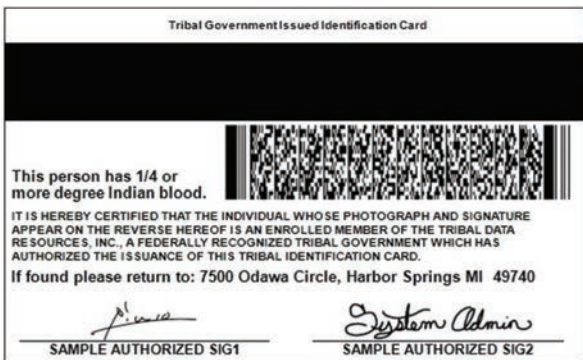




**ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS  
PDF-417 BAR CODE TO BE ADDED  
TO TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS**



The Enrollment office will be adding the PDF-417 barcode below the magnetic swipe on the backside of the Enrollment Tribal Identification Cards.

The PDF-417 barcode is used for identification purposes and are currently used on Drivers Licenses/ State Identification Cards. The barcode will store the tribal citizen's name, date of birth, address, date issued and expiration date. PDF-417 is used for age-restricted purchases in grocery stores/gas stations and credential scans when used for traveling across the continental United States.

The new Tribal ID cards are currently available for printing and pickup. If you are unable to come and pick up your new ID card, then you will be mailed your new card provided your picture is up to date in June. Any person with a tribal ID expiring 2023 or with a picture older than five years will need to send in an updated picture before receiving their card.

If you have any questions, please call the Enrollment office at 231-242-1521, 231-242-1522, 231-242-1520 or enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

**LTBB'S CROOKED TREE WELLNESS CLINIC OPEN TO ALL MEDICAID PATIENTS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN**

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

With limited options for Medicaid patients in the Northern Michigan area, the Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic (CTWC) in Petoskey, MI, is providing a critical service to the tribal and non-tribal communities.

"There are five FQHCs (Federally Qualified Health Centers) in our three-county area, but there are thousands of patients with Medicaid that need services, including Native Americans," LTBB Health Director Jody Werner said. "We hope to alleviate some of that need with CTWC. Medicaid patients do not have a lot of options for medical services, and LTBB is filling a community need with CTWC. LTBB benefits because revenue generated from CTWC is going to be invested back into health services for the Native American community."

The clinic, which is operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Health Department, opened in January 2023 and accepts both Native and non-Native patients with Medicaid. CTWC is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 231-242-1760.

"LTBB programs are typically available to our Native American population only," Werner said. "Offering the COVID vaccines to the service industry employees of the community was the first time that our LTBB Health Department expanded our services into the non-Native population to meet an important need. CTWC is another opportunity for the Tribe to provide services to the non-Native population; we live together as Natives and non-Natives in our communities and a healthy community benefits us all."



Werner has given presentations about the clinic at the Petoskey Chamber Women in Business Luncheon, Panel Discussion with Women Leaders of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, on November 22, 2022 and at the Petoskey Chamber 2023 State of the Community on February 3, 2023.

"Because LTBB programs are not always available to the non-Native population, we have to market CTWC differently, so that the general population is aware of the services," Werner said. "We have been invited to present to different community groups and we want to participate, so that we can spread the word that CTWC is open and available for anyone with Medicaid as their primary insurance, Native or

"CTCW" continued on page 37.

**INDIGENOUS TWINS FINDING SWEET SUCCESS WITH GLUTEN-FREE CUPCAKE BUSINESS**

What started as an experiment in 2020 has evolved into a full-time business that specializes in gluten-free cupcakes and baked goods.

By Elyse Wild, Senior Editor

**Editor's note:** The following article appeared on Tribal Business News on January 15, 2023 and is reprinted here with permission. To contact Tootsie Bluffins, call 231-838-5119, e-mail tootsiebluffins@gmail.com or visit the Tootsie Bluffins Facebook page or website www.tootsiebluffins.com

Amber Kilgore and Yarrow Young (Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians) get a lot of quizzical looks when they tell people the name of their business: Tootsie Bluffins.

But the confusion transforms into delight as soon as people try their products — stunningly decorated



and boldly flavored gluten-free cupcakes.

What started as an experiment in 2020 has evolved into a full-time business with a growing fan base and loyal customers who flock to the Harbor Springs Farmers Market in Northern Michigan each weekend to purchase their favorite Tootsie Bluffins cupcake flavors: Strawberry rhubarb crumble, orange spice, lemon earl grey, carrot chai and more.

"We have customers insert themselves when (another) potential customer is hesitant because it's gluten-free," Kilgore laughed. "They'll say, 'You have to eat it. You can't even tell it's gluten-free, it's the best!'"



Kilgore and Young's dedication to their craft is apparent. Their decorations are as unexpected and thrilling as their flavors with recent creations, including uniform cupcakes topped with swirling piles of dreamy

"Sweet Success" continued on page 36.

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242-1601

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Linda Gokee, 242-1403  
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**Legal Department** Maternal Child  
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242-1475

**Youth Services Department**  
Tina Dominic, Coordinator  
242-1593

### **Election Board**

[ElectionBoard@ltbbelectionboard.org](mailto:ElectionBoard@ltbbelectionboard.org)

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, kinoomaadwin, 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, miigi kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

#### LTBB Mission Statement

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

## Contact ODAWA TRAILS Information

*National Puppy Day  
March 23*

*National Respect  
Your Cat Day  
March 28*

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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 April 2023 issue of *Odawa Trails* is March 7, 2023.

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

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6 Months = \$76.80 **save \$19.20!**

12 Months = \$144 **save \$48!**

# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## EXECUTIVE BRANCH

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Aanii,

Time flies when you are working hard! We are rapidly making our way through 2023 and we are diligently working on our budgets for 2024. We will continue to keep the focus on our services while expanding and bettering them for our citizens. We also have many

exciting events approaching quickly.

I look forward to our 5th Annual Round Dance taking place on March 11 from 5-11p.m. Our 4th Annual Round Dance happened back in 2020 right before the COVID-19 pandemic struck our community. We are so pleased to bring this event back for the first time since then. I hope to see everyone there!

We also have the LTBB Community Meeting coming up in a few months. This is an important event for everyone to prepare for. Please make sure you join us; the dates will be announced shortly and I will talk more about this event in next month's *Odawa Trails* newsletter.

Last, but certainly not

least, I would like to encourage our citizens to take a look into our open seats on the LTBB commissions, boards and committees. These seats are an important part of our government and could possibly be filled by you! The commissions, boards and committees and their vacancies are listed on the LTBB website where you can submit your nomination form as well. Once the form is received, we will reach out to you for further consideration. You can also call or stop by the LTBB Government Center in Harbor Springs, MI, for further information or assistance with applying.

We look forward to working with you and seeing you at some of our upcoming events this month.

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### MEET EXECUTIVE SERVICES ATTORNEY SEAN CAHILL



the opportunity to become more involved in the Tribe and I knew it was time."

Historical circumstances, Sean shared, led to his family settling downstate for the past three generations. "My mom's parents served in the military during World War II. Grandma (Virginia [Chingwa] Vandegriff) grew up in Petoskey (Michigan) and Grandpa in Mancelona (Michigan), but for most of their lives, they were near a former Air Force base in Battle Creek (Michigan). My parents enlisted and met in the Navy. When you're enlisted, you live where the Navy tells you to live. You move when the Navy tells you to move."

As an adult, he charted a course back to the traditional homelands. His experiences showed him how difficult it can be to relocate to the reservation. He believes nation-building will make it possible for other displaced tribal citizens to return home.

"After the treaties ceded over 13 million acres to stave off forced removal and preserve permanent homelands, the federal government failed to honor its commitments and instead terminated its nation-to-nation relationship with the Michigan tribes. Tribal leaders persevered for 123 years to reinstate that sovereign relationship. I feel grateful to everyone who was a part of that and want to help the Tribe continue the groundwork for the next seven generations."

Now that the Tribe has set its sights on other needs, like protecting the Great Lakes, healing trauma, revitalizing language, constructing sustainable housing and diversifying its economy, Sean believes the Tribe can attain them. "There will always be challenges. I look forward to contributing as we face them."

*Photo of LTBB Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill and LTBB Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*

### Serve your Tribal Nation



[tinyurl.com/ltbcbbc](https://tinyurl.com/ltbcbbc)



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



### Executive Town Hall Meeting Schedule

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

### 2023 EXECUTIVE TOWN HALL MEETING DATES

March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13



Scan the QR code with your camera or see below on how to join!

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### TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

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

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

### 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



We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at

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

Please be respectful in your comments.



# 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!



### 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.

### 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

### 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 want your birthdays, anniversary wishes, congratulations, wedding announcements, birth announcements or a miigwetch!!**  
**Surprise the ones you love with a thinking of you!**

Submissions can be e-mailed to [newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

- ASEMAA - AH-SAY-MAH - TOBACCO
- GIISHIK -KEE-SHICK - CEDAR
- NAABAGONDAAK - NAH-BUCK-ON-DUCK - CEDAR
- SHKODEWABIK - SHKO-TAY-WAH-BICK - SAGE
- WINGASHKoon - WING-GASH-KOON - SWEETGRASS

# March Elders Birthdays

**March 1**

Evelyn Cody  
Melvin Kiogima  
Richard Masse  
Yvonne Fronczak

**March 8**

Shane Hart  
Duane Boda  
Timothy Todd  
Beverly Wemigwase  
Mary Lawler

**March 14**

Gina Gregory  
Beverly Cabral  
Mary Zeppa  
Gail Neeb

**March 19**

Katherine Fletcher  
Raymond Bottoms  
Linda Kilborn  
James Skippergosh, Sr.

**March 24**

Mildred Shomin  
Sharon Sanders  
Michelle Shananaquet

**March 2**

Kenneth Schemke  
Pricilla Dickerson

**March 9**

Donna Lord  
Kevin Cutler

**March 15**

Lucy Daniels  
Arlene Naganashe  
James Lasley  
Cherie Dominic

Joseph Allen  
Theresa Fischer  
Judith Shell  
Marc Pamp

**March 25**

Marion Genia  
Theresa Stieve

**March 3**

Leonard Dashner-Gasco  
James Fisher  
Mary Cody-Gibson  
Tammi Lee  
Paul Booth

**March 10**

Sara Curto  
Elroy Davenport  
Thomas Minor  
Marcia Bane

**March 16**

Jeffrey Hardwick  
Carla Hilyard  
Rebecca Healy  
Roger Emery  
Louise Beauchamp  
Dawn Thorpe

**March 20**

Lisa Keller  
Andrea Matteson  
Roseanna Alexander  
Patrick Sloniker  
Sheran Patton  
Donald McMillan  
Laura Damon  
Glenda Turner  
Bennie Lacroix

**March 26**

Harry Fenner  
Donald Seymour, Jr.  
Linda Massey

**March 4**

Helen Bonneau  
Camilla Jensen  
Deanne Samuels  
Darla Roush

**March 11**

Douglas Wright, Jr.  
Raymond Cody, Jr.  
Kimberly Johnson  
Patsy McGowan  
Peggy Holappa  
Marie Miskell  
Richard Crossett  
Shirley Coyle  
Lucy Keshick

**March 17**

Jewell Chingman  
Fred Kiogima  
Charles Brooks  
Gary Otto  
Sharon Miller  
Ronald Bekampis  
Joe Montez, Jr.  
William McNamara

**March 21**

Carolyn Medawis  
Frank Emery  
Laura Kieliszewski  
Nichelle Bunkley  
Mark Shenoskey

**March 28**

Wendy Morris

**March 5**

Karen Randolph  
Dennis Hardwick  
Rayna Shawa  
Paul Shell

**March 12**

Daniele Montez  
Henry Rowland  
Virginia Lewis  
Regina Kiogima

**March 18**

Philip Morey, Jr.  
Laurie Moore  
Gary Miller, Jr.  
Kevin Keller  
Sharon Casey-Hook  
David Shonibin  
George Leo, Jr.  
George Shomin  
Lewis Adams, Jr.

**March 22**

Madeline Hawkins  
Judith Kosequat

**March 29**

Stanley Crisp  
Gary Kenoshmeg  
Robert Baldon  
Diane Alsop  
David Anthony

**March 6**

Steven Thompson  
Raymond Suhr  
Robert Taylor

**March 13**

Marsha Griffin  
Deborah Blake  
Alice Hughes  
Marie Miller  
Carl Vincent, Jr.  
Robert Ortner

**March 23**

Douglas Sprague

**March 30**

Rachel Neville  
Jo Ann Seay  
Pauline Bowers  
Rodger DeBoer

**March 7**

David Minor  
Jeffrey Gasco  
Kevin Wall

**March 31**

Bonita Crowe  
William Devernay, Jr.

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) UPDATE



**The Food Distribution Program on INDIAN RESERVATIONS**

Food and Nutrition Service Allocates FD-PIR Administrative Funds for Nutrition Education

The FY 2022 budget provided an additional \$4 million in FDPIR administrative funds to use for nutrition education. All tribes were offered a base allocation of \$17,500 to conduct nutrition education with the opportunity to request additional funds for projects which exceed the base allocation. As of January 25, more than \$2 million was requested by 71 tribal partners for implementing and enhancing nutrition education in their communities.

Based on the nutrition education plans received so far, tribes are planning to utilize their funds in many ways. This includes planning grocery store tours, hosting cooking demonstrations, hiring nutrition educators, creating nutrition education tools and resources (posters, handouts, etc.), collaborating with community partners like University extension and SNAP-Ed, purchasing nutrition education reinforcement materials to provide to participants (measuring cups, cutting boards, etc.), traveling to nutrition education trainings and conferences, creating



videos, hosting recipe taste testing events and creating materials to market nutrition education in their communities.

FNS will continue to award funds as additional nutrition education plans and requests are submitted.

**Simple Food Safety Steps at Home Can Prevent Foodborne Illness**

More than 200 diseases are linked to eating food contaminated with bacteria, viruses, parasites or chemical substances. Each year, an estimated 600 million people worldwide get sick from foodborne infection, leading to an estimated 420,000 deaths, according to the World Health Organization.

Here is another important fact: Foodborne illness is preventable and consumers can take steps to reduce the risk of getting sick.

Tribes and tribal communities have long "FDPIR" continued on page 6.

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

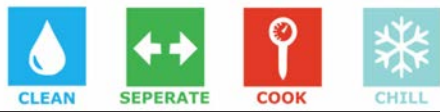
**DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LTBB U.S.D.A. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM?**  
Please call our office to see if we are able to help you!  
Call Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm at 231-242-1620.  
\*food distribution varies depending on availability  
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★ COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE  
UNLICENSED PROVIDERS  
★ STATE ISSUED ID  
★ ABILITY TO PASS ANNUAL BACKGROUND CHECKS  
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held traditional practices which take food safety into account such as dehydrating meat which removes enough moisture bacteria does not grow. However, over the years, as food systems have grown more complex and the microbiological landscape has shifted, communities have addressed food safety in different ways. These are some best practices to consider when you handle and prepare food.

### Four Steps to Food Safety



**Clean:** Wash your hands for 20 seconds before and after handling raw meat and poultry. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer which contains at least 60% alcohol. Clean surfaces and utensils with soap and water before cooking and after contact with raw meat and poultry. After cleaning surfaces which raw meat and poultry have touched, apply a commercial or homemade sanitizing solution (one tablespoon of liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water).

**Separate:** Use separate cutting boards, plates and utensils to avoid cross-contamination between raw meat or poultry and foods ready-to-eat.

**Cook:** Confirm foods are cooked to a safe internal temperature by using a food thermometer: Meat (whole cuts or intact cuts of beef, pork and lamb) 145° F with a three-minute rest time; ground meats 160° F; poultry (ground and whole) 165° F; eggs 160° F; fish and shellfish 145° F; and leftovers and casseroles 165° F. Don't have a food thermometer? Call 1-888-MPHotline to request a free one.

**Chill:** Chill foods promptly if not consuming immediately after cooking. Do not leave food at room temperature for longer than two hours.

Have a question about food safety? Contact the USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday:

Phone: 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854)

E-mail: MPHHotline@usda.gov

Live chat: ask.usda.gov

For more information, visit [www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov).

### New Nutrition Education Resources from the USDA Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative

Through the USDA Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative, the USDA is partnering with tribal-serving organizations on projects to reimagine federal food and agriculture programs from an indigenous perspective.

A variety of recipes and videos have been created which focus on how to use foraged and indigenous foods along with those available through FDPIR. Learn how to make huckleberry smoothies, wild rice bowls, bison meatballs and much more. In partnership with the North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS), the videos feature award-winning chefs and restaurateurs Chefs Sean Sherman (Oglala Sioux) and Crystal Wahpepah (Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma).

There are also videos and guides focused on foraging and harvesting indigenous and wild plants. Learn foraging basics with ethnobotany experts Linda Black Elk, Lisa Iron Cloud (Oglala Sioux) and Addelina Lucero (Taos Pueblo/Yaqui). Discover how common plants such as nettles, wild onion, milkweed and mint can be harvested and transformed into delicious dishes and teas. The videos and guides highlight how sustainable foraging practices can increase nutrition security, promote indigenous foods and encourage more sustainable land conservation

practices.

Please visit the USDA Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative webpage for more information.

### Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) provides eligible low-income households a subsidy of up to \$30 per month on internet service plans offered by participating internet service providers and up to \$75 per month for eligible households on tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers if the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

Households with income at or below 200% of the poverty level are eligible for the subsidy — about 30 million households or one in four of all households in the U.S. However, households are also automatically eligible for the ACP — without the need to prove their income — if at least one member of the household is receiving benefits from certain government assistance programs, including FDPIR.

The Biden-Harris Administration has secured commitments from many of the nation's top internet service providers to offer high-speed internet plans to ACP-eligible households for \$30 or less with no other fees and no data caps. ACP-eligible households which choose to pair the ACP subsidy with one of these plans will be able to obtain high-speed internet with no out-of-pocket costs — meaning millions of low-income households will be able to obtain high-speed internet at no cost.

Learn more at [GetInternet.Gov](http://GetInternet.Gov)

### Social Security Administration Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2023 and the Impact on FDPIR

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service has received questions in recent months related to the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) announcement of an 8.7% benefit increase for 2023 and how this may impact FDPIR. To address these questions, we are sharing some information on the change and how it will impact households.

### Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Payment Increases for 2023 and Impact on FDPIR

Beginning on December 30, 2022, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) maximum monthly payments for individuals increased by \$73 and for couples increased by \$110:

Individuals: from \$841 per month (2022) to \$914 per month (2023).

Couples: from \$1,261 per month (2022) to \$1,371 per month (2023).

Households in which all members are included in a federal public assistance or SSI grant automatically meet income eligibility requirements for FDPIR. See FNS Handbook 501, Chapter 4, Section 4300. Therefore, the ITO/State agency will not test any of the incomes of the households against Exhibit M FY 2023 Net Monthly Income Standards.

For non-categorically eligible households, increases in gross monthly income of more than \$100 must be reported within 10 days of the date the change becomes known to the household. See FNS Handbook 501, Chapter 5, Section 5141.

The SSI increase for an individual in the amount of \$73 would not require the household to report this change in income.

The SSI increase for a couple in the amount of \$110 would require the household to report the change in income.

You can read more about the changes to other types of Social Security benefits in the "2023 Social Security Changes Fact Sheet" provided by SSA.

*Courtesy graphics and courtesy photo.*

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)  
 Nbwakaawin (wisdom) • Gwekwaadziwin (honesty)  
 Dbaadendizwin (humility) • Aakde'ewin (bravery)  
 Debwewin (truth)

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa**  
 Survivor Outreach Services  
 Call Monday through Friday 8-5: (231) 242-1620  
 StrongHearts Native Helpline - 24/7: 1-844-762-8483

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

Less than 1% of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Survivor Outreach Services Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant will be financing this project, total Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant \$56,397, and 6% 501(c)(3) non-federal sources utilized.

## TOGETHER

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

**KNOW RESPECT**  
 Mnaadendmowin  
 Be respectful

**SHOW LOVE**  
 Zaagidwin  
 Be caring

**BE HONEST**  
 Gwekwaadziwin  
 Be truthful

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

**Get involved • Support survivors**

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

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

### WE CAN HELP

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

**DIRECT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS**

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

**INFO & REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS**

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

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE**  
 1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

With help comes hope

Help is available for you or someone you care about, 24/7

### ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE WITHIN 27-COUNTY SERVICE AREA

PRC offers coverage for medically necessary services when:

- Care cannot be fulfilled at the Mina Mskiki Gumik
  - Must receive authorization from their doctor at the clinic prior to going to an outside provider.
- Care is needed after clinic hours or when closed
- Care is needed on the weekends

For more information, call PRC's front desk at 231-242-1600 opt. 3.

MUNSON HEALTHCARE

BAY STREET URGENT CARE & FAMILY PRACTICE

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## MARCH 2023 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 3pm

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

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

Deliveries:

Local: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Peshawbestown: 15<sup>th</sup>

Traverse City: 21<sup>st</sup>

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



## WILD RICE STUFFED ACORN SQUASH

HEALTHY & DELICIOUS | PREPTIME: 15-20 MINS | COOKTIME: 60 MINS | SERVES 4

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup uncooked wild rice
- 1 teaspoon olive oil, divided
- 4 (1-lb.) acorn squashes, halved lengthwise and seeded
- 3/4 teaspoon salt, divided
- 2 sausages of choice (pork, deer, turkey, vegan etc.)
- 1 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 3 ounces fresh baby bella mushrooms, chopped
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- Handful of cranberries
- 1 (6-oz.) pkg. fresh spinach
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice



### INSTRUCTIONS

- Place 1 cup of wild rice in 4 cups of water in a saucepan over medium high heat. Give it a stir. Put the lid on.
- Bring it to a boil, turn the heat down to low and let it simmer for 45-60 minutes.
- Preheat Oven to 425°F.
- Brush 1/2 teaspoon oil over cut sides of squashes; top with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Place squashes, cut sides down, on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Bake at 425°F for 20 minutes or until almost tender. Remove from oven.
- Heat remaining 1/2 teaspoon oil in a large skillet over medium. Add sausage; cook 3 minutes, stirring to crumble. Add onion and celery; cook 5 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook 4 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 minute. Add spinach, stirring until wilted. Remove pan from heat; stir in cooked rice, remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt, cranberries, lemon juice.
- Spoon about 1/2 cup rice mixture into each squash half. Bake at 425°F for 10 minutes or until squash halves are tender and lightly browned.

Sheena Campbell  
sheena.campbell@tbifc.ca  
(807) 345-5840 ext 9088



Wiisinadaa: Let's Eat!

## Breaking Ground Spring of 2023!

Housing is pleased to announce that we will be building 35-45 new apartments in Charlevoix at Murray Road and in Harbor Springs on Second Street.

The new apartments will start becoming available at the end of 2023.

**We are accepting applications now!**

Contact us today to be ready to move into your new home!

Contact us today at 231-242-1540 for more information.



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS  
HOUSING DEPARTMENT  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Tele: 231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550  
TTY: 7-1-1



## Apartments for Rent

Now accepting applications

- Must belong to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Must be 55 or older or disabled of any age
- Rents are based on income
- Accept very low, low and moderate income applicants
- All units are 2 bedroom and 1 bath
- Bedrooms are approximately 121 sq. feet and 94 sq. feet
- Located in a quiet country setting, but only 4 miles from Harbor Springs, MI
- Barrier free units are available
- LTBB Housing office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

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

Contact person: LTBB Housing Department 231-242-1540



This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), at any USDA office or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or e-mail at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).



## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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



Equal Housing Opportunity TTY 7-1-1

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tribal Rental Housing Program:** The LTBB Housing Department offers 40 rental units in the Northern Michigan area. These units are available to rent to Tribal Citizens and most rents are based on a family's monthly income. Any Tribal Citizen interested in renting a unit from the LTBB Housing Department should contact our offices for an application. Currently, there is a waiting list for available units.

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

## 2024 BUDGET FORMULATION PROCESS PLANNING CALENDAR



- March 15, 2023 - Branch / Department 2024 Budget submissions to Treasury Office, including General Fund Budgets, Cost Recovery Budgets and Grant / Federal Contract Fund Budgets
- 1<sup>st</sup> week of April - All Branch hearings (April 5 – Executive & Election Board and April 7 – Prosecutor, Legislative, Judicial)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April - LTBB 2024 Proposed Annual Budget available to Tribal Citizens (April 10)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April - 2024 Annual Budget Public Hearing (April 11)
- By Annual Meeting - Tribal Council approve annual budget (April 20- TC Mtg)  
Final 2024 Annual Budget posted to Tribal Website (April 21)
- TBD - Annual Community Meeting

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

Colorectal cancer is the second most common cancer among the American Indian population. Some people believe this cancer only tends to affect men when it also is very prevalent in women as well. This cancer is found in the large intestine and rectum. Most cancer cases will begin as small as noncancerous clumps of cells called "polyps," which can easily be removed during your routine colonoscopy to prevent colon cancer.

The American Cancer Society recommends all average risk adults 45 years old and older be screened for colorectal cancer as it is considered one of the most preventable cancers, yet is one which is least prevented due to a hesitancy to screening. In 2021, it was estimated 149,500 people would be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 52,980 of these would die from the disease. This cancer is 90% treatable when caught in the early stages. Even if you aren't having symptoms, following the screening guidelines can save your life. Encourage your loved ones to get screened if they are having symptoms or are of the recommended screening age.

### What Is the Difference Between Precancer and Cancer?

A polyp found in the colon is an abnormal growth of cells and they begin as noncancerous growths. Over time, when not treated and removed, these can turn cancerous which then causes colorectal cancer. Just because a polyp is found during your colonoscopy does not mean it is cancer. However, it is important to attend your colonoscopies when your doctor recommends to ensure these polyps do not turn cancerous and can be removed during your colonoscopy procedure.

### What Causes Colorectal Cancer?

A variety of factors can cause colorectal cancer. Your risk of this cancer increases with age — that's why staying up to date on your screening starting at 45 years old is very important for your health. Having a family history of colorectal cancer, a history of polyps from previous colonoscopies, certain changes in your genetics, eating a diet high in red and processed meats, drinking alcohol heavily and smoking are all factors which

increase your risk of colon cancer. If you have diabetes, are obese or do not exercise regularly, your risk is also increased.

### What Can I Do to Prevent Colorectal Cancer?

You can prevent colorectal cancer by staying up to date on your colorectal cancer screenings and by adjusting your lifestyle. Exercising regularly is a great way to prevent many different types of cancer, not just colorectal. Go for walks, bike rides, jogging or go to the gym and participate in a workout class. You can do seasonal activities as well such as skiing, snowshoeing, swimming or hiking. Eating a balanced diet can also help prevent colon cancer. Fiber is like a scrub brush for your colon, so eat your fruits and veggies to help keep your colon healthy. Drink plenty of water and limit alcohol consumption. If you are a smoker, consider talking with your provider to quit smoking as using commercial tobacco products can lead to a variety of cancers.

### Are There Other Options for Screening for Colorectal Cancer?

Yes! If you are reluctant to get a colonoscopy, talk to your provider about Cologuard — an at home test kit which is delivered right to your door and also picked up at your door, so you don't have to drive anywhere to mail it. This test kit arrives in a small box with step-by-step instructions and has a pre-paid label to send back to the laboratory once you have collected the specimen and packaged it. All you have to do is call the number provided to schedule someone to come pick it up. Cologuard is a good option for average risk individuals, not those who have a history of colon polyps or personal/family history of colorectal cancer. Schedule an appointment today to talk with your provider about Cologuard or a colonoscopy to determine which is best for you.

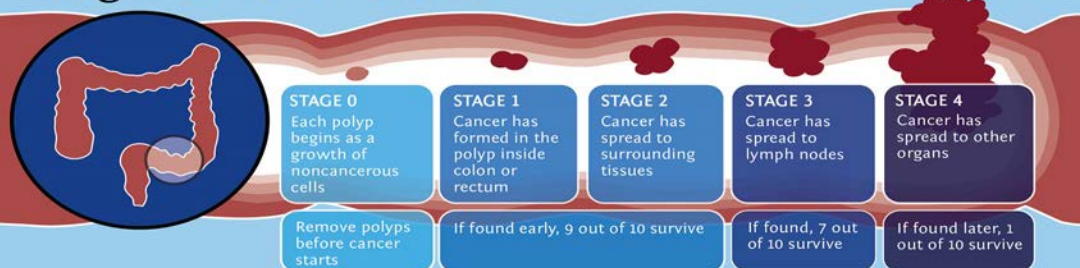
### Know You Are Due or Overdue for Your Screening?

Call or text Emily, the Patient Navigator of Cancer Screening, at 231-268-1307 to get help scheduling an appointment or ordering a Cologuard kit. She will speak with your provider about the best option for you and help you have all you need to complete this important health screening.

*Courtesy graphic.*

## End Colon Cancer in Indian Country

### Stages of colon cancer



TIMING MATTERS WHEN COLON CANCER IS FOUND

### What can I do?



QUIT SMOKING



EAT FRUITS & VEGGIES



WEIGHT CONTROL



GET SCREENED



EXERCISE



LIMIT ALCOHOL USE



Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

### What is colon cancer?

A disease in the large intestine (colon) and rectum. Most colon cancers start as small noncancerous clumps of cells called polyps. Without treatment, polyps may turn cancerous.



Colon cancer often has no symptoms in early stages.

### Screening tests

Colon cancer screening for American Indians is recommended for those ages 45-75

#### ► STOOL-BASED TESTS

- Looks for blood in the stool
- Take test at home every 1-3 years
- Mail or return to clinic
- If positive, must have colonoscopy

#### ► VISUAL TESTS

- Looks directly in the colon
- Test is done at a medical center
- Colonoscopy can prevent cancer by removal of polyps during test

Talk to your health care provider about when screening is best for you.

## AA MEETING @ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

RECOVERY IS SACRED

BEGINNING

Monday, APRIL 4, 2022

6PM TO 7PM

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ENTRANCE AT REAR DOOR

## LTBB OF ODAWA INDIAN HEALTHY START FAMILY SPIRIT PRENATAL TO 5 YEARS OLD

AS TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WE ARE ALSO MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, SISTERS AND AUNTS WHO CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF OUR NATIVE COMMUNITY.

### WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- \*FREQUENT CONTACT AND SUPPORT
- \*EDUCATIONAL MILESTONES
- \*PRENATAL EDUCATION
- \*POSTPARTUM
- \*LABOR AND BIRTH EDUCATION
- \*RESOURCES FOR OUR PROGRAMS INVOLVMENT PROVIDED
- \*AND MUCH MORE

WE WILL COME TO YOUR HOME OR SEE YOU RIGHT HERE IN THE OFFICE.



FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN THE QR BARCODE, CALL OR EMAIL:

CAROL @ 231-242-1614  
csodman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
Or TRACEY @ 231-242-1721  
tostrander@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

## NOTICE TO MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has announced that Medicaid Eligibility Renewals will **resume starting April 2023.**

## IF YOU HAVE MEDICAID: GET READY TO RENEW NOW.

Following these steps will help determine if you still qualify:



Make sure your contact information is up to date with MDHHS.



Check your mail, text, or MI Bridges account for notifications.



If received, complete the Medicaid Renewal Form immediately.



The Renewal Form must be mailed in or submitted on your MI Bridges account

### FOR HELP OR TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Visit the MI Bridges Webpage:

michigan.gov/mibridges



Or Contact:

Abigail Dawson  
LTBB PRC Benefits Assistant

P: 231-242-1752  
E: adawson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

**DON'T RISK A GAP IN YOUR MEDICAID OR PRC COVERAGE!**



## Enroll in Medicaid: For yourself, your family, and your community.

American Indians and Alaska Natives who are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP benefit by having *greater access to health care services*. Tribes benefit because their health programs get *more resources to help their community*.

To see if you qualify, contact:  
**Abigail Dawson**  
Patient Benefits Assistant  
P: 231-242-1752



# ELDERS DEPARTMENT

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

## ELDERS DEPARTMENT

231-242-1423

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

### FOOD & UTILITY APPROPRIATION ALLOWANCE APPLICATION

Please print the following information:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street

City State Zip Code

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

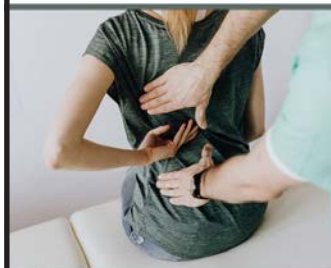
CONTROLLER: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

#### 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

#### PRC Eye Exam Coverage



**Ages 0-18 & Diabetics:**  
 Eye Exam, Lenses, and Frames covered once per 12 months

**Ages 19 and older:**  
 Eye Exam, Lenses, and Frames covered once per 24 months

PRC Regulations apply. Call 231-242-1600 (opt. 3) for more information.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

### AGRICULTURE FOR TOMORROW CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
 9:15 - 4:05 EST  
 Bay College, Escanaba  
 Heiman University Center  
 2001 N Lincoln Rd  
 Escanaba, MI 49829

## Talking Circles

Who: Title VI Students Grades 3-8th

Dates:  
 January 18, 2023  
 February 15, 2023  
 March 15, 2023  
 April 12, 2023  
 May 10, 2023

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Harbor Springs Middle School

If you have any questions please contact:  
 Tamara Klogima  
 Title VI and Family Support Coord.  
 Ph: 231-526-4835 or email tklogima@harborps.org

In collaboration with: LTBB SPRING Prevention

## 2023 NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS SUMMER YOUTH PRACTICUM

Accepting Applications

**What?**  
 Opportunity to learn more about interdisciplinary components of Tribal natural resource management thru hands-on & in-lecture settings

**Who?**  
 10th - 12th grade (by Fall 2023) Native Youth

**When?**  
 Saturday July 15 - Saturday, July 22, 2023

**Cost?**  
 Free! We pay for your travel, food and lodging!

**Where?**  
 Colorado State University Mountain Campus, Colorado

**Application Due Date:**  
 Friday, May 5, 2023 at 10 pm Mountain Time

TO DOWNLOAD APPLICATION/TO APPLY GO TO:  
[HTTPS://WWW.NAFWS.ORG/YOUTH-PRE-PROFESSIONAL/SUMMER-YOUTH-PRACTICUM/](https://www.nafws.org/youth-pre-professional/summer-youth-practicum/)

**QUESTIONS & INFO CONTACT:**  
 ASHLEY MUELLER, EDUCATION COORDINATOR  
 EMAIL: AMUELLER@NAFWS.ORG  
 PHONE: 303-466-1725, EXT. 4



## Gnoozhekaaning

7th Annual

### Snowsnake Competition

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Questions call Jesse Bowen (906)322-9266 or email jbowen77@outlook.com

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) for additional information.

## LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA & RESIDENT TRIBAL CITIZENS

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

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

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

## ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN OWNED BUSINESSES

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

their business offers.

LTBB DOC will reach out to these businesses directly when departments or entities ask for their business opportunities to be shared.

LTBB DOC can be reached at 231-242-1584 or [DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).



### Mzinigangamik Cultural Library Closure

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

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

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1/30, 2/13, 2/27, 3/13, 3/27, & 4/10, 2023

LTBB Govt Meeting Rm 312 or Zoom  
(Mtg ID: 393 739 2960)

What is Indigenous STEAM (ISTEAM)?



Questions?

Contact Amanda:

LTBB Niigaandwin Edu. Dept.

Ishkaakimikwe Kinooaagewinan (Teachings of the Earth) Coordinator  
[aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
(231) 242-1483

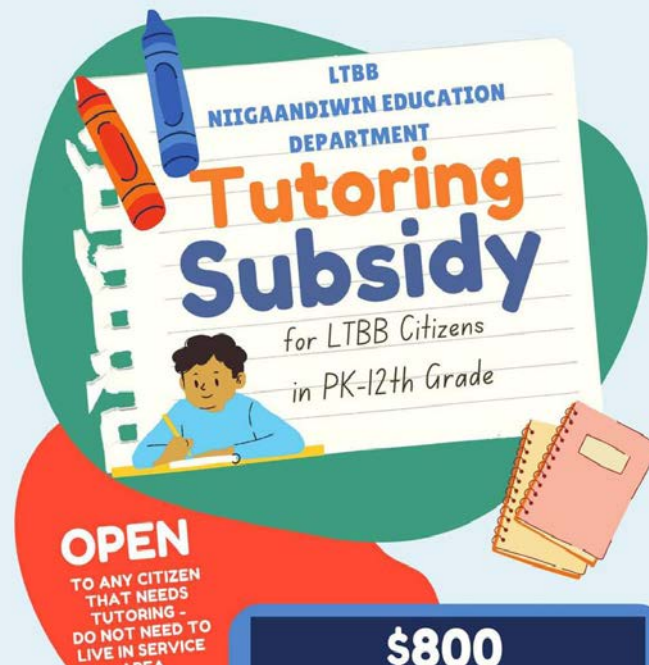


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<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/services/forms-directory/>

# 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. Veteran cards also available.
- Address Changes – Adults only need notarization if mail isn't sent to their home. Minors must be notarized annually. Tribal notaries can be found onsite at the Government Complex.
- Marriage License Applications – Please allow one business day to pick up the Licenses.
- Tribal Directories – Available same day
- File Photocopy – request a document from your Enrollment file
- Blood Quantum Adjustment Request – Provide documents on an ancestor that shows proof of more Indian Blood
- Verification of Indian Preference for Employment
- Eagle Parts and Feathers Application – Wait time for parts and feathers is dependent on the Repository

### 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

**Have any questions or need a form? Call or e-mail:**

E-mail: enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
 Lindsey Doerfler – P: 231-242-1522  
 E-mail: ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
 Marin Taylor – P: 231-242-1521  
 E-mail: mtaylor@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
 Pauline Boulton – P: 231-242-1520  
 E-mail: pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
 Forms are also available on the LTBB Website.  
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment>  
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/forms>

## LTBB VETERAN CARDS

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

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

### Definition

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

We have created new



Tribal Identification Cards for our LTBB Veterans.

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

**Zhimaaganish - Veteran**

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

Sincerely,  
 Pauline Boulton  
 Enrollment Officer

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

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

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Enrollment Office  
 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521  
 Fax 231-242-1529



Hoar Frost



Peanut Butter Falls



Lake Plumbago

\*The Enrollment Department will only be printing the updated Tribal ID cards from now on. All cards will have this barcode including minor cards and veteran cards.

**Contact Information:**  
 Lindsey Doerfler—  
 (231) 242-1522  
 ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
 Marin Taylor—  
 (231) 242-1521  
 mtaylor@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
 Pauline Boulton—  
 (231) 242-1520  
 pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
 enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

**PDF-417 Barcode Added to Tribal Identification Cards**

**What is the PDF-417 Barcode?**  
 This barcode is used for age verification and identification purposes throughout the USA. The information stored on it is all the information on the front of your Tribal ID and nothing more. This barcode is also on the back of State IDs and Driver's Licenses.

**Why add this to our Tribal IDs?**  
 While Tribal IDs are recognized federally there have been issues with day-to-day use in non-federal businesses like gas stations and grocery stores. The addition of the barcode may allow for easier use as a main ID for the purchase of age-restricted items.

**How do I get the new ID card?**  
 The only requirement for the new ID card is to have a current photo on file (the photo cannot be older than 4 years). This means that there is no fee. If you want your new ID card right away, then please use the contact information of the left side to request your new ID. In June 2023 ID cards will be mailed to everyone with a current photo and who hasn't requested their new card.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
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 Enrollment Office

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

\*\*\* Enrollment Fees waived for LTBB Veterans\*\*\*  
 August 19, 2021

**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

**IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?**

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

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS

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

# GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

## NIMOSH MINWAA JIDAMOO

By Maryann Endanawas, Project Instructor/Fluent Speaker

Nwiidibaajimaa maaba nimoosh, Bungii ezhinkaazo. Miisa ngoding gaazhiwebag, desgaaning epiichi naawsijgeyaanh. Ngiibigidi-naa ndaynaa wiikwebaambatod kitigaaning. Aapiichin ngiignawaabmaa, jibwaa maajiptood zaagjeeying.

I'm going to share a story about a dog named Bungii. One time, I was tidying up the back deck. I let my dog off his leash, so he could run in the yard. I would check on him often, so he would not leave the yard.

Piidash neyaap episkaabatood giimiginan jidimoo'in. Jidimoo wii poogdizi, kwaandwep-too minwaa niisaandwep-too. Aapiichin takaambatoo mbaneyiing bit ninaatik.

When he returned, he was barking at the squirrel. The squirrel was teasing him, he would run up and down the tree. Then, he would run to the other side of where another maple tree grew.

"Asenaa mbe biindigedaa," ndinaa nday. Gawii bizindazii, geyaabi baabiimskobtoo mtigoong. Aapjigwa naawtoowok eshkam. Ndwaach ngiimadap baabaabiiwok.

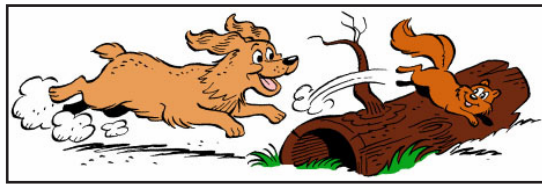
"Okay, let's go inside now," I said to my dog. He was not listening, he continued to run around the tree. They were very noisy down there. So, I decided to sit and wait for him.

Enwek gwaa bishigendanaawaa jidamoo'ik kwaandwep-toowad ninaatigoong ndinendam. Gaawii boontaasiwok, miigo geyaabi epiich mbiigowetoowad megwaa niibiishensing.

Goodness, those squirrels enjoy running up and down the maple trees, I thought. They are not going to stop, they continued to scuffle in the leaves.

Miidash giinaabiyaanh mtakmik, enwek senaa ndinwendam. Ginwaabmaa nday en'naakid. Gaadebinad iidik jiidimoo'in, aapji gwaa getin shashweyiing ninaashman ninda jiidimoo'in.

I decided to look down below, O, for God's sakes, I thought! I'm looking at what my dog is doing. He must have got a squirrel, he was swinging the squirrel from side to side.



Ngiinoondaagos ngichinichiiwaa, bigidin maaba ndinaa!! Gaawii ngimbizindaaksii ginagenh miisaa giinoojibidoowaanh jiishdagan. Ngichi wewepdan mchikaanhs giitaayiing etek. Miisa gaazhi booksidoowaanh njiishdagan.

I yelled and scolded him to let go of the squirrel! He didn't listen at all, so I grabbed my broom. I started to hit the deck railing. Would you know, I broke it in half.

Ngiinisaandwep-too geyaabi gwa nbiimbat-waadan jiishdagan mtik. Gaawii ge'e nbiiskazinan mkizanan. Ndaani mbiigis miinwaa jiishdagan mtik mibaabiimskowebnan wiibigidnemat jidimoo'in. Ngiibiimskoptoomi giitaayiing wiigwaaming.

I quickly ran down the steps with my busted broom stick. I didn't have any shoes on. I tried to yell at him again and swing my broom stick around for him to let go of the squirrel. We ran around the house.

Gekpii giipgidnemaan jiidimoo'in. Pane gaamide nimgojiing jidimoo gekpii giishkitoon wiimaajiptood. Miisa minwaa giibiindigenaashkowok nday. Pane odi nbe aachkingaaning giizhinaashkowaa.

Finally, he let the squirrel go. The squirrel went flying in the other direction and took off running. I chased my dog inside. He sent him to the bedroom in his pen.

Ngiitikonam, ngiiginoonaa biyaapkoonhsing nwiidgemaagan ngiwiindimowaanh gaazhiwebziyaang.

I was out of breath when I phoned my husband to let him know what had happened.

Miidash gamaapii giinkwetwid "miiniinaa njida enokiiwad nimooshak mide kida". Enwek senaa ndinwendam!!

When he finally answered, he replied, dogs are made to be like that.

O for God's sakes, I thought!

Courtesy graphic.

A message from your Enrollment Department

### Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Official Tribal Identification Card

Jane Doe

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

ISSUE DATE  
08/29/2022

EXPIRE DATE  
08/29/2027

Jane Doe  
Citizen Signature

## 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@lbtbdodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@lbtbdodawa-nsn.gov). Then mail the \$10 fee separately.

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

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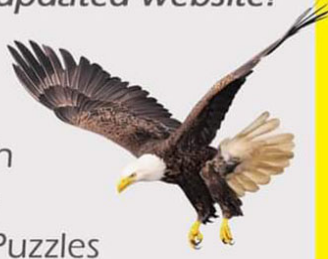
## Anishinaabemodaa.com

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



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Check out our great  
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#### LTBB Anishinaabemowin

Our main page is where we post learning materials, resources, announcements.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/579880368807404>

#### LTBB Zoom Anishinaabe Language Classes

Here you will find announcements and the schedule of weekly Zoom classes, and handouts from class.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/555794471766384>

#### Daminawinan Anishinaabemang

(Games in Anishinaabe Language)

Games and puzzles for the whole family.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/131141284298625>

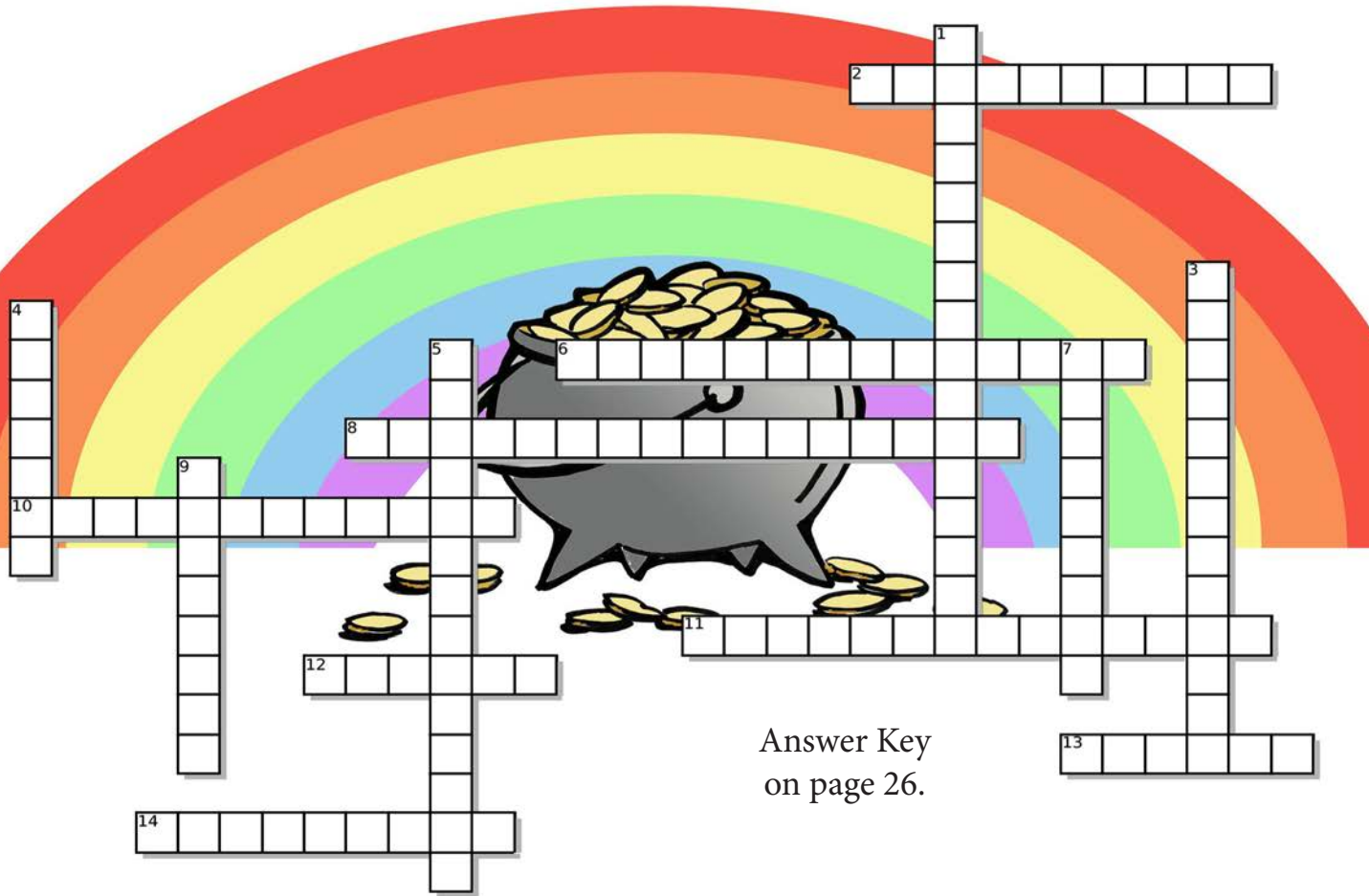
#### Anishinaabemowin Eta

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No-English Group for Fluent Speakers & Intermediate Learners

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# Naabdin Giizis Snowcrust Moon/March



Answer Key  
on page 26.

ACROSS

- 2 feast
- 6 Little people
- 8 music
- 10 Snowcrust Moon or March
- 11 rainbow
- 12 potatoes
- 13 meat

14 clover

DOWN

- 1 shiny things
- 3 green
- 4 cabbage
- 5 jig
- 7 legend
- 9 Kiss me!

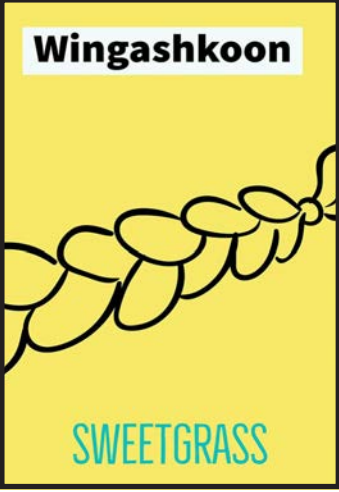
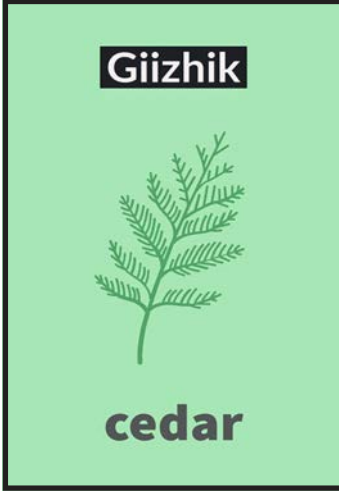
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**Ebiimoshin**  
(modern phrase to say "e-mail me")

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

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

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



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# NATIVE NEWS

## RESULTS FROM 2022 WOLF SURVEY SHOW POPULATION REMAINS STABLE

By Michigan DNR

Wildlife biologists from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources released their findings of the latest Michigan gray wolf survey.

The survey, conducted in early 2022, shows the wolf population in the Upper Peninsula remains stable, as it has for more than a decade.

“These results show a continued trend of statistical stability, indicating that gray wolves may have reached their biological carrying capacity within the Upper Peninsula,” said Cody Norton, the DNR’s wolf specialist. “Wolf presence has only been confirmed twice genetically in the Lower Peninsula in recent times; in 2004 and 2014.”

The survey, which is conducted every other winter, covers the U.P., including Drummond, Neebish and Sugar islands with Isle Royale excluded. The wolves on Isle Royale are managed by the National Park Service.

Completing analysis of the field data collected during the DNR’s 2022 wolf survey was delayed during the past year as wildlife biologists focused on updating the state’s Wolf Management Plan.

The plan was updated using all pertinent social and biological scientific knowledge on wolves to date.

The minimum wolf population estimate from the 2022 survey is 631 wolves, plus or minus 49 wolves. A total of 136 packs was estimated with an average number of individuals per pack calculated at 4.5.

“Our minimum wolf population estimate is not statistically different from the last estimate in 2020,” Norton said. “All of the estimates since 2011 have not differed statistically.”

However, wolf density appears to have shifted over time.

“The density of wolves may have decreased in some areas of the west U.P. and increased in some parts of the east U.P.,” DNR wildlife biologist Brian Roell said.

This may be linked to significant winter weather events during 2013-2015, which greatly reduced deer densities in mid- and high-snow-fall zones of the region.

### Trending Results

The wolf population in the U.P. showed mostly steady growth from 1989 to 2011. From 1994 to 2007, the population grew at an average annual rate of 19%. From 2003 to 2007, the average annual growth rate was 12%.

The growth rate was expected to decline as the population moved toward the maximum level the U.P. can sustain.

Since 2011, the minimum estimate for the wolf population has remained stable ranging from 618 to 695. A minimum of estimate of 695 wolves occurred in the U.P. during the winter of 2020.

### Lower Peninsula



In October 2004, a wolf had been captured and radio-collared in the eastern U.P. was captured and killed by a coyote trapper in Presque Isle County of the northern Lower Peninsula. This event represented the first verification of a wild wolf in the L.P. in at least 69 years. However, winter track surveys during 2005-2010 failed to indicate the presence of any wolves in the L.P.

In 2014, biologists from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians captured what appeared to be a wolf on a trail camera and were able to collect a scat sample. DNA analysis of the scat confirmed the animal was a wolf. Although it is possible wolves occur in the L.P., as of January 2023, no wolves are known to exist there.

### New Dashboard

The DNR has produced a new online dashboard, making incidence of wolf-dog conflicts more accessible for viewers. The dashboard includes mapped data points of conflicts and a database of incidents over many years.

The improvement in presenting the data was suggested during meetings in 2022 of the Wolf Management Advisory Council and sections of the recently updated Michigan Wolf Management Plan.

### Changing Legal Status

The legal status of wolves at both the federal and state level has changed several times, which impacts the ability of all agencies to manage wolves. Regardless of changes in legal status, wolves in Michigan have surpassed federal and state population recovery goals for 22 years.

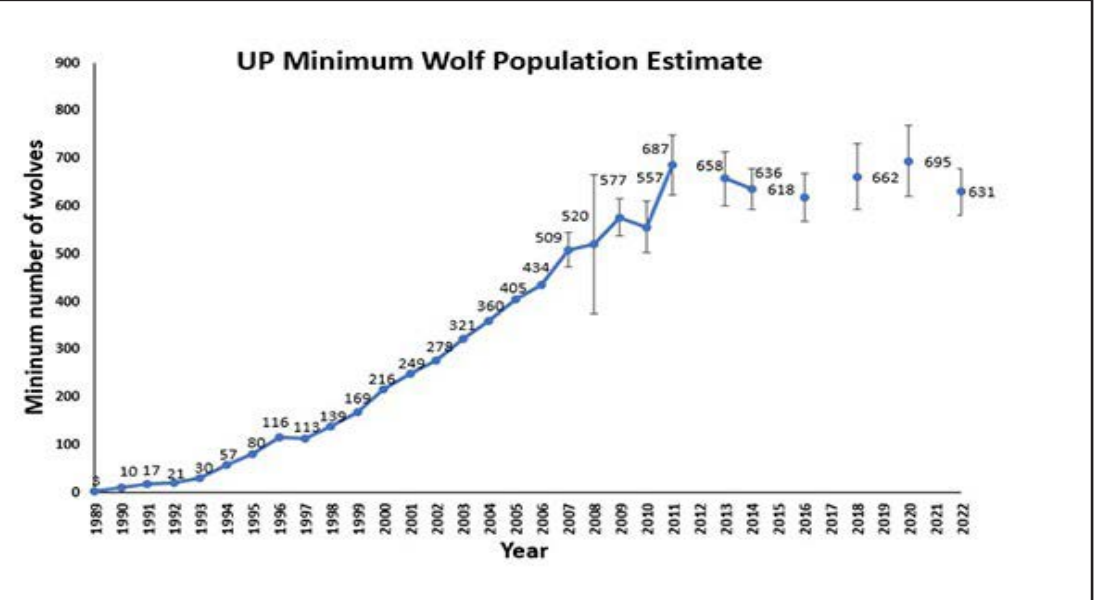
Gray wolves are currently on the federal list of threatened and endangered species. Consequently, they cannot be killed legally unless in defense of human life.

Regardless of the federal listing status, the Michigan DNR will continue to have management responsibility for wolves in the state. It is the regulatory authority over lethal take of wolves which varies with the changing status of wolves.

Implementing some portions of the Michigan Wolf Management Plan are curtailed given the federally endangered legal status of wolves.

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# ANISHINAABEK CAUCUS OF THE MICHIGAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY DEMANDS THE FORFEITURE OF CAPTIVE BISON BY CARDEN INTERNATIONAL CIRCUS



“Anishinaabek have a long withstanding relationship with bison/buffalo. We call them Mashkode Bizhiki, the Bison from the west, and they bring medicine with them, sage. Mashkode Bizhiki are NOT meant to be domesticated. They have herds which are 100% dependent on each other. Like us, they need their community to survive. If you separate one from their herd, it is detrimental to the well-being of the bison/buffalo. They are considered healing beings to Anishinaabek. They sacrifice their life to us, so we can be sustainable. In return, we honor them and hold ceremonies to celebrate what they give to us. They are spiritual guardians and powerful clan relatives. They are NOT meant to be ridden. That is the bezhigoogzhii, only the horse was given the gift to share with the Anishinaabek. Stop riding them like they are horses.” – Andrea Pierce, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Mashkode-bizhiki (bison) are revered as an altruistic relative who gives its life for the survival of the family. It is quite shocking and horrifying the circus is using bison in its performances. The Anishinaabek Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party is working with Molly Tamulevich, Michigan State Director, Humane Society of the United States, to find a sanctuary for Cody and Chief, the bison enslaved by Carden International Circus. All circuses must part with the bison in their possession and remove all Native imagery from their acts. Sadly, it must be stated in 2023 this performance is offensive to Native Americans and sensible people alike. The act also teaches the youth Native Americans rode buffalo when only horses were given the ability.

The Native American imagery used in this circus is as offensive as blackface and must stop now.

“The stereotypes that are so offensive in this representation, are, to me, a) the Indian as a primitive savage, b) the Indian as a historical figure that no longer exists and c) the “mystical” Indian.” – Maria Cantarero, Elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Native Americans did not traditionally wear crop tops and implying they did reinforce clichés which have been shown to increase the numbers

of missing and murdered indigenous women (MMIW). Furthermore, the war bonnet is offensive not only because of its cheap imitation materials, but because the bonnet and the feathers are earned for valor in protecting the tribal community and should not parodied.

We have clearly expressed issues which the circus must address. In modern times, it is essential animal acts are retired from the traveling circus as such acts require abuse and the removal of these animals from their natural habitats. People often see these animals on their electronic devices, so it is redundant to bring them from town to town unlike in the ancient past. Knowing de-



acades of outcries about animal abuse have gone unanswered, here we offer solutions. If Carden International Circus insists on having animal imagery, to represent the tradition of circuses, it should be holographically. Carden International Circus must commit to adding no more new animals to its acts and to retiring all animals currently in its acts. In place of animal shows, the circus should highlight its considerable strengths. Focus on skilled artisans already traveling with the circus including clowns, jugglers and mimes. They put on great entertaining skits, bringing joy to many. Spotlight aerialists, many of whom have managed to separate their beautiful performances and routines from the circus and tour on their own, to avoid being associated with animal cruelty. Finally, add family-friendly comedians, dancers, singers, musicians, puppeteers, contortionists, magicians and artists to your shows.

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# APPEALS COURT SAYS NATIVE STUDENT DESERVES DAY IN COURT



The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed and remanded the district court’s dismissal of the complaint in *Waln v. Dysart School District*. The Waln family sued the Dysart School District after high school senior Larissa Waln was not allowed to participate in her 2019 graduation wearing a traditionally beaded cap and blessed eagle feather. Meanwhile,

other students in the Dysart School District wore secular decorations at graduations held in the same venue that day.

In 2021, the United States District Court for the District of Arizona dismissed the Waln’s complaint without giving the family the opportunity to explain their case. The Waln’s appealed the dismissal.

The appeals court found the plaintiffs had shown the District’s policy was enforced in a selective manner and had plausibly alleged there was different “treatment on the basis of viewpoint.” They reversed the dismissal and sent the case back to the U.S. District Court for further review and to give Larissa her day in court.

“The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals acknowledged that the school district’s graduation dress codes were enforced in a selective way. So often, Native American students like Larissa are forced to choose between their culture and their educational attainments. The law needs to be clear that Native students should not be singled out for different treatment,” explained Native American Rights Fund Deputy Director Matthew Campbell.

The Waln family is represented in the case by NARF and Rothstein Donatelli LLP.

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## ARIZONA YOUTH FIGHT TO REGAIN THEIR FIRST VOTE

The Tohono O'odham Nation and the Gila River Indian Community filed an amended complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona adding three Native youth to their lawsuit challenging the proof of address requirements included in Arizona H.B. 2492. Under the new law, citizens who want to vote must provide proof of a physical address in an additional pre-registration process required for the first time ever in Arizona.

"When I become eligible to vote next year, the physical address requirements in H.B. 2492 mean I won't be able to register to vote," said 17-year-old Keanu Stevens. "As Indigenous people, our voices matter and I stand with our tribal nations against the one-sided decision of Arizona lawmakers. Everyone should be allowed to vote, even those who can't provide a physical address."

The new requirements will make it impossible for many reservation voters to participate in elections because homes on tribal lands in Arizona lack a standard physical address far more often than off-reservation homes. The lack of postal delivery also means most residents of the two tribes' reservations do not have documents which include both their name and an address corresponding with the physical location of their home.

"My home is in Second Mesa on the Hopi Reservation and each government-issued ID I have lists either a post office box or a description of my home location because my house does not have a physical address like 123 Main St.," said student LaDonna Jacket. "When I turn 18 in May, this law means Arizona will not let me register to vote."

Individual voters living on tribal lands do not have control over the process to obtain a



physical address, a process which varies from location to location and can take years or even decades to complete.

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF), the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Osborn Maledon, P.A., and DLA Piper brought *Tohono O'odham v. Brnovich* to prevent Arizona's physical address requirements from disenfranchising Native voters en masse. The amended complaint adds Stevens, Jacket and Alanna Siquieros to the lawsuit as plaintiffs alongside the tribes.

"If in place when I turn 18 next year, the physical address requirements in this law will block me from casting a vote," said Siquieros of Sells Village on the Tohono O'odham reservation. "H.B. 2492 has to go, because it allows elected people in power to weed out specific groups of people and keep them from voting."

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## GM INVESTING \$918 MILLION IN FOUR U.S. FACILITIES FOR V-8 ENGINE PRODUCTION, EV COMPONENTS

General Motors Co. (NYSE: GM) announced plans to invest \$918 million in four U.S. manufacturing sites, including \$854 million to prepare these facilities to produce the company's sixth generation Small Block V-8 engine and an additional \$64 million in Rochester, NY, and Defiance, Ohio for castings and components to support EV production. These investments will enable the company to strengthen its industry-leading full-size truck and SUV business and continue to support the company's growing EV product portfolio. Product details, timing, performance and features related to GM's next gen V-8 engine are not being released at this time.



operations, which includes more than 50 assembly, stamping, propulsion and component plants and parts distribution centers nationwide. It also highlights the company's commitment to continue providing customers a strong portfolio of ICE vehicles well into the future while continuing to accelerate its transformation to an all-electric future.

Details of the announcements include:

- **Flint Engine Operations in Michigan** – GM will invest \$579 million to prepare the plant to assemble GM's sixth generation family of Small Block V-8 gas engines along with the related block, crank and head machining. Work at the facility will begin immediately. Flint will continue building the 3.0L turbo-diesel during the facility renovations. GM's 3.0L diesel is used in a variety of light-duty truck applications.

- **Bay City GPS in Michigan** – GM will invest \$216 million to prepare the

facility to build camshafts, connecting rods and block/head machining supporting future V-8 production at Flint Engine Operations.

- **Defiance Operations in Ohio** – GM will invest \$55 million in the Defiance facility. \$47 million will be invested to prepare the facility to build a variety of block castings to support future V-8 engine programs. In addition, the investment includes \$8 million to build a casting development cell for castings to support future EV strategies.

- **Rochester Operations in New York** – GM will invest a total of \$68 million in the Rochester facility. \$12 million will be invested to prepare the facility to build intake manifolds and fuel rails for the future V-8 production at Flint Engine Operations. In addition, the investment includes \$56 million for the production of battery pack cooling lines for EV production.

*Courtesy photos.*



The announcement brings GM's U.S. manufacturing facility investment commitments to more than \$37 billion since 2013, including the Ultium Cells LLC joint venture plants.

These investments bolster GM's U.S. manufacturing op-



## FREE FITNESS CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR CANCER SURVIVORS



gagement (OCHECE) at Karmanos.

The American Cancer Society recommends cancer survivors avoid inactivity and resume their normal activities after a diagnosis as soon as their doctor deems it safe. They also recommend survivors exercise for at least 150 minutes a week, including strength training. CAPABLE was designed to help survivors learn how to meet these exercises and strength-training recommendations and to teach fitness skills they can use well beyond the classes.

“We are so excited to welcome cancer survivors to CrossFit® Petoskey for CAPABLE,” expressed Kenneth Provost, coach and facility owner of CrossFit® Petoskey. “I think that participants will be surprised to discover how strong they really are. We will have a lot of fun setting goals together and cheering each other on as we work to achieve our goals.”

CAPABLE classes include interval training strength and conditioning workouts made of simple movements performed at scalable levels for each participant. Classes take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. beginning Monday, April 10, 2023 and will run for 12 weeks. At the beginning and end of the 12 weeks, researchers will have the survivors participate in functional testing to measure strength, cardiovascular fitness and body composition. Survivors will also complete surveys three times throughout the study.

The exercise classes will be held at CrossFit® Petoskey, located at 345 N. Division Road in Petoskey, MI, 49770. Cancer survivors can go to [karmanos.org/capable](http://karmanos.org/capable) to sign up. For questions, contact the project coordinator, Tara Baird, at 313-578-4246 or e-mail [CAPABLE@wayne.edu](mailto:CAPABLE@wayne.edu).

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Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI, is partnering with CrossFit® Petoskey to offer cancer survivors 12 weeks of physical activity classes. These free classes are offered as part of a clinical trial study launched by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute with Wayne State University exploring how exercise improves quality of life for cancer survivors. Researchers are looking for 20 cancer survivors who live in Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan, MI, counties to participate in the Cross-Training and Physical Activity: A Better Life Experience (CAPABLE) study. Previous exercise experience is not necessary to participate. Survivors will receive a \$100 gift card at the end of the study for their participation.

“I created the CAPABLE protocol because I believe in the impact that exercise has on wellness, both physically and mentally,” said Jennifer Beebe-Dimmer, Ph.D., MPH, leader of the Population Studies and Disparities Research (PSDR) Program, scientific director of the Epidemiology Research Core at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit, MI. The study is led by Dr. Beebe-Dimmer and Hayley Thompson, Ph.D., associate center director of community outreach and engagement, faculty supervisor of the Office of Health Equity and Community En-

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## HONORING THE FATHER: ARTIST SON PAYS TRIBUTE TO ACTIVIST JOHN TRUDELL

By Sandra Hale Schulman, Special to *Indian Country Today*

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

Indigenous artist Wovoka Trudell pays homage to his late father — storied political activist, poet and musician John Trudell — with a new exhibit.

After years of drawing sophisticated charcoal portraits of singers and animals, Trudell has finally put together a show of portraits he created from photos of his father as he worked, performed and raised awareness of indigenous human rights, land and language issues.

The show, “Trudell Memory-ing the Dreams, A collection of portraits by Wovoka Trudell,” was on display at the younger Trudell’s gallery, One-SixSix, at 166 Bridge St. in Las Vegas, NM, from January 13-28. Most of the pieces are available for purchase.

Wovoka Trudell, Santee Dakota, named for the Paiute



creator of the Ghost Dance movement, was born on Alcatraz in 1970 during the occupation. He told *ICT* he still communes in prayer with his father, who died in 2015 of cancer at age 69.

He talked to his father before he died about a possible exhibit.

“I had a little talk with Dad and he said, ‘It’s time,’” Trudell said. “This tribute has been in the making for some time now, and I am honored and proud to say that it is finally happening.”

“Tribal Voice”

John Trudell was a Santee Dakota political activist,

performance artist, actor and poet.

He was among a group known as “Indians of All Tribes” who occupied Alcatraz in 1969. He used his broadcasting experience from college on the airwaves of “Radio Free Alcatraz” and became a national spokesman for the occupation.

He went on to become a senior leader of the American Indian Movement, including a stint as co-chairman in the 1970s.

He developed his poetry and performances in the 1980s, setting his poems to Native music.

His book, “Living in Reality,” was published in 1982 and his first album, “Tribal Voice,” debuted in 1983, drawing support and acclaim from such musicians as Bob Dylan, Jackson Browne and Willie Nelson.

Trudell’s musical works, many with the band, Bad Dog, included “A.K.A Graffiti Man” in 1986, “Blue Indians” in 1999 and “Wazi’s Dream” in 2015. His album, “Bone Days” in 2001 was produced by actress Angelina Jolie, whose mother, Marcheline Bertrand, was in a relationship with Trudell until her death in 2007.

Trudell also worked as an actor, appearing in such films as “Pow Wow Highway” in 1989, “Thunderheart” in 1992 and “Smoke Signals” in 1998 and in the documentary, “Incident at Oglala” in 1992. His life is highlighted in the documentary, “Trudell” which premiered in 2005 at the Sun-

“Trudell” continued on page 18.

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dance Film Festival.

But he drew controversy with his testimony in the 2004 trial of Arlo Looking Cloud, a man accused of killing AIM member Anna Mae Aquash in 1975, prompting a boycott of his music by a Canadian youth movement. Looking Cloud and another man, accused gunman John Graham, were convicted in the death.

Trudell later worked with Willie Nelson in co-founding the Hempstead Project Heart, which came under the Earth Island Institute in 2012 to promote the environmental and economic benefits of legalizing industrial hemp.

He died December 8, 2015. His family included some of his last messages to Indian Country in a press release.

"I want people to remember me as they remember me," he said.

#### Family history

At the time of the Alcatraz occupation, Trudell was married to his first wife, Fenicia "Lou" Ordonez, who gave birth to Wovoka at the prison site in 1970. The couple also had a daughter, Tara Evonne.

Wovoka Trudell doesn't have much memory of his time on the island but said he has visited several times over the years. The Heather Rae documentary, "Trudell," includes footage of John Trudell on Alcatraz with his baby boy.

The couple divorced in 1970, and in 1972, he married Tina Manning, a Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute water activist. Manning was pregnant with their fourth child when she, their children and her mother died in a suspicious fire in 1979 at her parents' home on the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada. Trudell long believed the fire was meant to punish him and his wife for their activism.

Wovoka said his bond with his father endured even as the elder Trudell threw himself into activism and away from his family, eventually settling in Los Angeles.

"My relationship with Dad was always a good one. It's always been a strong one," he said. "He's always been someone I looked up to, not just as a father but as a human being. I've always appreciated his guidance and faith in me to be the person I'm meant to be. We have a strong connection even now — he is still guiding and teaching me. He has helped me so much since he transitioned. A lot of healing has taken place."

Wovoka said his father never tried to influence any decisions he made or how he lived his life, offering advice and information and trusting him to choose the right path.

"I had an opportunity in my early 30s to build on that when I moved out to Los Angeles," he said. "At that time, we saw each other or spoke to each other on a regular basis, sometimes daily. There was a love and respect that had grown, where our conversations and interactions weren't just father to son, but as peers, almost. I could always count on him to help me, no matter how I needed it."

His father always knew what to say, he said.

"If I felt lost or, for lack of a better word, confused, or just needed some advice, he always knew how to speak to me, and which version of me to speak to — as his son, or as a man, or both — and he always listened to what I had to say," he said.

#### Finding His Passion

Wovoka Trudell said both of his parents were artists, so there was no surprise he would also turn to art.

"Art has always been a part of my life," Wovoka told *ICT*. "I had an interest in visual art, particularly drawing, from an early age. I realize now that I had a natural knack for it from the beginning, an intuitional sense of how to channel whatever it was that I was seeing into art. My parents also saw this and have always been extremely encouraging and supportive."

He said it soon became clear he was meant to be a visual artist.

"The why and how of it all are pretty much one and the same," Wovoka said. "As I grew older and continued to draw, it developed from just something I was able to do into something I became. The 'hobby' became passion, and I reached a place where everything I created, or recreated, I put my heart and soul into it — everything from simple, quick sketches to long, intricate,

time-consuming pieces. They all have some of me in them. It's how I give life to my work."

Wovoka said his father had an amazing sense of humor that many people never got to see. He inspired his art by always bringing along a pad and pencils.

"I was just always drawn — pun intended — to drawing," he said. "Each piece with its intricacies, the minute details, the beauty of what can be born of pencil strokes, and how many different techniques can be used to achieve similar results. That always spoke to me in a way that nothing else could, and I finally reached a point in my life where I grew to learn and understand it."

He continued, "I joke a lot about how the magic is in the pencils and all I did was support them. I still think that, but I also believe they do the same for me. Art, for me, has long been therapeutic. It has also been a way for me to connect with the spirits — they seem to like to have some input sometimes, which I've learned not only to accept, but to appreciate."

John Trudell published his book, "Living In Reality," after the death of his wife and children. He later said the poems were more than lines of poetry, they were lines he needed to hold onto in his shock and grief.

He told Wovoka one day perhaps he could do the cover art for one of his books. He understood his son's way of communicating was visual, Wovoka said.

"I knew then and still know now that he meant that," he said. "He always knew that art is important. It's a way to express ourselves and communicate, and there's always a truth to it. He told me once that he always wanted me to continue to draw when I was young, because he said it was a way for children to express what was in their heads when they didn't know how to use their words to describe their thoughts."

Watching his father at work inspired his own life, Wovoka said.

"Seeing how passionate he was about his writing — I remember being on the road, or even just sitting in his living room with him, and he'd pull out a little notepad or grab a napkin because the words would come to him — and realizing that, as a creative, it never stops," he said. "That always inspired me."

#### Paying Tribute

Wovoka's drawings of his father in the show are taken from photos, capturing him speaking publicly, in candid moments, and in repose, thoughts swirling in his shaggy-haired head.

"I drew my first portrait of Dad about a week and a half before he transitioned, and that particular piece will always be most important to me because he got to see it," Wovoka said.

"Over the past seven years, I've probably drawn him close to 30 times, usually on his birthday or the anniversary of his transitioning, or both," he said. "It's been a good way to connect with him, because for the time that I'm sitting at my table drawing him, we're back in his living room in Santa Monica, or we're sitting in his hotel room in Taos or Santa Fe, and those are special memories that always come back and they're real."

Wovoka now runs the OneSixSix art gallery, near the historic Old Town Plaza in Las Vegas, NM, according to the gallery website. He said the proceeds from the sale and show will go toward future projects.

"I'd been wanting to pay tribute and honor him for some time now, and I'm in a place now where I can do that," Wovoka said. "The proceeds from this exhibition will help us with any other projects moving forward — projects that will allow us to continue to keep his legacy alive for those who have been here and those who are just arriving."

He continued, "His words are powerful, and I want to keep them, and him, around for the future generations to help them, to inspire them, to move them. This is a good way to help with that."

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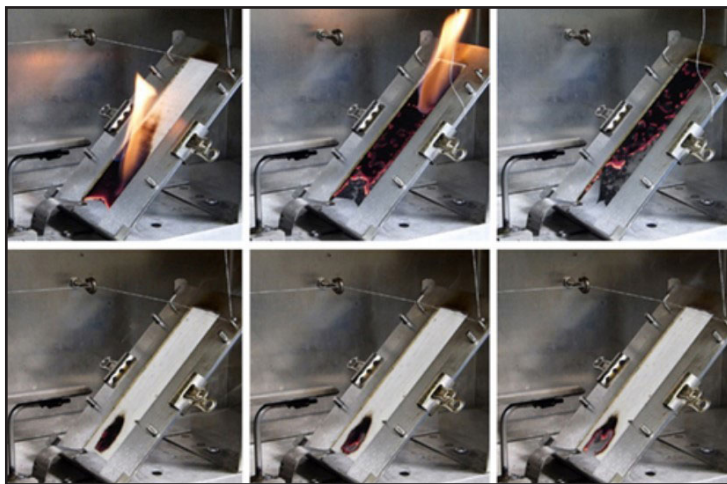
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During a standard 45° incline flammability test, regular cotton (top row) burned instantly when exposed to an open flame. In the same test, the fire-resistant cotton (bottom row) self-extinguished when exposed to an open flame. (Image by Doug Hinchliffe, ARS)

were created by a multi-parent breeding approach which resulted in new opportunities for natural genes to interact and develop the unexpected trait of flame retardancy.

ARS researchers Johnnie Jenkins and Jack C. McCarty, supervisory research geneticists at the ARS Genetics and Sustainable Agriculture Research Unit in Mississippi, bred cotton lines to identify genes which affect agronomic traits such as yield and pest resistance and fiber quality traits such as length, strength and fineness.

“ARS scientists study every step of cotton production from ‘Dirt to Shirt,’ including genetic diversity, field management practices, fiber quality attributes and end-use textile

characteristics,” said Jenkins.

Although all of the parental cotton lines produced flammable fabric, researchers found flame retardance did not come from a single gene. Instead, they found multiple genes created a phenotype for fibers with significantly lower heat release capacities. The new cotton lines also possessed the desired agronomic and fiber quality traits, making the lines sought after for breeding and consumer usage.

“We look at fabric quality and chemical finishes that create permanent press, wrinkle-free and flame-retardant fabrics. Now, we have found lines with a novel and natural genetic mechanism for flame retardance,” said Condon.

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LTBB Tribal Citizen Jordan Shananaquet (Anishinaabe-Odawa) is now the Associate Director of Advancement & Communications for the First Peoples Fund.

First Peoples Fund was founded in 1995 by Jennifer Easton (1947-2017) as a donor-advised fund of the Tides Foundation to support Native artist-entrepreneurs and culture bearers. In 2003, First Peoples Fund was established as a separate non-profit headquartered in Rapid City, SD.

The following is her introduction as it appears on First Peoples Fund’s website:

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Jordan Shananaquet (kwe/she/her) is a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa. She currently resides in her ancestral homeland Waganakising – *the land of the crooked tree* – which is located across the shores of Northern Michigan. As sturgeon clan, one of Jordan’s talents is being able to weave together different knowledge systems and share that knowledge with others. At the First Peoples Fund, Jordan plays a central role in the planning, direction and execution of fundraising and communications activities.

Prior to joining First Peoples Fund, Jordan served her Tribal Nation as the Niigaandiwin Education Department Director where she identified, pursued and managed grant awards for departmental programs. Jordan was also deeply engaged in furthering Tribal Educational Sovereignty through her role as the Eniigaangidoong (Chairperson) for the Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments as well as the



Chairperson for Bay Mills Community College Board of Regents, Bay Mills Indian Community’s tribally-chartered community college.

Jordan received two bachelor’s degrees in History and Cultural Anthropology along with minors in Native American Studies and Classical Studies with a concentration in Latin from North Carolina (NC) State University. As a graduate student at NC State, she spent three semesters studying the history of her people: The Anishinabek. Being an Anishinaabe-Odawa kwe (*woman*) has reinforced her love of history and culture which has informed her identity both personally and professionally. Her sense of home, and thus history, is rooted in her ancestors; they are one in the same.”

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## INDIGENOUS ARTIST FEATURED AT SUPER BOWL FOR FIRST TIME

By **Sandra Hale Schulman**, Special to *Indian Country Today*

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

For the first time, an indigenous artist's works were featured at the Super Bowl, gracing game tickets, displays and a massive Super Bowl mural in downtown Phoenix, AZ, with images which reflect her multicultural roots.

Phoenix-based artist Lucinda Hinojos — who is Mexican-American as well as Pascua Yaqui, Chiricahua Apache, White Mountain Apache and Pima — was chosen by the National Football League as the marquee artist of Super Bowl LVII, which was played February 12 at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, AZ.

Her key design, unveiled publicly on January 10 by the NFL is what officials described as an “elaborate, deeply meaningful piece” which shows the iconic White Tank Mountains reflected in the traditional Vince Lombardi trophy, surrounded by indigenous and Azteca dancers, corn, hummingbirds, baskets and cactus.

“Lucinda’s insight and direct, personal connection to the amazing and diverse history in Arizona made her the perfect partner for this project,” Marissa Solis, the NFL’s senior vice president of global brand and consumer marketing, said in a statement.

“She is a gifted artist, a football mom and a woman,” Solis said. “We are so thrilled to use the Super Bowl as a platform to showcase her beautiful artwork and by extension, spotlight the local communities integral to Arizona.”

Hinojos told *ICT* she brought her multicultural experiences to the piece through color, images and design.

“That selection was due to my cultural ties and my spirituality, and this is my connection to my community here in Phoenix,” she said. “It’s not just my art. It’s everything that I bring with my art and what I’ve put into my art ... They can feel that spirit.”

She also worked on a huge mural in collaboration with Cahokia, an indigenous-led platform for creative peacekeeping, with indigenous artists Randy Barton, Diné; Yuke, who is Yaqui; and CC of the San Carlos Apache.

The mural, which was painted on the Monarch Theatre in Phoenix, AZ, is the largest mural ever produced for the Super Bowl, at 9,500 square feet.

### “Radical Self”

Born and raised in Phoenix, AZ, Hinojos, also known as “La Morena,” (*brown-skinned woman*), was among several artists the NFL contacted about submitting proposals to be the marquee artist this year.

She submitted a written proposal — not a drawing — along with a portfolio and social media links to her works.

“The NFL reached out to a couple of artists from Phoenix, and they had us send in a proposal,” Hinojos told *ICT* via Zoom. “I submitted a proposal, and then, I got that Zoom call that I was selected to be their visual artist for the Super Bowl ... It felt like I got drafted for the NFL!”

Then, she had to work with the NFL to incorporate football and cultural imagery into her work.

“With my work, I naturally like to be very authentic and put in my culture, put in my spirituality,” she said. “But working with a corporation like the NFL ... you have to find a way around and with it, but still be your radical self.”

She said the all-woman NFL arts team provided specific direction but still gave her flexibility in the design.

“There are certain elements that they wanted,” she said. “They wanted the trophy to be the hero, so they wanted me to treat the trophy, the Lombardi trophy, like I do my portraits ... We went back and forth, back and forth. The hard part was I wanted to put traditional Native patterns in, Chicano patterns and elements flooded with culture.”

She said they finally came to a decision on a digital piece which had to do with her color choices.



“I got everybody excited because I exploded it with my colors, and I exploded with elements that naturally inspire me when I’m out in Salt River and I’m out there with the land,” she said. “I wanted to incorporate all these things that I see when I’m out there. A lot of people try to put us in a box and stereotype us — that we look this way or we paint this way.

“But with this painting, I combined both my cultures, the Chicano and Native cultures, and I did that with the colors that I used.”

She said the colors reflect the desert setting featured in the design.

“When using these bright colors, there’s an energy shift,” she said. “What happens is with these murals, I use bright pink and some oranges, which can shift your energy... and it draws in your audience. Then, what they look at next is what’s in front of that color.”

She said the design features a pixelated pattern she has used in past murals with a simplified background and artistic elements throughout.

“I tried to be universal by adding the Azteca dancer and the fancy shawl dancer,” she said. “I wanted movement and dancing. I suggested putting the basket to represent the land that we’re on. So, there are secret elements that’s not loud in your face, but they’re there in the painting.”

The use of the hummingbird has a special meaning in both indigenous and Mexican cultures, she said.

“The hummingbird is something significant to me since I was little,” she said. “In both my cultures, these hummingbirds are messengers ... When a loved one has passed, I always feel that they come back as a hummingbird.”

### Looking Ahead to Game Day

The NFL’s announcement Hinojos had been chosen was released with her artwork designs on January 10 along with a short film which aired on the NFL Network about her and her art.

Her works were also featured on Wilson footballs, which produced a limited edition of 200 balls she painted with two panel pieces. She signed 30 of them and hand-embellished them.

The mural in downtown Phoenix, AZ, she’ll be painting with other indigenous artists has a special meaning to her as well. A previous mural on immigration she started painting there in 2015 was stopped by political forces, she said.

“I’d never seen that happen,” Hinojos told *ICT*. “That mural changed my life. That project woke me up culturally, politically and spiritually. And, so now, we’re circling back.”

The mural included elements from each artist’s respective background, including an Apache woman, a Diné rug pattern and elements from Hinojos’ central design.

“The new mural image is taken from the painting and we kind of move the elements around,” she said.

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# HBP TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON JAMIE STUCK SELECTED FOR HHS SECRETARY'S TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribal Chairperson Jamie Stuck, of Scotts, MI, has been selected to serve on the Health and Human (HHS) Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) as the Bemidji Area Office Primary Delegate. His two-year appointment begins immediately.

The Bemidji Area Office for the Indian Health Service (IHS) provides service and support to 34 federally-recognized tribes and four Urban Indian Health programs in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Tribes in the Bemidji Area include Ojibwe (Chippewa), Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Mohican, Oneida, Odawa, Potawatomi and Sioux.

"The STAC creates a department-wide strategy to incorporate Tribal guidance on HHS priorities, policies and budget, as well as improve the Government-to-Government relationship between HHS and Tribes," said representatives of STAC to Stuck in a congratulatory e-mail.

Stuck's nomination from NHBP Tribal Vice Chairperson Dorie Rios states, "Jamie has long been an advocate for health care issues. He obtained a Bachelor's of Science from Central Michigan University in the Preventive and Rehabilitative Health Program and views healthcare in a holistic manner. Jamie believes that it is essential for people to be involved in determining the goals and methods of their wellness plans, as well as choosing their support group for the implementation of their plans."

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lieu-

tenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist expressed their renowned support for Stuck in a letter addressed to STAC, "We view Chairperson Stuck as a valuable partner and believe he would be a valuable voice on your Committee. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has outlined that the Committee's purpose is to seek consensus, exchange views, share information, provide advice and recommendations, and facilitate inter-governmental interactions. Chairperson Stuck would bring a steady and thoughtful voice to the Committee and would assist the Committee in fulfilling its purpose and strengthening the Department's relationship with tribal nations."

The nomination was fully supported by MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel, who contributed to the nomination, saying: "While his efforts target taking care of his own citizens, Stuck also looks at the bigger picture of how Native Americans receive health services and are counted within the systems that track their data. He has helped the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to turn our focus to improving the quality of data related to Native American populations and ways we

can better share that data with Tribal Governments and our Urban Indian Organization providing health care in the metropolitan Detroit area."

As Chairperson of NHBP, Jamie actively oversees NHBP's healthcare programs serving 3,500 people. Stuck has also served as Chair of the tribe's Journey to Wellness Committee since 2010. He chairs NHBP's Health Compliance Board, which assists the tribe in fulfilling its compliance responsibilities. Like the vast majority of the tribal nations within the Bemidji Area, NHBP operates its healthcare clinics through self-governance compacts with the Indian Health Service.

"Stuck is very familiar with the issues that impact the Bemidji Area Tribal nations," Rios' nomination states.

In place since December 2010, the STAC's efforts assure Stuck's participation as a Primary Representative on this committee is instrumental to moving its work and partnership forward.

"As Primary Delegate, I will utilize my healthcare knowledge and experience to serve the Bemidji Area to bring meaningful partnership and government-to-government relationships between Indigenous communities and HHS," said Stuck. "It is an honor to represent NHBP at this level and a great opportunity to be involved with STAC."

In this capacity, Stuck will participate in forums, meetings and conversations between federal officials and elected tribal leaders. His participation will help advance consensus, exchange views, share information and provide advice and recommendations.

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This cellular pathway has the strongest connection yet found to the large overwintering colony losses which have been plaguing honey bees and causing so much concern among beekeepers and farmers, especially almond producers, during the last 15 years, said entomologist Yanping "Judy" Chen, who led the study. She is with the ARS Bee Research Laboratory in Beltsville, MD.

The "signaling" pathway governs the increased and decreased synthesis of the protein SIRT1, one of a family of proteins which help regulate cellular lifespan, metabolism and metabolic health and resistance to stress.

"In honey bees merely exposed to a cold challenge of 28 degrees C (82.4 degrees F) for five days, we saw almost three-fold lower levels of SIRT1 and significantly higher levels of colony mortality compared to bees maintained at 34-35 degrees C (93.2-95 degrees F), which is the optimal core temperature of a honey bee cluster inside a bee hive in winter," Chen said.

The researchers also found bees under cold stress were associated with an increased risk of disease infections, which in turn led to an increased likelihood of colony losses.

For example, when honey bee colonies were



inoculated with the intracellular microsporidia parasite *Nosema ceranae*, and kept at 34 degrees C, they had a survival rate of 41.18% while the mortality rate of the colonies exposed to the cold stress of 28 degrees C for 5 days was 100%.

"So, that showed it is primarily cold stress that the SIRT1 signaling pathway is responding to rather than pathogens," Chen said. "Our study suggests that the increased energy overwintering bees use to maintain hive temperature reduces the energy available for immune functions, which would leave overwintering bees more susceptible to disease infections; all leading to higher winter colony losses."

Chen points out this research also offers a promising avenue for new therapeutic strategies to mitigate overwintering and annual colony losses. One way could be by raising the production of the SIRT1 protein by treating honey bees with SRT1720, a specific SIRT1 gene activator being experimentally used as an anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer treatment.

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## OATHS OF OFFICE

On January 18, 2023, LTBB Tribal Citizen Dorothy Boda took her oath of office for the LTBB Citizenship Commission from LTBB Associate Judge John J. Lemire. She is serving a three-year term, ending January 12, 2026.

On January 26, 2023, LTBB Tribal Citizen Terri Thomsma took her oath of office via Zoom for the LTBB Gaming Regulatory Commission from LTBB Associate Judge John J. Lemire. She is serving a three-year term, ending January 12, 2026.



On January 26, 2023, LTBB Tribal Citizen Renee "Wasson" Dillard took her oath of office via Zoom for the



LTBB Housing Commission from LTBB Associate Judge John J. Lemire. She is serving a three-year term, ending January 12, 2026.

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## SORGHUM: THE UNLIKELY FOOD SOURCE FOR POLLINATORS



*Sorghum bicolor*, a pollen-rich grass species cultivated for grain and forage, which looks similar to corn, can be an important food source for pollinators and other beneficial insects during times when pollen and nectar are scarce.

Researchers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Oklahoma State University (OSU) Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources found sorghum, commonly called milo, served as a pollen food source for bees, hoverflies and earwigs. Sorghum is primarily grown in the Central Plains and Southeast United States.

Additionally, when sorghum is infested with sorghum aphids — which are known to feed on all types of sorghum — large amounts of honeydew are produced as waste. This sugary by-product could be an alternative to nectar for pollinators and predatory insects, including flies, bees, wasps and ants.

"Sorghum is not listed as a plant recommended to homeowners to feed pollinators de-

spite frequent bee sightings," said Karen Harris-Shultz, a research geneticist at the ARS Crop Genetics and Breeding Research Unit in Tifton, GA. "However, we found that sorghum had unintended ecological benefits. It can be a potential landscape plant for homeowners and a food source for pollinators during times of pollen and nectar shortage."

According to Harris-Shultz, people are encouraged to plant nectar-rich crops with different flowering seasons but are rarely recommended to plant wind-pollinated plants, including grasses for supporting pollinator populations.

The study's findings show promise grass species like sorghum can be an alternative crop for pollinators during times when other crops are not available for foraging.

According to Wyatt Hoback, a professor of entomology at OSU, pollinators are declining globally, having the potential to jeopardize the human food supply and plant diversity. An alternative crop like sorghum could provide additional food for pollinators and inadvertently benefit predatory insects.

"Pollinators need sugar resources to maintain flight and other activities, and they need pollen to have protein for raising offspring," said Hoback.

The recent study was published in *Insects* by Harris-Shultz (ARS), Hoback (OSU), Scott Armstrong (ARS), Michael Caballero (OSU) and Joseph Knoll (ARS).

*Courtesy photo.*

# MSU MULTICULTURAL CENTER CONSTRUCTION TO COMMENCE THIS SPRING



Michigan State University is on the cusp of making history with construction of the university's first free-standing multicultural center scheduled to begin this spring. This month, the Board of Trustees gave the university the green light to break ground on the \$38 million, 34,000-square-foot facility on the corner of North Shaw and Farm lanes.

For Trustee Brianna Scott, the construction of the new center is personal. She, along with former Trustee Joel Ferguson and current Trustee Kelly Tebay, worked diligently the last four years to get the project off the ground. This was done through persistence in meeting with numerous student constituencies and collaborative work with other trustees and MSU administration and leadership.

The announcement comes during Black History Month, a time to recognize the inequities, struggles and triumphs of African Americans throughout U.S. history. Calls for a free-standing multicultural center on MSU's campus date back to the civil rights movement when protests were sparked by the demands of Black students who called for increasing racial and ethnic minority representation on campus.

Lee June, Ph.D., an MSU professor in the Department of Psychology and Honors College, has been employed by the university for nearly 50 years, 37 of which were in various administrative roles. He has seen thousands of students come and go during his tenure at MSU — he says what hasn't left are the voices of underrepresented and marginalized students and their calls for a stand-alone multicultural center. The university's first multicultural center opened in 1999 in the basement of the MSU Union, according to June. But student leaders consistently advocated for more space and a center which was free-standing. In 2013, MSU adminis-

tration agreed to move the center from the basement to the second floor of the MSU Union. While that move did create more space, students continued to advocate for a stand-alone building. As a result, Tammi Cervantes, the former president of Culturas de las Razas Unidas or CRU, a student organization which advocates for the Latinx community at MSU, helped form the Students for a Multicultural Building organization, which helped rally and drum up support for the center. In 2019, several student organizations, including the Black Students' Alliance, Council of Racial and Ethnic Students or CORES and Council of Progressive Students Coalition or COPS, presented a plan to increase diversity, equity and inclusion on campus which included a free-standing multicultural center. In response, President Emeritus Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D. appointed a steering committee in late 2019 to conduct a feasibility study of constructing the center. In 2021, under Gore's leadership, the feasibility report's results were approved by the board to begin the planning phase, marking the first tangible steps toward construction. Embracing inclusivity in the design process, students and community stakeholders provided input and feedback on the building's design and layout through a series of community engagement sessions. These sessions, which took place over the past year, were facilitated by SmithGroup, one of the nation's leading integrated design firms which MSU chose to complete the project. Building features will include a living room, community kitchen,

en, office space for CORES and COPS, an art gallery wall, a resource center and many other amenities.

The stand-alone building will make for a culturally rich and welcoming environment which promotes intellectual curiosity among students and their peers to learn and share experiences with one another. Those shared experiences will be further amplified through several unique features of the center and its property, including the Dreamer Center and outdoor amphitheater. The goal of the Dreamer Center will be to help undocumented students succeed academically and professionally despite the challenges they may face due to their immigration status. The Dreamer Center will provide a safe and welcoming space where those of mixed-immigration status can connect with peers and receive support, mental health resources, financial aid and legal guidance in an intimate and private environment. In addition to creating an inviting space indoors, the same intentionality will extend to the center's outdoor spaces, including the amphitheater facing the Red Cedar River. There, students will be able to enjoy performances of music, dance, theater and other forms of cultural expression. In addition, an indigenous-inspired ceremonial firepit featuring natural elements will expand opportunities for all student groups. Cervantes, a 2020 MSU alum, knows she won't be able to reap the tremendous cultural learning opportunities which will exist with the new center, but she knows others near and dear to her will. "It's amazing. I genuinely didn't expect it to happen as soon as it did, so I'm really excited. I have younger brothers who want to go to MSU, so for them to hopefully be able to embrace the new multicultural center will be really great."

The MSU Multicultural Center is expected to be completed by the fall semester of 2024.

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# FACULTY FELLOWSHIP HELPS PROFESSOR NURTURE AN INDIGENOUS TEACHING STYLE

Tashina Emery's entire teaching philosophy was changed thanks to a fellowship from the American Indian College Fund. Emery, the Liberal Studies Department Chair at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC), says her Mellon Fellowship not only helped her to earn her second master's degree in creative writing, but also helped her expand her offerings and perspective as an instructor in her classroom. She says her own experience enrolling at a tribal institution, sitting in on classes held by other Native faculty and attending a conference with more tribal college and university staff were all part of her transformation.

For example, Emery likes to step away from an authoritarian hierarchy while instructing by reorganizing the layout of the room which is an indigenous learning style. She and her students will sit in a circle, which she likens to the circles of Native aunties and grandmas from whom she learned sewing in her home community. Emery also uses technology in the classroom, blending modern tools with more traditional ways of teaching to create hybrids such as digital storytelling, hosted creative "freewrites" and hosting showings of Native representative films. Her goal is to be grounded in grassroots efforts and to create future creative Native leaders who are well-rounded community contributors with an understanding of art, culture and the digital world. And, it was this thinking that led her to pursue a Mellon Fellowship and her second master's degree.

Emery received her first master's degree in art and public policy from a western institution where she discovered a passion for writing techniques and public policy. She says although the institution was progressive in fighting colonial forces for equity and diversity, she knew she wanted to attend a tribal college or university to attain a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing. Her goal was to focus on combining art, writing



and social justice in her career with her culture as the priority in the classroom.

In her second year as a staff member at KBOCC, Emery says a colleague with the university's institutional memory told her about the Mellon Fellowship and suggested she apply. The fellowship allowed her to attend the Institute for American Indian Arts where she was able to walk across the stage at graduation with her tribal flag from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community hung nearby to represent her people walking with her.

In addition to earning an advanced degree, Emery says she made personal and professional connections and gained a pan-Indian perspective—all opportunities which she says the fellowship brought her and for which she is grateful. Her advice to future fellows is, "Utilize everything the College Fund offers and invest in the fellowship meetings and conferences. The chances for the cohort to meet were meaningful and more importantly, healing. I still follow, talk, and connect with some of the powerful women I met during that time."

Courtesy photo.

# COURT PANEL URGED TO PROTECT OAK FLAT AND TRIBAL RELIGIOUS PRACTICES



The Tohono O'odham Nation, Tonto Apache Tribe, San Juan Southern Paiute, Association on American Indian Affairs and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers filed an amicus brief in *Apache Stronghold v. United States*. The brief urges the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to recognize the protections of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to prevent a foreign mining company, Resolution Copper, from destroying a sacred place the Apache call Ch'ichil Bıldagoteel, which translates into English as "Oak Flat." Tribal nations in the Southwest have held Oak Flat as sacred ceremonial ground since time immemorial.

"Every Tribe and Native organization listed on this legal document supports the Apache Stronghold organization in its effort to protect Oak Flat from destruction," said Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Executive Director John Echohawk. "For Native American religion and culture to survive, Native people must be able to practice their way of life in sacred places. We ask the Ninth Circuit to apply the legal protections that will stop a corporation from defiling Oak Flat so that tribal religious practices may survive."

The brief asks the Ninth Circuit to reverse

the District Court's denial of a preliminary injunction which would have stayed the land transfer of Oak Flat to Resolution Copper. If Resolution Copper is allowed to build its mine, the mine will effectively swallow Oak Flat into a massive crater. This will strip the Apache and other tribal nations of their ability to practice many of their religious ceremonies and traditions, all to serve the short-term economic interests of Resolution Copper. A negative ruling from the court would also threaten other sacred places moving forward.

"Tribal nations maintain deep connections and responsibilities to care for and protect their sacred places for their next generations. Tribal advocacy has long protected these sacred places and this brief makes clear that tribes will continue this fight," said NARF Staff Attorney Beth Wright.

Colonization has dispossessed tribal nations of large portions of their traditional territories. As a result, many sacred places are now under the control of federal and private ownership. This has already strained the religious practices of tribes and tribal citizens, who depend upon access to the plants, animals and natural resources in their sacred places.

"Land exchanges like the proposed transfer of Oak Flat to Resolution Copper threaten the culture and daily life of Native peoples who exercise land-based religious practices," said NARF Staff Attorney Jason Searle.

NARF and Munger, Tolles & Olson, LLP represent the tribes and Native organizations which submitted the amicus brief. Tribes have lived within, worshipped upon and cared for Oak Flat and its surrounding area since time immemorial. It is important to protect Oak Flat for the tribal nations' next generations. The court will set oral argument in this case for the week of March 20, 2023.

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nimkii ngwaagan	rainbow
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waasgojiimgadoon	shiny things
jiijibzidegaa	jig
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By Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach

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Did you know baby's first tooth bud starts to form four months in utero? During pregnancy, what mom eats and drinks mightily impacts the formation of baby's teeth and jaws.



Why are "baby" teeth important? Your baby's nutritional needs increase as your child grows and this nutrition will come from the ability to eat many more foods as the teeth erupt. The presence of healthy teeth contributes greatly to developing speech. A baby's smile is so precious, cuter with the first tooth. Your child can develop the huge variety of human expressions with a healthy mouth and teeth. Each tooth is indeed precious and needs to be cherished.

Even babies with the most vigilant parents will experience injuries as they begin crawling, walking, climbing, jumping, swinging, rolling ... are we talking about a human or a monkey, here? Injuries to the little monkey's teeth and mouth are common. I recommend a fluffy bath towel be laid over the tub's edge during bath time along with a soft bathmat on the floor. Don't let children sit on tables or counters. Always secure children in a car seat. Try to keep children away from stairs.



Before age one year old, a visit to a dentist is advised.

Fluoride is recommended daily. Most metropolitan areas have fluoride added to the drinking water; call you county health department to

find out. The pediatrician or dentist can recommend fluoride supplements.

Avoid sugary drinks and foods. Table sugar (sucrose on food labels) is the favorite food for the evil Streptococcus mutans, the bacteria responsible for decay. Sticky foods adhere to the crevices of the teeth, increasing decay. Whole-some foods, including fruits and vegetables and meats and crackers and dairy products, contribute to healthy teeth. Children only need water and milk to drink.

As soon as the first tooth appears, begin the healthy habit of daily brushing. Of course, your little monkeys - I mean children - will mimic everything you do, so be sure to let them see you brushing and flossing. Mom or Dad should brush baby's teeth in little circles with a small, soft toothbrush. If toothpaste is distasteful, use water. There are several toothpastes formulated for babies, and they have a bland taste and are not as gritty. Use no more than the size of a pea.

Here are brushing songs:

"This is the way we brush our teeth, brush our teeth, this is the way we brush our teeth, so early in the morning."



And ... "This is the way we brush our teeth, brush our teeth, brush our teeth, just before bedtime."

Or ... "The bristles on the brush go 'round & 'round, 'round & 'round, 'round & 'round, the bristles of the brush go 'round & 'round all through your mouth."

Even though you are busy, take time to have some silly fun with you children while establishing excellent dental habits.

Here are free activity pages for children:

<https://www.mouthhealthy.org/resources/activity-sheets/back-to-school>

<https://www.mouthhealthy.org/resources/activity-sheets/puzzles>

<https://www.mouthhealthy.org/resources/activity-sheets/color-and-count>

<https://www.mouthhealthy.org/resources/activity-sheets/sugar-wars>

<https://www.mouthhealthy.org/resources/activity-sheets/national-nutrition-month>

Courtesy photos.

## NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Anishinaabe Cultural Awareness and Academic Program

Learning about our past to create a brighter future now.

PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE

Tuesdays and Thursdays Times: 4:00 pm to 6:00

Dates:			
1-31-23	2-14-23	2-28-23	3-14-23
2-2-23	2-16-23	3-2-23	3-16-23
2-7-23	2-21-23	3-7-23	3-21-23
2-9-23	2-23-23	3-9-23	3-23-23
			3-28-23

Classes are held at Straight School, 850 Chatham NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

All students are welcome, however we need every parent to fill out a consent form in order to attend these classes.

If you have any questions, please call 616-819-3318.



## Interested in working for LTBB?

Jobs are updated daily at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

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

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



## 49th Dance for Mother Earth Powwow

March 25th & 26th 2023

Skyline High School  
2552 N Maple Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI

[www.powwow.umich.edu](http://www.powwow.umich.edu)



## 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

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## LANDMARK SETTLEMENT ENSURES NATIVE AMERICAN VOTERS HAVE REPRESENTATION

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and the Lyman County Board of Commissioners announced a landmark settlement agreement to accelerate the timeline to provide Native American voters in Lyman County with a fair opportunity to elect candidates of their choice. The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe commends Lyman County Board of Commissioners for taking bold steps to ensure all voters in Lyman County have a fair opportunity to choose their candidates.

The settlement recognizes the voices of Native American voters matter. County Commissioner Brian Kraus agreed to resign his position as a commissioner on December 13, 2022, paving the way for the county commission to appoint an enrolled Lower Brule tribal member to complete his term of office. The consequential appointment of a Lower Brule tribal member as a commissioner will mark the first time in Lyman County's history a tribal member will vote on county decisions which impact the Lower Brule community.

The District Court had previously required the county move up to the 2024 election when the district encompassing the Lower Brule reservation was required to elect Native-preferred commissioners. The Lower Brule Tribe commends the Lyman County Board of Commissioners, especially Brian Kraus, for agreeing to move even more swiftly so tribal members will have one voting representative beginning in 2023.

"For 30 years, we have had no say in how the Lyman County Board of Commissioners served this part of South Dakota and this agreement ensures that reservation voters may elect representatives to advocate for people that live on the reservation and be part of the team working for solutions," said Lower Brule Sioux



Tribe Member Stephanie Bolman-Altamirano.

The settlement promotes civic engagement by ensuring Lyman County takes reasonable steps to inform voters of the new changes to the voting system. Public education will provide tribal members and other voters with the information they need to understand the changes to Lyman County's redistricting plan. Informing voters in Lyman County of their right to representation encourages public participation in the democratic process.

"This agreement ensures that reservation voters may elect representatives to advocate for people that live on the reservation and be part of the team working for solutions," said Bolman-Altamirano.

The settlement protects the rights of Native American voters in Lyman County going forward. The consent decree, in effect until 2034, ensures Lower Brule voters have a fair opportunity to elect two seats on the board as the law entitles them.

"Mutually respectful cooperation can make anything happen and ideally this agreement signals the start of teamwork in Lyman County and on the Lower Brule reservation,

and this agreement protects our ability to work together over time," said Lower Brule Sioux Vice Chair Cody Russell.

The tribe and individual voters secured representation from the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), Public Counsel, the Law Office of Bryan Sells, the Law Office of Randy Seiler and Manatt, Phelps & Phillips to file Lower Brule Sioux Tribe v. Lyman County Board of Commissioners.

"This settlement agreement is historic. For the first time, Native Americans will have a voice and a seat at the table in Lyman County. Through compromise, the Tribe and county worked out a resolution that will protect the rights of Lower Brule Sioux Tribe voters for at least the next 12 years," said NARF Staff Attorney Samantha Kelty.

"Chief Judge Roberto A. Lange got it right: 'Cooperation between the Tribe and the County, between Tribal members and non-Tribal members, is crucial to the future of Lyman County,'" said Tara Ford, senior counsel at the public interest law firm Public Counsel.

*Courtesy graphic.*



### LTBB Natural Resource Commission 2023 Annual Hunting/Fishing Meeting

You are invited to join the Natural Resource Commission and Natural Resource Department at the:

NRC Annual Hunting & Fishing Meeting  
April 15, 2023 —11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Terrace Bay Hotel  
7146 P. Road  
Gladstone, MI 49837  
Phone: 906-786-7554

We would like to invite LTBB Tribal Citizens to an open meeting of the Natural Resource Commission. Meeting will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch will be provided. Licenses (new or renewal) applications will be available. Door Prizes – must be present to win.

LTBB Enrollment Department will be present to issue and update LTBB Enrollment Cards.

For more information, contact LTBB NRD,  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740,  
231-242-1670 or e-mail [dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

### 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](mailto: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.

### EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION



The LTBB Natural Resource Department is pleased to announce that after years of work on the issue, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recently changed its policy to allow federally recognized tribes to keep eagle remains found in Indian country.

Tribal citizens who encounter eagle remains or feathers within the LTBB reservation boundaries may be able to retain them for culturally significant use. Any deceased eagle encountered must be reported to LTBB Conservation Enforcement immediately for investigation prior to moving or taking the eagle.

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

## \$2,500 GRANTS AVAILABLE



The Northern Shores Community Development (NSCD) F.A.R.M. Program is excited to announce we are accepting applications for another round of \$2,500 grants.

Grants will be available to support emerging and/or established Native American farmers, ranchers and agricultural/aquaculture/aquafarming entrepreneurs.

Eight grants will be available from the "Capitalizing & Growing Native Agribusiness and Value-added Agribusiness" Year 2



We will only consider one application per person/household/business.

Tribal Citizens of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are encouraged to apply. Treaty fishing is in-

cluded in our description of agriculture as well as harvesting, gathering and processing natural resources to produce a product.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: [nscdi.org](http://nscdi.org)

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL APRIL 6, 2023

Those, who are awarded a grant, will be notified by APRIL 14. The grant recipients will be announced on our website.

For an application or for more information, please visit our website at [nscdi.org](http://nscdi.org)

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail [switherpoon@nscdi.org](mailto:switherpoon@nscdi.org)

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Sandra Witherspoon,  
FARM Loan Director  
*Courtesy graphics.*













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Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Department of Commerce Limited Liability Company Fee Schedule REG-Waganakising Odawak Statute 2020-005 012623-001.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to post Waganakising Odawak Statute Dissolution of Marriage sponsored by Councilor Melissa Pamp.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to post Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2021-004 Domestic Violence Statute sponsored by Councilor Melissa Pamp.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-01 Request for Funding from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Section 103 of the Clean Air Act FY 2023- FY 2024.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-02 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) America the Beautiful Challenge (ATBC) FY 2022.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-03 Request for funding from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Grant Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Grant Annual Funding.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-04 Request to Accept Funding Increase from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Tribal Victim Services Project Funding Increase.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution: Increase Human Resources department FY 2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$40,000 for a Wage Grid Study and Design.

Roll call vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-absent, Councilor Tamara Munson-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor James Pontiac-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-07 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Distinct Tribal Program FY 2023.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

on Otto and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-06 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish Hatchery Maintenance Projects FY 2023.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-07 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Distinct Tribal Program FY 2023.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-08 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Tribal Capacity FY 2023 – FY 2025.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-09 Request for Funding from Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Road-Stream Crossings Improvement Project.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-10 Request for funding from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, FY 2023 – FY 2025 Triennial Child Care and Development Fund Program and Child Count Declaration.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-11 Request to Accept Funding Increase from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), COVID-19 Tribal Workforce Program Funding Increase.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012623-12 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Rights Protection Implementation Funds FY 2023.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution: Increase Human Resources department FY 2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$40,000 for a Wage Grid Study and Design.

Roll call vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-absent, Councilor Tamara Munson-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor James Pontiac-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes.

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to adopt Tribal Resolution: To authorize \$140,000 in supplemental funding to the Legislative branch to meet increased technological requirements and expanded tribally chartered responsibilities to come from the General Fund – Fund Balance.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt Tribal Council Resolution: TCR012623-01 To Establish the FY2023 1.5% Cost of Living (COLA) for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) Legislative Branch Employees.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to adopt Tribal Resolution: 2023 Jingtamok Supplemental funding in the Amount of \$70,820.00 from General Fund - Fund Balance.

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

**CLOSED SESSION – Personnel 4:34 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to enter into closed session for personnel.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

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

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve the Draft Contract for the Legislative Services Attorney as presented by Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey on January 26, 2023.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Adjournment

**4:59 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adjourn.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 2-absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

**Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom**

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.

Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians



NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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

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

LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:

911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-242-1500

For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry, you can visit the LTBB Website [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov) and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.

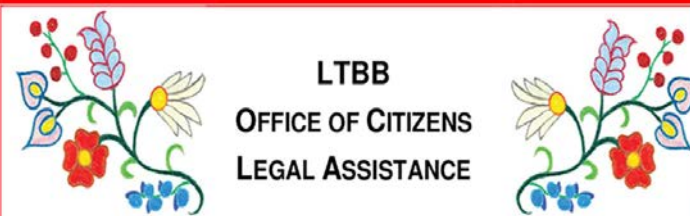


WE ARE OPEN & READY TO HELP YOU!



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

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



The Office of Citizens Legal Assistance has been established to provide free legal advice to enrolled tribal citizens in non-criminal matters such as:

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

The office is available to provide legal guidance and drafting of certain legal documents but does not provide in court representation at this time. The office may give procedural advice only on matters that are of a criminal nature or involve the Tribe or other Tribal Citizens as a potential party in a dispute.

For assistance and to make appointments, Please call Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm  
**231-242-1433**

# March

Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntaam-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niwo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naano-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
			1 Elders Luncheon at Noon Elders Commission Meeting 5 pm Ziibimijwang, Inc. Meeting 6 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
5	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 Gaming Authority Work Session 9 am - 10 am Meeting 10 am - 11 am  <b>5th Annual Round Dance</b> 5 pm - 11 pm Harbor Springs High School
12  Daylight Savings	13	14 Elders Luncheon at Noon Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am Election Board Meeting CLOSED MEETING 5 pm	15 Elders Luncheon at Noon	16 Elders Luncheon at Noon	17 Election Board Work Session 5 pm	18
19	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 Gaming Authority Work Session 9 am - 10 am Meeting 10 am - 11 am
26	27	28 Elders Luncheon at Noon	29 Elders Luncheon at Noon	30 Elders Luncheon at Noon	31 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am	<b>Please Note:</b> Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Any changes will be posted on the LTBB Website.

*“Sweet Success” continued from page 1.*

lilac-colored frosting and delicate purple flowers; a crisp white cake wrapped with a blazing flame of crystallized sugar; and a three-tiered cake embellished with an eye-popping flower arrangement.

Tootsie Bluffins is just the latest journey Kilgore and Young have embarked on together: As identical twins, the 26-year-old sisters’ lives have unfolded in tandem. Both married in the same year and have young children close in age.

Kilgore and Young also have celiac disease, an autoimmune disorder triggered by the consumption of gluten, a protein commonly found in wheat, barley, rye and other grains. According to the Cleveland Clinic, 1% of the world has celiac disease while 6% of the U.S. population is gluten-intolerant. Nearly 10% of Americans limit or restrict their gluten intake for non-medical reasons, according to estimates.

The first gluten-free products debuted on the market in the ‘90s and have since suffered a reputation of tasting subpar compared to products that have regular flour. Kilgore said this made her and Young hesitant to “go all in” by putting out gluten-free products.

“Some people are really resistant about gluten-free,” Kilgore said. “There have been crappy products on the market for so long.”

But, before they launched Tootsie Bluffins, they spent years perfecting their cupcake recipes out of personal necessity.

“We have big sweet teeth,” Kilgore said. “For so long, we had to deal with not-so-good substitutions, so we just learned how to do it ourselves.”

**“We Have a Long History of Strong Women”**

When asked what inspired them to take the plunge into business ownership, Kilgore and Young describe their grandmother, Harriet Kishigo Booth.

Booth was part of a group of Little Traverse Bay Bands tribal citizens who testified for recognition before Congress in 1994. The tribe received federal recognition that same year, allowing LTBB tribal citizens to benefit from federal Indian Law and making the tribe eligible for funding and services from the federal government.

Booth was also an entrepreneur — she owned a baking business and was a seamstress. As well, the twins’ mother operated a beading business when they

were children. Witnessing the Native women around them utilize their skills and creativity to earn a living for their families laid the foundation for the twins to do the same.

“Between Grandma Booth and our mom, they were really the inspiration for us,” Kilgore expressed. “We have a long history of strong women that have plowed the way.”

Kilgore and Young were born in Alaska and spent the first three years of their lives in Seldovia, a remote city along the Kachemak Bay with a population of roughly 290. When they moved to Michigan, the twins became immersed in their culture and reconnected with the LTBB tribe.

“We had so many opportunities through our tribe,” Kilgore said. “Having the community so closely knit around us helped because in public school, there was prejudice, and we were bullied a bit for being brown. But we have always been proud of our Native heritage.”

**Bottom of Form**

As they grew up surrounded by their tribe, playing in tribal youth sports leagues and attending pow wows, Grandma Booth taught them how to bake, planting a seed for what would one day grow into Tootsie Bluffins.

**What Exactly is a Tootsie Bluffins?**

Before it evolved into a full-fledged business, Tootsie Bluffins began in 2020 as a vehicle for Kilgore and Young’s love of Christmas: They sold custom Christmas stockings and baked goods throughout the holiday season.

Young said as they were brainstorming names for their endeavor, their older brother, Claus Newell — who had sustained a traumatic brain injury in 2014 — chimed in with “Tootsie Bluffins!”

“We thought that was so cute, so it stuck,” Young laughed. “It is a conversation starter — people at the market are always confused by it, but when we tell them the story, people love it.”

In 2021, Young worked for the tribal government office while Kilgore worked on an organic farm. Both had young toddlers at home — and they were both pregnant with their second babies. The time away from their respective families was wearing on them, and they returned to the idea of Tootsie Bluffins.

“We just started to realize that it was really not what we wanted to be doing, being away 9 to 5, five

days a week because we were missing so much time,” Kilgore said.

The twins decided to lean into their baking skills and sell gluten-free cupcakes at the Harbor Springs Farms Market to “dip their toes in.”

With COVID-19 lockdowns driving people to Northern Michigan and away from the heavily populated areas of the state, the farmer’s markets were exceptionally busy. During that first market season, the sisters sold between 250-300 cupcakes each weekend.

“That’s when we thought, ‘We can really make some money at this,’” Kilgore said.

The demand for their baked goods allowed both women to leave their full-time jobs and focus solely on growing the business. Kilgore and Young leaned into their tribal resources to secure start-up funds.

With assistance from the LTBB Department of Commerce, they received a \$10,000 grant from the Division of Indian and Native American Programs of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The sisters recently started taking business classes at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI, with their tuition fully covered through the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver program.

“That \$10,000 was huge,” Kilgore said. “It covered most of our start-up costs. And [LTBB] still sends us e-mails about different grant opportunities — it wasn’t one and done, they continue to offer support.”

Today, Tootsie Bluffins cupcakes continue to be available at the Harbor Spring Farmers Market as well as several cafes in Northern Michigan. They also offer custom orders for weddings and special events.

As for the future, Kilgore and Young say they are looking to further secure a foothold in the catering market as opposed to launching a storefront.

“Catering is nice because there is a set cost,” Kilgore said. “Right now, as the kids are little, we aren’t thinking about a storefront. We’ve been growing at a great pace, but want to make sure we can spend as much time with the kids as we can — which was the whole point.”

For other young Native entrepreneurs who want to take the plunge, Kilgore and Young advise: “Test the waters and then jump in. It’s important not to let fear hold you back. Lean into your community — your community makes all the difference.”

*Courtesy photos.*



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non-Native." CTWC has two Providers, three Medical Assistants, a Clinic Manager/Nurse, a part-time Counselor and a part-time Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and will add a Referral Coordinator in the near future. The clinic provides primary care, chronic disease management, preventative care, immunizations, well-child visits, counseling services and limited psychiatric care. Werner oversees CTWC as part of the LTBB Health Department, Dr. Frank Animikwam is the Medical Director, Randy Koch oversees the behavioral health program there and Christina DuBois oversees the revenue cycle. LTBB is leasing the space at 2390 Mitchell Park Drive, Unit D, in Petoskey, MI, and the start-up costs for the clinic were funded by third party revenue generated from the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI.



"We are excited to bring a pharmacy onsite at CTWC," Werner said. "We are currently seeking bids to remodel the space where the pharmacy will be and will open it as soon as we can."

Werner encourages tribal citizens to pass along information about CTWC to any family members and friends with Medicaid who may be looking for a compassionate medical home to get their medical services.

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# Save the Date

45th Annual Red Cliff Pow Wow  
June 30th - July 2nd

2023  
36750 Hwy 13, Red Cliff, WI

## GATHERING OF NATIONS POW WOW

TINGLEY COLISEUM, ALBUQUERQUE, NM  
APRIL 27-29, 2023  
40TH INTERNATIONAL WORLD CELEBRATION

SPECIAL CONTESTS  
YOUTH BOWTIE'S DANCE AGES 12 - 20  
JUNIOR MEN'S DANCES (15 - School) VS SENIOR MEN'S DANCES (15+ & 1pt)  
FIRST DANCE TYPICAL  
Outgoing Miss Indian World - Tashina Red Hawk

## RENDEZVOUS AT THE STRAITS POWWOW

AUGUST 25-27, 2023

FATHER MARQUETTE NATIONAL MEMORIAL BOULEVARD DRIVE • NEAR BRIDGE VIEW PARK • ST. IGNACE, MI

BLESSING OF THE GROUNDS FRIDAY 1PM

GRAND ENTRY SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12PM

TRADITIONAL DANCING  
NATIVE FLUTE MUSIC  
HOOP DANCING  
FOOD-ART-CRAFTS

MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
DAN BISSEL & JOE MEDICINE

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STURGEON BAY SINGERS & HOST DRUM

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NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

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turtlesback@charter.net  
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906-643-6950 or 800-338-6660

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

# 25th Annual JIINGTAMOK

SAVE THE DATE  
JULY 15TH, 16TH 2023

## Keweenaw Bay Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe

### SPRING CONTEST POWWOW

APRIL 14-16, 2023

OJIBWA CASINO HARVEY EVENT CENTER MARQUETTE, MI  
ADMISSION \$5 DAILY, \$10 WEEKEND, \$6 UNDER, ELDERS 62+ FREE

MCs: JOEY AWONOHOPAY, VINCE BEYL  
ARENA DIRECTORS: BRUCE "WAUB" RAINEY, LIL MAN QUINTERO  
HEAD DANCE JUDGES: ROYCE KINGBIRD, DEMERY CONNOR  
SOUND SYSTEM: Tradition Sound

HOST DRUM: THE BOYZ  
CO-HOST DRUM: WOODLAND SINGERS  
HEAD DRUM JUDGE: MARK KINGBIRD  
HEAD DANCERS: RICHARD & LONNA STREET  
HEAD VETERAN: JOHN TELLER JR

SCHEDULE:  
FRIDAY: REGISTRATION 4-7PM, GRAND ENTRY 7PM POINTS START  
SATURDAY: REGISTRATION 10:30AM-1PM, GRAND ENTRY 1PM @ 7PM  
SUNDAY: GRAND ENTRY 12PM

DANCE CONTEST (TINY TOTS PAID EACH SESSION): JUNIORS (6-12) \$300/\$200/\$100/\$75/\$50, TEENS (13-17) \$500/\$400/\$300/\$200/\$100, JR ADULTS (18-49) \$7400/\$7200/\$7000/\$6800/\$6600, SR ADULTS (50-64) \$7400/\$7200/\$7000/\$6800/\$6600, GOLDEN AGE COMBINED (65+) \$7400/\$7200/\$7000/\$6800/\$6600

DRUM CONTEST: 1ST \$10000, 2ND \$8000, 3RD \$6000, 4TH \$4000, 5TH \$2000  
DRUM SPLIT FOR NON-PLACING DRUMS

## FOUR WINDS POW WOW CALL FOR VENDERS

SAVE THE DATE

MANISTIQUE TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER  
5698W US HIGHWAY 2, MANISTIQUE, MI 49854

Saturday, June 10, 2023  
Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm

\*indigenous crafts \*dancing \*food

## NIIWIN NOODIN POW WOW

906-450-0213 OR 906-450-9667

## 17th Annual Pow Wow GATHERING at the RAPIDS

Celebrating Life-long Learning

MARCH 4 & 5, 2023

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th  
Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm Feat: 5pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th  
Grand Entry: 12pm

DANCE COMPETITION \$5 Registration Fee

VENDORS: Food Table - \$200 | Craft Table - \$150

## IU Traditional Powwow

44th Annual

April 1st  
Wilkinson Hall

FREE!

## 2023 WINTER'S END Powwow

MARCH 25 & 26

POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY CENTER

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GRAND ENTRY SATURDAY 1 & 7 PM | SUNDAY 12 PM

ROYALTY CONTEST MARCH 24  
Contact Ruth with Questions: 715.883.1334

FEAST SATURDAY 5 PM | TRAVEL MEAL SUNDAY 5 PM

HOTEL 2 POTAWATOMI CARTER CASINO HOTEL  
715.473.2021  
CRANDON INN & SUITES  
715.478.4000  
MALE LAKE CASINO HOTEL  
715.478.5772

VENDORS CONTACT  
715.889.2144

LTBB TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR 2023 ELECTIONS				
<b>MARCH 2023</b>				
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)
<b>APRIL 2023</b>				
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
<b>MAY 2023</b>				
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 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)
<b>JUNE 2023</b>				
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)
<b>JULY 2023</b>				
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)



**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
ELECTION BOARD  
P.O. Box 160  
Conway, MI 49722**

**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](mailto:ElectionBoard@LtbbElectionBoard.org)
- The information and signature must be clear and legible.

**YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET**

"PLEASE PRINT"

TRIBAL ROLL NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS (optional)	DATE OF BIRTH
LAST NAME	SUFFIX (SR., JR., ETC.)	MAIDEN OR PREVIOUS NAMES
FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	
MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SIGNATURE OF VOTER	DATE	

**LTBB ELECTION BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# LINE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



## Birthdays



Hey! **Raymond Bottoms**, it's that time of the year again, March 19. Wishing you a happy, happy birthday. From your siblings and family.

We all wish you **Sharon Sanders** the best birthday on March 24. Have a fantastic day! From Tammie, your three grandsons and the family.

Let's not forget to wish **Jo Ann Seay** lots of birthday wishes on March 30. Enjoy your special day! From all of your family.

Happiest of birthday wishes to **Jeff Gokee** on March 21. Love you, Mom.

## Walking On...



**Virgil V. Sharkey, 86**

Virgil V. Sharkey, age 86, passed away on October 7, 2022 unexpectedly. Virgil was born in Manistique, MI, to the late George and Elizabeth "Feathers" Sharkey. Virgil married Carmen Ragen on September 14, 1963, and they celebrated 59 years together. Before his marriage, Virgil operated a filling station doing mechanic work and was a semitruck driver. Virgil loved

sports and had a softball team in Green Bay, WI. He was a mechanic who could fix just about anything. Virgil is survived by his wife, Carmen; four wonderful sons, James (Roni) Sharkey, Robert Sharkey, John Sharkey and Kenneth (Leslie) Sharkey; two daughters, Brenda (James) Cash and Veda Sharkey; grandchildren, Ashley (Aaron) Bisich, Erin (Brandon) Sharkey, Kyle, Jessica, Bobbie, Mitchell, Keegan, Eric, Hannah, Hana, Lauren Sharkey, and Lisa and David Cash; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Jack Sharkey of Trenton, MI; a half-brother, Alan (Pam) Moore; three half-sisters, Luella, Flora and Geneva Moore; and a sister-in-law, Mary Sharkey. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, five sisters and two grandsons, Kenny and Nicholas Sharkey. Friends called at the Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home.



Little Traverse Bay Bands Natural Resources Department presents "Road-Stream Crossing Restoration" video on YouTube.

Join LTBB Water Quality Biologist Sam Day as he explains the importance of road-stream crossing restoration at Wycamp Creek in Emmet County, MI.

<https://tinyurl.com/LTBBWycampCreek>

The Little Traverse Bay Bands Natural Resources Department has taken on numerous road-stream crossing restoration projects in the past several years and plans to continue pursuing these very important habitat restoration initiatives.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

# 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROUND DANCE

WAAWIYAA NIIMIWIN

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MC: Joe Medicine  
 STICKMAN: Joe Syrette  
 INVITED SINGERS: Wesley "Kwake" Hale Meskwaki Nation  
 Vito Buckanaga Red Willow  
 Nathan Isaac Crazy Spirit  
 Kenny Dewey Bear River  
 Leroy Shenoskey Bear River  
 4 Registered Adult Singers Receive Honorariums  
 Registration 2-5PM  
 Registered Youth Singers \$200 Split Registration 2-5PM

2PM Doors Open  
 3PM-5PM Round Dance Teachings  
 5PM Pipe Ceremony  
 5:30PM Feast Donated by the Family of Miss Odawa  
 7PM Round Dance  
 11PM Closing Song

LTBB CITIZENS 21+: Odawa Hotel Room Rate \$75 Present your tribal ID  
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 Free Event  
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 THIS IS A DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT. NO POLITICS. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURY OR LOSS OF STOLEN PROPERTY.

LTBB SPRING Prevention  
 "GOONI-GNEBIG MIKAAHNSING MINWENDAAGWAZIK!"  
 "Everyone have fun on the snowsnake track!"

## LTBB 2023 SNOWSNAKE

LTBB Government Center  
 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs

**POSTPONED DUE TO LACK OF SNOW**  
 NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

MIIGWECH FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN @  
<https://forms.office.com/r/g2sGzCUFFG> or  
 (231)242-1710 / [springgrant@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:springgrant@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)



Registration QR Code

Nish Night's DRUM & DANCE PRACTICE OUTFIT MAKING

# FAMILY CULTURE & Community Night

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY  
 5:30PM @ LTBB GOVT CENTER

February 8	February 22
March 8	March 22
April 5	April 19- MINI-POWOW

ALL Dancers, Singers & Drums Welcome Every Session

- DANCE A FEW STEPS Practice Your Dancing
- SING A FEW SONGS Sing At OR Back Up The Drum (All Skill Levels)
- WORK ON YOUR OUTFIT Make an Applique Shirt, Ribbon Skirt OR Work on the outfit piece of your choice
- SHARE A MEAL Dinner Provided (Bring A Dish To Pass)

- ACCEPTING MATERIAL & OUTFIT DONATIONS
- Experienced sewers & beaders on hand
- Sewing machines & some material(s) provided
- Programming & support for children available

SPONSORS: SPRING Prevention & LTBB Waaniigaanzjik Youth Services  
 INFO: RJ Smith c:231/373-3745 w:231/242-1648 [rsmith@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:rsmith@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

## LTBB Tribal Flags for Sale!!



For more information, contact Don Portman at [biindigen@gmail.com](mailto:biindigen@gmail.com) or 231-487-1093

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

# THIS MONTH ShamROCKs AT ODAWA CASINO!



## FOUR-LEAF FORTUNES PLAY TO EARN

MACKINAW  
CITY

PETOSKEY

### FRIDAYS

Play Slots with your Pure Rewards Card to earn up to **\$100 in Free Slot Play every Friday!**

### SATURDAYS

Play Slots with your Pure Rewards Card to earn up to **\$100 in Free Slot Play every Saturday!**

PETOSKEY

MACKINAW  
CITY

FRIDAY, MARCH 17  
BEGINNING AT 10AM

Play Slots with your Pure Rewards Card for your chance to earn your choice of a **Lucky Bracelet or Necklace & Earring Set!**

## LUCKY JEWELRY PLAY TO EARN

## LUCKY LADIES Queens

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

VICTORIES

DOORS AT 7PM

SHOW AT 8PM

DJ TO FOLLOW • \$10 COVER

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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNERS**  
will be served at both Odawa Casino locations  
on **Friday, March 17.**

Please visit [odawacasino.com](http://odawacasino.com), check our Facebook page or call 877.442.6464 for timing, pricing, and menus.



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## VICTORIES

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
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### SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY MARCH 3  
DERAILED

FRIDAY MARCH 17  
JABO BIHLMAN'S  
FAMILY JAM

FRIDAY MARCH 31  
JON ARCHAMBAULT  
BAND

SATURDAY MARCH 4  
LADIES NIGHT\*

SATURDAY MARCH 25  
VICTORIES  
TAKEOVER\*

FRIDAY MARCH 10  
BROOM CLOSET BOYS

FRIDAY MARCH 24  
ROOT FUSION DUO

DJ SATURDAY  
MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25

SATURDAY MARCH 18  
LUCKY QUEENS\*

Must be 21 to enter. Petoskey location only. \*DJ to begin after the event. See individual art for details. 2023.

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