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KERSTINE OMEY: DOING HER BEST FOR OUR STUDENTS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Navigating educational systems can be daunting whether you're a parent or a student.



That was one of the reasons why LTBB Tribal Citizen Kerstine (Bennington) Omey applied for the Higher Education Specialist position in the LTBB Niigaandwin Education Department after graduating from Michigan State University with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. She graduated from Pellston High School in Pellston, MI.

"It can be a very overwhelming process for the student and their families," she said of college. "Parents are sending their kids away to school and there is definitely this sense of worry and anxiety that follows. Students are acclimating to this new sense of independence and many haven't filled paperwork out before, let alone lived on their own. It can be a difficult transition for some and dropping out can seem like the right choice when you're that frustrated. I wanted to bring my own college experiences to the role, so that I could help other Tribal Citizens and their families through the process of pursuing post-secondary education, especially the financial aid process. There is so much jargon and a lot of stipulations that aren't common knowledge. I wanted to educate families on the process, so that they could avoid some of the issues I ran into and to give that reassurance that everything was going to be okay and I was going to support them through this." Kerstine has worked as the Higher Education Specialist, the Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training (NIT) Project Director, the Education Programs Manager and now serves as the Director of the LTBB Niigaandwin Education Department. She was named Interim Director when LTBB Tribal Citizen Jordan Shananaquet resigned from the role in early January 2023 to take a position with the First Peoples Fund. Kerstine's first day as the Director was March 12, 2023.

"As the director, you have a hand in everything," Kerstine said. "With the educational landscape continuously shifting, there is always something to learn and new ways to improve our services to the LTBB community. You're always problem-solving and adapting to make sure you are meeting the needs of your students. The exciting part about being in education is supporting those that you

"Kerstine Omey" continued on page 29.

BARBER MARISA GRAVES: "WHEN YOU LOOK GOOD, YOU FEEL GOOD"

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Marisa (Burks) Graves is a Daddy's girl.

That was one of the reasons Marisa, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, followed in her grandfather, David Burks, Sr. and her father, David Burks Jr.'s, footsteps and became a third-generation barber. Her sister, Lia Burks, is also a barber.

Marisa attended a beauty school in Lincoln Park, MI, and Michigan Barber School in Detroit, MI. She worked at her father's barber shop, Economy Barber Shop, in River Rouge, MI, for 16 years. Her father owned his barber shop from the 1950s to 2012. Her sister, Lia, also worked at her father's barber shop.

"I was always at the barber shop with my dad, so he told me to go check it out," Marisa said of beauty school. "I went and I liked it. The difference between barbers and cosmetologists is barbers don't do nails and cosmetologists don't shave. I work as a barber because I prefer not to do nails."

Marisa is a barber at Native-owned and operated FadeDid Grooming Studio, located at 1053 U.S. 31, Suite 6 in Petoskey, MI. FadeDid is owned and operated by Maheengunse Osawamick. Marisa works noon to 5 p.m. on weekdays and may have extended summer hours. She welcomes walk-ins and appointments.



You can book an appointment with Marisa on www.fadedid.com or call 231-881-9335.



She offers haircuts (men and women's), facials, mud pack facials, beard trims, shampoo with conditioner, deep conditioning service, shampoo blow dry flat iron, razor line only, shaves and bleached tips. Please ask her if you would like a service not listed here. She offers discounts to seniors, veterans and children up to 12 years old.

"You have a wealth of confidence when you look good," Marisa said. "When you look good, you feel good."

Marisa moved back to the Northern Michigan area from the state of Washington to take care
"Marisa Graves" continued on page 26.

ANCIENT ARTS - LOCAL QUILLWORK AND BEADWORK ARTISTS SHARE THEIR HISTORIES, INSPIRATIONS AND CREATIONS

By Al Parker

Editor's note: The following article and photographs appeared in the *Northern Express*, and they are reprinted here with permission.

Yvonne M. Keshick's eyes brighten with excitement when she remembers the first time she ever designed and crafted quill art more than half a century ago.

"I was very shy and couldn't go looking for a job," recalls the 76-year-old Harbor Springs, MI, resident and member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. "But JFK and LBJ started a jobs program, and I joined. I was sent to work in a store, the Ottawa and Chippewa Arts Co-op."

There, she met Susan Shaganaby, an elder who taught her the art of making items from porcupine quills, white birch, spruce, cedar and other natural items.

"I worked as kind of an apprentice with her for six years," says Keshick. "I liked it right away. It took me a week to make my first quill box. I showed it to



her and she said, 'Well, it looks pretty good,' and she put it in a display case at the store. I went for lunch and when I came back, it was gone."

It was the first of thousands of items Keshick has crafted and sold over the decades. Throughout the years, her talents were vital during tough financial times. "Quillwork was subsistence work," says
"Ancient Arts" continued on page 30.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 4-24-2023 = 4,466

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Administrative Assistant

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Alan Proctor, Director 242-1597
ElectionBoard@ltbbelectionboard.org

Health Department

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'iing debendiziwin ebidgwasiiing mnaadendiziwin miinwaa wiimnaadendiziying. Gdabendaanaa debendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadiziwin miinwaa mndooaadiziwin gaanaaniigaaniijk debendamowaad. Maanda debendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinooaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadenda-mowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'iing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'iing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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

Contact Information

ODAWA TRAILS



The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.
The deadline for the June 2023 issue of *Odawa Trails* is May 8, 2023.
You can e-mail or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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The sun is joining us more consistently now. With the summer months approaching, let's focus on getting back outside and enjoying time together in the fresh air. I am eager to see our outdoor events come back in full swing!

Please remember to join us at our LTBB Annual Com-

munity Meeting on May 13 at the Odawa Casino Resort's Ovation Hall. I look forward to seeing everyone and being a part of such a great event where tribal citizens can reconnect with our tribal government. Please ask questions, visit our department tables and check out all the wonderful vendors. We take all the questions, comments and concerns very seriously and will stick with them after the meeting. Let's work together to improve our community, we want to hear your voice.

Stay up to date with all the events and meetings on our LTBB website calendar. This is a helpful tool to stay involved, your participation is vital to our community. You can join Zoom meetings directly from the calendar as well as view

dates, times and locations for in person events. We hope to see you soon!

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Michigan Civil Rights Commission

Regina Gasco-Bentley, the Tribal Chairperson of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, is appointed to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. She has served on the Little Traverse Bay Bands Tribal Council for 13 years, previously as Secretary and Legislative Leader for the Council and is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. She is reappointed to represent independents for a term commencing April 13, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2026.


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

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG										
DATE	March 2023	Emily Proctor	Marcella Reyes	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Otto	Melissa Pamp	James Pontiac
3/3/23	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting		X	X				X	X	
3/7/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
3/9/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X				X	X	X	X	X
3/14/23	Appropriations and Finance Committee		X	X			X			
3/15/23	Bay Mills Community Boys & Girls Club Tour						X			
3/21/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3/23/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
3/31/23	Land and Reservation Committee	X	X	X				X		

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




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

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!
 (786)-635-1003 Passcode: 002323
 Webinar ID: Webinar ID: 870 1757 9318
<https://lbbodawa.zoom.us/j/87017579318?pwd=M3kxTkFSM0hFZENPZG5lTXVtMk9BZz09>

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION CITIZENS! No Current Address on File

The list below contains the names of LTBB Tribal Citizens who have not had a current address verification form on file for multiple years or who haven't had contact with the tribe for more than 10 years. It is important the location of citizens is current to ensure they receive their tribal benefits.

If you are on this list or know a person who is on this list, please contact the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1522 or at enrollment@lbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Shawn Paul Brophy	Justine Makala Gasco	Tammra Lee Wirth	Alvina Rose Ruth
Jeramie Lee Coleman	Porter Ray Greensky	Philip Maurice Morey	Rebecca Jo Smith
Andrew Jacob Dean	Karle Kay Harris	Christopher Patrick Nagel	Percy Lee Williams
Deanna Marie Foxworthy	Dawn Mary Jackson	Jory Dean Purvis	

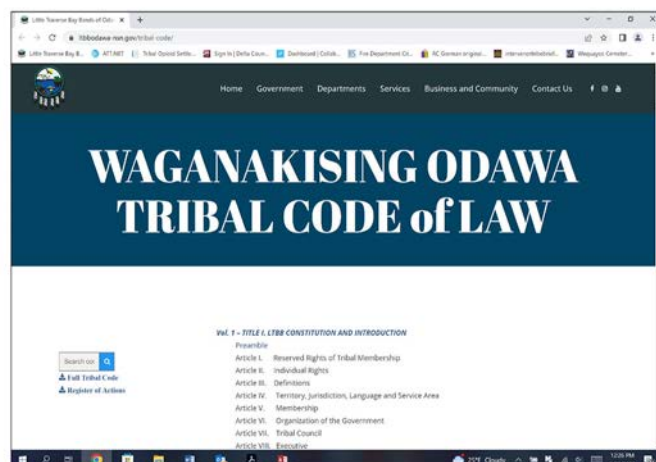
NOTICE:

NEW TRIBAL CODE WEBPAGE

The Tribal Code Webpage has been restructured!!!!

New features included:

- Tribal Code Titles posted separately and searchable
- Full Tribal Code posted in its entirety
- Register of Actions (all updates since 2012)



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

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
Pauline Boulton – P: 231-242-1520
E-mail: pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Forms are also available on the LTBB Website.
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment>
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/forms>

LTBB VETERAN CARDS

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

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

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

We have created new



Tribal Identification Cards for our LTBB Veterans.

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

Zhimaaganish - Veteran

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

Sincerely,
Pauline Boulton
Enrollment Officer

A message from your Enrollment Department

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@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Then mail the \$10 fee separately.
THE \$10 FEE DOES NOT APPLY TO VETERANS AND THOSE 55 AND OVER.

Need to update your address?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Minor verification forms must be signed and notarized.

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

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

Groceries!
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Tickets!
And More!

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.

Contact Information:
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(231) 242-1522
ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Pauline Boulton—
(231) 242-1520
pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Other -
(231) 242- 1521
enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Fax (231) 242-1526

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.

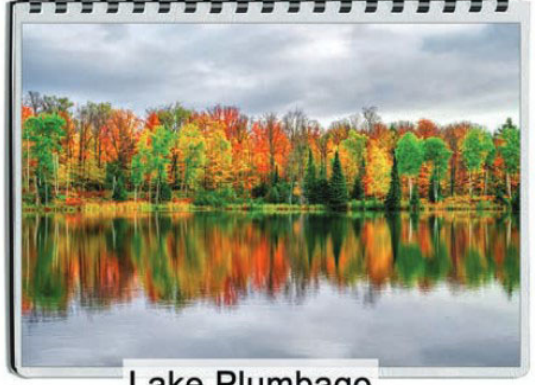
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231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521
Fax 231-242-1526



Hoar Frost



Peanut Butter Falls



Lake Plumbago

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

May Elders Birthdays

May 1

George Pamp
Elisabeth Kiogima
Carol Gagnon
Sharon Sierzputowski
Patricia Minor
Carol King
Michael Feltner

May 2

William Kiogima

May 3

Mary Powell
Barry Laughlin
Robert Lasley
Luella Moore

May 4

Laura Blumberg
Debra Godfrey
Kathleen Poole

May 5

Rochell Lang
Veronica Lundin
Valerie Biro
Joseph Petoskey, Sr.

May 6

Judith Black Feather
Nancy Wanshon
Sara Kagabitang

May 7

Brenda Ybarrondo

May 8

Mary Rivers
Donna Vanpelt
Robert Parkey
Yolanda Morrow
Charles Honson, Jr.
Julie Brimacombe

May 9

Mark Uryga-Williams
Ronald Willis, Sr.
Debhra Stanislawski
Barbara Dayson

May 10

Kathleen Deane

May 11

Catherine Anderson
William Noack
Bartholomew Gasco
Eric Hunting

May 12

Katrina Woodworth
Kevin Willis
Darrel Hardwick
Stanley Kott
Michael McKeown
Leonard Andrews
Theodore Sineway

May 13

Della Petoskey
Laura Lonchar

May 14

Patricia Johnson
Gloria Miller
Cynthia Pagels

May 15

Marilyn Napont
Melvin Napont

May 16

Eileen Dennis
Angela Hayden
Mark Delmas
Cheryl Krogel

May 17

Laura Schrock
Theresa Keshick
Harriet Okke
Douglas Kildee
Susan Allen
David Sky-Eagle
James Weissgerber
Judith Sandoz

May 18

Gregory Bernard
Christine Miles
Barbara Morgan
Carla Wiltse

May 19

Cynthia Reed
Anthony Parsons

May 20

Christopher Delorme
Phyllis Kaminsky
Marie Nowak
Elizabeth Johnson

May 21

Lawrence Skippergosh
David Lacroix
Daniel Portman
Donald Shomin, Jr.
Frank Honson
Edward Harrington

May 22

Gladys Garcia
Desiree Martinez
Lucile Rich
Dorothy Boda

May 23

Diane Trafas
Cheryl Animikwam Samuels
Brenda Schoolcraft
Donna Newton
Duane Laughlin

May 24

Eric Johnson
Christine Shomin

May 25

Sheree Gamble

May 26

John Sandoz
Laura Sansouci
Arnold Walker

May 27

Rhea Dishno
Michael Collins
Jannan Cornstalk
John Keshick III
Gregory Gasco

May 27

Angela Friend
George Honson III
Rose Silvey
Joyce McClellan
Gary Rieter
Bernard Hunting

May 28

Robert Ramage
Jennie Chamness
Robert Suhr
Barbara Laughlin
Edward Schwiderson

May 29

Sheila Chingwa
Stephanie Willemstein
Charles Beam
Andrew Chingman, Sr.

May 30

Jacquelyn Connelly
Linda Van Lake
Ramona Curtis
Janice Garbisch
Richard Feathers, Sr.

May 31

Shelly McSawby
David Durst
Cheryl Wafer
David Crisp
Cynthia Schuyler
Vernetta Wachsmann
Veronica Medicine
Debra Smithkey-Browne

COVID-19 FIRPP VI

\$700 PER TRIBAL CITIZEN

MAKE SURE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS IS UP TO DATE WITH ENROLLMENT

FILLABLE APPLICATION ON LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV UNDER HUMAN SERVICES FORMS DIRECTORY

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH EMAIL AND MAIL

EXPECT 3 TO 4 WEEK PROCESSING TIME FROM DATE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED

PLEASE MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Little Traverse Bay Bands

ATTN: Human Services

7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs MI 49740

Fax 231-242-1635

Email: DHSApplications@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY November 30, 2023

Questions?

Please contact Melanie Gasco, DHS Program Generalist or Patricia Waucaush, DHS Administrative Assistant at 231-242-1620



IRS.gov/ChildTaxCredit



It's Not Too Late to Claim the **2021 Child Tax Credit**
Even If You Received Advanced Payments or Didn't File a Tax Return



If you don't normally file a tax return, but **you're eligible for the Child Tax Credit**, you can still claim the 2021 **Child Tax Credit** by filing a 2021 tax return – even if you had no income in 2021. Advance payments sent in 2021 were not the full amount of the credit.



The 2021 Child Tax Credit is \$3,600 for each qualifying child who was under age 6 in 2021 and \$3,000 for each child who was age 6 to 17 in 2021.

If you're eligible to claim the 2021 Child Tax Credit, you must file a tax return by April 15, 2025, to claim the refund.



IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a great option for people who are only filing a tax return to claim the 2021 Child Tax Credit.

Visit www.IRS.gov/VITA to find the site nearest you and a list of what to bring.

See the special section on IRS.gov about **claiming the Child Tax Credit if you aren't required to file a tax return**. Learn more at [2021 Child Tax Credit Frequently Asked Questions](http://2021ChildTaxCreditFrequentlyAskedQuestions).

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Communications Coloring Contest Winners



Mitchell 11

Ava Rae 12

Jaedyn 12



Nora 4½

Khaleesi 7

Adaline 7

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MAY 2023 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 8th - 12th 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: 4th and 5th
Peshawbestown: 17th
Traverse City: 23rd

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



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

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH



ordination with the Child Welfare Commission.

Michigan has a significant population of Native American children in foster care with an overrepresentation of Native American children in the state's child welfare system compared to its population size. According to data from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in 2020, Native American children made up 3.1% of the state's child population, but accounted for 5.3% of children in foster care. Despite the high number of Native American children in foster care, there is a shortage of Native American foster homes in Michigan. According to a report by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in 2020, only 68 out of 5,216 licensed foster homes in Michigan identified as Native American or Alaskan Native.

This shortage of Native American foster homes is a significant problem as Native American children in foster care face unique challenges related to their cultural identity and heritage. Placing these children with non-Native foster families who do not understand or respect their cultural background can lead to the loss of cultural identity and disconnection from their community. Increasing the number of Native American foster homes in Michigan is crucial to ensure Native American children in foster care can remain connected to their cultural heritage, family and community.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about what it takes to become a licensed foster home, please contact the Department of Human Services at 231-242-1620 or SocialServices@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov for more information.

Courtesy graphic.

By **Brandon Chojnacki**, Social Services Program Manager

May is National Foster Care Month and the Little Traverse Bay Bands Department of Human Services would like to extend a huge, heartfelt thank you to our past and present foster homes. These families have opened their hearts and homes to our children in times of crisis. It is because of the willingness of a few that we have been able to keep our youth in the community when out-of-home placement is necessary. This has assisted with reunification efforts and consistency (i.e. remaining in same city/town, schools, etc.) and familiarity (i.e. placement with family or community member). Chi miigwech for everything you have done to protect our most precious resource; our youth.

Did you know the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians licenses its own foster homes? LTBB adopted regulations to issue and monitor foster care licenses in 2009 (WOS 2009-013). Because of this, the Department of Human Services fields inquires, completes home assessments and studies of interested families and maintains the tribe's foster care files. This includes annual home visits, criminal background checks and co-

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

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

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

SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

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

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

NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE? WE CAN HELP!

APPLICANT DOCUMENTS

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

LICENSED PROVIDERS

- ★ COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE

UNLICENSED PROVIDERS

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

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
 90 SPRING STREET, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

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

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.

TRADITIONAL FOOD: WILD RICE



Wild rice is very nutritious, low in fat and a great source of fibre and protein often used in traditional ceremonies and feasts. It is an excellent source of antioxidants, fibre, folate, magnesium, and zinc. Like brown rice, wild rice has a nutty flavour and chewy texture.

Wild rice can be prepared and served in many ways. It can be served with vegetables, fruit, nuts, traditional meats, maple syrup, or even added to salads, muffins, bread recipes or served as a side dish.

Did you know?

- Wild rice is actually the kernel from an aquatic wild grass called *Manomin* and gathering the rice was a vital food ritual involving the whole family
- 1/3 cup of wild rice provides approximately 16 g of whole grains!

Source: Gifts from our Relations, National Indigenous Diabetes Association, 2020

How to Cook Wild Rice:

Rice:

4 cups of water per 1 cup of wild rice, bring to a boil, cover with lid. Lower heat, and cook for 45-60 minutes or until rice splits open; drain excess water in colander. Enjoy!

STORAGE TIPS:

When properly stored wild rice has a long shelf life, once package is opened, place rice in a sealed airtight container or freezer bag to keep fresh. Cooking and freezing wild rice ahead of time makes for a convenient addition to any meal and can be stored in the refrigerator for 1-2 weeks.

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

This brochure was developed by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Services provided by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication program/information are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WANT TO QUIT SMOKING?

Submitted by **Liberty Pearsall**, RN, Transition of Care Coordinator & Community Health Nurse

A new program at the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, can help.

If you have thought about quitting or are thinking about thinking about quitting, give us a call. We can schedule an individual appointment to help make your quit attempt successful.

Get resources to help on your quit journey, whether this is your first quit attempt or 21st, we are here to help.

Please call 231-242-1700 to schedule an appointment with a smoking cessation coach or inform your provider at your next visit.

Courtesy photo.



LTBB

Wawiiyaa Giigidoowin

"Talking Circle"

Thursday 5pm - 6pm
 LTBB Conference Room

NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH

Submitted by Marlene Gasco, **Community Wellness Advocate**

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Physical activity is key to maintaining health and well-being. Getting active can improve fitness and reduce stress, reduce risk for many chronic diseases and ease symptoms of anxiety and depression. Youth sports can help kids and teens get active and develop leadership, time man-

agement and relationship-building skills. (<https://health.gov/news/202105/move-may-and-celebrate-national-physical-fitness-sports-month>)

Community Health is always supporting movement as medicine. If you need help with tracking your daily steps, stop by the LTBB Health Park in Petoskey, MI, for a free pedometer. No matter the movement or how many steps you take, it's better than nothing.

Courtesy graphics.

At least 60 minutes every day.
Most of that time can be moderate-intensity aerobic activity — anything that gets their heart beating faster counts.

And at least 3 days a week, encourage them to step it up to vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, so they're breathing fast and their heart is pounding.

As part of their daily 60 minutes, kids and teens also need:

- Muscle-strengthening activity** at least 3 days a week
- Bone-strengthening activity** at least 3 days a week

Anything that makes their muscles work harder counts — like climbing or swinging on the monkey bars.

Bones need pressure to get stronger. Running, jumping, and other weight-bearing activities all count.

Walk. Run. Dance. Play. **What's your move?**

Move in May and Celebrate National Physical Fitness & Sports Month

Moderate-intensity aerobic activity*
Anything that gets your heart beating faster counts.

Muscle-strengthening activity
Do activities that make your muscles work harder than usual.

at least **150 minutes a week**

at least **2 days a week**

If you prefer vigorous-intensity aerobic activity (like running), aim for at least 75 minutes a week. If that's more than you can do right now, do what you can. Even 5 minutes of physical activity has real health benefits.

Walk. Run. Dance. Play. **What's your move?**

<https://health.gov/news/202105/move-may-and-celebrate-national-physical-fitness-sports-month>

**AAMBE BMOSEDA
10,000 STEPS A DAY
LOG SHEET**

Name	Start Date:	Week #	Week #	Week #
Day	Week #	Week #	Week #	Week #
Sunday	Steps	Steps	Steps	Steps
Monday	Steps	Steps	Steps	Steps
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CONGRATULATIONS! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Native Way Two Exercise Class Schedule

Wijigaamshin = Dance with me Zumba Class
Mondays @5pm – 6pm
Come follow along via DVD and get your cardio workout for the week!
Starts May 15th!!!
Please call day of class to sign up.

Wiishkitooyin = You can do it! Pilates Class
Tuesdays/Thursdays @8am – 9am
Low impact exercises with strength training and cardio all in one bundle for a great full body workout!
Starts May 10th and 12th.

Anishinaabe Mskoziwin = Native Strength
Wednesdays @4pm – 530pm
Love variety and timing exercises? Stop in for this full body cardio and strength training.
Starts May 11th.

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

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, class sizes are limited. Please contact Marlene Gasco at (231)242-1616 for any questions.

LTBB COMMUNITY HEALTH

NATIVE WAY

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

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

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

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!

PRC PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE NOW AVAILABLE AT:

Petoskey Location
1201 Lears Road
Petoskey, MI 49770

- AFTER HOURS AND WEEKEND COVERAGE
- MEDICATIONS THAT CANNOT BE FILLED AT LTBB

**Subject to PRC Coverage Guidelines. Call PRC at 231-242-1600 for payment authorization prior.*

SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



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

Skin cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer in the United States and around the world. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer by the time they turn 70 years old, however, when found early, the five-year survival rate (being alive five years after being diagnosed with or starting treatment for skin cancer) is 99%. Protect yourself from harmful UV rays by wearing a high SPF sunscreen, reapplying it often and wearing clothing which shields your skin from the sun - hats, lightweight long sleeve shirts or anything which covers your skin. Also, try to seek shade as often as possible when being outside such as sitting under a tree instead of in the open sun or using an umbrella at the beach. Avoid using tanning

beds and laying outside in the sun for long periods of time. Wear sunscreen daily, especially on your face — even in the winter months!

Wearing sunscreen and taking protective measures are just two ways you can take precautions. You should also go for yearly dermatology appointments for a full body skin check, so they can identify any abnormal looking spots on the skin. You should do weekly full body checks on your own as well to look for any abnormal spots or moles on your skin, so you can keep track of any changes occurring which could be cancerous. Reports any abnormalities right away to your doctor or dermatologist. Paying attention to these changes can help to catch skin cancer early on and could save your life. Use the following to examine your skin regularly — the ABCDE rule:

A stands for Asymmetry: One half of the spot does not match the other half.

B stands for Border: The spot is irregular, scalloped or has a poorly defined border.

C stands for Color: The spot has varying colors from one section to the next. Look

for shades such as tan, brown or black or areas of white, red or blue.

D stands for Diameter: Look for a spot which is about the size of a pencil eraser or larger. However, they can be smaller than this — pay attention to anything you believe is abnormal.

E stands for Evolving: The spot looks different from the rest or is changing in size, shape or color.

Pay attention to any spots different from others or that change, itch or bleed.

Quick Tips

Seek shade when appropriate.

Wear sun-protective clothing.

Apply a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.

Re-apply sunscreen every two hours.

Use extra caution near water, snow and sand. They reflect damaging rays from the sun and increase your risk of sunburn

Avoid tanning beds.

Perform regular skin self-exams.

Visit your dermatologist.

Courtesy graphic.

MARCH MADNESS COMPETITION

Submitted by **Marlene Gasco**, Community Wellness Advocate

Congratulations to all the Native Way gym participants for competing in their first team competition, March Madness, post COVID!!! The competition consisted of daily workouts participants needed to complete to earn extra points for their teams. They survived 31 days of grueling workouts using every piece of gym equipment available for use and every different range of motion of the body possible.

Seven teams competed and one was given the top honors and bragging rights. Kudos to the team, Slow Down for What, for accumulating 3,915 total points while Sweatin' For Success took a close second with Scrambled Legs & Achin' taking third place.



Individual honors were also given to the top male and female competitors. A round of applause for Thomas Teuthorn, Sr. and Shari Temple for becoming warriors in the gym and an inspiration to the community. Both individuals rose to the occasion for their team and slayed every workout they finished.

Again, congratulations to all and keep up the good work!!



Courtesy photos.

We are OPEN and Accepting New Patients!

Compassionate Health Care
Serving the Medicaid Population of Northern Michigan

Q & A

Do I need to be Native?
No. The Clinic is open to both Native and Non-Native people.

What if I don't have insurance?
We only accept patients that have Medicaid as their primary insurance.

Do you accept any other insurance?
No. Our clinic only accepts patients with Medicaid as their primary insurance.

Can I just walk in?
We recommend calling us first, 231-242-1760. We typically can make same day appointments.

Medicaid
Open to Anyone w/Medicaid as their Primary Insurance!
<https://ctwc.health>

Same Day Appointments Available!

Call Us!
(231) 242-1760

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

NATIONWIDE MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

ANY LTBB CITIZEN WITH MEDICARE PART B OR PART D CAN APPLY FOR A REIMBURSEMENT!

PAYMENTS ARE COMPLETED TWICE A YEAR. TO APPLY:

- FILL OUT AN APPLICATION, BEFORE THE DEADLINES:
 - FEBRUARY 14TH (1ST PAYMENT), AND
 - AUGUST 14TH (SECOND PAYMENT).
- SUBMIT TRIBAL ID AND MEDICARE INSURANCE CARDS.
- SHOW PROOF OF MEDICARE PREMIUM EXPENSES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: VALORIE GLAZIER, LTBB SPONSORSHIP SPECIALIST AT 231-242-1748!

LTBB Pharmacy

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

What prescriptions are filled at the LTBB Pharmacy?

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

PLEASE BE AWARE OF HOLIDAY HOURS AND MEDICATION REFILLS.

We need YOUR HELP!

Help us name the new Housing Development and new Street that will be in the historic "Indian Town" of Harbor Springs, MI. If your suggestion is in Anishinaabemowin, please provide the English translation as well.

All submissions must be submitted by May 13, 2023.
LTBB Planning Department at planning@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Housing Development: _____

Street Name: _____

Your Name: _____

TRADITIONAL HEALER SERVICES 2023 SCHEDULE

MARY PINE

May 2,3 July 5,6
September 5,6
November 8,9

JOSEPH SYRETTE

May 17,18 June 7,8
July 9,20 August 23,24
September 20,21 October 18,19
November 15,16 December 20,21

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REQUESTS FOR TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION (TCE)

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

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

IMPORTANT TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UPDATE

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

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

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

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

LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA & RESIDENT TRIBAL CITIZENS

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

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

Little Traverse (all)
 City of Petoskey (all)
 Readmond (all)
 West Traverse (all)
 City of Harbor Springs (all)
 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.

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
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AA MEETING @ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

RECOVERY IS SACRED

BEGINNING
 Monday, APRIL 4, 2022
 6PM TO 7PM
 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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TALK, READ, AND SING TOGETHER EVERY DAY! IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN.

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

BIRTH TO 2 MONTHS

- Coo, makes gurgling sounds
- Turns head toward sounds

4 MONTHS

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

6 MONTHS

- Responds to sounds by making sounds
- Responds to own name
- Begins to say consonant sounds (babbling with "m," "b")

9 MONTHS

- Understands "no"
- Makes a lot of different sounds like "mama" and "babababa"

12 MONTHS

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

18 MONTHS

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

2 YEARS

- Points to things or pictures when named
- Says 2 sentences with 2 to 4 words
- Follows simple instructions

3 YEARS

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

4 YEARS

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

5 YEARS

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

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 baazhiyiing over	 shaweyiing beside	 ishpiming up	 npaajiyiing the wrong side	
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Unconditional love between one another.
Love

Migizi
Migizi is the eagle of love, the bald eagle. Migizi loved and cared for the Anishinaabe so much, he gave himself to be their helper and guide in the form of a Thunderbird.

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

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

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

Do you need a Food & Utility Appropriation Allowance Application?

Go to www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, look under the Services tab and go to the Forms Directory.

Still have questions?
Call the Elders Department at 231-242-1423 for more information.

Aapiish? Where?

Answer key on page 21.

ACROSS

- 1 in the back
- 3 behind
- 8 up
- 9 under
- 10 across
- 11 in between
- 12 in front of or ahead

DOWN

- 1 beside
- 2 below
- 4 in
- 5 the wrong side
- 6 over
- 7 on

WORD BANK: AAGWI, BAAZHIYIING, BIINJI, BIITWIYIING, DBASHISH, GAAMIYIING, GIJIYING, ISHPIMING, NAAMI, NIIGAAN, NPAAJIYIING, SHAWEYIING, SHKWEYAANG

NATIVE NEWS

MEET THE PROTECTOR OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN, KIRA DAVIS

By Emily Tyra

Editor's note: The following article and photographs appeared in *Traverse Northern Michigan* as part of Meet All 7 North Stars of Northern Michigan. Kira Davis is the Great Lakes Senior Program Manager, National Parks Conservation Association, and a true north star. Learn more about her story plus six other incredible Northern Michigan women to celebrate this International Women's Month.



The Protector

Kira Davis went wild rice harvesting last summer — taking a quiet afternoon in a canoe to gather grains from aquatic plants in the lake shallows as her elders did.

Davis, an Odawa woman who grew up in Petoskey, MI, and now lives in Suttons Bay, MI, with her family, shares that wild rice — or manoomin in Anishinaabemowin — is sacred in her culture. “It is a connection to who we are, it's part of our creation story.”

Days immersed in Mother Earth's wild beauty are “a given” for Davis who holds a national post with The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA). She works as an advocate for proper management of national parks throughout the Great Lakes region. And it's a breathtaking roster of land and shorelines she helps protect: The Apostle Islands. Pictured Rocks. Isle Royale. Sleeping Bear Dunes.



As an Odawa woman, she views her role in life as a protector of water and has dedicated herself personally and professionally to taking care

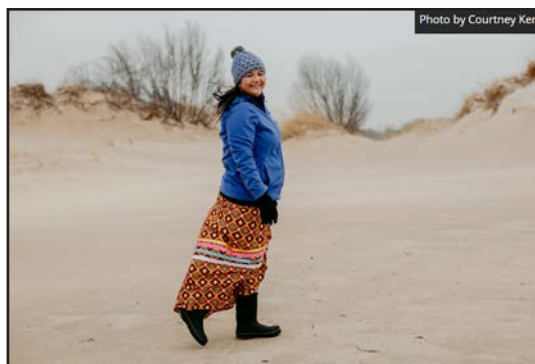
of the Great Lakes. She was hired by the NPCA for her expertise of wildlife and water quality — career highlights before this include establishing a Tribally approved Clean Water Act for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and restoring the natural flow of rivers and streams to relink wildlife corridors with the Conservation Resource Alliance — but she brought along an entire world of traditional ecological knowledge, too.

Though she's never taken a role because of prestige, she says. “It's more of my journey. It's my responsibility in a way.”

She learned early on about women's role in taking care of the water. The moment she “felt it” was while joining Josephine Mandamin, then in her 60s and one of the original Anishinaabe grandmother walkers.

“She was walking around every Great Lake — and many inland lakes — at the time for advocacy of water.” The Little Traverse Bay Bands hosted her and her entourage, and Mandamin shared with them a ceremony that moved Davis, reaffirming her path.

“I think water is going to unite us. Water is



alive and it's strong and it's a spirit.” Others may have different philosophies, behaviors, cultures, she notes, “But we know that all living things need water. There's no other way. We can rally around that.”

She is also led by another principal: Thinking seven generations ahead. “Yes, it really changes the decisions when it comes to the issues we have within the science realm, and with funding. If we're only thinking a few years ahead, we're just putting band-aids on the problem.”

She says her cohorts at NPCA support her balance of western science and traditional ecological knowledge. “There is a feeling that I can be myself, and am respected for who I am, even though maybe I have a little different ideology. For instance, [the notion that] we're all equal with every other living thing. We're not the smartest or the dominant species in our creation story. We weren't first. It was the plants and animals. They taught humans and shared that incredible balance among all living things.”

So, when grappling with and solving issues facing our natural resources, “We don't always need to be the dominant creature,” Davis says. “It's really about the love and respect of that thing. When I harvested wild rice, I spent the whole day. I listen to the rice. When harvesters spend that much time with a living thing — going out there every season for 20 years — you're gonna start to learn from it.”

“This knowledge was always inside of me. It makes my job easier for me to walk where I need to walk.”

Photos by Courtney Kent.



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 Natural Resource Department Lead to Non-Lead Transition

Why Switch?



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EAGLE RETAINS 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

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ODAWA CASINO SPARE CHANGE DONATION PROGRAM BENEFITS LOCAL NON-PROFIT

Through its Spare Change Donation Program, the Odawa Casino donated \$2,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan on April 12, 2023.

In August 2020, Odawa Casino launched the Spare Change Donation Program to support local non-profits fulfilling community needs and to respond to the national coin shortage related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program includes boxes around the casino floor where guests are able to donate their change or their gaming vouchers to support important local organizations.

Courtesy photo.



IN NEW BOOK, PROFESSOR SHOWS WHY BILINGUALISM IS A "SUPERPOWER"



Viorica Marian knows the power of multilingualism firsthand. She grew up bilingual in Moldova — a small country nestled between Ukraine and Romania which was formerly a part of the Soviet Union — speaking Romanian at home and Russian in official settings.

Now, Marian is the Ralph and Jean Sundin Endowed Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Northwestern's School of Communication. She's a psycholinguist who has studied language processing in the brain for decades, becoming a leading expert on bilingualism.

I wanted bilinguals and multilinguals to better understand their brains. For those considering learning a new language, I also wanted them to know why that's a great idea!" *What's one of your favorite examples of how multilingualism fosters creative thinking?* "It's hard to pick a favorite example, because I love them all!

An interesting illustration comes from a study by psychologist Annette Karmiloff-Smith, who asked children aged four and five to draw flowers and houses that do not exist using their imaginations.

The drawings of monolingual children were more likely to leave out elements — think of flowers with fewer petals, or no stalk. The drawings of bilingual children were more likely to contain cross-category insertions — flowers that look like animals or have a door.

It turned out that the bilingual children's drawings resembled the more complex patterns that monolingual children develop at a later age."

What are some of the other ways in which language impacts our brains? "One of the most striking recent discoveries in the neuroscience of multilingualism is that knowing more than one language delays Alzheimer's and other types of dementia by four to six years.

The constant juggling of two or more languages creates a more interconnected neural network that compensates functionally for anatomical deterioration. Imagine taking a certain bridge home every day after work for many years until one day that bridge collapses, and that route is no longer available to you.

If you live in an area where more than one bridge has been built over time, one collapse will not prevent you from reaching your destination because you can take alternative routes to reach your home. But if that is the only way that exists, you have a problem.

In the same way, if one pathway in the brain has decayed and is no longer available for accessing memories or information, a multilingual has other pathways that have been built over time as a result of the links between words, memories and experiences accumulated across two or more languages."

What do you feel makes the book especially timely? "If you can appreciate firsthand the utility and beauty of another language and culture because you are familiar with it, you are less prone to bigotry, to demonizing things or people who are different from you.

Engaging with a variety of languages gives us crucial abilities that humanity will need to heal burgeoning social discord and to formulate solutions to looming global problems: Think of Russia's efforts to erase Ukrainian language and culture on territory it has occupied, which seeks to undermine Ukrainian identity rooted in language.

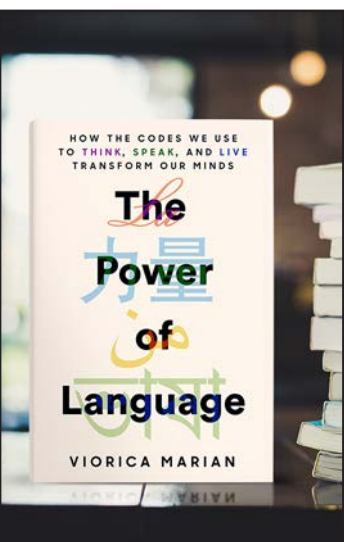
Moreover, as we seek solutions to new problems, having different modes of thinking that come with multilingualism gives us a greater chance of finding answers, providing new perspectives, and conceiving innovative questions that will benefit humanity."

What would you say to people who are considering broadening the language horizons of themselves or their families? "I'd say, embrace more language diversity in your life whenever possible! Learning a language is easier than you might think.

There are many practical benefits to learning another language. It helps when traveling, can foster interpersonal or professional relationships with new people, and may even give you access to a wider dating pool or new professional opportunities. There is also a positive correlation between multilingualism and income.

Learning another language is a gift you can give yourself, one from which you will reap lifelong benefits. It is never too early or too late to learn another language — it may even be fun!"

Courtesy photos.



Marian's research has helped reveal the many cognitive implications and nuances of being bilingual, from changes to memory and perception to the impact of language on learning, emotions, identity and decision-making.

Her new popular science book, "The Power of Language: How the Codes We Use to Think, Speak, and Live Transform Our Minds," is about the interaction between language and the human mind.

Tell us a little bit about your book and what inspired it.

"Toni Morrison once said that if there's a book you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it. Most of the world's population is bilingual or multilingual: It's very common for people to grow up speaking two or more languages from early childhood and acquire additional languages later in life.

Yet, bilinguals and multilinguals do not usually find themselves represented in popular science books, and society in general lacks a thorough understanding of how knowing multiple languages shapes us.

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



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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.

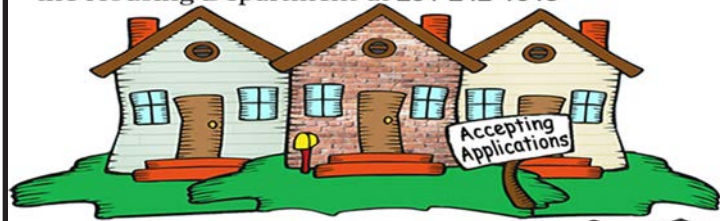
Credit Counseling: We provide confidential advice and referrals to assist tribal citizens in regaining their financial stability and credibility.

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.

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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY APPROVES GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TRIBAL GOVERNANCE



NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI
A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians are proud to announce the three graduate-level courses on Tribal Sovereignty have been approved as a Graduate Certificate in Tribal Governance in addition to being a part of Western Michigan University's (WMU) Master of Public Administration (MPA) program.



Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior Bryan Newland announced his support for and acknowledged the Graduate Certificate in Tribal Governance program at the Fetzer Center on WMU's Campus from 3-6:30 p.m. on April 13, 2023. The public was welcome to hear Newland's presentation as a part of Western's We Talk series where he spoke about how the traditional Seven Grandfather Teachings has guided his work in public service and helped him to engage across diverse communities.



Newland acknowledged the fact the WMU Board of Trustees approved the three-

course series as a standalone nine-credit hour Graduate Certificate program in early 2023. WMU's Course Catalog currently boasts nearly 50 graduate certificate programs.

"Moving this certificate into the graduate curriculum is the first concrete action from relationships formed over the last four to five years, and we are honored that the program is unique to this region," said Western's Director of the Graduate MPA and Ph.D. Programs Matthew Mingus, PhD, who expressed his support of the tribally endorsed courses to the WMU Board of Trustees.

Introduced in the fall of 2021, the Tribal Governance Courses were collectively endorsed by the three local tribal nations and serve as a new pathway for tribal members



and partners to develop skills in Tribal Administration. Modeled off a first-of-its-kind Tribal Governance MPA program at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA, the courses focus on the foundations of Federal Indian Policy, Tribal Governance and Tribal Economic Development & Diversification in relation to the three local Potawatomi tribes.

The tribes proposed the course series following WMU's 2019 Land Acknowledgement Statement recognizing the lands on which the campus is located as not only historically, but currently occupied by Ojibwe, Odawa and Bodewadmi Nations. WMU continued their affirmation of

indigenous sovereignty and the Native experience through two years of meaningful planning and development of the courses with tribal leaders.

"Implementing a certificate program in collaboration with three tribal nations allows the opportunity to provide tribally endorsed resources to increase capacity building within our communities," said Pokagon Band Tribal Council Secretary and Course Instructor Sam Morseau. "Students can engage with various Tribal entities through subject matter experts and content endorsed by each Tribal Nation. The inclusion of digital storytelling allows our narrative to be preserved and protected for generations. Not only will this assist the students and wider community partners in understanding our story, but also allows professional development and networking opportunities. We are currently planning yearly cohorts, which will include government, gaming and economic development corporations within each Tribal Nation. This will promote a collaborative approach and environment to explore best practices in policies through the creation of service-learning projects. It has been an honor to see this dream come to fruition."

Western Michigan University will continually offer the three courses, beginning in its 2023-2024 Course Catalog. Students do not have to complete the courses in any specific order. The courses, Tribal Development and Diversification, Tribal Governance: Sovereignty through Self-Determination and Tribal Governance: Foundations of Federal Indian Policy, are graduate-level courses.

For more information on how to register for the course, please contact NHBP Higher Education Specialist Andrea Rainer at andrea.rainer@nhbp-nsn.gov or 269-704-8356, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education DoE.HEAP@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or 269-782-0887, Gun Lake Education Director William Griffey at william.griffey@glt-nsn.gov or 269-397-1780 or Education Specialist Heather Bush at Heather.bush@glt-nsn.gov or 269-397-1780.

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LTBB Tribal Flags for Sale!!

For more information, contact Don Portman at biindigen@gmail.com or 231-487-1093

"MANY NATIONS" THE LATEST AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND STUDENT-DESIGNED PENDLETON BLANKET, NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Pendleton Woolen Mills, the acclaimed lifestyle brand of Portland, OR, together with the Denver-based American Indian College Fund, has announced the winning Tribal College Blanket Design for 2022, *Many Nations*, is now available for purchase in Pendleton's American Indian College Fund collection.

Pendleton has created wool blankets in partnership with the American Indian College Fund for more than 20 years. A portion of the blanket line's sales support approximately \$50,000 in Native student scholarships annually. Pendleton also contributes to a scholarship endowment, today valued at more than \$1 million.

Dustin Lopez is a student at Diné College pursuing a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree. His winning design, *Many Nations*, was selected from 107 entries. As the winning designer, Lopez will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, \$2,000 for books and incidentals and six blankets for his design portfolio.



Lopez used a serape design to honor the Yaqui and Laguna Pueblo side of his family and those shades of red which reminded him of his home in Coyote Kills Canyon. Finally, the triangles represent the artist radiating with pride, a feeling he hopes to instill in other indigenous people with all his works, no matter the mixture of their DNA.

This piece, along with many of Lopez's other designs, was partly inspired by the acceptance he found in the pow wow circle.

"In pow wow, we have many 'inter-tribal' dances, and we normally dance for prayer. It was in that arena that I learned to embrace my nations as I would the dance with a full heart and open mind."

Lopez previously served as a firefighter for four years until a month-long bout with COVID-19 forced him into an early retirement. He spent the next several weeks in reflection before deciding to apply to Diné College. Lopez had already owned his own graphic design/creative company for 14 years by that time but wanted more. Once he completes his bachelor's degree, he plans to transfer into the Master of Fine Arts track with a focus in graphic design and teaching.

The Tribal College Blanket Design Contest is open to all Native TCU students. Applications open every November on the College Fund's website at <https://collegefund.org/pendleton-contest>. The contest seeks to create greater recognition for promising artists' work, to provide valuable design experience working with an internationally known brand and to give students scholarships and cash awards to assist with college costs. The program also helps the College Fund and Pendleton honor the richness of Native arts, cultures and stories by sharing original Native student designs with the public.

Courtesy photos.



Lopez explained the design of *Many Nations* is meant to represent the identity crisis felt by indigenous people who are descendants of more than one tribe or have some non-Native ancestry. Indigenized DNA strands pay tribute to water as the element we cannot exist without. The hourglass shape is made up of the initial M and B for "mixed-blood," but the hourglass also symbolizes the Tsiiyéel or matriarchal society for many Navajo artists. Star shapes represent parents, both biological and figurative, who pass along traditional teachings and help those struggling with their identity to navigate the world on and off the reservation.

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K-12 TUTORING & ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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- 4th hour intervention hour provides academic support
- Grades 6-8
- Please inquire with teacher or use contact below
- Contact: Mary Beck, Academic Interventionist, at mbeck@harborps.org

Title 6 Indian Coordinator

- Title 6 program differs between schools, staffing and local needs
- Please inquire on academic support once position is filled
- Position is currently vacant
- Contact: Please contact Harbor Springs Schools for updates on staffing

Harbor Springs High School

- Academic Seminar**
 - Please inquire with your student's school counselor or homeroom teacher regarding 5th hour academic seminar for high school students
- Title 6 Indian Coordinator
- Please inquire on academic support once position is filled
- Position is currently vacant
- Contact: Please contact Harbor Springs Schools for updates on staffing

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FEDERAL AGENCIES MUST INCREASE NATIVE VOTER ACCESS

Our (Native American Rights Fund) 2020 report, *Obstacles at Every Turn: Barriers to Political Participation Faced by Native American Voters*, identified voter registration opportunities across Indian country as inadequate. Native voters experience unequal access to voter registration opportunities and unequal funding for voter registration efforts on tribal lands.

To help address these inequities, we joined a diverse coalition of organizations — including voting, health, immigration, faith, labor, environmental, education, housing, justice reform and other groups — in publishing *Strengthening Democracy: A Progress Report on Federal Agency Action to Promote Access to Voting*, which evaluates 10 key agencies on how



well they're doing on meeting the goals of a Biden Executive Order aimed at expanding voter access, especially for historically underserved voting populations. The report shows while a few federal agencies are on the right track to completing implementation, several others have fallen behind and risk not achieving the voting access Executive Order's potential before the next federal election. Two of these agencies

directly serve Native voters:

- The Department of Interior (DOI) is identified as being "on the right track." Since the Executive Order was issued, DOI has integrated voter registration services into tribal educational facilities it runs.

- In contrast, Indian Health Services (IHS) is falling behind. While IHS initially committed to offering voter registration services, no action has been taken. IHS is an agency which could have a significant impact on Native voters' access to voter registration.

Read more about the agencies' progress in *Strengthening Democracy: A Progress Report on Federal Agency Action to Promote Access to Voting*.

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Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	August 23, 2027	11-09	1610
Marin C Taylor	Active	May 14, 2024	13-09	1403
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

FIRST AMERICAN: HOPI/NAVAJO RUNNER WAS FIRST AMERICAN TO FINISH 2023 LA MARATHON

By Levi Rickert

Editor's note: The following article and photographs appeared on *Native News Online*, and they are reprinted here with permission.

Just after he finished the Los Angeles Marathon, Hosava Kretzmann (Hopi/Navajo) was told by a marathon official he was the first American and sixth person to cross the finish line. He could hardly believe it.



painful when I pushed the last half mile, uphill to the finish. My legs truly have never felt that much pain after running," Kretzmann said.

"I've never been given as much attention for my running. I am always just part of the pack," Kretzmann said.

The marathon route was laced with iconic Los Angeles sites. It ran through legendary Los Angeles-area neighborhoods, beginning at Dodger Stadium and running through Chinatown, Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Brentwood, passing famous landmarks such as the Los Angeles City Hall, the Dolby Theater in Hollywood, historic Route 66 and Beverly Hills's Rodeo Drive.

Kretzmann said he doubted himself at the beginning of the marathon. He said while he had never run a full marathon prior to this, he has been training with long runs for the past two years to gain endurance for long distance running.

"I doubted because before any race, I thought to myself, 'What am I doing here? I shouldn't be here.' Then, the gun goes off at the start and that negative thought quickly dissolves and I realize, I'm right where I should be, representing my tribes (Hopi and Diné) as a runner," Kretzmann explained.

Kretzmann says he hopes his finish will inspire more Native youth to run, to pursue their dreams, their passions and know they can occupy any space, whether in sports or in the workplace/academic setting.

A high achiever, Kretzmann is an evaluation associate in the office of the vice president for research at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. He has over four years of experience working with several and internal grant funded projects. He holds a bachelor's degree in public health and cellular/molecular biology from Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO, and a master's of public health with a focus in indigenous health from Northern Arizona University.

His position at the university allows him to interact with Native American students.

"My goal is to get more Native American students involved in STEM programs," Kretzmann said.

Now that the Los Angeles Marathon is over, Kretzmann has an aspiration to qualify for the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics in France.

"I have come close, but haven't quite made it yet," Kretzmann said.

His incredible accomplishment should give him the confidence to achieve his goal.

Levi Rickert (Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation) is the founder, publisher and editor of Native News Online. Rickert was awarded Best Column 2021 Native Media Award for the print/online category by the Native American Journalists Association. He serves on the advisory board of the Multicultural Media Correspondents Association. He can be reached at levi@nativenewsonline.net.

Courtesy photos.



The 28-year-old finished the 26.2-mile race in a time of 2:19:55.

Incredibly, it was the first full marathon Kretzmann had ever run. He was among 22,000 runners who participated in the Los Angeles Marathon.

Bottom of Form
"The official picked me off the ground. I used all my strength to stand and make my village and ancestors proud!" Kretzmann told *Native News Online*. "I won't ever forget the moment when the American flag was draped around me. It brings me to tears just thinking about it."

Kretzmann was speaking of the village of Hotevilla, Arizona, on the Hopi Indian Reservation. While being proud of both Hopi and Navajo, he is a tribal citizen of the Navajo Nation.

"I felt relieved, because I did not give up. I told myself 'Nahongvita!' which in Hopi means, 'Don't give up! Give it your all! Give it everything!' And then, I collapsed at the end. It was so

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- Be pursuing a degree with a focus in agriculture, food sovereignty, traditional Native medicine and ecological knowledge, land management, sustainable agriculture and food systems or with a focus in agriculture.

- Possess an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher.

For any further questions, contact our Scholarship Operations team at Scholarships@NativeForward.org.

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NATIVE STUDENTS PREPARE FOR GRADUATION



ly, once school administrators understand the religious, cultural and academic significance of indigenous cultural items, they respect the students' right to wear them.

Sadly, every spring, Native students from across the country contact the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) for assistance because their schools have denied their requests to wear traditional items at graduation. Schools insist on uniformity of dress at any cost force Native students into the position of having to choose between being included in the celebration or following religious and cultural traditions.

Students, families, allies and educators can find resources NARF has assembled to help school officials grasp the significance of Native regalia created for graduation and the legal protections afforded to the expression of religious freedom at <https://www.narf.org/cases/graduation/>

NARF looks forward to you and your loved ones celebrating your great accomplishment while being able to follow your Native religious and cultural traditions at graduation.

How Can You Help?

Without the help of allies, Native students and their families bear the burden of making school district policies more inclusive. Be an ally!

Proactively share the link to this post with the principal of your local public high school. Ask if school and district dress code policies affirm the right of indigenous students to practice their religious and cultural traditions.

If the school does not have a policy of welcoming Native students to participate in the graduation ceremony while donning their traditional attire, please let them know they can find information to help update district policies at <https://www.narf.org/cases/graduation/>

Courtesy graphic.

While most school districts practice inclusivity and have graduation policies which reaffirm the right of indigenous peoples to wear traditional clothing or religious and cultural items to their graduation ceremony, a few do not. Many school officials have come to understand Native students wear regalia or related items for the same reasons some students wear an honor cord or stole to graduation – in recognition of their academic achievement.

While traditions vary across cultural groups, Native people respect academic achievement as a rite of passage and moment of honor, typically by donning specific religious and cultural items such as eagle plumes, eagle feathers or other regalia.

Native students should receive the same respect and regard as students allowed to wear honor cords or other symbols of academic achievement. To ensure this equity, Native students and their families should request accommodations to school district policies as early as possible. This will allow them to build a bridge of understanding with school officials. Usual-

RESEARCHERS DEVELOP SWEET POTATO CLONES WITH IMPROVED INSECT RESISTANCE AND WEED TOLERANCE



geneticist at ARS's U.S. Vegetable Laboratory in Charleston, SC.

"Breeding sweet potatoes that are competitive with weeds offers a practical solution, because many widely grown sweet potato cultivars tend to grow long vines in a sprawling manner, whereas sweet potatoes with fast-growing upright and compact plant architecture can outcompete weeds."

According to Wadl, spreading vine growth allows weeds to establish in areas where the plant canopy has not completely shaded the soil surface and can lead to the quick establishment of weeds.

"Failure to control weeds can result in yield losses," said Wadl.

"Additionally," he added, "the widely grown sweet potato cultivars in the U.S. have low levels of resistance to soil-dwelling insect pests. For sustainable management of weeds and insect pests, combining insect resistance with a vigorous upright growth habit is necessary to 'stack' traits and develop varieties which exhibit erect, upright plant habit and resistance to insect pests."

To manage weeds, sweet potato growers typically use herbicides, between-row cultivation, mowing and hand-weeding. However, each

method has its drawbacks and is not always sustainable for crop production.

Researchers are taking another approach by looking at how other vining crops get upright plant growth.

"Compact bunch- or bush-type varieties have been developed for other traditionally vining crops such as bean, cucumber, winter squash and watermelon," said Wadl. "For sweet potato, a small number of bush-type cultivars already exist but are not resistant to insect pests."

Wadl and the researchers plan to continue ongoing research to develop new insect-resistant germplasm in collaboration with Dr. Matthew Cutulle's vegetable weed science program at Clemson University's Coastal Research and Education Center.

"Reducing the critical weed-free period in a crop or the amount of time that a crop must remain weed-free to avoid yield loss is critical to the profitability of growers," said Cutulle.

"The sweet potato clones that are generated out of Dr. Wadl's program have improved plant architecture that decreases the critical weed-free period and increases the competitiveness of sweet potato versus weeds."

Courtesy photo.

Researchers with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Clemson University are developing new, insect-resistant and weed-tolerant sweet potato germplasm which will improve weed management and sustainability for this nutrient-packed vegetable.

The researchers, whose efforts appear in the journal *Weed Technology*, bred and selected fast-growing sweet potato clones which have semi-erect to erect canopy architecture, resulting in upright plant growth. They identified two sweet potato clones which had reduced weeds, exhibited broad insect resistance and produced higher yields.

"Weed management is consistently ranked among the top priorities of the U.S. sweet potato industry," said Phillip Wadl, a research



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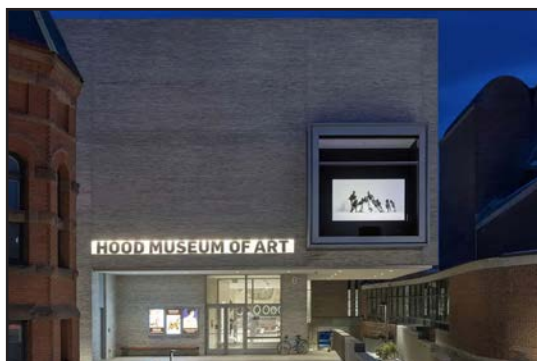
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The hearing is scheduled

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, THE "NATIVE IVY," HAS BEEN USING THE BONES OF INDIGENOUS ANCESTORS AS TEACHING MATERIAL

By Jenna Kunze



ately prioritized a re-inventory of the museum's collection of human remains and burial objects, a process she said brought forward "more questions than answers."

In the early '90s, Congress passed a law that required all universities and museums receiving federal funds to catalog and return Native American human remains in their collections.

Dartmouth reported a collection of 15 Native American human remains originating from Alaska, California, Arizona, Colorado, Florida and New Mexico that have yet to be repatriated. They also cataloged 46 sacred burial items, the vast majority of them originating from Cochise County in Arizona.

The college has repatriated 10 additional Native American ancestors and 36 burial objects to their tribal nations, including one Native Hawaiian organization since it completed its inventory in 1996. Five of those repatriations happened in 1996, and the last in 2016, according to federal documents.

In their re-inventory, Hood Museum staff working with a forensic anthropologist found that the minimum number of human remains had been miscounted. There were 27, not 15, and some of the ancestors had no information about where they were taken from at all, Powell said.

Around the same time of the Museum's re-inventory, the anthropology department conducted its own re-inventory of its osteological teaching collection in preparation for a move to a different floor in its building, DeSilva said. Through this process, staff flagged the parts of 23 individuals who had accession numbers or numbers assigned to items when they are added to a collection. They flagged an additional 100 bones as "potentially problematic" for showing signs of having been dug out of the ground.

When the departments shared their inventory lists with one another, the items' unique accession numbers from the anthropology department teaching collection corresponded to accession numbers for Native American human remains at the museum — some of which were already repatriated to their tribal nations or listed as missing in museum records.

"We knew exactly what those numbers were and that they corresponded to things that were listed as missing or withdrawn in our record," Powell said.

The 23 ancestors from the anthropology department includes:

- Partial remains of five individuals previously listed as "missing" or "withdrawn" from the Hood Museum's records.
- Partial remains of five individuals matched to unrepatriated ancestors already in the Hood Museum's collection.
- Partial remains of 10 individuals that had National Park Service accession numbers.
- Partial remains from three ancestral indi-

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Dartmouth College has unknowingly been using the bones belonging to Native American ancestors to teach with as recently as fall 2022, the college announced.

The discovery came about during an internal collections review between the anthropology department and the school's Hood Museum of Art in November 2022. Museum staff realized acquisition numbers for the human remains documented in their collection for eventual return matched numbers cataloged by the anthropology department where at least 23 individuals — and as many as 123 — were used as teaching materials for classes on bones.

In some cases, the bones of individual Native American ancestors were split between the department and the Hood Museum. At least three individuals had already been returned to their tribal nations in the late 1990s.

College faculty are unclear about how the ancestors came to the anthropology department because documentation is limited or nonexistent over the university's two-and-a-half century history, according to Jerry DeSilva, Dartmouth's Chair of Anthropology.

Most of the material from the anthropology department's roughly 3,000-bone teaching collection — including professionally prepared bones purchased from biological supply companies; and bones from local cadavers who donated their remains to science — was acquired from alumni donations since the college was founded in 1769, DeSilva told *Native News Online*.

"One of the mistakes that we are reckoning with right now is that we were teaching with materials when we didn't know where they were from," DeSilva said. "We still thought it was OK to teach with them. That's never going to happen again here, and it shouldn't happen anywhere."

"The only way to teach bone biology and skeletal anatomy would be with bones of individuals who willingly donated their bodies for this purpose."

Dartmouth paused its human osteology class and removed every bone from its teaching collection.

"We are not teaching human osteology until we, from scratch, develop an ethically sourced teaching collection," DeSilva said. "That's underway."

Additionally, Dartmouth Provost David Kotz announced the formation of a task force to address institution-wide issues of the handling and repatriation of ancestral remains, including non-Native American human remains from other countries that were also part of the teaching collection. The college will also hire a project manager to work with anthropology, Dartmouth's Hood Museum of Art and the Division of Institutional Diversity and Equity on the identification and return of Native American ancestors and their artifacts.

The Discovery

The discovery came about by museum staff cross-comparing new inventories of the anthropology department, Jami Powell (Osage Nation), curator of Indigenous Art at the Hood Museum, told *Native News Online*. Powell was hired five years ago and immedi-

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viduals that were repatriated by the college in the 1990s.

"We are actively working with those tribal nations and Native Hawaiian organizations as well as the National NAGPRA Program to correct these unfortunate errors and to return these remains as soon as possible," Powell said.

The "Native Ivy"

Dartmouth administration met with the school's Indigenous population before the news went public. Dartmouth College — which has a reputation among Ivy League schools for being the most inclusive of American Indians — currently has around 200 students who self-identify as Native American, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian on campus or 4% of the total student body. That's significantly higher than most Ivies where the American Indian population makes up less than one-half of 1%, according to *Indian Country Today*. By comparison, Harvard University this year has 331 Harvard students that self-identify as Indigenous out of about 25,000 students—making up about 1% of its student body population.

"My immediate reaction was disappointment that the college had ... used bones that they didn't know what the origins were," said Ahnili Johnson-Jennings, a Dartmouth senior and a member of the Quapaw, Sac and Fox, Choctaw and Miami tribes. She's also the co-president of Native Americans at Dartmouth, a group supporting the Indigenous student body on campus. "I felt that that was irresponsible."

Although Johnson-Jennings — a government and Native American studies dual major — never took an anthropology class herself, her government classes were housed in the same building as the anthropology department.

"It was shocking to think, in a building I go to for class pretty regularly, there were those remains in that building," she told *Native News Online*. She said that some of her Indigenous classmates are anthropology majors and had likely unknowingly handled the remains of possibly even their own ancestors.

"It was hard for students to hear," Johnson-Jennings said. "It's hard when it's Dartmouth College. To us, that means somewhere that supports Native students. To us, that means somewhere that supports our culture and us being here on campus for a large span of history. We are the Native Ivy and to hear that, it was a hard thing to grapple with when you see your school as being so supportive."

Shannon O'Loughlin (Choctaw), chief executive and attorney for the Association on American Indian Affairs, told *Native News Online* that it's not surprising that one division of a university does not know what another division of a university is doing — it's just particularly upsetting given Dartmouth's positive reputation throughout Indian Country.

"At Dartmouth, this is more egregious considering that Dartmouth holds a special place in the eyes of so many Native students and alumni that have held Dartmouth in such high esteem and as a safe place and community," O'Loughlin said.

The school's Indigenous staff have arranged for a medicine man to clean the space where the bones were kept and have organized community gatherings for students throughout the week.

The Goalpost Keeps Moving

Dartmouth is not alone in its recent discovery of Native American human remains. In the past year alone, a handful of universities and museums have made similar discoveries of Native American human remains in their long forgotten or never recorded catalogs.

In August 2022, The University of Alabama completed its inventory of more than 10,000 Native American human remains in its possession, the largest number of human remains ever

reported in a single notice.

That same month, the University of North Dakota (UND) announced it discovered "dozens" of Native American human remains and several hundred objects taken from Indigenous communities that the school failed to ever report under NAGPRA.

In September 2022, staff at Kansas University's natural history museum discovered 380 culturally unaffiliated human remains and 554 associated funerary objects. Although the ancestors and belongings had been reported in the 90s under NAGPRA, the university had never returned them, and eventually, they fell through the cracks.

Earlier this month, ProPublica reporters Mary Hudetz (Crow Tribe) and NBC's Graham Lee Brewer (Cherokee Nation) published an investigative report — part of a larger repatriation project — into University of California Berkeley's longtime anthropology professor who taught his students using bones that likely belonged to Native American ancestors.

In 1995, museums reported a collection of more than 208,000 Native American human remains. But in the past 32 years, not even half have been returned. Today, institutions still hold roughly 108,000 human remains, according to the federal government's database.

As institutions like Dartmouth re-inventory and re-prioritize NAGPRA, that number grows each year, said Melanie O'Brien, who directs the National NAGPRA program, which is responsible for facilitating the return of certain ancestors and their belongings. The goal post for returning Indigenous ancestors back to their homelands after decades — and often centuries — away keeps getting further and further, O'Brien said.

The solution, as she sees it, is twofold.

"The department feels that we can get close to the goalposts, but at least dealing with the human remains we do know about that have been reported," she told *Native News Online*. "There's 108,000 ancestors that we know about, so let's at least resolve those, and then, the process can continue with the additional ones that are found."

Additionally, she said museums and institutions should focus their efforts on updating their inventories, which will very likely result in the discovery of additional ancestors.

"I think that the increased attention could highlight cases like that at Dartmouth, where if a university administration puts out a call to be sure that everything is reported and identified, then there might be more identified than had previously been thought."

For Powell, the curator at the Hood Museum, the discovery demonstrates the importance of institutions re-examining their own holdings and inventories done decades before.

"The reason that I (became) an anthropology major and later got a PhD in anthropology — as ambivalent as I often feel about it, because of these histories — was from my freshman year of college when I learned about NAGPRA and the work that needed to be done within institutions to return our ancestors home," she said. "I think this is an important moment for Dartmouth as an institution to reckon with that history, and it's been affirming for me to see the level at which my colleagues are taking this seriously and wanting to make this right and moving forward in a good way."

Jenna Kunze is a staff reporter covering Indian health, the environment and breaking news for *Native News Online*. She is also the publication's lead reporter on stories related to Indian boarding schools and repatriation. Her bylines have appeared in *The Arctic Sounder*, *High Country News*, *Indian Country Today*, *Tribal Business News*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *Elle* and *Anchorage Daily News*. Kunze is based in New York.

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A13125-3C won't get a catchy variety name until after it successfully completes several years of trials and then goes through a tissue culture process to remove any viruses and bacteria to allow the production of certified seed for producers.

"By sharing access to germplasm and testing nationally, you can more quickly identify candidates having variety potential for the chipping industry," Novy said. "Such a program helps regional chip companies to identify promising new potato varieties for their production of chips."

Across the country from the Aberdeen lab, ARS Plant Research Geneticist Paul Collins in Orono, ME, is concentrating on breeding chipping potatoes with better disease resistance for eastern potato growers. One major focus is potatoes which can better withstand Late Blight, a fungal disease which causes an annual loss of \$210 million.

"Most diseases we are working on can affect the farmer's ability to produce a potato crop and they can have a staggering economic impact," Collins said. "Potato Virus Y, for example, causes annual losses of \$103 million in yield and tuber quality."

While ARS scientists are breeding potatoes to fight diseases, most consumers do not have to worry about their snack being affected by any of these viruses. The chipping varieties for the snack aisle, usually Atlantic, Snowden and Lamoka, are not found in the grocery store's produce bins.

"Our goal is to breed potato varieties which are resistant to these diseases, and with other agronomic traits that are important to farmers while also having quality traits like color, shape and size that are important to consumers and processors," Collins said.

Courtesy graphic.

Potato chips are America's classic snack: Crunchy, salty, greasy and tasting of potato or flavored with sour cream, vinegar, BBQ, maple bacon or Cajun dill.

It shouldn't be a surprise Americans eat more potato chips than any other nation; more than four pounds a person a year, according to Potatoes USA. About 22% of the U.S. potato crop — nearly 7,500 million pounds annually — are made into chips. Consumers spend more than \$7 billion dollars buying potato chips at retailers. And USDA's Agricultural Research Service helps ensure the country always has the perfect potato for frying into chips.

ARS' potato breeding program has already produced some major winners in the potato chip category. One is Atlantic, a variety ARS developed and released in 1976, which remains the number two chipping variety in the United States.

But potato producers have been ready for an Atlantic replacement for years. Atlantic is vulnerable to internal heat necrosis where darker spots or flecks form in the flesh of the potato particularly in sandy soils during warm, dry seasons. It is also susceptible to Hollow Heart, a condition in which a hollow depression forms in the center of the potato when moisture levels are very uneven while the potatoes are growing.

"But diseases and pests keep evolving, so we need to keep breeding new varieties to stay ahead of them," explained Research Geneticist Richard Novy with the Small Grains and Potato Germplasm Research Unit in Aberdeen, ID.

Every year, scientists in the ARS potato breeding program make thousands of chipping potato crosses with an eye to improving not only disease and pest resistance, but also achieving perfect potato chip color and proper sugar levels,

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May 2023 Puzzle Answer Key

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naami	under	
baazhiyiing	over	
shaweyiing	beside	
aagwi	behind (taking shelter under edge or overhang)	
npaajiyiing	the wrong side	
dbashish	below	
ishpiming	up	
niigaan	in front of, ahead, as in the future	
shkweyaang	in the back	

USDA Researchers Develop Natural, Washable Antimicrobial Cleaning Wipes



Chemistry and Utilization Research Unit in New Orleans, LA.

According to Nam, people will be able to clean surfaces by wetting the antimicrobial cloths with tap water and then wiping surfaces. In their research, scientists found the wipes killed 99.9% of harmful bacteria *S. aureus* and *P. aeruginosa* on surfaces.

The technology behind this research is advantageous in several aspects. It omits the conventional pretreatments of raw cotton fibers (such as scouring and bleaching), which consume a large number of chemicals and energy. It does not require any chemical agents except for a silver precursor.

It also transforms cotton fibers themselves into antimicrobial agents rather than serving as a carrier of antimicrobial agents, which is what makes them reusable. The antimicrobial wipes are made from natural cotton fibers, rather than conventional petroleum-based synthetic fibers.

To reuse the wipes, people can simply wash them in the laundry.

"We also found that the wipes still successfully killed pathogens — even after being washed 30 times in the laundry," said Nam. "The wipes regenerate their antimicrobial surface every time they are wet or washed because the embedded nanoparticles act as a reservoir of silver ions."

Nam said another important benefit of the embedding technology is to minimize the negative environmental impacts related to the leaching of nanoparticles.

"These wipes are designed to gradually give off low levels of silver ions from the nanoparticles embedded inside the cotton fiber over the full course of the time of use and deplete nanoparticles," said Nam.

By developing reusable and washable antimicrobial wipes, Nam and her colleagues are aiming to find sustainable alternatives to reduce environmental waste from the disposal of single-use antimicrobial wipes.

More details about the study and the technology behind the antimicrobial wipes are published in the journal *Molecules*.

Courtesy photo

Most antimicrobial wipes, which are predominantly made of synthetic fibers like polyester and polypropylene, are discarded after a single use and end up in landfills where they can stay for hundreds of years and become a source of environmental microplastic fiber pollution. But, researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS) recently developed sustainable machine-washable antimicrobial wipes which can be used at least 30 times for cleaning hard and nonporous surfaces.

There has been a remarkable increase in the use of antimicrobial wipes due to the growing awareness of personal health protection. According to the *Antimicrobial Wipes Market Outlook* report, the worldwide antimicrobial wipes market is estimated to reach \$21.6 billion by 2030.

ARS researchers developed antimicrobial wipes by using raw cotton fiber which naturally produced silver nanoparticles inside the fiber in the presence of a silver precursor. These embedded silver nanoparticles can then release silver ions which act as antibacterial agents and kill harmful bacteria.

"Silver nanoparticles are one of the popular antimicrobial agents used for producing odor-inhibiting, anti-infective textile products and other personal health products," said Sunghyun Nam, research engineer at ARS's Cotton



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**Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle,
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2023
In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:03 a.m.**

Opening ceremony: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley

Closed Session: Yes

Council Present: Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

Absent: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz

Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Executive Director Shanna Shananaquet and Administrative Assistant Nichlos Peltier; Ziibimijwang, Inc. Executive Director Mary Donner

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson, Education's WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Regulatory Lead Gaming Inspector Blayne Bott, Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Law Enforcement Chief Terry McDonnell, Executive Branch Attorney Sean Cahill, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Enrollment's Administrative Assistant/Genealogist Marin Taylor, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Education's Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepp, GIS Director Alan Proctor, Executive Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Education's Office Administrator Tammy Gasco, Gijigowi Language Department Administrative Assistant Theresa Keshick, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss

Judicial Officials and Staff: None

Public: Doug Emery, Patrick Anthony, Renee "Wasson" Dillard, Douglas Wemigwase, Ricky Compo, Marvin Mulholland, Melissa Shomin, Invited Guest: Odawa Casino Resort's General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Finance Roger Borton, Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, Director of Human Resources Andrea Shananaquet and Director of Slots Dennis Shananaquet

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to adopt the agenda of March 9, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 4 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of February 23, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the minutes of February 23, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 4 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of February 23, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the minutes of February 23, 2023 as presented.

9:18 a.m. Councilor Tamara Munson arrives

Vote continues for approval of Minutes.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley

Working on the 2024 Executive branch budget

Received a letter from Bishop Walsh, Diocese of Gaylord, in regards to releasing the Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic boarding school records. He is requesting four (4) former

boarding school attendees to attend a ceremony on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Cross in the Woods Catholic Shrine in Indian River, Michigan. Drumming and smudging ceremony to take place prior to the records to be transferred to the Tribe.

Received a call from Father James Bearss of Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic Church requesting a meeting in regards to the former Indian boarding school.

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson

The Department of Public Works (DPW) met with Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. and Odawa Casino Resort for the structure of how DPW will work and relationships with customers.

The Gaming Authority requested a meeting with the DPW regarding the water system structure.

Met with City of Petoskey, Harbor Sewer Authority, and local townships regarding the sewer system.

Attended National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) last week in Washington D.C. Preparation for the USDA Farm Bill is in the works.

Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

Continues to work on the UV protection of the artwork around the Government Center.

The Round Dance is scheduled for this Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Harbor Springs High School. Doors will open at 2:00 p.m., Teachings from 3:00 to 5:00, and the round dance will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson, and Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon for March 9, 2023.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Tribal Council Officer Reports:

Legislative Leader Report

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor's verbal and written report for March 9, 2023.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Secretary Report

Documents Delivered to the Executive

-Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2021-004 Domestic Violence Statute is due back to Tribal Council on or before 03/27/2023.

Documents signed by the Executive

-Tribal Resolution 022323-01 Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$12,000.00 for a Water and Wastewater Systems Engineering Study of the LTBB Government Center to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

-Waganakising Odawak Statute 2023-001 Dissolution of Marriage.

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

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: None

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes' verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor for March 9, 2023.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Discussion: Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort Taproom

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

May 9 Work Session
May 11 Council Meeting
May 23 Work Session
May 25 Council Meeting

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June 22 Council Meeting

All Tribal Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Tribal Council Chambers located at
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Tribal Council Members

Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader
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Tamara Munson, Councilor
Aaron Otto, Councilor
Melissa Pamp, Councilor
Fred Kiogima, Councilor
William Ortiz, Councilor
James Pontiac, Councilor

Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort report for March 9, 2023.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to authorize Odawa Casino to enter into the contract with Spence Brothers for remodeling of the future Taproom where the former buffet was located.

Discussion: Councilor Aaron Otto would like a closed session to discuss confidential business.

10:17 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to enter into closed session for Confidential Business.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

11:07 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to return to open session.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Voting continues for Odawa Casino Resort Contract with Spence Brothers

Vote: 5 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

11:10 a.m. Break

11:23 a.m. Meeting resumes

Discussion: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation

Closed Session for Confidential Business/personnel

Motion made by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to **table** the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Closed Session for Confidential Business/personnel.

Motion **fails** due to lack of support

11:30 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to enter into closed session for Confidential Business/Personnel.

Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 0 Abstain, 4 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

12:09 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to return to open session.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 4 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Public Comment:

12:10 p.m. Opens

Renee Dillard spoke her public comment in Anishinaabemowin thanking Tribal Council.

Rachael Koepp commented the Round Dance is this weekend at the Harbor Springs High School. She thanked the Round Dance Committee, Tribal Council, the Executive, and Odawa Casino Resort for their generous donation. She would like to see the round dance held at the Odawa Casino Resort's Ovation Hall and asked leadership to work collaboratively with the casino to allow food vendors, etc.

Theresa Keshick commented she agrees with Rachael Koepp's comment.

12:17 p.m. Closed

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to authorize Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation (OEAH) to create two LLC sub-entities: 1. Property Managers, LLC for the purpose of managing subleases relating to cannabis industry; and 2. Odawa Holdings Properties, LLC for the purpose of managing subleases of properties to entities unrelated to the cannabis industry.

Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 0 Abstain, 4 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

12:28 p.m. Lunch break

1:45 p.m. Meeting resumes

2:00 p.m. Meeting ends due to lack of quorum.

Tribal Council will conduct phone polls for the following motions:

1. **Motion** to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 030923-01 Ziibimijwang, Inc. Request for Grant Funding from Growing Justice.

2.. **Motion** to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated September 22, 2022 for a total of four (4).

3. **Motion** to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated September 22, 2022 for a total of four (4).

4. **Motion** to approve Tribal Council attendance to the investiture of the Honorable Allie Greenleaf Maldonado on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in Lansing, Michigan.

5. **Motion** to recommend to Tribal Council to pursue Land Parcel #180.

6.. **Motion** to adopt Tribal Resolution Designation of an Alternate Delegate to the Michigan Indian Elders Association

All other Action Items will be placed on the March 23, 2023 Tribal Council Meeting Agenda.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

March 23, 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

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Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2023
In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:06 a.m.**

Opening ceremony: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley

Closed Session: Yes

Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor

Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

Absent: Councilor Tamara Munson
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz

Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Administrative Assistant Nick Peltier

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Education Department Director Kerstine Ome, Tribal Chairman's Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis, Regulatory Lead Gaming Inspector Blayne Bott, Executive Branch Attorney Sean Cahill, Natural Resources Department Senior Hatchery Technician Joe Tolles, Education's WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Planning Department's Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Education Department Office Administrator Tammy Gasco, Natural Resources Department Research Technician Mike Trapp, Enrollment Office Administrative Assistant/Genealogist Marin Taylor, Education Department Learning Center Coordinator Jeremy Steele, Education Department Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepp, SPRING Youth Activities Organizer Jade Barnes, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Gijigowi Language Department Administrative Assistant Theresa Keshick

Judicial Officials and Staff: Tribal Court Clerk I Kathy McGraw

Public: Patrick Anthony, Ricky Compo, Marvin Mulholland, Melissa Shomin, Jill Granger, Patricia McGowan
Invited Guest: Odawa Casino Resort Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin and Director of Human Resources Andrea Shananaquet

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt the agenda of March 23, 2023 as presented.

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

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen(s) who have walked on: Mozel Baker Jr-ba, Dorothy Dyer-ba, Melissa Hughes-ba, Andrew Lasley-ba, Nancy Ortiz-ba, Richard Stubbs Jr-ba

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

Review and Approve Minutes of March 9, 2023

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve the minutes of March 9, 2023 as presented.

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

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley

Michigan Senate Bill 137 and 138 passed unanimously. These bills amend the Guardianship Assistant Act and will provide additional funding to the tribes Human Services Department. The Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) provides financial assistance to court-appointed guardians for children who may otherwise remain in foster care.

Little Traverse Bay Bands will receive via mail, a list of names of all the students who attended Holy Childhood of Jesus Indian Boarding School.

The chairwoman will not attend

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their ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Woods Catholic Shrine in Indian River, Michigan

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson Attended Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) last week .

Law Enforcement Recruiting will have the same retirement plans as Bureau of Indian Affairs Officers.

Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) has not been reauthorized in the federal budget.

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) allocation has not been reauthorized in the federal budget.

Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

Covid-19 updated

The next Executive Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023. More information to follow.

There will not be a May town hall meeting as the Annual Community Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Odawa Casino Resort’s Ovation Hall from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Kerstine Omev. She is the new Education Director for Little Traverse Bay Bands.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley for March 23, 2023.

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

9:30 a.m. Introduction of new Tribal Government Employees

Michael Trapp – Research Technician – Natural Resources

Jade Barnes – SPRING Youth Activities Organizer (Transfer) – Health Kerstine Omev – Education Director (Transfer) – Education

Jeremy Steele – Learning Center Coordinator – Education

Tribal Council Officer Reports:

Legislative Leader Report:

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal and written report for March 23, 2023.

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

Secretary Report

Documents Delivered to the Executive

-Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2021-004 Domestic Violence Statute is due back to Tribal Council on or before 03/27/2023.

Documents signed by the Executive: -Tribal Resolution # 031023-01 Designation of an Alternate Delegate to the Michigan Indian Elders Association.

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

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council:

03/10/2023 Reason for Phone Poll #1: Motion to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 030923-01 Ziihimijwang, Inc. Request for Grant Funding from Growing Justice.

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

03/10/2023 Reason for Phone Poll #2: Motion to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated

March 3, 2023 for a total of four (4).

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

03/10/2023 Reason for Phone Poll #3: Motion to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated

March 3, 2023 for a total of four (4).

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

03/10/2023 Reason for Phone Poll #4: Motion to approve Tribal Council attendance to the

investiture of the Honorable Allie Greenleaf Maldonado on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in Lansing, Michigan.

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

03/10/2023 Reason for Phone Poll #5: Motion to pursue Land Parcel #180.

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

stain, 0 Absent Motion carries.

03/10/2023 Reason for Phone Poll #6: Motion to adopt Tribal Resolution Designation of an

Alternate Delegate to the Michigan Indian Elders Association

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

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes’ verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for March 23, 2023.

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

Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

-Last Meeting: March 14, 2023

(Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting)

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-01 Request for Funding from the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program FY 23.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-02 Request for Funding from the Fish & Wildlife Service, Youth Conservation Corp Collaboration FY 2023 60-Month Project.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-03 Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) FY 22.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-04 Request for Funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) FY 2023 60-Month Project.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-05 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from Lake Superior State University, “Spatial, temporal, and diel relations between zooplankton and age-0 lake whitefish in the Upper Great Lakes” Project.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-06 Acceptance of Funding Increase from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Award Number E20233951-00 Supplemental Funding Increase.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-07 Request for Funding from Family and Youth Services Bureau, Family Violence Prevention and Services Act FY 2024.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-08 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, FY 2022 & FY 2023 One-Time Project Funds.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent Motion carries.

(Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-09 Amend Certified Motion 102121-04 Funding from the Indian Health Service Special Diabetes Program for Indians Project Period to FY 2023 – FY 2027.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-10 Acceptance of Funds from the Food and Nutrition Service, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) FY 2023 Nutrition Education Funds.

Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizes and approves approximately \$11,600,000 not to exceed \$12,000,000 in supplemental funding to come from the Short-Term Investment Account to pay off Odawa Casino Resort’s loan with PNC.

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

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee:

-03/03/2023 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Ziihimijwang, Inc. Request for Grant Funding from Growing Justice.

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

-Next Special Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 Executive Branch & Election Board Budget Hearings at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Friday, April 7, 2023 Prosecutor, Judicial, and Legislative Branch Budget Hearings at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Next Regular Meeting date:

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Annual Budget Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for March 23, 2023.

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

Land and Reservation Committee Report

-Last Meeting: March 3, 2023

(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting)

-Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to approve Confidential Memo 030323-01 to recommend to Tribal Council to pursue Land Parcel #180.

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

-Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to **not** pursue Land Parcel #176.

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

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None

-Next Meeting: Friday, March 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Chairperson for March 23, 2023.

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

10:12 a.m. Break

10:23 a.m. Secretary Marcella Reyes exits meeting

10:33 a.m. Meeting resumes

Tribal Council Member Reports:

Councilor Fred Kiogima – Attended the Cheboygan County Democratic Party meeting. He has been invited to the Democrat Caucus on April 13-15, 2023 in Sault Ste. Marie Michigan.

Councilor Tamara Kiogima – Absent

Councilor William Ortiz – Attended the Bay Mills Indian Community Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Feels this club would benefit for our community. Councilor Ortiz has closed session material to be discussed.

10:36 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to enter into closed session for Confidential Business.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

12:14 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to return to open session.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Public Comment:

12:15 p.m. Opens

No public comments made

12:17 p.m. Closed

12:17 p.m. Lunch break

1:35 p.m. Meeting resumes

1:37 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to enter into closed session for Confidential Business.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

3:32 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to return to open session.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

3:32 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to return to open session.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

3:33 p.m. Opens

William Ortiz thanked everyone for sticking around during this Tribal Council meeting.

Melissa Pamp commented the Speaker for the Annual Community Meeting is looking for (merchandise and business vendors (no food vendors). Please contact Heather Syrette at hsyrette77@gmail.com if interested.

3:35 p.m. Closed

3:35 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Meeting resumes

Tribal Council Member Reports continues

Councilor Aaron Otto – No report

Councilor Melissa Pamp – Met with law enforcement Chief McDonnell and Lead Survivor Outreach Specialist on February 22, 2023 to discuss the investiture of Honorable Allie Greenleaf Maldonado on March 13, 2023 in Lansing Michigan. Congratulations Judge Maldonado. Traveled to Bay Mills Indian Community to tour the Boys and Girls Club on March 15, 2023. Will continue to meet with Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson and Youth Services Director Tina Dominic on expansion of the Youth Department.

Councilor James Pontiac – Attended Gaming Authority, Natural Resources Commission, and Land and Reservation meetings. Sent email to Bear Creek Fire Department asking about their overall structure. Attended the special meeting about citizenship statute and regular Work Session Tribal Council meeting after that.

Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – No additional report

Secretary Marcella Reyes – Absent

Treasurer Leroy Shomin – Met with both General Counsel Jim Bransky and Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope via Zoom regarding the Tribal Acceptable Accounting Practice (TAAP) and Contracting Statutes.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac and Treasurer Leroy Shomin’s verbal/written report for March 23, 2023.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Legislative Office Reports:

Office of Finance and Revenue – Senior Financial Analyst

Office Update

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority – Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort November & December 2022 Status Reports.

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – No report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. – No report

Tribal Burial Board – No report

Ziihimijwang, Inc. – No report

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s written report for March 23, 2023.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort November 2022 Status Report dated December 22, 2022.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort December 2022 Status Report dated January 26, 2023.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik’s written report for March 23, 2023.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

General Counsel

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky’s verbal report for March 23, 2023.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Legislative Office Director

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount’s verbal report for March 23, 2023.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to **amend** the agenda to include:

1) Motion that per the OEAHC Charter Amendment of October 27, 2022, which did not authorize any contracts of any type without Tribal Council approval, with no exceptions for employment contracts, Tribal Council authorizes no contracts or official actions, or any board meetings until 3 or more Board members are seated absent formal action by motion of Tribal Council. This motion is not intended to limit the activities of Aki Construction, other than any additional financial contributions which must be approved by motion of Tribal Council;

2) Motion to notify OEAHC that the proposed contract presented at the March 9, 2023 Tribal Council meeting was not authorized by Tribal Council as required by the Charter Amendment of October 27, 2022, and OEAHC is prohibited from making any settlement payment without Tribal Council authorization; and

3) Motion to permit Dr. James McClurken to seek publication of his report, including any revised version, on the history of the Little Traverse

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reservation.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor William Ortiz that per the OEAHC Charter Amendment of October 27, 2022, which did not authorize any contracts of any type without Tribal Council approval, with no exceptions for employment contracts, Tribal Council authorizes no contracts or official actions, or any board meetings until 3 or more Board members are seated absent formal action by motion of Tribal Council. This motion is not intended to limit the activities of Aki Construction, other than any additional financial contributions which must be approved by motion of Tribal Council.

Vote: 5 Yes, 2 No (Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp), 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to notify OEAHC that the proposed contract presented at the March 9, 2023 Tribal Council meeting was not authorized by Tribal Council as required by the Charter Amendment of October 27, 2022, and OEAHC is prohibited from making any settlement payment without Tribal Council authorization.

Vote: 5 Yes, 2 No (Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp), 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to permit Dr. James McClurken to seek publication of his report, including any revised version, on the history of the Little Traverse reservation.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Annette VanDeCar for the Tribal Burial Board and set up an interview.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to **not** pursue Land Parcel #176 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to update and approve the Tribal Burial Board, Inc. Corporate Charter dated March 7, 2023.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
FYI: *“Any changes to this charter by Tribal Council shall only be adopted upon the affirmative vote of three fourths (3/4) or more of those council members eligible to vote.”*

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-01 Request for Funding from the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program FY 23.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-02 Request for Funding from the Fish & Wildlife Service, Youth Conservation Corp Collaboration FY 2023 60-Month Project.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred

Kiogima and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-03 Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) FY 22.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-04 Request for Funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) FY 2023 60-Month Project.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-05 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from Lake Superior State University, “Spatial, temporal, and diel relations between zooplankton and age-0 lake whitefish in the Upper Great Lakes” Project.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-06 Acceptance of Funding Increase from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Award Number E20233951-00 Supplemental Funding Increase.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-07 Request for Funding from Family and Youth Services Bureau, Family Violence Prevention and Services Act FY 2024.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-08 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, FY 2022 & FY 2023 One-Time Project Funds.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-09 Amend Certified Motion 102121-04 Funding from the Indian Health Service Special Diabetes Program for Indians Project Period to FY 2023 – FY 2027.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032323-10 Acceptance of Funds from the Food and Nutrition Service, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) FY 2023 Nutrition Education Funds.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve Tribal Council attendance to the SBC Summit North America on May 9-11, 2023 in Secaucus, NJ.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to approve Tribal Council attendance to the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) 41st Annual Conference in Washington, DC on April 23-25, 2023.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Tribal Council attendance to the RES 2023 on April 3-6, 2023 in Las Vegas, NV.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated March 20, 2023 for a total of three (3).

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated March 20, 2023 for a total of two (2).

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to appoint JoAnne Cook to the position of Chief Judge for the remainder of a 4-year term, ending January 7, 2024.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion to appoint Elise McGowan-Cuellar as an Appellate Justice for a 6-year term ending March 23, 2029

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 1836 Ceded Territory 2023 Natural Resources Rules and Regulations Reg-WOS-2013-004-021623-009.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution Approval of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to Establish Membership in the Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA).

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Munson-absent, 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 Fred Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizes and approves approximately \$11,600,000 not to exceed \$12,000,000 in supplemental funding to come from the Short-Term Investment Account to pay off Odawa Casino Resort’s loan with PNC.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Munson-absent, 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.

Other Items of Business: None
Adjournment:
5:22 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to adjourn.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.
Next Scheduled Meeting:
Thursday, April 6, 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 and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.



LTBB OFFICE OF CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE



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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Family Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce • Child Custody • Child Support • Guardianships • Parentage/Paternity ❖ Indian Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act ❖ Setting Aside a Conviction ❖ Driver License Restoration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Estate Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wills • Health Care Directives • Powers of Attorney ❖ Probate ❖ Landlord/Tenant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evictions • Tenant Rights ❖ Consumer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debt Collection
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The office is available to provide legal guidance and drafting of certain legal documents but does not provide in court representation at this time. The office may give procedural advice only on matters that are of a criminal nature or involve the Tribe or other Tribal Citizens as a potential party in a dispute.

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of her mother, Mary Burks-ba, and spend time with her.

After retiring in 2005, Mary moved to Pellston, MI, where she lived the rest of her life. Marisa previously worked for Ingrid's Barber Shop in Petoskey, SmartStyle at the Petoskey Walmart and at a Great Clips in Oregon.

"I would like to stay here and earn a living," Marisa said. "I've enjoyed reconnecting with family here and meeting new people at tribal events. I try to attend as many tribal events as I can."

Marisa is married to Jonathan Graves, and she has a son, David Burks III, 40, and six grandchildren. Her parents were David Burks, Jr.-ba and Mary Burks-ba (LTBB) and her

grandparents were Kenneth Earl Pierce-ba (Seneca) and Dorothy Alma Wasaquamba (LTBB). Her siblings are Andrea Pierce (LTBB), David Burks II (LTBB) and Lia Burks (LTBB).

Marisa enjoys knitting, roller skating, swimming, gardening, cooking and spending time with her family.

Photo of Marisa Graves by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar, courtesy photo of Marisa Graves with Regina Brubacker-Carver at Community Health's Live Well Women's Health event in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month on October 19, 2022 and courtesy graphic.

28th Annual
2023 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp
"Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture"
July 28th & 29th, 2023

2596 Loon Drive
Manistee, MI
(LRBOI Pow Wow Grounds)

No Registration Fee
Meals Provided
Camping available
*first come, first basis
Restrooms/Bath House

Sunrise Ceremony, Traditional clothing with respect for all
Bring your tribal flag, giveaway gift, and feast bundles
Presentations: cultural teachings, traditional medicines, craft making, games, and language learning

This year's language camp is dedicated to the memory of Tema Tyler-ba

Friday, July 28
Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)

Saturday, July 29
Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)

9:00A-12:00P	Set Up Camp Set Up Tables, Chairs, Registration, PA System, and Kitchen	8:00A	Breakfast
12:00P	Lunch	9:00A-12:00P	Presentations
1:00P-5:00P	Presentations	12:00P	Lunch
5:00P	Dinner	1:00-4:00P	Presentations
7:00P - 9:00P	Talent Show	4:00P	Baseball
		5:00P	Dinner
		7:00-9:00P	Jingtamok
		9:00P	Givaway

Tear down, stack tables and chairs

Think Recycle, Bring your feast bundles, Tribal Flags

Kenny Pheasant
231.398.6892 | 231.590.1187
kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov
Call to register so we can prepare the meals accordingly.

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LTBB TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR 2023 ELECTIONS				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)
MAY 2023				JUNE 2023				
Monday	May 8	12 - 6 pm	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY (at least 45 days before General Election, on or before Friday, May 12)	Monday	June 26	12 - 6 pm	GENERAL ELECTION DAY (Last Monday in June, Monday, June 26)	
Thursday	May 11		Non-Certified Primary Results Posted (within 3 days of Primary Election, on or before Thursday, May 11)	Thursday	June 29		Non-Certified General Election Results Posted (within 3 days of General Election, on or before Thursday, June 29)	
Friday	May 12		Last Date to Withdraw from General Election (at least 45 days before General Election, on or before Friday, May 12)	JULY 2023				
Thursday	May 18		Last Date to File Challenge to Primary (within 10 days of Primary Election, on or before Thursday, May 18)	Thursday	July 6		Last Date to File Challenge to General Election (within 10 days of General Election, on or before Thursday, July 6)	
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)	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	May 22		Official List of General Election Candidates Posted (on or before Monday, May 22)	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)	
Saturday	May 27		General Election Ballots Mailed (at least 30 days before General Election, on or before Saturday, May 27)					



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
- The information and signature must be clear and legible.

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

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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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1483 U.S. 31 N. Hwy,
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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.

May

Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntamm-Noktii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niwo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naamo-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
<p>Please Note: Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Any changes will be posted on the LTBB Website.</p>	<p>1 Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Elders Luncheon at Noon Hemp Regulatory Commission Meeting 12 pm</p>	<p>3 Elders Luncheon at Noon Elders Commission Meeting 5 pm Zibimijwang, Inc. Meeting 6 pm</p>	<p>4 Elders Luncheon at Noon</p>	<p>5 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>6 Gaming Authority Work Session 9 am Meeting 10 am Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP Meeting 1 pm</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am</p>	<p>10 Elders Luncheon at Noon Citizenship Commission Meeting 1 pm Room 312 Natural Resources Commission Meeting 6 pm</p>	<p>11 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>12 Child Welfare Commission Meeting 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>13 LTBB Annual Community Meeting Ovation Hall OCR, Petoskey, MI 8 am - 5 pm</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm</p>	<p>16 Elders Luncheon at Noon Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>17 Elders Luncheon at Noon</p>	<p>18 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Burial Board Work Session 5:30 pm</p>	<p>19 Election Board Work Session 5 pm</p>	<p>20 Election Board Meeting 9 am</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 Gaming Authority Work Session 6 pm Meeting 7 pm Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP Meeting 8 pm</p>	<p>23 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am</p>	<p>24 Elders Luncheon at Noon Natural Resources Commission Meeting 6 pm</p>	<p>25 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 Memorial Day All Governmental Offices Closed</p>	<p>30 Elders Luncheon at Noon Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm</p>	<p>31 Elders Luncheon at Noon</p>			

30th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow

Grand Entry Times:
Saturday, August 12 - 1 & 7 pm
and Sunday, August 13 - 12 pm

August 12 & 13, 2023

LTBB Pow Wow Grounds
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI

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- Drum Contest**
 1st - \$6,000
 2nd - \$5,000
 3rd - \$4,000
 4th - \$3,000
- Group Hand Drum Contest**
 1st - \$500
 2nd - \$400
 3rd - \$300

- Dance Contest:**
Golden Age 50+ & Adult 18-49
 1st - \$700
 2nd - \$600
 3rd - \$500
 4th - \$400

- Teen 13-17**
 1st - \$300
 2nd - \$250
 3rd - \$200

- Junior 7-12**
 1st - \$200
 2nd - \$150
 3rd - \$100

Junior Miss Odawa & Miss Odawa Contests
Dance, Drum and Hand Drum Contests

Host Drum/DrumJudge - Southern Straight
Head Veteran - Walker Stonefish
Arena Director - R.J. Smith
MC - Joey Awonohopay
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Head Female Dance Judge - Beedoskah Stonefish
Head Dancers - TBD Per Session
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For more information: Annette VanDeCar
 avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
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 231-373-0867 msutton10@yahoo.com

Check out www.odawahomecoming.com and on Facebook: Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow for the latest information.

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Queen Size

Tickets available until August 13 (Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow)
 Prices: 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, arm length for \$10 and wingspan for \$20

Tickets available at the LTBB Communications Department (LTBB Government Center) and various LTBB events.
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A crown has been worn by a young Odawa woman for over 80 years. These young women proudly display the finest qualities.

To be considered for this high honor, you must be:
 Between the ages of 13 to 19 * A positive role model for all youth
 Knowledgeable in Odawa culture * A young lady with Odawa lineage who is at least 1/4 Native American * Single with no dependents and a Pow Wow dancer

Application materials available online at:
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2022/2023 Miss Odawa Nation
 Waasey Wemigwase

Miss Odawa 2023 to be crowned at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Saturday August 12th, 2023

Are you between the ages of 7 and 12? Be a Part of the Legacy!

Junior Miss Odawa Nation at the Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow!

To be considered for this high honor, you must be:
 Between the ages of 7 to 12
 A positive role model for all youth
 Knowledgeable in Odawa culture
 A young lady with Odawa lineage, who is at least 1/4 Native American
 A Pow Wow dancer

Junior Miss Odawa 2023 to be crowned at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Saturday, August 12th, 2023

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2022/2023 Junior Miss Odawa Nation
 Ava Anderson

ODAWA HOMECOMING CANOPY POLICIES

All canopies must have at least one participant (Dancer/Singer)

Set-up begins Friday, August 11 at 5 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Canopy space is limited to a 10' x 10' area

YOU are responsible for canopy area CLEAN up before leaving

All interested parties MUST check in with Pow Wow Committee Member prior to setting up

Canopy limit is ONE per FAMILY even if there are multiple participants. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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Harding Teal Knit Layette Set
 Beanie and 30" x 40" 100% cotton blanket. One size.

creative graphics by eva - Geometric Tote Bag
 16" x 16" 100% Polyester Print on both sides

Sunrise Eagle Pendleton Crib Blanket
 Pure virgin wool/cotton. Whipstitch binding. Made in the USA - 32" x 44"

creative graphics by eva - Woodland Floral Carry On
 13.3" x 22.4" x 9.05" Hard shell, 360° wheel swivel

creative graphics by eva - Turtle Island Tote Bag
 16" x 16" 100% Polyester Print on both sides

Fire Legend Pendleton Blanket
 82% pure virgin wool and 18% cotton. Made in the USA Twin 64" x 80"

Ticket Prices:
 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5
 For more information, contact Annette VanDeCar
 avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

All Prizes will be awarded at the LTBB Homecoming Pow Wow, 3 pm on August 13, 2023. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

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serve and witnessing first-hand the growth as they work toward their goals. You feel like family in a sense after navigating all the successes and challenges together. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing our students succeed and being able to celebrate that win with them. It’s these moments that made me realize that my heart is with Niigaandiwin Education.” The Education Department offers K-12 Student Services, Higher Education Services, Cultural Services, the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP), the Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training Program, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program (WIOA) and the Learning Center.



“I have a solid experience with many of the programs we offer either by directly administering services or by working collaboratively with other programs to serve our students.” Kerstine said. “I’m excited to bring this insight to the role. I also have a good sense of where the department was headed under Jordan (Shananaquet) and want to keep that momentum going. There are many more exciting changes to come and with the amazing team that we have, there is no where to go but up. Niigaandiwin’s success stems from past leadership but also from the amazing team that we have here. We have a great group of people who are passionate about the work that we do and you see that in the services that they provide.”

In addition to new leadership, the Niigaandiwin Education Department has also experienced a restructure to better meet the needs of the LTBB community. The Mzinigangamik Cultural Library and the WOCTEP computer lab were merged to create the Learning Center – a space where community members can come to take advantage of the Mzinigangamik Cultural Library and to receive career development and technical assistance. The Learning Center Coordinator oversees the space and provides a variety of services, including FAFSA assistance, resume and cover letter drafting, job searching and technical assistance. Staff are excited to launch a series of workshops that help citizens interact more effectively with platforms like Zoom, Facebook, the LTBB website, career development websites, among others. Jordan Shananaquet began working toward the Learning Center in early 2022 and the center opened in January 2023.

With the retirement of LTBB Tribal Citizen Dorothy Perry, who served as the Academic Services Coordinator for 20 years in the department, there has also been a shift in staffing. Dorothy’s role has been rewritten as the Education Programs Manager, a supportive role to the Education Director to address the number of added programs and services that the department has absorbed within the last few years. The Ishkaki-mikwe Curriculum Specialist role has also been rewritten to have a stronger focus on providing support to students throughout their educational pursuits starting with Pre-K and beyond. The role is designed to give students and their families some consistency with the staff that they work with when seeking services (honorariums & scholarships, tutoring, advocacy, liaison between schools and local partners, etc.) and to build a support system that follows them after graduation. Amanda Weinert, who previously held the IK Curriculum Specialist role, now functions as the IK Coordinator and oversees the Indigenous Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematics (ISTEAM) programming.

During her time as the Higher Education Specialist, Kerstine played an integral role in the last two revisions of the Michelle Chingwa Education Honorarium (MCEH) Program, with

the last update enacted through Waganakising Odawa Statute (WOS) 2020-003 which became effective on January 23, 2020. Honorariums are tribally-funded and provided to honor LTBB Tribal Citizens obtaining post-secondary educational opportunities. The honorariums are paid directly to the students who attend accredited post-secondary institutions of higher education located with the tribal reservation, the United States or a foreign country, tribally controlled institutions seeking accreditation and other colleges and programs approved by Tribal Resolution. With the passage of WOS 2018-010 Michelle Chingwa Education Honorarium Act and accompanying regulations, many new changes were made to the program, including the elimination of the FAFSA requirement, eligibility to receive MCEH funds for classes taken at foreign institutions, the nullification of debt incurred prior to 2018 and the payment of honorariums directly to the students. Prior to that, the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act (WOS 2014-010) scholarships were awarded to students with the funding going directly to the schools to be disbursed.

“The changes made to the Michelle Chingwa Program are pro-student and a direct response to common issues that our students were experiencing at the time.” Kerstine said. Kerstine also assisted former Education Director, Jordan Shananaquet, with the recent development of the Aanjigin Honorarium Program. LTBB students, who attend an institution which provides technical and vocational, education and training or participate in a program providing industry recognized credentials, can receive honorariums through WOS 2021-010 Aanjigin Honorarium Program Act.

“Students enrolled in non-credit-based vocational training are unable to receive assistance through the Michelle Chingwa Education Honorarium Program. There is a huge push for vocational training right now due to the shorter length of required schooling, flexible formats, and access to higher paying jobs. Unfortunately, there is limited financial support available for these non-credit based programs. Aanjigin addresses this barrier and is a great first step to meeting the needs of our students who do not envision themselves going to college. Through this new program, the Tribe is supporting students with all forms of continuing education by providing funding to cover the costs associated with pursuing vocational training, including but not limited to tuition, course fees, course material, etc.” A future goal of Kerstine’s is to have the Tribe establish its own Title VI program.

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education, Indian Education Formula Grant Program (Title VI, Part A, subpart 1 of the ESEA, as amended by ESSA) offers funding for eligible entities which serve American Indian/Alaska Native children. The Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies program provides grants to support local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations and other eligible entities in developing elementary and secondary school programs which serve Indian students. The U.S. Department of Education funds comprehensive programs designed to meet the unique cultural, language and educational needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students and ensure all students meet challenging State academic standards.

“The Title VI Coordinator positions in our local school districts tend to have high turnover due to the part-time format and limited program funding. Each school’s Title VI program can look starkly different from another district’s and with turnover, it can be hard to keep the momentum going once a program no longer has a coordinator. It’s also really difficult to build meaningful relationships with students and families when there are extended vacancies in these positions or several individuals are transitioning in and out of the role. While the Niigaandiwin Education Department provides support to these individuals by providing resources, professional development, and consultation, an in-house program would have greater stability with access to a larger pool of resources.” said Kerstine “This isn’t a new concept. Previous Education Directors have considered the option of establishing our own Title VI programming because turnover has always been a concern. It will take some time before we have capacity to really pursue this option but it is definitely still a goal. Niigaandiwin Edu-

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Talking Circles
Who: Title VI Students Grades 3-8th
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

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cation staff continue to take steps to support our Title VI staff and the important work that they carry out."

Most recently, IK Coordinator, Amanda Weinert, advocated for Harbor Springs Public Schools to utilize supplemental grant funds to make their Title VI Coordinator role a full-time position – the new At-Risk Student Success Coordinator role. LTBB Tribal Citizen and former WOCTEP Student Advisor, Michael Mondoskin, was recently hired for the position.

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Keshick. "[The money] came in handy when we wanted to turn the lights on."

Art and Heritage

The act of adorning personal items with dyed porcupine quills is an art form that predates the era of glass beads. Quillwork takes a great deal of patience, as each individual quill has to be dyed, sized and then carefully attached in its proper spot. The quills are small, thin, sharp and more delicate than beads. Quilled items are also more difficult to care for than beaded or leather works.



Some tribes used quillwork to signify social status; for example, a war shirt might express a tribe along with a warrior's rank and his exploits. But the quills were also used to make functional baskets that held all types of foods, herbs and other goods. Items such as dolls, bags and knife sheaths also feature intricate, colorful embellishment, often with geometric designs. "People like wolves, bears and other predators," says Keshick. "And they like the floral ones, too."

Unlike painters or sculptors, quill artists have found it increasingly difficult to obtain the items needed for their creations. Keshick gathers her materials — mostly quills, white birch and sweet grass that she picks from a spot in Cheboygan County, MI, — a year in advance.

"I use roadkill," explains Keshick, who can get about six weeks worth of quills from a single porcupine pelt. "Ten years ago, there was an epidemic [among porcupines], and a lot of them died. And the tribe put a moratorium on taking porcupines."

It's not unusual for her to return from a shopping trip or an errand and find a pelt on her porch, dropped off by a friend who knew she would treat it with respect and create something of beauty.

"People we know let us pick the birch," she says, noting "native birch are dying off from a beetle. It's getting harder [to find materials]."

Despite the challenges, Keshick still makes her own designs and teaches others the intricate art of quillwork, passing on knowledge to younger generations of tribal members. Her classes usually have 10 or 12 students, and over the years, she's taught hundreds of students, including her four children.

Even though her work has been slowed by carpal tunnel pain, Keshick currently has a special project in mind. "I'm going to make my own urn for my ashes," she says. But until then, she plans to continue with the art that has been so important to her and others for so many years.

"I just fell in love with it," says Keshick, who is preserving her heritage with each and every piece she crafts. "Funny — it still takes about a week for me to do a quill box. A quill bracelet, a couple of days."

All in the Family

Evidence that artistry runs in the family, beadworker Pauline Walker is Keshick's older sister. She's 77 and learned how to create beautiful, functional items during one of the darkest times of her life.

"I learned at the boarding school," she re-

"We are excited to see what Michael will bring to the role and look forward to supporting him in his newest endeavor," Kerstine said.

Kerstine is married to James Omey, and they have two sons, Roman, 7, and Gannon, 5. Her mother is LTBB Tribal Citizen Tosha Otto, a Student Advisor in the WOCTEP Program. She has two brothers, LTBB Tribal Citizens Brent Bennington and Corey Bennington. Brent works for Huntington Bank, and Corey works in the LTBB Accounting Department.

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calls. "The nuns and the elders taught us."

She and hundreds of other Odawa children were taken to Holy Childhood of Jesus in Harbor Springs, MI. According to reports, it started as a mission school in conjunction with the tribe and the local Catholic Church. But federal policies toward tribes changed, and by the 1880s, the boarding schools were more like prisons than places of learning. Indigenous languages and dress were forbidden, and students were punished and beaten for practicing their culture.

"We were beaten when we were bad and we were beaten when we were good," says Walker, her voice growing softer as she recalls the eight painful years she and Keshick attended the school.

One of Walker's creations, a four-inch orange and black doll swaddled in black and hanging from a black lanyard, is done in honor of the survivors of the harm done at the Harbor Springs school, which didn't close until 1983.

"It's a reminder of the boarding school survivors," she says. "Orange is a survivor color."

But she also crafts other creations, like bracelets, key charms, chokers, pouches and phone bags. Her palette includes mostly black, red, white and yellow beads. "Four colors of the people, four seasons, four emotions," she explains.



The Next Generation

Aanzhenii Bigjohn, 26, got her love of beadwork from a revered family member.

"I am Odawa and Ojibwe and a Grand Traverse Band member," she says. "I remember asking my Grandma Dee to teach me how to bead when I was seven [or] eight. She started me off with one needle. I would bead little things, but it wasn't until I was a teenager when I started to take it seriously. I knew I wanted to bead and to be good at it. Beading is a good way to feel connected to my culture."

With her Odawa and Ojibwe background, Bigjohn leans toward floral creations. "We tend to represent florals; every tribe has their own representation," she explains. "I'm more comfortable beading florals because that's what I grew up beading, and it's also my favorite thing to bead."

Bigjohn, who moved to Milwaukee, WI, four months ago, has a Facebook page, "Aanzhenii's beadwork," where she posts projects and can be contacted. The most common things people request are logos of their favorite sports team — she's done the "Old English D" of the Detroit Tigers and helmet logos for the Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs.

"I like when I get an order that tests me and makes me think twice," she says.

Whatever the project, beadwork takes time, but that doesn't bother Bigjohn. "It's something that I don't think about. I guess when you find pleasure in doing something, the time just flows. I never noticed how much patience it took until someone mentioned it. Whenever I'm beading, I stop often to admire the work and sparkle of the beads."

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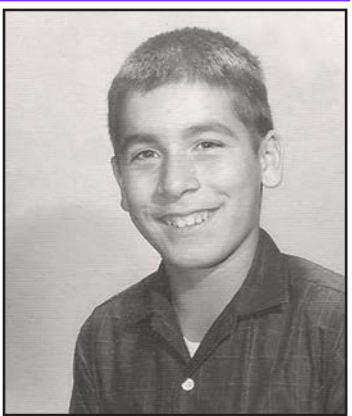
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Miigwetch



I (Miss Odawa Nation Waasey Wemigwase 2022-2023) would like to thank all of the people in my family and the community members who helped my fundraising efforts at the LTBB Round Dance. There was such an outpouring of love and help, and I want everyone to know I am grateful for my family and community that stands behind me. It was amazing for me to see all the efforts put forth towards the dinner, 50/50, raffle and pop/candy/walking taco sale. There are

too many who came together that night to individually name you all. I would not want to leave anyone out, but you all know who you are. I hope to represent all my people in this year of traveling with respect and humility. I am honored to be able to travel not only in Michigan, but out west and neighboring states to be an example of what it means to be Wagankising Odawa! Gazzagin, Waasey Wemigwase.

I would like to say a Chi Megwetch to **Justin and Justine Gavin** for stepping up as a younger generation to help make the feast at this year's LTBB Round Dance a success. The event went smoothly and you deserve the recognition for all you did prior and the day of the event. You two most definitely know your business. The family appreciates all you did. It was a joy to be able to sit back and watch you go. Aunt Diane Naganashe and Great-Great Aunt of Miss Odawa Waasey Wemigwase 2022-2023.

Correction

In the article titled, "Guided by Her Ancestors and Family, Eva Oldman Designs Indigenous Products for All," which appeared in the April 2023 *Odawa Trails* newsletter, Eva Oldman's youngest son, Mookse Giizis, was misidentified. The LTBB Communications Department regrets the error.

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ANNOUNCING OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

The Honorable Allie Greenleaf Maldonado was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2023. She is the first citizen of a federally recognized tribe to serve on the Michigan Court of Appeals. In addition to being a citizen of the State of Michigan, she is a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) and a member of the Turtle Clan.

In 2014, Judge Maldonado was voted Michigan Lawyers Weekly Woman of the Year. In 2015, she was privileged to be selected as the Unsung Hero for the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly. Moreover, in 2016, she was chosen by Harvard Law School as an honoree for International Women's Day. In 2017, the Detroit News named her a Michigania of the Year. In 2018, she contributed a chapter to the New Press's book, titled Tough Cases. In 2022, she was honored with the Mary S. Coleman Award by the Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan and the Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award from the Indian Law Section of the State Bar.

Judge Maldonado graduated from the University of Michigan (U-M) Law School. While at U-M, she served as a Contributing Editor for the University of Michigan Law Review. After graduation, Judge Maldonado was selected, through the highly competitive Honors Program at the United States Department of Justice, to serve as a litigator in the Indian Resources Section of the Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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