

ODAWA TRAILS



NOTICE TO ALL CITIZENS WE NEED YOUR INPUT

A special meeting to discuss the adoption of the posted Citizenship Statute amendment has been scheduled for February 28 at 1 p.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers at the LTBB Governmental Building in Harbor Springs, MI. Your input is very important; if you are unable to attend the meeting in person, it will be available via Zoom. A link will be provided under announcements on the LTBB website.

The change would affect the way the Durant Roll is interpreted for blood quantum calculations. The proposed statute is available through the Legislative Office or via the LTBB website under the Government Legislative Tab – Documents for Comment at <https://tinyurl.com/LTBB2023INPUT>

OPENING DAY: MAKING THE SWITCH FROM LEAD TO COPPER AMMUNITION

By Kelly Richardson, Special to the Record-Eagle

Editor's note: The following article appeared in the *Traverse City-Record Eagle* on November 13, 2022 and is reprinted here with per-



mission.

With firearm season just two days away, many Michigan deer hunters are looking forward to opening day traditions.

This year, some northern Michiganders will update those traditions, as they replace lead ammunition with a non-toxic alternative.

In a novel program

offered by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, tribal members with hunting licenses may exchange boxes of lead ammunition for copper ammunition at no cost.

The director of LTBB's Natural Resources Department, Doug Craven, said the program is in its third year, and approximately 10 to 15% of LTBB members with deer tags have participated.

He said LTBB decided to offer the exchange program after seeing an uptick in lead poisoning among local eagles during firearm season.

"When the deer is field dressed ... (deer harvesters) will leave a gut pile out there ... and lead can be distributed much further into the animal, including the gut region, than people think. And then, other animals eat it,

"Lead to Copper" continued on page 33.

MOMENTOUS APPOINTMENT FOR ALL OF INDIAN COUNTRY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

In a historic appointment, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer selected LTBB Tribal Citizen Allie Greenleaf Maldonado to serve on the Michigan Court of Appeals, District 4.

Judge Maldonado, who served as the LTBB Chief Judge from January 7, 2012 to January 8, 2023, is the first tribal citizen ever appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals and the first tribal court judge ever appointed to any judicial seat in Michigan. She is filling a partial term following the retirement of Judge Amy Ronayne Krause effective December 13, 2022 with Judge Maldonado's term beginning on January 9, 2023 and ending on January 1, 2025. If Judge Maldonado wishes to continue serving on the Michigan Court of Appeals, District 4 after January 1, 2025, she is required to run for reelection in November 2024.

"I am humbled and honored to be trusted by Governor Whitmer for this appointment to the Michigan Court of Appeals," said Judge Maldonado in a press release by Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "I look forward to taking all of my professional experience and diligently applying it to the work ahead of me. This is a moment of importance not just for me, but for all of Indian Country as the Governor's wisdom in this appointment sends a message about the critical importance of the work of tribal courts. I am grateful to the Governor and her team, and I look forward to giving all of Michigan my best."

Retired Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack released the following statement after the announcement of the historic appointment: "I have known that Allie Greenleaf Maldonado was a star since she was my student in law



school. Not only is she a fantastic lawyer and judge, she is a wonderful person. Judge Maldonado will be a terrific addition to the Court of Appeals, and her service will grow public confidence in the judiciary as the courts reflect the people of our state. Go Blue!"

Judge Maldonado graduated in the top third of her class from the University of Michigan (UM) Law School. While at UM, she served as a Contributing Editor for the University of Michigan Law Review. After graduation, Judge Maldonado was selected *"Momentous Appointment" continued on page 37.*

THE TRUE STAKES OF THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

Allie Maldonado's family was torn apart by removal. It was reunited by community — and ICWA.

By Nick Martin, *High Country News*

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This week, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments for Haaland v. Brackeen, a case in which the justices will decide the future of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Passed

by Congress in 1978, the Indian Child Welfare Act, or ICWA, was a legislative solution to a problem that has existed since the colonization of the Americas began: the theft of Indigenous children. The subsequent system the law put into place allowed tribal nations to intervene in foster and adoptive cases involving their citizens in the name of providing these children with the chance to grow up within their cultures and communities.

If ICWA is overturned, the human cost, in terms of the number of Native children and families who could face separation, could reach every corner of Indian Country. In a conversation with High Country News recorded in August, Allie Maldonado — a citizen of Little



Chief Judge Allie Maldonado. Courtesy of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Communications Department

"ICWA" continued on page 35.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 1-23-2023 = 4,472

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement

Debendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aawiyiing. Geyaabi gdaa'anaa miinwaa gdanwewmi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing debendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwaa wiinmaadendiziying. Gdabendaanaa debendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadiziwin miinwaa mndoowaadiziwin gaanaaniigaanijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinooaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendamowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

LTBB Mission Statement

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

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

The deadline for the March 2023 issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 6, 2023.

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

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DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



is posted on the website each month and we encourage you to join!



We are pleased to see the new Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic up and running. This new clinic is focused on assisting patients who have Medicaid as their primary insurance, so keep getting the word out there. If you have questions regarding who can be seen there and what services are offered, please reach out to our Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic team at 231-242-1760. This clinic shows great promise and progress in Northern Michigan with its dedication to our family and friends struggling to find timely and proficient care with Medicaid insurance.

The United Tribes of Michigan will meet again

this month. I look forward to meeting with the tribal leaders of Michigan, so we can work on common issues and bring awareness to individual issues we may face. This time and space give each leader the opportunity to learn and to teach, so the tribal nations of Michigan can be stronger together.

Vice Chairperson Stella Kay attended the National Congress of American Indians Winter Session this month where she represented the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians while working with members of Congress and Administration to maintain a working relationship between tribes and the federal government. Our continued attendance at these meetings are an important avenue to staying involved and being heard.

We have many opportunities to get involved with the tribal community, check out the website or stop in to join us for work, fun, healing, helping or support. We look forward to seeing you!

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Courtesy photo and courtesy graphic.

Aanii from the Tribal Chair's Office,

As we settle into our 2023 routines, let's stay motivated! Please keep up with your LTBB Government during our monthly town hall meetings. They are a great way to learn what is currently happening, gain an understanding of our departments and ask questions or voice concerns. We also take this time for our Elder Teachings which have proven to be very meaningful and insightful as well. This platform allows you to stay involved and it certainly helps us to come together to discuss important topics as a community. The Zoom meeting information

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Join a board, commission or corporation

Open your camera and scan the QR code or follow the link to fill out an intake form and attach your resume.

Vacancies

- Child Welfare – 1 seats
- Citizenship Commission – 5 seats
- Elders Commission – 1 seat
- Election Board – 1 seat
- HEMP Regulatory Commission – 2 seats
- Housing Commission – 4 seats
- Gaming Authority – 2 seats
- Gaming Regulatory Commission – 2 Seats
- Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – 3 seats
- Odawa Economic Development, Inc. – 1 seat

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH


The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG										
DATE	November 2022	Emily Proctor	Marcella Reyes	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Kiogima	William Ortiz	Aaron Otto	Melissa Pamp	James Pontiac
11/4/22	Land and Reservation Committee		X	X				X		
11/8/22	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11/10/22	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11/15/22	Appropriations and Finance Committee	X	X	X			X			
11/29/22	Tribal Council Work Session			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
*Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs.										

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



May 29, 2023 - Memorial Day
July 4, 2023 - Independence Day
September 4, 2023 - Lewis & Doris Adams Day
September 21, 2023 - Sovereignty Day
September 22, 2023 - Michigan Indian Day
October 9, 2023 - Indigenous People's Day
November 10, 2023 - Veteran's Day
November 23, 2023 - Thanksgiving
November 24, 2023 - Day After Thanksgiving
December 25, 2023 - Christmas Eve
December 26, 2023 - Christmas Day
January 1, 2023 - New Year's Eve

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DATE	December 2022	Emily Proctor	Marcella Reyes	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Kiogima	William Ortiz	Aaron Otto	Melissa Pamp	James Pontiac
12/1/22	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12/6/22	Appropriations and Finance Committee	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
12/8/22	Land and Reservation Committee		X	X				X		X
12/13/22	Tribal Council Work Session	X		X	X	X		X	X	X
12/15/22	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
*Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs.										

Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

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

Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!

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

Call: 231-242-1563

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Easter Coloring Contest Rules

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

- Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.
- Limit one submission per child.
- All entries must be the original size.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- Entries can be submitted by snail

DEPARTMENT, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. No exceptions!

postmarked by April 7, 2023. No exceptions! Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category.

mail, ATTENTION COMMUNICATIONS

- All mailed entries must be

Each winner will receive a prize!



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

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.

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.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____

Parent or Guardian needs to fill out information!



We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at

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

Please be respectful in your comments.



February Elders Birthdays

February 1

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

February 2

Robert Nadeau
Carolyn Mejia
Michael Peters
Lori Gee
Karen Lambert

February 3

Denise Zimmer
Clayton Walker
Paul Shananaquet
Ann Waldmiller

February 4

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

February 5

Benjamin Bernard
Darlene Mulholland
David Harrington

February 6

Laurie Papaj
Michele Hillman
Stephanie Brew
Brunell Martineau
Sherry Archibald
Kathy Austin

February 7

Richard Wanshon
Donald Masse
Russell Masse

February 8

Glenn Browning
Connie Fitch
Lewis Fisher
Marcia Petrescue

February 9

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

February 10

Michele Mabry
Ralph Swanson
Sally Spangler

February 11

Donna Hielkema
Joyce Thompson
Katherine Beech
Dennis Frederick

February 12

Floyd Genia, Jr.
Josephine Pawneshing
William Tuffelmire
Wayne Montez

February 13

Gregory Williamson

February 14

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

February 15

Kevin Casey
John Austin
Artie Romero

February 16

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

February 17

Jacqueline Campos
Thomas Adams
Timothy Gibson
Lee Graham

February 18

Ralph LaVigne, Jr.

February 19

Leela Harrison
Carol Jeffers
Nancy Bailey
Christine Wemigwase

Beatrice Oberlin
Roberta Butcher

February 20

Mary Cripps
Gregory Shananaquet
Justin Shananaquet
Krystine Rojas
Deleta Smith

February 21

Steven Otto
William Vandegriff
Wade Smith
Kathryn Terlizzi

February 22

Sandra Gilbault
Charles Barber, Sr.

February 23

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

February 24

Johanna Cameron
Jerri Lynn Barker
Roxanne Ross
Gary Young

February 25

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

February 26

Allan Moore
Jeanette Bailey
David Duvernay

February 27

Patricia Maple
David Martell
Colleen Falwell
Joann Nelson
Shawna Burch

February 28

Charles Shagonaby III
Pamela Flores
Kirk Warren

JUDICIAL BRANCH

Vacancy – Tribal Court Chief Judge

Eligibility for Appointment and Service

- Has attained the age of 30 years
- Is at least 1/4 North American Indian
- Is not a Tribal Council member or the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson
- No person shall serve as Chief Judge or Associate Judge within 10 years of completion of a sentence or probation upon being convicted of a felony unless such conviction has been vacated or overturned.

2 Vacancies – Appellate Court Justices

Eligibility for Appointment and Service

- Has attained the age of 30 years
- Is at least 1/4 North American Indian, other than the Justice who is required to be an attorney, where being Indian is preferred but not mandatory
- Is not a Tribal Council member or the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson
- No person shall serve as an Appellate Court Justice within 10 years of completion of a sentence or probation upon being convicted of a felony unless such conviction has been vacated or overturned.

If you have an interest in a vacancy and fit the eligibility requirements, please contact the Chair's office at 231-242-1401 or tribalchair@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

ELDER'S LUNCHEON

Valentine's Day Party

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LTBB Pharmacy

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Phone: 231-242-1750

What prescriptions are filled at the LTBB Pharmacy?

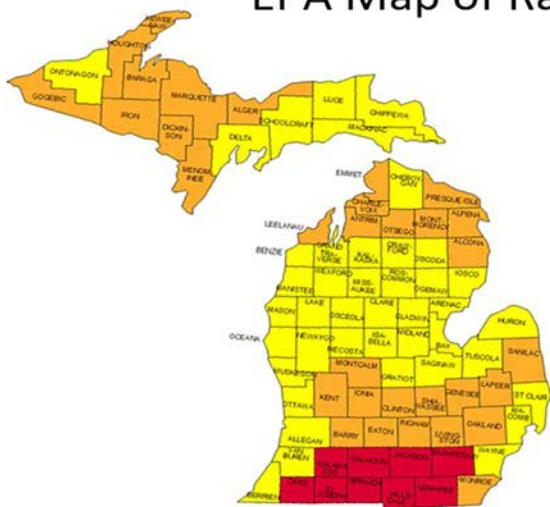
- Prescriptions written by LTBB Clinic Providers
- Prescriptions written by providers where you have been referred to by the LTBB Clinic

PLEASE BE AWARE OF HOLIDAY HOURS AND MEDICATION REFILLS.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

RADON TESTING

EPA Map of Radon Zones



- Zone 1 Highest Potential (>4 pCi/L)
- Zone 2 Moderate Potential (2-4 pCi/L)
- Zone 3 Low Potential (<2 pCi/L)

It is that time of the year again to think about checking your home for radon. Testing should be completed every two years, after home remodels, and after purchasing a home. Test kits are available now, and the winter is an ideal time to conduct these tests.

Radon is a radioactive gas that you cannot see, smell or taste and is the second leading cause of lung cancer. It occurs naturally in the ground, soil and groundwater, and can seep into basements almost anywhere. It is estimated that one in four Michigan homes have elevated levels. The appearance of this gas in homes doesn't always follow a predictable pattern; it could be present in your home even if it is not present at any of your neighbor's homes. This is why it's important to test for radon in your home.

Fortunately, it is both quick and easy to find out if elevated levels of radon are present where you reside, and the LTBB Environmental Ser-

vices Program (ESP) can help with this process. Tests kits can be picked up from the LTBB Natural Resources Department, and at some local health departments (call ahead to check). Just follow the included directions to set up the kit, then send in for analysis.

If you discover unsafe quantities of radon in your home, 4 pCi/L or higher, the EPA advises that you should hire a professional radon mitigation contractor. Increasing air circulation as well as sealing entry points such as floor/wall joints, sump openings, cracks in the floors or walls, are ways you can try and control radon levels in your home.

For more information about radon, go to: <https://www.epa.gov/radon> or reach out to Lauren Davenport, LTBB ESP Environmental Specialist, at 231-242-1578 or ldavenport@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Courtesy graphic.

Attention 2022 Elk Hunters

If any of the other hunters who successfully harvested an elk would like to share a photo and/or account of their hunt, please feel free to send it to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and it will be printed in the newsletter. Miigwetch!

JEANNIE NORRIS' SUCCESSFUL ELK HUNT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

LTBB Tribal Citizen Jeannie Norris successfully harvested a cow elk, weighing 350 pounds, on December 5, 2022 at approximately 5 p.m. at the Blue Lakes wildfire burn in Montmorency County, MI.

"We stalked the elk for three days and on the third day, an elk presented herself and allowed us to harvest her," Jeannie said. "She went down with a single shot from 182 yards. This experience was so awesome and amazing."

Jeannie was accompanied on the hunt by her partner, Randy Seymour, her father, Randy Norris, and Sam Seymour. They were assisted by LTBB Conservation Officer Matthew Robertson.

"First, I would like to thank the village that helped me be successful in the elk hunt," Jeannie said. "They guided me around for three days, stalking different groups of elk along the way. They believed in me and encouraged me to take the shot at the right time. I am thankful for CO Matthew Robertson with the LTBB NRD. He was so kind and helpful throughout the whole experience and

I couldn't be more grateful for that. My mother, Karen Norris, also played a huge role in the successful elk hunt by watching my children, making it possible for me to go. This was definitely a team effort and I couldn't be more grateful for all the support."

Courtesy photos.



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

HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

1-855-NRD-TIPS

TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477

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

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

Why Switch?



PHOTO OF BALLISTIC GELATIN



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



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

TRADITIONAL HEALER SERVICES 2023 SCHEDULE

MARY PINE

January 3, 4 July 5, 6
March 7, 8 September 5, 6
May 2, 3 November 8, 9

JOSEPH SYRETTE

January 24, 25 July 19, 20
February 15, 16 August 23, 24
March 15, 16 September 20, 21
April 19, 20 October 18, 19
May 17, 18 November 15, 16
June 7, 8 December 20, 21

TO VIEW EACH BIOGRAPHY, SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR CELL CAMERA
To schedule, please contact LTBB Behavioral Health at (231) 242-1640

LAKE WHITEFISH STOCKING

This fall, LTBB worked with project partners to stock Lake Whitefish eggs into a local river, in hopes to kickstart a natural spawning run. Although this project may take many years to see any fruit, all involved believe the impacts could be just what the Great Lakes need to help these populations survive for another seven generations.

Historically, Lake Whitefish, Ciscoes and Lake Trout had river spawning populations. After decades of building dams and overfishing, these populations died out. In the early 1990s, biologists in Wisconsin discovered a small spawning run in the Menominee River and has since witnessed a large run build on the Fox, Oconto and Menominee Rivers. Small runs

have been observed on the Cedar, Ford and Escanaba Rivers, but none have been observed outside of Green Bay. In 2017, LTBB helped form the Tributary Spawning Lake Whitefish Restoration workgroup. This group consists of professionals from multiple agencies such as the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Nature Conservancy, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Michigan State University. The goal of this group is to restore extirpated populations of whitefish which spawned in tributaries of the Great Lakes. These populations could be key to having sustained natural recruitment of whitefish as has been observed in Green Bay.

Courtesy photos.



LTBB NIIGAANDIWIN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Tutoring Subsidy
 for LTBB Citizens in PK-12th Grade

OPEN
 TO ANY CITIZEN THAT NEEDS TUTORING - DO NOT NEED TO LIVE IN SERVICE AREA

\$800
 AVAILABLE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR TO OFFSET THE COST OF HIRING A PRIVATE TUTOR

For more info & to get an application
 231-242-1480
 AcademicServices@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Or visit the LTBB forms directory Education Tab
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/services/forms-directory/>

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We can help you reach your full potential!

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 • Tuition Support
 • Required Course Material Assistance
 • Test Fee Coverage
 • Equipment Assistance, and more!

CONTACT
 Benedict Hinmon
 Project Director
 (P) 231-242-1485 (F) 231-242-1490
 bhinmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Scan the QR code for more information!

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

FORM 4013: RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER ANNUAL SALES TAX CREDIT - TAX YEAR 2022

The Form 4013: Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit is now available upon request from the LTBB Department of Commerce office for the 2022 tax year. Most programs used for e-filing taxes or programs used by professional tax preparers will automatically generate the Form 4013 upon selecting you were a Resident Tribal Member during the applicable tax year. However, for those who do not e-file or do not use a tax preparer or those who prefer to have a paper copy of the Form 4013 – please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce office to request a copy is mailed or e-mailed to you. The LTBB Department of Commerce can be reached

at 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.
 *The Form 4013 is used to obtain the annual sales tax credit per our Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan. The form is filed with your Michigan Income Taxes and the credit is given based on a formula using your adjusted gross income and the number of months you resided within the LTBB Tax Agreement Area. It is to your advantage to submit this form, so you may receive your annual credit. If you have any questions on this form, including how to submit – please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce office. Miigwech. – *Hayden Hooper, LTBB Department of Commerce Director.*

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.

WIOA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WHO ARE WE
 The Niigaandwiwin Education Department receives Department of Labor funding for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) section 166, which funds supportive services to eligible Federally Recognized Native Americans, Alaskans, Hawaiian & First Generation Descendants in need of assistance with barriers to employment in the 28-county program service area.

HOW WE CAN HELP
 Services we Help with, but are not limited to the following:
 • Tuition, Training, & Testing Fees
 • Licensing & Certification
 • Work & Interview Clothes / Shoes
 • CED Completion Award
 • Transportation Assistance
 • Entrepreneurial Related Expenses
 • Needs Related Payments
 • Individual Employment Plan

Emmet • Charlevoix • Cheboygan • Presque Isle
 Otsego • Montmorency • Alpena • Kalkaska
 Crawford • Oscoda • Alcona • Wexford
 Missaukee • Roscommon • Ogemaw • Isco
 Mason • Lake, Osceola • Clare • Gladwin
 Arenac • Oceana • Newaygo • Mecosta
 Isabella • Midland • and Bay County

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT WIOA:
 CONTACT RACHAEL AT 231-242-1488 or EMAIL: RKoepp@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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.

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

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

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.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FEBRUARY 2023 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 6th - 10th 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: 2nd and 3rd
 Peshawbestown: 15th
 Traverse City: 21st
 For more information, contact Food Distribution Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine at 231-347-2573



Winter Squash



Delicata
Cut into rings, brush lightly with olive oil, season & roast on a baking sheet at 425F; use as a base for a pretty salad.



Acorn
Halve, bake at 425F cut side down for 30 mins; turn, add butter, salt, lots of pepper & maple syrup, then roast for 20 mins more.



Buttercup
Transformed by steaming! Halve & steam cut side down for 20 mins. Then mash with cream or olive oil & stir in sauteed onions, garlic & thyme.



Spaghetti
Halve, bake cut side down in 1 inch of water for 30 mins at 350F. Use a fork to tease out the noodly goodness - toss with pesto.



Pie Pumpkin
Small but just enough for a pie! Or cookies or muffins or pancakes or Halve & roast cut side down for 1 hr.



Sweet Dumpling
Cut off the top, scoop out the seeds, add butter, olive oil or cream, put the lid back on & roast for 1 hr.



Kabocha
Cut into large cubes & use in stews, chunky soups or curries. The skin is edible & nutritious!



Red Kuri
Also known as Hubbard. Makes a lovely fluffy mash.



Butternut
Perfect for soups because of its size & density. Saute with onions, garlic & tomato paste before simmering in stock.

****For all of the cooking suggestions, scoop out the seeds.****



CHECK OUT OUR NEW PROGRAMS!

including 4 fast-track programs through NCMC:

- AUTO REPAIR TECHNICIAN
- HVAC TECHNICIAN
- MEDICAL ASSISTANT BUNDLE
- PHLEBOTOMY TECHNICIAN



WOCTEP is funded by the US Department of Education through the NCMC program. Federal funds contribute to 75% of funding (\$500,000) and tribal support of \$15 (\$43,842) for project year 2.






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

Please call our office to see if we are able to help you!
 Call Monday - Friday
 8 am to 5 pm at 231-242-1620.
 *food distribution varies depending on availability

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



SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

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

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

NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE? WE CAN HELP!

APPLICANT DOCUMENTS

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

LICENSED PROVIDERS

- ★ COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE

UNLICENSED PROVIDERS





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

LITTLE TRaverse BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
 911 SPRING STREET, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN


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

SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS:
 Mnaadendmowin (respect) • Zaagidwin (love)
 Nbwaakaawin (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, total Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant \$36,987, and 94% 501(c)(3) non-federal sources utilized.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NEW FAST-TRACK PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THROUGH WOCTEP



Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) has exciting new programs to offer through North Central Michigan College (NCMC), some are even available online for distance learners. The newest additions are fast-track programs, including Automotive Repair Technician, HVAC Technician, Medical Assistant Bundle and Phlebotomy Technician. The medical fast-tracks are only available locally and are completed in local healthcare facilities, however, the Auto Repair and HVAC fast-tracks have the potential to be completed from anywhere externships are avail-

able. WOCTEP covers the full cost of tuition, including reimbursement for registration fees, required course materials, mileage and for those meeting additional income requirements, an hourly stipend.

Each fast-track program includes online course work completed at a flexible pace, followed up by hands-on experience in a real-world workplace. Fast-track programs are offered at multiple starting dates, some even having a rolling enrollment, so be sure to check NCMC's website and e-mail Christy Lyons at clyons1@ncmich.edu with any questions regarding the next available date you can start a fast-track program.

Besides the new fast-track programs, WOCTEP offers many online programs to stu-

dents living outside of the service area, including Business Management Associate, Management Certificate, Business Administration Associate, Office Administration Associate, Early Childhood Education Associate & Certificate of Completion, Computer Information Systems Associate and Computer Science Web Development Associate.

WOCTEP is open to all who meet our grant's financial guidelines, making this an excellent opportunity for tribal descendants as well. Check out WOCTEP's page on the LTBB Government website for a full list of programs offered and applications. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at woctep@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Courtesy graphic.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS

Start the New Year by raising your awareness around cervical cancer and learn what you can do to help prevent this in yourself and the other women in your life who you care for. Cervical cancer is a highly preventable cancer, and easy to treat when caught in the early stages. Keeping up-to-date on your screening with an HPV Pap Smear test and completing the HPV vaccination series are key prevention methods for cervical cancer.

American Indian 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, the Patient Navigator of Cancer Screening — Emily — can enroll you into a free program through the State of Michigan which covers the cost. The Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BC3NP) 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 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.

GUIDELINES TO APPLYING FOR A NATIVE WAY CARD

NATIVE WAY
FITNESS CENTER
8730 COMMERCE PARK
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI
49770

Gym Hours: Sunday – Saturday, 5 am – 11 pm

Have a physical performed no more than one year prior to your request to use the Native Way Gym. Provide a note for your file from your current physician giving you permission to exercise with or without restrictions.

Schedule and attend a Native Way orientation. The date and time will be determined by the Community Wellness



Advocate.

Complete the Native Way packet presented at the time of orientation.

Note: Native Way Rules are included in the packet.

Pay the required \$5 (five dollars) for your access card. Please correct currency.

When all requirements are fulfilled, you are eligible to use the Native Way Gym.

Native Way Two offers a variety of exercise classes not associated with use of the exercise equipment. If you are interested in participating in any of the classes offered or would like more information, please contact Marlene Gasco, Community Wellness Advocate, at (231)242-1616 Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm.



ATTN:

Recent LTBB Graduates

**Shirley Naganashe Oldman
Secondary Education Honorarium**

**Available to citizens
who recently received their:
High School Diploma
GED Certificate/Diploma
Certificate of Completion**

**Must be submitted w/in 180 days*

**Questions?
231-242-1480**



**Bay Mills
Community
College**

BRIMLEY, MICHIGAN

231-242-1494

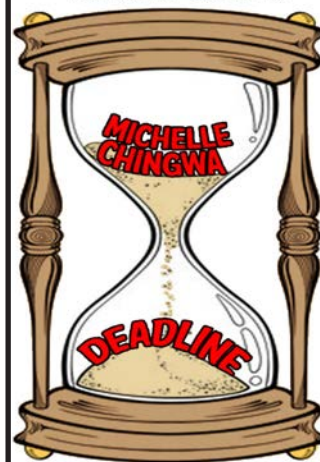
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DON'T LET TIME RUN OUT!

**SPRING/WINTER 2023
DEADLINE FOR MICHELLE
CHINGWA AWARD IS
FEBRUARY 15, 2023.**



**CONTACT THE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT FOR MORE
INFORMATION AT
231-242-1480**

**PRC Chiropractic
Coverage**



Monthly Benefits:
3 Adjustments
1 Massage

Schedule an appointment
with your doctor at the
Mina Mskiki Gumik to
discuss further.

One Year Approval Only:
Follow up required with
primary care in one year for a
possible renewal of services

LTBB
COMMUNITY HEALTH

**NATIVE
WAY**

**OPEN EACH DAY
5AM - 11PM**

**We are excited to
announce the new
hours of operation
for Native Way!**

If you do not have a membership, you will need to have a current physical. Once your physical has been completed, you will need to call Marlene Gasco, Health Wellness Advocate, at 231-487-1616 to schedule your orientation.

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
 - Eagle Parts and Feather Applications
 - LTBB Indian Blood Quantum
- Apply to become a:
- Citizen – Application available via mail

only

- Tribal Notary
- Marriage Commissioner Need something?
- Request a document from your Enrollment file
- Blood quantum adjustment
- Relinquishment requests Have any questions or need a form sent to you? Call or email: Lindsey Doerfler – P: 231-242-1522 E-mail: ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov 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

A message from your Enrollment Department

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

LTBB ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

Enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
231-242-1526

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

2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

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

To receive your copy:

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

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

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

Lake Plumbago

Peanut Butter Falls

Hoar Frost

Need to update your address?

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

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

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address form for any minor children. If you are the custodial parent of a minor, please provide proof by documentation.

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

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

Minor verification forms must be signed and notarized.

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

Contact the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521, 231-242-1520 or by e-mail enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

BAAMAAPII MAANYAAN



Aanii/Boozhoo kina gwayaa.

Maanyaan ndizhnikas, Waaseyaa Migizii ndigo. Maryann ndo shaagnaashii noozwin. Waabzhizhii ndodem. Mnido Mnis ndojibaa, Sheshegwaniing zhinkaade endaa'aanh. Ekinoomaagekwe ndonaangzhe ooshime gwa mi-daswi shi niwin biboon minik.

Miisa zhisek wiizhibigeyaanh, wiiwiin-dimoongok, niibskaabii enjibaa'aanh Mnido Minising.

Ntam gchimiigwetch giidezisek maampii wiibi nokiitaageyaanh endaa'ek Wiikwedoo-sing minwaa Biidaasige. Gchimiigwech Gimaa, Gima kwe, minwaa Giigdo niniwok/kwewok giinokiitaageyaanh shaangswi biboon maampii Odawanang.

Gchimiigwetch ndinaa ntam ndogimaam Carla Osawamick, gchimiigwech ndinaa gewii minik gaade kinoomaageyaanh maampii. Niibna gego ngiizhinaadmaadimi, nwaanch gegoo endawendaagok wiikinoomaageng. Niibna nsas-tamwin ngiimiinik, maampii enji nokiiyaang.

Gchimiigwetch gewii Eshkiniiganzid, Netawn Kiogima. Weweni gwa niigaanziikdaan maanda Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department. Kina gwayaa maampii aachkingan-ing enkiitaagejik dakaazinaawaa Anishinaabemowin ensa giizhigag. Maamiikwenimaak ezhi shki'ewziwad. Ngikendmaa maaba kwe aapji zaagtood Enweyiing minwaa Aadiziwin. Aapji-gwa gchinokiiwin maanda wii aanke'miigweyiing Aanishinaabemowin. Gegetigwa dani zhaab-wiingat maanda enweyiing, pane nakiitmag.

"Maamwi Naadimaadidaa, Wiizhaab-wii'toyiing Gdinwewniinaa, daatemgat dash wiinagaazwad binoojiinhag."

Zhaagnaashiiwin: English

Hello/greetings to everyone.

My name is Maanyaan. They call me Shining Eagle. My English name is Maryann. I'm from the Martin Clan. I come from Manitoulin Island, Sheshegwaniing is my home. I'm a teacher of over forty years in various positions as an educator.

It is time for me to write and inform you of my leave back to Manitoulin Island.

First, I want to say a big thank you to all for allowing me to come to your homeland in Wiikwedonhsing minwaa Biidaasige. Thank you to the leadership for allowing me to work over seven years in Odawa land.

I want to acknowledge Gimaa kwe, Carla Osawamick, for allowing me to teach here. We shared many teaching moments, many ideas for the Language Program. I learned so much from her and her professionalism as a Director at GALD (Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department).

I would like to say a big thank you to the new Director, Netawn Kiogima. She is a very competent Director at GALD. Everyone here at the department uses the language daily. I'm so proud of all of them. We all know how much Netawn loves the language and culture. This is a lot of work to ensure learners are learning Anishinaabemowin. Our sound will survive as we continue to work on it.

"Let's help each other to revitalize our language, it will be there to assist our children."

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MEET LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT MEDIA TECHNICIAN/TEACHER ASSISTANT MARCUS WINCHESTER

Boozhoo:

Marcus Winchester ndizhnikaa. Bo-dawewaadmii miinwaa Odaawaa nindaaw. Animikii ndoodem. Pokagon Potawatomi ndadibendaagwaz. Zhaawanong Baawaatiing (Niles, MI) ndoonjibaa, miinwaa Waagaanaakasiing edaayaan noongom.

My name is Marcus. I am Potawatomi and Odawa. I am Thunderbird Clan. I am enrolled with the Pokagon Potawatomi community. I am from Niles, MI, and I currently live in Petoskey.

I started working in the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department as a Media Technician/Teacher Assistant this past December 2022. I will be helping the department to build, launch and maintain the Aankwadong Online Curriculum Project. I am excited to be doing this work because I understand that the vitality of our Anishinaabe ways is dependent upon its everyday relevancy in our lives; today. Just because something is old doesn't mean it's traditional, and just because something is traditional, doesn't mean it's old. Tradition is something that holds us together, not in the past, but now. The language we speak defines how we understand the world around us, and as such, it defines our purpose of life in this world. I want to work with the LTBB community to re-stabilize traditional purposes into our families and communities now, for the next generations to come.

I graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. from James Madison College in Comparative Cultures & Politics. Also, in my previous



life, I served as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, the Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act Officer and the Language & Culture Director for my tribe.

I really like the mandaaminaaboo (corn soup) you guys make around here. And, I liked when we went *Boozhoo-ing*. Aho.

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Boozhoo,

Sarah Schilling ndizhinikaaz. Ajijaak ndodem. Bedassige ndoonjibaa. Little Traverse Bay Bands ndodabendaagwaz. Audrey (Perry) Atkinson giizhinkaaza ngashi-ba. Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department ndoonjiniitaage. Media Technician ndonaangzhe.

Hello,

My name is Sarah Schilling. I am crane clan. I am from Petoskey. I am a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands. My mother's name was Audrey (Perry) Atkinson. I work at Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department. Media Technician is what I do.

I have been working for Gijigowi since August 2022. I am greatly appreciative for all I have learned since joining the team here. My educational background is in art and design with an emphasis on painting and digital media. In my free time, I enjoy a variety of creative projects, including natural fibers weaving. I also love to garden, gather, cook and spend time outdoors.

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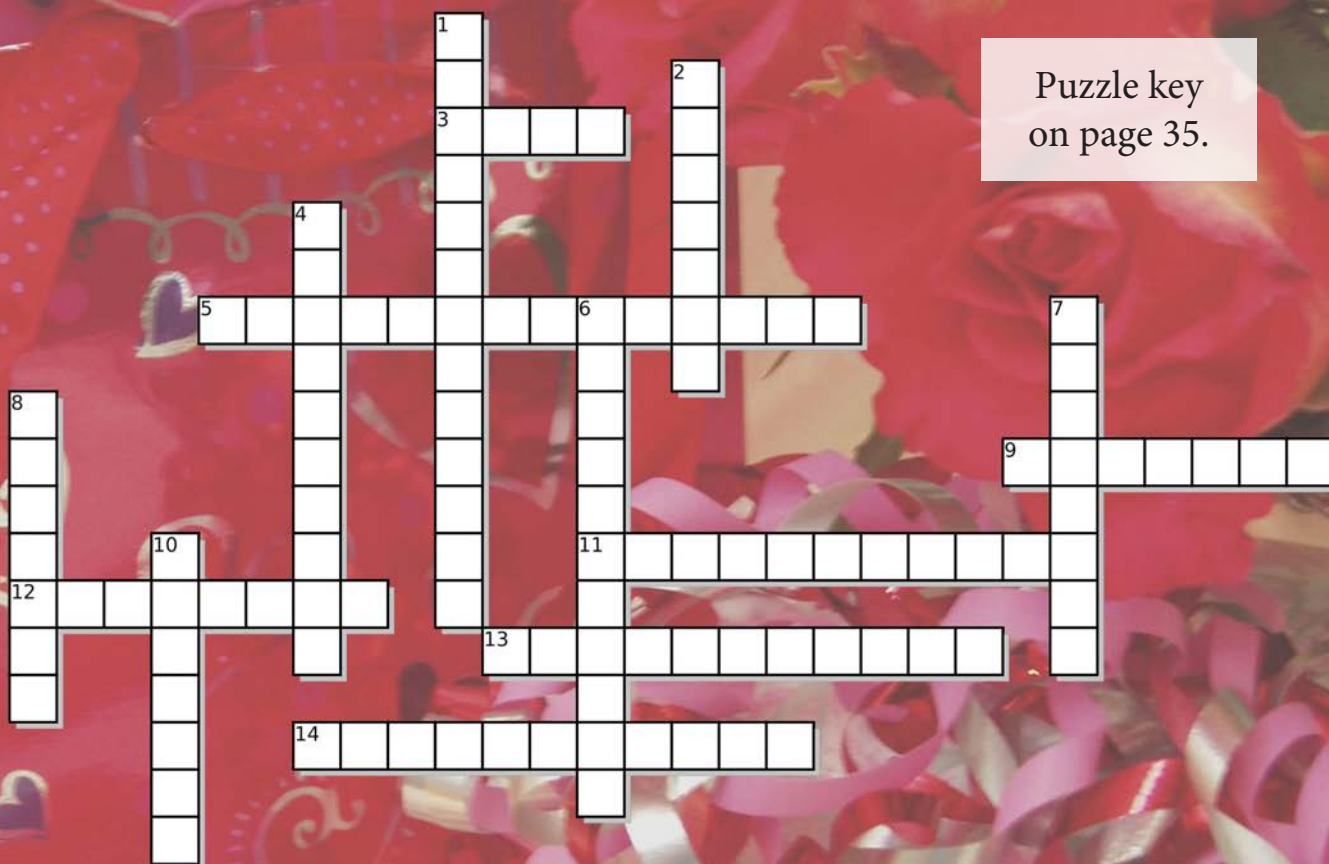
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About me: My Name is Seth Allard, "Man Who Walks the Red Road" (Ojibwa Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). I am a USMC Veteran and PhD student with 15 years experience working in mental health, public health, and research. I believe our Indigenous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

Makwa Giizis Bear Moon - February



Puzzle key on page 35.

ACROSS

- 3 always
- 5 I like him or her.
- 9 I miss you.
- 11 your friend
- 12 my sweetheart
- 13 Hold me.
- 14 my friend

DOWN

- 1 Hug me.
- 2 I love him or her.
- 4 I'm thinking of you.
- 6 Bear Moon-February
- 7 Kiss me.
- 8 I miss him or her.
- 10 I love you.

WORD BANK: AAPTOJIINSHIN, GMAKWENMIN, GMEZNIN, GWIIJKIWENH, GZAAGIN, JIIMSHIN, MAKWAGIIZIS, MJIGINISHIN, NBASHIGEMNAMA, NBAZIGIM, NMEZNAA, NWIIJKIWENH, NZAAGAA, PANE



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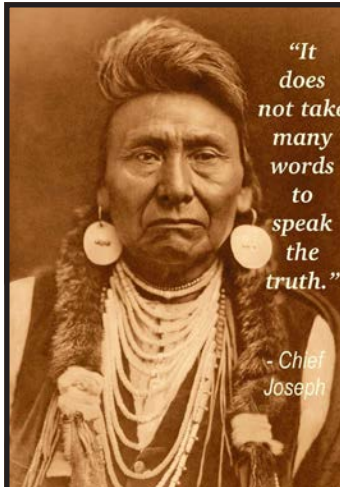
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NATIVE NEWS

AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND ANNOUNCES FIVE-YEAR GRANT TOTALING MORE THAN \$38 MILLION



(AIAN) students with scholarships and TCUs, located on or near Indian reservations, with the financial and program support they need. Although the importance of student scholarships has been well established, the College Fund has long understood scholarships are not enough to create equitable access to higher education. The statistics tell the story: Today, 15.4% of AIAN people aged 25 and older in the United States have achieved a bachelor's degree or higher — less than half the national average — according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

“Culture at the Heart: An Indigenous Approach to Enrollment and Retention” will enable the College Fund to create a comprehensive and integrated system of student and institutional support critical to AIAN students considering, preparing for, entering and graduating from college.

The program's foundation is deeply rooted in tribal cultures and values to strategically address the ways AIAN students attending TCUs experience admissions, enrollment, student support services, coaching, academic planning and career development. By taking this culturally based approach to enrollment and retention, participating TCUs can scale both individual and systemic solutions for student success while mapping their own processes, goals and implementation plans, according to the tribal cultures and values in the communities they serve. The project will strengthen the TCU system by implementing an enrollment management system which allows TCUs to share data and

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best practices and collaborate through a community of practice.

Founded in 1989 with partial start-up funding from Lilly Endowment, the College Fund began as an organization dedicated to raising college scholarship funds for AIAN students and to promote national awareness of TCUs. Since then, Lilly Endowment has made several grants to the College Fund to support capital needs of TCUs and a variety of leadership and capacity-building initiatives.

“American Indian College Fund is an important supporter of, and advocate for, tens of thousands of AIAN students around the country, many of whom attend TCUs,” said Ted Maple, Lilly Endowment's vice president for education. “We hope that this grant to the College Fund will enable TCUs to help even more AIAN students thrive, build meaningful careers, and become leaders in their communities.”

Cheryl Crazy Bull, President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund, said, “Tribal colleges and universities provide education that is woven with Tribal knowledge and the cultures of the students and communities they serve. Lilly Endowment supports transformative community-based work and, as a long-time ally of tribal higher education, recognizes the alignment of their mission with ours. We are deeply grateful.”

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HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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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.

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN FRANK ANIMIKWAM SELECTED FOR MICHIGAN STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL



Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Dr. Animikwam is reappointed to represent residents of this state, including residents, who represent the underserved or tribal communities, for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025.

Janice K. Lampman, of Midland, MI, is currently a disability consultant at Community Drive. She holds a Bachelor of Art in Psychology from Saginaw Valley University.

ty. Mrs. Lampman is appointed to represent parents or guardians of individuals with disabilities for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025. She succeeds Charles William Harrison, Jr. whose term expired December 31, 2022.

Erica Coulston, of Bloomfield Hills, MI, is the President and Co-founder of Walk the Line to SCI Recovery, Inc. She holds a Bachelor of Political Science from Western Michigan University. Mrs. Coulston is appointed to represent advocates of and for individuals with disabilities for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025. She succeeds Janice K. Lampman whose term expired December 31, 2022.

These appointments are not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

The Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council is charged with developing the state plan as provided in Section 704(a)(2) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC 796c(a)(2). The Council may work with centers for independent living to coordinate services with public and private entities to improve services provided to individuals with disabilities and conduct resource development activities to support the Council and the provision of independent living services by centers for independent living.

The following individuals were selected to serve on the Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council:

Frank E. Animikwam, of Harbor Springs, MI, is the medical director and family medicine physician for the Little Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Michigan, and a M.D. from

BOOZHOOKEDAA 2023

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On January 5, 2023 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, the Executive Office continued the tradition of boozhooing to welcome the new year and hosted a breakfast.

On January 6, 2023 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, the Nigaandiwin Education Department also continued the tradition of boozhooing to welcome the new year and hosted a lunch with tacos and chili cheese fries.

The history of the tradition as told by tribal elders is as follows:

“On New Year’s Eve, young warriors went out into the community, carrying a gunny sack and a gun or weapon and shot it off to let everyone one know they were there to protect the community. They stopped at different tribal homes to shake everyone’s hand and visit. In appreciation, the families gave them some food

and what they couldn’t consume was saved for the Three Kings Supper. Back then, where they stopped to eat was where the Three Kings Supper was held. In this community, families continued this contemporary tradition by visiting each other’s homes January 1st through the 6th until the Three Kings Supper. The host usually gave the person visiting something, maybe a snack or something small, to take with them. Tribal communities often connect religious holidays to traditional culture in efforts to keep tradition alive. LTBB Elder Arlene Naganashe thinks this might have been a way to fight isolation and depression during the winter months and to keep that feeling of community. She also shared Nana Boozhoo went away but promised the people he would return one day. Nanaboozhoo can take on different forms of being and it was not known what form he would return in, so when people greeted each other they were actually saying “Ah Boozhoo?” asking, “Are you Nanaboozhoo?”

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OATHS OF OFFICE

LTBB Tribal Citizen David Dominic took his oath of office for the LTBB Gaming Regulatory Commission from LTBB Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado on December 8, 2022. He is serving a three-year term, ending on December 1, 2025.



LTBB Tribal Citizen Renee “Wasson” Dillard took her oath of office for the LTBB Natural Resources Commission from LTBB Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado on December 7, 2022. She is serving a three-year term, ending on September 21, 2025.



Michael J. Long took his oath of office as LTBB Assistant Prosecutor from LTBB Associate Judge John J. Lemire on January 10, 2023 via Zoom. He is serving a two-year term, ending November 10, 2024.



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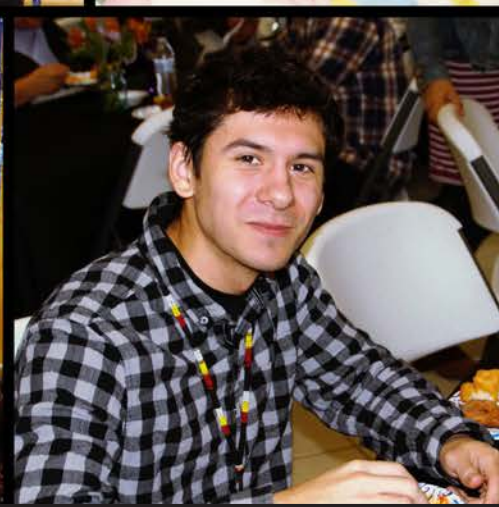
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 - **Plan Ahead** – Many utility companies have Budget Billing Plans which can spread out your peak winter heating bills, allowing for a more affordable monthly bill during the heating season. Contact your utility company for more information.
 - **Use Energy Wisely** – Reduce your energy use.
 - **Request Assistance** – Qualifying seniors and low-income customers may be eligible for financial assistance. Call 2-1-1 or visit www.mi211.org to learn about agencies in your county which can help you with your utility bill.
- Michigan Utility Assistance Programs include:
- State Emergency Relief – State Emergency Relief is a crisis intervention program which pro-

vides assistance for energy-related expenses like heating fuel, electricity and home repairs. Those who can demonstrate need are encouraged to apply online through MI Bridges.

Weatherization Assistance Program – The Weatherization Assistance Program provides free home energy-conservation services to low-income Michigan homeowners and renters. The services can reduce energy use and lower utility bills. Some of their services include insulation, air leakage reduction, smoke detectors and dryer venting. These services are conducted by local Community Action Agencies and non-profit organizations. You can contact your local weatherization operator to start the application process.

Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) – The Michigan Public Service Commission administers the MEAP. The purpose of the MEAP is to establish and administer statewide programs which provide energy assistance and self-sufficiency services to eligible low-income households. To seek help, contact 2-1-1 or your utility company to find programs in your area.

- **Be Helpful** – Share this information with family and friends. If you are able, you can donate to organizations which provide energy assistance for families in need.
- **Be Proactive** – Contact your utility company as soon as you know you will be unable to pay your bill on time. Do not wait for a shut-off notice.

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NEW REPORT HIGHLIGHTS ALARMING INCARCERATION RATES OF NATIVE PEOPLE IN U.S.

On January 10, 2023, the MacArthur Foundation released a national report commissioned as part of its Safety and Justice Challenge which highlights Native people are disproportionately incarcerated in the United States. The report shows in states with higher Native populations, incarceration rates are up to seven times those of white people, and Native people are sentenced more harshly than white, African American and Hispanic individuals. Moreover, American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) were incarcerated at a rate 38% higher than the national average and were overrepresented in the prison population in 19 states compared to any other race and ethnicity.

"Like many modern challenges in Indian Country, over-incarceration of Indigenous people is intimately tied to colonial violence and upheld by policies throughout the years," said Dr. Ciara Hansen, currently a clinical psychologist in the Iina' Counseling Services department at Northern Navajo Medical Center and author of the report. "Paternalistic solutions applied to Native communities often miss the important step of seeking to understand the issue from the community's perspective. This report offers a starting point for discussion and knowledge sharing."

"The report not only highlights the painful and unacceptable treatment of Native people in the criminal justice system, but also underscores the overreliance on incarceration to solve community issues," said Bria Gillum, a senior program officer at MacArthur. "It is our hope that the report contributes to the growing conversation about racial disparities in this broken system, sparks deeper collaboration between state and tribal agencies, and leads to investments in diversion services that can end this devastating cycle."

The national report is authored by Dr. Desiree L. Fox (*Bitterroot Salish*), Dr. Ciara D. Hansen, (*Shawnee/Cherokee*) and Ann Miller, an attorney with the Tribal Defenders Office of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes on the Flathead Reservation in Montana.

Additional key findings in the report include:

- According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 45% of people incarcerated in tribal jails were being held pretrial, and pretrial detention rose by at least by 80% since 1999. The average length of stay doubled from 2002 to 2018.

Additionally, the most serious offense for 16% of people held in tribal jails was public intoxication and 15% were held for drug related or DUI charges.



Native youth are more likely to face conviction in adult court, especially for drug-related crimes.

- The number of jails in Indian country has increased by 25% since 2000, which has led to filling them with more people charged and held with petty crimes for longer periods of time.
- The 2020 Bureau of Justice Statistics report showed tribal jail incarceration rates steadily increased by 60% since 2000. The most recent report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, however, has shown a significant reduction of incarceration in tribal jails during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The MacArthur Foundation report demonstrates the need for ongoing research to decrease the rates of arrests and incarcerations of Native people. More research is particularly needed to better understand the experiences of Native people and the systemic change necessary to meaningfully improve outcomes.

The recommendations put forth by the authors of the report include:

- Empower tribal justice systems which are better positioned to intervene because they offer services culturally relevant, restorative and fair;
- Change the trajectory before or even after, Native people are pulled into state and federal systems by addressing the underlying issues which bring people into the criminal justice system and the collateral consequences that pull them back in;
- Provide funding to appoint counsel to the indigent, tribally-based public defender offices to support positive change most congruent with traditional, restorative practices;
- Encourage tribal public defenders to work with their clients in the context of their community — their families, their elders, their values and their definitions of success.

The report is based on data from several surveys and sources, including the Indian Law and Order Commission, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Bureau of Justice Statistics and others. The full list of sources can be found at the end of the report.

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By Dianna Hunt and Joaqlin Estus



women hold court there as judges.

And indigenous politicians held onto top seats in two states – Oklahoma's Republican Governor Kevin Stitt, Cherokee Nation, and Minnesota Democratic Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, White Earth Band of Ojibwe, were both re-elected.

In another first for indigenous candidates, Lisa Finley-DeVillie, Mandan, Arikara, Hidatsa, drew nearly 70% of the vote to represent North Dakota's newly created State House District 4A, which includes a majority of Native voters.

In all, more than 150 indigenous candidates filed to run for federal, state or local office in 2022, and 120 of them advanced to the general election.

Of those, 89 – nearly 75% – won their elections. Thirty indigenous candidates lost their races, though many were facing well-entrenched incumbents.

Harville said indigenous candidates did well in the 2020 elections, but far surpassed those numbers this year.

"We're in a really healthy place," he said. "Of those that lost, the majority were within a hair. They were not blown out of the water."

He said the success of indigenous candidates can drive more indigenous voters to the polls.

"Seeing someone from your race category or background ... drastically increases the likelihood people will turn out," he said.

Kalle Benallie and Pauly Denetclaw with ICT contributed to this report.

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mouth-to-mouth or mouth-to-anus feeding, must be involved in the transfer of venom since larvae do not produce alkaloids and depend on worker ants to be fed.

According to Chen, larvae serve as a "communal stomach" for the colony and are the most vulnerable to infection. To keep colonies alive, fire ants must protect the larvae.

Researchers also found female alates (winged ants) shed their wings after a mating flight, burrow into the soil and start new colonies. The new queen then provides venom alkaloids to her first batch of larvae in the colony. Then, minim ant workers (the first batch of workers in a fire ant colony) emerge and then take over the role of providing venom to the larvae in the colony. The minim ant workers eventually die out, and the normal ant workers then become the colony's venom donors. Thus, venom sharing occurs in every stage of colony development.

As a social insect, in addition to individual immunity, fire ants have evolved social immunity based on the interaction among nestmates. This study indicates venom sharing by feeding may be an essential component of fire and social immunity. This research will help scientists better understand the ways ants work together to avoid epidemics.

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Venom is associated with being harmful, but red imported fire ants are using their venom for its medicinal benefits by sharing the toxic substance with their nestmates, according to a study published in the *Journal of Insect Physiology*.

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists from the agency's Biological Control of Pests Research Unit and Southern Insect Management Research Unit in Stoneville, MS, discovered a new way fire ants use their venom to prevent diseases in their colonies.

"Venom works as a broad spectrum antibiotic and plays an important role in the fire ant social community by suppressing pathogen growth," said Jian Chen, research entomologist at the Biological Control of Pests Research Unit.

For fire ants, venom has different functions. Fire ants use venomous stings against intruders and immobilize their prey. Fire ants also take advantage of their venom's antimicrobial properties in disease control by using it as an external surface disinfectant. Foraging ants come into contact with various pathogens in the environment. These pathogens threaten ants; especially, when they share food with their nestmates.

"One way to reduce exposure to infection through food is to distribute antibiotics into the digestive system of all individual ants," said Chen. "Venom is an internal antibiotic in fire ants' digestive systems."

To use venom as an internal antibiotic, fire ants share it by feeding the substance to their nestmates, including larvae and adults. In the study, researchers found nitrogenous organic compounds of venom known as alkaloids in crops and midguts of larvae. This finding indicates trophallaxis, the transfer of food from

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THE MARTY VAN DE CAR CHEF'S CHALLENGE TO BENEFIT PETOSKEY SALVATION ARMY AND LOCAL NURSING STUDENTS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Marty Van De Car Chef's Challenge, a fundraiser for the Petoskey Salvation Army and a scholarship(s) to honor Marty and his mother, Sarah, raised \$10,000 for the Salvation Army and \$4,000 toward scholarships.

On December 5, 2022 at the Sage Restaurant inside the Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, the diners/voters were served several courses created by three local chefs (Chef Mickey Cannon of the Sage Restaurant, Chef Rob Sargent of the Stafford's Pier Restaurant and Chef Nancy Kelly, owner of the catering business, The Traveling Chef, Inc.) and donated by local businesses (Toski-Sands, Fustinis, Snickerdoodlz, Crooked Tree Breadworks, Stafford's Hospitality and Petoskey Cheese). Diners/voters were also given the option of selecting three wines to pair with the food. Chef Rob Sargent won the Marty Van De Car Chef's Challenge and \$1,000.

After the dinner, diner/voters were invited to participate in an exclusive blackjack tournament at the Odawa Casino Resort. The top 25 chip earners for the tournament received prizes with a top prize for the best blackjack player receiving a \$100 gift certificate to the Sage Restaurant. There was also a stack the deck drawing for a holiday dinner for six, including three bottles of wine, at the Sage Restaurant.

The Salvation Army will use the money toward renovating the former Red Cross



building in Petoskey, MI, where it will be able to provide better services for the community with a larger facility and an improved kitchen. Marty, who passed away on August 11, 2022, assisted the Petoskey Salvation Army on occasion as a bell ringer during their annual Red Kettle campaigns.

Marty's family will collaborate with North Central Michigan College (NCMC) in Petoskey, MI, to establish a nursing scholarship program to assist local nursing students. Marty was a graduate of NCMC before going on to earn his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Central Michigan University. His mother, Sarah, who passed

away in 2013, graduated from the Mercy Central School of Nursing and worked as a registered nurse for 37 years, the majority of those years at Burns Clinic in Petoskey, MI.

The event was sponsored by Odawa Casino, Petoskey Sunrise Rotary, Harbor Brenn Insurance Agencies and Meyer Ace Hardware. Special thanks to Jenny Brower, who was the driving force behind the event.

It is hoped this is the first of many successful Marty Van De Car Chef's Challenges as those involved wish to make this an annual event held the first Monday of December every year.

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PETOSKEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HONORS LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN MARTY VAN DE CAR

By Annette VanDeCar,
Communications Coordinator

On December 7, 2022, the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce held its 31st Annual Celebration of Champions at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor, MI.

As Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce President Nikki Devitt explained at the event, the Chamber tries to not create new awards, but “sometimes, fate has other ideas.” While the Chamber was in the planning stages of the event, the Chamber learned LTBB Tribal Citizen Marty Van De Car walked on August 11, 2022. The Chamber then decided to establish the Marty Van De Car Inclusivity Award and award it posthumously to Marty.



Marty's family (his sister, Annette VanDeCar, and his aunt, Rose Smalley) accepted the award at the event.

“The description of this award says it best, given to an individual/organization in our community that breaks down barriers and fosters change to create an inclusive and welcoming community for all,” Devitt said. “The simple con-



cept of building a better community for all is something that can be agreed upon by everyone. It is what we need to do for our economic future and for the social well-being of all of us. Because when one of us succeeds, we all do. Our community grows and thrives. Marty Van De Car was the bridge builder, the one who could walk the line between cultures and find commonalities we never knew existed to show each and every one of us that we were all a part of this community's future. He knew instinctively that only together would we be the best we could be. The best part is, he did it with humor and sincerity with most of us never knowing he was doing it. In his honor, I ask each and every one of you to embody what this award means at its core and recklessly and intentionally find a way to build the community that is there for us all and for generations to come just like Marty did. Because that is how we truly succeed, and honor a wonderful man's memory.”

Marty served on the Pe-

toskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce and was honored with the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce's Community Enthusiast Award in 2017. He served on the LTBB Tribal Council and the LTBB Election Board and volunteered on the Sovereignty Day Celebration Committee and the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Committee. He worked as the Community Development Coordinator at the Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI.

Marty's family wishes to thank the Odawa Casino Resort and LTBB for all attending the event.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Phil Harmon was also honored at the event for his service on the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce from 2020-2022. Phil is the Unit I Director for the LTBB tribal government.

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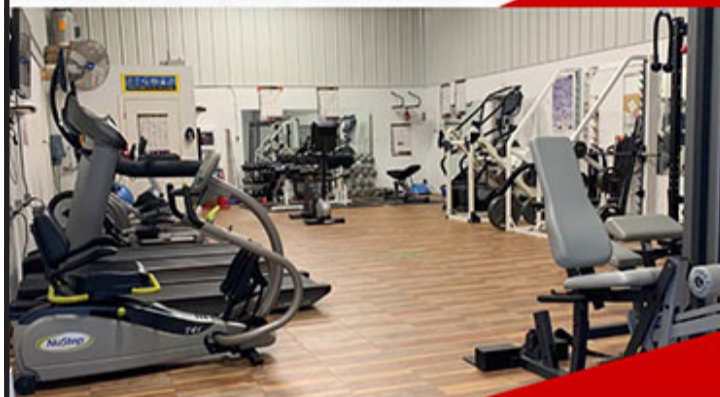
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VIRUS UNDERCUTS FUNGUS'S ATTACKS ON WHEAT

A naturally occurring virus co-discovered by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and university scientists may offer a way to undermine a costly fungal threat to wheat, barley and other small-grain crops.

The fungus, *Fusarium graminearum*, is the chief culprit behind a disease called Fusarium head blight or “scab.” Unchecked with fungicides or other measures, scab diminishes the yield and quality of the crops' grain. Under wet, humid conditions, the scab fungus can release a toxin called deoxynivalenol (a.k.a., “vomitoxin”) which can contaminate the grain, reducing its point-of-sale value or leading to outright rejection depending on end use.

Now, however, a team of scientists with the ARS Application Technology Research Unit in Wooster, OH, and South Dakota State University in Brookings (SDSU) has discovered a strain of a fungal virus or “mycovirus” which disables the scab fungus's vomitoxin-making machinery.

In nature, the mycovirus, a species called *Fusarium graminearum* Vg1, infects the scab



fungus to replicate and spread. But the new mycovirus strain, dubbed *F. graminearum* Vg1-SD4, takes such attacks a step further by stopping the scab fungus from making vomitoxin — a fortuitous benefit for wheat plants.

Indeed, in laboratory and greenhouse experiments, cultures of the scab fungus infected with the mycovirus strain grew slower than non-infected cultures and produced no vomitoxin in the grain of susceptible potted wheat plants. In contrast, the grain of wheat plants exposed to mycovirus-free cultures of scab contained 18 ppm of vomitoxin, a byproduct of the fungus's metabolism which can be harmful to livestock and human health.

ARS molecular biologist Shin-Yi Lee Marzano and her collaborators discovered the mycovirus strain after sequencing its genomic makeup and noticing slight differences from its “parent” species, *FgVg1*, which had been maintained in a live culture of the scab fungus and known to science for about a decade.

Marzano cautioned their research — reported in the July 2022 issue of *Microorganisms* — is still in its early stages. However, with further study, the mycovirus strain could prove useful as a biological control agent which could be formulated and sprayed onto susceptible wheat varieties or other small-grain crops. That, in turn, could potentially offer growers another tool to use in avoiding costly losses to scab and its contamination of grain destined for livestock and human consumption.

Marzano collaborated on the mycovirus strain research with Bimal Paudel and Yang Yen — both with SDSU's Department of Biology and Microbiology — and Connor Pedersen (formerly SDSU and now ARS).

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2022 Elders Christmas Luncheon

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ARS Releases First USDA Winter Peas for Food, Not Feed

USDA MiCa, USDA Dint and USDA Klondike, the first winter pea cultivars specifically developed to be used whole or as an ingredient in human food, have been released by the Agricultural Research Service.

Winter or autumn-sown peas (*Pisum sativum*) — also called “black peas” or “field peas”— are annual legumes with excellent nitrogen-fixing abilities. They, and related pea species, originated in the eastern Mediterranean and western Asia. They should not be confused with cowpeas (*Vigna unguiculata*), which are also known as field peas, and usually grown in the southern states.

Currently, winter peas are mostly grown in the Pacific Northwest as a cover crop to add nitrogen to farmers’ fields, for domestic animal feed and to attract deer and other game species. They also are sometimes used in a crop rotation with winter wheat in semi-arid areas of the Pacific Northwest.

“With a typical rotation of winter wheat – summer fallow, farmers really need a broadleaf crop to improve the sustainability of the system. Still, until now, winter peas haven’t provided enough of a return to be a cash crop,” explained geneticist Rebecca McGee with the ARS Grain Legume Genetics Physiology Research Unit in Pullman, WA. “Fall-sown, food quality, winter peas are poised better to fill that gap biologically and economically.”

But winter peas have much more potential value as an ingredient for human foods. These three new varieties offer several prized qualities: 1. high protein levels with a nearly complete amino acid profile, 2. peas lack the allergens common in soybeans and peanuts, which are often the supplier of protein, 3. a favorable, low glycemic index number, and 4. winter peas are not genetically modified, all of their development is being done with traditional breeding.

As a food ingredient, the winter peas can be used to provide the protein in protein-starch-fiber slurries used as part of producing nondairy milk, energy bars, non-wheat flour pastas and baked goods. Some of the food products which contain pea protein as an ingredient include Beyond Meats, numerous brands of protein powder and many trail mixes.

Winter Austrian peas were first introduced to the Pacific Northwest, primarily in Idaho, in 1932. When World War II curtailed the avail-



ability of nitrate fertilizers, many farmers turned to winter Austrian peas as a replacement to add nitrogen to their soil. But the small, dark colored peas were not acceptable for human food use.

“Still, U.S. regulations remained on the books that allowed only spring-planted peas to be sold in the food quality markets,” explained McGee. “Once the regulations were changed in 2009 so the quality characteristics of the harvested seeds, not the planting season, dictated the purposes for which the crop can be sold, it allowed winter peas to enter the much more economically rewarding food quality distribution channels and opened the potential for widespread winter pea production.”

McGee began her breeding program in 2010, selecting for human food-oriented traits.

The three new varieties:

MiCa: A cross of a USDA winter pea with Arwyn, a spring pea with resistance to Pea Seed-borne Mosaic Virus which produces large, smooth green seeds. The name comes from combining the first letters of two of McGee’s mentors in breeding winter peas.

Dint: Produces large, smooth green seeds with a slight dimple. The name is from the Middle English word for a dent made by a blow.

Klondike: Produces large, highly desirable dark yellow seeds invoked by the Klondike’s connection to the gold rush era. Yellow seeds mean food producers don’t have to remove color during processing.

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Snow snakes are hand-made from a carved piece of wood. Sometimes one end of the snow snake is weighted with lead or pewter inlay and the other end is notched to make it easier to throw.

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WHAT THE NEW CONGRESS MEANS FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

By Kalle Benallie

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

President Joe Biden's commitment to tribal sovereignty, self-government and self-determination for tribal communities may face some challenges with Republicans winning 220 seats for a U.S. House majority. Democrats lost nine seats and now, have 213 seats.

Democrats keep control of the U.S. Senate after key wins in Nevada and Arizona.

The Democratic political landscape continues to see change with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announcing her resignation from her leadership position on November 17, 2022, which she has held for nearly 20 years. She said she will remain a representative from San Francisco, another long-time position she has had for 35 years.

House Democrats have turned to Republican Hakeem Jeffries, a New York Democrat, who was elected to be the first Black American to head a major political party in Congress. Jeffries, 52, vowed to "get things done" in the new Congress even after Republicans won control of the chamber. The closed-door vote was unanimous, by acclamation. GOP leader Kevin McCarthy, a California Republican, is the new House speaker.

Over the years, Pelosi has supported indigenous people by advocating and meeting with the National Congress of American Indians and tribal leaders for the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act as part of the Affordable Health Care for America Act in 2010.

"She took the time to bring us to the table and have us and have that conversation, hear about the tribes priorities and at the end of the day, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act was included in as part of Obama Care and made permanent," Holly Cook Macarro, Red Lake Nation, a partner at Spirit Rock Consulting and a regular political contributor on "ICT Newscast with Aliyah Chavez" said.

Pelosi supported the passing of the Violence Against Women Act and its importance for indigenous women, the Not Invisible Act and Sava-na's Act which addressed the MMIW crisis. She additionally supported the passing of the 2020 Cares Act which established the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which allocated \$8 billion to tribal governments and Alaska Native Corporations to address "necessary expenditures" incurred because of COVID-19.

She recently spoke about "exploring a path" for a non-voting delegate from the Cherokee Nation after a House Rules Committee on November 16, 2022. In 2019, Cherokee Nation citizen Kim Teehee was nominated to serve as the tribe's first delegate.

"Our Caucus has drawn great strength from the leadership of our Native American colleagues and the Congressional Native American Caucus," Pelosi said in a statement. "As we celebrate National Native American Heritage Month, the Democratic House remains committed to correcting the profound injustices of the past, living up to the federal government's treaty obligations, fully embracing our trust responsibility and building a brighter, fairer future for the Cherokee Nation and all indigenous peoples."

Republican House Representative Tom Cole, Chickasaw Nation, who recently was re-elected to his 11th term in Oklahoma, said in his weekly chat Pelosi had a remarkable run in her leadership role and her decision not to rerun is very consequential.

"I would argue a very partisan and a very polarizing figure, but also one that got legislation done that her party believed in," Cole said. "Her absence will mean a huge shakeup in the Democratic ranks."

He also celebrated the Republican winning the House majority.

"To me, that means the car has some brakes on it again. There will be a lot of things that Biden was able to get through that he will not be able to get through. It also means the two parties will have to figure out a way to work together," Cole said.

Some accomplishments the Biden administration has accomplished with the help of the Democratic majority is advocating for funding to address the needs of indigenous communities through the American Rescue plan and the bi-



partisan infrastructure bill which invested a total of \$43 billion in Indian country. The bipartisan infrastructure bill included an opportunity to apply for billions more through grants and other funding sources.

In the fiscal year 2022 budget presented to Congress, Biden requested an additional \$2.2 billion be allocated for Indian Health Service, pushing the budget to \$8.5 billion, and for advanced appropriation of \$9 billion for fiscal year 2023.

In October 2021, Biden signed an executive order to restore Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase Escalante in Utah.

Biden pledged to give Native people a stronger voice in federal affairs, promising he will bolster tribal consultations, inclusion of indigenous knowledge in decision-making and funding for communities struggling with the impacts of climate change. Biden spoke on the opening day of the two-day White House Tribal Nations Summit.

Jordan James Harvill, the national program director for Advance Native Political Leadership, said Indian country is not in immediate danger of the mixed Democrat and Republican majorities in the House and Senate. But he is concerned about the basic government functions tribal governments rely on such as the debt limit deal which may result in a furlough for federal employees who work in the Indian Health Services or the Bureau of Indian Education which will affect the resources they provide.

"That's not great for the continuity of our government because we're so tied to the function of the federal government," the Cherokee and Choctaw citizen said.

Harvill added they are paying close attention to the Indian Child Welfare Act and the progress Congress is making on codifying it, and how to advance and protect core tribal sovereignty interests which have been established like environmental protections and public lands.

He said there has been an increase political-ization of tribal sovereignty like with Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt, Cherokee, who supported the *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*, a ruling which reversed *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, by finding the federal government and the state have concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute crimes committed by non-Natives for crimes committed on Native land.

"We're seeing this place where Republican Native peoples and representatives are starting to create this small break that can turn into something much larger around protecting tribal sovereignty in their roles," he said.

Although Harvill said the current people in Congress do have a good track record with tribal sovereignty like Cole and Republicans like U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, who relies on the Native vote. He said Indian country has done a good job in staying non-partisan and are "going to have to lean heavily on our bipartisan relationships," for the new House and Senate.

The new Congress has five indigenous voting members, down from six elected in 2020.

Republican U.S. Representative Markwayne Mullin, Cherokee Nation, of Oklahoma, won his bid for U.S. Senate, becoming the first Native in the Senate in nearly 20 years.

Republican U.S. Representative Tom Cole, Chickasaw, of Oklahoma, won his reelection.

Republican Josh Brecheen, Choctaw, of Oklahoma, won the state's 2nd congressional district.

Democrat U.S. Representative Sharice Davids, Ho-Chunk, of Kansas, was reelected to a third term.

Democrat U.S. Representative Mary Peltola, Yup'ik, won a full term. She is coming off winning a special election in August, succeeding Don Young's term and becoming the first Alaska Native to serve in Congress and the first woman to hold Alaska's House seat.

Eight indigenous candidates lost their bids

"New Congress" continued on page 24.



Save the Date!


2023 American Indian Higher Education Consortium Conference
March 4 -7, 2023
Albuquerque Convention Center
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The American Indian Higher Education Consortium's (AIHEC) vision is strong sovereign nations through excellence in tribal higher education. AIHEC is the collective spirit and unifying voice of our nation's Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). AIHEC provides leadership and influences public policy on American Indian and Alaska Native higher education issues through advocacy, research, and programmatic initiatives; promotes and strengthens Indigenous languages, cultures, communities, lands, and tribal nations; and through its unique position, serves member institutions and developing TCUs. More information here: <http://aihec.navajotech.edu/>



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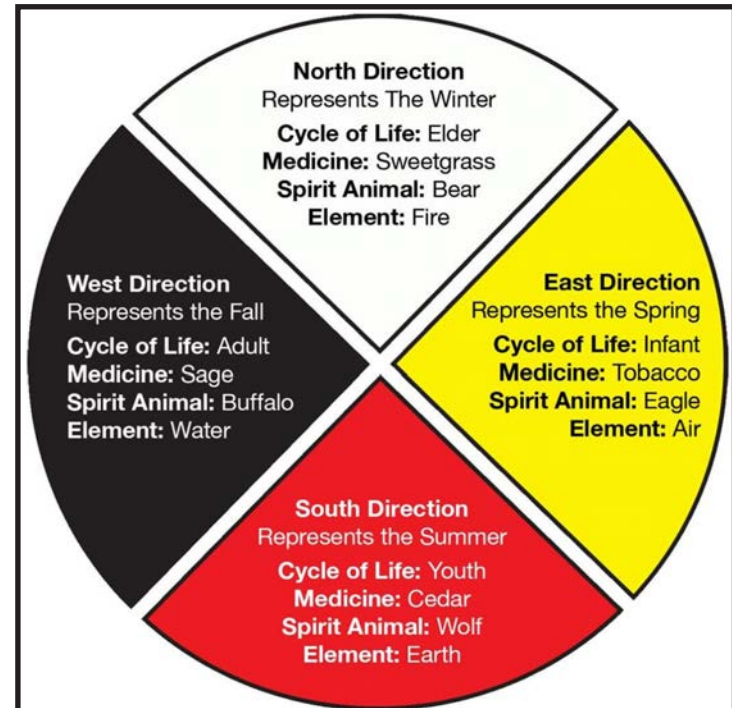
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for a U.S. House seat in the November election. Republican Yvette Herrell, Cherokee Nation, of New Mexico lost her reelection bid to Democrat Gabe Vasquez. Democrat Jeremiah Ross, Muscogee, of Oklahoma, lost to Republican Frank Lucas. Democrat Charles Graham, Lumbee, of North Carolina, lost to Republican David Rouzer. Republican John Mark Porter, Lone Pine Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, of California, lost to Democrat Pete Aguilar. Democrat Elizabeth Mercedes Kraus, Ogla-la Lakota, of Nevada, lost to Republican Mark

Amodei. Republican Joe Akana, Native Hawaiian, of Hawai'i, lost to Democrat Jill Tokuda. Democrat Taysha DeVaughan, Comanche, of Virginia, lost to Republican Morgan Griffith. Democrat Lynette Grey Bull, Northern Arapaho and Hunkpapa Lakota, of Wyoming, lost to Republican Harriet Hageman. Pauly Denetclaw, Aliyah Chavez and the Associated Press contributed to this report. Kalle Benallie, Navajo, is a reporter-producer at ICT's Phoenix bureau. Follow her on Twitter at @kallebenallie or e-mail her at kalle@ictnews.org. Courtesy photo.

TRADITIONAL LIFEWAYS KEY TO CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE ADVOCACY

Historical Trauma, Reviving Culture and Finding Justice

StrongHearts Native Helpline is working to uplift the voices of survivors by recognizing the strength and resilience of indigenous peoples. We acknowledge domestic and sexual violence has lived in our communities for far too long and victim survivors are often denied justice.

“Our history was never written through the eyes of our people who narrowly survived the forces of colonization and assimilation,” said CEO Lori Jump. “In the eyes of elders, we can see historical trauma without them speaking a word. We know that domestic and sexual violence was used as a means to control us and to control each other. We must dispel the belief that we were born this way by teaching our children about our real history.”



Native-centered resources on top of those resources utilized by mainstream advocates. As such, we know there simply are not enough resources available to our relatives.

For instance, there are 576 federally recognized tribal nations and only 250 Native centered resources identified and listed in the StrongHearts database. When it comes to safe shelter, the situation is even more dire with less than 60 culturally appropriate shelters nationwide. Given the epidemic level rates of violence our relatives experience, this is nothing less than tragic.

More funding is necessary at not only the federal level, but also the state level. The federal government must do better to meet their trust responsibilities and states must do better to meet the needs of all residents in their states, especially those populations plagued by violence.

Culturally Appropriate Advocacy

At StrongHearts, all of our advocates are citizens of tribal nations and have been trained to understand Native cultures and traditions, the unique barriers to justice and the need for accessible Native-centered service providers.

Culturally appropriate means StrongHearts advocates understand the significance of being Native-centered, trauma informed and empowerment based.

- Native centered means our advocates understand the core values of indigenous peoples.
- Trauma informed means our advocates recognize domestic and sexual violence as a symptom of colonization and assimilation.
- Empowerment based means our advocates recognize the importance of giving power back to our people; trust they know what is best for them and to help them to find the resources they want

and need. Core Values and Guiding Principles

It is an essential component of StrongHearts advocacy we adhere to core values and guiding principles set forth by our ancestors. We must honor their teachings in our advocacy and in doing so, we adhere to seven principles: Culture, balance, interrelatedness, humility, bravery, resiliency and trust.

- **Culture:** Indigenous culture is at the heart of our existence. We connect with all tribal nations and honor their diversity.
- **Balance:** Our culture is rooted in traditional lifeways inclusive of the mind, body and spirit and to promote a healthy balance.
- **Interrelatedness:** We honor our connection to our relatives, ancestors and Mother Earth. We strive to overcome oppression and endeavor to promote healing.
- **Humility:** We learn equally from Native teachings, including the lessons learned in non-traditional ways. We value the strength of our people, validate their lived experiences and work to create an empathetic and mutual understanding.
- **Bravery:** We face the unique challenges of Native people and call upon the strength and bravery of our ancestors to meet those challenges with mental and moral courage.
- **Resilience:** Centered on the resiliency of indigenous survivors and their ability to adapt in the face of adversity, we seek to promote a healing journey in our quest for social justice.

- **Trust:** We honor our people and endeavor to create an environment where truth and honesty are valued while building trust among and for our people.
- Culturally appropriate support and advocacy means StrongHearts advocates embrace the resilience of our people and the strength found in restoring our traditional lifeways. For safe, confidential and anonymous support and advocacy, StrongHearts Native Helpline's advocates are available 24/7. Call or text 1-844-7NATIVE or visit our strongheartshelpline.org to chat online.

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65th Annual
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March 24-25, 2023

Saturday, March 25

7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Check-In and On-Site Registration
Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48374

8-9:45 a.m. Breakfast Keynote
A Cultural Caretaker: The Life of Linda Woods
Linda Woods, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Join us as Linda Woods recounts her life—from Detroit to Peshawbestown and beyond, through service to her country and her community as a social worker and culture consultant, to life following retirement. Learn how she was presented with an eagle head, Migizi, to create a healing eagle staff for women veterans and their families, as she travels to tribal communities throughout Michigan, the United States, and even other countries to share her story.



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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

2022 Children's Winter Solstice Party

Photos by Wendy Congdon



FOCUS ON HOLISTIC HEALTH

By Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach

Let's kick off the new year with a special health focus on holistic health. When we embrace a healthier lifestyle, others are inspired to stay healthy.



Eat a healthy diet. Avoid processed and fast food. Reduce sugary food; add fruits and veggies to every meal and for snacking. Choose more whole foods by shopping the perimeter of the store. That way, we avoid the middle aisles, where most of the processed foods reside. Eating whole healthy foods requires a full dentition of strong and healthy teeth.

Personal Hygiene includes care for our teeth. Brush twice a day for two minutes, floss once and use a mouthwash if advised. Cleanliness leads to better health and faster healing.

Drink Water because soda and energy drinks contain 8-19 teaspoons of white sugar per serving. The bacteria which cause cavities and gum disease love white sugar. These drinks are also damaging to our bodies. Why? The extra empty calories increase obesity. The kidneys have to work harder to filter the artificial ingredients from our bodies. Any huge dump of white sugar causes big spikes in blood sugar, which is very harmful to diabetics.

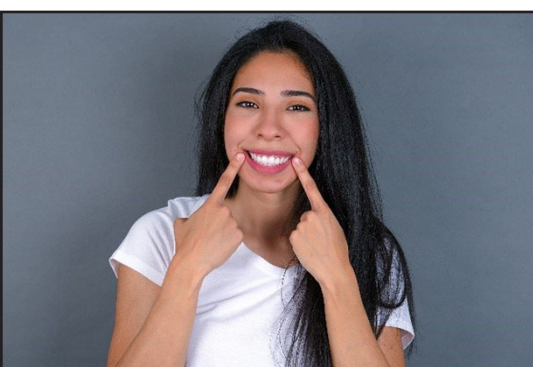


Carbonation in soda can result in high levels of carbonic acid in the blood; calcium neutralizes this acid in the blood. This calcium can come from our bones.

According to research, you can reduce the chances of heart attack by 40% if you drink at least five glasses of water a day.

Laughter is good medicine, and it increases blood flow by 20%, which is good for the human heart. A beautiful smile is the result of excellent dental health and helps the people around us.

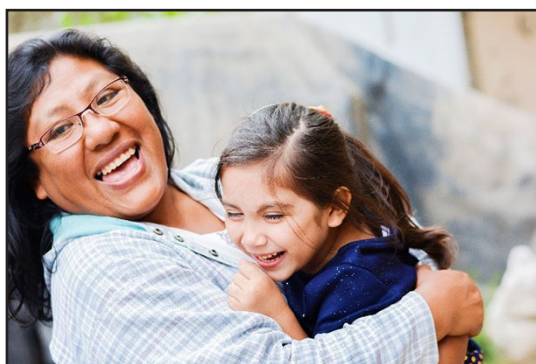
Why is excellent dental health so important? The mouth is the gateway to our bodies, and all our body's systems are intrinsically interconnect-



ed. Oral infections have been shown to have drastic and life-altering effects on diseases in our bodies, including hypertension, cardiovascular disease, adverse pregnancies complications, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, pulmonary disease, kidney disease and more.

Harmful bacterial endotoxins from gum disease are known to enter the bloodstream and circulate throughout the body, causing chronic, low-grade inflammation which alters the body's immune response and damages healthy tissues, particularly the cardiovascular system.

Plaque build-up in the arteries is increased by these effects from gum disease. The body's immune response is elevated; in those patients with untreated gum disease, twice the level of LDL cholesterol is found; increased permeability and harm to the arterial lining are associated with increased levels of these inflammatory chemicals (cytokines, C-reactive proteins, necrosis factor α ,



interleukin 1β , and interleukin 6).

Atherosclerotic cerebrovascular disease plays a major role in the cause of strokes and transient ischemic heart attacks.

Patients with periodontal disease are also more likely to have uncontrolled diabetes. As the diabetes spins out of control, the gum disease worsens, resulting in the loss of many teeth.

The Center for Disease Control states severe dental disease increases the risk of breathing distress. Airway diseases such as pneumonia, chronic obstructive lung diseases and exacerbations of chronic bronchitis. These most often involve the aspiration of bacteria from the mouth into the airway. These patients have terrible difficulty breathing.

There is good evidence dental disease can negatively impact pregnancy. Pregnancy complications include low birth weight, pre-term birth, stillbirth and increased the incidence of preeclampsia. (Preeclampsia is dangerous for the mother and the baby; it includes high blood pressure, fluid retention, decreased kidney function and more).

Why not control what is in our power to control if it will help keep our bodies and our families healthy? Ideal dental care is easy and doesn't take much time. Our goals in 2023 are healthy teeth, healthy people, healthy tribes and healthy Anishinaabe!

<https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/oral-health-topics/oral-systemic-health>

<https://www.aosh.org/connect/relationship-between-oral-health-and-systemic-disease>

<https://www.colgateprofessional.com/dentist-resources/oral-systemic/oral-and-systemic-health-connection#>

<https://nationaltoday.com/national-staying-healthy-month/>

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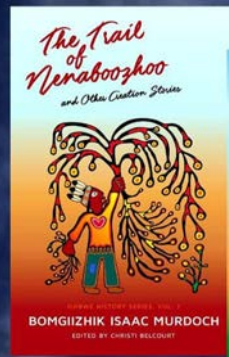
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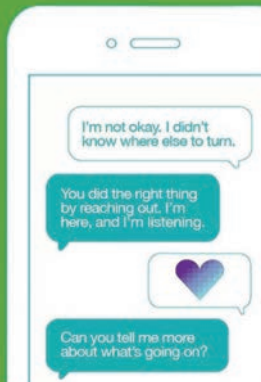


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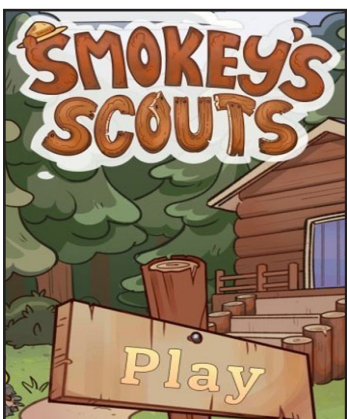


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The Smokey's Scouts app is available for iPhone and Android devices; learn more and download the Smokey's Scouts game.

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LTBB TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD
SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR 2023 ELECTIONS

JANUARY 2023				
Tuesday	January 10			Call to Election Mailed (at least 134 days prior to General Election, on or before Sunday, February 12)
FEBRUARY 2023				
Tuesday	February 7	3 - 7 pm	OFFICE HOURS	Last Date to Register to Vote in Primary (at least 90 days before Primary Election, on or before Tuesday, February 7)
MARCH 2023				
Tuesday	March 14	12 - 5 pm	OFFICE HOURS	Nomination Packets Due by 5 pm (at least 104 days before General Election, on or before Tuesday, March 14)
Tuesday	March 21			Candidate Statements Due (on or before Tuesday, March 21)
Friday	March 24			Last Date to Withdraw from Primary Election (at least 45 days prior to Primary Election, on or before Friday, March 24)
Friday	March 24			Announcement Seeking Poll Sitters (at least 45 days before Primary Election by Friday, March 24, or if only a General Election by Friday, May 12)
Tuesday	March 28			Official List of Primary Candidates Posted (at least 90 days before General Election, on or before Tuesday March 28)
Tuesday	March 28			Candidate Statements Posted to Webpage (on or before Tuesday, March 28)
Tuesday	March 28	3 - 7 pm	OFFICE HOURS	Last Date to Register to Vote in General Election (at least 90 days before General Election, on or before Tuesday, March 28)
APRIL 2023				
Saturday	April 8			Primary Ballots Mailed (at least 30 days prior to Primary Election, on or before Saturday, April 8)
Friday	April 14			Poll Sitter Applications Due
MAY 2023				
Monday	May 8	12 - 6 pm	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY	(at least 45 days before General Election, on or before Friday, May 12)
Thursday	May 11			Non-Certified Primary Results Posted (within 3 days of Primary Election, on or before Thursday, May 11)
Friday	May 12			Last Date to Withdraw from General Election (at least 45 days before General Election, on or before Friday, May 12)
Thursday	May 18			Last Date to File Challenge to Primary (within 10 days of Primary Election, on or before Thursday, May 18)
Friday	May 19	5 - 5:30 pm	CERTIFICATION MEETING	Certification of Primary Election (at least 10 days, and no later than 10 Business days, after the Primary Election, after Thursday, May 18 and on or before Monday, May 22)
Monday	May 22			Official List of General Election Candidates Posted (on or before Monday, May 22)
Saturday	May 27			General Election Ballots Mailed (at least 30 days before General Election, on or before Saturday, May 27)
Monday	May 29			Campaign Finance Statement Due from All Primary Election Candidates (within 10 days from Certification of Primary Election, on or before Monday, May 29)
JUNE 2023				
Monday	June 26	12 - 6 pm	GENERAL ELECTION DAY	(Last Monday in June, Monday, June 26)
Thursday	June 29			Non-Certified General Election Results Posted (within 3 days of General Election, on or before Thursday, June 29)
JULY 2023				
Thursday	July 6			Last Date to File Challenge to General Election (within 10 days of General Election, on or before Thursday, July 6)
Friday	July 7	5 - 5:30 pm	CERTIFICATION MEETING	Certification of General Election & Official Results Posted (at least 10 days, and no later than 10 Business days, after the General Election, after Thursday, July 6 and on or before Tuesday, July 11)
Monday	July 17			Campaign Finance Statement Due from all General Election Candidates (within 10 days from Certification of General Election, on or before Monday, July 17)

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Native Way Two Exercise Class Schedule



Wiijigaamshin = Dance with me Zumba Class
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Anishinaabe Mskoziwin = Native Strength
Wednesdays @4pm - 530pm
Love variety and timing exercises? Stop in for this full body cardio and strength training.
Starts May 11th.



Niimidaa! = Let's dance! Pow Wow Dance
Thursdays @530pm - 7pm
Shake off the dust, sharpen your footwork, and build your stamina while listening to Native American music. For all ages and experience welcomed. **Starts May 12th.**
Please call day of class to sign up.

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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VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Use this fillable form, then sign or print the form and fill it in by hand and sign.
- All information must be accurate and complete.
- **This Voter Registration Form must be signed by the Tribal Citizen.**
- Mail the signed form to the mailing address above or email the signed form to ElectionBoard@LtbbElectionBoard.org
- The information and signature must be clear and legible.

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Learn more about your baby by watching for developmental milestones. Smiling, cooing, and babbling are just a few. Your baby will show you many more milestones in how he plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves! Look for your child's milestones regularly and share his progress with the doctor at every well-child visit.

TIP: Respond to your baby's first smiles, gurgles, and coos — she's talking to you and wants you to talk, too!

BIRTH TO 2 MONTHS

- Coo, makes gurgling sounds
- Turns head toward sounds

4 MONTHS

- Begins to babble
- Babbles with expression and copies sounds he hears

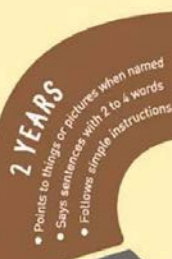
6 MONTHS

- Responds to sounds by making sounds
- Responds to own name
- Begins to say consonant sounds [jabbering with "m," "b"]



TIP: Hold and talk to your baby; smile and be cheerful while you do.

TIP: Read books to your baby every day. Praise him when he babbles and "reads" too.



18 MONTHS

- Says several single words
- Points to show someone what he wants

12 MONTHS

- Uses simple gestures, like shaking head "no" or waving "bye-bye"
- Tries to say words you say

9 MONTHS

- Understands "no"
- Makes a lot of different sounds like "mamamama" and "bababababa"

TIP: When you read with your child, have her turn the pages. Take turns labeling pictures with your child.

TIP: Describe what your baby is looking at; for example, "red, round ball."



3 YEARS

- Follows instructions with 2 or 3 steps
- Talks well enough for strangers to understand most of the time
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences

4 YEARS

- Tells stories
- Can say first and last name
- Knows some basic rules of grammar, such as correctly using "he" or "she"

5 YEARS

- Speaks very clearly
- Says name and address
- Uses future tense; for example, "Grandma will be here."

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



In accordance with law and policy, Elders Comment/Public Comment as recorded in the minutes will contain the name of the Citizen or "Immediate Family" or "Family member" and only the subject matter brought forth by the individual. No attempt will be made by the Legislative Branch to summarize the comments. Written public comments will be accepted by the Legislative Office. Written comments shall be attached to the official approved minutes housed in the Legislative Branch. Written comments are not published, however shall be open to review within the Legislative Office in accordance with any laws regarding such documents.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes December 1, 2022 In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:08 a.m.
 Opening ceremony: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley
 Closed Session: Yes
 Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor
 Absent: Councilor Melissa Pamp
 Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatroluk, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz
 Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Executive Director Shanna Shananaquet, Secretary Jeremy Steele, and Administrative Assistant Nichlos Peltier
 Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Human Resources Department Director Denise Petoskey, Tribal Chairman's Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, Executive Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic Manager/Nurse Lori Mooar, Education's WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic Physician's Assistant Sara Elkins, Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic Nurse Practitioner Shanna MacClaren, Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic Medical Assistant Teresa Eberly, Chief of Law Enforcement Terrance McDonnell, Purchase Referred Care (PRC) Front Desk Clerk Melissa Ulrich, Natural Resources Department Environmental Specialist Lauren Davenport, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Education Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepf, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Accounting Department Controller Cheryl Kishigo, Education Department Programs Manager Kerstine Omev, GIS Director Alan Proctor
 Judicial Officials and Staff: Tribal Court Administrative Assistant Jody Gasco
 Public: Judy Field, Ricky Compo, Patrick Anthony, Brian Anthony, Melissa Shomin, Bernadece Boda
 Invited Guest: None
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported

by Secretary Marcella Reyes to adopt the agenda for December 1, 2022 as presented.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen(s) who have walked on: Thomas Antoine-ba and Patricia Szewko-ba.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.
9:30 a.m. Introduction of new Tribal Government Employees:
 Teresa Eberly – Medical Assistant (Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic) – Health
 Tracee Smith – Medical Assistant (Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic) – Health
 Lauren Davenport – Environmental Specialist – Natural Resources
 Special Mention (not attending):
 Lee Rousseau – Probation Officer/Specialty Court Coordinator – Tribal Court
 Melissa Ulrich – PRC Front Desk Clerk – Health
 Sarah Elkins – Physician's Assistant (Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic) – Health
 Shanna MacClaren – Nurse Practitioner (Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic) – Health
 Executive Oversight Report
Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley
 Tribal Chairwoman Gasco Bentley was asked to speak at the Connecting Women in Business presented by the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce event. She, along with Legislative Leader Emily Proctor and Tribal Health Director Jody Werner provided a presentation.
 -The Harbor Springs Rotary Club has requested Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley to present the same presentation for their club at an upcoming date.
 Tribal Chairwoman Gasco Bentley will be representing Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at the Governors Summit on December 5-6, 2022 in Sault Ste. Marie Michigan. A short one-on-one will be held with Governor Whitmer.
 Working with both General Counsel Jim Bransky and Tribal Chief of Law Enforcement Terrence McDonnell in regards to law enforcement and Tribal Conservation Officers MCOLES certification.
 Vice Chairperson Stella Kay is in Washington, DC attending the Tribal Nations Summit. Next week she will be attending meetings regarding Line 5 discussion.
Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson
 Working with Gosling Czubek on increasing the waste water capacity from 100,000 gallons to 200,000 gallons at the tribally owned waste water treatment plant.
 The Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic currently has staffing, equipment installed, and procedures are being worked on.

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

February 7 Work Session
 February 9 Council Meeting
 February 21 Work Session
 February 23 Council Meeting

 March 7 Work Session
 March 9 Council Meeting
 March 21 Work Session
 March 23 Council Meeting

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

Legislative Tribal Council Members
 Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader
 Marcella Reyes, Secretary
 Leroy Shomin, Treasurer
 Tamara Kiogima, Councilor
 Aaron Otto, Councilor
 Melissa Pamp, Councilor
 Fred Kiogima, Councilor
 William Oritz, Councilor
 James Pontiac, Councilor

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley and Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson for December 1, 2022.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.
Tribal Council Officer Reports
Legislative Leader Report
 i. Verbal report
 ii. Closed Session for Personnel
9:58 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to enter in Closed Session for Personnel.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.
10:44 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to return to Open Session.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.
10:44 a.m. Break
 Councilor Tamara Kiogima exits meeting
10:59 a.m. Councilor Melissa Pamp arrives
11:14 a.m. Meeting resumes
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor's verbal report for December 1, 2022.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima) Motion carries.
Secretary Report
 Documents Delivered to the Executive and enacted without signature on November 14, 2022:
 -Tribal Resolution # 101322-

01 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): None
 Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council:
-11/21/2022 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from the Shakopee Mdewkanton Sioux Community Grant Program in the Amount of \$1,000,000.00
 Phone Poll Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.
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 for December 1, 2022.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima) Motion carries.
Treasurer Report
Appropriations and Finance Committee
 -Last Meeting: November 15, 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 approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 120122-01 Request for Funding from the Administration on Aging (AoA), Title VI of the Older Americans Act, Part A, Part C and
 NSIP FY 2023-2026.
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.
Discussion: 2023 Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting Calendar

Tuesday	January	17,	2023	9:00 a.m.	C o u n c i l
Chambers and via Zoom					
Tuesday	February	14,	2023	9:00 a.m.	C o u n c i l
Chambers and via Zoom					
Tuesday	March	14,	2023	9:00 a.m.	
Council Chambers and via Zoom					
Tuesday	April 11,	2023	9:00 a.m.	C o u n c i l	
Chambers and via Zoom					
Tuesday	May 16,	2023	9:00 a.m.	C o u n c i l	
Chambers and via Zoom					
Tuesday	June 13,	2023	9:00 a.m.	C o u n c i l	
Chambers and via Zoom					
Tuesday	July 18,	2023	9:00 a.m.	C o u n c i l	
Chambers and via Zoom					
Tuesday	August 15,	2023	9:00 a.m.	C o u n c i l	
Chambers and via Zoom					
Tuesday	September 19,	2023	9:00 a.m.	C o u n c i l	
Chambers and via Zoom					
Tuesday	October 17,	2023	9:00 a.m.	C o u n c i l	
Chambers and via Zoom					
Tuesday	November 14,	2023	9:00 a.m.	C o u n c i l	
Chambers and via Zoom					
Friday					

December 8, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers and via Zoom
 -Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to approve
 the Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting Schedule for 2023.
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.
 Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee:
-11/18/2022 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from the Shakopee Mdewkanton Sioux Community Grant Program in the Amount of \$1,000,000.00
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.
 -Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom
Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for December 1, 2022.
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima) Motion carries.
11:22 a.m. Councilor Tamara Kiogima returns
Land and Reservation Committee Report
 -Last Meeting: November 4, 2022
 (Motions made at the November 4 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council at their November 10, 2022 meeting.)
 Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee:
-11/21/2022 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to reschedule the Land and Reservation Committee meeting for Friday, December 9, 2022 to Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.
 -Next Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom
Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Chairperson for December 1, 2022.
 Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carries.
ribal Council Member Reports:
 Councilor Fred Kiogima – No report
 Councilor Tamara Kiogima – No report
 Councilor William Ortiz – Citizen food boxes and Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation charitable donation to assist with costs.
 Councilor Aaron Otto – No
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report

Councilor Melissa Pamp – No report

Councilor James Pontiac – No report

Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – No additional report

Secretary Marcella Reyes – No additional report

Treasurer Leroy Shomin – No additional report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Councilor William Ortiz' verbal report for December 1, 2022.

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

Legislative Office Reports

Office of Finance and Revenue – Senior Financial Analyst

Office Update

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority – No report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – No report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. – No report

Tribal Burial Board – No report

Ziibimijwang, Inc. – No report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's written report for December 1, 2022.

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

Public Comment:

11:44 a.m. Opens

Ricky Compo commented about the Food Box funding, Tribal government staff should be using Paid Time Off (PTO) during the Christmas break, and has concerns about expired Commission, Committee, and Board (CBC) terms and person's still receiving mileage and stipends.

Melissa Shomin thanked all of Tribal Council for their hard work. Reminded Tribal Council citizens outside of the three-county service area also voted them into office.

Denise Petoskey commented Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation should be allocating their money and not Tribal Council.

11:51 a.m. Closed

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatroluk's verbal and written report for December 1, 2022.

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

12:05 p.m. Lunch break

1:19 p.m. Meeting resumes

General Counsel

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for December 1, 2022.

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

Motion made by Councilor

Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to authorize Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley to sign all necessary closing documents to complete the purchase of the parcel located at 6311 N. State Rd, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, Tax Parcel No: 24-05-04-33-427-022.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to authorize the Executive to enter into a contract with PNC Merchant Services for credit card processing with PNC's standard terms and conditions.

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

1:51 p.m. Councilor Tamara Kiogima arrives

Legislative Office Manager

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for December 1, 2022.

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

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 120122-01 Request for Funding from the Administration on Aging (AoA), Title VI of the Older Americans Act, Part A, Part C and NSIP FY 2023-2026.

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

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Tribal Council travel on Friday, January 27, 2023 for the Aki Construction formal reception from 2:00-5:30 p.m. at The Ballroom at McKay in Grand Rapids Michigan.

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

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to reappoint David Dominic to the Gaming Regulatory Commission for a 3-year term ending December 1, 2025.

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

Motion to approve \$15,000.00 to come from the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Charitable Donations line item for the purpose of program materials for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 2022 Children's Winter Solstice.

Vote: 2 - Yes, 6 - No (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Absent Motion fails.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to amend the agenda to include Motion to interview candidate #4 for the Legislative Services Attorney (LSA) and request the

Human Resources Department to schedule an interview.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to interview candidate #4 for the Legislative Services Attorney (LSA) and request the Human Resources Department to schedule an interview.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Statute.

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

Motion fails.

2:56 p.m. Councilor Tamara Kiogima exits meeting.

Treasurer Leroy Shomin exits meeting.

Public Comment:

2:46 p.m. Open

Ricky compo thanked Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, and Councilor Melissa Pamp for stating why they voted no on the \$15,000.

Shanna Shananaquet is willing to work with her Board of Directors to give back to the community.

2:50 p.m. Closed

Review and Approve Minutes of October 27, 2022 and November 10, 2022.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the minutes of October 27, 2022 as presented.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the minutes of November 10, 2022 as presented.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Other Items of Business:

Discussion: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation assistance with monetary support of Children's Winter Solstice celebration.

Discussion: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation statute.

Adjournment

3:39 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and are approved:

Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



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			1 Elders Luncheon at Noon Elders Commission Meeting 5 pm	2 Elders Luncheon at Noon Child Welfare Commission Meeting 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	3 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am	4 Tribal Burial Board Work Session 9 am
5 Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm	6 Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm	7 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am	8 Elders Luncheon at Noon Executive Branch Town Hall Meeting 10 am on Zoom Natural Resources Commission Meeting 6 pm	9 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am	10	11
12	13	14 Elders Luncheon at Noon Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am	15 Elders Luncheon at Noon	16 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Burial Board Work Session 6 pm	17 Election Board Work Session 5 pm	18 Election Board Meeting 9 am
19 Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm	20 Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm	21 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am	22 Elders Luncheon at Noon Natural Resources Commission Meeting 6 pm	23 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am	24	25 Tribal Burial Board Meeting 10 am
26	27	28 Elders Luncheon at Noon				
<p>Please Note: Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Any changes will be posted on the LTBB Website.</p>						

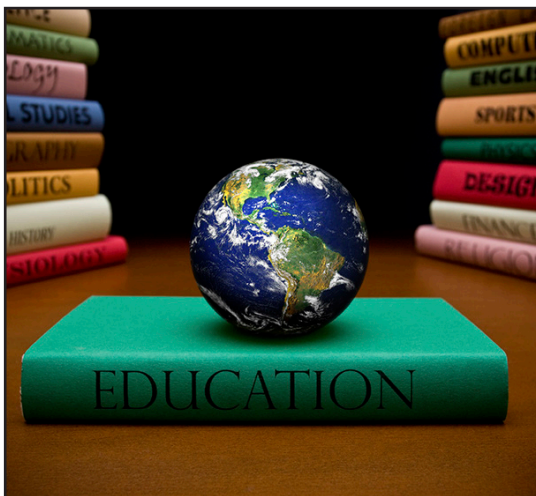
MICHIGAN PARENTS' COUNCIL REPORT

On December 9, 2022, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer released the final report from the Michigan Parents' Council, an advisory group she established to better include parents in the education budget process. The report summarizes feedback from thousands of Michigan parents and seven regional roundtables the council held. The report recommends continued investments in student mental health, school safety, teacher recruitment, learning supports and parent/student feedback on state and local education policy.

The council conducted seven regional roundtables, a virtual statewide event and an online parent survey to engage parent and caregiver voices. The council held roundtables in Flint, Marquette, Midland, Detroit, Battle Creek, Grand Rapids and Eastpointe.

Roundtable findings included resounding consensus among parents that education policy and budget initiatives should continue to:

- Prioritize and support access to student mental health and school safety funding for schools in the state budget, including funds for counselors and social workers, school programming and curricula
- Provide schools with the resources and flexibility to meet the unique learning needs of every student
- Continue supporting creative teacher re-



cruitment and certification funding strategies

- Expand opportunities for parents and students to give feedback on state and local education policy and budget initiatives

The council includes appointees who represent various communities and reflect the wide range of experiences and perspectives from across the state. The council convened roundtables of parents and family members across Michigan to strengthen partnerships between parents and schools and shared input from the roundtables directly with the governor's team and state superintendent.

Courtesy graphic.

NAJA CONTINUES CONSULTATION ON NAME CHANGE BY UNVEILING NEW LOGO



The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) unveiled a new logo concept during a membership luncheon meeting at the 2022 National Native Media Conference in Phoenix, AZ, on August 25, 2022.

Although the name change isn't yet official, the presentation of a new logo concept comes after more than two years of board discussions and consultation with membership. "It was very exciting to present the new logo concept to members in-person because the idea of changing the name to 'Indigenous Journalists Association' has been talked about since before I became a board member," NAJA

Board President Francine Compton said. In order to change the organization's legal name, a majority of the voting NAJA membership must vote in favor of the name change question, which will be included on the 2023 election ballot. NAJA first introduced the potential name change to Indigenous Journalists Association in 2021 by surveying membership. The survey launched on February 28, 2021 and was open for 31 days. An open consultation meeting with members was held during the survey period in virtual Q & A on March 18, 2021. Attempting to reach all members and further understand their view on the name change, another survey was launched on October 20, 2022. These surveys will help NAJA guide the process should the majority of members be supportive of the change. Prior to membership consultation, NAJA started using "Indigenous" for program and partnership language in 2020 with the launch of the Indigenous Voice Fund and in 2021 with the Indigenous Investigative Collective. NAJA also partnered with the Global Investigative Journalism Network on a guide for indigenous investigative journalism in 2019. Once a new name is officially adopted, NAJA will update all corresponding language in the bylaws and policies to reflect the rebranding.

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One of Pfizer's largest plants, the Kalamazoo facility is a global supplier of sterile injectable, liquid and semi-solid medicines as well as active pharmaceutical ingredients, producing more than 144 products. Currently, the multi-story, 400,000-square-foot MAP production facility employs 3,000 colleagues and contractors. Pfizer's operations in Kalamazoo County, MI, generate an estimated annual economic impact in west Michigan of \$3 billion. The plant has been in operation since 1948 and has had a presence in the community through the legacy Upjohn Company since 1886.



The MAP facility advances sterile manufacturing technology by placing products into distinct modules. MAP phase 2 will incorporate technologically advanced aseptic manufacturing equipment, systems and design, including multiple self-contained modular manufacturing lines. Proposed products in MAP 2 will utilize new mRNA technology and ultra-low temperature storage.

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MMIW Documentary Premieres at Sundance

By Nora Mabie

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

"Murder in Big Horn," a three-part documentary set on the Crow and Northern Cheyenne reservations, premiered at the internationally acclaimed Sundance Film Festival.

Through interviews with law enforcement, state medical examiners, tribal leaders and victims' families, the documentary tells the story of several missing or murdered indigenous women in Montana.

Specifically, "Murder in Big Horn" follows the cases of Selena Not Afraid, 16, who was found dead in Big Horn County; Kaysera Stops Pretty Places, 18, who was found dead in Hardin; Henny Scott, 14, who was found dead near Lame Deer; and Shacaiha Harding, 19, who was last seen in Billings in 2018.

Ivan and Ivy MacDonald, sibling Blackfeet filmmakers, helped produce the series. The MacDonalds' cousin, Ashley Loring HeavyRunner, is one of thousands of missing or murdered indigenous women, a crisis so prevalent it has its own acronym, MMIW. HeavyRunner, 20, was last seen on the Blackfeet reservation in 2017.

"Murder in Big Horn," Ivan said, stands out from other MMIW series in its "depth and breadth" of coverage.

"This is really a deep dive into these structural aspects of jurisdiction in Indian Country, legal barriers to justice, the political and cultural climate and why these cases aren't taken seriously," he said.

The series premiered at Sundance, the largest independent film festival in the U.S., on January 22, 2023. It was available to view online from January 24 to 29, and it will also premiere on Showtime in the New Year.

Ivan and Ivy produced "Blackfeet Boxing: Not Invisible," an award-winning documentary



about MMIW and resilience, and they have two other documentaries in post-production stages — one on bison revitalization efforts on the Blackfeet Reservation and one on the MMIW crisis in the Blackfeet community.

Ivan said authentic Native representation in film is vital.

"Television is one of the ways in which non-Indigenous communities learn about Indigenous communities," he said. "We've been historically excluded from that space, and there's been misinformation and miseducation. Now, not only are people learning about Indigenous people, but Indigenous people are behind the camera telling these stories."

While Ivan said Native people have known about the MMIW crisis for decades, many non-Native viewers may be unaware.

"I hope this series provides education and insight," he said. "This community has faced hundreds of years of injustice."

"Murder in Big Horn" is directed by Razzelle Benally, Oglala Lakota/Diné, and Matthew Galkin and produced by the MacDonald siblings and Benally. The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, based in Lame Deer, partnered with filmmakers to offer advocacy and resources.

While Native Americans comprise about 6.7% of Montana's population, they account for, on average, 26% of the state's active missing persons cases.

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Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians where she currently works in the nation's court system as chief judge — shared her family's story, one defined by the stark differences between living in a pre- and post-ICWA world. Boarding schools and a predatory adoptive system pulled her family apart and nearly separated her from her tribe. But with persistence, the support of her uncle, and the protections ICWA currently offers, she found her way back.

What follows is her account, as told to HCN. It has been edited for length and clarity.

Prior to the Indian Child Welfare Act, there was an official government policy of removing Indian children from their families, away from their communities, in an effort to assimilate them into society and indoctrinate them into Christianity. And, unfortunately, my family was part of that movement. My grandmother and all of my great-uncles attended boarding schools. They were taken out of their homes and placed first in the boarding school in Harbor Springs, Michigan — All the Holy Childhood Boarding School. Holy Childhood has the distinction of being the last boarding school in the United States to close (in 1983). My great-uncle Leo attended that boarding school, and he lived to tell me about that.

My grandmother, she just wasn't having it. She ran away three different times with my uncle. And the third time, they punished all the (Little Traverse) kids by pulling them out of that boarding school and taking them all the way down to the Mount Pleasant boarding school, because they knew they couldn't walk (150 miles) to Good Hart from Mount Pleasant. None of them saw their family for nine years after that. In summertime, Uncle Leo was loaned out to local farms, under the auspice of job training, to shovel hay and take care of the animals and whatnot. Women were taught domestic skills: cooking, cleaning, sewing. Uncle Leo talked about being taught blacksmithing and other kinds of labor skills — that was their expected pursuits. When Uncle Leo finally got old enough to leave, he tried coming home. But he didn't speak the language and he'd forgotten our songs. He didn't know our stories. He didn't fit in anymore. And a lot of people, when that happens, turn to alcohol or drugs or suicide. But he joined the military.



A 1947 postcard showing Holy Childhood Boarding School and Church. Courtesy of the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society.

My grandmother would die young, and my mother would be removed — I'm actually the first generation in my family to not be removed since the inception of the boarding-school era. My mother was taken out of her community, cut off from her family, and they cut her hair. My mother's a dark woman. She tells the story about how they put Clorox on her skin to try and lighten her. She was stripped of her language and culture. And she was taught to be ashamed of being Native American. She was told to lie and say she was Armenian. And I think the worst thing they did to her was they cut her off from her family and friends and relatives — my Uncle Leo told me that he didn't know what had happened to her. He had gotten married and had a son. He and his wife were in the Detroit area and they had always wanted a daughter. They would have jumped at the chance to adopt my mother. Instead, she was sent to be a domestic worker for a Mennonite minister and his wife

until she was 16. And then she was forced into a marriage there.

REALLY, THAT REMOVAL destroyed the fabric of my family. It took us out of the community, off the reservation. My mother was told that nobody wanted her, that she would never be welcome. Her letters were not sent. She wasn't given the letters that were sent to her. To this day, she has never set foot on the reservation. She describes herself as an apple: red on the outside, white on the inside. She's so fearful that she would be rejected if she came back. What that meant for me as a child growing up was that I had half a human being as a mother — someone who wasn't properly parented.

And where do you learn your parenting skills from? It's from whoever raised you.

As the years went by, and ICWA got passed, I went forward. I got an education. I went to law school. And in my law school applications, I wrote that part of the reason I wanted to go to law school was because I wanted to stop what happened to my family from happening to anybody else.

When I started looking at going to college, my mother thought there might be scholarships available if I was enrolled in the tribe. So, she made an attempt to enroll, and it didn't go very well. And she just gave up.

But I was not so quick. Paperwork was missing. This was before the internet, mind you. In order to enroll with the Little Traverse Bay Band or any tribe, you have to prove your family tree. And in building my family tree, I came to realize I didn't know anything about my family. I didn't know where I came from. And I didn't understand why my mother was who she was. And building this family tree and filling in these gaps, it just gave me more questions. And I started to understand; I started to look into it.



Chief Judge Allie Maldonado. Courtesy of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Communications Department

ONE OF MY STRENGTHS and attributes is that I remember the stories I'm told, even 10 years later. I may not always remember names. I may not always remember dates. But I remember stories, especially if they made me feel something. And when I finally got the paperwork together and created this family tree, and was looking at what was going on, I was able to have an understanding of what I lost. There were literally hundreds of relatives up here (around Good Hart) that could have taken (in) my mother. I could have grown up here.

On my father's side — my dad's Jewish — everyone was lost, except for a handful of people, because of one genocide. I thought that we were it on my mother's side, except for a couple of relatives. And I saw this whole family tree of all these people that could have been, that were, my family, but that I didn't have the benefit of knowing. It was in my

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MAKWA GIIZIS PUZZLE KEY
Puzzle on page 13.

Makwa Giizis	Bear Moon/February
nbazigim	my sweetheart
Gzaagin	I love you.
Jiimshin	Kiss me.
pane	always
Gmeznin	I miss you.
Gmakwenmin	I'm thinking of you.
Aapto-jiinshin	Hug me.
Mjiginishin	Hold me.
nwiikiwenh	my friend
gwiiikiwenh	your friend
Nbashigemnamaa	I like him/her.
Nmeznaa	I miss him/her.
Nzaagaa	I love him/her.

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20s that I just really understood: This is what broke our family.

I got my paperwork together, and I enrolled in the tribe. And then I applied to law school, and I came up here (to the Little Traverse Bay community) for the first time. I'll never forget the first time. I came up for powwow. I immediately started meeting people who were like, "Who are you? What's your name?" And I had done my family tree, so I was able to tell them who my relatives were. And they started telling me stories about my family. I mean, they started telling me all about *who I am*.

I remember stories, especially if they made me feel something.

And so then, after I graduated law school, I came back, and I started working for the tribe. My great-uncle Leo drove me all around Michigan, and took me to churches and cemeteries and told story after story about who I am and who they were and how we came to be here. And I was already all in at that point. But that just really showed me everything I lost — and then gave it back in a way. I was really grateful for every minute of the year that I had with my uncle.

That was his last year on earth, and he spent it with me, passing down those stories. We started the year by walking across the Mackinac Bridge together, just beginning to get to know one another. And then, a year later, we had spent this amazing year together, which completely changed my life and completely changed me, and as we're walking across the bridge again, he turned and looked at me and said, "I think this is the last time I'm going to walk across this bridge." And I looked at him and I said, "What are you talking about? You're in great health. You just drove from Florida to Alaska last year." I didn't understand that he was trying to tell me something. But he knew, and three months later, he walked on.

At that moment, I was very, very focused on what I could do to keep other people from having to go through this: How can I be part of a solution?

At the same time all this is going on, I'm very happily married, and I'm trying to start a family. And nothing's going right for us. We spent several years trying to start a family with no luck. We spent tens of thousands of dollars on IVF treatments that were nothing but heartbreak. And after two years, we decided that it wasn't meant to be and that we would adopt.

Because of the Indian Child Welfare Act, we became a licensed foster home. And because of the Indian Child Welfare Act, we were first in line to adopt Riley, a wonderful, healthy Little River child — the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Riley's family was Turtle Clan and, in our communities, that makes us relatives. None of his biological family members were eligible as a placement. And so, (the state of) Nevada decid-



Chief Judge Allie Maldonado in the tribal courtroom.

Courtesy of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Communications Department

ed to follow the Indian Child Welfare Act. They allowed Little River to intervene, as they should, and the case was transferred to the Little River tribal court. And Riley was placed with us. Because of that, he's been able to grow up near his community. He's spent his whole life within the territorial boundaries of an Indian reservation. He regularly goes to tribal events. He's an avid fisherman and exercises his treaty right to spearfish, which is a right of Native people here. He is a snow snake champion, which is a traditional Odawa game. And he understands our community and our community values.

And in this community, there are fewer than 5,000 citizens left, where there once were hundreds of thousands. And out of those 5,000 citizens, we have fewer than 400 under the age of 18. So that means every one of those children is not only just a potential voter and a future citizen, but potentially a future leader of our community. And they are the only ones who will keep our language and our culture alive. So as important as his community is to him, he's just as important to his community. Pre-ICWA practices destroyed my family. But ICWA gave me a family.

And by the way, four months (after adopting Riley), I thought I had the flu and it was my daughter.

Nick Martin is an associate editor for HCN's Indigenous Affairs desk and a member of the Sappony Tribe of North Carolina. We welcome reader letters. E-mail him at nick.martin@hcn.org or submit a letter to the editor. See our letters to the editor policy.

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In September 2002, Judge Maldonado accepted a position as Assistant General Counsel for LTBB and served the tribe in that role until she was appointed Chief Judge in January 2012.

Frank Ettawageshik, the Executive Director of the United Tribes of Michigan and past LTBB Tribal Chairman, said it was “an important step for Judge Maldonado, the court and Native Americans” in a press release by Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

“Allie is eminently qualified for this important position. She has a deep understanding of the law, including the sometimes misunderstood but vitally important role of Native American tribes as sovereign nations under our system of justice,” said Ettawageshik, who currently serves on the LTBB Appellate Court. “This will give her an opportunity to expand her constituency from our tribal members to the entire state. She is a worthy addition to the Michigan Court of Appeals.”

- Judge Maldonado’s awards include:
- Michigan Lawyer’s Weekly Woman of the Year (2014)
 - Unsung Hero for the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly (2015)
 - Chosen by Harvard Law School as an honoree for International Women’s Day, recognizing

- her extraordinary work with students (2016)
- Detroit News named her a Michiganiaan of the Year (2017)
 - The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan’s Mary S. Coleman Award (2022)
 - The State Bar of Michigan American Indian Law Section’s Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award (2022)

- Judge Maldonado’s Appointments include:
- Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed her to the Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice (2020)
 - Elected to the Board of Directors to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (2020)
 - Appointed by the State Bar of Michigan to serve on the Board of Directors for Michigan Indian Legal Services (2020)
 - Appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court’s Justice for All Commission (2021)
 - Appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals, District 4 (2023)

Judge Maldonado is an expert on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) and drug courts. She has worked extensively with the State Court Administrative Office to bring Michigan into compliance with ICWA. Additionally, she is a frequent trainer and speaker in the areas of ICWA, MIFPA and drug courts.

Judge Maldonado and her husband, Jay, have two children.
Courtesy photo.



Hon. Allie Greenleaf Maldonado
 1033 Howard St.
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December 6, 2022

Dear LTBB Community:

With the greatest humility and the deepest gratitude for the opportunity to serve my community, I am writing this letter to let you know that I am resigning as Chief Judge for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians effective January 8, 2023. I am accepting an appointment to the Michigan Court of Appeals from Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Tribe. Because I worked for LTBB, I had a career that made Indian people’s lives better and for that, I will always be grateful.

I never expected to have the honor and responsibility of this appointment. I am proud to be Native American, but growing up knowing who I could be and what I could achieve was difficult. Like many of you, my family was part of the Federal Government’s official policy of removing Indian children from their families and communities in order to assimilate them and prepare them for the station in life they were expected to hold. My grandmother was first taken to the Indian boarding school in Harbor Springs, MI, and then finally to the Indian Boarding School in Mount Pleasant, MI, where she was taught to cook, clean and sew

because those were the skills she was projected to need to fulfill her place in society. As part of that legacy when I was growing up, I never met or even saw a Native American attorney. Even today, there are fewer than 2,700 Native American attorneys in the United States. Dreaming of being an attorney was audacious, never mind being a judge! But I went to law school because I wanted to do my part to keep what happened to my grandmother, and all of the Native people in our community who were removed, from happening again.

From the moment I applied to law school, this community reached out to support me. I remember how Fred Harrington in the LTBB Education Department helped me fill out financial aid paperwork and apply for scholarships. I didn’t have a parent or mentor to help me, just the Tribe. I got through law school because I wasn’t alone. I had a community behind me cheering me on and helping me to reach up.

When I finally graduated, Tribal Council had Jim Bransky call me every month asking me when I would come to Harbor Springs, MI, and work for the Tribe. It made me feel valuable and wanted. I always hoped I would work for the Tribe, but I didn’t think that just out of law school I had enough to offer. But Tribal Council was persistent and after a few years, I moved up here to work for LTBB.

I had the career of my dreams here. All I ever wanted to do was to help people. In particular, I wanted to do what I could to stop the removal of Native American children from Native American communities. I am the first generation in my family to not be removed. While I got to do a great deal of amazing work under the mentorship of Jim Bransky, the work I did on the Michigan Indian Fam-

ily Preservation Act (MIFPA), writing a bench book for judges, rewriting State child welfare court rules, rewriting State child welfare court forms, successfully suing for the enforcement of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) across the State all the way up to the Michigan Supreme Court, speaking and training on ICWA and MIFPA – all of that was the chance of a lifetime. Because the Tribe supported all of this work, I was able to do it. Together, we changed the landscape for Indian children in Michigan for the next seven generations!

For the last 10 years, one of my goals as Chief Judge has been to help our state partners recognize the work we do as on par with their work in state courts. I have worked tirelessly to educate and build bridges. The fruits of our labor are most easily seen in our Healing-to-Wellness Court. When I started, the Tribal Court did not work with the surrounding State courts. In order to make that possible, we had to build bridges and trust between the Tribal Court and the surrounding State courts. Within a few months, we started working with Judge Erhart in District Court. But it was clear to me that to really help our people, we needed a felony level program. We spent two years working with the Secretary of State to gain the legal authority to issue State driver’s licenses to defendants in our program. We were the first tribal program to have that authority. We then met all 10 of the nationally-recognized best practices for a drug court in Michigan to do that as well.

Now, we work seamlessly with the surrounding jurisdictions to bring tribal people culturally-appropriate services through our Healing-to-Well-



Youth Services After-school Program

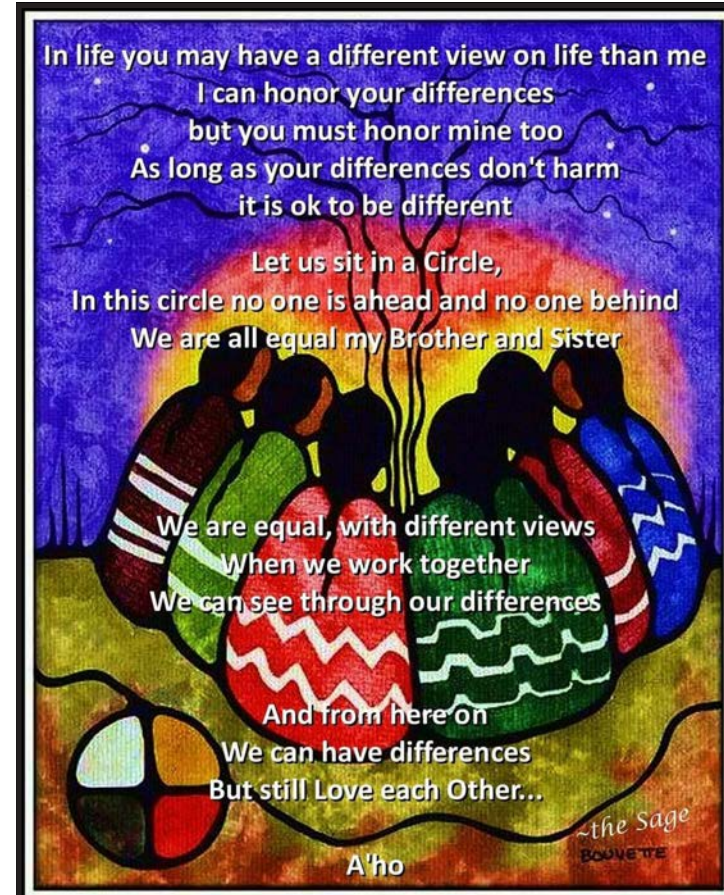
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- ✓ Healthy Meals

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"Dear LTBB" continued from page 37. ness Court. To date, the tribal people we have graduated from our program would have faced more than 32 years in prison or jail since we started taking felony level clients just a few years ago. I hope this program continues because its impact on tribal families has been nothing short of amazing! I look forward to watching the new family preservation court grow from afar. With cultural services at the forefront of the program, I hope it offers tribal families the same success we have seen in Healing-to-Wellness.

I will be the first citizen of a Federally-recognized tribe to ever serve on the Michigan Court of Appeals. I will also be the first tribal court judge ever appointed to any judicial seat in Michigan. I see this appointment as recognition by Governor Whitmer that tribal courts do the same work as state courts. It certainly sends that message loud and clear to the rest of the state. I will work diligently to make you proud, and I hope my appointment in this position makes it so the next seven generations can imagine serving on a tribal court or a state court without audacity!

I want to thank Chairper-

son Regina Gasco-Bentley and Chairman Dexter McNamara for nominating me for Chief Judge and for all of the Tribal Councils that confirmed my nomination. In addition, I want to thank the Anishnaabek Caucus for their work that made this appointment possible!

I also want to thank Fred Harrington for help with scholarship, financial aid paperwork and for encouraging me to work for the Tribe.

I am also eternally grateful to Chairman Gerald Chingwa for moving heaven and earth to bring me home.

I owe gratitude to Chairman Frank Ettawageshik who since the passing of my father has stood in that role. You have left a handprint on my heart and you are a part of all the good I've been able to accomplish since we met.

I need to thank Carla Osawamick, Simon Otto, Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Deleta Gasco Smith, Ray Kiogima, Victor Kishigo, Veronica Medicine, Rita Shepard, Harriet Booth, Alice Yellowbank, Carol McFall, Tami Hoag, Kevin Gasco, Tony Davis, Rita Shananaquet, Julie Shananaquet, Renee Wasson Dillard, Harvey Gibson, Arlene Nagashe, Warren Petoskey, Doris

Adams, Rochelle Ettawageshik and all of my elders and the cultural people who patiently and without judgement taught me about my family history and the culture stripped from my family through removal.

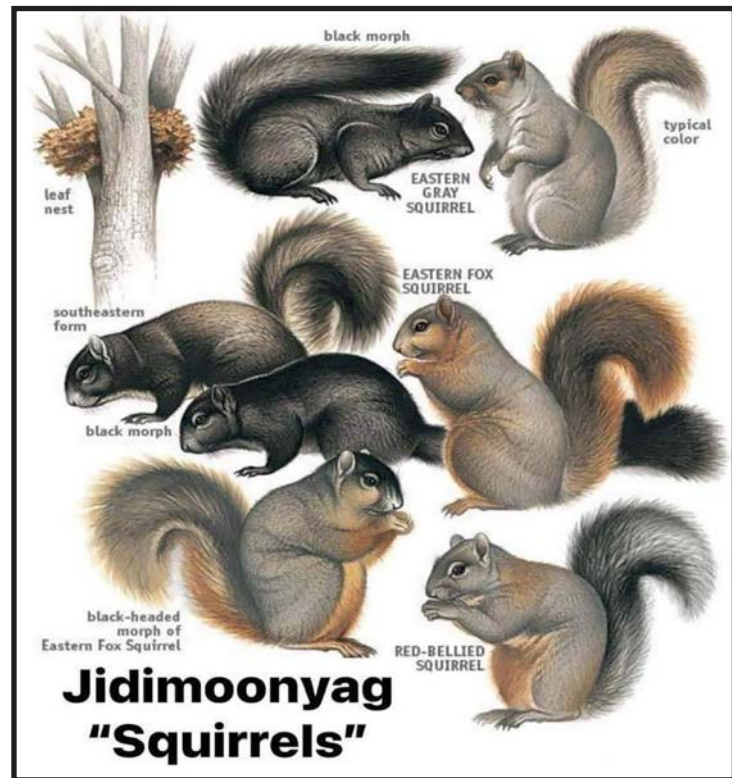
Thank you to my friends and family who gave me the strength and support I needed to be the best version of myself and loved me even when I failed.

I want to thank my grandmother and my great uncles for surviving the boarding schools, so that I could be here today. I especially want to thank my great uncle Leo Mishige who found me when I returned to Petoskey, MI, and gave me back the family history that was taken from my mother when she was torn from the community. Knowing about the people I came from helped me grow as a person and understand who I am today. It is a treasure that I will pass on to my children.

It has been an honor to preside over the LTBB Tribal Court. I love this community and look forward to seeing you all as an ordinary citizen at community events.

A Grateful Anishnaabek Kwe,

Hon. Allie Greenleaf Maldonado



**LTBB Town Hall meetings
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**MANNA FOOD PROJECT
AGENCY PARTNER PANTRIES**

AMTRIM COUNTY						
Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Bellaire Community Pantry	231-533-8973	205 Broad Street	Bellaire	Mon & Thur	10 AM	4 PM
Bellaire Community Pantry	231-533-8973	205 Broad Street	Bellaire	Saturday	10 AM	Noon
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Tuesday	10 AM	5 PM
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Wed, Thur, Fri	10 AM	4 PM
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Saturday	10 AM	2 PM
First Congregational Church	231-544-6878	1875 Main Street	Central Lake	Friday	3 PM	5 PM
First Congregational Church	231-544-6878	1875 Main Street	Central Lake	Tuesday	5 PM	7 PM
Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale	231-587-9606	200 N Maple Street	Mancelona	Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri	9 AM	3 PM
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY						
Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Boyne Valley	231-468-4615	3031 Main Street	Boyne Falls	Thursday	Noon	5 PM
Bread Of Life Food Pantry	231-547-4300 Ext 2	05855 M-66 N	Charlevoix	1st & 3rd Thur	4:30 PM	6 PM
Care & Share	231-536-7426	6710 M-32	East Jordan	Thursday	9:30 AM	Noon
Care & Share	231-536-7424	6710 M-32	East Jordan	Tuesday	2PM	4:30 PM
Charlevoix Community	231-237-9490	100 W Hurlburt Street	Charlevoix	Mon & 1st Thur	9 AM	Noon
Charlevoix Community	231-237-9491	100 W Hurlburt Street	Charlevoix	Monday	5 PM	7 PM
Good Neighbors	231-497-8678	624 State Street	Boyne City	Tuesday	10 AM	Noon
Good Neighbors	231-497-8679	624 State Street	Boyne City	Tuesday	2 PM	5:30 PM
Jesus is Lord Church	231-347-4837	06072 US 31 N	Bay Shore	2nd & 4th Tues	Noon	2 PM
Seventh Day Adventist	231-582-0151	326 North Park	Boyne City	All	Appt Only	Appt Only
EMMET COUNTY						
Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Harbor Springs Community	231-526-2017 X 43	201 W. 3rd Street	Harbor Springs	Monday	9 AM	11:30 AM
Brother Dan's	231-347-7423	415 State Street	Petoskey	Tuesday	9 AM	Noon
Church Of Christ	231-347-6181	320 Monroe Street,	Petoskey	Monday	11:30 AM	Noon
Church of the Nazarene	231-548-5462	7489 Mission Road	Alanson	Wednesday	4 PM	5 PM
Manna Food Pantry	231-347-8852	8791 McBride Park Ct	Harbor Springs	Tuesday	9 AM	Noon
Manna Food Pantry	231-347-8852	8791 McBride Park Ct	Harbor Springs	2nd & 4th Thurs	2 PM	5 PM
Manna Mobile Pantry - Carp Lake	231-347-8852	6339 E Gill Rd	Carp Lake	1st Thursday	4 PM	6 PM
Manna Mobile Pantry - Bliss	231-347-8852	265 W Sturgeon Bay Tr	Levering	3rd Thursday	4 PM	6 PM
Pellston Area	231-838-4499	161 US 31 N	Pellston	Wednesday	5 PM	7 PM
Salvation Army	231-347-3531	712 Pleasant Ave	Petoskey	Mon through Fri	9am-11:30am	Call for emergency

LINE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



Birthdays



Happy 51st birthday to **Kathy VanDeCar** on February 24. We enjoy seeing your culinary creations and eating your Christmas sugar cookies. Miigwetch for everything you do for your family.

Happy Birthday to my Beautiful, Wonderful mother, **Grace Zerbe**. Gzagin, Pauline and Dawn.

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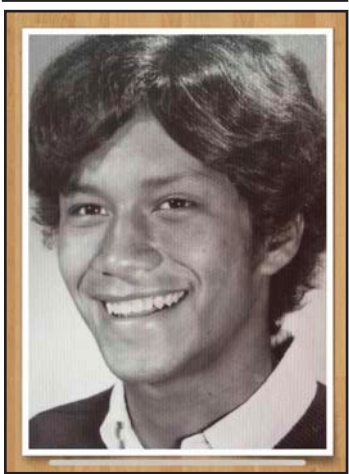


Leonard "Joe" Mitchell, 80

Leonard "Joe" Mitchell, 80, of Anson, MI, died December 13, 2022 at home. He has walked on to be with the Creator. Joe was born on August 17, 1942 in Petoskey, MI, the son of Sara (Chingwa) and Samuel Mitchell. He attended St. Francis Catholic School and Petoskey High School. On May 3, 1982, he married Karen Rittenour. This year, they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. In his younger years, Joe worked for the City of Lansing as a landscaper. He moved back to Northern Michigan and was employed as a building manager for the McCune Art Center. At age 55, he took a position with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians as a Cultural Preservation Officer and Pipe Carrier for the people before retiring at age 65. He was a proud tribal elder and enjoyed sharing his culture and traditions through school visits and assemblies. He attended as many pow wows and ceremonies as he could. His other favorite pastime was tinkering on his truck. He will be remembered for his sense of

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humor, his kindness and his mission to walk a good path with a good heart. He is survived by his loving wife, Karen Mitchell; his sons, Sam Mitchell, Leonard (Dorie) Andrews and Chris (Megan) Murphy; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; and five siblings, Marie Kagabintang; John, Wally, Donald and Sam Mitchell.



Archie Lawrence Kiogima, Jr., 68

Archie Lawrence Kiogima, Jr., 68 of Levering, MI, walked on December 19, 2022 at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskey, MI. Archie was a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians tribe. Archie married the love of his life, Regina Alice Kiogima (Dodge), on July 30, 1988. They had four children, and recently, celebrated their 44th anniversary of togetherness. Archie is predeceased by his parents, Archie Lawrence Kiogima, Sr. and Dorothy Elizabeth Kiogima (Adams); his younger brother, Michael Kiogima, Sr.; and his grandson,

Asinihns Reginald Gasco. Archie is survived by his wife, Regina; children, Netawn Alice Kiogima (Robert Smith), Archie Kiogima III (Melissa Wiatrolik), Regina Alice Kiogima (Marcus Winchester) and Krystal Elizabeth Kiogima (Shane Morseau); his grandchildren, Miigwaans Smith, Zhaawon Smith, Archie Kiogima IV, Gnaajwi Anderson, Mnookmi Massey, Carmelo Yopez, Mkoohns Gasco, Wedaase Gasco and Aabwed Morseau; two great-grandchildren, Archie Kiogima V and Waasebiya Wemigwans; siblings, Patricia Dehane, Darlene Mulholland, Jane Martell, Thomas Kiogima, Sr., Carol Kiogima and Keith Kiogima; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Archie was born on December 8, 1954 in Petoskey, MI. He attended St. Francis Xavier school through 10th grade and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1973. Archie was a renowned and versatile athlete, a very likeable and popular guy who was well known throughout the local communities. Archie graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1988. He took pride in his work as a micro-biologist, creating vaccines for the State of Michigan

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for two years. Archie worked as a biologist in the Natural Resources Department of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians starting in 1997, for 24 years through to his retirement in 2021. Archie loved the natural environment and animals. His professional and personal life passions were working outdoors and spending time in nature. The family sends a special thank you to the staff at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital for their care and compassion.



Gary Eugene Kiogima, 79

Gary Eugene Kiogima, 79, of Onaway, MI, passed away peacefully at the Villa at the Bay Nursing Home in Petoskey, MI, on December 14, 2022. Gary was a loving husband and father. He and Gail Alfsen were married in October 1993, which gave them 29 years together. He was previously married and had 15 children altogether. His children are Emmaline Begley of Mt. Pleasant, MI; Tina Conor of Rapid River, MI; Gary (Stacey) Young of Fairview, MI;

Melissa (Brian) Blonde of Mio, MI; Patricia (John) Shemka of Baldwin, MI; Phillip Kiogima of Traverse City, MI; Sarah (Andy) Knudsen of Thompsonville, MI; Jodi (Vito) Maletti of Ashokie, NC; Douglas Bronson of Bear Lake, MI; Dale (Amanda) Armbruster of Grand Blanc, MI; Frank Phipps of Wolverine, MI; John Phipps of Onaway, MI; Robert Ruse-Kiogima of Baldwin, MI; Shawn (Zoey) Ruse-Kiogima and Patrick (Angela) Ruse-Kiogima of Big Rapids, MI. He has 29 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He also has three sisters, Virginia Sherwood of Fairview, MI; Betty Stendle of Manistee, MI; and Faye Keyes of Manistee, MI. He was preceded in death by his father, Mitchell (Mike) Kiogima; his mother, Doris Tesluk; and her husband, Stanley Tesluk; his brother, Mitchell Kiogima; granddaughter, Alicia Begley; and daughter-in-law, Dana Phipps. Gary spent most of his life driving truck and was fortunate to have spent time in each state, including being an ice road trucker in Alaska one year. He also worked for a dock and dredge company and learned to salvage and did underwater welding. His last job was working as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Bortz in Petoskey, MI. In 1994, he had a stroke which left him disabled but he began drawing and painting at that point. Some of his pictures can be seen at Mina Mskiki Gumik Clinic in Petoskey, MI. Gary has been cremated and there will be a memorial service for him in the spring of 2023.

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February 25, 2023

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10:00am	Doors & Registration Open
10:30am	Registration Closes-No exceptions
10:45am	Opening Prayer
11:00-11:20am	65 & Over
11:20-11:40am	50-64 yrs
11:40am-12:00pm	Preschool (1-4 yrs)
12:00pm-12:20pm	K-2nd Grade
12:20pm-12:40pm	35-49 yrs
12:40pm-1:00pm	18-34 yrs
1:00pm-1:20pm	3rd-5th Grade
1:20pm-1:40pm	6th-8th Grade
1:40pm-2:00pm	9th-12th Grade
2:30pm-3:00pm	AWARDS CEREMONY

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