



## DOROTHY PERRY'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY IMPACTED MANY



By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Education has always played a prominent role in Dorothy Perry's life. Several family members are educators. When it came time to choose a career path, she combined her love of education and her love of children and continued her family's tradition of educators.

"I belong to a family full of educators," said Dorothy, an LTBB Tribal Citizen. "My sister, Robin Lees, is a retired elementary school teacher, and she has a daughter, Anna Lees, who is an Associate Professor in Early Childhood Education at Western Washington University, along with her son, John Lees, who is also an elementary school teacher in the Woodhaven Brownstown Schools in Metro Detroit. My cousin, Ron Wilson, is a high school teacher at Livonia Public Schools. My mother-in-law, Frankie Perry, currently teaches at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Both her daughter and son-in-law

both taught high school in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The late William E. Williams, my step-father, was the Superintendent at Alcona County School System. We have many family members who have also been involved in coaching a variety of different sports. It was just something that naturally interested me."

Dorothy spent 10 years teaching preschool in Boyne City, MI, before working the past 20 years in the LTBB Education Department. Her last day as the Academic Services Coordinator in the LTBB Education Department was December 16, 2022. She started in the LTBB Education Department as a temporary worker and then worked as an Administrative Assistant for a year and 19 years as the K-12 Student Services Coordinator/Academic Services Coordinator. She also served as the Interim Education Director on a few occasions until a new director was hired.

"Both of my parents (Ronald Barney and the late Marilyn Williams) were from Petoskey and I was born in Petoskey," she said. "Soon after they were married, they moved downstate because my father worked for GM. Both my sister and I spent many summers during our middle school and high school years up here with my grandparents, Daugherty and Dorothy Johnson." Dorothy has three siblings, Robin Lees (Bois Blanc Island, MI), Kelly Lyle (Holland, MI) and Brook Barney (Bay Shore, MI).

Dorothy also is the sixth generation belonging to Greensky Hill Indian United Methodist Church in Hayes Township, MI. Her great-grandparents, Nellie and John Willis, and her grandparents, Daugherty and Dorothy "Perry" continued on page 29.

The LTBB Tribal Governmental buildings will be closed from December 23, 2022 to January 2, 2023. All departments will return to regular hours on January 3, 2023.

Tribal police and conservation officers will remain active.

The Health Department will be open December 27 & 29, 2022 from 8 am to 5 pm for patient appointments.

The LTBB Pharmacy will be open the following hours:

12/26 - 8 am to 1 pm  
 12/27 - 8 am to 6 pm  
 12/28 - 8 am to 6 pm  
 12/29 - 8 am to 6 pm  
 12/30 - 8 am to 1 pm

## ODAWA HOLDING, MNO-BMADSEN AND GUN LAKE INVESTMENTS ANNOUNCE FIRST OF ITS KIND JOINT VENTURE

Three Midwest tribes make historic move to form Aki Construction LLC

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation (Odawa Holding), Mno-Bmadsen and Gun Lake Investments (GLI) today (November 14, 2022) announced a new joint venture to create a real estate development, construction and property management company. The new entity, Aki Construction LLC, is culturally and economically significant and the first tribal joint venture of its kind in the Midwest.

Aki (pronounced "uh-ki") — meaning "earth, land, ground" — is rooted in Odawa Holding, Mno-Bmadsen and GLI's similar visions, missions and cultures. Each entity believes in their duties to uplift and support their communities and people while bringing value to their tribes.

Odawa Holding, headquartered in Petoskey, MI, and located in Harbor Springs, MI,



Pictured left to right are Julio Martinez, CEO of MnoBmadsen; Shanna Shananaquet, Executive Director of Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation; and Monica King, CEO of Gun Lake Investments.

Midwest and across the country," said Shanna Shananaquet, Executive Director of Odawa Holding. "We look forward to watching this unique platform grow with the collaborative mindset of family, culture and tradition."

Mno-Bmadsen is the non-gaming investment arm of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians based in Dowagiac, MI.

"It is an honor for us to be able to work alongside leaders at GLI and Odawa Holding on this venture and set the tone and process for additional co-investment opportunities," said Julio Martinez, CEO of MnoBmadsen. "Our vision is to continue to uplift one another's Tribes by capturing the synergistic results of this collaboration. We expect this joint venture to expand on the very important work we do to grow our Tribe's economic development investments for the benefit of future generations."

Headquartered in Grand Rapids, MI, GLI is the economic development corporation for the Gun Lake Tribe.

"This partnership is the first of its kind in the Midwest, which not only makes this an important move for each of our Tribes, but also a historic milestone for

"Joint Venture" continued on page 31.

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"At Odawa Holding, we are ecstatic to be taking the first steps in this venture alongside GLI and MnoBmadsen. Together, our goal is to be a leader with Tribal-driven construction projects within the

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 12-12-2022 = 4,477

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# Tribal Telephone Directory and Website Information

LTBB Governmental Website  
*Odawa Trails* Website

www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov  
www.odawatrails.com

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231-242-1400  
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## Tribal Administration

242-1400

Health Clinic  
242-1700

## Tribal Chairman's Office

Lakota Worthington,  
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242-1401

Health  
242-1600

Community Health  
(Transportation)  
242-1601

## Tribal Council/Legislative Office

Linda Gokee,  
Administrative Assistant  
242-1403

Dental Clinic  
242-1740

## Legal Department

Su Lantz, Assistant  
242-1407

Maternal Child  
Health Outreach  
242-1614

**NO Collect Calls Accepted**

Pharmacy  
242-1750

## Office of Citizens Legal Assistance

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242-1433

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Administrative Assistant  
242-1540

**NO Collect Calls Accepted**

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242-1440

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242-1555

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242-1439

## Human Services Department

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242-1621

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242-1527

## IT Department

Gary Appold,  
Director  
242-1531

## Commerce Department

Hayden Hooper, Director  
242-1584

## Law Enforcement Department

Tribal Police  
242-1500

## Communications Department

Annette VanDeCar, Coordinator  
242-1427

## Natural Resource Department

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242-1670

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Pre-Press Graphic Specialist  
242-1429

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242-1423

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Administrative Assistant  
242-1581

## Enrollment Department

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242-1521

Amanda Swiss,  
Tribal Planner  
242-1508

## Facilities Department

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242-1532

## Substance Abuse/ Mental Health Department

Pat Boda,  
Administrative Assistant  
242-1640

## Education Department

Tammy Gasco,  
Administrative Assistant  
242-1480

Brenda Schoolcraft,  
Office/Intake Coordinator  
242-1642

## Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin

### Language Department

Theresa Keshick,  
Administrative Assistant  
242-1457

### Tribal Court/Peacemaking Program

242-1462

### GIS Department

Alan Proctor, Director  
242-1597

### Tribal Prosecutor's Office

Gwen Teuthorn, Office Manager  
242-1475

### Health Department

242-1611

### Youth Services Department

Tina Dominic, Coordinator  
242-1593

## Election Board

ElectionBoard@ltbbelectionboard.org

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement

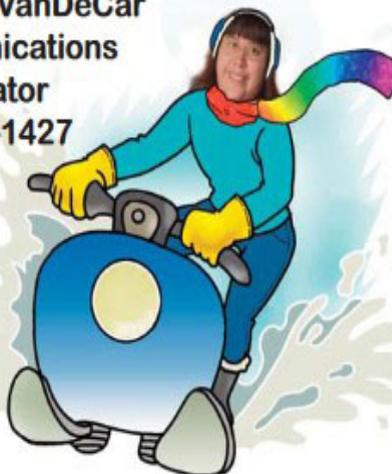
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### LTBB Mission Statement

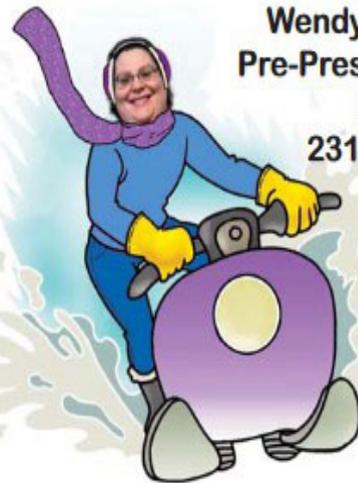
Being Odawa is all about freedom. The Freedom to be a part of a people who, with integrity and pride, still have and speak our own language. The freedom to share in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture, and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future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

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

The deadline for the February 2023 issue of *Odawa Trails* is December 26, 2022.

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

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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

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

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

### IMPORTANT TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UPDATE

The LTBB Department of Commerce would like to share an important update regarding the Tribal Certificate of Exemption (TCE).

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

date of purchase. Please note this refund option should not be used as an alternative to the regular TCE process; rather, it should be a fallback option as the process for a refund is more burdensome on the RTM and still requires the RTM to obtain a TCE. The refund will be requested directly from the Michigan Department of Treasury, however, LTBB DOC can walk you through the process and help you obtain the necessary paperwork to do so (TCE, appropriate receipts, forms from the seller, etc.).

Please contact the LTBB DOC office at 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov for additional information.

### LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA & RESIDENT TRIBAL CITIZENS

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

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

- Little Traverse (all)  
 City of Petoskey (all)  
 Readmond (all)  
 West Traverse (all)  
 City of Harbor Springs (all)  
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 \*Resort (partial)  
 \*Hayes (partial)  
 \*Bay (partial)  
 \*City of Charlevoix (North of the bridge only)  
 \*Charlevoix Township (North of the bridge only)

### ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN OWNED BUSINESSES

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

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

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG		Emily Proctor	Marcella Reyes	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Kiogima	William Ortiz	Aaron Otto	Melissa Pamp
<b>DATE</b>	<b>October 2022</b>								
10/6/22	Land and Reservation Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10/11/22	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10/13/22	Tribal Council Meeting								
10/18/22	Appropriations and Finance Committee		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10/25/22	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10/27/22	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
*Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs.									

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10-11-22	12-8-22	2-23-23
10-13-22	1-3-23	2-28-23
10-18-22	1-5-23	3-2-23
10-20-22	1-10-23	3-7-23
10-25-22	1-12-23	3-9-23
10-27-22	1-17-23	3-14-23
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11-10-22	2-2-23	3-28-23
11-15-22	2-7-23	



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### Mzinigangamik Cultural Library Closure

The Mzinigangamik Cultural Library is closed until further notice as we work to update the library space. During this time, services will be limited.

If you are in need of library assistance, please contact (231) 242-1480. We apologize for any inconvenience but look forward to providing a more comfortable, accessible library experience upon reopening.

2023

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

*Monday, January 2, New Year's Day Observed, Offices Closed*

Work Session: Tuesday – January 10, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – January 12, 2023  
 Work Session: Tuesday – January 24, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – January 26, 2023

Work Session: Tuesday – February 7, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – February 9, 2023  
 Work Session: Tuesday – February 21, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – February 23, 2023

Work Session: Tuesday – March 7, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – March 9, 2023  
 Work Session: Tuesday – March 21, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – March 23, 2023

Work Session: Tuesday – April 4, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – April 6, 2023  
 Work Session: Tuesday – April 18, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – April 20, 2023

Work Session: Tuesday – May 9, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – May 11, 2023  
 Work Session: Tuesday – May 23, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – May 25, 2023

*Monday, May 29, Memorial Day, Offices Closed*

Work Session: Tuesday – June 6, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – June 8, 2023

*Wednesday June 21, SUMMER SOLSTICE*

Work Session: Tuesday – June 20, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – June 22, 2023

*Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day, Offices Closed*

Work Session: Tuesday – July 11, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – July 13, 2023  
 Work Session: Tuesday – July 25, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – July 27, 2023

Work Session: Tuesday – August 8, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – August 10, 2023  
 Work Session: Tuesday – August 22, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – August 24, 2023

*Monday, September 4, Lewis and Doris Adams (Labor Day), Offices Closed*

Work Session: Tuesday – September 12, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – September 14, 2023

*Thursday, September 21, Reaffirmation Day, Offices Closed**Friday, September 22, Michigan Indian Day, Offices Closed*

Work Session: Tuesday – September 26, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – September 28, 2023

*Monday, October 9, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Offices Closed*

Work Session: Tuesday – October 10, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – October 12, 2023  
 Work Session: Tuesday – October 24, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – October 26, 2023

Work Session: Tuesday – November 7, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – November 9, 2023

*Friday, November 10, Veteran's Day Observed, Offices Closed**Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Holiday, Offices Closed**Friday, November 24, Thanksgiving Holiday, Offices Closed*

Work Session: Tuesday – November 28, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – November 30, 2023

Work Session: Tuesday – December 12, 2023      Meeting: Thursday – December 14, 2023

*Thursday, December 21, WINTER SOLSTICE**Friday, December 22, Christmas Eve Observed, Offices Closed***Legislative Offices will also be CLOSED from December 25, 2023 to January 1, 2024***Monday, December 25, Christmas Day, Offices Closed**Friday, December 29, New Year's Eve Observed, Offices Closed**Monday, January 1, 2024, Offices Closed*


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**Need to update your address?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Minor verification forms must be signed and notarized.

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

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

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**Vacancies**

- Gaming Authority – 2 seats
- Elders Commission – 1 seat
- HEMP Regulatory Commission – 2 seats
- Housing Commission – 2 seats
- Liquor & Tobacco Licensing Board – 1 seat
- Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – 3 seats
- Odawa Economic Development, Inc. – 1 seat

**LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS**

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

December 23, 2022 - Christmas Eve  
 December 24, 2022 - Christmas Day  
 December 30, 2022 - New Year's Eve



# January Elders Birthdays

<b>January 1</b> Janice Beckhorn John Deckrow, Sr.	<b>January 12</b> Nivia Paul	<b>January 23</b> Rhonda Shalifoe Denise Frye Jon Shawa Sharon Kievit James Sands
<b>January 2</b> John Walker Steven Hegenbarth Becky Shananaquet	<b>January 13</b> Terri Denemy John Smekofske, Jr.	<b>January 24</b> John Chisholm, Sr. Marilyn McDonald Carolyn Taglauer
<b>January 3</b> Meredith Shlechter	<b>January 14</b> John Gasco Sophie Conlin Penelope Griffin Bernard Roussain	<b>January 25</b> Christopher Sochay Norman Shananaquet
<b>January 4</b> David Kughman Nancy Honeysette Verna Jeanotte Leon Bailey, Jr.	<b>January 15</b> Laurie Sloan Kaye Zitka Toby Duffey Todd Weidenfeller	<b>January 26</b> Scott Sochay Gordon Laitinen Roxanne Deland-Phillips Vicki Kelley
<b>January 5</b> Betty Hoffman Lawrence Petoskey Jay Harrington David Adams Monica Baker Michael Dayson Donna Bartley	<b>January 16</b> Carmen Corby Carter McFall Linda Hagg Penny Pointer Andrea Little Patricia Alsip Judy Field	<b>January 27</b> Anthony Davis, Sr. Brenda Cash Betty Keller Steven Sochay Dan Darling
<b>January 6</b> Sharon Keller Marie Bowers Katherine Shomin Dennis Shananaquet	<b>January 17</b> Carole Prior Marie Carter William Boda Rosemary Lucchese Curtis Drogmiller Elaine Minichino Lou Allen Dale Himes	<b>January 28</b> Richard Wilburn Garland Baker Melinda Engstrom Mary Crowl Ronald Roussain
<b>January 7</b> Mary Crossett Michelle Dobbs Raymond Shawa, Jr. Jane Martell Gary Harper	<b>January 18</b> Andrea Pung Mary Rittase	<b>January 29</b> Janelle Delorme Joseph Smith Timothy Smith Kimberlee Gurizzian Laurie Davidson Catherine Schwiderson Rita Shananaquet
<b>January 8</b> Christine Thomas Rosemary Knapp Robert Parkey Lauree Kirchoff Corrine Smith Timothy LeClear Brian Dominic	<b>January 19</b> Nicholas Liebgott Cheryl Gumpert Charlene Bush Paul Martell Ronald Elzinga	<b>January 30</b> Mary Steffes Donna Shlechter Daniel Clark Timothy Lacroix
<b>January 9</b> Colleen Field Roger Martell Glenn Holdorph Amanda Fuentes Dawna Daoust Daniel Shananaquet Virginia Irland Deborah Harrison Brian Fluette	<b>January 20</b> Clifford Cutler Cheryl McLane Michael Bugaj Gale Walker Regina Brubacker-Carver	<b>January 31</b> Joan Jacobs Juanita Rogers Jennie Heeres Michelle Kuska Donald Keshick William Massey
<b>January 10</b> Steven Melancon, Jr.	<b>January 21</b> Constance Woods Regina Bentley Christine Merrill	
<b>January 11</b> Sharalee Boda Mary Cameron Crystal Soukkala J Cottrell	<b>January 22</b> Andrew Lasley Deborah Cracraft-Nord Steven Crossett Joseph Pierzynowski Jeanette Mathews Charles Heinberg Anthony Genia, Jr. Walter Ortner	

**Wish Nights** *Drum & Dance Practice*  
*Outfit Making*

## Family Culture Night

**Wednesday Evenings @ 5:30pm**  
*Every other week, alternating sites (Schedule subject to change)*

<b>LTBB Youth Center</b> January 11 February 8 March 8 April 5	<b>LTBB Government Complex</b> January 25 February 22 March 22 April 19- COMMUNITY MINI-POWWOW ALL SINGERS/DANCERS WELCOME!
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**Sing a few songs**  
Sing at or back up the Drum

**Work on your outfit**  
Make an applique shirt or ribbon skirt OR Work on the outfit piece(s) of your choice Experienced sewers & beaders on hand Sewing machines & some material(s) provided  
Open to ALL / Programming & support for children available

**Dance a few steps**  
Practice your dance steps (at LTBB Tribal Govt Site)

**Share dinner**  
Meal provided, welcome to bring a dish to pass Enjoy family & community time while learning about our Traditions and Culture

**ACCEPTING CRAFT MATERIAL & OUTFIT DONATIONS**  
**SEEKING EXPERIENCED SINGERS, DANCERS & OUTFIT MAKERS**

Sponsored by SPRING Prevention & LTBB Youth Services  
For information contact RJ Smith  
c:231/373-3745 w:231/242-1648 rsmith@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

*Nagamodaa- "Let's sing"*  
*Community*

# OPEN Drum Practice

*Dewe'igan- "That which makes the sound of the Heart"*

**October: 4 & 18**  
**November: 1, 15 & 29**  
**December: 6 & 20**

**6:00PM**  
**LTBB Youth Center**  
**915 Emmet St**

Open to Youth & Adults, Male & Female, ALL SKILL LEVELS  
Men & Boys will sing at the Drum  
Women & Girls will be encouraged to sing Back-Up  
Snacks Provided (Schedule subject to change)

Information: RJ Smith  
Youth Outreach Specialist  
LTBB SPRING Grant  
rsmith@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
W:231/242-1648

**BAAGADOWEWIN**

# COMMUNITY LACROSSE

**MODERN + TRADITIONAL**

**LTBB POWWOW Grounds**

October 16  
November 6 & 20  
December 4 & 18

12:30 PM Skills Building  
1:00 PM First Game

EVERYONE WELCOME - ALL AGES/SKILL LEVELS  
EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE - CLEATS OPTIONAL  
SPECTATORS ENCOURAGED!!!!

SCHEDULE/LOCATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
ALL EVENTS WEATHER PERMITTING

Sponsors: LTBB SPRING Grant & Makwa Ziibi Baagadowewin  
Info: RJ Smith w:231/242-1648  
rsmith@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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<https://www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA>  
Please be respectful in your comments.

LTBB Town Hall meetings  
are available to be viewed at:  
[www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/townhallmeetings.html](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/townhallmeetings.html)

# LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN JAMES PONTIAC SELECTED TO FILL TRIBAL COUNCIL VACANCY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



With the passing of LTBB Tribal Citizen Marty Van De Car on August 11, 2022, there was a vacancy on the LTBB Tribal Council.

Tribal Council declared the vacancy at its August 25, 2022 meeting and requested a letter of interest and resume' from interested tribal citizens. Tribal Council conducted interviews for the position at its October 25, 2022 work session and selected LTBB Tribal Citizen James Pontiac to fill the vacancy at its October



27, 2022 meeting. He took his oath of office from LTBB Chief Appellate Justice Sean Cahill at the November 10, 2022 Tribal Council meeting.

James earned an Associate in Arts-Liberal Arts from Grand Rapids Community College and a Bachelor's in Arts-Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. He attended the BIA's U.S. Indian Police Academy.

His work experience includes security, surveillance, law enforcement and administration.

James is the proud father



**2022 Tribal Council**  
Back row left to right: James Pontiac, William Ortiz, Aaron Wayne Otto  
Middle row left to right: Tamara Kiogima, Melissa Pamp and Fred Kiogima  
Front row left to right: Leroy Shomin, Emily Proctor, Marcella Reyes

of four LTBB Tribal Citizens.

Currently serving on Tribal Council are Legislative Leader Emily Proctor, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Councilor Ta-

mara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Aaron Wayne Otto and Councilor James Pontiac.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar except for the courtesy photo of James Pontiac and his children at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics.

## EXECUTIVE BRANCH

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Happy New Year everyone!

I hope the end of 2022 and the start of 2023 has been good to you. As we make way for the new year, let's set new goals and work together to achieve them! January can be a motivating month and helps set the tone for what we will accomplish throughout the year.

I would like to thank our community for coming together for our Children's Winter Solstice on December 17 and toy drive throughout the holiday season. With everyone's donations and help, we were able to provide our tribal children with wonderful gifts and share an abundance of holiday cheer.

I recently had a one-on-one meeting with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer on December 6 in regards to the boarding school event recently held in Pellston, MI, and it was very productive. I will continue to maintain a presence and communication with our state's government in efforts to keep the wheels turning. Our questions and concerns will continue to be

heard through our attendance at these important events.

I also had the opportunity to sit on the Women in Business panel with the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce. This event allowed me to share with people who we are as Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and what our government does for this area. I believe we were able to enlighten a lot of Emmet County, MI, citizens with deeper knowledge of the tribe.

Vice Chairperson Stella Kay attended the White House

Tribal Nations Summit in Washington, D.C. as previously mentioned and would like to share with you this photo of tribal leadership walking into their meeting with the State Department, banding together to fight Line 5.

We will always join in and start the important conversations which need to take place for our people. Please reach out to me with any questions, concerns or ideas you may have. Our office looks forward to hearing from you!

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### TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION



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

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Expiration Date	Serial Number	Phone Ext.
Rebecca R Fisher	Active	February 20, 2027	02-09	
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	June 5, 2023	05-09	1462
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	February 21, 2027	10-09	1400
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	August 23, 2027	11-09	1610
Marin C Taylor	Active	May 14, 2024	13-09	1521
Hayden Hooper	Active	February 1, 2027	15-09	1584
Lakota Worthington	Active	May 4, 2027	16-09	1401
Kerstine Omev	Active	January 17, 2028	17-09	1480

**Wish Nights Goovi-Gnevik SNOW SNAKE MAKING Workshop**

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE / WEATHER PERMITTING  
**JANUARY 19 & 26 @ 6:00PM**

A FREE Youth & Family Event Getting Ready For The LTBB SNOW SNAKE TOURNAMENT February 11

**LTBB Government Complex**  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs MI 49740

Materials & Tools Provided  
Under 12 w/ Adult Supervision  
Meal Provided

SPONSORS: SPRING PREVENTION & LTBB YOUTH SERVICES  
INFO: RJ SMITH C:231/373-3745 W:231/242-1648  
RSMITH@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV

**Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MEET EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT HUNTER JOHNSON**



My name is Hunter Johnson, and I am the new Executive Assistant for the Tribal Chairperson's office. Some of you may know me from my previous positions in the Housing Department where I most recently served as the Occupancy Specialist. I have worked in customer service for many years and also have a Human Resources background.

Outside of the office,

I spend time with my four dogs, you read that right ... FOUR dogs! While my pets occupy much of my time, my significant other and I are also building our first home. I am learning a great amount about construction labor and that keeps us very busy. For fun, I enjoy playing indoor and beach volleyball and I am learning to snowboard.

*Courtesy photo.*

**HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tribal Rental Housing Program:** The LTBB Housing Department offers 40 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.

**\*\*HUD will no longer allow services on Land Contracts\*\***

**ELDERS DEPARTMENT**

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

**ELDERS DEPARTMENT**

231-242-1423

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

**FOOD & UTILITY APPROPRIATION ALLOWANCE APPLICATION**

Please print the following information:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip Code

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Amount

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

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY

VENDOR #: \_\_\_\_\_

A.P. REVIEW: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTROLLER: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help. Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get a free well and septic system or replace your current system.

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

**LTBB ELECTION BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Office Location**

1483 U.S. 31 N. Hwy, Unit D, Petoskey, MI

**Mailing Address**

P.O.Box 160  
Conway, MI 49744

**Office Phone/FAX**

231-348-8209

General Email for all Board Members

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COsawamick@LtbbElectionBoard.org  
(517) 862-3633

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

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

What prescriptions are filled at the LTBB Pharmacy?

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

PLEASE BE AWARE OF HOLIDAY HOURS AND MEDICATION REFILLS.

# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## TRIBAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY A FOCUS OF NAFDPIR CONFERENCE

By Keri Bradford-Gomez (Choctaw), Senior Technical Advisor, Food and Nutrition Services

When you recognize the food on your plate, you recall memories of sharing meals with loved ones.

At the 33rd National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations or NAFDPIR Conference in Prior Lake, MN, I had the opportunity to share food-memories with attendees from dozens of tribes, including my own, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.



Since 1977, tribes and intertribal organizations have been eligible to receive food packages (formerly called commodities) from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Historically, products in the food packages were not traditional to tribes participating in the program.

However, in recent years and in consultation with tribes, more traditional products have been incorporated into food packages. For example, participating Chickasaw Nation tribal members now have access to hominy ("tanchi" in my language) through the food package, and all participating tribal members have access to wild rice ("psin" in the Dakota language, spoken by members of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, in whose homelands the NAFDPIR conference was held). These easy-to-recognize foods are used in traditional tribal dishes such



as "tanchi labona," a Choctaw stew made with hominy and pork.

In addition to making traditional foods more accessible, the USDA works with tribes to maintain a sharing gallery of recipes, fact sheets, photos and more. In fact, in the gallery's video section, you can watch a cooking demonstration with Menominee Chef Francisco Alegria, who also gave a demonstration at the NAFDPIR Conference. Using wild rice and salmon, products available in today's food packages, Chef Alegria created a wild rice-crusted blackened salmon fillet.

A major highlight of the conference was when USDA Deputy Under Secretary Stacy Dean announced Round 2 of the FDIPIR Self-Determination Demonstration Project, open through January 31, 2023 to all tribes. Learn how the eight tribes awarded in Round 1 used their funds to purchase local, traditional and tribally produced foods by visiting the Self-Determination Demonstration Project website.

The demonstration project is just one way the Biden-Harris Administration supports tribal food sovereignty, a commitment outlined in the National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition and Health discussed during the historic White House Conference in September. Building off that commitment, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack announced exciting new resources and cooperative agreements with tribal-serving organizations which will expand the USDA's Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative. Learn more at the USDA Office of Tribal Relations website.

*Courtesy photos.*

**SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES**  
 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
 Department of Human Services  
 is searching for foster homes!  
 If you, or someone you know, have the time and desire to become a foster parent for our youth, please contact the LTBB Department of Human Services at 231-242-1620

**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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**NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE? WE CAN HELP!**

**APPLICANT DOCUMENTS**

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

**LICENSED PROVIDERS**

- ★ COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE

**UNLICENSED PROVIDERS**

- ★ STATE ISSUED ID
- ★ ABILITY TO PASS ANNUAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

LITTLE TRVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
 91 SPRING STREET, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

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

**KNOW RESPECT**  
 Mnaadendmowin  
 Be respectful

**SHOW LOVE**  
 Zaagidwin  
 Be caring

**BE HONEST**  
 Gwekwadziwin  
 Be truthful

**The 7 Grandfather Teachings**

- LOVE
- RESPECT
- COURAGE
- HONESTY
- WISDOM
- HUMILITY
- TRUTH

**Get involved • Support survivors**

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

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*per 100g*				*per 100g*				
THE ANIMAL WAY				THE PLANT WAY				
<b>HAKE</b>  22g	<b>SIRLION STEAK</b>  24g	<b>TUNA (CANNED)</b>  23g	<b>CHICKEN THIGH (SKINLESS)</b>  28g	<b>TEMPEH</b>  20g	<b>TOFU</b>  8g	<b>PUMPKIN SEEDS</b>  24g	<b>AMARANTH (COOKED)</b>  4g	
<b>SALMON</b>  20g	<b>CHICKEN BREAST</b>  32g	<b>EGGS</b>  13g	<b>LAMB CHOPS</b>  17g	<b>LENTILS (COOKED)</b>  8g	<b>KIDNEY BEANS</b>  7g	<b>NUTRITIONAL YEAST</b>  51g	<b>CHICKPEAS</b>  7g	
<b>LEAN PORK STEAK</b>  22g	<b>10% (Fat) BEEF MINCE</b>  28g	<b>PORK SAUSAGES</b>  11g	<b>THE ARROW CLUB</b>				<b>EDAMAME</b>  12g	<b>BUCKWHEAT</b>  8g
<b>RIB EYE STEAK</b>  24g	<b>PRAWNS</b>  15g	<b>SMOKED SALMON</b>  22g	<b>FILLET STEAK</b>  21g	<b>TVP</b>  36g	<b>QUINOA (COOKED)</b>  5g	<b>HEMP SEEDS</b>  22g	<b>BLACK BEANS</b>  8g	
			<b>STREAKY BACON</b>  15g	<b>SOYA BEANS (COOKED)</b>  14g	<b>SEITAN (COOKED)</b>  28g			

**Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future.**

**WE CAN HELP**

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

**DIRECT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS**

- Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline 800-4-A-CHILD
- Cyber Civil Rights Initiative 844-878-2274
- Love Is Respect 866-331-9474, TTY 866-331-8453
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving 877-MADD-HELP
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-SAFE, TTY 800-787-3224
- National Human Trafficking Hotline 888-373-7888, TTY 711
- National Runaway Safeline 800-RUNAWAY
- Parents of Murdered Children, Inc. 888-818-POMC
- Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network 800-656-HOPE
- Pathways to Safety International 833-SAFE-833
- StrongHearts Native Helpline 844-7NATIVE
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-8255, TTY 800-799-4889
- The Trevor Project 866-488-7386
- Veterans Crisis Line 800-273-8255 x1, TTY 800-799-4889

**INFO & REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS**

- Battered Women's Justice Project Legal Helpline 800-903-0111 x1, TTY 711
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Country Child Abuse Hotline 800-633-5155
- Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline 877-FTC-HELP, TTY 866-653-4261
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children 800-THE-LOST\*
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Helpline 800-662-HELP, TTY 800-487-4889
- VictimConnect Resource Center 855-4-VICTIM

# JANUARY 2023 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

CLOSED DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> THROUGH JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

Open Distribution: 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 3pm

Call 231-881-2855 or 231-347-2573 for food pick-up appointments outside of our Open Distribution Week

828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto

Deliveries:  
Local: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
Peshawbestown: 20<sup>th</sup>  
Traverse City: 24<sup>th</sup>

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



## LTBB PRC NEW COVERAGE ALERT!!!



NEW Pharmacy option for Prescription Coverage:

Meijer Pharmacy- Petoskey  
1201 Lears Rd. Petoskey, MI 49770

- After Hours and Weekend Coverage
- Medications that cannot be filled at LTBB



\*Subject to PRC Coverage Guidelines.  
Call PRC for payment authorization first!

CALL US FOR MORE INFORMATION! 231-242-1600

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## LTBB SPIRIT WEEK 2022

By Missy Merchant, Masters Level Counselor

This year, Behavioral Health sponsored Spirit Week in conjunction with Halloween.

A chance at a random prize drawing for anyone who participated each day drew in over 100 submissions throughout the week. What a fun way to lift spirits as we transition into winter.

Here were the themes for each day this year:

Monday – Halloween!

Tuesday – Tie-Dye Tuesday!

Wednesday – Wacky Tacky Wednesday!

Thursday – Throwdown Thursday – Country vs. Country Club!

Friday – Feel Good Friday!

Chi Miigwech to all who participated whether you submitted your photos or not. Hopefully, Spirit Week can become an event we enjoy multiple times per year. Until our next one, remember to put a little joy in your days, whatever that might look like for you.

Courtesy photos.

**LTBB**  
**Wawiiyaa Giigidoowin**  
**"Talking Circle"**  
 Beginning  
 April 7, 2022  
 Thursday 5pm – 6pm  
 LTBB Conference Room



# CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION MONTH

Submitted by **Emily Ferroni**, Patient Navigator for Cancer Screening



January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. Cervical cancer is a highly preventable cancer and easy to treat when caught in the early stages. Keeping up to date on your screening and completing the HPV vaccination series are key prevention methods for cervical cancer.

Indigenous women have a higher occurrence of cervical cancer compared to a white population of women. Cervical cancer screening is often neglected if you are not reminded when it is time as it is typically performed once every three to five years. The screening interval is dependent on your age, personal medical history, family medical history and doctor's recommendations. Cervical cancer screening is recommended to start in women 21 years of age and continue until you reach the age of 65. It is important

to keep up to date on your screenings per your doctor's recommendations.

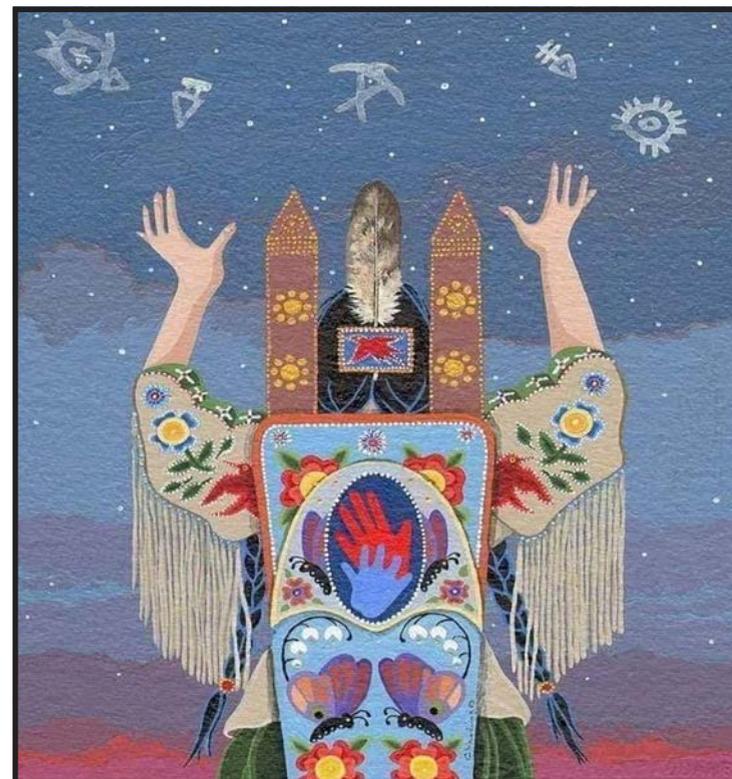
Cervical cancer screening consists of a quick test called a Pap Smear. This test only takes a few minutes and detects abnormal cells within the cervix through lab analysis. The results are assessed by your doctor to determine if any further testing or treatment is needed or if you are all set until your next screening appointment in a few years.

If you are worried about the costs of screening, follow-up appointments or treatment for cervical cancer, if necessary, the LTBB Patient Navigator of Cancer Screening — Emily — can enroll you into a free program through

the state of Michigan which covers the cost. The BC3NP program is for women who are 21-65, uninsured or underinsured, and covers breast and cervical health screenings. To find out if you are eligible and to become enrolled, call Emily at 231-268-1307. Enrollment takes only a few minutes, and you don't have to do any paperwork or provide any physical documents, you only need to provide some information to ensure you are eligible.

Take care of your health this New Year. Ensure all the women in your life are staying up to date on important health screenings. Call your provider to make an appointment today.

*Courtesy graphic.*



## ANISHINAABEMODAA PANE

**Let's Always Speak Ojibwe**  
On-Line Ojibwe Language Class

**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
**7:00 -8:30 pm**

**September 28th - June 28th, 2023**

No prior language experience necessary

Open to all

**Register Here!** [Registration Link](#)

**Instructor: Clarice Pangowish**

*Featuring the Culture Foundry App*



# GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

## Biboon Kidwinan - Winter Words

Anishinaabemowin	By syllable	Zhaaganaashiimowin/English
Mnido Giizisonhs	mi ni do gii zi sonhs	Little Spirit Moon, December
Mnido Giizis	mi ni do gii zis	Spirit Moon, January
Mkwa Giizis	m kwa gii zis	Bear Moon, February
Kisinaa.	ki si naa	It is cold.
Kisinaamigat.	ki si naa mi gat	It is a cold day.
Zookpwa.	zook pwa	It is snowing.
Zookpwasoon.	zook pwa soon	It is lightly snowing.
Biispwa.	biis pwa	A very fine snow.
goon	goon	snow (noun)
Goonkaa.	goon kaa	There is a lot of snow.
Jiishaaginige.	jii shaag ni ge	S/He is shoveling.
Zhooshkjiwe.	zhooshk ji we	S/He is sledding.
zhooshksenhs	zhooshk senhs	sled
Zhooshkwaade.	zhoo shkwaa de	S/he is skating.
nbagaabik	n ba gaa bik	shovel
aagim	aa gim	snowshoe
aagimak	aa gi mak	snowshoes
Aagimose.	aa gi mo se	S/He is walking in snowshoes.
dbaajmowin	d baaj mo win	story
Aadsoke.	aad so ke	S/He is telling a story/storytelling.
aadsokewin	aad so ke win	story, legend

**Giigoonhyag** by Mishlikenh Kwe Anishinaabe, Caribou Clan - Magnetawan First Nation

 Ginoozhe - Pike	 Nmegos - Trout
 Atikameg - Whitefish	 Nmebin - Sucker
 Nme - Sturgeon	 Nabagidaashi - Crappie
 Waassii - Catfish	 Ogaa - Pickerel

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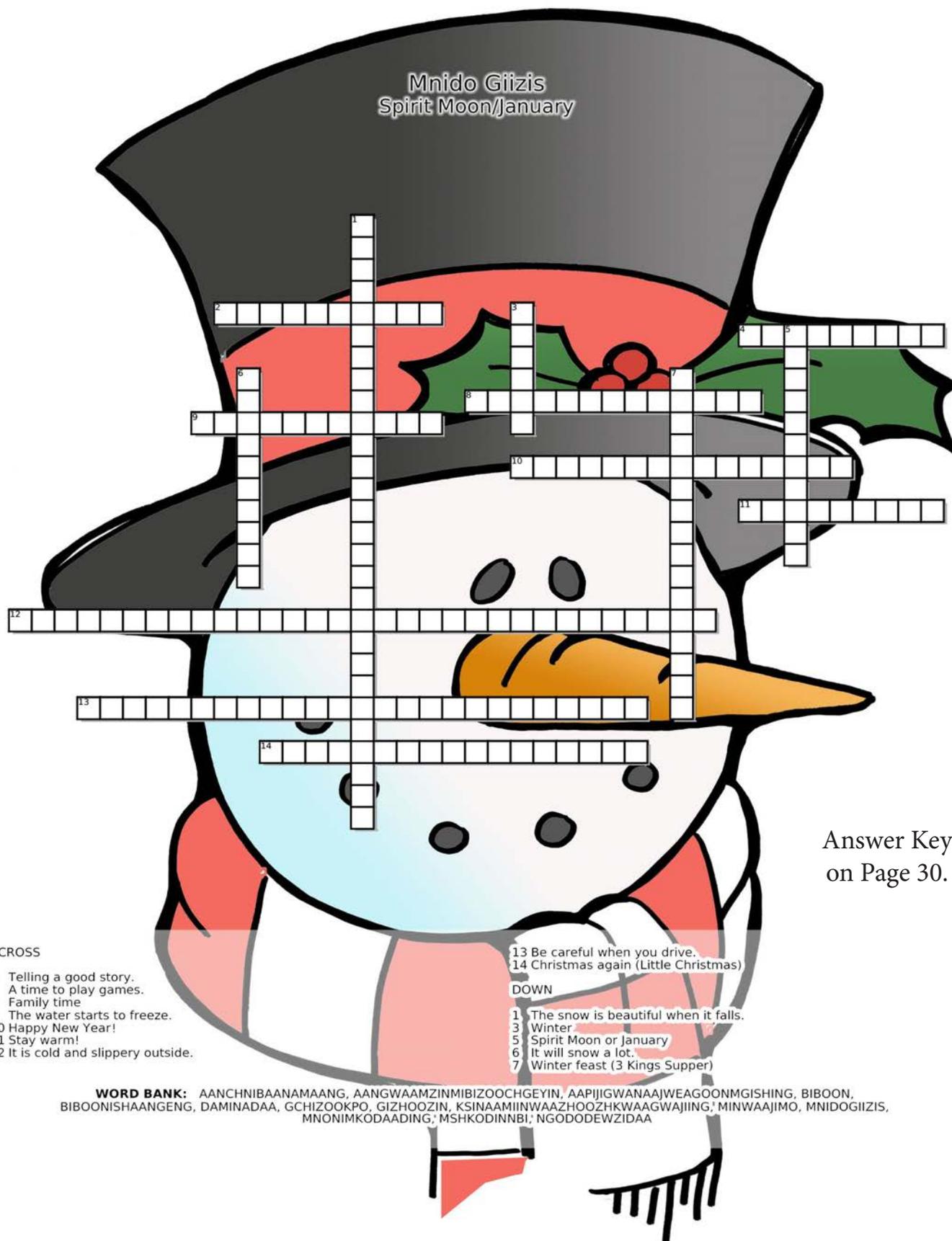
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For more information, please contact:

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Phone: 231-242-1457

E-mail: [tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)



Mnido Giizis  
Spirit Moon/January

ACROSS

- 2 Telling a good story.
- 4 A time to play games.
- 8 Family time
- 9 The water starts to freeze.
- 10 Happy New Year!
- 11 Stay warm!
- 12 It is cold and slippery outside.

- 13 Be careful when you drive.
- 14 Christmas again (Little Christmas)

DOWN

- 1 The snow is beautiful when it falls.
- 3 Winter
- 5 Spirit Moon or January
- 6 It will snow a lot.
- 7 Winter feast (3 Kings Supper)

**WORD BANK:** AANCHNIBAANAMAANG, AANGWAAMZINMIBIZOOCHGEYIN, AAPJIGWANAAJWEAGONMGISHING, BIBOON, BIBOONISHAANGENG, DAMINADAA, GCHIZOOKPO, GIZHOOZIN, KSINAAMIINWAAZHOOZHKAAGWAJIING, MINWAAJIMO, MNIDOGIIZIS, MNONIMKODAADING, MSHKODINNBI, NGODODEWZIDAA

Answer Key  
on Page 30.

Ebiimoshin

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

Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List -

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

Anishinaabemowin E-mail List -

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

THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE  
NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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

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

This information will be used by the Grants Department.

Megwetch,  
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

MNIDOO GIIZIS - JANUARY 2023

Gidinmakaagoom!

By Maryann Endanawas,

Project Instructor/Fluent Speaker

Greetings to all of you.

Ngiizhiwebzomnaaba maanda niin minwaa nshiime. Miigo megwaach maanda pii. Gojiing dibaajmataadmi maamwi.

This happened to my sister and I. It was about this time. There was a bunch of us talking outside.

Miidash enak, esnaa ngisaadendam gaawii ngiide waankaadziinan. waawaaskone jibkenhan. Aabdek shka'iin ngagiishkanadoonan.

Then, I told her, "I was feeling sad because I didn't take the bulbs out. I will need to purchase new ones."

Bekaa, aapiish nbagaabik? Miisa giinaadiyaanh. Nahaaw dash aabdek kina wayaa daakwejitoon wiiwaankaadang ninda waawaaskone jibikoon.

She says, "Wait, where is the shovel?" I went to get a shovel. She says, "Everyone has to try and dig the flower bulbs out."

Miisa kina wayaa giikwejitood. Giide waankanaawaan nswi jibikoon, geyaabi naanan



tenoon. Aapji shkwaach dash nshiime wiikwejitoon.

Well, everyone tried. They were able to dig out three of the bulbs, and still there were five in the garden. Then, the last person to try was my sister.

"Aangwaamzin nshiime," ndinaa! Miisa wiintam wiiwankaanad jibikenhyan. Nahaaw kida ngawenpashtoon wiigidiskaawad jibikoon.

"Be careful sister," I said. It was her turn to dig out the bulbs. Okay, this will be easy to do, digging out the bulbs.

"Ngiinwaabmaa enokid, mshkodin aki," kida. Ngakwejitoon shawiigo, miisa ginaaniibwid giji mijignigan nbaakaabgoong. Neyaap giiniisaandwe ginwaabdan nbagaabik.

I'm looking at what she's doing. She says, "The ground is frozen." But I will try, she

stood on top of the handle on the shovel. She got off the shovel and looked at it.

Nahaaw nango saa, migominwaa giikwaandawed giji nbagaabik. Miisa giimaajii mbabgwaashkinid.

Okay, this time, she says, she climbed back up on the shovel. Then, she started jumping on the handle.

Aangwaamzin ndinaa! "Be careful," I said.

Ngoding dash mbagwaashkinid miisa shpiming giini naashid. Giibookse mijignigan nbaakaabkoong. Gaawii gegoo ngiidezhichigesii. Beshka tek gigan giini baaskjiishin.

Then, on one of the jumps, I seen her flying up in the air. The handle of the shovel broke. I wasn't able to do anything. She landed near the garden.

Enwek senaa maaba ndikid, ndaani wiindmowaa. Miidash giinoondwak gchibaabaapid. Miigo gewii shkinwek giimaadaapwad.

"Geez you!" I tried to tell you. Then, I heard her laughing out loud. The young ones started to laugh with her.

Miisawi gazhiwebziiyaangba.

This what happened to us. Courtesy graphic.



Anishinaabemdaa.com

Well, here it is folks - the long awaited, updated website!



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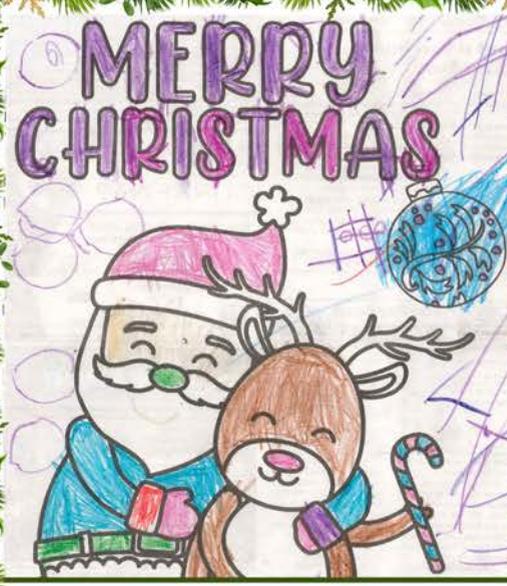
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# COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

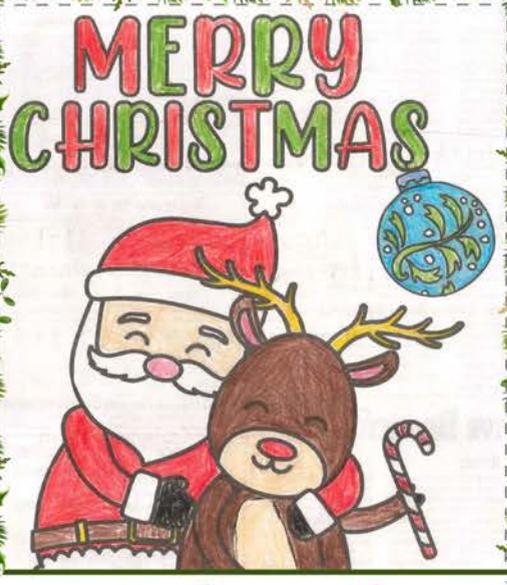
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# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

## THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE HAS A MAIL DROP BOX



It is located to the left of the front doors of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. We will have limited quantities of adult and minor address forms stocked.

**\*\*Weather Permitting\*\***  
We will happily set aside an envelope with any specific form(s) you may need as well.

Just give our office a call, and we will be more than happy to try to accommodate you.

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

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

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

### Services for our citizens:

- Picture Tribal Identification Cards – Available same day. May be requested via mail and electronically.
  - Address Changes – Adults only need to be notarized if not having mail sent to their home. Minors must be notarized annually. We have a Tribal Notary in office and many other onsite at the Government Complex.
  - Marriage License Applications – Please allow one business day to pick up the Licenses.
  - Tribal Directories – Available same day.
- We certify for our citizens:
- Michigan Indian Tuition Waivers
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- Tribal Notary
  - Marriage Commissioner Need something?
  - Request a document from your Enrollment file
  - Blood quantum adjustment
  - Relinquishment requests Have any questions or need a form sent to you? Call or email: Lindsey Doerfler – P: 231-242-1522 E-mail: ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
  - Marin Taylor – P: 231-242-1521 E-mail: mtaylor@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
  - Pauline Boulton – P: 231-242-1520 E-mail: pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
- Forms are also available on the LTBB Website.  
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment>  
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/forms>

## LTBB VETERAN CARDS

Dear Tribal Citizen,

Tribal Council passed WOS# 2021-009 Waiver of Fees for Military Veterans Statute on June 10, 2021, which was signed by Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson, on July 7, 2021.

Under the statute, the Executive has authorized the waiver of identification card fees for military veterans.

### Definition

“Military Veteran” means a person who served in the active military, naval or air service and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable, this includes United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard service and members of the Reserves, Air or Army National Guard.

We have created new



Tribal Identification Cards for our LTBB Veterans.

If you are a veteran, give us a call and we will verify if your picture and address are current. We will issue you a new Tribal Identification Card. We have issued our first Veteran ID Card to Thomas Henry Naganashe.

Zhimaaganish - Veteran

Please contact the Enrollment Office through Lindsey Doerfler at 231-242-1522 or Marin Taylor 231-242-1521. You may also contact the Enrollment Office via e-mail at enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,  
Pauline Boulton  
Enrollment Officer

### 2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

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

To receive your copy:

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

Mail to: LTBB of Odawa Indians, ATTN: Enrollment Office  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Hoar Frost

Lake Plumbago

Peanut Butter Falls

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

## IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?

**Update your contact information with the Enrollment Department.**

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS

Marin Taylor 231-242-1521  
Lindsey Doerfler 231-242-1522

A message from your Enrollment Department

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**  
Official Tribal Identification Card  
**Jane Doe**

GENDER: Female  
D.O.B.: 04/16/1992  
ENROLL NO.: 0000  
Street Address

ISSUE DATE: 08/29/2022

*Jane Doe*  
Citizen Signature

EXPIRE DATE: 08/29/2027

## Watch Out! ID Cards Expire!

There has been an uptick in the number of citizens who are attempting to use expired ID cards at the Tribal gas stations. You can see if your card is expired by looking at the red print under the smaller ID picture on your card. In order to renew your ID card the Enrollment Office needs both a new picture and \$10 as cash, check or money order. You may use any of the following methods to update your ID card.

1. Come into the Government Center for a new picture and fee.
2. Acquire a picture at a CVS/Walgreen's/etc. and send that picture in with a \$10 fee over mail.
3. Take a picture with your phone of your head and shoulders against a pure white background and email that picture to enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Then mail the \$10 fee separately.

THE \$10 FEE DOES NOT APPLY TO VETERANS AND THOSE 55 AND OVER.

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

## LTBB ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

Enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

231-242-1526

Office is open for appointments  
For questions or appointments call:  
231-242-1522 - Lindsey  
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# NATIVE NEWS

## JOY HARJO'S "LIVING NATIONS, LIVING WORDS" POET LAUREATE PROJECT HONORED BY ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES, AND MUSEUMS

The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums has presented one of its Guardians of Culture and Lifeways International Awards to the Library of Congress and former U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo for "Living Nations, Living Words," Harjo's signature project as the nation's first Native American poet laureate between 2019 and 2022.



Harjo's project was honored with the Outstanding Project/Non-Native Organization Award. The project features a sampling of work by 47 Native American poets through an interactive Story Map and a newly developed Library of Congress audio collection. Each location marker reveals a Native poet and features an image, biography and link to hear the poet recite and comment on an original poem.

"For my signature project as the 23rd Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry, I conceived the idea of mapping the U.S. with Native Nations' poets and poems," said Harjo, an enrolled member of the Muscogee Nation. "I want this map to counter damaging false assumptions — that Indigenous peoples of our country are often invisible or are not seen as human. You will not find us fairly represented, if at all, in the cultural storytelling of America, and nearly nonexistent in the American book of poetry."

As part of the "Living Nations, Living Words" project,

Harjo edited a companion anthology of participating Native poets. It was published in 2021 by W. W. Norton & Company in association with the Library of Congress. Harjo also edited "When the Light of the World Was Subdued, Our Songs Came Through: A Norton Anthology of Native Nations Poetry," published by W. W. Norton & Company in 2020.

During its annual conference on October 26, 2022, the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums presented the award, saying it "applauds Harjo's work to illuminate the poetry of Native America and expresses its gratitude to the Library of Congress for a living tribute to a vibrant culture."

Accepting the award alongside Harjo was Lori Pourier, president of the First Peoples Fund and member of the Board of Trustees for the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Pourier (Oglala Lakota), an en-

rolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, represented the library at the ceremony and offered remarks on behalf of Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden.

The Guardians of Culture and Lifeways International Awards Program identifies and recognizes organizations and individuals who serve as outstanding examples of how indigenous archives, libraries, museums and individuals contribute to the vitality and cultural sovereignty of Native nations. The Guardian Award takes its name from the sculpture which stands atop the Oklahoma State Capitol, the work of Seminole Chief Kelly Haney.

For more information about the Poet Laureateship as well as other poetry and literature programs of the library, visit the Poetry and Literature website.

The Library of Congress is the world's largest library, offering access to the creative record of the United States and extensive materials from around the world both onsite and online. It is the main research arm of the U.S. Copyright Office. Explore collections, reference services and other programs and plan a visit at loc.gov; access the official site for U.S. federal legislative information at congress.gov; and register creative works of authorship at copyright.gov.

Courtesy photo.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**ECWS23**  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WINTER SESSION  
FEBRUARY 20 - 23, 2023

The 2023 Executive Council Winter Session is the annual meeting of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Council, one of NCAI's three main governing bodies. This meeting presents an opportunity for Tribal delegates to hear from members of Congress and the Administration and helps to further the government-to-government relationship between Tribal Nations and the federal government.

**SOIN23**  
STATE OF INDIAN NATIONS  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Each year, the President of the National Congress of American Indians presents the State of Indian Nations address to members of Congress, government officials, tribal leaders and citizens, and the American public. Typically delivered during the week that the President of the United States delivers the State of the Union, the State of Indian Nations is a speech that shares the positive and future-oriented vision of Tribal Nations.

National Congress of American Indians

## NYU JOURNALISM-NAJA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN THROUGH JANUARY 4, 2023

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) partners with New York University for a third year to offer a fall 2023 full-tuition scholarship.

The New York University Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute is proud to offer a new full-tuition scholarship to a NAJA member admitted to one of the 10 NYU Journalism graduate programs in the fall of 2023.

This full tuition scholarship is worth greater than \$70,000. It also includes a \$10,000 stipend.

The goal of the NYU Journalism-NAJA scholarship is to support an exceptional journalist who might not otherwise have the opportunity to earn a graduate journalism degree in one of the school's top-level NYU graduate journalism programs:

- Cultural Reporting & Criticism
  - Business & Economic Reporting
  - Global & Joint Program Studies
  - Literary Reportage
  - Magazine & Digital Storytelling
  - News & Documentary
  - Reporting the Nation & New York
  - Science, Health & Environmental Reporting
  - Studio 20: Digital First
  - American Journalism Online Master's
- New York University's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute is a pioneer in educating today's journalists.

Not confined by the traditional structure which defines most journalism schools, their small cohort size allows for a deeper, more personalized experience. NYU Journalism programs emphasize the critical thinking skills so import-

**NYU Journalism-NAJA Scholarship**

ant when covering a complex, interrelated world.

All of this adds up to the perfect combination of skills and mastery of content.

The strength of NYU's journalism program stems from the accomplishments of their faculty, who are at the top of their fields. Their professors author books on important contemporary topics.

They publish in the most prestigious papers, magazines and reviews and they produce award-winning documentaries and broadcast news specials for major media outlets. NYU professors are much more than just mentors, they are deeply invested in their students' success as future journalists.

Interested candidates only need to complete the regular NYU Journalism application. Proof of membership must be submitted at the time of accepting the fellowship award. Applicants may join NAJA upon receiving the offer.

Please note membership in NAJA is open to individuals of all racial backgrounds, and this scholarship is as well.

The deadline to apply is January 4, 2023. Some flexibility is available with the deadline and interested candidates should contact NYU with any extension requests.

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APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH • EMBRACE THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS

## Sexual violence is not our tradition

Reclaim our original value system to restore balance and harmony in our community

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Mnaadendmowin (respect) • Zaagidwin (love)  
Nbwakaawin (wisdom) • Gwekwaadziwin (honesty)  
Dbaadendizwin (humility) • Aakde'ewin (bravery)  
Debwewin (truth)

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA**  
Survivor Outreach Services  
Call Monday through Friday 8-5: (231) 242-1620  
StrongHearts Native Helpline - 24/7: 1-844-762-8483

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

Less than 1% of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Survivor Outreach Services Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant will be financing this project. Tribal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant 556107 and 6% of local sources utilized.

## HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

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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.

# AQUINAS COLLEGE CULTURAL LEARNING TRIP TO LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS



Submitted by **Dr. Linda Keway**, LTBB Tribal Citizen

For the second year in a row, students, staff and faculty embarked on a cultural learning trip to the home of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. The trip, from Friday, October 14 to Monday, October 17, 2022, which was an extension of Dr. Linda Keway's Indigenous Studies Class, was open to additional students as well.

Dr. Keway is a member of LTBB and a professor at Aquinas College. She along with Brigid Avery and Dr. Dana Hebreard of the Aquinas College Advantage Center served as the coordinators and advisors. The group was greeted at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley; Eric Hemenway, Director of Repatriation, Archives and Records; and Emily Proctor, Tribal Councilor and Legislative Leader. A meal, catered by Tootsie Bluffins, was shared at the center.

Mr. Hemenway served as our guide, first visiting the area of the former Harbor Springs Holy Childhood Boarding School. He shared the history of the boarding school as well as the 800-mile

canoe trip which left Harbor Springs, MI, for Washington, D.C. in 1835 to convince Congress to allow the Odawa people to remain in Northern Michigan. Other tribes were being forcibly removed to Oklahoma and Kansas. The group then traveled to Greensky Hill Indian Mission Church where tribal leaders historically gathered.

A service project was postponed due to weather conditions, however, one of the students majoring in political science led the group through a letter writing exercise in support of SB 0876. This proposed state law would acknowledge Indian Boarding Schools in Michigan and push to include this history in middle and high school curriculum. Students wrote to state senators who sit on the Education and Career Readiness Committee where the bill is awaiting deliberation.

The group also traveled to Cross Village, MI, and Mackinac Island, MI, where Mr. Hemenway shared the history of the areas and the significance to the Anishinaabe and in particular, the Odawa people. The Island is a sacred place to Anishinaabe people and many believe it to be a place of origin. Aquinas College President Dr. Alicia Cordoba

and several alumni (on the Island for an Alumni Weekend) joined our group at the "Be Still" bronze sculpture which features a Native American spirit of peace alongside an eagle, lion and turtle.

The group also toured the Biddle House Anishinaabe Museum and hiked to Arch Rock learning more about the history and culture of the Anishinaabe people.

"What an impressive group of students, and what an exemplary experience. This kind of experiential mission-aligned, justice-centered program is exactly what Aquinas College is all about," said President Alicia Cordoba.

Chi Miigwech (thank you very much) to Mr. Hemenway for serving as our guide and to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa for welcoming us to their homeland. Thanks, too, to our financial supporters: Council for Independent Colleges Netvue Grant; Poppel Grant for Ecumenical Studies; and from Aquinas College: Campus Ministry; Jane Hibbard Idema Center for Women's Studies; Contemporary Writers Series; Center for Diversity Equity and Inclusion; and Student Activities and Orientation.

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# CHILI COOKOFF TO BENEFIT LTBB CHILDREN'S WINTER SOLSTICE

Chi-Miigwech to everyone who participated in the Chili Cookoff on November 14, 2022.

Together, we raised \$307, which was used to purchase toys for our community children (gifts at the LTBB Children's Winter Solstice/Christmas party).

This year's Chili Cookoff winners are: 1. Amanda Swiss, 2. Mary Schneider and 3. Gale Walker.

A special miigwech to Beverly Wemigwase for making fry bread for the event (what a treat!) and volunteers, Mary Schneider, Theresa Chingwa, Kerstine Ome, Kim Gabrick, Marin Taylor, Julie Kauppila, Gale Walker and everyone else who helped out and judged the best chili. *Courtesy photos.*



# BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION SIGN AGREEMENT TO IMPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Today (December 1, 2022), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced an agreement which updates guidelines to provide for the effective and efficient administration of criminal investigations in Indian country. This is the first update since the early 1990s to a memorandum of understanding between the bureaus.

The agreement was highlighted by Attorney General Merrick B. Garland during remarks at the 2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit and was discussed during a panel featuring Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland and Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta. The summit provides an opportunity for administration and tribal leaders from the 574 federally recognized tribes to discuss ways the federal government can invest in and strengthen nation-to-nation relationships as well as ensure progress in Indian country endures for years to come.

"Interagency coordination is absolutely critical given the complexities of jurisdiction in Tribal communities. This agreement supports an all-of-government approach to addressing federal responsibilities and Tribal needs in Indian Country," said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland. "All federal agencies share a treaty and trust responsibility to protect Tribal sovereignty and revitalize Tribal communities. This partnership will further support our efforts to keep Native people safe in their homes and communities."

"This agreement is a crucial step to advancing public safety for American Indian and Alaska Native communities," said Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta. "The Department of Justice is committed to working with the Department of the Interior to investigate Indian Country crimes, including reports of missing or murdered Indigenous people, quickly, effectively, and respectfully. We are grateful to the Tribes that provided input into this new policy."



"The FBI is committed to ongoing and continued collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Affairs," said FBI Director Christopher Wray. "The FBI has a crucial role in successfully addressing matters in the nation's Indian Country communities and this updated MOU affirms our dedication to the mission of protecting all Americans. The FBI will not waver in its support of our Tribal law enforcement agency partners and our coordination with the Bureau of Indian Affairs."

Under the agreement, the BIA Office of Justice Services and the FBI will cooperate on investigations and share information and investigative reports. The agencies will also establish written guidelines outlining jurisdiction and investigative roles and responsibilities for investigators from the BIA, FBI and tribal law enforcement agencies. The agreement also requires all BIA, FBI and tribal law enforcement officers receive training regarding trauma-informed, culturally responsive investigative approaches.

This agreement supports the unified response to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples crisis, and the Missing and Murdered Unit launched by Secretary Haaland. It defines responsibilities for FBI, BIA and tribal investigators to ensure missing person cases are entered into the National Crime Information Center, National Incident-Based Reporting System and other appropriate federal criminal databases and that DNA is submitted to the National Missing Person DNA Database when appropriate and available.

The agreement also specifies the FBI will take an initial primary role in the investigation of any BIA or tribal law enforcement officer-involved shootings and in-custody death incidents. The BIA will concurrently conduct separate internal administrative investigations of any BIA or tribal law enforcement officer-involved shootings and in-custody death incidents. *Courtesy graphics.*

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We are forming a funded initiative for high school age Indigenous youth in Metro Detroit focused on culture, healthy core activities, critical knowledge and experience, and mentorship to empower youth to live their best futures. **BUT WE NEED YOU!** YOU the students, families and community! If you are a parent or youth living in Greater Detroit with any Indigenous or Tribal affiliation sign up for our contact list. Get updates and invites to a round of dinner gatherings next spring to form community partnership around the needs of our youth. If you aren't "in the D", you know somebody who is, so share this flyer!

Email: [sallard@wayne.edu](mailto:sallard@wayne.edu)  
Subject Line: "Youth Program Contact List"

**About me:** My Name is Seth Allard, "Man Who Walks the Red Road" (Ojibwa Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). I am a USMC Veteran and PhD student with 15 years experience working in mental health, public health, and research. I believe our Indigenous Youth are a force to be reckoned with, not a statistic or a risk to be predicted and managed. Chi Miigwech! (thank you!)

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but you must honor mine too  
As long as your differences don't harm  
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Let us sit in a Circle,  
In this circle no one is ahead and no one behind  
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# IMPORTANCE OF HAND HYGIENE

By **Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach**

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) highlights frequent hand hygiene as one of the most important acts in preventing disease. Hand hygiene includes washing and sanitizing hands. Let us review these recommendations about hand hygiene:



1. Whenever a messy chore is done, wash your hands because dirt is visible on the hands. But it is what we cannot see that is dangerous.
  2. Germs are invisible. Germs are microorganisms such as bacteria or viruses.
  3. Germs are everywhere. They are within and on our bodies and on every touchable surface.
  4. Not all germs are bad. Good germs help to keep us healthy and to keep our immune system strong. On our hands are good germs which live under the deeper layers of the skin, and most are not removed by washing with soap and water.
  5. Our hands can also have transient, bad germs on the outermost layer which cause illnesses.
  6. Health experts recommend washing our hands with soap and clean, warm water for at least 20 seconds. Singing "Happy Birthday" twice equals 20 seconds.
- Be sure to work up a good lather and clean the back of the hands, the wrists, between the fingers and under the nails.
- Dry them using a clean towel or a hot air dryer.

7. Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer is another way to keep our hands clean; 60% alcohol is recommended.
8. If neither soap nor sanitizers are available, follow the above steps with water and vigorous rubbing.
9. Let us model good behavior by washing our hands because our children want to do what we do. Wash babies' hands and teach children to wash their hands after the bathroom and before eating.

Handwashing reminder signs increase frequency and length of handwashing. A cell phone photo of our children washing their hands can be printed and posted near the sink.

So, we must take hand cleanliness seriously by remembering other healthy hand habits:

Learn to control your hands by not coughing or sneezing into hands. A typical human sneeze emits approximately 40,000 droplets, carrying germs from the mouth. Sneeze or cough into your shoulder or into your elbow.

Let's not put our hands or fingers in your eyes, nose, ears or mouth.

Germs can live on surfaces from three hours to seven days; germs survive less on dry surfaces. Germs live on shared surfaces such as door handles, counters, phones, remote controllers, keyboards, piano keys, ink pens, sports equipment, handling food, toys and others' hands. Sometimes, we can handle these items with a tissue. We can turn off water faucets and open many doors with our elbows; latch doors handles can be opened with the ring and pinky fingers of the nondominant hand, often the left fingers. Small hand sanitizers can fit in our pocket or purse to use after touching items.

We learned from the COVID-19 pandemic that the COVID-19 virus is less likely to spread when excellent hand



hygiene is practiced. According to the CDC, handwashing can prevent one in three diarrhea-related illnesses. And handwashing prevents one in five infections, including the flu, colds, pneumonia and sore throats.

Worldwide, approximately 1.4 million children under age five die from diarrhea and pneumonia. Handwashing can stop many of these deaths. Why not do what we can to help our children??

This is why we love National Handwashing Week in December, because by this small effort, we can protect ourselves, our family and each other.

<https://nationaltoday.com/national-handwashing-awareness-week/>

The Effect of Handwashing with Water or Soap on Bacterial Contamination of Hands - PMC (nih.gov)

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/why-handwashing.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/science/index.html>

<https://allnurses.com/december-national-handwashing-month-t663840/#:~:text=December%20is%20National%20Handwashing%20Month%2C%20a%20global%20advocacy,that%20hospital%20personnel%20accomplish%20on%20a%20daily%20basis.>

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# ODAWA CASINO SPARE CHANGE DONATION PROGRAM TO BENEFIT VETERANS

As part of its Spare Change Donation Program, Odawa Casino recently presented nearly \$3,000 to Mission Six Service Dogs.

If you're not familiar with the organization, Mission Six is committed to helping military veterans by training German Shepherd service dogs with public access skills and performance tasks which mitigate specific limitations inherent to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury.

Odawa Casino launched the Spare Change Donation Program in August 2020 in response to the national coin shortage which simultaneously supports local non-profits within the community and has expanded into an ongoing project. The program includes



boxes around the casino floor where guests are able to donate their change or their gaming

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**Starts May 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Starts May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Starts May 12<sup>th</sup>.**  
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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, class sizes are limited. Please contact Marlene Gasco at (231)242-1616 for any questions.

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# NATIONAL MONUMENT TO NATIVE VETERANS CELEBRATED



By Ryan Knappenberger, Cronkite News

According to the USO, Native Americans serve at five times the national average and have served in every major conflict since the Revolutionary War, including the 29 Navajo Code Talkers in World War II. Since 9/11, around 19% of all Native Americans have served in the U.S. military, compared to 14% for all other ethnic groups in the country, the USO said.

Harvey Pratt, the artist who designed the memorial, has said he was inspired by healing ceremonies indigenous soldiers went through after their service. On any other day, the memorial is a quiet, contemplative garden setting just off the National Mall.

Michael Chiago, Sr., a citizen of the Tohono O'odham Nation, said the chance to be a part of the procession and see the new memorial was something he never imagined he could see with his own eyes.



"It's something not everybody experiences, to come down for this event," said Chiago, a Vietnam veteran who is also an artist. "It's exclusive to just be a part of it, just to be here."

But for Chiago, the excitement began before the profession, when, he got to walk around the museum and its exhibits for the first time. He said he does watercolor art, so it was especially exciting to see a wide range of media from all sorts of Native American artists.

"To see them recognize Native artists is so exciting," Chiago said, watching a group of people dressed in traditional wear pose for a picture. "It makes me really glad to be here today."

For Blaine, the museum is a testament to Native American history all under one roof, something you can't find anywhere else in the country.

"Seeing how far back we go and how far back our traditions go, seeing all the people here today, it makes me proud as a Native American," Blaine said.

He and the other veterans flew to D.C. as part of an Arizona Honor Flight, a charity which flies veterans to visit the memorials erected in Washington in their honor. Last week's flight was scheduled specifically to participate in the National Native American Veterans Memorial dedication.

Honor flights began flying nationally in 2005 with local "hubs" around the country. Flight costs are covered by donations made to the hubs, so veterans can make the trip at no cost to themselves. The Southern Arizona hub has flown more than 1,000 veterans to Washington since 2011 with this weekend marking the 31st flight, according to a press release on the organization's Facebook page.

While Friday was dedicated to honoring their role as Native American veterans, group members said they were also excited to be able to see the other memorials to their service, honoring them as just veterans.

"I'd like to be able to say I was here, to be able to share this with my family and friends and show them this is what we're taking part in," Blaine said.

For more stories from Cronkite News, visit [cronkitenews.azpbs.org](http://cronkitenews.azpbs.org).

Courtesy photos.

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

Arizona veteran Darryl Blaine laughed and waved to onlookers as he marched toward the National Mall on Veterans Day, surrounded by fellow Native vets and his family members from the Tohono O'odham Nation.

"This is where the cool people are!" Blaine, a Marine Corps veteran, shouted over the drums and the cheering crowd. He was one of 51 Native veterans from Arizona – part of a contingent of 1,500 from across the country – on hand for the formal dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial.

"This is something all Natives should be proud of, whether they served or they didn't," Blaine said. "We're here for all of them."

A sometimes-heavy rain could not dampen the spirits of the marchers, who ranged from the remaining Navajo Code Talkers of World War II to veterans of more recent wars. The procession, hosted by the National Museum of the American Indian, was filled with veterans in uniform and in traditional clothing, carrying tribal and military flags to a stage just across the street from the U.S. Capitol.



After speeches and performances there, they returned to dedicate the National Native American Veterans Memorial, a stainless-steel circle placed on a carved stone drum surrounded by water. The installation is surrounded by four lances, placed around the memorial where visitors can tie cloths for prayer and healing, according to the museum's website.

The memorial has been open since Veterans Day of 2020, but the pandemic delayed dedication ceremonies until this year.

Blaine could be easily spotted in the procession, not just because of his dark blue University of Arizona hat and bushy gray mustache, but also because of the big smile he flashed to groups spread along the procession's path.

He said the day's festivities were not about "being better than anyone," but were a chance for Native American veterans to gain the respect they deserve and to give respect to those who came before him.

And there is a long line of Native Americans who have served.

# DNR Secures \$5 Million Grant from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's America the Beautiful Challenge



Indians, Michigan Trout Unlimited, the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, the Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Conservancy and the U.S. Forest Service.

The streams which will benefit from the America the Beautiful Challenge grant are located in 14 counties across Michigan:

- Twin Lakes Creek (Cheboygan County)
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- Two Mile Creek (Gogebic County)
- Boardman/Ottaway rivers (Grand Traverse County)
- North Branch Cole Creek (Lake County)
- Spring Creek (Luce County)
- McAlpine Creek (Mackinac County)
- Silver Lead Creek (Marquette County)
- Little Muskegon River (Mecosta County)
- Buckhorn Creek (Mecosta County)
- Stony Creek (Oceana County)
- East Branch Big Creek (Oscoda County)
- Au Sable River (Oscoda County)
- Hayden Creek (Van Buren County)

DNR Director Dan Eichinger said the America the Beautiful Challenge support will go a long way toward

improving water and fish flow, critical to healthy rivers and streams.

“Put simply, fish and other organisms in the water need to move,” Eichinger said. “Throughout their many life stages, whether they’re seeking food, reproducing, hiding from predators or seeking shelter from extreme conditions, fish have to be able to easily move within their waters as well as between bodies of water. Removing barriers to such movement means we can better protect fish populations.”

Earlier this year, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation established the America the Beautiful Challenge with a vision to streamline and centralize a nationwide grant-funding opportunity which would leverage federal conservation and restoration investments with private and philanthropic contributions to accelerate land, water and wildlife conservation efforts across the country.

Michigan was one of six applicants awarded the maximum grant amount of \$5 million.

More information about this National Fish and Wildlife Foundation program, including a full list of grants awarded to states, U.S. territories and tribal nations and project descriptions is available at [nfwf.org/programs/america-beautiful-challenge](http://nfwf.org/programs/america-beautiful-challenge).

To learn more about how Michigan manages fisheries for current and future generations, visit [Michigan.gov/Fishing](http://Michigan.gov/Fishing).

*Courtesy photo.*

# Newly Elected President of the United Tribes of Michigan NHBP Tribal Chairman Jamie Stuck



Michigan's Vice President.

Stuck's passion for leadership and change have earned him many local, state and national awards. Michigan governors honored him with “Special Tributes” for exemplary leadership in 2010 and 2014. Global Business Magazine named him “Top 25 People to Watch in 2011” and Global Gaming Expo Emerg-

ing Leaders’ “40 under 40” list in 2013.

The United Tribes of Michigan membership is open to all of Michigan’s 12 sovereign and federally recognized tribes. The organization provides a forum to address issues of common concern. It is committed to advancing, protecting, preserving and enhancing the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty and cultural way of life of the Michigan tribes.

Executive Director for the United Tribes of Michigan Frank Ettawageshik congratulates Stuck, saying, “We are excited to have Stuck as our new president! He is very engaged on the local, state and national levels and we look forward to working with him on issues affecting Indian Country.”

*Courtesy photo.*

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EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION

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

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

# ODAWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT INCORPORATED UPDATE

Submitted by **Tanya Gibbs**, OEDMI President

Aanii LTBB Citizens,  
This update is focused on some details of the development of the Cambria hotel. The hotel will be six stories tall and have 127 rooms, a full-service restaurant, roof top bar/restaurant and other usual amenities. Odawa Economic Development Management Incorporated (OEDMI) believes this will complement the existing Courtyard Marriott quite well as the two brands are quite different.

The Courtyard brand is quite strict in what is required for aesthetics, food service, etc. We were able to push back on some of these items at the Courtyard, but you'll notice it looks like most other recently built or renovated Courtyards. The Cambria, however, allows us a lot more leeway in incorporating local and tribal aesthetic and other items. The Cambria brand actually encourages the owner to have the look and feel fit within the geographic location of the hotel. We are able to put their design team in touch with LTBB folks to ensure we have some tribal and cultural components incorporated into the hotel in a meaningful and respectful way. We are also extremely excited about the ability to find a restaurant operator to come in and run a full-service restaurant in addition to the rooftop bar, which will be a marked difference from the food options at the Courtyard (although the food there is pretty



good, too!).  
We are also planning on working more collaboratively within LTBB departments and other tribally owned entities. We have continued to work with LTBB Environmental Services to secure grant funding for green projects at the hotel and around the site. We will also invite the newly formed joint venture, Aki Construction, LLC (owned by Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation, Gun Lake Investments and Mno Bmadsen) to bid on the construction and have also made contact with Hall Technologies, LLC (owned by Gun Lake Investments) to invite them to bid on the A/V and other technical components which will be part of the hotel.

Currently, we are working closely with the identified lender to ensure they have all diligence and underwriting items necessary. We're also getting close to near-final drawings for the property. We hope to break ground next year and anticipate an 18-month construction schedule.

*Courtesy graphic.*

## BLESS AND RELEASE



As 2022 draws to a close, so does Wings of Wonder. Wings of Wonder will close its doors on December 31, 2022.

It will take a few months to formally pass the baton and jump through some administration hoops. Any last-minute donations will be processed for Migizi Tribal Eagle Aviary. During this transition, our website and social media pages will include occasional updates and information on where to send future donations.

Thank you! There is no truer sentiment: We could not have done this without you. Thank you for your heartfelt giving, for your words of encouragement, for sharing your stories and experiences, for

attending our events, for writing checks and sending supplies, for spreading our word and for making us successful. Your love and support fueled Rebecca Lessard's soul and encouraged her through the tough times.



### Time to Say Goodbye

We bless Rebecca's many years of rehabilitating and releasing raptors, the hours of patient teaching and guidance and the countless examples of how one person's passion can impact a species, both of the animal kingdom and humankind. She started in her backyard and with your help, grew her passion into an internationally recognized organization. With kindness and compassion, she touched all of our lives. Through wind and rain, sleet and snow, she hauled water and forced her frozen fingers to cut up rats and fish. In the wee hours of the morning or night, she fed raptors, hauled birds to veterinary clinics and allowed all of us to witness the glory of an eagle release. She wraps up 35 years of service earning her way into our hearts and into a life of well-deserved retirement, just in time to refocus on four grandchildren and the exploration of new adventures in her next chapters. The time has come for us to "bless" Rebecca's legacy and the many successes of Wings of Wonder. The time has come to "release" Wings of Wonder to our partners at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians as it builds the Migizi Tribal Eagle Aviary and Wings of Wonder Rehabilitation Center.

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## NEW APP RELEASED FOR ANISHINAABE FISH EATERS

Gigiigoo'inaan (Our Fish) "Our Fish" App Review Requested from Tribal Members

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCMI) in partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) has released a Gigiigoo'inaan Application (App for iPhones, AndroidS or similar Smart devices) to guide users in their fish eating choices throughout the Great Lakes and Bemidji Region. Environmental exposures in the waterways such as PBT or Mercury can disturb human health. The Gigiigoo'inaan App makes personalized recommendations for safe fish consumption based on the user's biological sex, weight, portion size and the waterway where fish is coming from. The app, developed with Anishinaabe community input on the design and implementation, also features recipes for different types of fish, cooked in a way which reduces potential toxic environmental exposures.

The ITCMI and the MCW have launched a survey opportunity for the Anishinaabe people to better understand fish eating habits, perceptions of health and environmental risks and to get feedback on the app and how it's being used. Anishinaabe are encouraged to participate in the study

by using the app and taking the online survey. The first 100 qualified participants who complete the enrollment form and survey will be compensated with a \$75 gift card for their time.

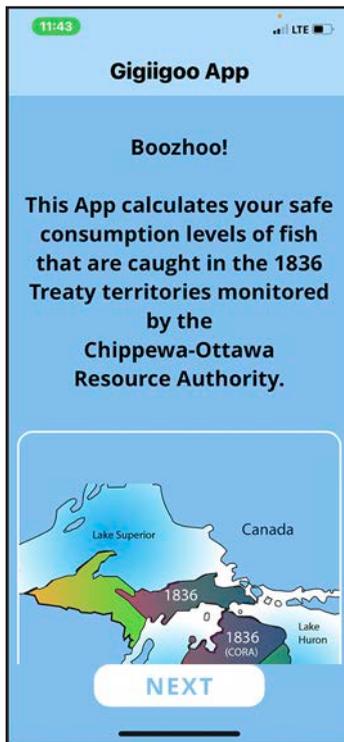
Fish are more than just a healthy food source for the Anishinaabe. Cherished fishing traditions are threatened by environmental risks. This work is significant because it addresses the need for effective fish consumption advice for the Anishinaabe whose tribal governments oversee treaty-related natural resource practices in Northern Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The purpose of this project is to further understand fish consumption, Anishinaabe health beliefs, environmental concerns and the usability of the Our Fish App. This study will help guide future programs and educational resources in the community.

This initiative is part of the five-year project which develops culturally tailored advice to encourage consumption of low contaminated species of fish among Anishinaabe peoples and waterways.

The app was previously tested in Michigan tribal communities in 2019. It was observed Anishinaabe fish consumers reported improved

confidence, increased fish consumption and increased understanding of environmental health



in response to the Gigiigoo'inaan "Our Fish" App.

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How to Participate in the Study

Download the Gigiigoo'inaan "Our Fish" App (above) on an Apple or Android device

Use the app

- Submit a short enrollment form sent to the e-mail you entered in the app.

- Take the survey sent to you via e-mail.

- Those looking for more information on the Gigiigoo'inaan "Our Fish" app e-mail [fishappcoordinator@itcmi.org](mailto:fishappcoordinator@itcmi.org).

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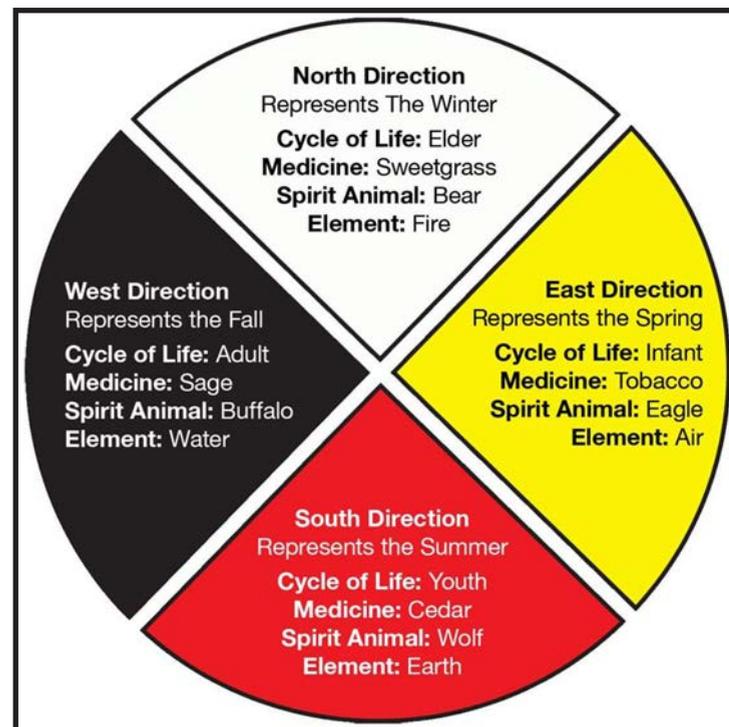
Friday, November 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Michigan State University has one of the largest and most diverse collection of Indigenous quilts in the world. The collection was built primarily through a collaborative project with the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and working with individual quilt artists, museums, and organizations across the U.S. and Canada. Financial support for this exhibition was provided by the Michigan Traditional Arts Program, MSU, and in-kind support from the Michigan State University Museum, In Stitches Quilting Group and the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways.





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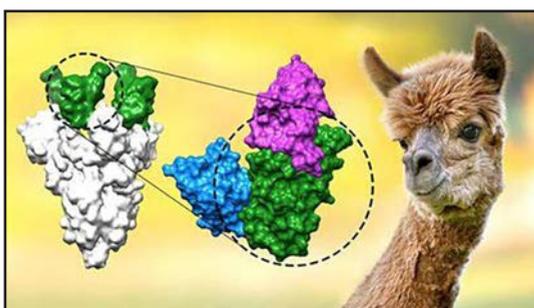
## USDA SCIENTISTS PRODUCE NANOBODIES IN PLANT CELLS WHICH BLOCK EMERGING PATHOGENS

Scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS) recently announced plants could be used to produce nanobodies which quickly block emerging pathogens in human medicine and agriculture. These nanobodies represent a promising new way to treat viral diseases, including SARS-CoV-2.

Nanobodies are small antibody proteins naturally produced in specific animals such as camels, alpacas and llamas.

ARS researchers turned to evaluating nanobodies to prevent and treat citrus greening disease in citrus trees. These scientists are now using their newly developed and patented Symbiont™ technology to show nanobodies can be easily produced in a plant system with broad agricultural and public health applications. As a proof-of-concept, researches showed nanobodies targeting the SARS-CoV-2 virus could be made in plant cells and remain functional in blocking the binding of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein to its receptor protein: The process responsible for initiating viral infection in human cells.

"We initially wanted to develop sustainable solutions to pathogens in crop production," said ARS researcher Robert Shatters, Jr. "The results of that research are indeed successful and beneficial for the nation's agricultural system. But now we are aware of an even greater result – the benefits of producing therapeutics in plants now justify the consideration of using plants to mass



produce COVID-19 protein-based therapies."

AgroSource, Inc. collaborated with USDA-ARS to develop the plant-based production system. They are currently taking the necessary steps to see how they can move this advancement into the commercial sector.

"This is a huge breakthrough for science and innovative solutions to agricultural and public health challenges," said ARS researcher Michelle Heck. "This cost-efficient, plant-based system proves that there are alternative ways to confront and prevent the spread of emerging pathogens. The approach has the potential to massively expand livelihood development opportunities in rural agricultural areas of the nation and in other countries."

This research collaboration is in response to the White House's Executive Order on advancing biotechnology and biomanufacturing innovation for a sustainable, safe and secure American bio-economy.

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## PHOENIX SUNS HONOR ARIZONA TRIBES WITH NEW JERSEY

By Patty Talahongva

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

Sounds of appreciation resonated around the locker room as the Phoenix Suns players got their first glimpse of the City Edition jerseys they'll play in this season.

"Oh snap," "wow," and happy nods came from the players with Chris Paul saying, "The uniforms are dope!" And Cameron Johnson adding, "Oh, they're pretty, they're very pretty."

This season each NBA team is unveiling a jersey that's unique to the city where they play. The jersey can also divert from the team's official colors.

Suns' management, guided by Shawn Martinez who is Diné and the senior director of live presentation, spent more than two years designing the jersey. They consulted with the InterTribal Council of Arizona, Nike's N-7 program, the Heard Museum and more Native groups in Phoenix.

"Our City Edition this year is a lot more than basketball, it has a lot more meaning than the other ones out there," Graham Wincott, the senior marketing director of the Suns, told the players.

The players were given the new jerseys on October 14, 2022 along with some tribal history.

"The Hohokam tribe actually helped build the canal system that makes Phoenix a viable city to live in," Wincott explained.

Wincott, Martinez and Stephen Lewis, the governor of the Gila River Indian Community, spoke to the players in the locker room.

After greeting them in his language, the governor said, "This land, even here underneath the beautiful Footprint Center, all of Phoenix, was our traditional land."

Lewis jokingly nicknamed the jersey. "I would call it the Tribal edition, right? Or the Rez edition that is very special."

The bright turquoise jersey features the word "Sun" in each of the 22 tribal languages in the state prompting Deandre Ayton to raise his eyebrows as he looked over each word.

"Turquoise is such an important stone to us. The color, it's like you're going into battle and this is going to protect you," said the governor.

"You're going to be honoring all 22 tribes every time you wear this," he added.

Martinez told the players the jerseys are going to bring hope to all the Native kids who see them playing in the jerseys. He also introduced himself in the Navajo language and told them the handmade beaded medallions they also received were made by Bethany Smith.

"This is a shield, it's also



protection, that's why I wear this down there cause we all go to battle together," he said.

The players know Martinez and many have complimented him on the beaded medallion he wears at each game. They were thrilled to receive their own medallion and several put it on as soon as they saw it in the gift box. Mikal Bridges said he was hoping they would get a beaded medallion and Chris Paul said he's going to keep it in his locker all season so he can see it before each home game.

"So, all this history is dope to me," said Paul. He admitted not knowing much about the tribes in Arizona prior to this.

"Not much to tell you the truth. Not as much as the information that we just got in there which makes it really dope. You know anytime you're going out playing, you know playing for something bigger than yourself is always really special."

"I've designed shoes over my 18-year career and every last one of my shoes there's a chevron logo on it that represents my late grandfather that was murdered, right? I have my kids' birthdays and all these different type things on them. It's very meaningful when I play. So, to find out that all the 22 tribes are represented on the jersey, the color turquoise is not just a cool looking color, you know they told us that means that you're shielded when you're going into battle. I think that just gives all of us a little bit more purpose and it makes it a lot more meaningful."

Devon Booker, Damon Lee and all the players listened intently as Governor Lewis spoke calling the jersey historic and unprecedented to have a major sports franchise recognize the indigenous people of Arizona.

In 2018, the Oklahoma City Thunder had a jersey which represented the tribes in their state. It was also turquoise and had Native designs. The team worked with Nike to design the jersey.

Governor Lewis thanked the Suns' organization for working with tribal leaders on this unique jersey.

"I really appreciate the Phoenix Suns going above and beyond, and they wanted to do this right, instead of doing it without tribal input," he said. "They came to the experts who are the tribes themselves."

"I think the design catches your eye enough that you're gonna be like, what's the meaning behind that? And I

think it'll drum up some noise on that end," Johnson said.

"You as the Phoenix Suns, you show hope to all of the Native ballers," the governor said.

Paul added, "Everything is always a lot more meaningful when there's an education component to it. You should have seen the guys in the locker room, everybody was just so excited to learn. It's a big credit to the team, the organization and everybody that made it happen."

After the uniform reveal, the players suited up for a promotion photo and video shoot with 22 youth representing each tribe.



"When the players came out, I kinda got nervous," said Navasta Dennis, who was representing the Hopi tribe. "I was happy to see them."

After warming up to the idea of standing next to top NBA players, the kids chatted them up. Dennis says he talked to Torrey Craig. "I was asking him about his season and how he's going to improve this year."

Katie Roveldo says the experience was awesome. "The feeling I felt was like, super exciting because usually I'm in the stands watching the games but I actually got to be on the court."

She said Coach Monty Williams asked her what sports she played and where she was from. He also wanted to know what it was like on her reservation.

Shatalya Titla, represented the White Mountain Apache Tribe. "Every time, I took pictures with them I felt so tiny beside them because they're taller than me," she said and giggled.

Titla was seated next to Johnson during the photo shoot. The Suns' forward had a lively conversation with her.

"She was talking the whole time, giggling, even during serious pitches," he laughed. "She was showing me her shoes, her moccasins. She was showing me her buckskin bag with the bells on it."

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Raymond Deleary - 3Fires  
Hokie Clairmont - The Boyz  
Marlon Deschamps - Northern Cree

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Nolan Austin - Woodland Stream  
Caden Pego - Crazy Spirit

**HEAD FIREKEEPER**  
Kyle Freund

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"Suns" continued from page 22.

"She had on two bracelets and maybe three rings, all of them turquoise for protection, like the jersey."

Title says they talked about what she was wearing. Johnson learned about her bag with an elk tooth clasp which she called her lucky charm.

As the photographer tried to wrangle the excited kids for the photo shoot, Martinez noted the atmosphere.

"It was both exciting and emotional," he said. "As we were taking the picture, I could feel the energy of the 22 youth that were standing there and I almost started crying but I held it in."

Everyone got to see the newly designed court that also pays homage to the tribes in Arizona. At center court, a feather design forms a medicine wheel and a turquoise accent surrounds each basket.

The governor said Barnaby Lewis, a spiritual leader from Gila River, blessed the new court.

It's a tribute Johnson says will give notice to tribes, who he says aren't given enough attention.

"I don't think the Native presence here is talked about enough, looked at enough, helped enough. So, I think this is a good place for us to start right now."

The home game against the champion Golden State Warriors was specifically targeted for the debut of the uniform on November 16, 2022, according to Wincott.

"Playing the champs on ESPN, this is intentional," Wincott said. "ESPN is going to have to tell the whole country, 'Why are the Suns wear-



ing turquoise and what does it mean?' So, all of the United States is going to find out in one game, why we're doing this."

The announcers will have a fact sheet to help explain the designs on the jersey as well as the tribal words for sun.

The players will wear this uniform seven times on the road and in cities which have a large indigenous population like Oklahoma City, Minneapolis and Toronto.

They will wear the jersey at 10 home games as they honor the tribes throughout the season. It's all part of the celebration called Originativ and is being sponsored by the Gila River Resorts and Casino.

The celebration kicks off during Native American Heritage Month.

"Man, I think it's all about representation to tell you the truth and to be out here and take these photos with these kids, you know for me, I honestly hope I get a chance to go visit one of the rez," Paul said. "I would love to go see these kids and you know, show them we care about them."

"The kid that was standing next to me was 12 years old. I'm a parent, I've got a 13 year old and a 10 year old. Hope is one of the biggest things I think a lot of people lack, so if we can do that, you know, today on that small scale, I can only imagine what it's going to feel like when we actually playing the game," Paul said.

Martinez added: "It's unbelievable. It's something that I could never dream growing up in Fort Defiance on the Navajo reservation saying, 'Wow, I'm with the Suns and they're wearing a Native American jersey.'"

"I hope it shows that we see them and we care about them and we want to honor them and we want to give them hope. We want to give them motivation and, you know, whatever else we can for them to achieve their goals, Johnson said.

*Patty Talahongva is a senior correspondent for Indian Country Today. She is Hopi. Follow her on Twitter at @WiteSpider*

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# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**  
**Tribal Council Chambers**  
**7500 Odawa Circle,**  
**Harbor Springs, MI 49740**  
**Tribal Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 27, 2022**  
**In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: 9:04 a.m.  
Opening ceremony:  
Closed Session: Yes

Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor  
Absent: None

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolnik

Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Secretary Jeremy Steele, Executive Director Shanna Shananaquet, and Administrative Assistant Nichlos Peltier Gaming Authority Vice Chairperson Denise Petoskey and Primary Executive Official Matt Stenkoski; Ziibimijwang, Inc. Farm Manager Mary Donner and Chairperson Kevin Gasco; Tribal Burial Board, Inc. Chairperson Annette VanDeCar; Odawa Economic Devel-

opment Management, Inc. President Tanya Gibbs, Vice President Alan Proctor and Board Member Belinda "Lin" Bardwell

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Deputy Law Enforcement Officer Timothy Buse, Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis, Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic Manager/Nurse Lori Mooar, Education's WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Health Department Office Manager Julie Janiskee, Human Services Administrative Assistant Patricia Waucaush, Facilities Maintenance Worker II Barry Bott, Health Department Medical Assistant Kayla Tackett, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Natural Resources Department Great Lakes Fishery Program Manager Kevin Donner, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Education's Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepf, Enrollment Receptionist/Data Entry Clerk Lindsey Doerfler, Enrollment Administrative Assistant/Genealogist Marin Taylor, Accounting Department Controller Cheryl Kishigo, Gijigowi Language Department Administrative Assistant Theresa Keshick  
Judicial Officials and Staff: None  
Public: Rose Pyant, Brian Anthony,

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

January 10 Work Session  
January 12 Council Meeting  
January 24 Work Session  
January 26 Council Meeting

February 7 Work Session  
February 8 Council Meeting  
February 21 Work Session  
February 23 Council Meeting

All Tribal Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Tribal Council Chambers located at  
7500 Odawa Circle,  
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### Legislative Tribal Council Members

Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader  
Marcella Reyes, Secretary  
Leroy Shomin, Treasurer  
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Melissa Shomin, Wayne Ettawageshik, Renee "Wasson" Dillard, Abby Ferella, Madison Ferella, Jonas Shawanese

Invited Guest: None

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt the agenda for October 27, 2022 as presented.  
Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen(s) who have walked on: Anne Kishigo-ba, Barbara Memon-ba, Judith Pierzynowski-ba, Virgil Sharkey-ba, and Rodney Strate-ba.  
Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of October 13, 2022.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the minutes of October 13, 2022 as presented.  
Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**9:15 a.m.** Introduction of new Tribal Government Employees:  
Kayla Tackett - Health - Medical Assistant  
Lori Mooar - Health (Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic) - Clinic Manager/Nurse  
Patricia Waucaush - Human Services - Administrative Assistant  
Timothy Buse - Law Enforcement - Deputy Law Enforcement Officer  
Barry Bott - Facilities - Maintenance Worker II (Transfer)

**Special Mention (not attending):**  
Tracey Ostrander - Family Spirit Support Health Educator (Transfer)  
Kerstine Ome - Education Programs Manager (Transfer)  
Miigwaans Smith - Tribal Court - Female Cultural Resource Advisor  
Executive Oversight Report:  
Discussion: Vice Chairperson Stella Kay  
Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley is attending the United Tribes of Michigan Conference.  
Working on the finalization of the Great Lakes Consent Decree with Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA).  
Tribal Chairperson is no longer serving on the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. Her focus is on the Boarding School issues.  
Vice Chairperson Stella Kay attended Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA).  
Working on a 105(l) lease. This is not a traditional lease, but an agreement between the Indian Affairs or Indian Health Service and a Tribe or Tribal Organization to reimburse facility costs. Costs may be reimbursed when a facility (or part of a facility) is used to carry out Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) approved programs, functions, services, or activities (PF-SAs).  
Vice Chairwoman Kay will be attending National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 79th Annual Convention and Marketplace in Sacramento, California.  
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*“Minutes” continued from page 23.*

Tribal Chairperson Gasco Bentley interviewed Michael Long for the Assistant Prosecutor and submitted his nomination to Tribal Council.

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

The Executive will be hosting its annual Michigan v Michigan State Tailgate staff luncheon on Friday, October 28, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The SPRING Fall Encampment event will be on Friday, October 28, 2022 at the Government Complex from 4 p.m. – 8:00 pm.

Indoor Halloween trick-or-treating is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2022 at the Government Complex from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ghost Supper listings will be in the Odawa Trails

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Vice Chairperson Stella Kay and Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Officer Reports:**

Legislative Leader Report  
Written Report

Closed Session for personnel

**9:45 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to enter into closed session for personnel.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**10:13 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to return to open session.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report including a

Closed Session for Confidential Business

Written report

Closed Session for Confidential Legal Business

**10:27 a.m. p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into closed session for Confidential Business.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**11:40 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to return to open session.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to amend the agenda to include Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBBOI) Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Charter amendment.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBBOI) Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Charter amendment dated October 27, 2022.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

**11:47 a.m. Opens**

Rose Pyant asked how often does the Natural Resources Department get fish for Elders?

**11:51 a.m. Closed**

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation motions continue

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation (OEAH) to sign the Summary of Terms Agreement dated October 21, 2022 with Gun Lake Investments and Mno-Bmadsen as presented to Tribal Council on October 27, 2022.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by Secretary Jeremy Steele and Executive Director Shanna Shananaquet

for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**11:00 a.m.** Odawa GSP Online 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Odawa GSP Online 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by Matt Stemkoski, Primary Executive Official for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**12:04 p.m.** Secretary Marcella Reyes exits meeting

**12:04 p.m.** Lunch Break

**1:17 p.m.** Meeting resumes

Ziibimijwang, Inc. 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the written and verbal Ziibimijwang, Inc. 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by Farm Manager Mary Donner and Chairperson Kevin Gasco for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Legislative Leader Report closed session for personnel continues

**1:34 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to enter into closed session for personnel.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**1:58 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to return to open session.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Tribal Burial Board, Inc. 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the written and verbal Tribal Burial Board Inc. 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by Chairperson Annette VanDeCar for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Legislative Leader Report closed session for personnel continues

**1:35 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to enter into closed session for personnel.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**3:19 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to return to open session.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

**3:19 p.m. Opens**

No Comments made

**3:21 p.m. Closed**

**3:21 p.m. Break**

**3:26 p.m.** Meeting resumes

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the written and verbal Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by President Tanya Gibbs and Vice President Alan Proctor for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Officer Reports continue.

Legislative Leader Report continues

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to use the 2019 Wage Grid as established by the Executive and Judicial Branches.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal and written report

for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Secretary Report:**

Documents Delivered to the Executive on 10/14/2022 and is due back to Tribal Council on/or before 11/14/2022:

-Tribal Resolution to Restrict and Appropriate \$1,627,168.83 of the Reserved Account Set Aside by Tribal Resolution # 071218-01 for Land Acquisition for Hunting and Exercising Treaty Rights, Housing, Services and Economic Development.

Vetoes (*a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto*):

-Executive VETO of Waganakising Odawak Statute Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Statute on October 14, 2022.

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council:

**-10/18/2022** Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to pursue Land Parcel #167 as

recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Phone Poll Vote: 6 Yes, 2 No (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Legislative Leader Emily

Proctor), 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**-10/25/2022** Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to cancel the second interview with

Legislative Services Attorney candidate #1.

Phone Poll Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to override the Executive Veto of Waganakising Odawak Statute Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation.

Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion **FAILS**

*(If the Executive vetoes a proposed Statute, the Statute shall not become enacted law unless the Tribal Council, by*

*an affirmative vote of seven (7) members of the Tribal Council, votes to override the veto)*

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes’ verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Treasurer Report**

**Appropriations and Finance Committee**

-Last Meeting: October 18, 2022

*(Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting)*

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

*recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing the Natural*

*Resources Department (NRD) to Modify General Fund Account 2204 and 2208 and*

*Allow the Use of Funds in FY 2023.*

Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

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

*recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Repeal of Tribal Resolution*

*#032420-01 Covid-19 Suspension of Deadlines for WOS 2015-016 Tribal Government*

*Budget Formulation and Modification Process Statute, and Wavier of Approval*

*Requirement of Grant, Donation, or Other Funding Policy.*

Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

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

*recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request to Accept*

*Funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency*

*Fund.*

Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent

*Motion carries.*

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

*Marcella Reyes to*

*recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Use of Local Assistance & Tribal*

*Consistency (“LATC”) Funds in the Amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand*

*(\$1,500,000.00) for the Development of a Medical Clinic.*

Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

*Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to request the Executive to develop Administrative Procedures in accordance with Waganakising*

*Odawak Statute 2014-007 Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute #2011-009 Accounting Department to present the*

*A c c o u n t i n g Department’s Administrative Procedures. “Section VII. Administrative*

*Procedures Required. Administrative Procedures shall be developed within One hundred and Twenty (120) days by the Executive Branch and presented to Tribal Council for approval in accordance with the Administrative*

*Procedures Act 2008-001, or as amended, in order to clarify the implementation of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2011-009 Accounting Department by defining how the Department will administer funds and services”*

Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: None

-Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Land and Reservation Committee Report**

-Last Meeting: October 6, 2022

*(Motions made at the October 6, 2022 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council at their October 13, 2022 meeting.)*

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None

-Next Meeting: Friday, November 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Chairperson for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Member Reports:**

Councilor Fred Kiogima – No report

Councilor Tamara Kiogima – Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) Travel Report

Councilor William Ortiz – Asked the Executive to submit nominations for Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation

Councilor Aaron Otto – No report

Councilor Melissa Pamp – Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) Travel Report, attended both the Uniting Three Fires Against Violence Tribal Leadership Summit on October 17th and 18<sup>th</sup>, and the Little Traverse Bay Bands Murdered, Missing Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Tribal Response Plan on October 21st.

Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – No additional report

Secretary Marcella Reyes – Absent

Treasurer Leroy Shomin – No additional report

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, and Councilor Melissa Pamp’s verbal and written reports for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent

sent (Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Legislative Office Reports:**

Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst

Office Update

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority – see 11:00 a.m. GSP Online Gaming 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report; Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort September 2022 Monthly Report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – see 10:00 a.m. 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. – see 3:00 p.m. 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

Tribal Burial Board, Inc. – see 2:00 p.m. 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

Ziibimijwang, Inc. – see 1:00 p.m. 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the written Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort September 2022 Monthly Report dated October 19, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Tribal Historic Preservation Officer**

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik’s written report for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**General Counsel**

i. Written report

ii. Closed Session for Confidential Legal Business

**4:40 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to enter into closed session for Confidential Legal Business.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**4:41 p.m.** Legislative Leader Emily Proctor steps away

**4:50 p.m.** Legislative Leader Emily Proctor returns

**4:55 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to return to open session.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky’s verbal report for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the Fifth Amendments to the Tax Agreement and authorize the Tribal Chairperson to sign on behalf of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the Fifth Amendments to the Tax Agreement and authorize the Tribal Chairperson to sign on behalf of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the new Great Lakes Consent Decree as negotiated in United States et al. v. Michigan, Federal Court for the Western District of Michigan Case No. 2:73 CV 26, as may be technically corrected or subject to tribal zone specific modifications that do not impact LTBB, and to authorize general counsel James A. Bransky to sign on behalf of the Tribe.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

**Legislative Office Manager**

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor

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*“Minutes” continued from page 24.*  
Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount’s verbal and written report for October 27, 2022.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes)  
Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Confidential Memo 102722-01 Personnel.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes)  
Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Confidential Memo 102722-02 Personnel.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes)  
Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Confidential Memo 102722-03 Personnel.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Secretary Marcella Reyes)  
Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Action Items:**

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to remove from the Tribal website posting LEG-305 Repeal of WOS 2018-015 Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Statute.

Discussion  
**5:11 p.m.** Secretary Marcella Reyes returns

Vote continues for LEG-305 Repeal  
Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to remove from the Tribal website posting LEG-306 Tribal Lease Corporation.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION 102722-01 Request to Accept Funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to request the Executive to develop Administrative Procedures in accordance with Waganakising Odawak Statute 2014-007 Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute #2011-009 Accounting Department to present the Accounting Department’s Administrative Procedures. “Section VII. Administrative Procedures Required. Administrative Procedures shall be developed within One hundred and Twenty (120) days by the Executive Branch and presented to Tribal Council for approval in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act 2008-001, or as amended, in order to clarify the implementation of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2011-009 Accounting Department by defining how the Department will administer funds and services.”

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Enrollment List A – Eligible for Citizenship dated October 20, 2022 for a total of ten (10).

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to approve Enrollment List B – Declination (Ineligible) dated October 20, 2022 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Michael Long for Assistant Prosecutor and set up an interview.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to approve the Waganakising Odawa Legislative Branch Personnel Policies Handbook.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the 2023 Legislative Tribal Council Work Session and Meeting Dates.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing the Natural Resources Department (NRD) to Modify General Fund Account 2204 and 2208 and Allow the Use of Funds in FY 2023.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Repeal of Tribal Resolution #032420-01 Covid-19 Suspension of Deadlines for WOS 2015-016 Tribal Government Budget Formulation and Modification Process Statute, and Wavier of Approval Requirement of Grant, Donation, or Other Funding Policy.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Use of Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency (“LATC”) Funds in the Amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000.00) for the Development of a Medical Clinic.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to appoint James Pontiac to fill the Tribal Council vacancy for a term ending in 2023 pending receipt of a Financial Disclosure from the candidate and receipt of a clean background report.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

Adjournment:

**6:03 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adjourn.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting;

Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in-person and via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.

Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Chambers  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Tribal Council Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2022  
In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:27 a.m.**  
Opening ceremony: Emily Proctor  
Closed Session: Yes

Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor  
Absent: None

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz  
Corporate Charters Present: Gaming Authority Vice Chairperson Denise Petoskey

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Education’s WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, GIS Director Alan Proctor, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Tribal Chairman’s Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Communications Director Annette VanDeCar, Gijigowi Language Department Instructor/Fluent Speaker Maryann Endanawas,

Judicial Officials and Staff: Justice Sean Cahill, Senior Court Clerk Cynthia Brouckaert, and Cultural Resource Advisor Miigwaans Smith  
Public: Brian Anthony, Doug Emery, Patrick Anthony, Wayne Etawageshik, Melissa Shomin, Carla Osawamick

Invited Guest: BDO, USA LLP Jason Kelly, CPA; Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Finance Roger Borton, and Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt the agenda for November 10, 2022 as amended.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

**Executive Oversight Report:**

**Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley**

Attended United Tribes of Michigan last week. Boarding schools was a topic of discussion with the State of Michigan in attendance. The state would like one representative from each of the twelve tribes in Michigan to participate.

Sat in on an Indian Child Welfare case hearing in the supreme court. This decision will have an impact on the Indian Child Welfare Act in Indian Country.

Covid cases are on the rise.

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

Good luck to all the deer hunters  
Update on employee healthcare coverage changes for staff.

Will provide tutorial to Tribal Council as they are the immediate supervisors to Legislative staff.

**Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson**

Met with township regarding infrastructure

Medicaid clinic update

The Elder’s Department reached out to the elder citizens affected by Hurricane Nicole.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, and Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson on November 10, 2022.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

**9:53 a.m. Break**

**10:03 a.m. Meeting resumes**

**Discussion: BDO 2021 LTBB Audit Presentation**

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the BDO 2021 LTBB Audit Presentation as provided by BDO, USA LLP Jason Kelly, CPA for November 10, 2022.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Officer Reports:**

**Legislative Leader Report**

Verbal report

**10:31 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into closed session for Personnel.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

**11:24 a.m. Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to return to open session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

**Discussion: Gaming Authority/**

**Odawa Casino Resort 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report**

**Public Comment:**

**11:48 a.m. Opens**

Brian Anthony spoke regarding casino workers and COVID funds should not have been used to pay wages.

**11:51 a.m. Closed**

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Finance Roger Borton, and Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor for November 10, 2022.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

**12:36 p.m. Lunch break**

**1:20 p.m. Meeting resumes**

Oath of Office-James Pontiac Tribal Council

**1:35 p.m. Break**

**2:00 p.m. Councilor Fred Kiogima exits meeting**

**2:23 p.m. Meeting resumes**

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to amend the agenda to include Confidential Memo’s 111022-02 Personnel and 111022-03 Personnel.

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

Tribal Council Officer Reports continued...

**Legislative Leader**

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Confidential Memo 111022-01 Personnel.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to approve Confidential Memo 111022-02 Personnel.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Confidential Memo 111022-03 Personnel.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Confidential Memo 111022-03 Personnel.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal and written report for November 10, 2022.

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

**Secretary Report**

i. Documents Delivered to and signed by the Executive:

-Tribal Resolution # 102722-01 Authorizing the Natural Resource Department (NRD)

to Modify General Fund Account 2204 and 2208 and allow the use of the funds in FY2023.

-Tribal Resolution # 102722-02 Repeal of Tribal Resolution # 032420-01 Covid-19

Suspension of Deadlines for WOS 2015-016 Tribal Government Budget Formulation and Modification Process Statute, and Waiver of Approval Requirement of Grant, Donation, or Other Funding Policy.

-Tribal Resolution # 102722-03 Use of Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency

(“LATC”) Funds in the Amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000.00), for the Development of a Medical Clinic.

ii. Documents delivered to the Executive on 10-14-2022 and is due back to Tribal

Council on or before 11-14-2022:

-Tribal Resolution to Restrict and Appropriate \$1,627,168.83 of the Reserved

Account Set Aside by Tribal Resolution # 071218-01 for Land Acquisition for Hunting and Exercising Treaty Rights, Housing, Services and Economic Development.

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

iv. Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: None

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes’ verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for November 10, 2022.

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

**Treasurer Report**

**Appropriations and Finance Committee**

-Last Meeting: October 18, 2022

*(Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council at their October 27, 2022 Meeting)*

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: None

-Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for November 10, 2022.

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

**Land and Reservation Committee Report**

-Last Meeting: November 4, 2022

*(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting)*

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to approve Confidential Memo #110422-01 to recommend to Tribal Council to **not** pursue Land Parcel #175.

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

**Discussion: Review of the 2023 Land and Reservation Meeting Dates**

Friday January 6, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Friday February 3, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Friday March 3, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Friday March 31, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Friday May 5, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Friday June 2, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Friday July 7, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Friday August 4, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Friday September 1, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Friday October 6, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Friday November 3, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Tuesday December 5, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers & via Zoom

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to

approve the 2023 Land and Reservation Meeting Dates.

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

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to

acknowledge receipt of the *Staff Review and Analysis Report* for Land Parcel #174 as

presented on November 4, 2022.

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

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to

request a Phase I for Land Parcels #159, #164, and #165.

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

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to

request a Phase I for Land Parcels #170 and #172 contingent on a successfully negotiated

price from General Counsel Jim Bransky.

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

Discussion to hold a planning session for the existing 37 acres next to the Casino as well

as the Eppler Rd Property

Discussion to look at all vacant or unused property and make plans for

*“Minutes” continued on page 26.*

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Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None

-Next Meeting: Friday, December 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

**2:40 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to enter into closed session for Confidential Business-Land.

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

**2:59 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to return to open session.

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

**Public Comment:**

**3:01 p.m.** Opens

Rachael Koepp gave information on the Chili Cook-Off for Monday, November 14, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All proceeds to benefit the 2022 Children's Solstice Party. There will also be a Toys-for-Tots drive as well.

Patrick Anthony spoke regarding booster and flu shots.

**3:06 p.m.** Closed

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge

receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Chairperson for November 10, 2022.

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

**Tribal Council Member Reports:**

Councilor Fred Kiogima - Absent, No report

Councilor Tamara Kiogima - Reiterated the issues with the Tribal Clinic services, Alcohol abuse and detox

Councilor William Ortiz - No report

Councilor Aaron Otto - No report

Councilor Melissa Pamp - No report

Councilor James Pontiac - Thanked everyone for their support.

Legislative Leader Emily Proctor - No additional report

Secretary Marcella Reyes - No additional report

Treasurer Leroy Shomin - No additional report

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Tamara Kiogima and Councilor James Pontiac's verbal report for November 10, 2022.

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

**Legislative Office Reports:**

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

Office Update

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority - See 11:00 a.m. for the 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation - No report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. - No report

Tribal Burial Board, Inc. - No report

Ziibimijwang, Inc. - No report

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for November 10, 2022.

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

**3:26 p.m. Break**

**3:47 p.m.** Meeting resumes

**Tribal Historic Preservation Officer** - No report

**General Counsel** - No report

**Legislative Office Manager** - **Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal report for November 10, 2022.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to **table** the meeting minutes of October 27, 2022.

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

Tribal Council Action Items:

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to **not** pursue Land Parcel #175 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

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

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of David Dominic for the Gaming Regulatory Commission and set up an interview.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to post to the web for comment the draft Citizenship Statute as sponsored by Councilor William Ortiz.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to request the Executive to post for at least (7) days the (5) vacancies for the Citizenship Commission.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to appoint Michael Long as Assistant Prosecutor to a 2-year term ending November 10, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Tamara Kiogima), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

Other Items of Business: None

Adjournment:

**3:57 p.m. Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected.

Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date

# WESTERN SERIES "THE ENGLISH" THRILLS WITH PAWNEE AUTHENTICITY

By Sandra Hale Schulman

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

A stunning new Western series, “The English,” is elevated with authentic Pawnee culture and history.

The six-part series, produced by the BBC and Amazon Prime, is set in the 1890s American West, not long after the removal of the Pawnee from Nebraska.

The story's writer and director, Hugo Blick, is not Native, so he sought out IllumiNative's president and chief executive Crystal Echo Hawk, who is Pawnee, to ensure historical accuracy.

Echo Hawk was involved with production from the initial script readings, and Pawnee historian and museum curator Matt Reed advised on props, costumes and tribal history.

“This was such a special project because I am Pawnee,” Echo Hawk told *ICT* from New York City on November 11, the day the series premiered in the U.S. on Amazon Prime. “I think the last time we had representation was in ‘Dances with Wolves.’ We’ve been partners with Amazon now for three years. They approached us in early fall of 2019 about this project.”



The series features Emily Blunt as Cornelia Locke, an Englishwoman seeking revenge, who meets Eli Whipp, an ex-cavalry scout of the Pawnee Nation played by Chaske Spencer, Fort Peck Tribes.

“You could knock me over with a feather when I heard that there was not only a significant Pawnee storyline, but that Emily Blunt's lover/co-star was going to be a Pawnee and a scout,” Echo Hawk said.

“My great-great-grandfather, from where our name Hawk came from, was a Pawnee scout,” she said. “On so many levels, it was deeply personal. It just was very emotional to help ensure that this story was told in a really authentic way.”

Echo Hawk says bringing in Pawnee people to ensure authenticity is also “about how we’re building power as Native peoples in ensuring that we have a place throughout every aspect of that storytelling process.”

The series features exquisite cinematogra-



phy shot in Spain, which gives it a more exotic Western locale.

Veteran Native actor Gary Farmer, Cayuga, has a pivotal role as an indigenous man who employs Spencer's character to crush buffalo bones to make china plates. He and his wife, played by Kimberly Guerrero, Colville, may or may not have honorable intentions.

There is a secret driving force in the storyline not revealed until the last episode, one that has never been featured so dramatically in a Western. (And sorry, we're not revealing it here).

“The tide is shifting and there can no longer be stories about us without us,” Echo Hawk said.

“When we got the call and first met Hugo, the writer-director, and his entire team, they were just so lovely and warm and welcoming. Our team did the initial reviews of all the scripts and were able to really talk to them about what we thought about storyline characters, where we thought there were potentially some issues or some things that might not be accurate.”

Echo Hawk said the team was open to IllumiNative's notes on the detail and the authenticity to ensure everything which made it into the film was something the tribe was going to feel comfortable about.

“We’ve oftentimes dealt with production companies and writers or directors who just don’t want script notes. They want you just to come in and rubber stamp the production,” she said.

“I think it’s changing times,” she continued. “That was so important, that through IllumiNative's advocacy, research, the work we’ve done in the industry, that we were able to create space within this production to have our Pawnee people have agency and partnership with the writer-director and the production team and Amazon.”

While Echo Hawk didn't spend any time on set, she was comfortable the consultants she set them up with would do the job.

“Once we knew that we got the Pawnee and Cheyenne consultants set up with the production company, IllumiNative just stepped aside because that’s where the real frontline work happens,” she said. “It’s been so wonderful to hear back from Hugo and everyone at Amazon how pleased they are. That’s so much what of Illu-

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**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**

**NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements**

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

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

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

**For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry, you can visit the LTBB Website [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.**

**LTBB OFFICE OF CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

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

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

For assistance and to make appointments, Please call Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm  
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miNative's work is about, just creating space, clearing space for Native creatives, for our tribal people, and those cultural experts to come in and work in partnership with production."

Blick said in a statement he put a lot of research into the scripts before handing them over to Echo Hawk.

"She then introduced me to representatives of the Pawnee and Cheyenne Nations, each of whom are specialists in the cultural and military history of their respective nations," he said. "The journey taken with IllumiNative and the Pawnee and Cheyenne advisors, has been long, detailed and hugely rewarding."

He said Westerns tell a different kind of story.

"At its best, the Western allows us to escape the reality of who we are and how we live today," he said in the statement. "Something about its huge landscapes, mythic heroes and villains, the epic violence and love they pursue, can speak

directly to our souls ... Perhaps what's unusual about 'The English' is who it chooses for its heroes, a Native American man and an Englishwoman, and the precise kind of justice they're both looking to restore."

The series has drawn rave reviews, and the premiere event in New York City drew a number of Pawnee representatives.

"A number of the Pawnee folks are here," Echo Hawk said. "I know our tribe has been really promoting it on social media and I think they'll be organizing a local screening in Oklahoma."

Sandra Hale Schulman, of Cherokee Nation descent, has been writing about Native issues since 1994. The recipient of a Woody Guthrie Fellowship, she is an author of four books, has contributed to shows at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, The Grammy Museum, The Museum of Modern Art NYC and has produced four films on Native musicians.

Courtesy photos.

**49th Dance for Mother Earth Powwow**

March 25th & 26th 2023

Skyline High School  
2552 N Maple Rd.  
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NASA OAMI

KBOCC presents:  
**Nanda Gibawaagigan Pow Wow**

December 3rd | 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**HEAD MALE DANCER:** BRENT WARANKA  
**HEAD FEMALE DANCER:** TIARA DRIFT  
**HEAD VETERAN DANCER:** DONALD CHOSA  
**HEAD VET. FEMALE DANCER:** DENISE CADEAU  
**HONOR GUARD:** KBIC OGICHIDAA

**HOST DRUMS:** CRAZY BOYS  
**INVITED DRUMS:** FOUR THUNDERS  
**WOODLAND DRUMS:** MASTER OF CEREMONIES: MITCH BOLO  
**ARENA DIRECTOR:** BRYAN WELSH

Grand Entry: Saturday 1:00 pm  
Feast: 4:30 pm  
Retiring of Colors: 5:30 pm  
Ends: 8:00 pm  
Location: Zeba Community Hall

For more information, please contact: Bryan Welsh: Bwelsh@kbocc.edu

## AT THE WHITE HOUSE TRIBAL NATIONS SUMMIT, USDA ANNOUNCES CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO INDIAN COUNTRY

One year after the reinstatement of the White House Tribal Nations Summit, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is sharing its actions to better serve tribal governments, citizens and organizations and honor our nation's trust and treaty responsibility. The Biden-Harris Administration and USDA are taking steps to empower tribal self-determination, promote equity and remove barriers to services and programs and incorporate indigenous perspectives.



when providing USDA-funded broadband service on tribal lands.

"USDA is honored to work alongside the sovereign governments of American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Nations," said U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "We continue to make our programs and services more accessible and include Indigenous viewpoints in program design and delivery."

In observance of Native American Heritage Month, and coinciding with the White House Tribal Nations Summit, USDA shares a comprehensive list of USDA's Indian Country Accomplishments.

Below are a sampling of these efforts.

USDA is Removing Barriers to Service for Indian Country

USDA announces for the first time in history that a permanent Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) will be formed, opening regular access to USDA decision-makers for Indian country. Authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill, the committee will advise the secretary on topics important to tribal producers. The committee complements the ongoing government-to-government consultation between USDA and Indian tribes. A notice for applications will be forthcoming. Per tribal leaders' requests, USDA also announces the Tribal College/1994 Program will be moved to the Office of Tribal Relations.

USDA is taking additional steps to increase tribal access to high-speed internet through the ReConnect Program. USDA clarified the long-standing requirement to obtain necessary permits and rights-of-way, also includes the need for tribal permissions

tribal economies, vendors and producers.

USDA is Incorporating Indigenous Perspectives in Agricultural Research and Education

In supporting the incorporation of indigenous perspectives in agriculture, USDA recognizes the importance of Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK). USDA's Agricultural Research Service is partnering with Nuxta Hidatsa Sahnish (NHS) College in North Dakota on a research program which integrates Western and indigenous knowledge in propagating indigenous plants important to tribes in the region. USDA is also partnering with the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) to fund an Indigenous Knowledge research track at their annual youth conference.

Earlier this month, USDA announced new resources and agreements, including indigenous foods cooking videos as part of USDA's comprehensive efforts to incorporate indigenous perspectives through the USDA Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative, which promotes traditional food ways, Indian Country food and agriculture markets and indigenous health through foods tailored to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) dietary needs.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, promoting competition and fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America and committing to equity across the department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

Courtesy graphic.

**Keweenaw Bay Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe**  
**SPRING CONTEST POWWOW**  
**APRIL 14-16, 2023**

OJIBWA CASINO HARVEY EVENT CENTER MARQUETTE, MI  
ADMISSION \$5 DAILY, \$10 WEEKEND, 5&UNDER, ELDERS 62+ FREE

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BRUCE "WAUB" RAINEY  
LIL MAN QUINTERO  
**HEAD DANCE JUDGES**  
ROYCE KINGBIRD  
DEMERY CONNOR  
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Tradition Sound  
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THE BOYZ  
**CO-HOST DRUM**  
WOODLAND SINGERS  
**HEAD DRUM JUDGE**  
MARK KINGBIRD  
**HEAD DANCERS**  
RICHARD & LONNA STREET  
**HEAD VETERAN**  
JOHN TELLER JR

**SCHEDULE**  
**FRIDAY**  
REGISTRATION 4-7PM  
GRAND ENTRY 7PM POINTS START  
**SATURDAY**  
REGISTRATION 10:30AM-1PM  
GRAND ENTRY 1PM @ 7PM  
**SUNDAY**  
GRAND ENTRY 12PM

**DANCE CONTEST**  
TINY TOTS PAID EACH SESSION  
JUNIORS (6-12) \$300 \$200 \$100 \$75 \$50  
(BOYS WOODLAND TRADITIONAL GRASS FANCY - GIRLS TRADITIONAL WINGE FANCY)  
TEENS (13-17) \$500 \$400 \$300 \$200 \$100  
(BOYS WOODLAND TRADITIONAL GRASS FANCY - GIRLS TRADITIONAL WINGE FANCY)  
JR ADULTS (18-39) \$1400 \$1200 \$1000 \$800 \$600  
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SR ADULTS (40-64) \$1400 \$1200 \$1000 \$800 \$600  
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GOLDEN AGE COMBINED (65+) \$1400 \$1200 \$1000 \$800 \$600  
(MENS COMBINED CATEGORIES - WOMENS COMBINED CATEGORIES)

**DRUM CONTEST**  
1ST \$10000, 2ND \$8000, 3RD \$6000 4TH \$4000 5TH \$2000  
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**SAVE THE DATE**

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
17th Winter Traditional Pow-Wow

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023**

Niiwin Akeaa Community Center  
Baraga, Michigan

Public Welcome

# January

Sunday (Name-Gizhigat)	Monday (Ntaam-Nokti Gizhigat)	Tuesday (Nizho-Gizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Gizhigat)	Thursday (Niwow-Gizhigat)	Friday (Nanno-Gizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Gizhigat)
1	2 New Year's Day Holiday Observed All Governmental Offices Closed	3 Elders Luncheon at Noon	4 Elders Luncheon at Noon	5 Elders Luncheon at Noon	6 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am	7
8	9 Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm	10 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am	11 Elders Luncheon at Noon Executive Branch Town Hall Meeting 10 am on Zoom	12 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am	13	14
15	16 Elders Luncheon at Noon Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am	17 Elders Luncheon at Noon	18 Elders Luncheon at Noon	19 Elders Luncheon at Noon	20	21
22	23 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am	24 Elders Luncheon at Noon	25 Elders Luncheon at Noon	26 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am	27	28
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**Please Note:**  
Meeting times and dates  
are subject to change. Any  
changes will be posted on  
the LTBB Website.

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Johnson, attended the church. Several family members were and are involved with the church and she was married there. On March 16, 1972, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation. It was founded in 1844 by Peter Greensky (1807-1866), also known as Shagasokicki, a Chippewa chief who had been converted to Christianity and became a preacher. It is historically significant to the Odawa people.

After graduating from Swartz Creek High School in Swartz Creek, MI, she earned a Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University with her primary areas of study being Art/Textile Design, Art Education, Women Studies and Early Childhood Education. She received a Small Business Consultation certification from Grand Valley State University and a Business and Technology certification from Bay Mills Community College.

"I always knew that I wanted to come back to this area," she said. "Spending time here was always very special to me and I had a lot of relatives here. I moved back permanently in 1987 because I wanted to raise my family here." She and her husband, Mark Perry, have been married for 41 years and have two adult children, Kara Borisch (son-in-law Matt Borisch) and Brett Perry, who both live in Grand Rapids, MI, along with three grandchildren, Jon Anthony (age 16), Ann (age 15) and Alex (age 10).

"My husband loves plants and has spent many hours growing and caring for Mulberry trees," she said. "Another lifelong interest of his is playing hockey which he continues to play in a local senior skate. We are definitely a 'hockey family' with both of our children learning to play at an early age. Now, we have grandchildren that are involved in the sport. Mark coached hockey for many years, along with teaching waterskiing."

As the Academic Services Coordinator, she oversaw the department's K-12 services, which include the K-12 Education Assistance Scholarship, the Shirley Naganashe Oldman Secondary Education Honorarium, provided advocacy on behalf of Native students and provided academic support for Native students and educators (Brainfuse OnDemand Online Tutoring, K-12 Tutoring Subsidy Program and **Ishkaamikwe Kinoomaagewinan (IK) - Teachings of the Earth Curriculum Design for Schools and Teachers**). She also supervised the curriculum specialist.

"My job has evolved over the years; we've grown as the community needs have grown," she said. "We've created lasting relationships with children, families, schools, outside organizations and the State of Michigan as we've offered tutoring and academic support. We have a place at the table now and have the opportunity to give our perspective. We can give accurate information about our people and our tribe. That perspective was absent for so long. It was huge to be able to give input in the Social Studies standards. It's letting people know we are still here. We're current, we're contemporary."

As part of the Education Department, Dorothy assisted with tribal events such as the LTBB Sovereignty Day Celebration, the LTBB Children's Winter Solstice, the LTBB Traditional Jiingtamok, the LTBB Family Resource Fair, LTBB cultural teachings programming and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programming.

"It was great to see the community come together again for tribal events after the pandemic restrictions were lifted," she said. "I'll



miss working with the children and I'll miss the staff. I feel lucky that I've been able to participate in our community events. I liked working with everyone and collaborating with people. It's been wonderful to see the tribe grow and expand services. I'll still participate in and volunteer for tribal events and programs."

Selected by their peers, Dorothy was one of seven LTBB Governmental Employees who received Circle of Excellence honors on May 16, 2012. The Circle of Excellence program provided the LTBB Governmental Team a chance to recognize seven team members for their hard work, dedication, teamwork, dependability and commitment to customer service.

"I was very surprised and honored to receive this award," she said in article published in the July 2012 *Odawa Trails* newsletter. "We are all part of a team and can only make a difference with each other's support. I am so thankful for the job I have here with LTBB. I truly love the work I do and cannot imagine doing anything else at this time in my life. I feel an important part of my job is serving as a family/school liaison and supporting our youth with academic services and programs. It is wonderful when you make that connection with students, administrators, teachers and other staff."

Dorothy cherishes the time she spent assisting our tribal youth.

"I have always felt fortunate to be a part of their lives," she said of the children she has worked with over the years. "It's great to see the children grow and change. Hopefully, I've made a positive impact in their lives."

She looks forward to retirement.

"My creativity has been on the backburner," she said. "There are other things I want to do. I want to explore fiber arts and weaving. Focusing on traditional patterns with natural fibers (sweetgrass, bulrush) that are indigenous to the area, along with cotton and wool fibers. I like being outside, gardening and walking in the woods, yoga, meditation and cooking and baking. I enjoy being active along with taking time for self-care. I've traveled to the Middle East before and would hope to travel throughout Europe."

She wishes the best to all of her fellow LTBB Governmental co-workers.

"I feel very fortunate to have had this opportunity; I really enjoyed working with our staff over the years," she said. "I love the people here and how we're supportive of each other. Our department felt like a family; there always seemed to be humor and joking, we had a lot of fun."

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- New Year's Eve Photos
- Hand Drum Contest 1 - 10 Place
- Best Shiniest Bling Contest 1 - 6 Place

- Best Turban Contest 1 - 6 Place
- Best Applique Skirt Contest 1 - 6 Place
- Men's and Women's Woodland Special - 1 - 10 Place
- First four Drums to arrive will receive an Honorarium
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# 2023

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# LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AWARDS BOBBITT POETRY PRIZES TO RITA DOVE AND HEID E. ERDRICH

The Library of Congress awarded the 2022 Rebekah Johnson Bobbitt National Prize for Poetry to former U.S. Poet Laureate Rita Dove for lifetime achievement and to Heid E. Erdrich for her poetry collection "Little Big Bully."

The poets received their honors and read selections from their work on December 8 at the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building. The reading was free and open to the public.

The 2022 Bobbitt prizes were awarded for the most distinguished book of poetry published in the preceding two years, 2020 and 2021, and for lifetime achievement in poetry. Erdrich's book was published by Penguin Books in 2020. Dove is the author of 11 books of poetry, most recently "Playlist for the Apocalypse: Poems," published by W. W. Norton and Company in 2021. The 2022 prize marks the 17th time the award has been given.

The panel of jurors for this year's prize included the former poet laureate of the Navajo Nation, Laura Tohe, selected by former U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo; Ilya Kaminsky, winner of the *Los Angeles Times* Book Award, selected by Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden; and scholar Betty Sue Flowers, selected by the Bobbitt family.



In their lifetime achievement citation for Dove, the Bobbitt jury noted "her new collection, as well as [her] dazzling decades-long work in poetry, brings honor to this prize." They also said her newest poetry collection, "Playlist from the Apocalypse: Poems," is "quintessential Rita Dove: Ethical and lyrical, moving in and out of the whirlwind that is history, playful in her use of form — sonnets, odes, addresses, invocations, aubades — and generous in her gathering of different voices and

tribes to her pages."

Dove's 11 poetry collections include "Thomas and Beulah," winner of the Pulitzer Prize; "Sonata Mulattica" and "Collected Poems 1974-2004." From 1993-1995, she served as the U.S. Poet Laureate. Dove was also appointed the Poet Laureate of the Commonwealth of Virginia from 2004-2006 and served as a chancellor of the Academy of American Poets. Dove was the editor of "The Penguin Anthology of Twentieth-Century American Poetry" and guest editor of "Best American Poetry 2000," and has served as *The New York Times* poetry editor and the editor for *The Washington Post's* "poet's choice" feature. Her many honors include the American Academy of Arts and Letters Gold Medal for Poetry, the Heinz Award in the Arts and Humanities, the Wallace Stevens Award, the Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal, the National Humanities Medal and the National Medal of Arts. A member of both the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Dove has been teaching at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville since 1989 where she is currently the Henry Hoyns professor of creative writing.

The Bobbitt jury citation for Heid E. Erdrich and her prize-winning book "Little Big Bully" stated, "She writes across the breadth of the U.S.'s collective history with Indigenous peoples using historical terminology that reaches into the heart of tribal sovereign existence. Yet there is the underlying awareness that Indigenous nations maintain a unique history and have tribal narratives that shape their lives. Her poems are lyrical, visual and, at times, achingly personal."

Erdrich is the author of six poetry collections and a non-fiction indigenous foods book as well as the editor of the poetry anthology "New Poets of Native Nations." Her honors include a National Poetry Series award, Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Fellowship, Loft-McKnight Fellowship, First Peoples Fund Cultural Capital Fellowship, Minnesota State Arts Board



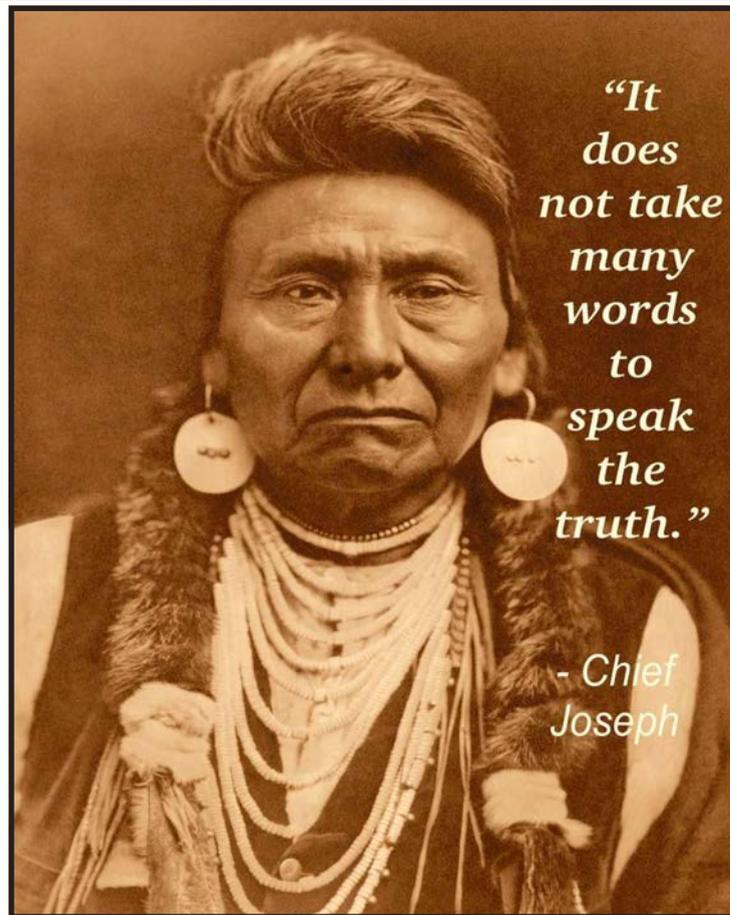
grants and two Minnesota Book Awards. She currently teaches in the Native American and Indigenous studies department of Dartmouth College and is a guest curator for the Mead Art Museum at Amherst College. Erdrich is Ojibwe and an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

The biennial Bobbitt Prize, which carries a \$10,000 award, recognizes a book of poetry written by an American and published during the preceding two years or the lifetime achievement of an American poet or both. The prize is made possible by the family of Rebekah Johnson Bobbitt of Austin, Texas, in her memory, and awarded at the Library of Congress. While a graduate student in Washington, D.C. in the 1930s, Rebekah Johnson, President Lyndon B. Johnson's sister, met college student O.P. Bobbitt when they both worked in the cataloging department of the Library of Congress. They married and returned to Texas.

Learn more about the Bobbitt Prize, including past winners at [loc.gov/programs/poetry-and-literature/prizes/bobbitt-prize/](http://loc.gov/programs/poetry-and-literature/prizes/bobbitt-prize/).

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- Zaag = to emerge, come out or flow out
- Idi = in a reciprocal way
- Win = a way it is done

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### January Puzzle Key

Puzzle on Page 11.

Mnido Giizis	Spirit Moon or January
Mno Nimkidaading	Happy New Year!
Aanch Nibaanamaang	Christmas again (Little Christmas)
Bibooni Shaangeng	Winter Feast (3 Kings Supper)
Minwaajimo	Telling a good story.
Biboon	Winter
Mshkodin nbi.	The water starts to freeze.
Gchi zookpo.	It will snow a lot.
Aangwaamzin mibizoochgeyin	Be careful when you drive.
Ngododewzidaa	Family time
Daninadaa	A time to play games.
Giizhoozin!	Stay warm!
Ksinaa miinwaa zhoozhkwaa gwajiing	It is cold and slippery outside.
Aapjigwa gwanaajwe a'goon mgishing	The snow is beautiful when it falls.



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*"Joint Venture" continued from page 1.*  
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About Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation or Odawa Holding, is a Harbor Springs, Michigan-based economic corporation wholly owned by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Odawa Holding provides the management of non-gaming and economic affairs with the mission to act prudently to maximize the opportunity to build a strong diversified economic and financial base that will serve the needs of the stakeholders in perpetuity. To learn more about Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation, please visit [www.oeahc.com](http://www.oeahc.com).

About Mno-Bmadson

Mno-Bmadson is the non-gaming investment arm of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This independently managed instrumentality of the tribe was launched in 2012 with



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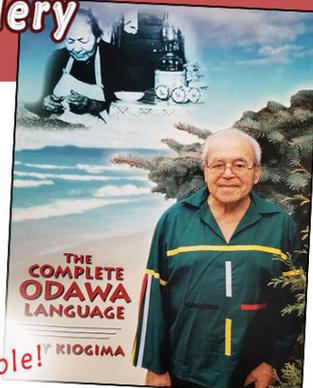
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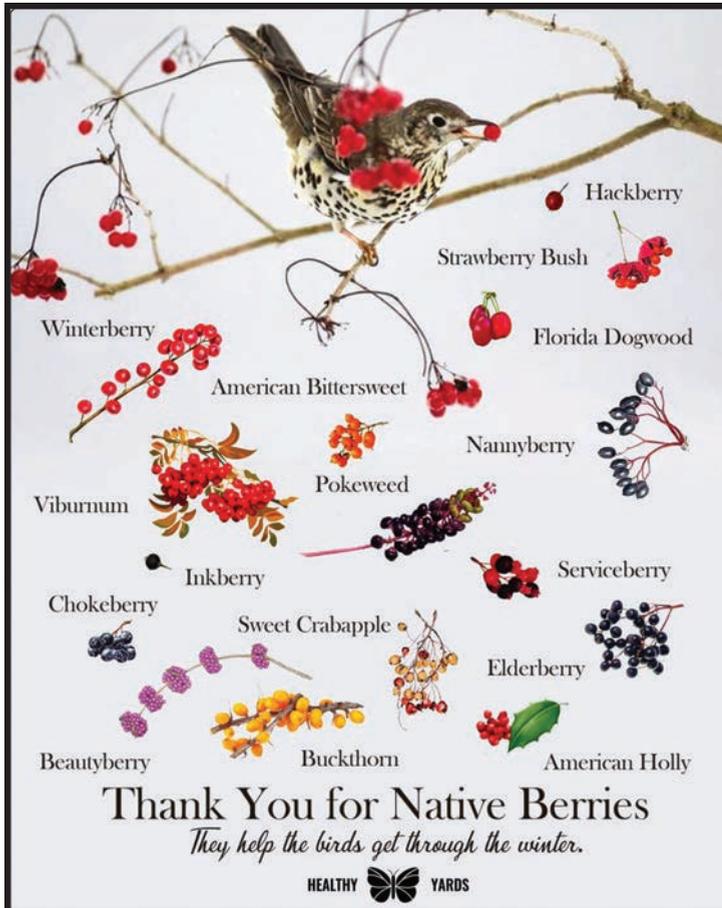
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