



MEET LTBB APPELLATE COURT JUSTICE ELISE MCGOWAN-CUELLAR

Appointment: Appointed to a 6-year term ending on March 23, 2029.

Tribal Affiliation: Enrolled citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Work Experience: Currently, In-house Counsel for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Previously worked for Michigan Indian Legal Services and interned for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians, working with in-house counsel. Previously worked as a Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Miino Biimazwiin Prevention Department.

Education: Received a Bachelor's degree in American Culture from the University of Michigan and is a graduate of the Michigan State University College of Law with the Indigenous Law and Policy Center certificate.



Elise McGowan-Cuellar took her oath of office from LTBB Appellate Court Justice Frank Ettawageshik on May 19, 2023. Photo courtesy of the LTBB Tribal Court.

Notable: During law school, she not only served as the Chair for the Michigan State University College of Law Native American Law Student Association, she served as Area 4 Representative and later the Vice President of the National Native American Law

Student Association, hosting the annual National Native American Law Student Association moot court competition. While at the University of Michigan, she was able to learn Anishnaabemowin with Alphonse Pitawanakwat, Howard Kimewon and Margaret Noodin, was the Chairperson of the Native American Student Association and was the Chair of the Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow Committee.

Personal: When not working, she is an avid quiller and beader and enjoys going to pow wows with her spouse and children. She prefers to dance jingle, but has recently started fancy dancing with her daughters.



Pictured from left to right are LTBB Appellate Court Justice Frank Ettawageshik, Elise McGowan-Cuellar, daughters, Luciana McGowan-Cuellar and Josette McGowan-Cuellar, and husband, Amador McGowan-Cuellar. Photo courtesy of Elise McGowan-Cuellar.

MEET LTBB APPELLATE COURT JUSTICE WENONA SINGEL



Wenona Singel took her oath of office from LTBB Associate Judge John J. Lemire on May 17, 2023. Photo courtesy of the LTBB Tribal Court.

Appointment: Appointed to serve a term ending on December 21, 2026.

Tribal Affiliation: LTBB and a

descendant of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians.

Judicial Experience: Previously served as the Chief Appellate Justice for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians for 13 years and as the Chief Appellate Judge for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Work Experience: Currently, an Associate Professor of Law at Michigan State University College of Law and the Director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center. She teaches Federal Law and Indian Tribes, Property, and other courses related to Natural Resources, Environmental Justice, and Indige-

nous Human Rights. Previously served as Deputy Legal Counsel for Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer from 2019-2021, advising on Tribal-State affairs.

Education: Received an A.B. magna cum laude from Harvard College and a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School.

Notable: Former President of the Michigan Indian Judicial Association and serves on the National Council of the World Wildlife Fund. In 2012, she was appointed by President Barack Obama to the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, a position she held until 2017.



Pictured from left to right are sons, Emmett and Owen, Wenona Singel and her husband, Matthew Fletcher. Photo courtesy of Wenona Singel.

PFAS CONTAMINATION AND THE SCOURGE OF CANCER IN ODAWA NATION

PFAS "forever chemicals" have been dumped across Michigan, and the effects of contamination on local water are devastating Indigenous and rural communities

By Frances Madeson

Editor's note: The following article appeared on *The Real News Network* on May 9, 2023 and is reprinted here with permission.

230 bright blue dots are plotted on an official gray map plainly labeled "Michigan PFAS Sites." Innocuous in appearance, the majority of dots designate military bases, airports and landfills where PFAS — per- or polyflu-



orinated substances, often referred to as "forever chemicals," which are found in fire retardants, lubricants and coatings like Scotchgard™ and Teflon™ — are used or were dumped. The contaminants have become somewhat better known to Americans through the 2019 Hollywood film *Dark Waters*. These blue dots are markers of tragedy; sites of either profound ignorance or nihilistic callousness. One of them is less than two miles from Mary Burks' home on the south side of Pellston, Michigan.

I spoke with Mary in September 2022. An elder of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Mary was diagnosed in December 2021 with stage 4 liver cancer, a disease associated with PFAS contamination. By January, it had metastasized to her lungs and she was told she had three months to live. Her blue dot was the Pellston Regional Airport where firefighting foams chock full of PFAS chemicals were routinely used. No one's sure how long the airport used these chemicals, but it was long enough to contaminate Mary's own well a couple of

"PFAS Contamination" continued on page 33.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 6-19-2023 = 4,462

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Election Board

ElectionBoard@ltbbelectionboard.org

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement

Debendziwin aawan maanda Odawa aawiyiing. Geyaabi gdaa'anaa miinwaa gdanwewmi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing debendziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendziwin miinwaa wiinmaadendziyiing. Gdabendaanaa debendziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadziwin miinwaa mndoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaanijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinooaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadenda-mowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. 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



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

The deadline for the August 2023 issue of *Odawa Trails* is July 3, 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



ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

PUBLICATION NOTICE

In accordance with WOS #2006-001, notice is hereby given a petition has been filed, LTBB of Odawa Indians Tribal Court Case No: NC-023-0523, and Tribal Court ordered Kimberly Jean Keshick has legally changed her name to Odeimin Gesis Walker Keshick. This notice will be published in the *Odawa Trails* newsletter for two consecutive months and in the Odawa Register on the tribe's website.

Date: June 12, 2023

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@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Shawn Paul Brophy	Justine Makala Gasco	Tammra Lee Wirth	Alvina Rose Ruth
Jeremie 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	

A message from your Enrollment Department

Watch Out! ID Cards Expire!

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

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

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

LTBB ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

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



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
Theresa Boda-Naganashe - P: 231-242-1521
tnaganashe@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Lindsey Doerfler - P: 231-242-1522
E-mail: ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Pauline Boulton - P: 231-242-1520
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Forms are also available on the LTBB Website.
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment>
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/forms>

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?



Update your contact information with the Enrollment Department.

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS



Theresa Boda-Naganashe 231-242-1521
Lindsey Doerfler 231-242-1522

LTBB VETERAN CARDS



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 Theresa Boda-Naganashe 231-242-1521. You may also contact the Enrollment Office via e-mail at enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

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.

2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

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

To receive your copy:

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

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



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



Hoar Frost



Lake Plumbago



Peanut Butter Falls



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***

August 19, 2021

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

LTBB NRD MARTEN (WAABIZHESHI) AND FISHER (OJIG) RESEARCH

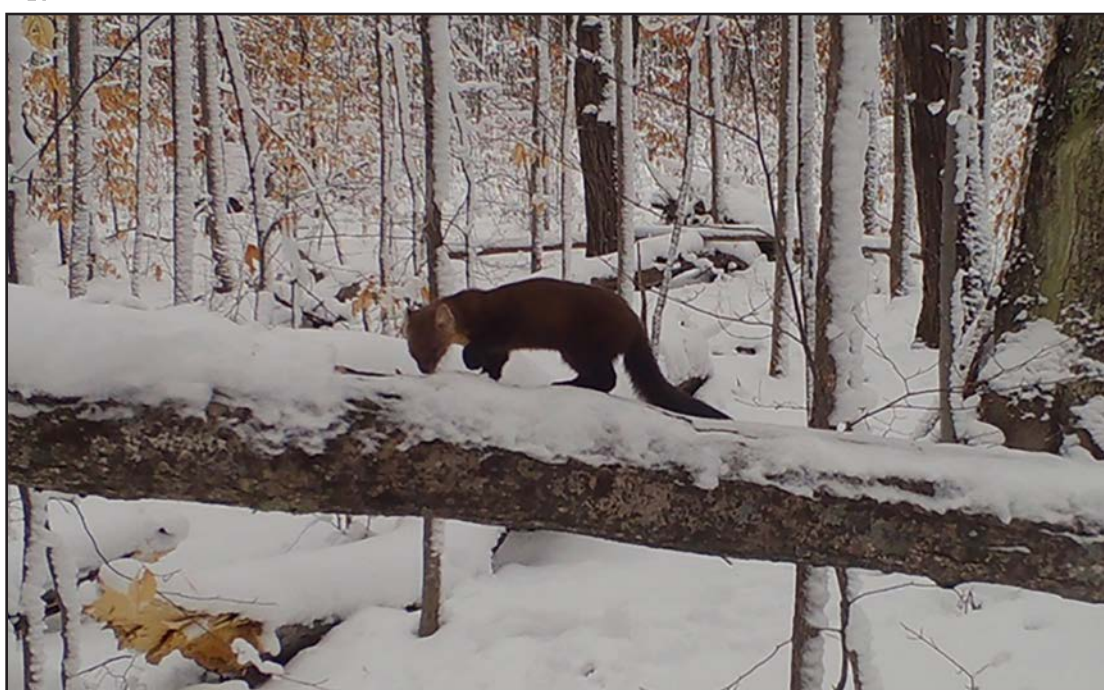


Figure X. A marten inspecting the scent lure at the camera 29 site in January 2023.

Submitted by **Bill Parsons**, Inland Fish and Wildlife Program Manager

LTBB Inland Fish and Wildlife Program (IFWP) partnered with Clay Wilton, Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) to conduct a camera survey for American marten (waabizheshi) and fisher (ojiig) within the 1836 Ceded Territory in the winter of 2023.

The purpose of the survey was to determine presence/absence, species density and habitat preference of marten and fisher. A total of 80 cameras were set up in the study area. This area included Pleasantview (22 cameras), Chandler Hill (39) and the I-75 corridor between Wolverine, MI, and Vanderbilt, MI, (19). Cameras were placed at or near the center of 4 km² hexagons, which were determined, according to previously confirmed sightings, habitat selection of marten and fisher, scat detection as well as areas prescribed for forestry management associated with said habitat. Camera sites were baited with Skunk Junk® scent lure. Cameras were placed in front of downed logs, tangles or tree stumps if possible. Cameras were set up January 9-26, 2023 and were subsequently checked beginning February 13. Monthly camera checks include switching SD cards, checking battery life, re-applying scent lure, recording camera data and

checking for physical signs of fisher, marten and other predators (i.e. tracks, scat and hair).

It was anticipated all cameras would be pulled in late April. After two checks, a total of 26 marten have appeared on 17 of 80 cameras. No fisher have been detected to date. LTBB IFWP used scat detection dogs to locate marten and/or fisher scat near the camera sites in May. DNA analysis of collected scat can reveal species, relatedness between individuals and diet information. LTBB IFWP is currently waiting on DNA analysis results from 78 samples collected near camera sites from the 2022 survey.

LTBB IFWP also worked with the other 1836 Ceded Territory tribes, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the United States Forest Service (USFS) to form an American marten working group. This group will meet to discuss marten research opportunities within the 1836 Ceded Territory which will work towards preserving critical habitat for this featured species. A key goal of this group will be to determine critical habitat corridors which would connect separate marten populations allowing for gene flow between populations and an increase in the total number of marten in the Northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan.

Courtesy photo.



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

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Fax (231) 242-1526

PDF-417 Barcode Added to Tribal Identification Cards



What is the PDF-417 Barcode?

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

Why add this to our Tribal IDs?

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

How do I get the new ID card?

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

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

Why Switch?



• We have limited centerfire rifle ammunition loaded with non-lead bullets available to eligible LTBB Citizens when lead ammo is brought into the Natural Resource Department (NRD) in exchange for non-lead (copper) ammunition.

• LTBB NRD seeks to reduce the amount of lead deposits that remain in harvested animals consumed by people and disposed of parts consumed by wild animals, causing a potential harmful effect.



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

HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

1-855-NRD-TIPS

TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477

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

We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA>. Please be respectful in your comments.

July Elders Birthdays

July 1

Gloria Uleski
John Dubiel
Laura Johnson
Phillip Nadeau
Justine Hudson

July 6

Michelle Quesenberry
Vicki Dougherty
Mary Pawneshing
Catherine Kaestner
Georgia Wafer

July 13

Darlene Rittenhouse

July 14

Theresa Henry
Margie Pratt
Thomas Teuthorn

July 20

Brian Nichols
Alicia Stokes
Jean Trousdale
Terisita Chingwa

July 26

Patricia Borck
Robert Field
Sandra Merrifield
Debra Janney
Judith Woodaz
Patrice Cisco

July 2

Kimberly Hines
Jeffrey Beaudin
Wayne Hardwick
Bernard Weidenfeller
Jim Naganashe

July 7

Carole Glomson
Howard Kischassey
Arthur Brewer
Gregory Swanson
Cynthia Baten
Michaela Knorr
Bryce Carver

July 15

Carol Kiogima
Stella Kay
Terri Maass
Rochelle Ettawageshik

July 21

Elsie LaPalm
Thomas Kilpatrick
David Thompson
Mary Bellone

July 27

Lonnie Chingwa
Debra Graveratte
Darlyne Oakford
Lulubelle Shananaquet
Diane Eick
David Curto
Mary Meyers

July 3

Lavern Cherette
Melvin Bonneau
James Nanegos
Parris Montez
Mary Poynter
Leo Strate, Sr.
Todd Snow

July 8

James Austin
Tracy Sparks
Vergil Williams
Gail Niedling
Michael Perry

July 16

Michael Peters
William Thompson
Dwight Smith
Margaret Watkins

July 22

Audrey Hegenbarth
Mary Longstreet
Nancy Shananaquet
Delores Bajt
Lisa Flynn
Eva Hinmon

July 28

Craig Kahgee
Hester Booth-Gooding
Matthew Blumke

July 4

Jon Frederick
Troy Clark
Caryn VanDommelen
Kimberly Wilcox
Wendy Maisano
John Teuthorn
Donald Sloniker
Marylin Genia

July 9

Kelly Casey
Leo Delmas
Tyler Shomin
Malcolm Williamson, Sr.
Gwen Scutt
Joyce Robertson

July 17

John Hinmon
Mark Blumke
Fabian Wabanimkee, Jr.
Roberta Foster
Calvin Strate, Jr.

July 23

Joel Kilborn
Mary Remley
Leanne Silvey

July 29

Geraldine Smith
Howard Bernard
Kenneth Harrington

July 5

John Sharkey
Clarence Daybird
Claude Cutler, Sr.
Naomi Dolezal
James Sessions
Mary Eastling
Sandra Yoder
Terrilyn McComb

July 10

Pamela Kelly
Mary Evans
Sandra Walker

July 18

Dorla McPeak
Margaret Hudson
Kenneth Dubiel
Kimberly Symanski
James Joyner

July 24

Raymond Pearson
Bernadine Ross
Ricky Samson
Ronald Bottoms
Stephan Gasco
Tamela Okuly-Shananaquet

July 30

Scott Kiogima
Lisa Nolley
Marty Carson
Dean Lark
James Sharkey
Michelle Hudson

July 11

Hermenia Boucek
Gerald Chingwa

July 19

Jesse Day
Frederick Holdorph
Kathy Denemy
Karl Cherry
Robert Kildee
Catherine Bradley
William Carver

July 25

Kevin Schlappi
Ronald Sebeck
Diana Rowlett
Bernice Suhr
Adeline Lyons

July 31

Matthew Davis
Jane Hunt
Rita Blacklock

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

JULY 2023 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 10th - 14th 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: 6th and 7th

Peshawbestown: 19th

Traverse City: 25th

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



INDIAN HILLS GALLERY

AFTER 50 YEARS, INDIAN HILLS GALLERY WILL BE CLOSING ITS DOORS AT THE END OF THE SUMMER SEASON. WE WILL BE HAVING A TIERED SALE IN THE NEXT COMING MONTHS, STARTING THIS WEEK THE 6TH OF JUNE. WE WILL START WITH ARTWORK AND LARGER PIECES MOVING ONTO THE REST OF THE ITEMS IN STORE LATER IN THE SEASON.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COMMUNITIES OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN AND BEYOND FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS. OUR FAMILY HAS CHERISHED THE TIME WE HAD WITH CUSTOMERS NEW AND OLD. COME IN AND SEE US!

1581 M-119
Petoskey, MI 49770

indhills@sbcglobal.net
(231) 347-3789

ARE THERE ANY SUPPORT GROUPS IN MY AREA?

I'M LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE...

I NEED HELP WITH MY SECURITY DEPOSIT...

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NATIVE WELLNESS INSTITUTE VISIT WITH OUR LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY

Submitted by the LTBB Community Health/SPRING Prevention team

In preparation for the author and another Native Wellness Institute (NWI) employee to visit our tribal community, we had created a book club for our tribal citizens and LTBB employees. Please note this did not only reach those in our area, but we also had participants all over Michigan. We created this space in hopes we would connect with others while also learning from them as well. In that, we also wanted to be mindful in that things shared are shared at one's comfort level and space needs to be respected.

This was an open dialogue which brought many great and insightful conversations between our tribal elders and the tribal community. Each session, we would start off with some exercise, whether it was a stress release or movement. We had some Healthy Risk Takers who would normally not be the ones to speak up. Others who were really trying to connect with our tribal community after being away or not even connected to it to begin with because it was not practiced or talked about in the home.

We had learned about being thankful to Creator for what was put before us, whether it was waking up to the day or the items we find at the store such as the tree that was living and now is lumber or the food we get from the store. There is a range of items everyone was appreciative of. We began to see each other at different tribal community events instead of just on the screen at lunchtime, which lead to appreciable conversations and a sense of belonging. Throughout the eight-week series, we had a fluctuation of attendance. However, 52% of our participants completed four or more sessions.

Native Wellness Institute Visit

Native Wellness Institute Trainers Josh Cocker and Thosh Collins, author of The Seven Circles: Indigenous Teachings for Living Well, came to the LTBB community March 28th -30th and provided five trainings/events around Wellbeing and Healthy living. The first event was with



the Health Park staff. The Health Department was closed for the afternoon, and all Health staff attended training on Wellbeing and Historical Trauma. The event began with a welcome song for Josh Cocker. There were 56 in attendance. This was a powerful teambuilding experience for the Health Park staff and laid a foundation for further work around the seven circles of wellbeing.

The second event was at the Elders Lunch where those in attendance were led by Thosh Collins in seated chair movements and a discussion around his Seven Circles book. Elders were able to share their stories about how things had been different within their lifetimes. Josh Cocker was also present and participated in this conversation. It was great to see a great majority of the elders participating and listening to the NWI presenters.

Community Health staff gave Thosh Collins and Josh Cocker a tour of our community and they were able to tap maple trees for the first time. While Thosh had heard some of the teaching, Josh had never heard of it. Both men were eager to try it and learn from Elder Thomas Teuthorn, Sr., his teaching about why the Anishinaabe tap the maple trees. They both loved the fresh spring tonic and could not wait to

share the story with their loved ones back home.

The third event was a Youth/Family night at the Petoskey Field House. This was an event of all ages. SPRING Youth Outreach Specialist R.J. Smith shared a cultural teaching on lacrosse. Josh Cocker and Thosh Collins spoke about Wellness and the Circle of Movement. Thosh lead the community in warm-up movements and then the rest of the evening was spent playing lacrosse. It was great to see the diverse groups of families that showed up, whether it was a mother and her children or two young parents with their kids and one on the way. We also had teenagers show up with their parent and an Auntie who was there to support her nephews.

There was a special lunch on Thursday, the 30th, with Thosh Collins and Josh Cocker for Book Club participants. Thosh was able to answer community questions and provide us with his thoughts on next steps for using The Seven Circles framework in our community.

The final event was a Community Gathering on Thursday, March 30th. The Registered Dietician, Charla Gordon, was honored, as Friday the 31st of March was her last day working in the Community Health Department after providing nine years of service to the LTBB community. Charla has devoted more than 30 years to tribal communities as their Dietician. She was presented with a blanket and an honor song was sung to her. There was a traditional meal of Three Sisters bison chili, cornbread and Manoomin pudding served with cedar tea. Josh Cocker led the community in a conversation and community building exercise.

These five events were powerful reminders of the strengths we have in the LTBB community and gave us many ideas on how we can continue to utilize those strengths. The Community Health team is using the Seven Circles in the many programs we have which support the LTBB community.

Photos courtesy of the LTBB Community Health/SPRING Prevention team.

Keep me safe on the Fourth of July!

- Keep them out of the limelight-parades and other busy activities are typically no place for pets who can become overwhelmed and anxious with all of the additional sounds, smells and new faces.
- Keep dangerous substances out of their reach-this includes lighter fluid, matches, citronella candles and of course, fireworks!
- Speaking of fireworks...never use them around your pets. Curious animals can become badly injured if they come in close contact with fireworks.
- Resist the urge to take your pet to the local fireworks show. It can be tempting to want to include the whole family, but fireworks displays are often very scary to pets.
- Make sure their microchip is up to date! This day, more than all others, is the one when pets become lost. A microchip will help them be found if they do escape.



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.



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY HEALTH CENTER PARTNERS WITH UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S ROGEL CANCER CENTER TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND PATIENT HEALTH OUTCOMES



MD; CariAnne Jeffers-Wcisel, MS, PA-C; and Angie Woodin.

Participants completing a training evaluation reported they learned useful skills and intended to use them with their patients.

The Rogel Cancer Center and Little Traverse Bay Bands are committed to forming a sustainable relationship and are committed to providing services to the community.

In reference to their partnership, Dana Greene, Strategic Outreach Coordinator for Rogel, had this to say "The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians have been gracious and welcoming partners of the Rogel Cancer Center. Their partnership has made us better educators and challenged us to think critically on how we engage with all communities."

If you're interested in learning more about the Rogel Cancer Center, visit www.rogelcancer.org

Courtesy photos.

patient outcomes and overall satisfaction with their health care provider.

Building a trusting relationship is key to successful health outcomes ... says, Dr. Ken Resnicow, training facilitator, "and can be used to address a broad range of health issues, including managing diabetes, cancer screening, nutrition and physical activity, and immunizations."

Staff attending included Dr. Frank Animikwam, MD; Carol Kiogima; Kayla Coats; Joann Steel; Bert Rousseau; Shanna MacClaren, FNP-C; Sarah Elkins, PA; Dr. Cynthia Statler, MD; Dr. Amy Mitchell,



Clinic staff from the Little Traverse Bay Health Center and the Crooked Tree Clinic participated in Motivational Interview Training conducted by the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center. The training teaches staff how to communicate with their patients more effectively which leads to better health outcomes.

"Motivational Interviewing training is vital to ensure our staff strengthen their reflective listening skills, respond to emotions effectively, and build strong provider-patient relationships. Strong relationships will in turn improve patient satisfaction and health outcomes," says Dr. Frank Animikwam, Medical Director, Mina Mskiki Gumik.

The training was conducted April 13 and 14 at the Little Traverse Bay Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI.

Motivational Interviewing is effective in improving

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.



35th Annual
Michigan Indian Family Olympics
Friday, July 21, 2023

New location!
Shepherd High School
 100 E. Hall St., Shepherd, MI 48883
 Registration opens: May 8 | www.sagchip.org/mifo/

For more information, please contact: Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694

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

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

Be a Lifeline  Do you know someone in crisis? You can be a lifeline & help support them!

Here are five steps you can take that are known to help:

- 1. ASK:**
Are you thinking about suicide? How do you hurt? How can I help?
- 2. BE THERE:**
In person or on the phone. Show support. Listen. Keep promises to connect.
- 3. HELP KEEP THEM SAFE:**
If the person in crisis is suicidal, details matter: Do they have a plan, or ideas about timing or method? You can call 988 to support their crisis care.
- 4. HELP THEM CONNECT:**
When someone is in crisis, connecting them with ongoing supports can help establish a safety net. Remind them they can call, text or chat 988 to connect with a trained crisis counselor 24/7.
- 5. FOLLOW UP:**
After the immediate crisis is over, check in. That text or call afterwards makes a real difference.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

SOURCE: #BeTheTo @https://www.bethetto.com/bethetto-steps-evidence/

AA MEETING @ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

RECOVERY IS SACRED

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

ENTRANCE AT REAR DOOR

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

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

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

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

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

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

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

LTBB
Wawiiayaa Giigidoowin
"Talking Circle"

Thursday 5pm - 6pm
 LTBB Conference Room

FREE MAMMOGRAM AND CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

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

If you are an uninsured or underinsured woman, age 21-64 years old, you may be eligible for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BC3NP).

LTBB Purchased Referred Care is utilizing this program to cover the cost of mammogram and pap smears for our LTBB women who qualify. By utilizing this program instead of PRC

funds to cover the cost of these screenings, we are saving money to put toward other medical appointments.

If you are an uninsured or underinsured woman, contact Emily, the Patient Navigator, at 231-268-1307 to see if you qualify for this program. She will enroll you in the program and help you schedule your mammogram and/or pap smear using BC3NP coverage.

Courtesy graphic.



Early Detection is Prevention Be Present for Future Generations



If you are uninsured or underinsured, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BC3NP) will help you receive the screening services you need.

BC3NP can arrange for program-eligible women to receive breast and cervical cancer screenings, follow-up care for an abnormal test result, and treatment – if breast or cervical cancer is diagnosed.

You may be eligible for free or low-cost screenings if you meet these qualifications:

- No insurance or insurance that does not cover follow-up exams
- Yearly income at or below 250% federal poverty guidelines

# People in household	Yearly Income	# People in household	Yearly Income
1	\$36,450	4	\$75,000
2	\$49,300	5	\$87,850
3	\$62,150	6	\$100,700

**Contact our American Indian and Alaska Native screening navigator and get enrolled today.
Call or Text 231-268-1307**



BC3NP SERVICES PROVIDED

Age 21-64
Cervical cancer screening (Pap/HPV test) and follow-up procedures (colposcopy, biopsy, etc.)

Age 21-39
Breast diagnostic procedures due to a breast lump or other abnormal breast finding (ultrasound, MRI, biopsy, etc.)

Age 40-64
Breast cancer screening (mammogram) and follow-up procedures (ultrasound, biopsy, etc.)

Cancer treatment is not provided through the program, but women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer may be eligible for a special Medicaid program through BC3NP.

Screening Saves Lives

Early detection has led to a 40% decrease in death rate from breast cancer from 1989–2016

TRADITIONAL HEALER SERVICES 2023 SCHEDULE

MARY PINE
July 5,6
September 5,6
November 8,9

JOSEPH SYRETTE
July 9,20
September 20,21
November 15,16
August 23,24
October 18,19
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

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.

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.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG		Emily Proctor	Marcella Reyes	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Otto	Melissa Pamp	James Pontiac
DATE	May 2023									
5/5/23	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting		X	X				X		
5/9/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
5/11/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
5/9-5/11/23	SBC Summit North America, Hudson, NJ		X							X
5/16/23	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X	X	X			X			
5/23/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5/25/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5/31-6/1/23	United Tribes of Michigan Meeting, Manistee, MI									X
	*Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs.									

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:

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!

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



12th and 13th. 30 years of coming together and coming home! We have so much to be proud of and have overcome so much in the last 30 years. Here is to the next 30 years of LTBB and to all the generations to come after us. May the Homecoming Pow Wow always be a place for us to enjoy each other and nurture our souls with all of our traditions.

In June/July, I was proud to represent LTBB at the United Tribes of Michigan meeting while (Vice Chairperson) Stella (Kay) took part in our Tribal/State Tax Summit. These are two important meetings for us to attend on the tribe's behalf. Please keep your questions, comments and concerns com-

ing as we use these opportunities to get answers and services for our citizens. It is important for us to keep these working relationships going with other tribes and the state.

This summer is filled with youth and adult activities. Make sure to get out there and get active in the community. You can check in with our Education, Youth and Health departments to see what they have planned.

We look forward to these warm days together but stay cool and hydrated in that hot sun! Don't forget to tune in to our next Executive Town Hall Meeting on July 12th, 2023 to see what we are up to!

Miiigwech.

Aanii,

July is here, and we are getting into the full swing of pow wow planning. This is such a wonderful time for us to get everything together for our 30th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow on August

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.



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

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://ltbbodawa.zoom.us/j/87017579318?pwd=M3kxTkFSM0tFZENPZG5lTXVtZk9BZz09>

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



- 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, 2024 - New Year's Eve

Serve your Tribal Nation



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Join a board, commission or corporation

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

Vacancies

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

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

I know you might be feeling alone right now. I want you to know that I am rooting for you! 🙌



Text CARING to
65664

...to get regular reminders about how awesome you are from people who care and who've got your back.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

MEET WOCTEP STUDENT ADVISOR COURTNEY LEWIS



Aanii,
My name is Courtney

Lewis, and I am the new Student Advisor for the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) within the Education Department.

I currently reside in Alanson, MI, with my husband, two daughters, two dogs and our cat.

In my free time, I enjoy reading, being outdoors, spending time with my family and watching TikToks.

I was drawn to the position because I believe that in

order for our tribe to continue to thrive, we must continue to educate our people; and this is the best way to help accomplish that. I enjoy helping people, and enjoy even more watching them succeed and grow. This position will allow me to do both, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve our tribal students.

If you find yourself in the government building, come say hi! I look forward to seeing you.

Courtesy photo.

Interested in working for LTBB?

Jobs are updated daily at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

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

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

Summer Reading Bingo Challenge

OPEN TO ALL AGES!

Join our Summer Reading Challenge! Whether you're a bookworm or a casual reader, this challenge is for you. Read and win exciting prizes along the way. Sign up now and let the reading begin! A raffle will be held at the end to give away the prizes.

Deadline: July 31st

Prizes

COPIES OF ANGELINE BOULLEY'S NEWEST NOVEL WARROR GIRL UNEARTHED

\$20 GIFT CARDS, GAS VOUCHERS, AND MORE!

Please contact Jeremy Steele for any questions at JAS Steele@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or call (231) 242-1493

This Project was made possible in part by the institute of Museum and library services grant #NAB-250272-OLS-21

Name: _____

Have a good Summer

Youth Bingo

Ages 3-12

Read any Indigenous kids book.	Read any Indigenous kids book from the library.	Read any Indigenous kids book that has an illustrated cover.
Read a Indigenous kids book that is a hard cover.	FREE SPACE	Read a Indigenous kids book that is 5 pages or more.
Read a Indigenous picture book	Read a book that includes Indigenous music or dance.	Read a book that features Indigenous art or artists.

Due July 31st

Rules: Cross out any three squares in a row to complete the bingo! When you are done submit it to the library (in person or Email) and you will be entered into the raffle!

Name: _____

Have a good Summer

Teen Bingo

Ages 13-19

Read any Indigenous book.	Read any Indigenous book from the library.	Read a book by an Indigenous author that explores traditional teachings.
Read a book that highlights Indigenous youth activism and leadership.	FREE SPACE	Read a book that teaches about Indigenous governance and sovereignty.
Read a book that explores the impact of colonization on Indigenous communities.	Read a book that includes Indigenous music or dance.	Read a book that features Indigenous art or artists.

Due July 31st

Rules: Cross out any three squares in a row to complete the bingo! When you are done submit it to the library (in person or Email) and you will be entered into the raffle!

Name: _____

Have a good Summer

Adult Bingo

Ages 20+

Read a book that explores Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing, such as traditional ecological knowledge or medicinal plant use.	Read any Indigenous book from the library.	Read a book that examines the history of Indigenous activism and resistance movements.
Read a book that teaches about Indigenous approaches to conflict resolution and peacemaking.	FREE SPACE	Read a book that teaches about Indigenous governance and sovereignty.
Read a book that explores the impact of colonization on Indigenous communities.	Read a book that showcases Indigenous literature, including poetry, short stories, and novels.	Read a book that highlights the ongoing resilience and resistance of Indigenous peoples in the face of ongoing colonialism and oppression.

Due July 31st

Rules: Cross out any three squares in a row to complete the bingo! When you are done submit it to the library (in person or Email) and you will be entered into the raffle!

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN RENEE "WASSON" DILLARD RECEIVES BMCC DIPLOMA

By Sarah Schilling, Media Technician

On May 12, 2023, Renee "Wasson" Dillard graduated with a six-year diploma from the Bay Mills Community College Anishinaabemowin Pane Immersion Program. According to the college's website, it requires a total of 3,780 hours of active listening in six years enrolled in the program to earn a diploma.



Wasson began attending Pane Immersion weekends at the LTBB Community Center in Harbor Springs, MI, after moving back home. She later enrolled in the program delighted that the Michelle Chingwa Education Honorarium covered all program costs for tribal citizens. Having been a language learner most of her life, she often had to pay for classes and materials and expressed much gratitude to be able to enroll in the program free of cost.



Wasson's language journey began when she was a child, but her active dedication to learning started in her 20s after returning to Michigan from California. Having received her spirit name of Wasson (light all around), she started learning with the goal of being able to pray in the language. Growing up, Wasson remembers the only time she read the language was attending Indian church with her Nookomis (grandmother) where the service, hymns and even most of Sunday school was in Anishinaabemowin. After re-



turning to the area as an adult, she was struck by how over half of the first language speakers she knew had passed away. She reflected on how blessed she was to grow up hearing the language spoken in the home, at church, in the lodge and at pow wow. She expressed feelings of grief and sadness that many of our youth today don't get to be around that.

As a beginning language learner, Wasson started with speak and repeat tapes from Kenny Pheasant where she first encountered the Fiero double vowel system of writing in Anishinaabemowin. From these tapes, a quote stuck with her that went something like, "When you speak the language, you're using the breath of your ancestors." This idea rang true to her and she believes it with her whole being. This idea has helped her stay motivated to continue her learning and to share her enthusiasm for the language with her grandchildren and community. She credits her active listening skills to her grandmother and the other Dimoyenhik (elder women) who she would listen to and try to piece together their jokes.

Overall, Wasson expressed being a part of the Pane Immersion Program and learning Anishinaabemowin throughout her life has been well worth the journey. "I see things as hopeful, we have to celebrate what we have. The language, traditions, ethics and values of our ancestors. I see myself and my family continuing to try and understand all that good stuff. I've seen a lot of changes in my lifetime. I see people stopping to pay attention. We can support one another. The best advice I have for language learners is to push yourself outside of your comfort zone."

Miiwe, Miigwech (that's all, thank you).

If you have any interest in Anishinaabemowin learning and Pane Immersion, contact Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department Assistant Theresa Keshick at tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-242-1457.

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'Deminkeng Picking Strawberries



odemini	strawberry
odeminan	strawberries
ode	heart
bashkiminsigan	preserve/jam
odemini-bashkiminsigan	strawberry preserve

Odeminke.	She (or he) is picking strawberries.
Wiishkiban.	It is sweet.
Wiishkibinooon.	They are sweet.
Mskwaande.	It is red.
Mskwaandenoon.	They are red.
Nbiiwan.	It is juicy.

De' iing zhijii' aa odemin.
(Strawberry is shaped like a heart.)

Odemin kidomigad 'de miin.
('Demin means heart berry.)



Miin Giizis pkibijigaadenoon odeminan.
(Strawberries are picked in June.)

Enchiing emiinwaang, odemin entamaajigiing pii eshkiniiibiing.
(Of the fruit, strawberry is the first to grow in the early summer.)

Mnapagwat odemini-bashkiminsigan.
(Strawberry jam tastes good.)

Odemini-niibiishan geye giibkibijigaadenoon mii dash giibaasagaadeg, wiizhichigaadeg niibiishaaboo.
(Strawberry leaves were also picked then dried, to make tea.)

Odeminan geye shandim pii maawnjidiing.
(Strawberries are also served at gatherings/ceremonies.)

Odemin naabijikaazam wiiboongidetiwinn gwaya.
(Strawberry is used to forgive somebody.)



Zaagidwin temigad odeminiing.
(There is love in the strawberry.)

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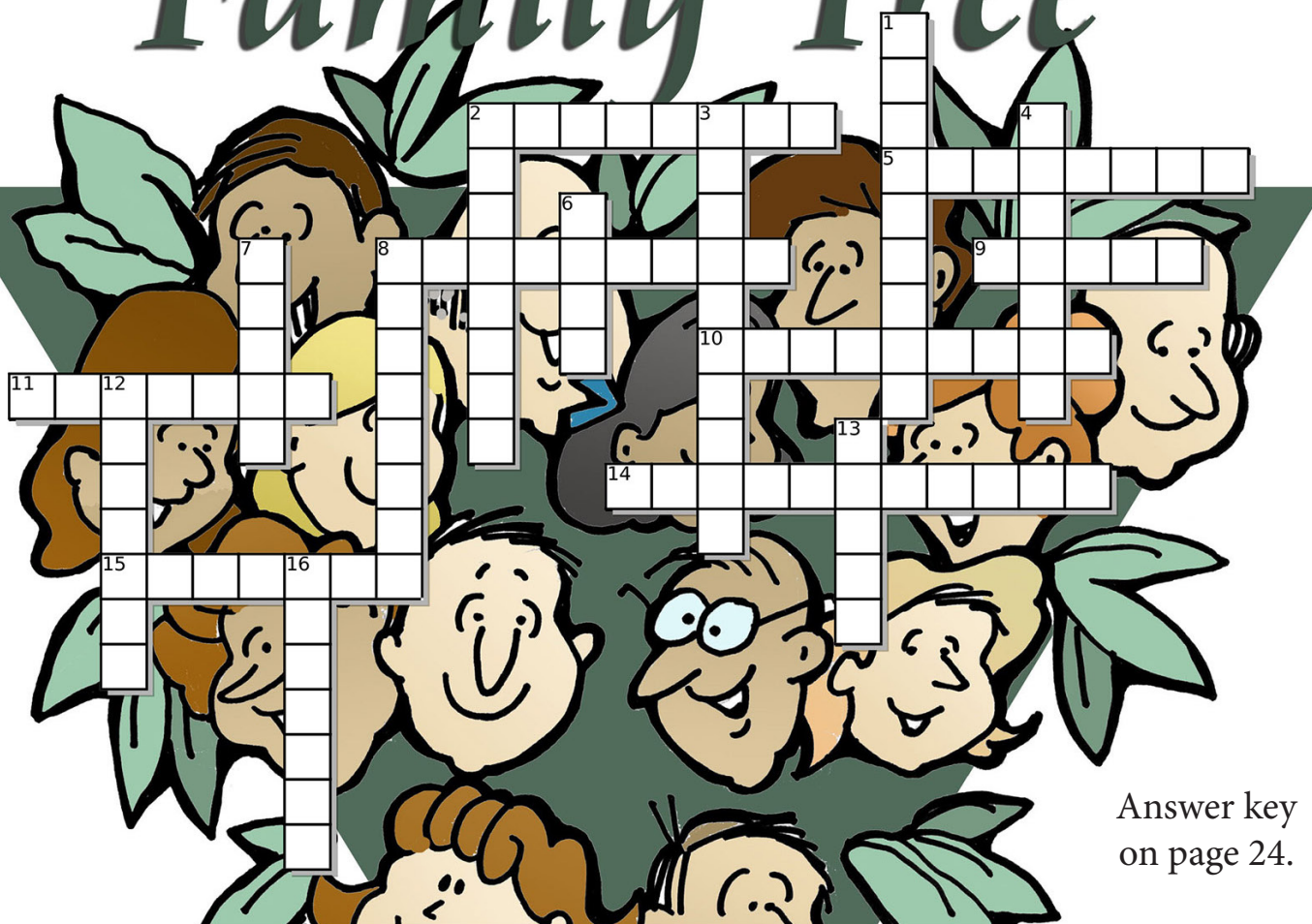
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Family Tree



Answer key on page 24.

ACROSS

- 2 my sister
- 5 uncle
- 8 grandfather
- 9 aunt
- 10 cousin
- 11 nephew
- 14 brother
- 15 grandmother

DOWN

- 1 parents
- 2 grandchild
- 3 oldest girl in family
- 4 niece
- 6 father
- 7 my son
- 8 oldest boy in family
- 12 my daughter
- 13 mother
- 16 older sister

WORD BANK: GASHI, GITZIIMAK, MISHOOMIS, MISSENH, MJIJKWEWIS, MJIJKWIS, NDAANIS, NDAWEMAA, NGWIS, NINGNIS, NOKOMIS, NOOS, NOOSHENH, NSHIMIS, NWIIKAANENH, WIITAAWIS, ZHISHENH, ZIGOS

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NATIVE NEWS

A FITTING FIRST: JUDGE TOOK A LONG, DIFFICULT TRAIL TO SEAT ON STATE COURT



By Tom Kirvan

Editor's note: The following article is reprinted courtesy of *The Detroit Legal News*.

Last December, Allie Greenleaf Maldonado became a legal trailblazer in a turn of fortune she never dreamed possible.

In a special ceremony in Lansing on March 13, dream turned into reality when Maldonado was officially sworn in as a judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, becoming the first Native American to serve on the appellate court. The oath of office was administered by Justice Megan Cavanagh of the Michigan Supreme Court, at a memorable event that included a presentation of colors, a drum and honor song, and pipe and water ceremonies. Robyn McCoy, president of the Black Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, served as emcee.

Upon her appointment last winter, Judge Maldonado expressed her gratitude to Governor Gretchen Whitmer for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Michigan.

"I look forward to taking all of my professional experience and diligently applying it to the work ahead of me," said Maldonado, who formerly served as the chief judge of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Court. "This is a moment of importance not just for me, but for all of Indian country as the Governor's wisdom in this appointment sends a message about the critical importance of the work of tribal courts. I am grateful to the Governor and her team, and I look forward to giving all of Michigan my best."

At her judicial investiture, Maldonado said she never expected to "have the honor and responsibility" of the appointment, created when Judge Amy Ronayne Krause retired December 13.

"I am proud to be Native American, but growing up knowing who I could be and what I could achieve was difficult," said Maldonado, who earned her juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School. "Like most of my Native American friends, my family was part of the federal government's official policy of removing Indian children from their families and communities in order to assimilate them and prepare them for the station in life they were expected to hold.

"My grandmother, Lou Ella, was first taken to the Indian boarding school in Harbor Springs, and then finally to the Indian boarding school in Mount Pleasant, where she was taught to cook, clean, and sew because those were the skills she was projected to need to fulfill her place in society," Maldonado remarked. "As part of that legacy when I was growing up, I never met or even saw a Native American attorney. Even today, there are fewer than 2,700 Native American attorneys in the United States. Dreaming of being an attorney was audacious, never mind being a judge!

"So, I dreamed in secret, with my eyes down," said Maldonado, who served as assistant general counsel for the LTBB from 2002-12. "I fought my way to and through law school because I want-

ed to do my part to keep what happened to my grandmother, and all of the Native people in my community who were removed, from happening again. I feel fortunate to have gotten an education from the University of Michigan Law School, something I don't think I would have been able to do without having my tribe support me and cheer me on."

Maldonado became the 15th tribal citizen to be selected for the honors program at the U.S. Department of Justice, eventually becoming a litigator in the Indian Resources Section of the Environment and Natural Resources Division and later a staff attorney for Monteau & Peebles. She earned a national reputation as an expert on the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act.

Maldonado is a member of the Black Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Anishinaabek Caucus of Michigan, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice and Michigan Justice for All Commission, and the treasurer for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.

At her investiture, Maldonado paid special tribute to former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, who recently retired from the state's highest court to become president and CEO of the American Arbitration Association.

"Over 20 years ago, she was my clinical law professor at the University of Michigan Law School," Maldonado said of McCormack. "For whatever reason that I will never fully understand, she decided to take me under her wing and mentor me, for which I will always be grateful. Justice McCormack is a force of nature dedicated to justice for all and even after 20 years, I never stop being in awe of her. She set the bar as to what a jurist should strive to be and I will do everything in my power to make her proud."

Maldonado reserved especially warm comments for her family.

"I want to thank my family – my loving husband, Jay, who for more than 30 years has been my best friend and who never stopped believing in me," said Maldonado. "And my children, Riley and Ari – you inspire me to be the best version of myself. I love that none of this seems to phase you two. . . Being your mom is the most important role I have in this world and I love that to you I am the person who helps you with your math homework, plays Clue and chess with you, and listens to every detail of your day before bedtime. You three are what is most important to me in this life and I love you with all of my heart."

Maldonado pledged to serve tribal and Michigan communities to the "best of my ability."

"I promise you that in all of the decisions I make as a Michigan Court of Appeals judge, I will honor the law, and I will understand how my decisions impact the next seven generations," she said, earlier reflecting that "because of this moment, the next seven generations of tribal children won't have to look down at the ground before daring to dream.

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Northern Community Mediation (NCM) in collaboration with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a table designer at this year's Women Can/Women Do fundraiser for the Women's Resource Center in Petoskey, MI.

NCM staff and LTBB of Odawa have been meeting to plan their table, which will feature traditions of our local, Native American heritage.

Pictured from left to right in the courtesy photo are Laura Buckingham, Karen Cole, Denise Petoskey, Jane Millar and Stephanie Brew.



BE A BETTER BOATER, COMMIT TO SAFETY ON THE WATER

By Michigan DNR

For many in Michigan, the Memorial Day holiday weekend marked the unofficial start to summer, and that meant dropping the boat in your favorite lake, river or stream. Before you hit the water, be sure you've taken steps to guarantee a safe time for all aboard.

To elevate the message all season long, the DNR is again teaming up with McDonald's of Michigan to increase awareness of boater safety and the importance of wearing life jackets.

From Memorial Day weekend through the Labor Day holiday, conservation officers will hand out vouchers to youth and teens who are seen wearing life jackets while boating. Each voucher is valid for a free ice cream cone or apple slice package at participating McDonald's of Michigan locations.

"We're in our third year of this partnership, and it's always nice to see kids and parents get excited when we reward them for being safe on the water, and have that positive law enforcement interaction," said Lt. Tom Wanless, the DNR's state boating law administrator and recreational safety, education and enforcement supervisor.



"A fun day of boating begins with safety. A tasty treat on the way home is a wonderful way to end the day and, hopefully, launch a family talk about boating safety."

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The most recent U.S. Coast Guard statistics show drowning was the cause of death in 81% of national boating-related fatalities in 2021. Of those drownings, 83% of victims were not wearing life jackets, and two of every three victims were considered good swimmers.

"Taking time now to check your gear, brush up on boating laws and plan for safety can prevent problems later," Wanless said. "Incidents can happen at any time, and weather can quickly affect conditions on inland waters and the Great Lakes. Familiarizing yourself and fellow boat-

ers with safety tips and equipment can mean the difference between a perfect day on the water and a needlessly tragic outcome."

Those born after June 30, 1996, need a boating safety certificate to operate a boat on the water. If you were born after December 31, 1978, and want to operate a personal watercraft, such as a Jet Ski, you also need a valid boater education safety certificate.

The DNR offers boating safety education as an online and traditional classroom course to teach new and experienced boaters about current laws and safe operation.

Learn more about boating opportunities, safety information and other resources at Michigan.gov/Boating.

Questions? Contact Lt. Tom Wanless at WanlessT@Michigan.gov.

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HEADED OUTDOORS? TAKE STEPS TO HELP PROTECT PLACES YOU LOVE

By Michigan DNR

Here are some reminders about quick and easy ways to responsibly enjoy the outdoors without spreading invasive species or pests.

Invasive insects and plant diseases cost the U.S. an estimated \$40 billion annually in damages to trees, plants, crops and related management efforts. They can threaten the economy, food supply, environment and in some cases, even public health.

Everyone who enjoys the outdoors can do their part to prevent the spread of invasive species – a little bit of prevention contributes to a larger effort of preserving biodiversity and important habitats.

Here are some simple steps you can take to help protect the places you love.

- Clean your shoes,

clothes, packs and pets before and after exploring and stay on designated trails.

- Clean, drain and dry your watercraft and fishing equipment to stop aquatic hitchhikers.
- Don't move firewood! Buy it where you burn it, buy certified heat-treated firewood or gather it onsite when permitted.

- Before traveling to new areas, inspect and clean your trailers, off-road vehicles and recreational vehicles with water or compressed air to remove mud, plant parts and hidden pests.

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- AI/ANs 12 and older were the **least** likely group of any race/ethnicity to currently use alcohol.

SO WHAT'S THE MESSAGE?

- Talk to your child about alcohol and drugs. If possible, start the conversation before they're in school – but it's **never** too late.
- Make it clear that you **strongly disapprove** of underage smoking, drinking, or using any other drugs. Never let someone drive who has been drinking or using drugs.
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TIMING MATTERS WHEN REDUCING FUSARIUM HEAD BLIGHT IN WINTER BARLEY



When Fusarium head blight (FHB) threatens winter barley, the best time to apply a fungicide is about six days after full barley head emergence, according to a recent study published in Plant Disease.

FHB, also known as scab, is a fungal disease which attacks small grains, discoloring the heads and contaminating the grain with the mycotoxin deoxynivalenol (DON), a toxic compound also known as vomitoxin. For barley, the most common grain used to make malt for beer and spirits, even a small amount of DON can cause crops to be rejected by purchasers. The disease in malted barley kernels may lead to gushing or the rapid and uncontrolled foaming of beer, making the crop unusable for beer production.

In a four-year study, researchers with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the University of Minnesota assessed three different fungicides for FHB reduction. The researchers evaluated the amount of DON present in mature winter

barley heads following a fungicide application at one of three growth stages — half heading, full heading and six days after full barley head emergence.

“The latest timing of fungicide application reduced DON significantly more than the early timing for all three fungicides tested in the study,” said Christina Cowger, small grains pathologist at ARS's Plant Science Research Unit in Raleigh, NC. “Applying fungicide before all heads were emerged did not significantly reduce DON in winter barley as compared to not spraying

at all. If scab is threatening, growers should wait about six days after barley heads have all appeared before applying fungicide.”

According to Cowger, eastern U.S. barley growers have two main tools for FHB management — plant moderately resistant varieties and apply a fungicide. By understanding the best timing for fungicide to minimize FHB, growers can manage high-FHB epidemic years and maximize profits from malting barley.

FHB is one of the factors limiting the global production of barley since it can result in yield loss and economic damage. According to the American Phytopathological Society, the disease has cost U.S. wheat and barley farmers more than \$3 billion since 1990.

“Year in and year out, FHB is the disease that most threatens profitable wheat and barley production in the U.S.,” Cowger said. “Knowing how to get the most out of our FHB management tools is key to small grain profitability.”

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Fees: The standard non-member entry fee of \$15 has been waived for this exhibition. In cases where works are offered for sale, the JRAC commission agreement is 70% to artist and 30% to JRAC. These fees help to support exhibitions and other programs at JRAC.

Dates and Deadlines

Entry deadline: August 21, 2023

Shipped artwork deadline: On or before September 22, 2023

Artwork drop-off date: September 25, 2023, 1-4 p.m.

Exhibition opening reception: October 1, 2023, 1-4 p.m.

Exhibition closes: November 4, 2023

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Questions? Contact JRAC at Jordanriverarts@gmail.com or 231-536-3385.

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- Call 911 if you or someone you know is in immediate danger.

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STARTS JUNE 20TH

LTBB SPRING SUMMER PROGRAM

JUNE - AUGUST

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Scan the QR Code to register online!

Print and fill out the forms!

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MOUTH GUARDS PROTECT AGAINST INJURIES

By Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach

Mouth guards are recommended for people of all ages who participate in any activity or sport which poses a risk of damaging the face. The American Dental Association recommends the use of a mouth guard to protect against injury to the teeth, gums, soft tissues and face from physical injuries.

Contact sports include, but are not limited to, football, soccer, boxing, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, volleyball, boxing and wrestling. Sports mouthguards can also be used for other non-contact sports and activities which may cause damage to the mouth such as gymnastics, biking, skateboarding and ice and roller skating.¹

Types of sports mouth guards:

- Stock mouth guards are ready-made and are available at some big box and sporting goods stores. These come in a range of sizes and are not personalized for each individual mouth. These are the least expensive.

- Boil and Bite mouth guards soften when placed in hot water. These are then adapted to the wearer's individual mouth through bite pressure and manipulation of fingers and tongue. These types of mouth guards are found at some big box and sporting goods stores.

- Custom mouth guards are fabricated in a dental office from a patient's mouth impressions. A custom mouth guard provides the best fit, comfort and efficiency. The dentist can determine which athlete requires a custom mouth guard. Comfort is an important aspect to keep in mind during the selection process because a mouth guard only works if it is worn. This option requires a dental office visit and is more expensive.

Frequently asked questions

- Do mouthguards prevent injuries?

Yes! Numerous studies show a mouth guard provides a cushioning effect between teeth and redistributes the forces of any damaging impact. Mouth guards can help prevent serious dental injuries like broken and knocked out teeth and jaw fractures as well as injuries to your lips, tongue, cheeks, jaws, temporomandibular joints and face. A mouth guard also helps prevent the teeth from cutting through the soft tissues of the oral cavity.

Broken or knocked-out teeth do not grow back. Protect your perfect smile and wear a mouth guard.

- If I have braces, can I wear a sports mouth guard?

Yes! It is particularly important to wear a mouth guard if you play sports and wear braces. Mouth guards will not only protect your teeth, but also prevent the braces from accidentally tearing your lips, cheeks and tongue. The braces themselves will less likely be damaged because of the protection a mouth guard provides.

Most orthodontists will recommend a custom-made guard. These mouth guards will need adjustments as the braces begin to change the teeth alignment and will need adjustments over time.

It's important to protect the substantial investment orthodontic treatment is making in long-term oral health.



- How to care for a mouth guard?

It is important to take care of your sports mouthguard by cleaning it with soap and warm water after each use and soaking it in alcohol-free mouthwash. You can also prevent bacteria from growing by always storing it in a ventilated case when not in use so it stays dry.

You should also avoid leaving your mouth guard in direct sunlight or in a hot car. Be mindful of not ruining the mouth guard carelessly. Examples are dropping the mouthguard and stepping on it; forgetting where the mouth guard is and running it through the laundry; or wrapping the mouthguard in a napkin and throwing it into the garbage at a restaurant (YIKES!!).

Mouth guards can wear out, so it is important to regularly check for wear and tear. We recommend bringing the mouth guard to dental appointments, so the dentist can check it for fit and wear in order to determine if it needs replacement. The dentist can also clean & sanitize mouth guards.

- Is a mouth guard only for upper teeth?

Typically, a mouth guard only covers the upper teeth. However, in some situations, the dentist may suggest a mouth guard for the lower teeth as well. If you wear braces, have a protruding jaw, wear other dental appliances, have experienced a broken jaw in the past, have had implants restored or have had complicated restorations, then your dentist may recommend a mouth guard for lower teeth.

Final thoughts

Mouth guards are an important piece of athletic equipment. For anyone involved in competitive or recreational activities where the risk of getting smacked in the face or mouth by a ball, stick, boot, puck, flying body part or face plant into the ground exists, wearing a mouth guard is definitely recommended.

Ultimately, the most effective sports mouth guard is one you will wear. It should be comfortable, resistant to tearing and durable as well as fit properly, be easy to clean and not restrict speech or breathing. For more information, speak to your dentist.

<https://www.ada.org/en/member-center/oral-health-topics/mouthguards>

<https://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/az-topics/m/mouthguards>

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<https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/get-involved/national-safety-month>

Courtesy photo.



LTBB Summer Events

Kitigaan Kit Distribution
May 19th

Nish Fish Summer Program
June - August

Homegrown You Pick
June - October


Michigan Indian Family Olympics (MIFO)
July 21st

Jiimaan Journey
July 31st - August 4th

Community Health Fair
August 18th

Preservation Workshops
August 29th, September 6th
October 3rd and October 17th

For more information contact
Community Health at 231-242-1601



WIOA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WHO ARE WE

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


Emmet • Charlevoix • Cheboygan • Presque Isle
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Missaukee • Roscommon • Ogemaw • Iscoo
Mason • Lake, Osceola • Clare • Gladwin
Arenac • Oceana • Newaygo • Mecosta
Isabella • Midland • and Bay County

HOW WE CAN HELP

Services we help with, but are not limited to the following:

- Tuition, Training, & Testing Fees
- Licensing & Certification
- Work & Interview Clothes / Shoes
- CED Completion Award
- Transportation Assistance
- Entrepreneurial Related Expenses
- Needs Related Payments
- Individual Employment Plan

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




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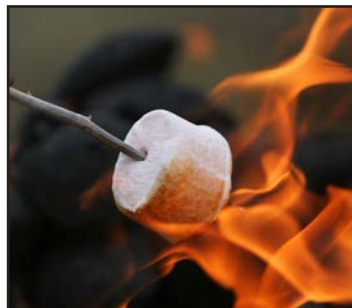
S'MORE SMARTS: TIPS FOR SAFE CAMPFIRES

By Michigan DNR

Stack up the graham crackers, chocolate and toasted (or burned - whoops!) marshmallows to make the classic s'more, a treat best enjoyed around a crackling campfire.

But as you stack up wood to prepare your campfire, how do you make sure you toast only the marshmallows, and not the whole backyard or campground? Just as with s'mores, there's a classic recipe for ensuring a safe fire:

- Build your fire in a campfire ring or space sur-



rounded by bare earth. (In state parks and campgrounds, we provide the fire rings for you! Please don't build your own.)

- Always keep a water source and a metal shovel nearby.

- Never leave a fire unattended, even for a minute.

- When it's time to turn in for the night, drench your fire with water, stir the ashes and drench again to make sure it's completely out.

By minding your campfire, you'll help keep family and guests safe as well as the nature around you. Get more fire safety tips at Michigan.gov/PreventWildfires

Questions? Contact DNR fire prevention specialist Paul Rogers at RogersP5@Michigan.gov

Courtesy photo.

Every full dollar spent = 1 cent towards community shared funding that we can redeem!

Receipts can date back to 1990!

Drop off or send receipts to:
LTBB Education Dept.
C/O: ISTEAM Program,
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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SAVE YOUR OLESON'S RECEIPTS

LTBB Education - ISTEAM Program is collecting receipts from Oleson's Markets to receive their Community Shared funds!

Bison chuck roast	\$32.97
Salad mix	\$4.99
Lemons	\$2.99
Corn	\$3.99
Sweet potatoes	\$2.79

Total: 47.73

Community Shared Points Earned Today: 47



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

Prize Money:

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

For more information: Annette VanDeCar
avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Vendor information: Marcia Sutton
231-373-0867 msutton10@yahoo.com

FREE! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!
FREE PARKING! FOOD AND CRAFT VENDORS!

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

Host Drum/Drum Judge - Southern Straight

Head Veteran - Walker Stonefish

Arena Director - R.J. Smith

MC - Joey Awonohopay

Head Male Dance Judge - Dezmund Madera

Head Female Dance Judge - Beedoskah Stonefish

Head Dancers - TBD Per Session

Sound - ReZonance Productions

REGISTRATION -

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 6-8 PM &

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 10 AM - NOON

REGISTRATION FEE

\$5 PER DANCER/SINGER.

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DANCE SPECIALS:

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MEN'S WOODLAND SPECIAL

1ST PLACE - \$900 ~ 2ND PLACE \$700 ~ 3RD PLACE \$600

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

MARTY VAN DE CAR MEMORIAL MEN'S WOODLAND SPECIAL 30TH ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW AUGUST 12 AND 13, 2023

First place \$900
Second place \$700
Third place \$600
Three Consolation Prizes

Sponsored by the family of Marty Van De Car, Odawa Casino Resort, Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation, Northern Shores Community Development and Grandpa Shorter's Gifts.



2023 Miss Odawa Nation Contest LIVE THE LEGACY...

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:
www.odawahomecoming.com
www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or
contact Annette VanDeCar at avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



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

Application materials available online at:
www.odawahomecoming.com
www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or
contact Annette VanDeCar at avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



2022/2023 Junior Miss Odawa Nation
Ava Anderson

Tentative 30th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Schedule Friday, August 11, 2023

Vendor Set-up 1 pm
Dancer/Drum Registration 5 - 8 pm
Participants Canopy Set-up 5 pm

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Dancer/Drum Registration 10 am - 12 pm
Open to the Public 11 am
Grand Entry 1 pm

Veterans Song
Invocation
Welcome (Chairperson)
Intertribals/Contests
Dinner Break 5 - 7 pm
Grand Entry 7 pm
Intertribals/Contests
*Junior Miss Odawa Nation 2023-2024 and Miss Odawa Nation 2023-2024 will be crowned prior to the 7 p.m. Grand Entry.

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Open to the Public 11 am
Grand Entry Noon
Flag Song
Veterans Song
Invocation
Intertribals/Contests
Announcement of Winners 5 pm

*Times subject to change



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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

2023 RED LAKE NATION INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION POW WOW



JULY 4-6, 2023

GRAND ENTRIES: TUES 6:00 P.M. • WED 1:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. • THURS 2:00 P.M.

EMCEES
LAWRENCE BAKER - NEW TOWN, ND
KEVEYN KINGBIRD - RED LAKE, MN

ARENA DIRECTORS
MACK KINGBIRD - RED LAKE, MN
ROGER WHITE, JR. - RED LAKE, MN

DRUM JUDGE
KEVIN KINGBIRD - RED LAKE, MN

HOST DRUMS
BULLHORN - LETH BRIDGE, AB
COZAO - OKLAHOMA

CONTESTS

COMMITTEE SINGING CONTEST:
1st \$12,000 • 2nd \$10,000 • 3rd \$8,000 • 4th \$6,000 • 5th \$4,000

COMMITTEE SPECIALS (Ages 18+):
Men & Women's Traditional, Men's Fancy, Men's & Women's Fancy, Women's Jingle, Men's Grass
1st \$500 • 2nd \$400 • 3rd \$300 • 4th \$200

Men's Golden Age (55+) • Women's Golden Age (55+)
Categories: Men's Grass/Fancy combined • Men's Traditional
Women's Jingle/Fancy combined • Women's Traditional
1st \$500 • 2nd \$200 • 3rd \$1000 • 4th \$800 • 5th \$500

Senior Adults (35-54) • Junior Adults (18-34 yrs)
Categories: Men & Women's Fancy • Men & Women's Traditional
Men's Grass • Women's Jingle • Men's Chickadee
1st \$600 • 2nd \$400 • 3rd \$300 • 4th \$200 • 5th \$100

Teen Categories (13-17 yrs)
Traditional • Fancy • Jingle • Grass • Chickadee
1st \$300 • 2nd \$200 • 3rd \$150 • 4th \$100 • 5th \$50

Junior Categories (6-12 yrs)
Traditional • Fancy • Jingle • Grass • Chickadee
1st \$100 • 2nd \$50 • 3rd \$25 • 4th \$10 • 5th \$5

FOR POWWOW INFO: Lee Lussier at 218-766-6795
FOR VENDOR INFO: Barb Beaulieu 218-679-1400
CAMPING & SHOWERS AVAILABLE | SOUND BY RC SOUNDS

FEATHERS Star Quilt Raffle




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.
Contact Information: Annette VanDeCar avandecar@ltbbtribalburial.org

Proceeds go to LTBB Tribal Burial Board

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!**

41st Annual Baaweting Homecoming Powwow June 30-July 2

at the tribe's powwow grounds off of Shunk Rd on Ice Circle in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Thursday, June 29 and Friday, June 30 Summer Ceremonial Gathering with Sunrise Ceremony and Tribal Assembly.

Grand entry Friday, June 30 at 6 p.m.
Grand entries on Saturday, July 1, at 1 and 7 p.m. Grand entry on Sunday, July 2, is at noon.

Emcee: Beedahsiga Elliott
Head Veteran: Nick VanAlstine
Arena Director: Jefferson Balow
Dance Judges: Julie Whitepigeon & Ray Cadotte
Drum Judge: Keith Smith
Host Drum & Head Dancers: Picked each session.



DANCE SPECIALS:
Adult Traditional, Fancy, Grass and Jingle. Teen and juniors-combined category. Combined style categories for golden age, teens, and juniors. Tiny tots special-all are winners. Honorarium for dancers in full regalia. Spot dances and dance specials announced throughout weekend.

DRUM COMPETITION:
Must have five singers present at all sessions. Registration \$10 per singer. Drum Split for non-competing drums. Registration opens Friday, closes at 12 on Saturday. Contestant fee - adults \$10, teen/junior \$5.

Biindigek - Everyone Welcome - Niimdaa!
No drugs, alcohol, politics, or dogs allowed.

Vendors: For application, call 906-203-6085 or 906-203-6382 and it will be emailed to you.

49th Annual ONEIDA Pow Wow

Public Welcome!

June 30-July 2, 2023 • Norbert Hill Center
N7210 Seminary Rd. Oneida, WI 54155

Dancing and Drum Contest (Tabulation by ICreeAzN) • Food/Craft Vendors

Over \$108,000 in Prize Money!	Weekend Pass \$15 Daily Pass \$8 62 & Over FREE 5 & Under FREE	Grand Entry Times Fri., June 30 7pm Sat., July 1 1 & 7pm Sun., July 2 Noon
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Advanced tickets available at Oneida One Stop beginning June 1, 2023 for \$12. Refunds must be processed at location of purchase.

NO CANOPIES ALLOWED. For more information, call the Oneida Pow Wow Event Team: Tonya 920.342.523, heather@oneidapowwow.org or Ross 920.548.0122, ross@oneidapowwow.org. Vendors call or email Tonya.

Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians 25th Annual JIINGTAMOK

July 15th & 16th 'Grand Entries:
2023 Sat 1pm & 7pm Sun 12pm

Host Drum: Showtime Singers, SD
Co-Host Drum: Eagle Flight, Ont, Canada
Master of Ceremonies: Jason Whitehouse, MI
Arena Director: TBA

Princess Contest Contact: Venus Wilson-Torres 251-398-6845
Dance Specials: 1st place - \$600, 2nd place - \$400, 3rd place - \$200, 4th place - \$100
Youth Dance (July 14th) Contact: Sandra Lewis 251-398-6869

Free Admission Public Welcome

2596 Loon Drive, Manistee, Michigan
LRBOI Pow Wow Grounds behind the tribal gas station
FREE CAMPING WITH SHOWERS & BATHROOMS - FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!
This is a drug/alcohol free event. No violence or politics. No dogs. LRBOI is not responsible stolen or damaged property.

2023 Wishkpemishkos Gizes SWEETGRASS MOON POWWOW • JULY 8 - 9, 2023

Jijak Camp • 2044 126th Ave., Hopkins, MI 49328
Please use 126th Ave. Entrance

POWWOW SPECIALS

- Healing the Healer's Special (Saturday afternoon)
- Purple Shawl Project
- Grass Dance Special in Honor of Jason "Chief" Morgan sponsored by Family & Friends Ironman and Ironwoman
- Woodland and Applique Specials
- Fancy Bustle Dance Special
- Contemporary Vs. Old Style
- Men's Traditional
- Grand Entry Champion
- Hand Drum Competition - all ages
- Team Dance
- Potato Dance
- Street Dance
- Ironman and Ironwoman
- Highlighted dances
- Snake Dance
- Buffalo Dance

SATURDAY, JULY 8
SOBRIETY WALK • 8:00 A.M.
Sponsored by Gun Lake Tribe Health & Human Services & The Mto Bimachuan AA Group

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
GRAND ENTRY • 1:00 P.M.
Head Male: Zhawan Smith
Head Female: TBA
Head Jr. Male: Xavier Bolton
Head Jr. Female: Haven Baker

FEAST • 5:00 P.M.
Please bring a dish to pass.

SATURDAY EVENING
GRAND ENTRY • 7:00 P.M.
Head Male: Tahn White Eye
Head Female: Accosia Red Elk
Head Jr. Male: Bryson Medawis
Head Jr. Female: Neena Robinson

SUNDAY, JULY 9
HONORING THE GRADS • 10:30 A.M.
GRAND ENTRY • 1:00 P.M.
Head Male: Tony Walhvootten
Head Female: Summer Baldwin
Head Jr. Male: Andrian Day
Head Jr. Female: Selesse Syrette

Purple Shawl Honor Song & Recognition • 4:00 p.m.
A collaborative effort between the Gun Lake Tribe Domestic Violence Program and the Gun Lake Tribe Elder Services

Masters of Ceremony: "MCs"
Shannon Martin - Gun Lake Pottawatomi & LCO Ojibwa
Nathan Isaac - Aamjwinaag First Nation

QUESTIONS?
Drum space limited, Non-Invited Drums please email prior to powwow to confirm. Please contact culture@gl-nsn.gov
Vendors can apply here: <https://bit.ly/2023PowwowVendor>

Local Hotels:
• Best Western | Wayland, MI
• Bay Pointe Inn | Gun Lake, MI
• Holiday Inn Express | Hastings, MI

Campgrounds:
• Miller Lake Campground | Hopkins, MI
• Sun Retreats Gun Lake | Hopkins, MI
formerly Hidden Ridge RV Resort

Camping:
• RV Camping
• Rustic Camping

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45th Annual KBIC MAAWANJIDING

JULY 21-23
2023

OJIBWA CAMPGROUND, BARAGA, MI

Emcees: John Teller Jr., Joel Syrette
Arena Directors: Waub Rainey, Mark Kingbird
Head dancers: Mike Demain, Lavender Kingbird
Head Veteran: Donald Chosa Jr.
Host Drum: Warpaint
Co-Host: Bad River
KBIC Drums: Woodland, Loon Travelers
Grand Entries: Friday 7pm, Saturday 1pm & 7pm, Sunday 1pm

Specials
6-17yrs, Jr. Girls Jingle \$800, \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50
6-17yrs, Jr. Boy's Woodland \$500, \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50
18- Woman's Jingle \$1000, \$800, \$600, \$400, \$200
18- Men's Woodland \$1000, \$800, \$600, \$400, \$200
3-Man Hand Drum Special \$800, \$300, \$200, \$100, \$100
Adult & Youth Two-Step Special
Visiting Drums Split
Dancer Honorariums

Contact info:
Christine Awonohopay 906-353-2626
Gabrielle Picciano 906-353-6623 ext. 4195
Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Property, Absolutely No Drugs or Alcohol

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA POWWOW

Mwaaendamadaa Waanezhiwebak "Honoring our Future"

39th Annual
July 28, 29 & 30, 2023

Grand Entry
Friday: 7 p.m. | Saturday: 1 p.m. | Sunday: 12 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground
7525 E. Tamah Rd., Pleasant, MI 48858

Hotel Information:
• Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort | 1.888.732.4537
• Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel | 1.877.232.4532
• The Retreat at Soaring Eagle | 1.877.232.4532

Registration:
• Registration closes on Friday at 6:45 p.m. and Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

Vendors:
• Must be approved for set up
• Please email: powwowcommittee@sagchip.org
• Or website for application: <http://www.sagchip.org/pow-wow>

Dance Contests: TBA
Drum Contest: TBA
Committee Specials: TBA

www.sagchip.org/pow-wow
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MASHPEE WAMPANOAG CHEF MAKES HISTORY WITH PRESTIGIOUS JAMES BEARD AWARD



By Kaili Berg

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

Dressed in traditional Native American clothing and with tears in her eyes, Sherry Pocknett made history as the first indigenous woman to win a James Beard Award for culinary excellence.

A member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Pocknett was announced as the Best Chef Northeast on Monday night (June 5, 2023) at the annual awards ceremony at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. Called "the Oscars of the food world," the Beard Awards are recognized as one of the most prestigious honors in the culinary industry, highlighting excellence and contributions chefs make to their communities.

Pocknett creates indigenous cuisine which comes from her Wampanoag culture at her restaurant, Sly Fox Den Too, located at 4349 South County Trail in Charlestown, RI. The restaurant has developed a reputation for its foraged, fished and hunted foods, including venison, rabbit, quahogs, fish and fresh vegetables and herbs.

Prior to starting Sly Fox Den Too, Pocknett was the food and beverage director at the The Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center. During her time there, she overhauled the menu from hamburgers and hot dogs to traditional Native foods such as turtle soup, bluefish and venison.

Pocknett is a first-time nominee for the Beard award and the second Native American to win a national Beard award in the past two years. Owamni, an indigenous-owned restaurant in Minneapolis, MN, founded by Sean Sherman (Oglala Lakota) and Dana Thompson (Mdewakanton Dakota, Wahpeton Sisseton), was honored as the best new restaurant in 2022.

Sherman was in attendance at the Beard Awards this year, greeting Pocknett with a congratulatory hug as she walked down the aisle to accept her award.

On stage, Pocknett gave an emotional speech, saying she represented all the northeastern tribes and never expected the honor of receiving the Beard award.

She also revealed to the audience she is battling breast cancer, and she recently completed chemotherapy and will undergo surgery soon.

"I'm just waiting for all that to be over, to get on with it," she told CT Insider in an interview after the award ceremony. "I just want to cook, I just want to create. I just want people to know that Wampanoag people are here, and we're not going anywhere. We're still cooking, we're still moving and grooving and winning James Beard awards."

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LPNs can earn \$25 per hour locally with wages set to increase to \$30 per hour within five years, said Brent LaFaive, dean of nursing and health sciences.

"Anyone who wants to become a nurse in Michigan now has another path to reach that goal," LaFaive said. "North Central is providing students with multiple on-ramps to a nursing career, and our graduates are filling a critical need for nurses regionally and statewide."

The three-semester, cohort-style program was developed in collaboration with regional hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, both of which face historic nurs-



ing shortages exacerbated by COVID-19. A recent survey of 9,150 state-licensed nurses in Michigan revealed 59% of newly trained nurses under age 25 plan to leave the profession in the coming year, many citing staffing shortages and burnout.

"Before COVID-19, demand for practical nurses was reduced because the trend was toward RN and Bachelor of Science in Nursing education," LaFaive said. "During and after the pandemic, demand for nurses has increased across the board, and practical nurses have an opportunity to help offset those shortages."

In addition to its practical and registered nurse programs, the college offers Fast Track career programs leading to industry-specific certifications in a variety of health care concentrations, including medical assistant, phlebotomist, patient care technician and a Certified Nurses Aide program sched-

uled to launch this summer. Programs range in duration from four to 24 weeks and include externship placement.

"A holistic approach to nursing education involves providing students with multiple entry points into their career," said Stephen Strom, vice president of academic affairs. "Students who complete a Fast Track program can return to complete a PN degree when it makes sense for them personally and professionally. With clinical work experience, they can advance to our RN program and continue their educational path as they desire."

Students pursuing PN certification will complete traditional lecture and lab work in North Central's state-of-the-art simulation lab as well as extensive onsite training at the college's 10 clinical locations. The program is limited to 40 students per cohort. Although classes begin January 8, 2024, LaFaive said prospective students should apply to the program soon as there is no waitlist. Additional details and the program application are available at www.ncmich.edu/nursing.

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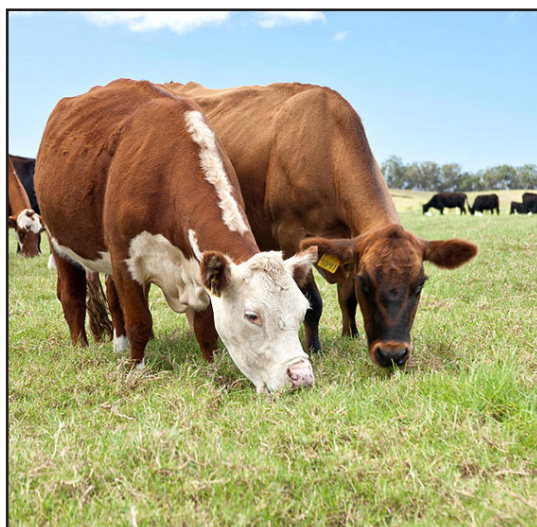
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NEW RESEARCH REVEALS HOW GRAZING MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AFFECT CATTLE WEIGHT GAIN BY ALTERING FORAGING BEHAVIOR



management system.

“Cattle did not have as much freedom to roam and be more selective on what to eat, so they ended up eating what was available in front of them, which was lower quality forages with less protein, and they gained less weight as a result. These behaviors were directly correlated to the average of 14% reduction in steer weight gain in the multi-paddock rotating system compared to the non-rotational continuous system,” explained Augustine.

The study showed herds in the multi-paddock rotating system feeding in more linear pathways instead of moving around looking for greener grass and selecting bites of more digestible vegetation. They also fed slower, spent more time on the same patch of grass, and didn't turn their heads around much while feeding, compared with steers in the continuous grazing system. These behaviors of less selective foraging resulted in a lower diet quality, which led to reduced weight gain during the growing season.

Results, published in *Agriculture, Ecosystems, and Environment*, show large herds grazing in small, homogenous paddocks have little opportunity to move around in ways which let them feed on high quality diet.

The collaborative experiment was conducted at the Central Plains Experimental Range, an ARS Long-term agroecosystem research network site in Colorado.

Augustine and coauthors Sean P. Kearney, Edward J. Raynor, Lauren M. Porensky, and Justin D. Derner, hope this study can help better understand cattle foraging behavior and assist rangeland managers in selecting grazing practices between a traditional continuous system versus a collaborative multi-rotational system.

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Rotational or continuous grazing? Which system allows for more sustainable and profitable free-range livestock production?

Ranchers often rotate cattle seasonally among different pastures on their operations but may allow cattle to graze season-long in a single pasture. Implementing a more intensive rotational system within the growing season — dividing the pasture into smaller areas or paddocks and shifting a herd of animals throughout the season — has been suggested to offer a greater chance for more sustainable grazing management. However, there have been very few experimental studies testing these ideas in extensive grazing systems.

A team of researchers at the USDA's Agricultural Research Service is completing a 10-year study on how grazing practices used in these two systems affect cattle foraging behavior, diet quality and yearly weight gain in semi-arid, extensive rangelands.

The team started by exploring the efficiency of using cattle global positioning system (GPS) tracking collars, combined with activity sensors, to monitor the animals' grazing activities.

“The primary objective of the study was using the sensors to measure the steers' foraging behavior, and relate this to how they are gaining weight,” said David Augustine, a research ecologist with the ARS Rangeland Resources & Systems Research in Colorado.

The collars collected precise data based on the animals' feeding habits per day such as how much time was spent grazing every day, how many steps were taken (grazing speed), the shape of the foraging pathways and how long each animal lowered their head as a sign of eating (representing the length of meals).

Even though the accuracy of the application is still being refined, results showed the technology can inform livestock managers about animal distribution and foraging behaviors of free-ranging cattle in extensive rangelands. Being able to monitor foraging behavior continuously in turn allows managers to make more timely decisions on how, when and where to move cattle within their operation or to sell cattle at optimal times.

The researchers then applied the same technology in a range-scale experiment where steers were either divided into smaller herds in the paddocks of a non-rotational (season-long) grazing system or managed as a single large herd in a multi-paddock rotational system (using a collaborative and adaptive rangeland management approach). The first five years of data showed the rotationally managed cattle gained, on average, 14% less weight than cattle in the season-long

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OATHS OF OFFICE



LTBB Tribal Citizen Melissa Wiatrolik took her oath of office for the LTBB Election Board from LTBB Chief Judge JoAnne Cook on June 8, 2023. Melissa was appointed to a four-year term, ending on May 25, 2027.

Photo courtesy of the LTBB Tribal Court.



LTBB Tribal Citizen Janice Shackleford took her oath of office for the LTBB Elders Commission from LTBB Associate Judge John J. Lemire on May 30, 2023. Janice was in person at the LTBB Tribal Court while Judge Lemire presided over the oath via Zoom. Janice was appointed to a three-year term, ending May 25, 2026. *Photo courtesy of the LTBB Tribal Court.*

July

M I I N G I I Z I S

B E R R Y M O O N

Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntaam-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niiwo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naano-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>						1
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<p>Days of Summer</p>		<p>Independence Day LTBB Governmental Offices Closed</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Elders Commission Meeting 5 pm Ziibimijwang, Inc. Meeting 6 pm</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am Child Welfare Commission Meeting 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Election Board Meeting - Certification of General Election 5 pm</p>	<p>Election Board Meeting 9 am Gaming Authority Work Session 9 am Meeting 10 am Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP Meeting 1 pm</p>
		<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Executive Branch Town Hall Meeting 10 am on Zoom Natural Resources Commission Meeting 6 pm</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am Citizenship Commission Meeting 1 pm Room 312 Tribal Burial Board Work Session 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon</p>	<p>Michigan Indian Family Olympics Shepherd High School 100 E. Hall St. Shepherd, MI 48883</p>	<p>Gaming Authority Work Session 9 am Meeting 10 am Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP Meeting 1 pm</p>
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Thursday	June 29			Non-Certified General Election Results Posted (within 3 days of General Election, on or before Thursday, June 29)
JULY 2023				
Thursday	July 6			Last Date to File Challenge to General Election (within 10 days of General Election, on or before Thursday, July 6)
Friday	July 7	5 - 5:30 pm	CERTIFICATION MEETING	Certification of General Election & Official Results Posted (at least 10 days, and no later than 10 Business days, after the General Election, after Thursday, July 6 and on or before Tuesday, July 11)
Monday	July 17			Campaign Finance Statement Due from all General Election Candidates (within 10 days from Certification of General Election, on or before Monday, July 17)



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Puzzle on page 12.

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Ndaanis	my daughter
Zhishenh	uncle
Zigos	aunt
nshimis	niece
ningnis	nephew
ndawemaa	my sister
missenh	older sister
nwiikaanenh	brother
wiitaawis	cousin
nooshenh	grandchild
mjiikwis	oldest boy in family
mjiikwewis	oldest girl in family
noos	father
gashi	mother
gitziimak	parents

THE ORIGINS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Submitted by **StrongHearts Native Helpline**



If not for the journals of America's first explorers, indigenous people might not have an understanding of the overwhelming feeling of discomfort when in the presence of some non-Native people. As though, we do not matter, as though we are less than they, that they could do to us what they wanted as a person, a family, as a nation of people. But, we do have those journals to reflect on as evidence of the day when indigenous people became a commodity to be trafficked and enslaved for the purpose of sex and labor in both America and Europe.

October 11, 1492, "They should be good servants and intelligent, for I observed that they quickly took in what was said to them, and I believe that they would easily be made Christians." October 14, 1492, "These people are very simple (in) the use of arms ...with fifty men, they can all be subjugated and made to do what is required of them."

American History vs Native History

More than five centuries later, school children learn about "Thanksgiving" and how Native and non-Natives feasted and thrived in friendship when nothing could be farther from the truth. Across the nation, elected state leaders are banning teaching the truth about our history, calling it "critical race theory."

"Our nation was built upon the graves of Indigenous people and upon the backs of minorities," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. "When state legislatures are denying and suppressing the truth about our history, we cannot sufficiently address nor prevent human trafficking. In order to heal from the tragedies of our past, in order to understand the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence, we must face the truth about our nation's history."

Human Trafficking Worldwide

Human traffickers profit at the expense of their victims by forcing them to perform labor or to engage in commercial sex in every region of the United States and around the world. With an estimated 27.6 million victims worldwide at any given time, human traffickers prey on people of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities, exploiting them for their own profit.

Studies on human trafficking are few and far between, especially those related to Native people. In a Minnesota based study on sex trafficking, "Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota," 105 Native women who were trafficked participated in a survey about the tragedy of their own experiences.

Native women, children and two-spirit people were found to be victimized with more frequency - noting most traffickers were non-Native who targeted those most vulnerable to being poverty stricken and homeless.

Normalization of Selling Sex

Jessica Smith, a victim-survivor turned advocate, knows what it means to be trafficked both as a child and as an adult. And, she knows the only way to help these victims is to get them off the streets and into stable housing.

"As children, we see our Mothers being trafficked and we look up to them (as role models)," Smith said and explained there is a connection between intergenerational trauma and human trafficking. "I saw generations of it and thought it was normal."

Smith added, "It's important for people to understand that sex trafficking is perpetrated by people outside of our (Native) communities. Whether it's domestic violence, rape, murder, prostitution or sex trafficking, the vast majority of perpetrators against Native women and children are not Native men," said Smith. "We found that to be true in the Garden of Truth."

Perpetrators and Their Victims

Native victim survivors readily identified perpetrators as primarily white men followed by African American men and to a much lesser degree by Native men. Sex traffickers use common tactics which include trickery and coercion as well as emotional, physical and sexual abuse.

Vulnerabilities to human trafficking include:

- An unstable living situation.
- Previous experience with other forms of violence (sexual/domestic).
- Identified as a runaway and/or involved in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems.
- Poverty and/or economic need.
- Addiction to drugs and/or alcohol (often introduced by traffickers).
- Substance abuse by a caregiver or family member.

Vulnerability among Native women surveyed:

- 99% were currently or previously homeless.
- 92% had been raped and wanted to escape prostitution.
- 84% had been physically assaulted in prostitution.
- 79% had been sexually abused as children by an average of four perpetrators.
- 72% suffered traumatic brain injuries in prostitution.
- 71% had symptoms of dissociation.
- 52% had posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a rate equal to combat veterans.

As a survivor and advocate, Smith concluded survivor led advocacy is key to prevention. "We need (advocates) to understand that we were raped, beaten, and made to sell our bodies. (That) we did not choose this life. It was chosen for us."

StrongHearts Understands

At StrongHearts Native Helpline, we understand. We recognize the importance of education and we strive to identify and expose the roots of human trafficking. We acknowledge it began with colonization and continues primarily at the hands of non-Natives. Ours is the story of all indigenous peoples - a story about survival and resilience and a story which must conclude with truth, reparation and reconciliation.

StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 and offer:

- Information and education about domestic violence and sexual violence.
- Personalized safety planning.
- Crisis intervention.
- Referrals to Native-centered domestic violence and sexual violence service providers.
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- General information about jurisdiction and legal advocacy referrals.

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Human Trafficking Hotline

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

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| • Divorce | • Wills |
| • Child Custody | • Deeds |
| • Child Support | • Health Care Directives |
| | • Powers of Attorney |
| ❖ Consumer | ❖ Probate |
| • Debt Collection | • Estate Administration |
| ❖ Indian Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act | ❖ Landlord/Tenant |
| | • Evictions |
| | • Tenant Rights |
| ❖ Setting Aside Conviction/s | ❖ Personal Safety |
| ❖ Driver License Restoration | • Personal Protection Orders (PPO) |
| | • Abuse/Neglect of Adults |

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10-MILE RADIUS OF CHACO REGION TO BE PROTECTED



By Kalle Benallie

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

Future leasing and mining claims around a 10-mile radius of Chaco Culture National Historical Park in northwestern New Mexico will now be prevented and more than 4,700 known archaeological sites will be protected.

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, issued a public land order on Friday (June 2, 2023) which withdraws public lands and federal mineral estate for 20 years. The announcement comes nearly two years after President Joe Biden's promise to take action to protect Chaco at the White House Tribal Nations Summit in 2021.

However, the withdrawal does not affect valid existing leases and does not apply to minerals owned by private, state or tribal entities, according to a news release. Production from existing wells can continue, additional wells can be drilled on existing leases and Navajo Nation allottees can continue to lease their minerals.

Haaland said Chaco Canyon is a sacred place for indigenous people and Biden's action shows his commitment to Indian country.

"Efforts to protect the Chaco landscape have been ongoing for decades, as tribal communities have raised concerns about the impacts that new development would have on areas of deep cultural connection," she said in a statement. "I value and appreciate the many tribal leaders, elected officials, and stakeholders who have persisted in their work to conserve this special area."

The Bureau of Land Management undertook the assessment of the proposal withdrawal in 2022 where they received more than 110,000 verbal and written comments for their public outreach and review period. There were two in-person public meetings during a 30-day review period of the environmental assessment and 24 tribal nations were consulted on the proposal. Department leadership and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) also met with Navajo

allotment holders several times, according to a news release.

"The exceptional landscape in the Greater Chaco region has profound cultural importance," Bureau of Land Management Director Tracy Stone-Manning said in a statement. "Today's announcement marks an important step in ensuring Indigenous voices help inform the management of our public lands. I am deeply appreciative of those who gave of their time to engage with us, and to the BLM team members who took great care to be as inclusive as possible in their engagement."

The All Pueblo Council of Governors, representing 19 tribes in New Mexico, released a news release expressing their gratitude for the withdrawal. They have consistently called for the withdrawal of federal lands which also preserve development rights for Indian tribes and tribal allottees.

Laguna Pueblo Governor Wilfred Herrera, Jr. said Haaland's action sets a precedent by the federal government.

"It would not have been possible without the hard work, advocacy, dedication, and compromise of the Tribes and stakeholders. This formal action enables and empowers Tribes to preserve their past and current connections in a new era of land stewardship for today and for future generations," Herrera said.

On Friday (June 2, 2023), Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren and Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley expressed disappointment in the decision.

"The Navajo Nation attempted to compromise by proposing a 5-mile buffer as opposed to the 10-mile," Curley said. "The Biden Administration has undermined the position of the Navajo Nation with today's action and impacted the livelihood of thousands of Navajo allotment owners and their families."

New Mexico's congressional delegation reintroduced legislation last month which would formalize the same buffer around the park.

In March, Biden named Avi Kwa Ame in Nevada a national monument. That space is sacred to many tribes in that area. In 2021, he restored the boundaries for Bears Ears National Monument in Utah.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Kalle Benallie, Navajo, is a reporter-producer at *ICT's* Phoenix bureau. Follow her on Twitter @kallebenallie or e-mail her at kalle@ictnews.org.

Courtesy photo.

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)

EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION

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

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

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.

SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

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

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STUDENT DEMANDS JUSTICE AFTER SCHOOL TARGETS HER EAGLE PLUME AT OKLAHOMA GRADUATION CEREMONY



High school graduate Lena' Black, an enrolled member of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe and of Osage descent, filed a lawsuit on May 15, 2023 against the Broken Arrow School District for violating her rights to free exercise of religion and freedom of speech. Black seeks restitution for emotional distress caused when school officials singled her out and attempted to take her sacred eagle plume by force, damaging the plume which she received in ceremony when she was three years old.

"My eagle plume has been part of my cultural and spiritual practices since I was three years old. I wore this plume on graduation day in recognition of my academic achievement and to carry the prayers of my Otoe-Missouria community with me," said Lena' Black.

"The law protects my right to wear this eagle plume at my graduation, and school officials had no authority to forcibly remove it from my cap."

Governor J. Kevin Stitt recently vetoed Oklahoma Senate Bill 429, passed by the state legislature with near unanimous bipartisan support to prohibit discriminatory graduation dress codes. The bill would have reaffirmed the rights of Native American students like Black to wear tribal regalia at graduations, a critical protection in the state with the second highest concentration of American Indians. Following his veto, Governor Stitt suggested this issue should instead be resolved at the district level.

Black is represented by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and Pipestem Law, P.C.

"We will hold the Broken Arrow School District accountable for its discriminatory actions," said NARF Staff Attorney Morgan Saunders. "The Broken Arrow School District violated Ms. Black's rights despite existing laws that should have ensured she was able to wear her eagle plume without incident."

"This lawsuit demonstrates why these decisions cannot be left up to individual school districts," said Pipestem Law Partner Wilson Pipestem. "Without clarity from the State, Native students will continue to be forced to seek justice in the courts after their rights have been violated and their graduation ceremonies are long since over."

"I filed this lawsuit to ensure everyone understands the importance of items like my eagle plume, and to prevent schools from targeting Native students like me in the future. No student should face ignorance and discrimination in their school or their community," said Black.

While traditions vary, members of many tribal nations wear specific clothing or objects like eagle plumes at graduation ceremonies to signify their academic achievement and in recognition of their spiritual and religious beliefs. Schools, school district leaders, educators, parents, students and allies can learn more about creating inclusive graduation ceremonies and positive change at <https://narf.org/cases/graduation/>.

Courtesy photo.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle,
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023
In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.
Opening ceremony: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley
Closed Session:
Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor
Absent: Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Legislative Administrative Assistant Marin Taylor, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz, General Counsel Jim Bransky
Corporate Charters Present: Gaming Authority Vice-Chairperson Denise Petoskey

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Gijigowi Language Department Administrative Assistant Theresa Keshick, Office of the Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill, Accounting Department Controller Cheryl Kishigo, Education's WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis

Judicial Officials and Staff: None
Public: Ricky Compo, Carla Osawamick, Renee Wasson Dillard, Patrick Anthony, Marvin Mulholland, Douglas Wemigwase, Janice Shackelford, Mindi Ortiz, Melissa Shomin
Invited Guest: Odawa Casino Resort's General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Human Resources Andrea Shanaquet, Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor, Staff Accountant Debbie Provost, and GSP Online Gaming Primary Executive Official Matt Stemkoski

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt the agenda of May 11, 2023 as presented.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
Review and Approve Minutes of April 20, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the minutes of April 20, 2023 as presented.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
Review and Approve Minutes of April 20, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the minutes of April 20, 2023 as presented.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
Executive Oversight Report:
Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley
Executive Staff working on materials for this Saturday, May 13, 2023 Community Meeting.

Received correspondence from Bishop Walsh stating the Celebration at the Cross in the Woods Catholic Shrine of Indian River has been cancelled.
-Eric Hemenway, Repatriation and Archives Director, has been assigned to pick up the list of all students who attended the Holy Childhood of Jesus School.
A meeting between Little Traverse Bay Bands and the Sisters of Notre Dame, USA will be scheduled.

U.S. Senator for Michigan Gary Peters is on the federal Appropriations Committee and he contacted the tribe to ascertain what type of funding the

tribe would like to see.

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

Indian Town (Second Street) construction is moving along

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley for May 11, 2023.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to appoint Kerstine Ome to the Bay Mills Board of Regents replacing former Education Director Jordan Shanaquet.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Legislative Leader Report:
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor's verbal report for May 11, 2023.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Secretary Report:
Documents Delivered to the Executive:
-Waganakising Odawak Statute Constitutionally Mandated Compensation – Tribal Chairperson and Tribal Vice-Chairperson due back on 05/22/2023

-Waganakising Odawak Statute Constitutionally Mandated Compensation – Tribal Council due back on 05/22/2023
Documents signed by the Executive:
-Tribal Resolution # 042023-01 Authorization of the COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program that allows a seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) payment to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Citizens to come from American Rescue Plan Act ("ARP") funds -signed on 04/21/2023

-Tribal Resolution # 042023-02 Appropriation of Funds for the 2024 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets -signed on 04/24/2023
-Waganakising Odawak Statute # 2023-002 Citizenship Statute -signed on 05/01/2023
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

05/01/2023 Motion to approve Confidential Memo 050123-01 Personnel.
Phone Poll Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes' verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor for May 11, 2023.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Treasurer Report:
Appropriations and Finance Committee
Last Meeting: April 11, 2023
Motions made at April 11, 2023 Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council at their April 20, 2023 meeting.
Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: Two

05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.
05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the Administration for Children and

05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.
05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.
05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

July 11 Work Session
July 13 Council Meeting
July 25 Work Session
July 27 Council Meeting

August 8 Work Session
August 10 Council Meeting
August 22 Work Session
August 24 Council Meeting

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

Legislative

Tribal Council Members

Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader
Marcella Reyes, Secretary
Leroy Shomin, Treasurer
Tamara Munson, Councilor
Aaron Otto, Councilor
Melissa Pamp, Councilor
Fred Kiogima, Councilor
William Ortiz, Councilor
James Pontiac, Councilor

Families (ACF) Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Home Visiting Grant Program FY 2023-2027
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor for May 11, 2023.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Land and Reservation Committee Report:
Last Meeting: May 5, 2023
Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting:
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to request a Staff Review and Analysis Report for Land Parcel #181 to be completed and submitted to the Committee prior to June 2, 2023.
Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to request a Staff Review and Analysis Report for Land Parcel #182 to be completed and submitted to the Committee prior to June 2, 2023.
Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to request a Staff Review and Analysis Report for Land Parcel #183 to be completed and submitted to the Committee prior to June 2, 2023.
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 #184.
Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to **not** pursue Land Parcel #185.
Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to request a Staff Review and Analysis Report for Land Parcel #186 to be completed and submitted to the Committee prior to June 2, 2023.
Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to request a Staff Review and Analysis Report for Land Parcel #187 to be completed and submitted to the Committee prior to June 2, 2023.
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 #179.
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 approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-01 Designate Land Use of Bay de Noc Parcel and Assignment to Natural Resource Department.
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 approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-02 Designate Land Use of Stone Circle on Beaver Island land parcel and Assignment to Tribal Historic Preservation Office for the purpose of cultural preservation.
Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-03 Designate Land use of Townline Road parcel and Assignment to Natural Resources for the purpose of Treaty Rights Enhancement.
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 approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-04 Approval of Site Plan for the Development of Tiny Homes at Monroe Street, Petoskey, Michigan.
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 approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-05 Designate Land use of Valley Road parcel and Assignment to Natural Resources for the purpose of Treaty Rights Enhancement.
Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None
Next Meeting: June 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Chairperson for May 11, 2023.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Member Reports:
Councilor Fred Kiogima – Attended the Second Street ribbon cutting ceremony, the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC) meeting on May 5, 2023, and the Tribal Primary Election vote certification. Would like to have seen more citizens show up to see election results including leadership.
Councilor Tamara Kiogima – No report
Councilor William Ortiz – Requesting a closed session for Confidential Legal Business.
Councilor Aaron Otto – Reviewing the Tribal Code with intent to look for pronoun language used in law.
Councilor Melissa Pamp – Met with Office of the Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill in regards to the Domestic Violence Statute. Will be virtually attending the Bureau of Indian Affairs Missing and Murdered Unit (MMU) Webinar on May 31, 2023. Will be giving testimony on June 6-7, 2023 in Minneapolis, Minnesota for Not Invisible Act Commission (NIAC) National Hearing. Will be attending Native Organizers Alliance Training on June 11-17, 2023- Seattle, Washington.
Councilor James Pontiac – Absent

05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

05/10/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023
Phone Poll Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent Motion carries.

Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – No additional report
Secretary Marcella Reyes – Absent
Treasurer Leroy Shomin – Absent
10:14 a.m. Break

10:24 a.m. Meeting resumes
10:26 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal Business.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

10:51 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to return to Open Session.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Aaron Otto, and Councilor Melissa Pamp's verbal reports for May 11, 2023.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Aaron Otto, and Councilor Melissa Pamp's verbal reports for May 11, 2023.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Discussion: Gaming Authority-Odawa Casino Resort 2023 1st Quarter Report
Public Comment:
11:54 a.m. Opens
Melissa Shomin thanked the Tribal Councilors who voted for the Citizenship Statute and the Tribal Chairperson for signing it.

11:58 a.m. Closed
Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort quarterly report continues.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 2023 1st Quarter Report as presented by Denise Petoskey Vice-Chair for May 11, 2023.
Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

12:18 p.m. Lunch break
1:00 p.m. Meeting resumes
Discussion: Odawa GSP Online 2023 1st Quarter Report
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Odawa GSP Online 2023 1st Quarter Report as presented by Primary Executive Official Matt Stemkoski for May 11, 2023.
Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 4 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Legislative Office Reports:
Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst
Office Update
Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:
Gaming Authority – See Odawa Casino Resort at 11:00 a.m. and Odawa GSP Online 2023 1st Quarter Report at 1:00 p.m.
Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – No report
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. – No report
Tribal Burial Board – No report
Ziibimijwang, Inc. – No report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for May 11, 2023.
Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 4 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort independent audit report as provided by BDO, USA LLP dated "Minutes" continued on page 28.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort independent audit report as provided by BDO, USA LLP dated "Minutes" continued on page 28.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort independent audit report as provided by BDO, USA LLP dated "Minutes" continued on page 28.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort independent audit report as provided by BDO, USA LLP dated "Minutes" continued on page 28.

"Minutes" continued from page 27.

April 18, 2023.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 4 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

– No report

General Counsel

1:43 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 4 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

2:04 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to return to Open Session.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 4 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for May 11, 2023.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 4 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the City of Harbor Springs to govern provision of City water, sewer and electric services to Tribal trust property on Second Street Harbor Springs, and authorize Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley to sign the agreement on behalf of Little Traverse Bay Bands.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 4 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt Tribal Resolution Water, Sewer and Electric Services to Second Street Indian Town Development.

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 – Absent, Treasurer Leroy Shomin – Absent, Secretary Marcella Reyes – Absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – Yes

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve The Fire Protection Services Agreement Between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and City of Harbor Springs and Authorize the Chairperson to sign on Behalf of the Tribe.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 4 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Legislative Office Director

2:19 p.m. Councilor Tamara Munson arrives

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for May 11, 2023.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

2:21 p.m. Break

2:33 p.m. Meeting resumes

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Melissa Wiatrolik to the Election Board and set up an interview.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Melissa Wiatrolik to the Tribal Burial Board

and set up an interview.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Carla Osawamick to the Election Board and set up an interview.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to appoint Wenona Singel to the Appellate Justice for the remainder of a term ending 12/21/2026.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to re-appoint Annette VanDeCar appointment to Tribal Burial Board Inc. for a 3-year term ending 5/11/2026.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Wilson Brott for Assistant Prosecutor and set up an interview.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Sydney Kay for the Child Welfare Commission and set up an interview.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Janice Shackleford for the Elder's Commission and set up an interview.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Joanne Cook for Chief Judge and set up an interview.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Tribal Council attendance to the Annual Native Nations Events 4-in-1 conference from June 6-9, 2023 at Pechanga Resort and Casino in Temecula, California.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to **not** pursue Land Parcel #179 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to **not** pursue Land Parcel #183 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to **not** pursue Land Parcel #184 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to **not** pursue Land Par-

cel #185 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-01 Designate Land Use of Nahma Parcel and Assignment to Natural Resource Department.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-02 Designate and Assign Peaine Township, Michigan Property to the Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-03 Designate and Assign Land Use of Townline Road, Harbor Springs Michigan to Natural Resources Department.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-04 Approval of Site Plan for the Development of Tiny Homes at Monroe Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-05 Designate and Assign Valley Road Property, Levering, Michigan to Natural Resources Department.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-06 Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security, Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2023.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-07 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Home Visiting Grant Program FY 2023-2027.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 051123-07 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Home Visiting Grant Program FY 2023-2027.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Public Comment

3:02 p.m. Opens

Amanda Swiss commented the Planning Department is looking for recommendations for naming housing development and the road into the Second Street housing. Submissions can be emailed to the Planning Department.

3:04 p.m. Closes

Other Items of Business: None

Adjournment:

3:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn.

Next Scheduled Meeting May 25, 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
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle,
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tribal Council
Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2023**

In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: **9:10 a.m.**

Opening ceremony: Councilor Fred Kiogima

Closed Session: No

Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes

Absent: Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Legislative Administrative Assistant Marin Taylor, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz,

Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Executive Director Shanna Shananaquet and Administrative Assistant Nichlos Peltier; Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Board of Directors Secretary Jeremy Steele, Ziibimijwang, Inc. Executive Director Mary Donner, Ziibimijwang Inc. Chairperson Kevin Gasco, Ziibimijwang Inc. Vice Chairperson Rosebud Bear Schneider, Ziibimijwang Inc. Treasurer Maanii Tall Cloud, Ziibimijwang Inc. Board Member Netawn Kiogima

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Vice Chair Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Office of the Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis, Natural Resources Department Fisheries Resource Technician Travis Taylor, Enrollment Department Administrative Assistant/Genealogist Lindsey Doerfler, Health Department IT Manager Shane Bouton, Department of Commerce Economic Recovery Coordinator Nathan Burns, Department of Commerce Director Hayden Hooper, Education's WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss and Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Education's Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepf, GIS Director Alan Proctor, Chief of Law Enforcement Terry McDonnell, Regulatory Lead Gaming Inspector Blayne Bott, Human Services Department Generalist Melanie Gasco, Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator David Thom, Jr., Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Great Lakes Fisheries Program Manager Kevin Donner

Judicial Officials and Staff:
Public: Patrick Anthony, Ricky Compo, Melissa Shomin, Renee Dillard

Invited Guest:
Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt the agenda of May 25, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Meeting Dedication
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen(s) who have walked on:

Moses Bernard, Jr.-ba, Ronald Boda II-ba, William Denemy-ba, Helene Esker-ba, Dorothy Gasco-ba, Geneva Liebenberg-ba, Ronald Willis, Jr.-ba

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of May 11, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the minutes of May 11, 2023 as presented.

Executive Oversight Report:
Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley

Met with the Sisters of Notre Dame on Wednesday regarding the Holy Childhood of Jesus School.

-A list of attendees will be released to Repatriation and Archives Director Eric Hemenway

-School records are in possession of the Diocese of Gaylord.

The 7500 Odawa Circle Administration Building will close at 1:30 p.m. on

Friday, May 26, 2023 for a water main repair.

A Tribal Citizen expressed appreciation for the Office of Citizens Legal Services

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

Second Street "Indian Town" construction update

The COVID Relief Payment is going well.

The Elders Department will increase field trips and enjoyable activities

Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

Thanked Heather Schuyler and all staff who made the Annual Community Meeting successful.

COVID emergency status will end on June 3, 2023

Author Angeline Bouley will be presenting her new book titled *Warrior Girl Unearthed* at Odawa Casino Resort's Ovation Hall on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

The GIS Department has new software to use remote drones without cellular service.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley for May 25, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

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

Travis Taylor, Fisheries Research Technician -Natural Resources

Lindsay Doerfler, Administrative Assistant/Genealogist (transfer) - Enrollment

Shane Bouton, Health IT Manager – Health

Nathan Burns, Economic Recovery Coordinator -Department of Commerce

Natural Resources Youth Conservation Corp Workers will introduce themselves at a future Tribal Council Meeting as all are attending school.

Cameron Boda

McKenzie Boda

Waasmowin Craven

Wiigwaas Craven

Christopher Hinmon

Tegan Shalifoe

Tikibiinhs Teuthorn

Maya Worthington

Legislative Leader Report – No report

Secretary Report:

Documents Delivered to the Executive

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

Waganakising Odawak Statute Constitutionally Mandated Compensation – Tribal Council was delivered to the Executive for signature on 04/21/2023 and was **VETOED** on May 19, 2023.

Waganakising Odawak Statute Constitutionally Mandated Compensation – Tribal Chair and Vice Chair was delivered to the Executive for signature on 04/21/2023 and was **VETOED** on May 19, 2023.

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: One

05/22/23 Motion to approve the contract with Nicholas Deleary DIAMACPRCA Consultant for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office and authorize Legislative Leader to sign the contract.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

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 May 25, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Treasurer Report:

Appropriations and Finance Committee

Last Meeting: May 16, 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 # 052523-01 Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program: Formula Grants for Planning.
Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 –

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“Minutes” continued from page 28.

Absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-02 Request to Accept Funding Increases from the Bureau of Indian Affairs FY 2023 CTGP and Law Enforcement P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreements.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-03 Request for Funding from US Fish & Wildlife Service, Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) FY 2023.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-04 Request for Funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Strengthening Public Health Systems & Services Grant Program FY 2023.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-05 Request for Funding from Indian Health Service, Prescription Produce Pilot Program FY 2023.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-06 Request for Funding from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Tribal Victim Services FY 2024.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution To utilize of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) Funds in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One (\$15,691.00) for the purpose of COVID-19 Mitigation through increases in Tribal Council technology applications.

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

Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding for the Elders program for Food and Utility Allowance in the amount of \$272,500 for FY 2023.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION #052523-07 Ziibimijwang, Inc. Request for Funding through the Native American Agriculture Fund.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to table the approval of Victories Square Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Building 4, LLC move forward with closing on the low-income housing tax credit award received from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to be facilitated by Hunt Capital Partners.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to post the Auditor Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2023 – 2025.

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

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: One

05/19/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$600,000 to complete two additional townhouses at Indian Town Housing Development.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chairperson for May 25, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Land and Reservation Committee Report:

Last Meeting: May 5, 2023
Motions made at the May 5, 2023 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council at their May 11, 2023 meeting.

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None

Next Meeting: June 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Chairperson for May 25, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

9:45 a.m. Break

10:01 a.m. Meeting resumes

Discussion: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation 2023 1st Quarter Report

Motion made by Councilor James Pontiac and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation 2023 1st Quarter Report as presented by...for May 25, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation 2022 Audit Report as provided by Midwest Professionals, P.L.L.C. dated May 17, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Member Reports:
Councilor Fred Kiogima – Attended the Little Traverse Bay Bands Annual Community Meeting on May 13, 2023.

Councilor Tamara Munson – No report

Councilor William Ortiz – Met and toured Odawa Casino Resort properties with Zeke Cooper of Dream Catcher Hotels, the Gaming Authority and Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Ron Olson; Attended the Gaming Authority Meeting; Met with Health Department Director Jody Werner and Behavioral Health Manager Randall Koch in regards to Transitional Housing. Future meeting dates will be scheduled and would like more attendance from Tribal Council.

Councilor Aaron Otto – Was asked to sit on My Oasis Center Advisory Board, currently their website information includes his title as a Tribal Councilor, getting that removed as it is separate from his official capacity.

Councilor Melissa Pamp – Attended the Little Traverse Bay Bands Annual Community Meeting on May 13, 2023. Met with Health Department Director Jody Werner and Behavioral Health Manager Randall Koch in regards to Transitional Housing.

Councilor James Pontiac – Attended the Little Traverse Bay Bands Annual Community Meeting on May 13, 2023. Travel report on attendance of SBC Summit North America.

Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – Absent

Secretary Marcella Reyes – Travel report on attendance of SBC Summit North America. Accepted as a trustee for Harbor Springs Historical Society and participation with the Blessing of the Fleets.

Treasurer Leroy Shomin – No additional report

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac, and Secretary Marcella Reyes’ verbal and/or written reports for May 25, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

10:43 a.m. Break

11:05 a.m. Meeting resumes

Legislative Office Reports:
Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst

Office Update:
Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority – April 2023 Status Report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – See **10:00 a.m.** for 2023 1st Quarter Report and 2022 Audit Report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.: 2022 Audit Report

Tribal Burial Board: 2022 Audit Report

Ziibimijwang, Inc.: **2:00 p.m.** discussion on Minogin Market to include Safety and

Emergency Management Coordinator David Thom Jr.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for May 25, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the written Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort April 2023 Status Report dated May 19, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. 2022 Audit, pending receipt of Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. affiliate companies.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Burial Board, Inc. Independent Audit Report as provided by Midwest Professionals, P.L.L.C. dated May 17, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik’s written report for May 25, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

General Counsel – No report

Legislative Office Director

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount’s verbal and written report for May 25, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Public Comment:

11:44 a.m. Opens
Melissa Shomin spoke regarding Community Meeting live stream being more accessible; the Executive veto regarding how it is affecting funding.

Shari Temple spoke regarding UNITY Program and what is currently available for our teen youth now?

11:48 a.m. Closed

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-01 Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program: Formula Grants for Planning.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-02 Request to Accept Funding Increases from the Bureau of Indian Affairs FY 2023 CTGP and Law Enforcement P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreements.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor

Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-03 Request for Funding from US Fish & Wildlife Service, Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) FY 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-04 Request for Funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Strengthening Public Health Systems & Services Grant Program FY 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-05 Request for Funding from Indian Health Service, Prescription Produce Pilot Program FY 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-06 Request for Funding from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Tribal Victim Services FY 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 052523-07 Ziibimijwang Inc. Request for Funding through the Native American Agriculture Fund.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to approve Auditor RFP FY 2023-2025.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated May 17, 2023 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Nicholas Foltz to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Board of Directors and set up an interview.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to re-appoint Melissa Pamp to re-appoint Melissa Wiatrolik to Tribal Burial Board, Inc. for a 4-year term ending 5/25/2027.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to appoint Melissa Wiatrolik to Election Board for a 4-year term ending 5/25/2027.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to re-appoint Carla Osawamick to Election Board for a 4-year term ending 5/25/2027.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to appoint Janice Shackelford to Elder’s Commission for a

3-year term ending 5/25/2026.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 2 – Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to appoint Wilson Brott as Assistant Prosecutor for a 2-year term ending 5/25/2025.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Tamara Munson), 1 – Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to appoint Joanne Cook as Chief Judge for a 4-year term starting January 7, 2024 and ending January 7, 2028.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

12:07 p.m. Lunch break

1:35 p.m. Meeting resumes, Councilor Tamara Munson absent

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding for Elders program for Food and Utility Allowance in the amount of \$272,500 for FY 2023 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

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 – Yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to adopt Tribal Resolution To utilize of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) Funds in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One (\$15,691.00) for the purpose of COVID-19 Mitigation through increases in Tribal Council technology applications.

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 – Yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$600,000 to complete two additional townhouses at Indian Town Housing Development.

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 – Yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – Absent

Motion carries.

Discussion: Minogin Market

Public Comment:

Opens 2:53 p.m.
No public comment

Closes 2:54 p.m.

Other Items of Business:

Adjournment:

2:55 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported Councilor James Pontiac to adjourn.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor)

Next Scheduled Meeting:

June 8, 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

SCIENTISTS USE GENE-EDITING TECHNOLOGY TO PRODUCE FIRST CALF RESISTANT TO MAJOR VIRAL DISEASE

Scientists have collaborated to produce the first gene-edited calf with resistance to bovine viral diarrhoea virus (BVDV), a virus which costs the U.S. cattle sector billions of dollars annually.

The recent study published in *PNAS Nexus* results from a collaboration between the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), the University of Kentucky and industry partners, Acceligen and Recombinetics, Inc.

BVDV is one of the most significant viruses affecting the health and well-being of cattle worldwide, and researchers have been studying it since the 1940s when it was first recognized. This virus does not affect humans but is highly contagious among cattle and can cause severe respiratory and intestinal diseases. BVDV can be disastrous to pregnant cows because it can infect developing calves, causing spontaneous abortions and low birth rates. Some infected calves survive to birth and remain infected for life, shedding massive amounts of virus to other cattle. Despite more than 50 years of vaccine availability, controlling BVDV disease remains a problem since vaccines are not always effective in stopping transmission.

However, over the past 20 years, the scientific community discovered the main cellular receptor (CD46) and the area where the virus binds to the receptor, causing infection in cows. Scientists modified the virus binding site in this recent study to block infection.

Aspen Workman, lead author and researcher at ARS' U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC) in Clay Center, Nebraska, said, "Our objective was to use gene-editing technology to slightly alter CD46, so it wouldn't bind the virus yet would retain all its normal bovine functions."

The scientists first tested this idea in cell culture. After seeing promising outcomes in the laboratory, Acceligen edited cattle skin cells to develop embryos carrying the altered gene. These



embryos were transplanted into surrogate cows to test whether this approach might also reduce virus infection in live animals.

It worked, and the first CD46 gene-edited calf, named Ginger, was born healthy on July 19, 2021. The calf was observed for several months and then later challenged with the virus to determine if she could become infected. She was housed for a week with a BVDV-infected dairy calf which was born shedding virus. Ginger's cells displayed significantly reduced susceptibility to BVDV, which resulted in no observable adverse health effects.

The scientists will continue to closely observe Ginger's health and ability to produce and raise her own calves.

This proof-of-concept study demonstrates the possibility of reducing the burden of BVDV-associated diseases in cattle by gene editing. The edited calf also represents another potential opportunity to lessen the need for antibiotics in agriculture since BVDV infection also puts calves at risk for secondary bacterial diseases. This promising trait is still in the research phase and no associated beef is entering the U.S. food supply at this time.

Courtesy photo.

A PURRR-FECT USE FOR SOY WASTE?

Scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are *building a better mouse trap* when it comes to cat litter. And in the process, they hope to *kill two birds with one stone*.

Cliches aside, the scientists' efforts are part of a broader effort at the ARS National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, IL, to develop new, value-added markets for U.S. crops and the waste generated from their harvest and processing.

In this instance, they've opened the door to a new commercial use for soybean hulls and other agricultural wastes which could yield a new, biodegradable litter which cuts down on the dust and the smell of cat urine when the felines tidy up after themselves. Backlighting this prospect is the nearly \$11 billion world cat litter market (2021) and yearly U.S. waste generation of more than 80 million pounds of soy hulls (2018) whose current primary use is in livestock feed.

Steve Vaughn, a plant physiologist with the ARS center's Functional Foods Research Unit, said the team began researching biobased cat litter formulations after learning of pet owner interest in alternatives to sodium bentonite, an absorbent swelling clay used in traditional clumping litters.



Initially, the team examined an alternative ingredient waste byproduct of corn-ethanol production, called "dried distillers' grains with solubles" (DDGS). However, the scientists later found flakes made from Eastern red cedar worked better, including when some of them were turned into a porous, charcoal-like substance called biochar, which absorbs MMB (3-mercaptopropano-1-ol), the chief odor-producing compound in cat urine.

Now, the team has improved its litter formulation yet again. This time, the researchers used a starch-based ingredient with antimicrobial properties called amylose inclusion complex (AIC) and discarded soybean hulls — processed into both one-millimeter particles and as biochar. Two other ingredients, guar gum and mineral oil, were also added to ensure proper clumping and minimal dust emission such as when litter is

poured into a box, disposed or kicked up by cats after relieving themselves.

In 2020 tests, the red cedar-based formulation eliminated all traces of MMB in air samples and cut the release of dust particles by 60% compared to traditional litters containing sodium bentonite clay.

The latest tests, published in a 2023 issue of *Bioresource Technology Reports*, showed the soybean hull-based formulation similarly reduced dust and odor and worked as well or better than four commercial biobased litters, including in categories such as absorbency. Another feature which separated the soy-hull formulation from most of the other litters tested was its ability to tamp down the growth of certain molds and bacteria, which the researchers attribute to the AIC. Future tests will evaluate its potential to inhibit the protozoan parasite *Toxoplasma gondii*, which can infect humans, cats and other animals.

Vaughn welcomed collaboration with private industry and said exploring cat litter formulations made from a variety of agricultural wastes gives potential manufacturers greater flexibility in the face of crop threats like disease or pests, infrastructure issues or distribution considerations, for example.

Courtesy photo.

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 Terrie Tylerba

Friday, July 28
Waabini Manidoowin (Sunrise Ceremony)

Saturday, July 29
Waabini Manidoowin (Sunrise Ceremony)

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

Tear down, stack tables and chairs

Think Recycle, Bring your feast bundles, Tribal Flags

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Call to register so we can prepare the meals accordingly.

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IRS | 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.

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Congratulations Class of 2023



Congratulations **Jack Clancy!!!** We are proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma Bowers & Grandma Clancy.



football field, in the gym, on the wrestling mat or out fishing in the lake. Congratulations to our son Kenny as he goes directly into his career for construction and masonry!



Waasmowin M. Craven graduated from Pellston High School on June 2, 2023. He will be attending Western Michigan University in the fall.



Congratulations to **Jacob Wyatt Willis**, who graduated from Pellston High School on June 2, 2023. He was this year's valedictorian and senior class president. During high school, Jacob was a member of the National Honors Society, captain and drive team captain of his robotics team and played varsity baseball. Jacob will be attending Michigan Tech University in the fall, majoring in Mechanical Engineering Technology. We are so incredibly proud of all your achievements. Love, Mom, Dad, and Breanna!

We are so excited to announce our son, **Kenneth William Levi Roberts**, is a 2023 Petoskey High School graduate! He is the grandson to Ken and Mary Roberts, Melody and the late William Bradley, and the late Levi McClellan, Sr. of Charlevoix, MI. From the moment he entered the world, he has been a great addition to our family. Although he appears shy, a few other things we love about him is the great confidence in his own ability, a strong sense of self-worth, and he has patience like no other. He is truer than true and a great source to our laughter. We have many great memories of watching Kenny in his element, whether it be on the



Trevor Swiss, congratulations on all your accomplishments! We love you and are so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.



Keira Perry, daughter of Keith and Davi Perry of Wolverine, MI, with impressive work and effort, will graduate with the Class of 2023, achieving this through our homeschool community and dedicated effort.



Congratulations to **Duncan Mishiiki Thomas**, who graduated on June 4, 2023 with the Class of 2023 at Charlevoix High School.



On June 4, 2023, **Jimaganish Howard Martell** graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School. Jimaganish is the grandson of Jane and Howard Martell. His parents are Carrie Heron and Raymond Martell. His family is so very proud of him and his accomplishments. Our best wishes for his future. *Photo by Phil Hutchinson.*

Congratulations Class of 2023



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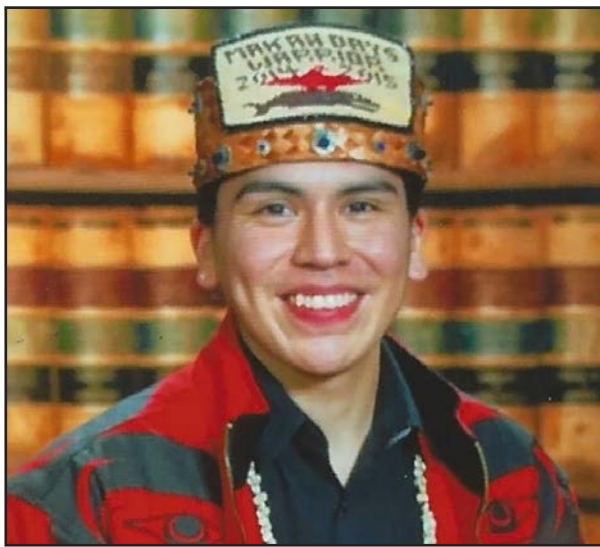
Congratulations to **Auston Gerald Jimmicum**, who earned his Juris Doctorate with an emphasis in Native American Law from the University of Idaho.

sets in building trades that set you up for a career should you choose to. You did it!!! There are so many opportunities, the choice is yours! Graduation is just one of many milestones! Now on to the next ☺!

♥ Your Fam!

Isabella (Izzy) Portman, the daughter of Don and Shannon Portman, graduated with honors from Cheboygan High School, Class of 2023. Isabella will be attending Madonna University in the fall, pursuing a masters in nursing. Izzy was the Northern Michigan Bowling Conference's girls individual conference champion. The Cheboygan girls bowling team, led by Izzy, captured the Northern Michigan Bowling Conference title for the seventh consecutive year. Izzy finished in the top eight in the state for individuals, made this year's All-State team for individuals and has signed to play for the Madonna University women's bowling team next season.

Andrew Cheff, son of Jennifer Yuhn and Brian Cheff, graduated with honors from Concord Academy Petoskey, Class of 2023. Andrew's plans for next year include starting college at North Central Michigan College where he was dual enrolled during his senior year while active on the school's Quiz bowl team which took first place in competition. Andrew also enjoyed theater and band and performing on the drums and electric guitar. Presented the Northern Award at graduation, this award is given to an individual who is always striving to make the world a better place by being kind and helpful to everyone they meet, just because. Andrew's advice for the underclassmen is to



Congratulations to our graduate, **Geew-sa-nin-ne "Hunter" James Keshick-Worthington** (Parents are Russell Worthington and Kimberly Keshick).

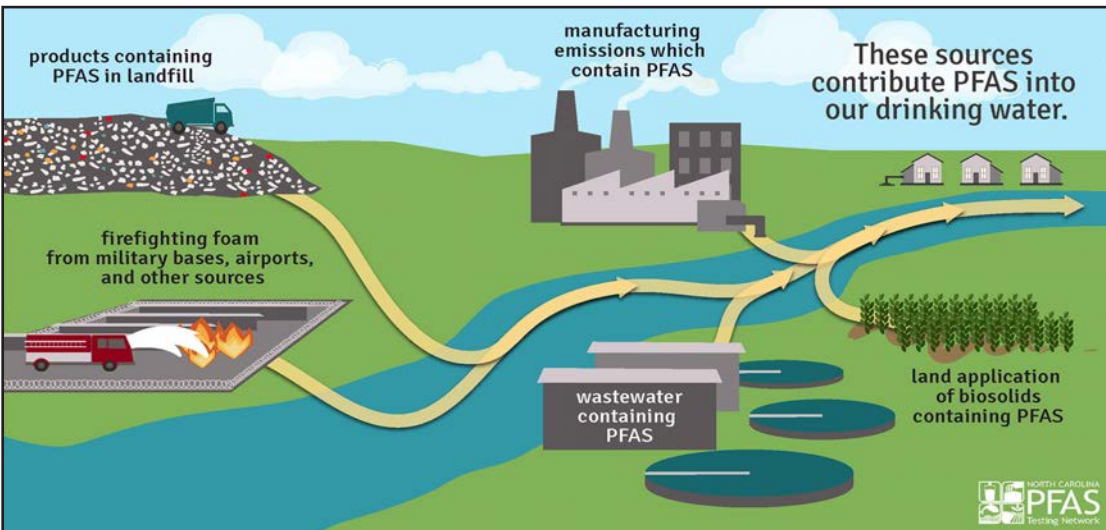
We are so proud of you son! The dedication to your education, striving to succeed in your high school career, diploma in hand, while creating beautiful pieces of cedarwood furniture and acquiring skill



Congratulations to our beautiful daughter, **Evelynn Marie Gibson**, a 2023 graduate from Petoskey High School. We wish you the best on your road ahead of you. Gizaagin Noos miinwaa Ngashi

2023 Annual LTBB Community Meeting

Photos by Wendy Congdon



“PFAS Contamination” continued from page 33.
 She described how, concerned for her health, she got her blood tested for PFAS chemicals. The results were shocking: 5,000,000 parts per trillion, more than 750 times the national average.

Sandy Wynn-Stelt, of the Great Lakes PFAS Action Network, has had her life ravaged by PFAS contamination. A former therapist turned full-time advocate, she spoke at the Water is Life Festival in 2022. After living in the area for over 20 years, her husband was diagnosed with liver cancer in 2016, and died three weeks later. “It was devastating to me,” she said. “It was like losing a limb. I still miss him every day.”

The following year, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) came and asked if they could test her groundwater because they thought that there may be contamination. “It was the first time I heard of PFAS,” she said at the festival. “They tested my water, and three weeks later, they had a team come to my house to give me results. If you’ve ever worked in government, you know that if there’s a team coming to your house, it’s not to deliver good news. It wasn’t the Publishers Clearinghouse. My well tested at 24,000 parts per trillion. The EPA guidelines at that time were 70 parts per trillion, and my well was tested over and over, and it tested as high as 80,000 parts per trillion.”

According to Wynn-Stelt, the Christmas tree farm that they lived across the street from had been a dump site for Wolverine Worldwide, a global footwear company based in Michigan. “They had dumped tannery waste throughout the ’70s there by the truckload, and contaminated 28 feet deep and about 30 acres wide,” she said. “That contaminated the groundwater, which spread 25 square miles, and it’s heading to the Grand River, and, as we know, the Grand River heads to Lake Michigan.”

She described how, concerned for her health, she got her blood tested for PFAS chemicals. The results were shocking: 5,000,000 parts per trillion, more than 750 times the national average. Her battle with thyroid cancer in 2000, initially thought to be an anomaly, suddenly made sense. “You know, I wish I could say that my story was the worst, but you’re going to hear other stories that are just like this,” she said. “So, if I have any word of advice for people it would be — don’t assume your drinking water is safe.”

Tobyn McNaughton, a mother who lives in Belmont, also spoke at the Water is Life Festival in 2022. Everyone in her family — herself, her husband, and her children — has experienced symptoms and complications from exposure to high levels of PFAS compounds. “Wolverine Worldwide illegally dumped dangerous forever chemicals that leached into our groundwater, into our drinking water,” she said at the festival. Ac-

ording to McNaughton, Wolverine Worldwide downplayed the severity of the contamination to the DEQ, resulting in delayed testing of the community’s groundwater and extra months of unnecessary exposure to the chemicals. “Instead of our water being tested in April 2017, we were not made aware until August 2017,” she said. “(The water) was not actually tested until September.”

The family has been devastated by the effects of the poisoned water. “There are no medications, no procedures to safely remove these chemicals, only time, and that is only what is in our blood. We can never measure what is stored in our tissues or organs,” she said. “We can’t escape PFAS.”

At the festival, Pierce heard the speakers from Rockford/Belmont say how they got whole-house filters, and noted the disparity in her county’s response to the crisis. “I don’t see any signs out there saying ‘no fishing in the Maple River because it’s been contaminated.’ I talked to an Emmet County Commissioner about PFAS at a meeting (in August 2022), and I said, ‘What in the world lets you guys okay this, and give the people only one under-the-counter water filter to use, and that’s the only thing they have? Why can’t you give them a whole-house filter?’ He said, ‘Well, you know, the government is slow,’ and I said, ‘Well, you know my mother’s dying, right?’”

Later, at her mother’s home, Pierce elaborated. “The under-the-counter filters that Emmet County gave us only work on the cold water in the kitchen sink,” she said. “So, when you wash your dishes, everyone’s washing with hot water. My mother is fighting with everything she’s got, she’s not letting anything go, but she’s being stolen from us.”

Calling over from her lounge, Mary said her piece. “Test before you do this stuff, you’re causing all these people all this intense pain. It would be different if you could take an antibiotic and be rid of it, but you can’t. It’s going to take you down. Just one side of town we don’t know how many of us are all going to be sick, and how far back and if these kids could get it from being up here (for) so many years ... I might’ve lived another 10, 20 years. Longevity is in my family.”

“The whole town needs full filters in every building, not one sink in the whole house. You can’t eat your vegetables watered with PFAS,” Mary continued. “Our trees are all dying; when the guy at the hardware store, Andrea said she wanted one for the bathroom, so I could brush my teeth, and he said, ‘You don’t need it for your teeth. Just spit it out. Do you tell your family that, just spit it out?’”

Three days after I visited with Mary Angela Burks and her family on September 7, 2022, she “walked on.”

Courtesy photo of Mary Burks and courtesy graphic.

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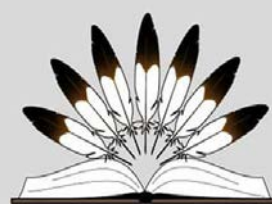
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LINEs FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



Birthdays



Happy belated birthday Aunt Carol. Love, Pauline.



McKenzie and Cameron, another birthday without you has come and gone. But even though you are not physically with us, you are always in our hearts and on our minds! We talk of you often and keep our memories with you alive.

It's been said that grief is a hole ripped through the very fabric of your being. The hole eventually heals along the jagged edges that remain. It may even shrink in size.

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For where there is deep grief, there was great love. That great love is still there today!! We never stopped loving you!

Happy belated birthday sweet McKenzie and Cameron!! ♡♡
From Grandma and Grandpa Kiogima and your whole Kiogima family!

Happy 90th birthday to **Leo Delmas** on July 9. Love, your family.



Happy happy special birthday to our baby brother, **Ronald Bottoms**, on July 24. That marks his big day. Love, from your siblings and your whole family.

Walking On...



Ronald Rae Willis, Jr., 39

Ronald Rae Willis, Jr. was born on November 12, 1983 to Ronald, Sr. and Jean (Edgar) Willis in Grayling, MI. He was baptized at Greensky Hill with godparents, Jim and Thelma Carothers. Ronald grew up in Gaylord, MI, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing football, basketball, baseball, bowling and darts. Ronald excelled at academics in high school and was a dedicated

football player (All-County 1999; All-State Honorable Mention 2000; Captain 2001; All-State 2001). Ronald was recruited by the University of Michigan, and after he graduated from Gaylord High School in 2002, he played Michigan football (offensive line). Ronald worked for Victories Casino/Odawa Casino as a slot attendant and also attended North Central Michigan College (NCMC) in Petoskey, MI. At an NCMC Anishinaabemowin Language Class in 2004, Ronald met Crystal (Crissy) Greensky. They were close friends for several years and started dating in 2011. Ronald moved to Battle Creek, MI, in 2009 where he worked as an Operations Shift Manager until 2011. In 2011, Crissy took a job in her hometown, Cloquet, MN, and Ronald relocated to be with her. Together, they had two amazing

children, Coby and Winnie, and Ron made Cloquet his home. Ronald attended Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College where he received an Associate's degree in Science in 2014. He then transferred to the University of Minnesota-Duluth (UMD) and graduated in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Statistics and Actuarial Science and double majored in Mathematics. After his UMD graduation, Ronald returned to Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College to work for his community as the Youth Education Outreach Coordinator in the Environmental Institute. Despite moving to Minnesota, Ronald always bled maize and blue - he loved all things University of Michigan, especially returning to Michigan to attend U of M football games with his dad. Ronald had a deep affinity for Mother Nature. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and growing his own food. Ronald also enjoyed grilling and smoking tasty meats, playing cribbage and Skipbo, tossing bean bags, playing and coaching Baagadowewin (traditional lacrosse), throwing darts and watching sports in general. But most of all, Ronald loved spending time with his family: Participating in his children's educational development, fostering a love of Mother Earth in his children, harvesting wild rice and maple syrup, coaching his son's baseball team, napping with his "snuggle bug" daughter, going on long four-wheeler rides in the woods, catching Pokémon, boating and pulling the kids on the tube, camping and taking long family road trips. Ronald passed away from natural causes at his home in Cloquet at the age of 39. Ronald is survived by his best friend and mother of his children, Crystal Greensky; children, Coby Ray Willis and Winnie Jean Willis; father, Ronald Willis, Sr. (Lori Seeley); sister, Stacy Willis (Matt Carson); nieces, Dashia Chingman, Naomi Chingman and Katie Carson; nephew, Joseph Chingman; great nephew, Winston Sizemore; and honorary grandparents, Patrick (deceased) and Mary Dipzinski. He was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Jean Willis, and many family members, including his grandparents and numerous aunts and uncles.

JoAnn Margaret (Kizhigaate) Carey, 75

JoAnn Margaret Carey, Kizhigaate, 75, of Petoskey MI, walked on April 4, 2023 at home surrounded by her family as she wanted. There was a private family burial on June 10, 2023, conducted by pipe carriers. After the private ceremony there, a memorial luncheon was held at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Government Center at



1pm on the same day. JoAnn was born June 17, 1947 in Petoskey, MI, the daughter of Raymond Carey and Margaret Carey (Chingwa). JoAnn was a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. When she was growing up, she was part of the dance troupe Manda Bee Kee as well as being an Indian princess.

JoAnn grew up in Petoskey, attending school and graduating from the Petoskey school system. She went on to obtain her Nursing degree, her bachelor's degree in social work and then went on to obtain a master's degree in business administration. JoAnn lived her life to promote others from her career choices to the choices made in service of others. She spent many years donating time to the soup kitchen, multiple times a month, including holidays. That time was precious to her, she felt not only were they feeding food, but being available to help with other needs. During the height of the pandemic, she sewed more than 2,000 masks she sent to the Navajo nation to help with their need and then locally, she sewed masks for the local care facility staff at the Villa by the Bay. When it came to hobbies, JoAnn loved to read. She read books with a passion, often finishing a book in a night. Another passion was expressing herself by painting. She used watercolors to paint with and express how she was feeling. She would say you do not have to be a master artist to express yourself. Sewing was another form of expression. She would make simple lap quilts, shawls or whatever she felt needed to be made. JoAnn is survived by her brothers, William Vandegriff and Tim Carey; her daughter, Christina (Donald) Kellogg; her grandchildren, Isabella Kellogg (Jeremy Gorman), Jenna Marie Kellogg and Thomas Kellogg; her great-grandchildren, Margaret Kellogg, Christopher Kellogg and Veronica Kellogg; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Geneva Pearl Liebenberg, 71

Family and friends were saddened by the passing of Geneva Pearl Liebenberg on April 2, 2023 after she courageously fought an illness with complete faith, integrity and courage. Geneva was born in

Manistique, MI, on November 15, 1951 to the late Charles Moore and Elizabeth (Feathers) Moore. She was the baby sister to 14 brothers and sisters. At the age of 14, Geneva and her twin sister, Flora, and her mother left the farm and came to Southern California where they stayed with sister, Carole. This is where Geneva fell in love with California and the beach. They returned to the farm a short while later but never forgot sunny California. Then at 17, Geneva left the farm for good and settled in Santa Cruz, CA, where she stayed in the area for her remaining years. Geneva was a proud tribal member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Geneva was selfless and helped anyone who needed her. She had a loving heart and always put those she loved ahead of her, especially her daughter, Tarrah, who, in her own words, "was the best thing that ever happened to me." Her daughter was the pride and joy of Geneva's life.



Words cannot adequately describe what an amazing, loving mother Geneva was. She was very close to God and got baptized with her daughter at Twin Lakes Bible Church. Geneva worked for the County of Santa Cruz for many years until she retired in 2014. She cared deeply for her co-workers and, as a union rep, fought tirelessly to support and help county workers understand their rights when she saw them being treated unfairly. There is nobody she wouldn't open her heart to whether it was a person or animal in need. Geneva was always up for "cruising" and loved road trips with friends when given the opportunity. Geneva is survived by her daughter, Tarrah Liebenberg; siblings, Jack, Merle, Luella, Alan and Flora; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Leonard, Mildred, Lenore, Lorraine, Carole, Robert, Virgil, Adeline and Jimmy. Geneva is missed by all and her kindness touched anyone who had the chance to meet her. Heaven has received its newest angel. We are comforted knowing you are now free and in the loving arms of God and your loved ones. We love you, Geneva ... until we meet again in Heaven.



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