fat cheese on the potato to make a funny face.
- 10 put kids in charge**
Ask your child to name new veggie or fruit creations. Let them arrange raw veggies or fruits into a fun shape or design.

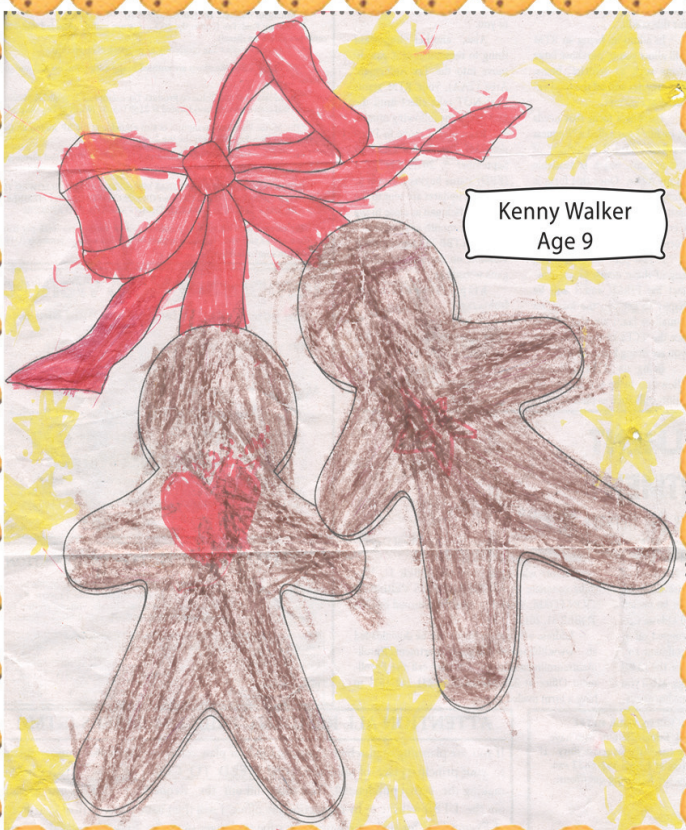
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2012 LETTER TO SANTA AND COLORING CONTEST WINNERS!



Peyton Harmon
Age 5



Kenny Walker
Age 9



Olivia Petoskey
Age 5



Cheyenne Shananaquet
Age 10



Elizabeth Sagataw
Age 6




Sierra Klaus
Age 11


Dear Santa,

I want a special toy. And it would be a little toy pig. And I would like a tablet thingy that you can put inside the tablet like the little book thing. And then I would like new paints. And I would like to have a new DVD. And I would like to have new pajamas.

Love,
Olivia




Olivia Petoskey Age 5




Dear Santa,

Hi! This is Cheyenne, and for Christmas, I would like a Kindle fire! If I don't get it, I will be OK. I hope you like my cookies! I'm making them myself! I like Christmas because I get to spend time with my family all day! Well, hope to see you later!

Love,
Cheyenne Shananaquet



Cheyenne Shananaquet - Age 10



Dear Santa,

Toy monster truck
Fire monitor
Fire boots
Monster truck movie
Christmas movie
Baseball shirt that is my size
Baseball glove
A new shirt with flowers on it for grandma
Please give me a Spiderman book
A hawk cup
Give my momma a flower please
Star Wars kit
New Power Ranger hat
A little kids snowmobile, a green artic cat
A really clean tennis ball
Snow boots for my Phillip James
New wheels for my bicycle
Highlighter
Power Ranger library book
A new stool
A clock in my room to wake me up, a real one
A new DVD player if you have one
It's OK if you don't
A new Star Wars table for my room so I can put my juice on it
A new speaker
Painting set
Give my Daddy some new snow pants
Please give me some Power Ranger white gloves
A new bicycle helmet
A kick stand please
Santa please give us a new TV
Spiderman Wii
New Star Wars coat
4 wheelers blanket
Ninja Turtle toy
Thank you Santa
Bring it if you have one
It's OK if you don't have it.
Santa
A new Star Wars picture for my mamma
Santa just so you know
A wreath for Peyton's room
Just so you know Santa
You are the best Santa
Air freshener for my room

Love,
Peyton



Peyton Harmon - Age 5





EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

WOCTEP

WOCTEP, a program under the Education Department of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, offers career-based and Technical Education Opportunities in partnership with North Central Michigan College.

COMPUTER LAB RULES

1. Please sign-in
2. Children under 13-yrs must be accompanied by an adult
3. No food or drink at the computer stations
(there is a table in the lab for food/beverage)
4. Be respectful of other users
 - A) No cell phone usage in lab
 - B) When listening to audio, use Headphones (provided in lab)
5. Office phones are not for public use, please use the phone in the lobby.

Regular lab hours are Monday through Friday 9–5 unless otherwise noted.

THANK YOU! *WOCTEP staff*

TRIBAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Teaching our children is the job of not only “certified” teachers, but also our elders, parents of children of any age, aunts, uncles, cousins, and neighbors, and we are seeking input from all of the above to help in developing our tribal early childhood education program. **ALL ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME** to join us to help support our children to learn how to walk in two worlds! The meetings will cover programming topics including:

- Program Philosophy, Vision, Mission
- Inclusion of culture and language - avoiding cultural overlay model (I.E. Western ways of teaching and learning are the focus and culture is added as an afterthought. Teaching merely an appreciation of culture)
- Traditional ways of teaching and learning
- Classroom design
- Staff
- Food
- Transportation

We will meet at the Governmental Center on the following dates:

- January 24, 2013 6pm-8:30pm
- February 21, 2013 6pm-8:30pm
- March 28, 2013 6pm-8:30pm
- April 25, 2013 6pm-8:30pm

For more information, please contact the Education Department at 231-242-1480

Avoid the headache!

UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR

**Winter (Jan - May)
February 15th**



For more information, contact Academic Services at 231-242-1480

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR THAT STARTED ON AUGUST 1, 2012, YOU NEED TO SUBMIT NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP

****Please Note**
Applications WILL NOT be automatically mailed to students**



Applications are available online and can be downloaded from the Education Department's web-page at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or may be requested from Academic Services at 231-242-1480.

MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

It is second installment time for the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship, and that means it is time to turn in your Enrollment Verification forms. Please remember in order to receive the second installment of your award, the Education Department needs to receive the Enrollment Verification form, provided in the first installment award letter, prior to the last day of the semester.

Faxed Enrollment Verification forms and Student Clearinghouse forms will not be accepted, and it is the student's responsibility to follow up to make sure the form has been received. For more information or help with higher education, please contact Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Merit scholarships are available for students who have graduated with a certificate or degree for the 2012-2013 academic year. Students need to submit a completed form and a copy of the official transcript showing the de-

gree received by December 1, 2013. For more information, contact Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.



NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

LTBB Tribal Great Lakes Commercial Fishers WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE 2004-02 Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety

The LTBB Natural Resource Department (NRD) would like to remind all tribal commercial fishermen to please be mindful of the above mentioned statute, which in the introduction, states in part:

“In order to protect members engaged in commercial fishing pursuant to the rights reserved in the Treaty of 1836 and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Coast Guard (USCG), the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) hereby enacts this Statute in an attempt to decrease the potential of death, personnel injury, and or property damage that may be associated with the high risk activity of commercial fishing. Any duly licensed LTBB commercial fisherman shall ensure that he and any vessel he may operate are in full compliance with these safety provisions.”

So, please be advised, LTBB or USCG Enforcement Officers may terminate the fishing vessel's voyage and instruct the captain, owner or operator of the vessel to return the vessel to a mooring, dock or shore until the hazardous condition is corrected.

So, in summary, fishers are required to have their vessels inspected and receive a safety placard, which is valid for two years, if they operate their vessels beyond the “3 miles from shore” line. As of October 16, 2012, you must be able to demonstrate your vessel in compliance with current safety regulations or you could be subject to civil penalties, termination of the vessel's voyage or other operational controls.

All LTBB Commercial Fishers are encouraged to contact the LTBB NRD at 231-242-1670 to request a vessel Safety Examination to become compliant and avoid any further enforcement action.

LTBB Natural Resource Department

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.



LTBB Tribal Citizen Patrick Boda harvested a four-point buck on November 12, 2012 at Berg Farms in Hayes Township, MI.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Tax Agreement Information

By **Theresa Keshick**, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind the tribal membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement.

First of all, I cannot express enough how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department. This must be done in writing and as soon as possible.

The DOC cannot and will not change the estimated beginning date (EBD) (which is always the first in any given month) of a member's tax exempt status (see example below).

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able

to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

In addition, being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt.

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

If you plan on purchasing any of these items, please contact me FIRST, and I will be happy to get you the form via e-mail or fax. I am also able to fax the TCEs to the dealership you are doing business with.

Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable,

gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

Also, another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA), your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month.

Example: I move to Petoskey, MI, (inside the TAA) on September 5, 2010. My RTM (EBD) status begins October 1, 2010. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/lbttaxagr>

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I can be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at tkeshick@lbbodawa-nsn.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO SEND MICHIGAN RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER ANNUAL SALES TAX CREDIT FORMS

By **Theresa Keshick**, Department of Commerce Assistant

At the end of January 2013, the Department of Commerce (DOC) will be mailing the Michigan Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit forms (Tribal Form 4013) for the 2012 tax year to Resident Tribal Members (RTMs) **only**. In order to qualify for this credit, your "Principal Place of Residence" **must** have been within the tribe's Tax Agreement Area, which includes the following townships or portions thereof, within Charlevoix and Emmet counties:

Cross Village (all), Bear Creek (all), Readmond

(all), Resort (partial), Friendship (all), Little Traverse (all), West Traverse (all), Hayes (partial), Bay (partial), City of Harbor Springs (all), City of Petoskey (all), City of Charlevoix (only **NORTH** of the bridge)

Forms are sent to those RTM's ages 18 and older. If you are a minor and worked during 2012, please contact the DOC for the form. The forms are **not** available on the State of Michigan's website or on the LTBB website.

If you have any questions regarding the form or how to fill it out, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at tkeshick@lbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Department of Commerce

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
5. *Motor Fuel Tax (currently, 36.5 cents per gallon unleaded and 32.6 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. *Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

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

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number
Theresa C. Keshick	Active	2/18/2009	February 18, 2015	01-09
Rebecca R. Atkinson	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	02-09
Lisa Flynn	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	03-09
Beatrice A. Law	Active	5/11/2009	May 11, 2015	04-09
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	6/7/2011	June 7, 2017	05-09

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)

If you are planning to purchase a vehicle, ORV or plan on doing any home improvements to your principal place of residence, **YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME FIRST** before making the actual purchase(s). You must fill out the "Request for TCE" form located on the LTBB website or by contacting my office. I will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the Refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you. ~ Theresa Keshick at 231-242-1584.

LTBB Tribal Directories

The Enrollment Office has LTBB Tribal Directories for sale. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled prior to February 1, 2009, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

Qualifications:

- Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
- A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

Mail to:

LTBB of Odawa Indians
Attn: Enrollment Office
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

TAX AGREEMENT REMINDER

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.

NEW LTBB I.D. CARDS

Tribal identification cards now have a hologram. This is an added security feature to eliminate duplication. We will be phasing out the old cards. Once your Tribal identification card has expired, you will be issued the new hologram card along with a replacement fee of \$5 for the remainder of 2012. No fee for our elders.

****Beginning January 1, 2013, there will be a new replacement card fee of \$10.****

For more information, please contact: Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520

THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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

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

This information will be used by the Grants Department. Megwetch,
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

ENROLLMENT OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE

If you have any questions regarding the service and fee schedule, please contact the LTBB Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521, Linda Gokee, Administrative Assistant, or 231-242-1520, Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer.

Fees:	Tribal Citizens
Replacement Cards A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to elders.	\$5
Tribal Directory Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/1/2009. Published every 4 years.	\$5
Tribal Directory Labels Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
LTBB List The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
Photocopies of Enrollment file \$1 first copy page, 25 cents for each page thereafter.	\$1 each
Marriage License Application Certified Copies: \$10 Photo Copies: \$5	\$15
Tribal Notary Application If approved Surety Bond: \$125	\$10

Services:

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

On the Pow Wow Trail

Michigan
 Black Bear Casino Resort – Otter Creek Convention Center
 Carlton, MN
 Contact Information: Nikki Crowe or Linda Whitebird at 218-878-7148 or 218-878-7101

February 8
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Pow Wow
 The American Indian Magnet St. Paul, MN
 Contact Information: 651-293-5191

March 8
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Pow Wow
 The American Indian Magnet St. Paul, MN
 Contact Information: 651-293-5191

March 23
Augsburg College 5th Traditional Pow Wow

Si Melby Gymnasium
 Augsburg College
 Minneapolis, MN
 Contact Information: Jennifer Simon at 612-330-1144 or www.augsburg.edu/about/mps_map.html

April 6
29th Annual Circle of Nations Pow Wow
 P.E. Center
 University of Minnesota, Morris Morris, MN
 Contact Information: Tracy R. Peterson at 320-589-6097

December 31
LCO New Year's Pow Wow
 LCO High School
 Hayward, WI
 Contact Information: 715-634-8924


Wisconsin

January 11
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Pow Wow
 The American Indian Magnet St. Paul, MN
 Contact Information: 651-293-5191

January 12
Gichi Manidoo Giizis Traditional Pow Wow

Gichi Manidoo Giizis Traditional Pow Wow

Saturday January 12th 2013



MC
Murphy Thomas

Arena Director
Jaimie Petite

Host Drum
MA'IIN'GAN

Co Host Drum
Cedar Creek Singers

Head Dancers
Tony Fish
Vanessa Northrup

Doors Open: 11am
Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm
Traditional Feast at 5pm

Black Bear Casino Resort
Otter Creek Event Center
1785 Highway 210
Carlton, MN 55718
Hotel Reservations: 1-888-771-0777

Free Admission—Open to the Public—Alcohol & Drug Free Event

Payment for first 4 Drums
Hand Drum Contest
Moccasin Game
Native Craft Displays
50/50 Raffle

Click on link for more info: [13 Moons Ashinewi Giizis.org](http://13MoonsAshinewiGiizis.org) or go to www.fdr.org

Taking Care of the Land and Community
 Info booths and displays of Tribal, State and Federal programs involved in taking care of the land and community.

Vendor tables available
Contact: Nikki Crowe 218-878-7148
Linda Whitebird 218-878-7101

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April 25-27, 2013
Albuquerque, New Mexico
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The Saginaw Chippewa Academy Presents:

New Years Eve Round Dance 2012-2013

Pipe Ceremony-6:00pm

Pot Luck Feast- 7:00pm

Round Dance- 8:30pm-12:30am

50/50 RAFFLES

PRIZE RAFFLE

2-\$500 DRAWINGS



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gym
7070 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

GRANTS & DONATIONS PROGRAM

Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. Donations are available for both Native and non-Native organizations. If you would like an application, please call 231-242-1420. The deadline for submitting an application is March 29, 2013. Please note that the Grants and Donations program is NOT intended for small business purposes.

ATTENTION LTBB CONTRACTORS

If you would like to be considered for future LTBB projects, please contact Purchasing Technician/Contracts Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or e-mail at mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



In Need of A Ride?

Medical Transportation is available to tribal households who have no alternate means of transport. For LTBB household members residing in the LTBB service delivery area. For medical appointments/purposes only. Transport must be arranged 72 hours in advance. Contact Community Outreach at the LTBB Health Department at 231-242-1601

25th. Annual 2012 Sobriety Powwow

Everyone Welcome!

December 31 at LSSU NORRIS CENTER

New Location!

Host Drum: Spirit Lake
Co-host Drum: Spirit Mountain.
Invited Drums: Sturgeon Bay Singers and Bahweting Singers
Head, Veteran: Graz Shipman.
Head, Female and Male Dancers: Hunter Captain and Joe Pine
Head, Junior Dancers: Ashley Hackworth and Dion. Syrette
Arena Director: Tracey Heath.
Emcee: Josh. Homminga.

Grand Entry — 7pm
3-Person Hand Drum Competition — 6 p.m.
Feast — 4pm (Niigaanagizhik Building)

Call Jackie Minton or Josh. Homminga. at (906) 635-6050 for more information.

Manidoo Giizisoon Little Spirit Moon Spiritual Gathering

Saturday, Dec. 29, 12-6 p.m.

Niigaanagizhik Building Cultural Center, 2 Ice Circle

12 p.m. Lunch Social
1 p.m. Teaching Circle
5 p.m. Giveaway

3-PERSON HAND DRUM COMPETITION (No Exceptions!)
 Norris Center, 6 p.m.
 1st Place: \$500
 2nd Place: \$300
 3rd Place: \$200

Midnight Countdown! Games! Vendors! Give-away!

Sponsored by Sault Tribe Powwow Committee

Absolutely no Drugs or Alcohol

Michigan Native American PRAMS:

a confidential survey for all mothers in the Native community who give birth in 2012

If you had a baby in 2012, look for your survey in the mail
Mothers who return a survey will receive a \$10 gift card

With your help, we can improve services and the health of Native Mothers and babies in Michigan. Your survey is very important.

A collaborative project of:






Moving?

If you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an address verification form.

Forms are also available at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address verification form.

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

Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark you as undeliverable.

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

Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of the per capita payment.

Adult verification form must be witnessed.
 Minor verification form must be notarized.

Contact Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520.

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

ANISHNAABEMANG

By Terry Spanish, Language Instructor

niizhwaaswi dabagnek. Neniish go niiyaasaap maa-jtaamgitoon.

Hello, Nishnaabek. It is a good day, is it not? Nishnaabe language classes have started; if anybody wants to join, they can do so. Come on in. Available Monday and Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., both evenings.

Aanii, aanii, Nishnaabedik. Mino giizhgat naa? Waazhi kinomaading wii Nishnaabemang zhaashi gi maajtam gat. Iishkpin downman wiikinomaagooswiin, 'bizhan'. Shkwaa namegiizhgak miinwaa Chitwaa Zozep giizhgak. Naanan shaapta biinish

 <p>Mnido Giizis Spirit Moon January</p>	 <p>Mkwa Giizis Bear Moon February</p>	 <p>Naabdin Giizis Snowcrust Moon March</p>	 <p>ZiisabaakadakeGiizis Maple Sugar Moon April</p>
 <p>Nmebine Giizis Sucker Moon May</p>	 <p>Waabgonii Giizis Blossom Moon June</p>	 <p>Miin Giizis Berry Moon July</p>	 <p>Mnoomin Giizis Rice Moon August</p>
 <p>Waabagaa Giizis Autumn Moon September</p>	 <p>Bnaakwii Giizis Falling Leaves Moon October</p>	 <p>Baashkaakodin Giizis Freezing Moon November</p>	 <p>Mnido Giizisonhs Little Spirit Moon December</p>

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Department



Mondays
5:30 - 7 pm

January 7 -
March 11, 2013

LTBB
Governmental
Center

Anishinaabemowin Winter 2013 Class

Anishinaabemowin Community Classes

10 Weeks, Open and Free Course
Guests Welcome

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin
Department
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Instructor
Terry Spanish
231-242-1456
tspanish@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

- Learn the Anishinaabe Language
- Basics of Daily Speech
- Grammar and Structure
- Vocabulary
- Word Origin
- Odawa Culture

Interested in Learning Anishinaabemowin – But...

We are conducting a short survey to assess interest in a website for [learning Anishinaabe Language online](http://www.learninganishinaabe.com). We need your input, please participate. You want to learn our language, but you have limited time, limited means of travel, live outside of the area or out of state? Take our survey at

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VKYHHSN>

The survey is available now through January 20, 2013. It's simply designed, so you just click buttons to answer, and it only takes about ngo'dabagaanhs – 1 minute – to complete.

Miigwech for Your Participation!



Baashkaakodin Giizis
Freezing Moon, Nov.



Mnido Giizisonhs
Little Spirit Moon, Dec.



Mnido Giizis
Spirit Moon, Jan.



Mkwa Giizis
Bear Moon, Feb.



Naabdin Giizis
Snowcrust Moon, Mar.



Bnaakwii Giizis
Falling Leaves Moon, Oct.

13 Giizisoon - Thirteen Moons

Giizisoon, the moons or months, are not a standardized, uniform or official designation of names. The names of the moons vary, geographically and otherwise. Also, the seasons seem to have shifted a bit. So, don't be surprised if the moons given here differ from what you know or what you've seen. You may know it by another name or remember what the elders used to call the month. If so, we'd like to hear from you to document input from other tribal speakers. Please contact Carla Osawamick at 231-242-1454, 1-888-652-5822 or cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.



Bopogimenh Giizis
Broken Snowshoe Moon, 13th



Waabagaa Giizis
Autumn Moon, Sept.



Mnoomin Giizis
Rice Moon, August



Miin Giizis
Berry Moon, July



Waabgonii Giizis
Blossom Moon, June



Nmebine Giizis
Sucker Moon, May



Ziisabaakdake Giizis
Sugarbush Moon, April

Biboong
In the Winter

Wegnesh gwajiing ezhiwebak? How is the weather?
Gwajiing Ezhiwebak, the weather outside.

Zookpo.	It is snowing.
Goon	Snow
Goonkaa.	There is much snow (<i>on the ground</i>).
Gooning	in or on the snow
Nimkiikaa.	It is thundering.
Nchiiwad.	It is stormy.
Ngwaankwat.	It is stormy.
Mdookad.	It is damp.
Noodin.	It is windy.
Kchi-noodin.	It is windy.
Ksinaa.	It is cold.
Aawan.	It is foggy.
Kiiwedinong ndaanmad.	The wind is blowing from the north.
Biboon.	Winter, It is Winter.
Biboong.	In the Winter, During the Winter

Bboong, eshkam gwa neksinaa, maajii zookpoo.
In the winter, it becomes colder, it begins to snow.

Miidash gegwa maajii mshkowding a'ki.
And so the earth begins to freeze up.

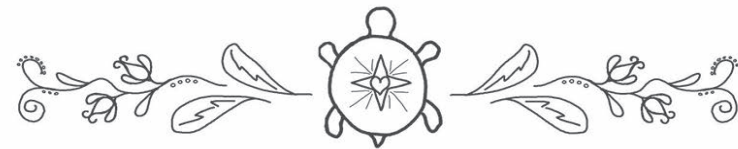
Ne'aapto bboong, mii gwa ge'ii zaagignan maajii mshowding.
In midwinter, the lakes begin to freeze.

Mii maanda pii maajii znagak wii paayaang.
This is the time when it gets harder to get around.

Ksinaa miinwaa zhoozhkwaa gwajiing.
It is cold and slippery outside.

Aapjigwa gwanaajwe a'goon mgishing.
The snow is beautiful when it falls.

Miinwa mtigok aapji gnaajwewok, mkomiisweyat miinwaa goonwewaata.
And the trees are beautiful, when they have ice on them and the snow.



Anishinaabe Language Classes
North Central Michigan College

Petoskey, Michigan

Winter Semester 2013, 4 Credits
January 14 - May 10



Register for:

TUESDAYS, 6 - 8:50 pm
NISH 111, Beginning I Anishinaabemowin
or

THURSDAYS, 6 - 8:50 pm
NISH 112, Beginning II Anishinaabemowin
NISH 211, Intermediate I Anishinaabemowin

Carla Osawamick, Instructor
517-862-3633 or e-mail cosawamick@ncmich.edu

SPRING SEMESTER 2013
Anishinaabemowin Language
Immersion Classes Begin in January

Register Now!

Location: Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa
Wausnoki Community Center, Harbor Springs, MI

Open Classes
Guests Welcome, Drop In

Immersion Techniques Benefit All Learners
from Beginners to Advanced

5 Weekends Per Semester
TENTATIVE DATES
January 18, 19, 20
February 8, 9, 10
March 1, 2, 3
March 22, 23, 24
April 19, 20, 21

Fridays 1 pm - 8 pm
Saturdays 8 am - 8 pm
Sundays 8 am - noon

8 Credit Weekend Class

For more information, contact LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Department,
231-242-1480, 1-866-652-5822
Carla Osawamick, 231-242-1454, cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

LOOKING FOR SOME
HELP TO GET
THROUGH SCHOOL?



WOCTEP provides services and resources to North Central Michigan College students enrolled in one of the following programs:

- CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE ~ PHLEBOTOMY
- MEDICAL ASSISTANT ~ GRAPHIC ARTS
- ENTREPRENEURSHIP ESSENTIALS
- TEXTILES ~ NEW MEDIA

INTERESTED? CALL
231-242-1494

Early Registration: Get into classes you need before anyone else!

One-on-one Advising: Get help with registering for classes, learning about your career field, filling out the FAFSA, job searching, resume writing, etc.

\$\$\$: Get paid to go to class (available to eligible students, call 231-242-1494 for more details). Finish your program, and we'll pay your graduation application fee!

WOCTEP IS UNDER THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS AND FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NACTEP GRANT.

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Nsogizhigak (Zoozep-Giizhigak)
Ensa Ngonamegiizhigat

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NiizhwaasoDabaganek

Mnido Giizis, ekwa
Zhaangsing Gwiimaajtaami

Naabdin Giizis, ekwa
Mdaaswe shi Nsing
Gwiigiizhiitaami

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LTBB Niigaanziigamik
Nswe-Bezhik-Niizh Aachkiniganing
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI

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Anishinaabemowin Gwetago

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FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN DEXTER McNAMARA

THE GREY WOLF

SENATE BLAST

OUT WOLF HUNTING BILL: Michigan is one step closer to establishing a wolf hunting season as the Senate passed legislation on November 30, 2012.

Senate Bill 1350, sponsored by Senator Tom Casperson (R-Escanaba), would designate wolves as a game animal and would permit the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to establish a hunting season as its only entity which can do so. Casperson said he thinks it's necessary as wolves prowl cities and towns in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The bill passed 23-15 with Senators Roger Kahn (R-Saginaw), Mike Nofs (R-Battle Creek), John Pappageorge (R-Troy), Tonya Schuitmaker (R-Lawton) and John Gleason (D-Flushing) crossing over.

Casperson said he doesn't believe the bill, if it goes into law, will lead to a "full-blown, everybody hunts wolves" scenario. Casperson expects a regional hunt, especially, in areas in the Upper Peninsula. He said he's optimistic about the bill passing the House.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Commission, the Tribal Council and the Executive have submitted opposition for the hunt of the grey wolf.

ELDERS LUNCHEON

On November 15, 2012, the Vice Chair, Julie Shananaquet, and I held a question and answer period after the Elders Luncheon with most questions pertaining to the



proposed casino in Mackinaw City, MI. If anyone has any questions on any issue, please call my office at 231-242-1402 or my cell phone at 231-838-2075.

TRIBAL COURT DECISION

Please visit www.odawa-trails.com to view LTBB Tribal Court Case K. Harrington vs. Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Councilors.

SUMMARY OF K. HARRINGTON VS. LTBB TRIBAL COUNCILORS DECISION

On November 29, 2012, the LTBB Tribal Court issued an important opinion, written by Associate Judge James Genia, about how decisions to spend tribal funds must be made.

The case was brought by my predecessor, Ken Harrington, against the LTBB Tribal Council. He asserted the Tribal Council was making decisions about appropriating funds by amending funding resolutions which the Council had passed previously. The Council was amending these resolutions by a simple motion

at Council Meetings.

Mr. Ken Harrington argued according to our Tribal Constitution, any change in how funds were appropriated had to be made through the formal resolution process, not by passing simple motions. The difference is the Tribal Chairman has the opportunity to approve or veto a resolution, but not a simple motion. Not allowing the Tribal Chairman this authority removes an important check and balance from the process of making government spending decisions. It deprives me, as your Tribal Chairman, of the opportunity to carefully watch over how your dollars are spent.

The Tribal Court agreed and struck down the section of the Administrative Procedures Statute in which the Tribal Council had granted itself the authority to change funding resolutions by simple motion. The Tribal Court ruled any appropriation decision which did not allow an opportunity for the Tribal Chairman to approve or veto the decision was UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Ultimately, I believe a strong set of checks and balances will result in better decisions about how tribal government spends tribal funds. I applaud the Tribal Court's decision, and I hope to work with Tribal Council to move forward in implementing this decision for the benefit of all.

Migwech, speak the language and follow our traditional and cultural values to preserve our strong unified tribal identity.



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

MEET HR GENERALIST YVONNE BROWN

LTBB Tribal Citizen Yvonne Brown started as the HR Generalist on November 13, 2012.

Brown worked 27 years for Cheboygan Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan, MI, as the HR Generalist/Benefits Specialist and as the Director of Diversional Therapy in the Long-Term Care unit prior to accepting her current position. In her current position, she will be responsible for recruiting and professional development, maintaining the temporary worker pool and managing the Intern Program.

"I'm thrilled to be here! HR is my specialty," Brown said. "I like to help employees. I'm definitely a people person. I've always wanted to get involved with my tribe and be a part of our past, present, and future culture. I want to help our tribal community in any



way I can."

Brown grew up in Indian River, MI, and graduated from Inland Lakes High School. She attended North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI, after raising her children and in 2008, earned an Entrepreneurship Essentials certificate through the Waga-

naking Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP).

She and her husband, Willie, have two sons, Steven Maves who walked on in 1990, and Mike Maves, his wife, Angie, with two awesome grandchildren, Joshua, 6, and Katie, almost four. Her grandparents were Amos and Eva Anthony, and her mother is Margaret Mallory, a former LTBB Election Board member. Her uncle, George Anthony, is an LTBB Appellate Justice in the Tribal Court.

She enjoys camping on her property near Paradise, MI, on the Tahquamenon River, gardening, planting flowers, fishing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and most outdoor activities.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
November 4, 2012**

Closed Session: yes
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:00 a.m.
Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima
Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase
Absent: Councilor Kevin Gasco
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Treasury Director Michael Garrow, General Counsel James Bransky
Executive Officials and Staff Present: Elder's Coordinator Tammy Okuly,
Elder's Transportation John Gasco
Judicial Branch: Court Administrator Bernadece Kiogima
Public: Annette VanDeCar, Doug Emery, John Kawegoma, Edward Shenoskey, Steve Shenoskey,
Invited Guests: Odawa Casino: Finance Director Roger Borton, Human Resource Director Melissa Richards, Marketing Director Karyann Waukazoo, Hospitality Director Michael Bodjiak, Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, Tara Otto-Brill
Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Bardwell to adopt the amended agenda for November 4, 2012.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Gasco) Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the minutes of October 12, 2012 as presented.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Gasco) Motion carried.
Elder Comments opened: no comments.
9:18 a.m. Councilor Gasco arrived.
Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Legislative Leader Kiogima's verbal report for November 4, 2012.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Elder Comments: John Kawegoma spoke regarding the need for building security particularly after hours. Tammy Okuly spoke regarding Elder notifications and current services. John Kawegoma spoke regarding the difficulty of working with Executive departments and the need for monetary backbone and the channeling of services from one department to another.
10:21 a.m. Recess called.
10:52 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Secretary Gasco Bentley read into the minutes the phone polled as passed on October 24, 2012: Pursuant to the attached Supplemental Funding Request and as recommended by the Appropriations and Finance Committee: To appropriate \$455,000 from the prior period funds account to the Distribution line item in the Executive budget to provide for an additional \$99 to each Tribal Citizen for the FY 2012 per capita payment. The Phone Poll passed 6-yes, 3-no (Legislative Leader Kiogima, Councilor Otto, Councilor Denemy). Councilor Denemy mentioned he preferred the Elders receive a larger increase.
Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's report for November 4, 2012.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal report for November 4, 2012.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
11:47 a.m. Public Comment opened. No comments.
11:48 a.m. Public comment closed.
12:11 p.m. lunch recess called.
1:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened.
1:51 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to go into closed session for Confidential Business matters.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell) Motion carried.
2:11 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Treasurer Bott to return to open session.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept Tribal Council travel reports from all of Tribal Council including Councilor Wemigwase Junior Council report.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept the Odawa Casino Resort Quarterly report for November 2012.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 0 - Absent Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Agricultural Assessment Work Group verbal report as given by Councilor Keshick.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
3:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: Annette VanDeCar asked if the Tribal Council Motion appropriating funds to the Judicial Branch is allowed to be

changed/modified by the Executive Branch.
3:02 p.m. Public Comment closed.
3:02 p.m. Recess called.
3:18 p.m. Meeting reconvened.
Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Treasury Director Garrow's verbal and written report for November 4, 2012.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for November 4, 2012.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
4:06 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Treasurer Bott to go into closed session for legal purposes.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Tribal Council Meeting Dates
January 5 Work Session
January 6 Council Meeting
January 19 Work Session
January 20 Council Meeting
February 2 Work Session
February 3 Council Meeting
February 16 Work Session
February 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
Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Leader
Regina Gasco-Bentley, Secretary
John Bott, Treasurer
Aaron Wayne Otto, Councilor
Kevin Gasco, Councilor
Belinda Bardwell, Councilor
John Keshick III, Councilor
Bill A. Denemy, Councilor
Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor
stained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
5:07 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
5:07 p.m. Recess called.
5:18 p.m. Meeting reconvened.
Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept General Counsel Bransky's Enjiinakneng verbal report for November 4, 2012.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve Certified Motion: To Establish an Ad-hoc Hearing Assistance Work-group, as submitted by the Tribal Chairman.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve the 2013 Tribal Council Regular Work Session and Meeting Schedule.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge receipt of Waganakising Odawak Development's 3rd Quarter 2012 Report.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Bardwell to Acknowledge Receipt of Nichole Biber (Shananaquet) Letter of Interest and Résumé and to establish an interview date for the position of Traditional Tribal Burial Grounds Board Member.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to Acknowledge Receipt of Wesley Andrews Letter of Interest and to establish an interview date for the position of Traditional Tribal Burial Grounds Board Member.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Bott to Acknowledge Receipt of Alice Yellowbank's Letter of Interest and Résumé and to establish an interview date for the position of Traditional Tribal Burial Grounds Board Member.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the supplemental funding request by Odawa Fishery, Inc. in the amount of \$47,000.00 to purchase a fish fillet machine and fish for the fall harvest to come from prior period funds as recommended by the to approve the supplement funding request by Odawa Fishery, Inc. in the amount of \$47,000.00 to purchase a fish fillet machine and fish for the fall harvest to come from prior period funds as recommended by the Appropriations and Finance Committee.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 - No (Secretary Gasco Bentley), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to pass the Election Board Statute.
Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes
Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Otto to amend the agenda to add the following: Supplemental

funding for the Judiciary in the amount of \$24,000, Supplemental funding for the Judiciary in the amount of \$11,000, the Ad-hoc Agricultural Assessment, the Junior Tribal Council, the Third Amendment to Tax Agreement, the referendum for the Mackinaw Casino.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the supplemental funding request from the Judicial Branch to cover the travel costs of the Associate Judge in the amount of \$24,000 to come from prior period funds.
Vote: 7 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Wemigwase, Councilor Gasco), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the supplemental funding request by the Judicial Branch in the amount of \$11,000 to purchase furniture and to supplement the Indigent Fund to come from prior period funds.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Keshick), 0 - Absent Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the Certified Motion "To Establish an Ad-hoc Agricultural Assessment Workgroup" as submitted by Tribal Chair on August 29, 2012.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to establish a Tribal Council Ad-Hoc Committee to develop a Junior Tribal Council comprised of LTBB Citizens, eighteen (18) years of age and under, by drafting all pertinent statutes, initial policies, procedures and budget-related requests to bring back to Tribal Council for approval.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion: Authorization for Third Amendment to Tax Agreement and authorized the Tribal Chairman to sign the agreement.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.
Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to submit the proposed Mackinaw Casino Project to a vote of the registered Tribal voters at a referendum election per ARTICLE XIV., Part B. of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution.
Vote: 2 - Yes, 7 - No (Councilor Gasco, Councilor Keshick, Councilor Bardwell, Legislative Leader Kiogima, Treasurer Bott, Councilor Denemy, Councilor Otto), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion failed.
Motion made by Councilor "Minutes" continued on page 18

"Minutes" continued from page 17.
Otto and supported by Councilor Gasco to dismiss the complaint for Removal of the Prosecutor by complainant Doug Emery, dated June 3, 2012, for the reason that the complaint does not contain a clear and concise statement of the alleged actions and facts that support the allegation of gross misconduct that is clearly prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.
Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Bott to amend the agenda to include Closed Session for confidential legal matters.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.
7:07 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to go into Closed Session for personnel.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

7:45 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.
7:46 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to go into Closed Session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Legislative Leader Kiogima), 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

7:47 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima)

Motion carried.

7:48 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adjourn.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.
These Minutes have been read and approved as written.

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Special Meeting
7500 Odawa Circle
Tribal Council Chambers
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
November 14, 2012**

Closed Session: none
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 1:09 p.m.

Opening Ceremony: Legislative Leader Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor Kevin Gasco

Absent: Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Bill A. Denemy

Legislative Office Staff Present: Treasury Director Michael Garrow, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff

Present: Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Health Director Sharon Sierzputowski, Assistant Health Director Jodi Werner

Public: none

Invited Guests: Colleen Whitehead

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt the Special Meeting agenda for November 14, 2012.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Denemy)

Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Health Department Assessment Report.

1:56 p.m. Recess called.

2:09 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Discussion regarding Health Department Assessment Report.

2:46 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Denemy)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written.

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
November 18, 2012**

Closed Session: yes
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:01 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Legislative Leader Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Bill A. Denemy,

Absent: Councilor Wemigwase, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Keshick III

Legislative Office Staff Present: Treasury Director Michael Garrow, General Counsel James Bransky, Administrative Assistant Michael Smith

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar, Elders Coordinator Tamela Okuly, Planning Director Bryan Gillette

Public: Annette VanDeCar, Laura Lonchar,

Invited Guests: Carol Quinones - Election Board, Emily Proctor - MSU Extension, Darren Bagley - MSU Extension, Laura Chaney - Title VII, Kristy Dayson - Youth Services Coordinator, Students from Crooked Tree Youth Leadership from Surrounding Emmet County, Destiny Abney, Julia Yates, Keisha Lonely, Logan Spray, Amy Klungle, Tequara Kiley, Bethan Pykucki, Elizabeth Kurburski, Emily Kurburski, Josef Smith, Randall Abney.

9:04 a.m. Councilor Keshick III arrives.

9:07 a.m. Councilor Gasco arrives.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott supported by Councilor Gasco to adopt the amended agenda for November 18, 2012.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve the minutes of November 04, 2012 as presented.

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

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 14, 2012 as presented.

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

9:16 a.m. Elders comments open: No comments at this time

9:33 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrives

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Legislative Leader Kiogima's verbal report for November 18, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

10:28 a.m. Recess called

11:01 a.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's report for November 18, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal report for November 18, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept Tribal Council member travel reports for November 18, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

11:36 a.m. Open Comments from Crooked Tree Youth Leadership: Destiny Abney asked about Mackinaw City Casino and why Tribal Council selected Mackinaw City for the casino site, also asked about what the requirements are for being elected to Tribal Council, Kristy Dayson asked if Tribal Council could explain Trust Land - Tribal Council asked General Counsel Bransky if he could explain. Joe Smith asked when the new casino will be constructed.

Break with respect to Public Comment time, agenda requirement.

11:47 a.m. Public Comment Opened.

11:47 a.m. Public Comment Closed.

11:47 a.m. Resumed with questions from students from Crooked Tree Youth Leadership: Keisha Lonely is a Sault Ste. Marie Tribal member and asked if there is any way we (LTBB) can interact with other tribes for benefits and Treaty Rights, also asked if there is any way the youth leadership can submit a letter of support regarding the Opposition to the Sport Hunting of Ma'ingan, Gray Wolf.

Destiny Abney asked what the Tribal Secretary's job is, also

asked about Confidential material on laptops (computers), also asked again about requirements regarding if any Tribal Council member was arrested - what would happen, also asked what the most important (highest leadership position) role on Council is.

12:05 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

1:35 p.m. Councilor Gasco and Councilor Bardwell arrive.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Land and Reservation Committee report as presented by Legislative Leader Kiogima, Committee Chairperson for November 18, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Gaming Authority Committee report as presented by Councilor Gasco, Committee Chairperson for November 18, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Legal and Legislative Committee report as presented by Secretary Gasco Bentley, Committee Chairperson for November 18, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Ethics Committee report, no meeting, no report.

Agricultural Assessment Work Group, no meeting, no report.

2:35 p.m. Recess called.

2:54 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

3:04 p.m. Public Comment Opened.

3:05 p.m. Public Comment Closed.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Treasury Director Michael Garrow's report for November 18, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

3:14 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Otto to go into closed session for Confidential Business and Legal matters.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

4:20 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick III to amend the agenda to include motions to post to the legislative calendar, the; Recall and Leave of Absence Draft Statute and the Purchase of Land Parcel # 59 and the Letter to Mackinaw City and the Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs Indirect Shortfalls.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 -

Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Otto to accept the Enjinaaknegeng report as presented by General Counsel Bransky for November 18, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to Acknowledge Receipt of Mary L. Gasco Letter of Interest and Résumé and to establish an interview date of December 1, 2012 for the position of Traditional Burial Grounds Board Member.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Justice Small Grants Program Indoor Air Quality. Motion withdrawn.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick III and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Justice Small Grants Program Indoor Air Quality.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 2 - No (Secretary Gasco Bentley, Councilor Bardwell), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve submission to the Tribal Chair, Legislative Services Attorney Memo 110412-01 regarding disapproval of Camping Regulations.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to pass the Michele Chingwa Educational Assistance Regulations 102912-010.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick III and supported by Legislative Leader Kiogima to Appoint Doug Emery to the Gaming Regulatory Commission to the 3- year term that will end September 21, 2015.

Vote: 1 - Yes, 6 - No (Secretary Gasco Bentley, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Denemy, Councilor Otto), 2 - Abstained (Councilor Keshick III, Treasurer Bott), 0 - Absent

Motion failed.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge receipt of the Executive monthly Oversight report.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Keshick III), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Keshick III to approve the Corporate Charter Appointment Policy.

Vote: 1 - Yes, 1 - No

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"Minutes" continued from page 18.
 (Councilor Otto), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.
 Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to Approve Supplemental Funding for Election Board in the amount of \$22,225.00 to come from prior period funds.
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.
 Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to post the Recall and Leave of Absence Draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Otto), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.
 Motion made by Councilor Keshick III and supported


by Councilor Wemigwase to Purchase Land Parcel # 59 for \$10,000.00 to come from prior period funds.
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.
 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to authorize Enjinaaknegeng to prepare and the Executive to submit an appeal to the Indian Health Services for contract support shortfalls for 2006-2010, and to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for contract support shortfalls for 2006.
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.
 Motion made by Councilor Keshick III and supported by Councilor Denemy to ap-

prove the Letter to the Village of Mackinaw City as prepared by General Counsel Bransky dated November 18, 2012.
 Vote: 7 - Yes, 2 - No (Secretary Gasco Bentley, Councilor Wemigwase - Comment: I feel that the \$40,000 could purchase quite a few hearing aids or fulfill other needs of our people), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.
 5:21 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to adjourn.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - (Absent Councilor Bardwell) Motion carried.
 These Minutes have been read and approved as written:
 Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

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Estate of <u>John Wallace Keshick II</u> Date of birth <u>08/21/1932</u>		
TO ALL CREDITORS: *		
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, <u>John Wallace Keshick II</u> , Walked on <u>09/26/2012</u> , Date		
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to <u>Theresa Keshick</u> , the legal personal representative of the estate, or to the Probate court at <u>Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Tribal Court 911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770</u> Address City		
and the named/proposed personal representative within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.		
<u>11/16/2012</u> Date <u>Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa, Tribal Court</u> Personal Representative name (type or print) <u>7500 Odawa Circle</u> Address <u>Harbor Springs, MI 49740</u> City, State, zip		
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Youth Mural Painting Class

January 19, 2013 - March 9, 2013

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is offering a Visual Arts class for youth, ages 8-16, the end result of which will be a mural for the kid's waiting/visitation room in the LTBB Tribal Court. Students will learn about design concept, painting techniques, and teamwork as they create a large scale painted mural.

The mural created will be put on display in the LTBB Tribal Court kid's waiting/visitation room. This is a wonderful chance for someone interested in visual arts to not only learn more about painting, but also what goes into creating art for a public forum.

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NATIVE NEWS



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Students also participate in field trips to amusement parks and sporting events.

Application Deadline: January 15, 2013

Tuition and Scholarships: The cost of the program is \$1,250 plus round trip airfare. Significant full and partial scholarships are available through NAFOA. Last year, 98% of students received financial aid.

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ODAWA CASINO PARTNERS WITH SPARTAN STORES TO PROVIDE DONATIONS FOR THE MANNA FOOD PROJECT



Kathy Hart, Executive Director of The Manna Food Project, commented, "This event impacted many people from Odawa Casino team members and guests to community members and The Manna Food Project. As an additional financial resource, we can remove all the UPC codes from the products for reimbursement. This money helps to purchase further needed items as well as more food for disbursement."

Pictured from left to right in the Odawa Casino photo are Odawa Casino Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, The Manna Food Project Executive Director Kathy Hart, Odawa Casino Community Development Coordinator Marty VanDeCar, Odawa Casino Human Resources Director Melissa Richards, Odawa Casino Marketing Director Karyann Waukazoo and Odawa Casino General Manager David Wolf.

Editor's note: The following is an Odawa Casino press release dated November 14, 2012.

Odawa Casino, owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, recently presented more than 17,500 pounds of non-perishable food items to The Manna Food Project. Odawa Casino partnered with Northern Michigan Spartan stores for a "Food

for Play" promotion. During the six-week promotion, guests could bring in five Spartan Store labeled can or dry goods and receive \$10 in free slot play.

David Wolf, Odawa Casino's General Manager, commented, "This promotion was a huge success with nearly 4,000 participants donating over 18,000 food items. We want to give back to the community, and this was a great opportunity to do so."

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SAULT TRIBE ASKS FEDERAL COURT TO DISMISS STATE'S LAWSUIT SEEKING TO BLOCK LANSING CASINO

Editor's note: The following is a Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians press release dated November 13, 2012.

LANSING, Mich. —The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians on November 12 asked a federal judge to dismiss the State of Michigan's lawsuit seeking to block the tribe from starting the process to take land into trust under the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act for a Lansing casino.

State Attorney General Bill Schuette on September 7 filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan in an apparent effort to stop the Lansing casino project that would create 2,200 good jobs and generate enough revenue to pay four years of college for all Lansing public school students.

The tribe asked U.S. District Court Judge Robert J. Jonker to dismiss the lawsuit, arguing it is totally without merit.

"The essence of our motion is this: Because the state's lawsuit is utterly without merit, it should be dismissed and dismissed quickly," said Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment.

Despite the litigation, the City of Lansing and the tribe continue to move full speed ahead on all plans for the casino.

On November 1, the city and tribe completed a critical step in their effort to win federal approval of the \$245 million casino, which will be built adjacent to the Lansing Center in the heart of the city's entertainment district. On that day, the tribe completed the agreement to purchase the city-owned land adjacent to the Lansing Center where the casino will be built.

Pending the outcome of the litigation, the tribe will soon apply to the federal government to take the land into trust, clearing the way for the construction of the 125,000-square-foot casino. The casino is expected to create an estimated 1,500 permanent jobs at the property and more than 700 construction jobs.

The Sault Tribe has successfully operated Indian casinos in the state since 1984 and currently owns five Kewadin Casino properties in the Upper Peninsula. With more than 40,000 members, the Sault Tribe is the largest federally-recognized tribe east of the Mississippi and one of the largest job providers in Northern Michigan with 1,900 employees at its casinos, other businesses and tribal government agencies.

The tribe will use casino revenues to improve programs and services to members, including health care, education, housing, elder care, social services and more. The City of Lansing will use its annual revenue payments from the facility to create the Lansing Promise, a program to fund four-year college scholarships for Lansing School District graduates. The land transaction completed on November 1 includes a parcel adjacent to

the Lansing Center at Michigan Avenue and Larch, which the tribe acquired for a total cost of \$280,000 plus \$9,000 in closing costs. The purchase price reflects the full fair market value of the land. The agreement between the city and tribe is for the tribe to close on the other two parcels of land over time at a price already agreed to by all parties, assuming all approvals for the project are secured.

Plans for the casino include up to 3,000 slot machines and 48 table games, and assorted bars and restaurants in an urban modern-themed property. The project has been approved by the Lansing City Council, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors and the Sault Tribe membership in a tribal referendum held earlier this year.

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Commission, Board and Committee Vacancies

Current Vacancies:

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending
Child Welfare	3 yr. term	3
Economic Development	3 yr. term	3
Housing	4 yr. term	3
Gaming Regulatory	3 yr. term	1
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	4
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.	3 yr. term	3
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.	3 yr./5 yr. term	2
Odawa Fishery, Inc.	3 yr. term	3

The following information is provided for Tribal Members who are seeking nominations for an appointment to an LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee. Those interested, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume to:

Tribal Chairman
LTBB of Odawa Indians
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The Executive Office notifies applicants when letter and resume are received. The Chairman's nominations are forwarded to Tribal Council. Thereafter, the Legislative Office handles all interview scheduling and correspondence for the Commissions or Boards, for the position vacancies.

The Executive office is also accepting resumes for nominations for the appointed positions of:

Judicial Postings:
Appellate Judge, 6 year term, expiring February 2018
Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians. Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.

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Signature of Voter

Date

Signature of Notary

My Commission Expires

MAYOR BERNERO, SAULT TRIBE CHAIRMAN PAYMENT ANNOUNCE COMPLETED LAND PURCHASE FOR CASINO PROJECT

Editor's note: The following is a Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians press release dated November 1, 2012.

Sault Tribe Will Now Apply to Federal Government to Take Land into Trust

LANSING, Mich. —The City of Lansing and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians today completed a critical step in their effort to win federal approval of a casino in downtown Lansing, city and tribal officials announced.

The tribe today completed the agreement to purchase city-owned land adjacent to the Lansing Center where the casino will be built. Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment, and Bob Liggett -- owner of Big Boy restaurants across Michigan and former owner of the very successful Lansing-based radio station WFMK -- signed documents today completing the transfer of the land to the tribe's ownership. Liggett is the main investor in the project and owns a majority of Lansing Future Development, LLC, the Sault Tribe's partner in the project.

"I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to finalize the transfer of land to the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, our partner in this game-changing project," Bernero said. "While we still have a long way to go, today's milestone gets us one step closer to building a project that will help boost the economic revitalization of Michigan's capital city and transform our downtown into a major entertainment destination. Our eyes are on the prize -- this project will create thousands of good jobs, attract tens of thousands of tourists to the region, and generate enough revenue to allow our city to send all of our school district graduates to college through the Lansing Promise."

The tribe will now apply to the federal government to take the land into trust, clearing the way for the construction of the \$245 million casino, which will be built in the heart of the city's entertainment district, adjacent to the Lansing Center. The 125,000-square-foot casino will create an estimated 1,500 permanent jobs at the property and more than 700 construction jobs.

"We wouldn't be to this point in the process if it wasn't for the team of professionals involved," Lansing Future Development's CEO Bill Martines said. "The city's department heads, the private professionals representing the city and the developer, and the Sault Tribe's staff, have countless hours invested. At the end of the day, this project will be successful because of the expertise and commitment from

these individuals."

"This is a wonderful day for the members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians," Payment said. "We continue to move aggressively on this project, and we will file our land trust application as soon as possible. We are grateful to have the city and people of Lansing as partners in this important endeavor. By exercising our sovereign government's legal right to develop a casino, we will be creating a project that will generate significant economic benefits for Sault Tribe members in addition to creating thousands of good jobs."

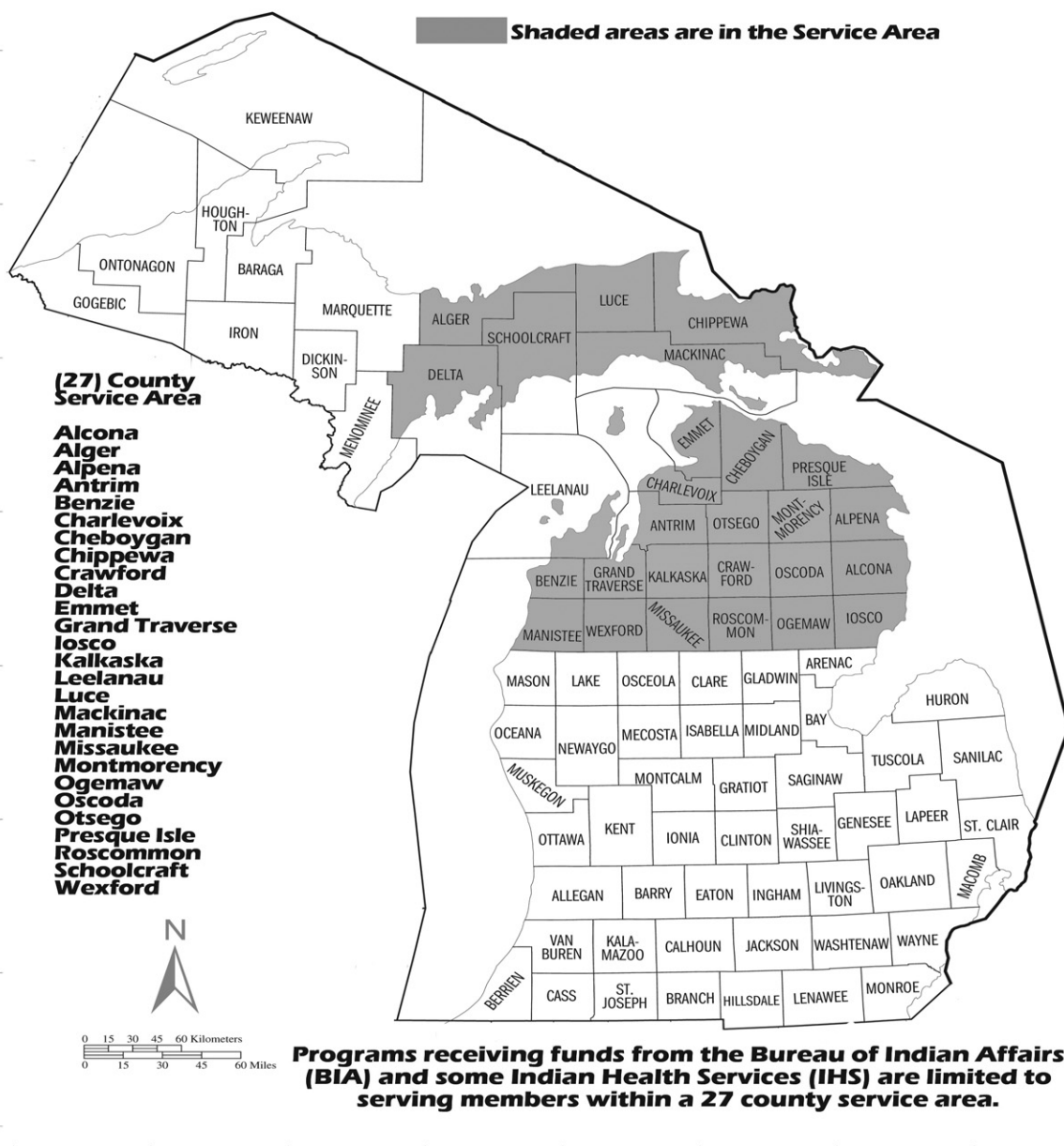
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The tribe will file an application with the U.S. Department of the Interior to take the land into trust as tribal lands under a specific provision of the federal Land Claims Act that gives only the Sault Tribe the legal right to the process. The tribe intends to open the casino after receiving federal approval.

The tribe will use casino revenues to improve programs and services to members, including health care, education, housing, elder care, social services and more. The City of Lansing will use its annual revenue payments from the facility to create the Lansing Promise, a program to fund four-year college scholarships for Lansing School District graduates. The land transaction completed today includes a parcel adjacent to the Lansing Center at Michigan Avenue and Larch, which the tribe acquired for a total cost of \$280,000 plus \$9,000 in closing costs. The purchase price reflects the full fair market value of the land. The agreement between the city and tribe is for the tribe to close on the other two parcels of land over time at a price already agreed to by all parties, assuming all approvals for the project are secured.

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area



2013 TRIBAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

- FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013 ~ LAST DATE TO MAIL THE CALL TO ELECTION
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013 ~ LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. 915 EMMET STREET PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN - OFFICE HOURS TO ACCEPT VOTER REGISTRATIONS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 ~ CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS DUE BACK TO THE ELECTION BOARD BY 5 P.M.
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. 915 EMMET STREET PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN - OFFICE HOURS TO ACCEPT THE CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 ~ ELECTION BOARD CERTIFIES THE CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS BEGINNING AT 5 P.M.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013 ~ LAST DATE FOR THE CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW IN WRITING FROM THE ELECTION
- MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 ~ CANDIDATE BIO'S MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013
- TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013 ~ LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
- TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. OFFICE HOURS TO ACCEPT VOTER REGISTRATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
- FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013 ~ PRIMARY BALLOTS MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 2013
- SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M. "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT ODAWA HOTEL, PETOSKEY, MI
- MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.
- MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M. AND THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION APPROVED.
- FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013 ~ BALLOTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF MARCH 26, 2013
- SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M. "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT THE SOARING EAGLE CASINO RESORT HOTEL IN MT. PLEASANT, MI.
- MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 ~ GENERAL ELECTION DAY 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.
- TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013 ~ GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M.
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013 OATH OF OFFICE FOR TRIBAL CHAIRMAN / VICE CHAIRMAN AND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

"Youth Leadership" continued from page 1.

with consultants, Tribal Council passed a motion by a 7-2 vote (Secretary Regina Gasco-Bentley and Councilor Winnay Wemigwase voted no and Councilor Winnay Wemigwase commented: I feel that the \$40,000 could purchase quite a few hearing aids or fulfill other needs of our people) to approve the letter to the Village of Mackinaw City as prepared by General Counsel Bransky dated November 18, 2012.

Tribal Council briefly stopped the aforementioned discussion to exchange introductions with the youth and those accompanying them. After introductions, Proctor briefly spoke about the leadership program.



"There is a model of this program in Genesee County (Michigan), and we based it on that," Proctor said. "It's a great program. It's a great resource for our youth. I want to thank the Title VII Indian Education Coordinators for helping us find students who were interested in participating. I also want to thank our partners in this program."

Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima explained how the Tribal Councilors were elected for four-year terms with the Council Officers elected every two years, explained how the meeting was conducted and then continued with the meeting as usual. He indicated there would be a question and answer period right before the meeting recessed for lunch where the students could ask the Tribal Councilors questions.

At 10:28 a.m., a recess was called with the meeting resuming at 11:01 a.m. During the recess, the youth enjoyed breakfast and snacks in the Com-

mons Area courtesy of the Elders Program. The Elders Program provides breakfast and snacks because it offers transportation to LTBB Elders who wish to attend the morning session of Tribal Council meetings.

This particular Sunday, there was a language immersion class in the Commons Area due to work being done at the LTBB Community Center where the class is normally held. The language instructor explained what language immersion involved, how the class was conducted and how she travels to different Native communities to teach language immersion classes.

When the meeting resumed, Kiogima continued with his Legislative Leader report. The Legislative Leader report was followed by the Secretary Report given by Secretary Regina Gasco-Bentley, the Treasurer's Report given by Treasurer John Bott, and Tribal Council travel reports given by Secretary Regina Gasco-Bentley, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase and Councilor Belinda Bardwell.

At 11:36 a.m., the youth asked Tribal Council questions. The questions ranged from the proposed Mackinaw City casino, the requirements for being elected to Tribal Council, how LTBB administers its benefits to tribal citizens and if any benefits are available through LTBB for members of other federally recognized tribes, how the youth could submit a letter of support to oppose the proposed gray wolf hunt in Michigan, what being the Tribal Council Secretary entails, what safeguards are in place for confidential materials contained on the Tribal Councilors' laptop computers, what would happen if a Tribal Councilor was arrested and what the highest leadership role on Tribal Council is. Tribal Council answered all of their questions, and the morning session of the meeting concluded.

The leadership program began on September 24, 2012 and will conclude on May 9, 2013. The students received an introduction to tribal government (LTBB) on September 24, 2012, visited the tribal government (LTBB) offices on October 22, 2012 and attended the Tribal Council meeting on November 18, 2012. On April 22, 2013, the group will work together to identify community issues and propose possible action plans to address the issues. The group will then give a presentation to Tribal Council on May 4, 2013 to share the issues they felt were most important to tribal leaders and to make recommendations for action. The group will make a similar presentation to the Emmet County Commissioners on May 9, 2013.

Information about the Crooked Tree Youth Leadership Program contained in this article appeared in the September 2012 issue of Odawa Trails in an article titled, "Crooked Tree Youth Leadership Program to Offer Students Hands-On Experience with Local and Tribal Government," written by Bethany Prykucki.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



The Natural Resource Department (NRD) sponsored a deer processing workshop on October 30, 2012 at the NRD Building in Harbor Springs, MI. It was open to all LTBB Tribal Citizens and their immediate family members. The hands-on workshop included instruction on cutting and de-boning the deer and packaging/wrapping the meat.

Courtesy photo.

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Application Availability Notification

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Housing Department is accepting applications for our Elder Housing Development located in Harbor Springs, MI. The Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development consists of twelve, two (2) bedroom units nestled in a peaceful, country setting north of Harbor Springs, MI. Applicants must meet the following guidelines:

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

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

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

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13 Dental Insurance Benefits Guide	14 Elders Luncheon at Noon	15 Elders Luncheon at Noon	16	17 Elders Luncheon at Noon	18 Election Board Meeting 4:30pm	19 Tribal Council Work Session 9 am Tribal Council Chambers LTBB Govt. Center Election Board Work Session 1 pm Rm. 312
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"Miss Virginia Teen" continued from page 1.

stand on stage not knowing if your name will be called or what question you will be asked if your name is called. I get my dresses from the store Deja Vu in Alexandria, Virginia. They are all so helpful, and they always help me find the perfect dress."



Odawa Trails: How do you prepare for a pageant?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "The most important thing for me in preparing is to eat healthy and work out. Pageants definitely require a lot of hard work and dedication, and I always try to push myself. Outside of the physical aspect of pageantry, I also practice walking and interview questions. I mentally prepare myself for giving thanks to my Creator every day and am thankful for my faith to help me through all of this."

Odawa Trails: Is it expensive to compete in pageants?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "It can be, but there are people out there who are willing to sponsor girls competing, and that of course, cuts the expenses down tremendously."

Odawa Trails: What were your expectations heading

into the Miss Virginia Teen USA 2013 competition? Did you expect to win the title?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "When I went to Miss Virginia Teen USA, I was hoping I would make it in the top five because that alone would have been a huge accomplishment for me. I never expected to win; it really was a dream of mine, so when my name was called, I was completely shocked. I am so grateful and thankful for all the people who supported me."

Odawa Trails: By winning the Miss Virginia Teen USA 2013 competition, did you win a scholarship?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "Yes, the Miss Virginia organization has incredible sponsors, and our sponsors provided more than \$100,000 in scholarships, so I am very excited about this."

Odawa Trails: What are your expectations for the Miss Teen USA 2013 competition? How will you prepare for that competition?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "I really want to enjoy my time there; this is a once in a lifetime experience, and I hope I'll make Virginia proud. I've already started to prepare for nationals by staying fit and eating healthy, keeping a positive attitude, and I have also started to look at different dresses."

Odawa Trails: Besides competing at the Miss Virginia Teen USA 2013 competition, what other major pageants have you competed in? Why have you been able to do so well in only two years of competing in pageants?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "I was crowned Miss Virginia High School America in October of 2011, and I competed in Miss High School America in March 2012. I was so honored to have had received the title and placed seventh at nationals. I did well because I have met so many pageant girls and women that helped boost my confidence, and most winners have gone on to pursue highly technical professional careers. All of the competitions have given me more confidence in my public speaking. Just the other day, I helped raise money for a charitable cause with the F.B.I. in Washington, D.C."

Odawa Trails: You chose to promote bullying prevention. Why did you choose that cause to raise awareness to?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "I chose bullying awareness because I have been bullied, and it's something people need to be more aware of. Bullying has become more serious over the years, especially with cyber bullying, and it's not an issue that can be overlooked anymore. I am so happy that there is more awareness in the early grades. I enjoy talking to young school age children of all races about this, and maybe my experiences and stories will help someone else."

Odawa Trails: Do stereotypes still exist about girls and women who compete in pageants?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "I definitely think stereotypes still exist about girls and women who compete in pageants, and it doesn't help with shows like "Toddlers and Tiaras" and "Honey Boo Boo." There is much more to the pageant world than what people see on TV. Pageant girls spend most of their time out in their community promoting their platform or working with different charities. The scholarships that become available have helped many women to pursue careers in technology, engineering and medical school, to name a few."



Odawa Trails: What other things, besides competing in pageants, do you like to do in your free time?

Caelynn Miller-Keyes: "My involvement with pageants takes up a majority of my time, but when I get the chance, I love cheering, so I'll go to my old gym whenever I can. It's also important for me to have a strong sense of family life and family values, so we do lots of things together, especially with my mom."

Miigwetch to Caelynn Miller-Keyes for allowing us to get to know her and best wishes for the future.

The photos of Caelynn Miller-Keyes appear courtesy of her family.

Head Start Children Visit Elders Luncheon

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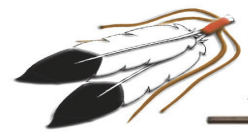
Do you have loved ones who you want to know how special they are? Send them a Love Line in the February issue of the Odawa Trails! It's not just for couples, it's for everyone you love!

We will print your Love Lines in the February issue of the Odawa Trails to celebrate Valentine's Day. Please e-mail your Love Lines submissions by January 7, 2013 to newsletter@tbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Important guideline to remember: They must be signed with your name or nickname. Sorry, no secret admirers or unsigned Love Lines will be published.

Surprise them by showing your love and appreciation for what makes them special to you!





LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



Birthdays



Happy 2nd birthday **Joselyn**, now big sissy ... you'll always be our early December present. Love, Daddy, Mommy, Andrew & Nolan!

Happy belated birthday to our sister, **Mary Pontiac**, & congrats for your recent award!! Love, James, Erin, Andrew, Joselyn & Nolan.

Happy belated birthday to **James Shomin** who celebrated on December 6. From the Michael Shomin family.

Happy belated birthday to my wife, **Valissa**, who celebrated on December 9. Love, Patrick.

Jeff, Don, Doug and Dorothy would like to say a big happy birthday to **Patti Boda**. We love you! And, so do the little girls!



Happy birthday **Daddy (Robert Yellowbank)** on January 10. I Love You. Hope you have a Great Day!! Love, your daughter, Gisewe B. Yellowbank. ☺

Happy 18th birthday to my first born, **Tahir Dickson**, who officially becomes an adult on January 30th. I cannot believe how fast these 18 years have gone by! I had no idea my little 18-month-old who's favorite movie was "Grease" and who would stand in front of the TV to sing "Summer Nights" or my three-year-old who's favorite movie was "Titanic" and would insist on watching all three hours of it twice a day would grow into such a smart and beautiful woman who is so wise beyond her years. It hasn't always been easy, and we have had our moments, but I could not be more proud of you as you embark on this next chapter of your life! Love, Mom.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to **Maan-gaashkaa Lesky!** Your family loves you very much!

Happy 22nd birthday **Cheyenne** on January 15th. We love you lots, your crazy family.

Happy birthday **Gerald Lee Field** on January 27th! Wishing you happiness and love in the new year! All my love, Mom.

Happy birthday to my grandson, **Jaxon Young**, on your special day. You are growing up so fast! Grandma is so proud of all you accomplish!! All my love, Grandma Judy.

Happy 3rd birthday to my beautiful granddaughter, **MJ Young**, on your special day!!! The Queen Bee still rules the roost! All my love, Grandma Judy.



Happy birthday to my one and only son, **Justin Reyes Gavin!** On January 31st, it will be 27 years since the Creator blessed me, and I became your mom. A title that I hold proudly. I wish you a special & fabulous birthday!!! Love you son, Mom.

Mno Dibishkaan to **Linda Gokee** on January 28th! Mno Dibishkaan to my brother, **Don Ho**, on January 31st! May you both enjoy your special day... and many more to come your way! Love, your sis, Theresa & nephew, Jordan. ☺



Happy birthday to my favorite brother! He may be special and not have the ability to focus on what's directly in front of him, but we love him anyways!! HAHA Love, your sister.

Birthdays

Happy birthday **Duane Dove!** We miss you so much! Hope you have the best birthday ever! Love, Chrissy and family.



I would like to give a shout out to my nephew, **Justin Gavin**, who turns 27 on the 31st. Happy birthday and have a "Thriller" of a day. Much love, Aunt Vicki.

To My Love, **Bobby Yellowbank!** Happy birthday Babe on January 10! I love you forever. We have such a wonderful life together! Gazaagin Deanna.

Happy birthday to our oldest sister, **Tahir!** We can't believe you are 18 and officially an adult! Lucky duck!! Love, Kiara, Alex and Avery.

Special happy birthday wish to my big brother, **Greg Glazier**, who will be 38, on January 21st. From your loving little sister, Valorie.

Happy birthday to **Glenda Naganashe, Ophelia Naz, Derek Boda, Cheryl Boda, Nicholas Ellis, Norman Shananaquet, Alicia Shenoskey, Jessi Hahn, Rita Shananaquet, Steve Berry**, who celebrates the "Big 21," and **Karen Sue Naganashe**. From Don and Dorothy Boda.

Happy birthday to my **Sissy** on January 25 and my niece, **Carolynn**, on January 2. I love you both lots.

Birth Announcement



James and Erin Pontiac of Manistee, MI, are parents of **Nolan Martin**, born October 17, 2012 at West Shore Medical Center. Nolan measured 21 inches and weighed 9.8 pounds. Maternal grandparents are Cathy Weaver of San Marcos, CA, and Roland Martin of Manistee, MI. Paternal grandparents are Rudy Pontiac of Eastlake, MI, and the late Margaret Pontiac. Nolan was welcomed home by siblings, Andrew & Joselyn.

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The **Mabel Shomin** family would like to extend sincere appreciation and thanks to the **community** for your prayers and support.

Anniversary

Happy anniversary to **Cole and Shannon Hume**. From Don and Dorothy Boda.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Cierra and Jason Dryden** on the birth of your twins, **Jeffrey and Cerenity**. From Don and Dorothy Boda.

Walking On...



Kenneth Joseph Gablow, 69
Kenneth Joseph Gablow, 69, of Harbor Springs, MI, peacefully passed on November 13, 2012 in Petoskey, MI. He was the beloved husband of the late Lillian B. Gablow; dearest father of Michael, Melinda, Mary and Kenneth, Jr.; grandfather of Chelsea and Dakota; and great-grandfather of Julian. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He will be sadly missed and forever in our hearts.



Theresa Evelyn Yoder, 80
Theresa Evelyn Yoder, 80, passed away at her home on October 28, 2012. She was born Theresa Evelyn Gasco to her parents, Louis and Margaret (Bwanishing) Gasco, on December 22, 1931 in their home in Cross Village, MI. She was a full-blooded Native American Indian and a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Theresa married Truman Ray Yoder, Sr. in Cross Village, MI, on April 4, 1950. She worked as a custodian in the Michigan State Capital Building in Lansing, MI. She was a member of Lake Ea-

Walking On...

gles #3761 and loved going to casinos. She is survived by her son, Truman Ray Yoder, Jr. and wife, Brenda, of Lansing, MI; three daughters, Brenda Bailey of Lake, MI, Sandra Yoder of Lake, MI, Debra Smithkey-Browne of Brutus, MI; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Marcella Keller of Cross Village, MI, and Alice Hughes and husband, Ray, of Cross Village, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband; four brothers, Clarence, Danny, William and Vernon; one sister, Agnes Worthington; and her parents.



Mabel Shomin, 98
Odawa name: Minogee jago-kwe/Gentle Sky Woman
10/9/1914 - 11/25/2012
Matthew 25:21 "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your Master's joy." Mabel Shomin, 98, was born on October 9, 1914 to Edmund and Angeline Shomin (Shagonebi) in Bay Shore, MI, the oldest daughter of 13 children. Shomin, a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, walked on November 25, 2012. She graciously and tirelessly served her entire family, her friends and her community. She worked 21 years at Little Traverse Hospital. She was fluent in the Odawa language and delighted in keeping the language alive through classes and hours of storytelling. She was very honored and proud to participate in the Kateri Tekakwitha Conferences, her faith journey culminating in a dream trip to the Holy Land. She is beloved and famous for her beautiful craftsmanship with the crochet hook and sewing needle. Countless afghans and pot holders bless many homes all over the country. Mabel's legacy of goodness and faithfulness directly impacted seven generations. She will be lovingly remembered by her sister, Mildred Shomin, and her brother, Paul Shomin. Her precious daughter, Mary Jane (Shomin) Bryant, will treasure and miss her dearly. Mabel's five grandchildren, Anthony Bryant (Tracey), Darcy Roybal (Edward), Wesley Emert (Tina), Deborah Welch (Thomas) and Janice Skaggs (Kevin), will celebrate her life and example with her 24 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. Her legacy also continues with many nieces and nephews who love and esteem her highly.

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