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JoAnne Cook Returns to the LTBB Tribal Court

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

With LTBB Tribal Citizen Allie Greenleaf Maldonado becoming a Michigan Court of Appeals Justice, there was a vacancy in the Chief Judge position in the LTBB Tribal Court.

A familiar face is returning to the LTBB Tribal Court as the LTBB Chief Judge with LTBB Tribal Council voting to appoint JoAnne Cook for the remainder of a four-year term, ending January 7, 2024.

Judge Cook, a citizen of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB), served as the LTBB Chief Judge from June 13, 2006 to June 13, 2011.

She has served the GTB community as Chief Judge, Associate Judge, the Chief Appellate Justice and as a Tribal Council member. While a judge at GTB, she was involved in the development of the Peacemaking Court and their Healing to Wellness Court. These alternative courts utilize tradition and culture which allows for healing and restoring balance for those involved. She has consulted with Native and non-Native communities who are either developing a Peacemaking or a Healing to Wellness Court. She has also presented to various communities on the way of life and culture of the Odawa.

She was the Vice President of the Michigan Indian Judicial Association and a staff attorney for Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) in Traverse City, MI.

Judge Cook has taught business law at Northern Michigan College and Native law and culture for Northern Michigan College Extended Education.

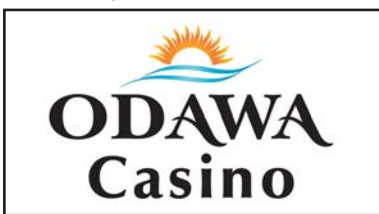
In 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Division of Victim Services received a federal grant for Michigan to develop a roadmap to ensure victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking have enhanced access to civil legal assistance in Michigan's rural and tribal communities. Judge Cook served as the statewide victim liaison responsible for convening stakeholders in tribal communities and in specific rural communities to identify the needs, challenges and solutions to providing legal assistance to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and related crimes.

Judge Cook earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin School of Law and earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Ferris State University.

Pictured left to right in the courtesy photo from the LTBB Tribal Court are LTBB Chief Judge JoAnne Cook and LTBB Associate Judge John J. Lemire.



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Pays Off Odawa Casino Debt, Looks to Future Growth for Tribally Owned Enterprise



Editor's note: The following is an Odawa Casino press release.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, on behalf of Odawa Casino, has paid off the remaining debt for both casino properties four years early. Tribal officials made the decision to pay off the remaining \$13

million at the end of March 2023. The \$140 million Petoskey casino originally opened in 2007 with Odawa Casino Mackinaw City opening in 2016. This decision allows Odawa Casino the opportunity for future growth to increase revenue and provide more funding to the tribe.

Odawa Casino General Manager, Ron Olson, promoted this decision as an opportunity for better standing to continue to expand the enterprise and develop future projects which would continue to benefit the tribe. Included in these projects is the

casino's proposed attached hotel addition to the Odawa Casino Petoskey property.

Owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Odawa Casino features nearly 1,000 slot machines, table games, multiple dining options, the fabulous new Victories Sports and Entertainment Bar and an off property 137-room hotel. After its initial 2016 opening, Odawa Casino Mackinaw City completed an expansion for an even higher quality gaming experience.

Courtesy graphic.

Odawa Casino Resort Awarded for the 2022 Michigan Battle of the Buildings Competition in the Venue Category



Odawa Casino Resort is owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. The resort, located in Petoskey, MI, opened its doors in June 2007. The facility is approximately 300,000 square feet and includes nearly 20,000 feet of meeting and special event space, a 50,000 square foot gam-

ing floor, nearly 1,000 slots, dozens of table games, a high-limit room and a dedicated Poker room and Blackjack room.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is committed to "reducing its carbon footprint on Mother Earth." Odawa Casino is committed to this goal and to reducing energy consumption.

They are "always looking for new ideas," said the late Dave Heinz, Odawa Casino's Master Electrician. "That's why we stay so involved with the Michigan Battle of the Buildings."

Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, saw a 7.42% energy reduction in the 2022 Michigan Battle of the Buildings competition, solidifying the facility as the winner in our venue category. The energy reduction project occurred between January and

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Little Traverse Bay Bands Undertaking Major Housing Projects

By Scott Smith

Editor's note: The following article appeared in the Little Traverse Housing Partnership April 2023 newsletter and is reprinted here with permission.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) will break ground this spring on a new housing development on Second Street in Harbor Springs, MI. The project will provide six homes for tribal elders and up to four multi-generational townhome units in its first phase. This neighborhood was historically an area where many tribal members lived, but later moved away. Many current tribal elders grew up there. Over the past decade, the tribe has purchased enough properties in the neighborhood to consolidate into the site for this "Coming Home" project. The development is located next to a park and within walking distance of downtown Harbor Springs, MI, the Harbor Springs Market and Harbor Springs Public Schools. The six homes for elders are fully handicapped-accessible, designed for aging in



place with wheelchair accessibility and will have back patios that face each other on an internal courtyard, allowing opportunities for socializing. The units in the current phase, funded with \$4 million through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), are expected to be completed this year.

LTBB has also secured funding to expand its Mtigwaakiis" or "Standing of Trees" housing development on Murray Road in Charlevoix County,

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 5-22-2023 = 4,461

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242-1700

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242-1480

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242-1462

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242-1597

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242-1475

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242-1611

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

Contact Information



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 July 2023 issue of *Odawa Trails* is June 5, 2023.

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

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DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



EXECUTIVE BRANCH



FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Citizen input is vital to our growth as a Tribal Nation. I hear your voices, and we will continue working hard for our future. While the annual meeting was a success, please keep in mind you can always stop in to the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, and ask questions in the Tribal Council meetings as well. I would like to thank our citizenship for your support and participation in these important events. Working together will keep us on a good path.

youth and our youth can also teach us. Let's keep our minds and hearts open. Congratulations to those who have finished another year of school! Keep up the good work. Our Education Department has some wonderful resources, so make sure you're looking for those opportunities that can assist you this fall.

We have many exciting things happening this summer. Keep an eye on our Indian Town Housing Development in Harbor Springs, MI, which we broke ground on this May and will have a ribbon cutting ceremony when complete.

Also, our Pow Wow planning is underway and we can't wait for another amazing turnout!

Please contact our offices if you have questions regarding either event.

Miigwech.

Just before the community meeting, I was honored to speak to our youth at the Year End Celebration on May 12 and it was so wonderful to see our students thriving. Educating our youth is a priority here at LTBB. We must help our students learn and continue to learn ourselves. The world is changing, we can teach our

Aanii fellow Tribal Citizens,

We are already halfway through this year; I hope you are enjoying your summer. The Executive team would like to give a big Chimiigwech to everyone who attended the LTBB Annual Community Meeting on May 13 at the Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. I hope we were able to answer your questions and concerns.

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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

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



Executive Town Hall Meeting Schedule

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

2023 EXECUTIVE TOWN HALL MEETING DATES

- June 14, July 12, August 9,
- September 13, October 11,
- November 8, December 13



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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 Department 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.

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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.

- 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.

TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION



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

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Expiration Date	Serial Number	Phone Ext.
Rebecca R Fisher	Active	February 20, 2027	02-09	
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	June 5, 2023	05-09	1462
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	February 21, 2027	10-09	1400
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	August 23, 2027	11-09	1610
Marin C Taylor	Active	May 14, 2024	13-09	1403
Hayden Hooper	Active	February 1, 2027	15-09	1584
Lakota Worthington	Active	May 4, 2027	16-09	1401
Kerstine Omev	Active	January 17, 2028	17-09	1481

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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

THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions: (1) Name (2) Date of Birth (3) Branch of Service This information will be used by the Grants Department. Megwetch, Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION CITIZENS! No Current Address on File

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

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

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

THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE HAS A MAIL DROP BOX



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

We will happily set aside an envelope with any specific form(s) you may need as well. Just give

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

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

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

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS ENJIBOOZBIIGENG - ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Services for our citizens:

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

Repository

We certify for our citizens:

- Michigan Indian Tuition Waivers
- Eagle Parts and Feather Applications
- LTBB Indian Blood Quantum

Apply to become a:

- Citizen – Application available via mail only
- Tribal Notary
- Marriage Commissioner

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

E-mail: enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Lindsey Doerfler – P: 231-242-1522

E-mail: ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Pauline Boulton – P: 231-242-1520

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Forms are also available on the LTBB Website.

<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment>

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

Sincerely,

Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer



*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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Other -
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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 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

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?

Update your contact information with the Enrollment Department.

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS



Lindsey Doerfler 231-242-1522

A message from your Enrollment Department

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Official Tribal Identification Card

Jane Doe

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

ISSUE DATE
08/29/2022

Jane Doe
Citizen Signature

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.

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



Peanut Butter Falls



Lake Plumbago

June Elders Birthdays

June 1

Tamora Skelly
Robert Thompson

June 2

Kelly Gravelyn
Samuel Lasley
Angela Patterson
Laura Ward
Rodney Worthington

June 3

Catherine Bonneau
Dennis Degraff
Carrie Denemy
Gerald Garrow
Teresa Louchart
Edward Ortiz
Warren Petoskey

June 4

Debra Harper
Lucille Lafreniere
Emily Loranger

June 5

Suzanne Peters
Andrea Sanders
Jean Schlappi
Sandra Shepard

June 6

Catherine Portman

June 7

Marilyn Austin
Emerald Lacroix
Karen McGraw
Theresa Schaner
Alvin Vandegriff
Cynthia Wunderlich

June 8

Gabriele Davenport
Susan Day
Denise Keller
Kathleen Kilgore
Marcelia Long
Archie McMillan, Jr.
Deborah Medina

June 9

Denise Mendoza
George Santiago
Eugene Sineway
Ervin Voisard, Jr.

June 10

Molly Baldwin
Philip Keway
Carol McFall
Charles Mulholland
Thomas Strate

June 11

Jeffery Bernard
Scott Charvez
Karen Denney
Michael Minor
Marcia Radlicki
Jeanette Root
Billi Russell
Susan Slick

June 12

Thomas Colby
Edward Roussain
Anthony Schlappi
Mary Thornburg

June 13

Wiiyaan Feathers
Susan Keller
Catherine Rotan

June 14

Douglas Emery
Dorothy Faustmann
Mary Foltz
Henry Lasley
Joseph Massey

June 15

Donald Boda
Dolphus Delmas
Mary Gaus
Norma Mulholland
Samuel Rinehart

June 16

Raye Darling
Cheryl Kishigo
Pearl Poole
Gloria Ryan
Marcia Sutton

June 17

Daneen Anthony
Doylene Fockler-Smith
Mitchell Kewaygeshik

June 18

Bonnie Harris
Johnny McFall
Sandra Parm
Michael Vertz
Regina Ward

June 19

Thomas Kline
Michael Lyons
Albert Zehe

June 20

Ronald Allison
Debbra Baker
Lorraine Bonneau
Deborah Hamilton
Francis Holdorph
Ambrosia Taylor
Mona Wojtas

June 21

Jacklynn Cole
David Dominic
Susan Lantz
Julie Southwind

June 22

Kristi Houghton
Charles Zehe

June 23

Francene McCorkle

June 24

Lawrence Crossett
Linda Hogge
Elena Marquez
Curtis McFall, Sr.
Kathryn McGraw
John Walker, Jr.

June 25

Alice Marshall
Linda Reith
Thomas Sharkey, Sr.

June 26

Thomas Bellone
Elmer Bruette
Evon Pirsein
Carla Sharp
Lisa Woodworth

June 27

Kathy Floyd
Michael Fox
Lisa Ann Miller
Victoria Stemkoski

June 28

Rosanna Campbell
Diana Halstead
Barbara Jacobs
Eugene Nadeau
Patrick Schmidt

June 29

Sandra Cripps
William Gasco
Richard Gaus
Twyla Hyde
Victoria Vogel

June 30

William Shawa, Jr.
Shirley Tipkey
Forrest Worthington

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

LTBB NRD LAKE STURGEON (Nmé) RESEARCH

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

LTBB Inland Fish and Wildlife Program (IFWP) and Fisheries Enhancement Facility (hatchery) dipped their toes into the waters of the Upper Black River once again this spring. Staff worked with Michigan State University (MSU) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) crews at the Black River Sturgeon Hatchery to better understand *Nmé* as they return to the river for their spring spawn.

2023 will be a busy year for LTBB *Nmé* as staff members will also restart its efforts looking for ways to become better stewards of that system. The Upper Black River *Nmé* run is one



of the most well studied populations of inland fishes around and while geographically close, the Sturgeon River has not received as much attention. That is why this year and moving forward, LTBB will be spending time on the Sturgeon River looking to document *Nmé* at any spawning locations, so long-term monitoring gear can be put in place.

The Sturgeon River is 40.8 miles long, so LTBB has a lot of river to cover. Staff members will also be working to better understand the juvenile *Nmé* in the river, too. In addition to working with MSU and MDNR again on the Upper Black River to conduct juvenile surveys, LTBB will spotlight juvenile on the river this year as well. Last conducted in 2017, and with the observance of one juvenile in the system which evaded capture, a juvenile spotlight survey will inform LTBB staff where the fish spend their first years of life in the system. Additionally, staff are looking for juvenile *Nmé* and scanning them for

"Nmé Research" continued on page 6.



HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
1-855-NRD-TIPS
TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands 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.

"Nmé Research" continued from page 5.

any tags to let us know if they were naturally produced or stocked by LTBB's Hatchery. Last year, the hatchery stocked just more than 650 juvenile Nmé and have returned more than 4,500 fish to the river since 2013. Juvenile fish are not expected to stay in the river much longer than their first winter or two, so any information staff members can obtain this field season will be foundational in LTBB Nmé research.


Lastly, the LTBB staff anticipate the annual Nmé Release Ceremony around mid-September this year. The community is encouraged to mark their calendars as we plan on providing some food and beverages once again at the riverside park in Wolverine, MI, to give this year's young

Nmé a proper sendoff.

LTBB staff will be working closely with U.S. Geological Survey as they treat the Sturgeon River with a lampricide in order to reduce numbers of sea lamprey juveniles detected in the river in 2022. Sea lamprey are a parasitic invasive fish which negatively affects the host species and, in many cases, cause mortality. Lampricide treatment in the Sturgeon River is not expected to negatively affect any potential resident nmé, but both LTBB and U.S. Geological Survey staff will be on the river to monitor the situation and conduct spotlight surveys.

Photos courtesy of LTBB NRD from the Nmé Release Ceremony on the Sturgeon River in August 2022.

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



CELEBRATING EARTH DAY ON THE BEAR

Submitted by Samuel Day, Water Quality Biologist

On April 21, 2023, the Friday before Earth Day, the LTBB Environmental Services Program and volunteers met in the Bear River Valley Recreation Area in Petoskey, MI, to help clean up the Bear River. This cleanup resulted in the removal of trash from 1.7 miles of the river from the mouth all the way to Standish Road.

As the largest tributary of Little Traverse Bay, the Bear River consistently ranks as one of the most heavily utilized rivers by LTBB Citizens. Its location within town makes the river a popular place to fish, hike or even have a picnic for

everyone from locals to tourists. Unfortunately, wherever there are people, litter is sure to follow. Once a good windy or rainy day comes, that litter is swept into the river where it either becomes a hazard to river recreators, is consumed by wildlife or degrades water quality.

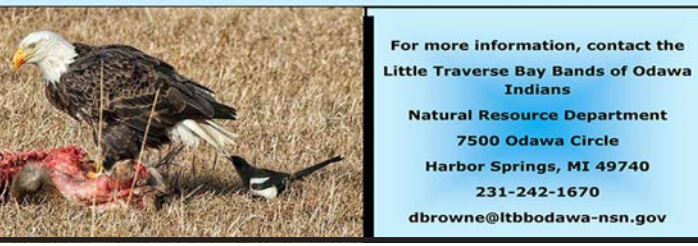
By conducting stream cleanups regularly, we can help keep waterbodies clean. Even more importantly, these clean-ups help raise awareness and make us think a little harder about the products we use and how we dispose of trash. Keep an eye out next spring for the announcement of the 2024 cleanup.

Courtesy photos.

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



- 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.



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) UPDATE

FDPIR Food Package Review Workgroup Meets in Phoenix, Arizona

Members of the FDPIR Food Package Review Workgroup met in person and virtually on March 21, 2023 for a two-day strategic planning meeting in Phoenix, AZ. During this meeting, members discussed upcoming FDPIR Guide Rate Enhancements and new foods which will be added to the FDPIR food package effective September 1, 2023. One item under consideration is a sliced, low-sodium turkey deli meat. Workgroup members had an opportunity to sample the turkey deli meat and unanimously agreed it was a high-quality product with great taste and texture, and it would be an excellent addition to the food package.

The workgroup was honored to hear from guest speaker, Dr. Valarie Bluebird Jernigan, as she described her research working with indigenous communities across Oklahoma as part of the Oklahoma State University Center for Indigenous Health Research and Policy. Dr. Jernigan inspired discussion about FDPIR nutrition education and praised the great work already underway by FDPIR program sites.

One highlight of the workgroup meeting was a site visit to the Gila River Food Distribution Program where FDPIR program staff welcomed the group and provided a tour of



the facility. Gila River operates a grocery store model, conducts mobile distribution at various locations on the reservation, makes home deliveries and allows clients to pick up their food package onsite. The grocery store tour highlighted how important it is for clients to have a choice about the foods they receive. This model allows clients to shop multiple times per month, which works especially well when obtaining foods with a shorter shelf-life like fresh fruits and vegetables. The staff of the Gila River FDPIR program have every reason to be proud of their work.

Much is in motion for the FDPIR Food Package Review Workgroup after this important gathering in Phoenix. Stay tuned for more about FDPIR food package updates, nutrition education opportunities and future events.

Tribal Leaders Consultation Work Group Continues at USDA

In February, USDA consulting officials and staff joined tribal leaders and representatives to consult on FDPIR and

the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The meeting, held both in person and virtually, brought together attendees to consult on specific issues surrounding self-determination, proposed rulemaking, information technology systems which support food distribution programs, nutrition education and food package updates among other important topics. Additional information about this consultation can be found at www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/tribal-consultations

FDPIR Administrative Funds for Nutrition Education

In November 2022, Food Nutrition Service began disseminating \$4 million in administrative funds provided annually for nutrition education to tribes interested in expanding and enhancing their nutrition education activities. To date, more than 80 tribes have received more than \$2.5 million in funding. More than \$1.5 million in administrative funds for nutrition education are still remaining this year.

Courtesy photo.

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

Sexual violence is not our tradition

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

SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS:
 Mnaadendmowin (respect) • Zaagidwin (love)
 Nbwakaawin (wisdom) • Gwewkaadziwin (honesty)
 Dbaadendziwin (humility) • Aakde'ewin (bravery)
 Debwewin (truth)

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

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

Less than 1% of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Survivors Outreach Services, Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant will be financing this project, total Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant \$56,397, and 2% 501(c)(3) non-federal sources utilized.

COVID-19 FIRPP VI

\$700 PER TRIBAL CITIZEN

MAKE SURE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS IS UP TO DATE WITH ENROLLMENT

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

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH EMAIL AND MAIL

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

PLEASE MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Little Traverse Bay Bands
 ATTN: Human Services
 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs MI 49740
 Fax 231-242-1635
 Email: DHSApplications@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY November 30, 2023

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

JUNE 2023 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 5th - 9th 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: 1st and 2nd
 Peshawbestown: 15th
 Traverse City: 20th

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

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

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

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LTBB Tribal Flags for Sale!!

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

SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

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

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

National Native Media Conference

August 10-12, 2023 | Winnipeg, Canada

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

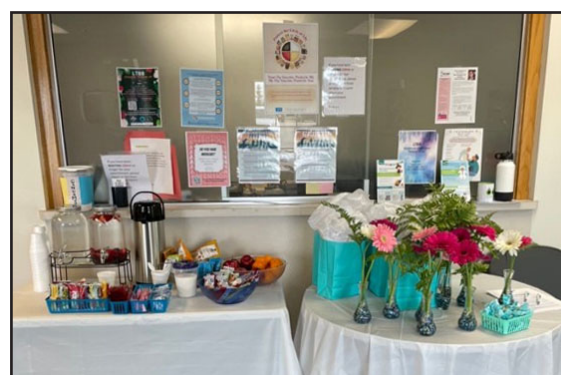
LTBB HEALTH CLINIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH STAFF HOST SUCCESSFUL WOMEN'S HEALTH EVENT

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

In the spring of 2023, LTBB Health Clinic and Community Health staff worked together to have a Women's Health Event focused on increasing cervical cancer screening and education. The event was held at the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI,



and the women who participated registered for a women's health appointment with Carianne Jeffers-Wciessel and Dr. Mitchell to complete their cervical cancer screening. The event was set up as coming in for a normal appointment with your provider, however, the clinic area was open to women only. There were refreshments for the women to enjoy while waiting for their appointment, and once the appointment was completed, the women took a short post-event evaluation survey and received a goody bag. They were also entered into a drawing for the chance to win an iPad and gift cards.



The response from the event participants was very positive, and they appreciated having a women's only event. LTBB plans to have more of these events in the future, so keep your eyes open for social media posts on Facebook, flyers and invitations in the mail. Your participation and feedback allow us to continue to have these events and improve upon them each time we host.

We look forward to your participation in our next event. *Courtesy photos.*

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.

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HOW TO BE MORE ACTIVE

Life's Essential 8™

MOVE MORE

Adults should get a weekly total of at least



150
MINUTES

OR



75
MINUTES

of moderate aerobic activity
(water aerobics, social dancing, gardening)

of vigorous aerobic activity
(running, swimming laps, jumping rope)

Or a combination of both, spread throughout the week.

BE STRONG

Include muscle-strengthening activity (like resistance or weight training) at least twice a week.

ADD INTENSITY

Increase time, distance, amount or effort for more benefits.

SIT LESS

Get up and move throughout the day.

KIDS & TEENS

should get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day, including play and structured activities.



Learn more at heart.org/lifes8

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

SET GOALS
Set realistic goals and make small, lasting changes to prime yourself for success.

KEEP GOING
Once you reach these goals, don't stop. Gradually increase your activity and intensity to gain even more health benefits.

WALK MORE
There are many ways to get active. You may find walking the easiest way to start.

STAY ACTIVE
Not only can it help you feel, think, sleep and live better, staying active also improves overall quality of life. Every active minute counts toward your goal.

ADD IT UP
Find ways to move more throughout your daily routine, whether it's at work, on your commute or at home. Every active minute counts toward your goal.

MAKE A HABIT
Do something active every day at about the same time so it becomes a regular habit. Put it on your schedule so you're less likely to miss a day.

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1 Massage

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

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

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Eye Exam, Lenses, and Frames covered once per 24 months

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

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

TRIBALLY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS - BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPITOOL IN INDIAN COUNTRY

By **Benedict Hinmon**, NIT Project Director

As Little Traverse Bay Bands (LTBB) continues to address future needs of our community, we must shift our focus inward. By this, I mean citizens need to take a closer look at what is working and what is not. By tapping into existing community knowledge and wisdom, we have the ability to find solutions to the most pressing concerns in the community. By cultivating community input, we empower citizens to have an equal voice on the future of the community. Building confidence and trust means empowering all our citizens, elders and youth alike, to become decision makers.

In our cultural past, Anishinaabe people lived with the seasons, following our natural food sources wherever the seasons dictated. In the spring, we harvested sugarbush or maple syrup. That meant every spring, whole villages would pick up gear and move their entire community to harvest sap to make syrup. While some were harvesting sap, other might be harvesting smelt in the local streams off the great lakes, there was always work to do and someplace to be. It was through our annual migrations and by sharing stories, we expanded our children's knowledge of our sacred connection to the natural world and strengthened their tribal identity. This was the natural cycle of our lives; change was a constant and positive force.

Cheryl Crazy Bull, Chairman of the American Indian College Fund had this to say: "Education is sacred work. Through education, as Native people, we help our children and each other to be good human beings. In our traditional and historic experiences, education is the way that we learned about creation, spirituality, social and family relationships and how to provide for ourselves. In our contemporary life, we are experiencing education in a more formal setting such as schools, colleges and universities, but that education still has the same purpose." As tribal people, we need to find ways to ensure that education isn't just sitting in the classroom but rather a larger experience that encompassed community life. Tribal colleges and universities fulfill this expectation by integrating community-based and formal education through the community's ceremonial life, programs, partnerships and outreach efforts.

On many reservations, tribally controlled schools play a significant role in supporting community growth and promoting economic development strategies. In addition to job training, tribally controlled school graduates often become entrepreneurs and create their own business, many times employing other citizens. These entrepreneurs often describe their business ventures as a way of helping their communities first and generating profit second, also known as "culture-first capitalism." Perhaps, these schools most important role has been their steadfast and deeply rooted commitment to cultural knowledge and the ceremonial and ritual life of their people.

There are now 32 Tribal Colleges scattered across Indian Country, these schools provide bridges that help tribal people lead themselves through various life transitions, from home to school, from early childhood to K-12 and from



college to career. At all of the tribal colleges, symbols of tribal art, lifestyle and architecture are integrated throughout the campus. Tribal colleges host a range of cultural events, art and crafts workshops and shows, pow wows and Native games and athletic activities such as archery, hand games and lacrosse. Tribally controlled schools build the skills of student and community members to engage in social change and social justice issues. They are facilitating critical community conversations about how to appropriately use tribal assets to promote prosperity while honoring traditional values and practices.

Niigaandiwin Education Department and Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training (NIT) recently reintroduced Industrial Welding, incorporating community data collected from a LTBB Community Education Survey completed in 2021. By incorporating important data collected from LTBB community members, Niigaandiwin enabled our stakeholders (citizens) to be decision makers in their own education. As a result, in December 2022, 12 of 12 NIT sponsored students successfully completed their welding program and achieved their D1:1 Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) to receive their American Welding Society Certification.

Jeremy Steele, one of our advanced welding students and tribal citizen, had this to say: "As a participant in our welding program, I have come to realize that our efforts go beyond just acquiring skills and opportunities. We are sending a powerful message about the need for a tribally controlled trade school. A trade school would not only benefit our immediate community, but would also offer essential resources and training to neighboring tribes and even the wider community. Establishing a trade school is a small yet crucial step towards achieving true sovereignty."

Tribal citizens have the ability to develop the answers to the most pressing and urgent problems facing our community. By tapping into our collective knowledge and leveraging community investments where they do the most good, we can build new tribal structures that will benefit our citizens far into the future. Working together to heal and building community frameworks that allow citizens to express their concerns and work collectively as a community, that should be our legacy to future generations.

Courtesy photo of Jeremy Steele.

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- Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Certificate
- Industrial Welding Certificate

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- Mileage Reimbursement
- Tuition Support
- Required Course Material Assistance
- Test Fee Coverage
- Equipment Assistance, and more!

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

Receipts can date back to 1990!

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LTBB Education Dept.
C/O: ISTEAM Program,
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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Salad mix	\$4.99
Lemons	\$2.99
Corn	\$3.99
Sweet potatoes	\$2.79
Total:	47.73

Community Shared Points Earned Today: 47

WIOA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WHO ARE WE

The Niigaandiwin 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.

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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
- GED 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: RKoepf@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

All 2023 graduation announcements must be received by **June 5, 2023** to be included in the July issue of **Odawa Trails**. E-mail your announcement along with a photo of the graduate to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or mail to LTBB Communications Department, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW PROGRAMS!

Including 4 fast-track programs through NCMC:

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

WOCTEP is funded by the US Department of Education through the NACREP program. Federal funds contribute to 92% of funding (\$550,077) and tribal support of \$43,842 for project year 2.

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	April 2023								
4/3-4/6/23	Reservation Economic Summit (RES) 2023 in Las Vegas, NV						X	X	
4/4/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X		X	X	X		X
4/5/23	App. and Fin. Com. Budget Hearings for Exec. and Elect. Bd.	X	X	X	X				X
4/6/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
4/7/23	App. and Fin. Com. Budget Hearings for Pros., Jud. and Legis.	X	X	X	X				X
4/11/23	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X	X	X	X		X		
4/11/23	App. and Fin. Com. Public Budget Hearings for Annual Budget	X	X	X	X		X		
4/12/23	Tribal Council Special Meeting	X	X			X	X		X
4/15/23	Natural Resources Commission Annual Meeting, Gladstone, MI						X		
4/18/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
4/19/23	Second St. Groundbreaking Ceremony		X		X				X
4/20/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
4/27/23	Land and Reservation Committee Work Session		X				X		X

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

Check out our great
Anishinaabemowin
Facebook Groups!



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

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Daminawinan Anishinaabemang (Games in Anishinaabe Language)
Games and puzzles for the whole family.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/131141284298625>

Anishinaabemowin Eta (Anishinaabe Language Only)
No-English Group for Fluent Speakers & Intermediate Learners
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Ebiimoshin (modern phrase to say "e-mail me")

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

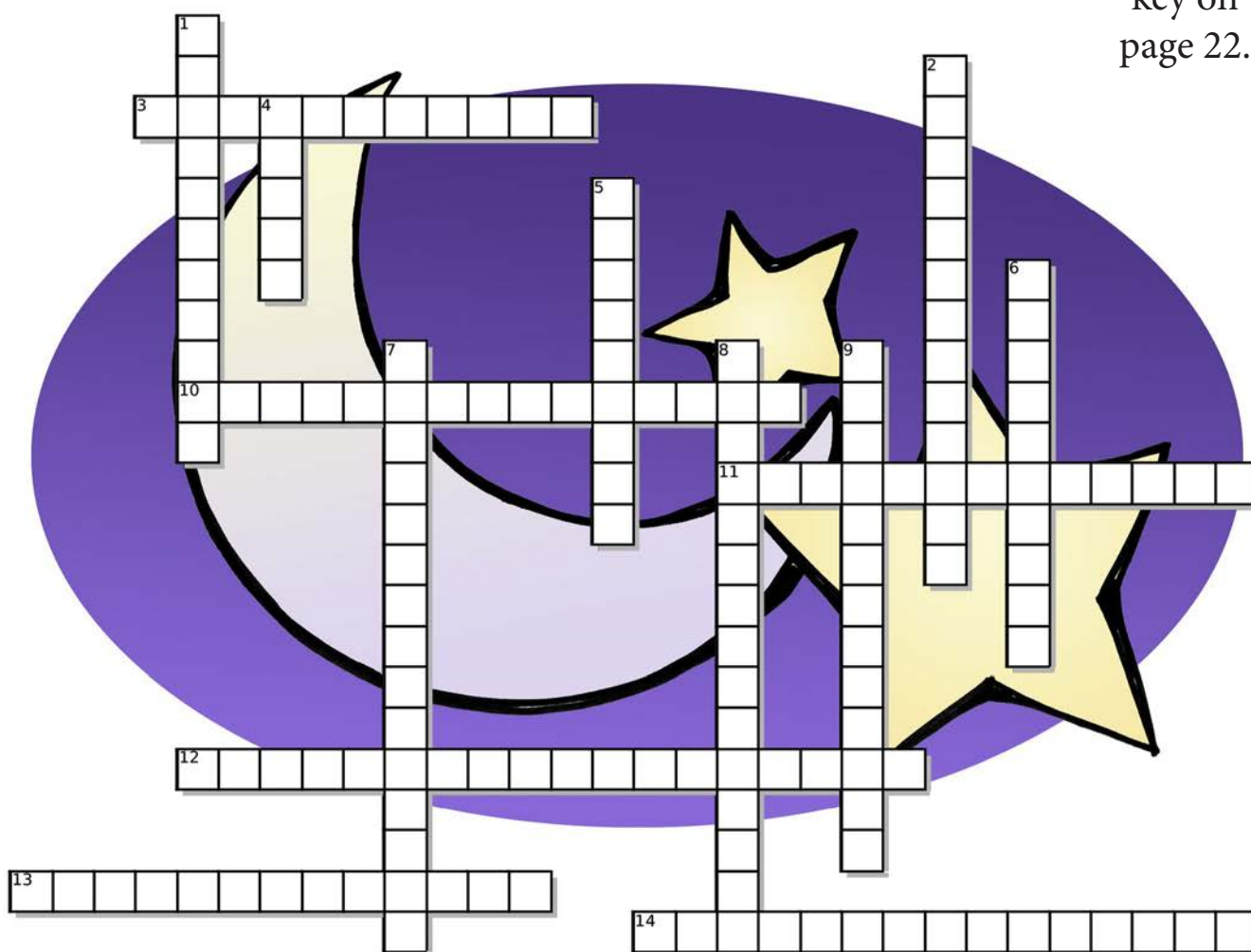
Anishinaabemowin E-mail List: In addition to the Bibezhik Kidwin e-mails, you'll also receive occasional e-mails regarding Anishinaabemowin Language such as announcements of Language or Cultural Activities, Classes, Events or General Information and News.

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

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Epangishmok
When the sun goes down...

Answer key on page 22.



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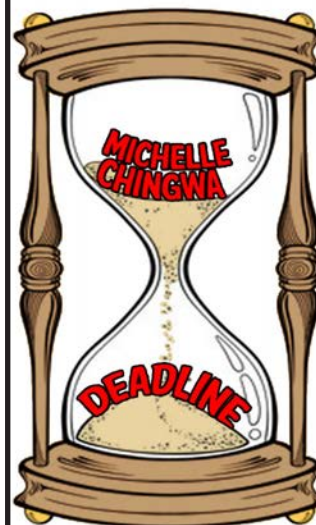
- 3 sweat lodge
- 10 Three Sisters constellation
- 11 Seven Sisters or Pleiades
- 12 Grandmother Moon
- 13 North Star or going home star
- 14 Grandfather Sun

DOWN

- 1 Summer Star or Southern direction
- 2 path or river of souls or Milky Way
- 4 the Fisher or the Big Dipper
- 5 Morning Star or Eastern direction
- 6 there are no stars
- 7 Thunderbird's Path or Milky Way
- 8 Blossom Moon or June
- 9 Wintermaker

DON'T LET TIME RUN OUT!

SUMMER 2023 DEADLINE FOR MICHELLE CHINGWA AWARD IS JUNE 15, 2023.



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GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT ATTENDS 28TH ANNUAL A-TEG CONFERENCE

The 28th Annual A-Teg Conference was held in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, from April 7-9, 2023. Tee Keshick, GALD Assistant: "A good time was had by all at the 2023 A-Teg Conference! This was the first conference I've attended as a GALD employee. We started out this year's conference with an opening ceremony in a room jam packed with attendees. Over 800 people attended this year's conference held at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Anishinaabek from all over Canada, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois were present. There were several workshops to attend; many were first speakers. The knowledge, history and stories they hold are irreplaceable. It's up to this generation to learn our language AND to pass it on to the next generation. Wewiipon Maajtidaa Aambe Anishinaabemdaa!!!! The opportunity to learn from first

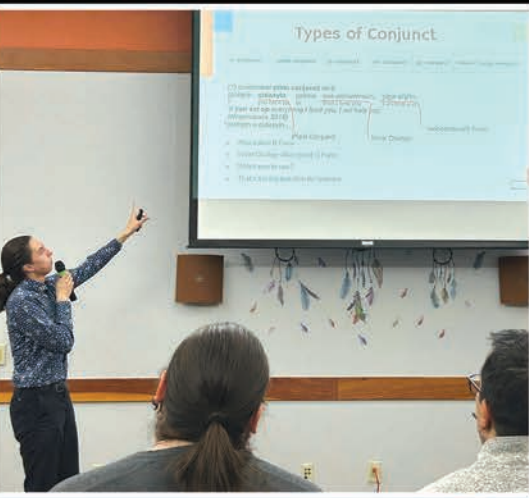
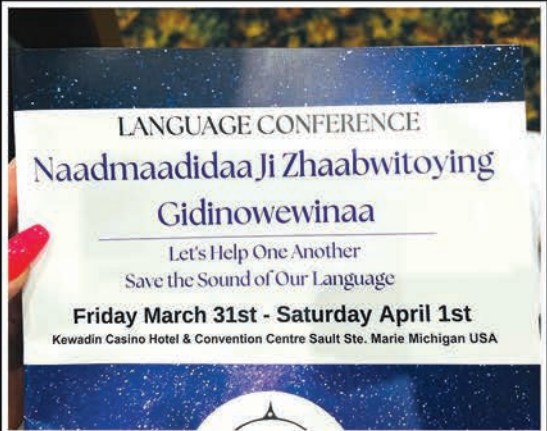
language speakers is slowly coming to an end; no more will we be able to tap into such indigeneity ever again. Attending this conference has motivated me more than ever to learn this beautiful language of the First People." Sarah Schilling, Media Technician: "Attending the Anishinaabemowin-Teg conference was very inspiring being surrounded by both first language speakers and second language learners all whom deeply love and care for this language. I loved seeing the creative ways folks use to teach and encourage language use in their communities. I found myself able to understand more than I have in the past and that was a really empowering feeling. The whole conference was so humbling, seeing how much more there is to learn and hearing again and again how important it is that we learn it now." *Courtesy photos.*

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

NATIVE NEWS

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN DR. NICHOLE BIBER FEATURED IN AN ART EXHIBIT AT THE GREAT LAKES CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN TRAVERSE CITY, MI



ishKode of the Thunderbird clan from Bkejwanong (Walpole Island First Nation) is a visual storytelling artist with a focus on uplifting indigenous voices and stories for educational use, cultural organizing, and creative excellence.

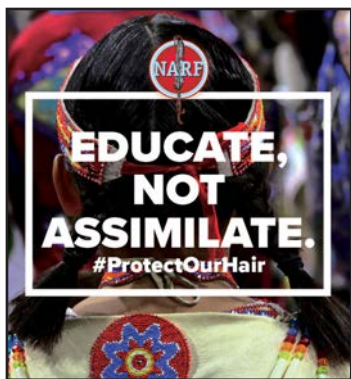
The greatest influence for me as an artist is time & space with respect to life & death because one thing I often think about is what I will leave here for people to connect with and learn from when I am gone, and the gifts I will leave for the generations to come. Being influenced by what is socially, politically & culturally happening in the world, I enjoy connecting ideas and looking at our world creatively, bending our minds, uplifting our hearts, & feeding the spirit. It's a chance & opportunity to artistically shape time & space in a way that makes us all work a little harder to be more human to each other in a beautiful and challenging circumstance.

Dr. Nichole Marie Biber is a tribal citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa - the Anishinaabe nation named Waganakising, for the Land of the Crooked Tree. Her parents (Betty Ann-iban & Turtle-iban), met as children at the Holy Childhood Of Jesus Indian Boarding School. Carrying the damages of institutional abuse, they also passed along the bravery to continually resist the tamping down of spirits inclined towards laughter and truth-telling. Descended from the Shananaquet, Keway, and Gablo families; Nichole belongs to Mishiike Dodem, Turtle Clan. Nichole has three children (Nitaawe, Pearl, and Moses), alongside whom she learns and lives towards the 7th Fire renewal of traditions grounded by love for Anishinaabemowin (language), Niimi (dance), Nagamowin (singing), Gitiganke (gardening), Niibi (water), and all our Owesiiyag Indinawemaagwandag (animal relatives). Her spirit name is **Waabananang**.



NARF DEMANDS CHANGE FROM CHARTER SCHOOLS FORCING NATIVE BOYS TO CUT HAIR

On April 26, 2023, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) submitted a letter to the Classical Charter Schools of Leland (CCSL), a network of charter schools in North Carolina, requesting the removal of a network-wide policy which prohibits male students from wearing long hair. Many Native American people wear long hair, regardless of gender, for cultural and religious reasons. The letter requests the network's Board of Trustees place the issue on the agenda for its Thursday, April 27, meeting.



of the United States, when settlers began imposing Western hairstyles on tribal communities."

While CCSL has committed to not forcing male students to cut their hair for the remainder of the current school year, NARF wants the school to permanently remove the discriminatory and outdated assimilationist policy before the upcoming school year.

"Native boys have legally protected religious rights to

wear their hair long. School officials forcing Native boys to cut their hair to match non-Native cultural beliefs is unlawful discrimination that violates religious freedoms," said NARF Staff Attorney Mark Carter.

At Thursday's meeting, despite a room full of parents and allies who wish to see the short-hair-policy removed, the CCSL school board refused to discuss the issue of the boy's short hair policy. Even more disturbingly, a board member was overheard dehumanizing the Native American attendees and referring to them as "feathers." Parents questioned, if this was the type of racism they encountered at a board meeting, what type of racist treatment were the schools brown and black students enduring on a daily basis.

Courtesy graphic.

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SORGHUM BRAN RISES AS AN INGREDIENT FOR ENHANCING GLUTEN-FREE BREAD

Sorghum bran, often a low-cost byproduct of sorghum milling, can enhance gluten-free bread's nutritional value without compromising its flavor, according to a study published in the *Journal of Food Science*.

While gluten-free foods are in demand to meet consumers' medical needs and dietary preferences, these foods sometimes are deficient in nutrients and lack taste and texture which appeals to consumers. In gluten-free bread, wheat flour is typically replaced with refined flour and starches from other sources. Adding dietary fiber, a carbohydrate found in whole grains which has important health benefits, to gluten-free bread can lead to a hard texture and more rapid staling.

To find solutions to these challenges, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Agricultural Research Service (ARS) researchers studied sumac sorghum bran, classified as a brown tannin-containing variety with antioxidant properties and dietary fiber, as a possible substitute for wheat flour in gluten-free bread.

"In our study, we used optimization models to create a gluten-free bread with enhanced dietary fiber while preserving other desirable bread attributes such as color, texture, and flavor," said Ryan Ardoin, research food tech-



nologist at ARS's Food Processing and Sensory Quality Research Unit in New Orleans. "This meant finding the optimal amount of sumac sorghum bran to use in the bread to get the nutritional benefits without comprising taste and texture."

Ardoin and Brennan Smith along with researchers Fadi Aramouni and Scott Bean from ARS's Grain Quality and Structure Research Unit in Manhattan, KS, conducted taste tests and asked consumers to rate different breads with and without the sorghum bran.

"We found that people liked the gluten-free bread that contains 14.2% sumac sorghum bran and would be just as willing to buy this bread," said Ardoin. "There was no difference in perceived bitterness found between the bread with and without the sorghum bran."

Ardoin, whose work in-

volves novel food development and sensory evaluation, said making foods appealing to the senses is important. People seek gluten-free food options and prefer foods with a similar flavor and texture as their gluten-containing counterparts.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), approximately two million people in the United States have celiac disease, an autoimmune condition, and must avoid dietary gluten, a protein found in wheat, rye and barley. Additionally, more than 20% of U.S. consumers purchase gluten-free products without a medical reason.

"The potential health benefits provided by tannin-containing sorghum bran in gluten-free foods can benefit consumers who must avoid gluten as well as those seeking other food options," said Ardoin.

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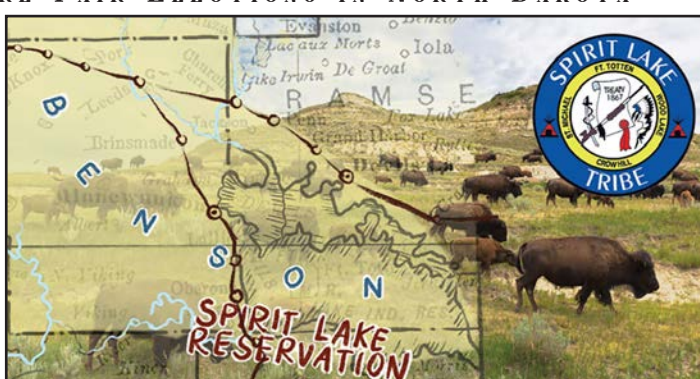
NATIVE VOTERS RESTORE FAIR ELECTIONS IN NORTH DAKOTA

On April 24, 2023, the Spirit Lake Tribe and Spirit Lake tribal members Collette Brown and Lois Leben announced a settlement agreement with Benson County, North Dakota, which makes election changes allowing for meaningful Native American voter participation and ensuring upcoming County Commissioner elections comply with the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act (VRA). The settlement resolves the Spirit Lake Tribe v. Benson County redistricting lawsuit filed in federal court in October 2022.

"The Spirit Lake Tribe filed this lawsuit because the laws that govern the redistricting process protect our tribal citizens, too, and we needed to defend our right to vote for county representation alongside our non-Native neighbors in a fair election," said Spirit Lake Tribe Chairperson Doug Yankton. "By choosing to work cooperatively with the Tribe and Native voters, Benson County Commissioners helped us quickly restore a legal and fair democratic process in this part of North Dakota to the benefit of every voter."

The agreement terms will require the county to change from conducting at-large elections which dilute the votes of Native voters, to creating single-member commissioner districts. Under this new structure, Native voters will have an opportunity to elect three candidates of their choice to the Benson County Board of Commissioners. Of the five total single-member districts to be created, elections for two of the districts will be held by the 2024 elections and the final three districts by the 2026 elections.

"Benson County has agreed that Native votes should have the chance to determine who will serve in the County Commission seats that are on the reservation," said plaintiff and voter Collette Brown (Spirit Lake Tribe). "Native vot-



ers now have a meaningful chance to participate in local government in the county, because of the Native people who spoke up to defend our rights as voters."

The single-member district election system gives Native voters the opportunity to be fairly represented in compliance with the VRA. It also brings Benson County in line with a prior federal consent decree (issued in 2000) which disallowed the county from adopting at-large voting due to the discriminatory impacts it has on Native voters in the county.

"Redistricting happens every 10 years after the U.S. Census documents population changes, so all tribal governments and Native voters must remain engaged and vigilant in the census, redistricting and voting," said plaintiff and voter Lois Leben (Spirit Lake Tribe).

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF), Hogan Lovells and the Law Office of Bryan L. Sells, represent the Spirit Lake Tribe and individual voters in the lawsuit.

"When this case was filed, the county recognized the need to change its election system to comply with the law, and I commend the County Commission for working in good faith to make the necessary changes. Spirit Lake members will finally be able to elect their candidates of choice in the county," said NARF Staff Attorney Michael Carter.

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Indigenous STEAM

Meetings & Events Thru June + Summer Camp Info 2023

- Bi-weekly Monday Co-Design Meetings
 - LTBB Gov't Bldg Rm 312 & Zoom Meeting ID: 393-739-2960
 - 5:30-7PM
 - 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24 (ZOOM ONLY), 5/8, 5/22, 6/5, 6/19
- Bi-weekly Tuesday Cross-site Curriculum Meetings
 - Zoom Meeting ID: 930-0472-1371
 - 6:30-7:30PM
 - 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 5/30, 6/13, 6/27
- Seasonal Saturday Cross-site Co-Design Meeting
 - Zoom Meeting ID: 942-4224-9188
 - 1-3PM
 - 4/1, 4/15, 6/3, 6/17
- Summer Camp!
 - Jiimaan Journey & Burt Lake State Park Camping
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 - Day Camp @ Osborne Rd.
 - Mon.-Fri., Aug. 21-25

ORAL CARE FOR OUR ELDERS

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

The American Dental Association recommends our elders:
 Brush their teeth twice or more per day. Use an oscillating power toothbrush.
 Floss regularly. There are many interdental cleaning aids available.
 Fluoride is a proven cavity-preventing mineral. Use daily fluoride toothpaste, a fluoride rinse and fluoride varnish treatments at the dentist's office.

Visit your dentist routinely for a checkup and cleaning.
 Consider having your teeth cleaned three times per year.
 Tell the dentist about any medical conditions you have and medications you take.
 The dentist does an oral cancer exam at each dental examination.
 Eat a well-balanced diet with fruits and vegetables.
 Quit smoking. Smoking increases the risk for oral cancer and gum disease.
 Limit alcoholic beverages.
 Use lip balm with sunscreen.
 Drink only water throughout the day.

Replace missing teeth to aid in eating, speech and to maintain the form, shape and function of the mouth.
 Keep your dentures clean by brushing dentures every day and soaking them in water or a denture-cleansing liquid at night.
 Be sure to leave them out of your mouth while you sleep.
 Education of the caregiver, as well as the patient, is an important part of the prevention of dental disease.

Oral health problems in older adults include the following:
 Untreated tooth decay. One in five older Americans have untreated tooth decay.
 Gum disease. A high percentage of older adults have gum disease. Gum recession can expose root surfaces to harmful bacteria.
 Tooth loss. Having missing teeth can affect nutrition because people without teeth or with dentures often prefer soft, mushy foods, which foods are high in sugar, carbohydrate and fat



content.
 Oral cancer. Cancers of the mouth and throat are primarily diagnosed at the median age of 62 years.

Chronic disease.
 Untreated dental disease causes an inflammatory cascade in the body which worsens chronic diseases such as arthritis, diabetes, heart diseases, pneumonia and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases.

Many older Americans take both prescription and over-the-counter drugs, which can contribute to dental disease and can impact dental appointments.

Dry mouth. Reduced can lead to mucositis, root cavities, increased tartar, cracked lips and fissured tongue.

Home oral care can be lacking due to cognitive as well as physical and sensory limitations. Dental care in the dentist's office might also be affected.

https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/basics/adult-oral-health/adult_older.htm

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

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/taking-care-your-teeth-and-mouth>

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/diseases-and-conditions/the-aging-mouth-and-how-to-keep-it-younger>

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/healthy-meal-planning-tips-older-adults>

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DON'T PASS ON THOSE VEGGIES, EATING THE RIGHT AMOUNT CAN IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

When healthy adults consume the daily amount of vegetable servings recommended by the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA), it has a positive effect on how happy the person feels, according to a study completed by scientists at the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS).



Many studies show eating the DGA-recommended daily amounts of fruits and vegetables is good for our general health, but only a few studies have demonstrated the role vegetable consumption (separate from fruits) has on one's mental health.

A group of scientists at the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center in Grand Forks, ND, conducted an eight-week study to evaluate the impact of increasing daily vegetable servings to match DGA recommendations on how happy one perceives themselves to be, a key measurement of psychological well-being.

The study divided healthy men and women between 18 and 65 years old into two groups. The first group of participants (the vegetable intervention group) received daily servings of DGA-recommended number and variety of vegetables, including dark green,

red and orange and starchy vegetables, based on their energy needs during the course of the study. The vegetable servings were minimally processed (raw and diced), making it simple for participants to include in their meals. The second group of participants (the control group) received the same number of interactions and attention from the researchers while maintaining a diet without adding vegetables.

All participants completed a questionnaire called the Subjective Happiness Scale (SHS). This is a subjective assessment which provides a mean overall score of a person's state of happiness based on the respondent's perspective. The study included measurements taken before and after the eight-week intervention.

"We observed an increased in SHS scores in par-

ticipants from the group that followed the DGA recommendations for vegetable intake, whereas SHS scores stayed the same for the control group, who didn't change their diet," said ARS Research Biologist Shanon Casperson.

"Results suggest that increasing the amount of vegetables you eat every day may benefit your mental health," added Casperson.

The eight-week study was part of a parent study, a more extensive study conducted at the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center which sought to determine whether adults with overweight and obesity would become more motivated to eat vegetables if they increased the number of servings they ate every day. Unlike very tasty less healthy foods, which become more reinforcing if you eat them every day, increasing the amount of vegetables eaten daily does not make them more reinforcing, highlighting the difficulty of increasing vegetable consumption in adults. However, focusing on the benefits eating more vegetables has on psychological well-being may provide a more salient reason for people to increase their vegetable consumption.

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2023 Spring Feast & Drum Social

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2023 Year End Celebration

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30th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow

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August 12 & 13, 2023

LTBB Pow Wow Grounds
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4th - \$400

Teen 13-17

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2022/2023 Miss Odawa Nation
Waasey Wemigwase

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

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

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

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Knowledgeable in Odawa culture
A young lady with Odawa lineage, who is at least 1/4 Native American
A Pow Wow dancer



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13.3" x 22.4" x 9.05" Hard shell, 360° wheel swivel

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Ticket Prices:
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All Prizes will be awarded at the LTBB Homecoming Pow Wow, 3 pm on August 13, 2023.
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Sunday 1pm

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"Battle of the Buildings" continued from page 1.

March 2021 and included the improvement of the lighting in the facility, which was a big cost savings and reduction of the carbon footprint. The project included replacing the lighting in the Ovation Hall with LED lights. In the hall, they originally had all 175w metal halide and 400w quartz, which they changed out to 45w 2x2 flat panels. They also have 1050 can lights which run 24/7/365, which they changed from an 8w LED A19 to a 5.5w and so far, have completed around 200. The new lights will reduce the shadows on the wall and allow them to change the kelvin rating from 3000k up to 5000k for specific events. The S2 Department (cameras) were changed from analog to digital cameras and servers, which took them from 77 servers to approximately 10 and reduced kW's and a large heat load off of the chillers. The product improved the lighting and reduced the cost by \$7,167.85 per year. The project cost included \$8,695.50 for the product, \$2,000 internal cost, for a total of \$10,695. The established rebate was \$6,521.63 and the cost after the rebate was \$4,173.87. Their annual savings is \$7,168 with an annual carbon footprint reduction of 64.3 metric tons. They recently signed a new contract with Trane for two-1,000 ton chillers to tune them annually, so they run as efficiently as possible. On the Natural Gas



side, they rebuilt and upgraded 5-1,000,000 btu boilers, which had a significant impact on their gas bill. They now have three of eight of the air handlers in bypass instead of 100% outside air intake, which had a massive impact on both gas and electric usage.

When asked what his favorite part of the entire project was, Dave Heinz said it was finding the product they used to accomplish the project after four years of searching. As for future sustainability-related plans, Odawa Casino Resort is always looking for new ideas and projects. They plan to continue to stay involved with the Michigan Battle of the Buildings.

We were excited to celebrate the Odawa Casino Resort's accomplishments in energy efficiency at our annual Michigan Energy Summit on April 18, 2023 in Grand Rapids, MI, where they were awarded in the venue category.

Courtesy photos.

STRONGHEARTS RAISES ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS

Despite the horror of being physically hurt and having their money or medication stolen, elders who are abused or neglected often endure the abuse without calling for help. As lifelong caregivers and protectors, many elders suffer in silence to maintain the well-being of their family and it may include their abuser.

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) - a day to raise awareness and prevent elder abuse. It's a day to reflect on what it's like to become an elder and the many challenges they are facing such as: Losing strength, muscle and bone mass. Mental clarity can deteriorate and lead to memory loss. These inevitable vulnerabilities leave our elders at risk of being abused.

According to the National Council on Aging, most abuse occurs in the home and at the hands of family members. "It's unacceptable when elders silently suffer abuse and neglect at the hands of those who should be protecting them," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. "Many elders refuse to report their abusers because they are closely related and want to protect their family, but there are so many more reasons that most people can't imagine."

• Love: Despite the abuse or neglect, victims continue to love their abusive partner or relative.

• Fear: Elders may fear retaliation if they report the abuse.

• Embarrassment: Worrying about what others might think or do to make matters worse.

• Lack of Resources: Many elders live on fixed incomes and may depend on their abuser for shelter.

• Accessibility: Elders may not be able to report if they do not have access to cell phones, internet and/or transportation.

• Polyvictimization and Normalization: For generations, Native people have en-



dured multiple types of abuse at the hands of non-Natives - so much so abuse seems normal - an everyday part of life.

Types of Abuse

Elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act which causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult. The abuser can be a family member, caretaker or another person the elder trusts.

Types of abuse can include:

• Emotional abuse - causes mental pain, fear and/or distress.

• Physical abuse - the use of force to cause pain, injury, etc.

• Financial abuse - improper use of an elders' money, property or assets.

• Caregiver neglect - a failure to meet basic needs (food, water, medical care).

• Sexual abuse - forced or unwanted sexual interactions of any kind.

• Cultural and spiritual abuse.

Learn The Signs of Abuse

The signs of elder abuse may be difficult to spot as they could sometimes be the result of disease, side effects from medications or similar reasons. However, if you suspect an elder is being abused, be patient, talk and listen to them. Be aware they may say they are being "disrespected" rather than abused.

Other signs of abuse may include:

• Unexplained bruising or injury.

• Changes in behavior.

• Lack of interest in family or social events.

• Loss of weight.

• Not having necessary medical aids (glasses, walkers, teeth, etc.) or adequate food, water, shelter.

How Can You Help?

Education is always the first step. Understand the warning signs of elder abuse and pay attention to the elders in your life. Ensuring our elders are properly cared for can include:

• Offering to help those in your family who might be feeling burdened with the care of a loved one.

• Spending time with an elder and planning a rotating schedule if you have multiple caregivers.

• Bringing them nutritional foods like baked goods or even better fry bread.

• Talking and listening to their stories because elders have a lot of wisdom to share and appreciate.

• Every state has an Adult Protective Services division for those wishing to report abuse at www.napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area.

StrongHearts can help. Advocates are available 24/7 to provide support and advocacy, make referrals to Native centered service providers and connect our relatives to regionally available resources. We are here 24/7/365.

Source

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Violence Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/elderabuse/fastfact.html> National Adult Protective Services Association <https://www.napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area/>

Courtesy graphic.

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!

Construction is underway!

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

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

We are accepting applications now!

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Apartments for Rent

Now accepting applications

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- Bedrooms are approximately 121 sq. feet and 94 sq. feet
- Located in a quiet country setting, but only 4 miles from Harbor Springs, MI
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Contact person: LTBB Housing Department 231-242-1540

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ANISHINAABE HISTORY AND CULTURE COURSE AND TRIP RETURNING FOR A THIRD YEAR

When it comes to indigenous histories, there's a significant knowledge gap in many students' educations. Ask yourself how many federally recognized tribes in your state you can name right now. If you're in Michigan, the answer is 12.

"People need to know there are indigenous people here in Michigan and here at Aquinas College," said Dr. Linda Keway, a professor at Aquinas and a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

The trip was transformational for the students who attended. So much so that they asked Dr. Keway to extend it into a class, which she did the following year. The course allowed students to dive deeper into the histories of the places they would visit before the trip in October. Noteworthy speakers were also frequently brought into the classroom.



"There's so much more Michigan history than we've ever taught about," said Adeline Shaw, who took the course last year. "There's a rich Native culture and history here. Our history isn't younger than Europe's. We're just not acknowledging it."

Shaw's final writing as-



signment for the course focused on how this course could serve as a model for healing between indigenous boarding school survivors and Catholic colleges, which will appear in the next edition of Magna Verba, Aquinas's published collection of academic writing. She also wrote a poem which will appear in Sampler, another Aquinas publication, focusing on creative writing and visual art. In the fall, she'll be pursuing a Master's degree in Social Anthropology at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

Graham Staib, who is currently a senior at Aquinas, enjoyed the interdisciplinary nature of the class. While learning from sociology majors like Shaw, Staib was also able to integrate his own experience as a political science major into the course, organizing a letter-writing campaign with his classmates to advocate for the passage of Senate Bill 0876, which would have required the existence of Indian Boarding Schools in Michigan to be included in public school history curriculum. While the bill was not passed into law, Staib hopes to see the bill revived and plans on continuing that advocacy work.

Staib shares his experience widely with fellow students at

Aquinas, encouraging them to sign up: "Going to places like Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Mackinac Island that you go to as tourists and seeing it from another perspective is important, especially for people from Michigan."

Sophia Lugtigheid, another student who took the course last year, agrees: "I really enjoy place-based learning, so I felt like I took away so much that I am going to continue to share with people and get them interested in the class next year. I think everyone should take this class and trip because of how eye-opening it was."

The 2023 trip will include many of the stops and experiences from previous trips. For the first time this year, however, students will be welcomed by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians with a shared traditional meal cooked by the tribe.

With advising for the Fall 2023 semester beginning on March 20th, students were able to sign up for SOC 325: Anishinaabe History and Culture, which ensures them a spot on the trip up north, as it's a required piece of the course. If SOC 325 doesn't fit into their schedule, students will still be able to sign up to attend the trip.

Courtesy photos.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



LITTLE TRVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

PRIMARY ELECTION

May 8, 2023

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

TRIBAL COUNCIL	IN PERSON	MAIL IN	HAND TALLY	TOTAL	%	RANK
JORDAN SHANANAQUET	13	325	0	338	13.59%	3
MARY SCHNEIDER	12	234	1	247	9.93%	5
DOUG EMERY	0	108	1	109	4.38%	9
EMILY PROCTOR	12	309	2	323	12.99%	4
BILLI JO RUSSELL	2	102	0	104	4.18%	10
TAMMY OKULY SHANANAQUET	6	232	0	238	9.57%	6
DEXTER MARSH MCNAMARA	6	213	2	221	8.89%	7
RICKY COMPO	10	187	0	197	7.92%	8
FRED KIOGIMA	5	348	1	354	14.23%	2
MELISSA PAMP	19	336	1	356	14.31%	1
VOTE TOTALS	85	2394	8	2487	100.00%	

VOTER PARTICIPATION	REGISTERED VOTERS	BALLOTS CAST	% VOTING
	1918	687	35.82%

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned election officials of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast for the election held on the eighth day of May, 2023.

SIGNED: [Signatures of Board Members]

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Call: 231-242-1563

LTBB Town Hall meetings are available to be viewed at:
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Beyond NAGPRA: Guiding Ancestral Objects Home

By Richard Arlin Walker

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

There was something wrong, Victoria Compton thought, about the items being sent out into the world in a Store-Closing-Everything-Must-Go sale.

The ancestral objects shouted "Indigenous" in "very British" Victoria, the capital of the Canadian province of British Columbia, whose opulent Empress Hotel, Parliament building and street names are reminders of the British Empire's expansion in the 19th century.

Among the ancestral objects up for sale: Hand-woven baskets, one a century old and made using tule, feathers and porcupine quills; moccasins with an intricate, beaded flower design; fur-lined leather mittens; a carved serving spoon; and a baby carrier.

Each object was a work of art, intricately woven or carved using techniques and materials which had been employed by indigenous people in the Northwest for millennia, Compton said.

"As a mom, the baby carrier was particularly



heartbreaking to me," said Compton, about seeing the objects in the soon-to-be-shuttered store.

"This antique object had been one family's way of caring for their baby," she said. "It was loved, well-used, well-crafted. Someone clearly worked hard to make this into a beautiful and durable object. It resonated with me ...

"The baby carrier represented to me the unimaginable loss of generations of Native American children, and their mothers' grief," she said.

Compton, an economic development agency director on San Juan Island in northwest Washington state who is not Native, said she was

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LTBB TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR 2023 ELECTIONS				
MAY 2023				
Saturday	May 27			General Election Ballots Mailed (at least 30 days before General Election, on or before Saturday, May 27)
Monday	May 29			Campaign Finance Statement Due from All Primary Election Candidates (within 10 days from Certification of Primary Election, on or before Monday, May 29)
JUNE 2023				
Monday	June 26	12 - 6 pm	GENERAL ELECTION DAY	(Last Monday in June, Monday, June 26)
Thursday	June 29			Non-Certified General Election Results Posted (within 3 days of General Election, on or before Thursday, June 29)
JULY 2023				
Thursday	July 6			Last Date to File Challenge to General Election (within 10 days of General Election, on or before Thursday, July 6)
Friday	July 7	5 - 5:30 pm	CERTIFICATION MEETING	Certification of General Election & Official Results Posted (at least 10 days, and no later than 10 Business days, after the General Election, after Thursday, July 6 and on or before Tuesday, July 11)
Monday	July 17			Campaign Finance Statement Due from all General Election Candidates (within 10 days from Certification of General Election, on or before Monday, July 17)



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

VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Use this fillable form, then sign or print the form and fill it in by hand and sign.
- All information must be accurate and complete.
- **This Voter Registration Form must be signed by the Tribal Citizen.**
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- The information and signature must be clear and legible.

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"Beyond NAGPRA" continued from page 21.

able to buy 12 objects. Once home, she said she realized she couldn't keep them.

"They don't want to live here," she told *ICT*. "They want to live with the people who crafted them."

Compton then embarked on a journey to return the objects to their indigenous nations of origin, one of a growing number of private collectors seeking to repatriate objects of cultural, historic or traditional importance.



Some collectors, like Compton, want to repatriate the items because they believe ancestral objects belong with the cultures from which they originated. Some want to repatriate objects which have no clear provenance — or history of ownership — leaving open the possibility they were obtained by unscrupulous or illegal means.

Under the 1990 federal law, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, known as NAGPRA, museums, universities and government agencies which receive federal funds are required to return human remains and culturally significant and sacred objects to the tribal nations or lineal descendants.

So far, more than 83,000 human remains and 1.7 million funerary objects have been repatriated, according to a February 2022 report from the Government Accountability Office.

But for private collectors and others who have no obligation under NAGPRA to return ancestral objects to their cultures of origin, knowing how or where to start can be a puzzle.

"I understand that repatriation is a huge issue and expense for tribes and I don't want to add to that burden if it's not an item that should be returned," said Mary Klinkel, a non-Native resident of Green Valley, AZ, who is seeking to repatriate a beaded leather case, believed to be from the Southwest, she has in her possession.

"If there is a group of Indigenous experts that can look at photos and make decisions about whether items need to be repatriated or not, that could be a big help in the process."

Seeking Guidance

A good place to start is a local tribal museum, said Emily Miller, senior curator of the Tulalip Tribes' Hibel Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve on the Tulalip Reservation near Seattle.

The National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers website, has an online directory of 74 tribal museums and cultural centers in 23 states, and museums may be able to consult by e-mail using photographs and background information about the object, Miller said.

Museums can often help identify or narrow down the object's place of origin and, if necessary, direct the person to a tribal nation that could identify it. The tribal museum and/or tribal nation can also provide guidance on the most appropriate way to return the object.

"A lot of the time, we see people who have had items in their families, and often it's an ethnographic piece or archeological piece," Miller told *ICT*.

"We usually ask for pictures and background on the object to make sure it's fitting for here — that it originated with one of the signatory treaty tribes [of the Tulalip Tribes]," Miller said. "If it's not fitting for here, we'll try to send them to a place that is more fitting for the object. If we can tell that it's from, for example, the Northeast or the Southwest, we would send them to a tribe in that area so they can get the object back to them."

That's the guidance Klinkel was looking for. She discovered she lives just 125 miles or so from Ak-Chin HimDak EcoMuseum and Archives in Maricopa, and 146 miles from the San Carlos Apache Cultural Center in Peridot.

Klinkel had read a recent *New York Times* article about repatriation and saw a photograph of an object which resembled an ob-

ject she has in her possession.

"One of the items was called a whetstone case, and it reminded me of a small, beaded leather case I had received as a gift from my sister about 20 years ago," Klinkel told *ICT*. "I called her to ask where she got it, and she had purchased it at a flea market in Colorado from some men who said it was from a trading post in New Mexico. There was no more provenance than that. But I was uneasy having it, in case it should be returned to a tribe."

Klinkel reached out to an indigenous friend from college, who looked at photos of the object and thought it was probably a piece sold by the artist for trade purposes, not for ceremony, Klinkel said.

Klinkel has some resources available to her if the object did originate in New Mexico. The Institute of American Indian Arts Museum is located in Santa Fe as is the Poeh Museum. The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is located in Albuquerque.

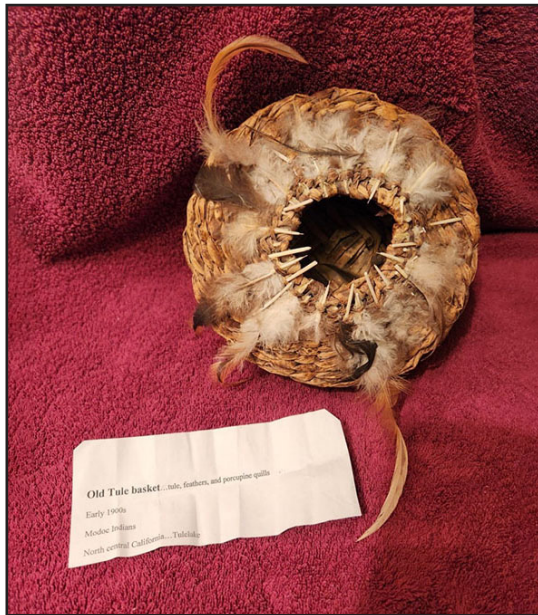
Jackie Ferry is tribal historic preservation officer for the Samish Indian Nation in Anacortes, WA, a seaside community from which state ferries depart and arrive daily enroute to and from the San Juan Islands.

She said cultural departments and historic preservation officers at tribal nations and local historical museums can help individuals seeking to repatriate ancestral objects.

Ferry has repatriated objects to other tribal nations — among them some sandals which originated in New Mexico and somehow found their way to the Samish Nation's collection — and she's helped individual's repatriate objects as well.

When she gets a call regarding an object, she asks the individual e-mail photos to her with as much information about it as possible such as when and where it was acquired and any identifying information on labels or receipts.

The object may be fragile, so "it's often best that they leave the object in place," she said.



"We've had people bring objects to us," Ferry said. "Maybe it was something that a parent had and handed down to them or it's something they acquired on their own. Either way, they're motivated by wanting it to go back to the right place."

An Appraiser Can Help

Miller said an appraiser who specializes in Native art can also help the holder of an ancestral indigenous object identify or narrow down its place of origin. The International Society of Appraisers' website has a list of Native art experts.

Compton searched on the internet for an expert in Native basketry and came across Natalie Linn's name and contact information. Linn, of Portland, OR, has been collecting and studying Native basketry for 50 years and is frequently featured on the PBS program "Antiques Roadshow."

"Send me some images and I'll see what I can do," Linn e-mailed Compton.

Linn determined the baby carrier originated from the Simpcw First Nation in Barriere, British Columbia, some 180 miles northeast from Compton's home in northwest Washington state. She's now arranged to take the item to them in May.

"This makes me really happy," Compton told *ICT*. "I feel like I have the opportunity to address a problem that my ancestors helped set up."

Richard Arlin Walker, Mexican/Yaqui, is an ICT correspondent reporting from Western Washington. He writes for Underscore News, Hamiinat magazine and other publications.

Courtesy photos.

NOTICE:
NEW TRIBAL CODE WEBPAGE

The Tribal Code Webpage has been restructured!!!!

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Epangishmok crossword puzzle answer key

Waabgonii Giizis	Blossom Moon/June
Waabanong	Morning Star/Eastern direction
Zhaawaanong	Summer Star/Southern direction
Kiiwedini'anang	North Star/Going Home star
Bibooneonini	Wintermaker
Madoodiswan	sweat lodge
Bagonagiizhig	Hole in the Sky/Seven Sisters/Pleiades
Ojiig	the Fisher/Big Dipper
MishoomisGiizis	Grandfather Sun
NokomisDibikGiizis	Grandmother Moon
Nswe Nimisenhyag	Three Sisters
Kaawinong	there are no stars
BinesiwiMiikana	Thunderbird's Path/Milky Way
JiibayMiikana	Path/River of Souls/Milky Way

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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
April 20, 2023
In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:08 a.m.
 Opening ceremony: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley
 Closed Session: Yes
 Council Present: Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor
 Absent: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes
 Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Legislative Administrative Assistant Marin Taylor
 Corporate Charters Present: Ziibimijwang, Inc. Executive Director Mary Donner, Ziibimijwang Inc. Chair Kevin Gasco
 Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson; Natural Resources Department Youth Conservation Corp Team Leader Isaac Abram-Craig, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Education's WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Office of the Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill, Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Tribal Chairman's Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, GIS Director Alan Proctor, Human Services Department Generalist Melanie Gasco, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Enrollment Department Receptionist/Data Entry Lindsey Doerfler, Gijigowi Language Department Administrative Assistant Theresa Keshick, Human Services Food Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine, Gijigowi Language Department Director Netawn Kiogima, Human Resources Department Director Denise Petoskey, Natural Resources Department Director Doug Craven, Education Department Learning Center Coordinator/Cultural Library Jeremy Steele
 Judicial Officials and Staff: none
 Public: Doug Emery, Renee "Wasson" Dillard, Ricky Compo, Patrick Anthony, Judy Field, Blayne Bott, Melissa Shomin, Carla Osawamick, Maritza Fuerte, Norma Anthony, Billi Jo Russell, Marie Schuyler-Dreaver, Samantha Coleman, Sunnese Granados, Kacie Gokee, Bernadece Boda, Christine Shomin, Heather Syrette, Eva Oldman, Mindi Ortiz, Alicia Alvarado, McKenna Kiogima
 Invited Guest: none
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to adopt the agenda of April 20, 2023 as presented.
 Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 4-Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)
 Motion carries.
Meeting Dedication:
Motion made by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizens who have walked on: Joann Carey-ba and Audrey Gribben-ba.
 Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 4-Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Reyes) Motion carries.
Review and Approve Minutes of April 6, 2023
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the minutes of April 6, 2023 as presented.
 Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Councilor William Ortiz), 4 Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
 Executive Oversight Report:
Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley
 Second Street Groundbreaking Ceremony was yesterday, April 19.
 Received more information from the Diocese of Gaylord regarding names of Boarding School students.
 Appointed to the Civil rights Commission.
Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson
 Second Street Groundbreaking Ceremony.
 USDA Local Foods Demonstration Project bid development. Working on making it so Ziibimijwang Inc. qualifies as a vendor.
Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon
 Employee Easter Egg Hunt happening this morning. Was delayed Easter week due to some departments being shut-down for illness.
 COVID cases did spike after Spring Break, historically this has been happening. Things should be calming down again.
 Natural Resources Commission had Annual Meeting.
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley for April 20, 2023.
 Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 4-Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes)
 Motion carries.
Tribal Council Officer Reports: Secretary Report
 Documents Delivered to the Executive: None
 Vetoes (a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto): None
 Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: None
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes' verbal report as provided on the agenda by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor for April 20, 2023.
 Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 4-Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
9:30 a.m. Introduction of new Tribal Government Employees
 Isaac Abram-Craig - Youth Conservation Corp Team Leader - Natural Resources
 Allison Ronk - Police Dispatcher - Law Enforcement
 Marin Taylor - Administrative Assistant (Transfer) - Legislative/Tribal Council
 Tribal Council Officer Reports continued
Treasurer Report
 Appropriations and Finance Committee
 Last Meeting: April 11, 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 # 042023-01 Request for Funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program FY 2023.
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor Wil-

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

June 6 Work Session
 June 8 Council Meeting
 June 20 Work Session
 June 22 Council Meeting

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

All Tribal Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Tribal Council Chambers located at
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 Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader
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 Leroy Shomin, Treasurer
 Tamara Munson, Councilor
 Aaron Otto, Councilor
 Melissa Pamp, Councilor
 Fred Kiogima, Councilor
 William Oritz, Councilor
 James Pontiac, Councilor

liam Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042023-02 Request for Funding from the National Park Service, Historic Preservation Grants-in-Aid to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices FY 2023.
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization of the COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program that allows a seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) payment to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Citizens to come from American Rescue Plan Act ("ARP") funds.
 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 the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy VI.
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carries.
 Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: None
 Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz 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 Legislative Leader Emily Proctor for Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for April 20, 2023.
 Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 4-Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
Land and Reservation Committee Report
 Last Meeting: March 31, 2023
 Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council on their 04/06/2023 meeting.
 Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None
 Next Special Meeting: Thursday,

April 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom
 Next Regular Meeting: Friday, May 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom
9:35 a.m. Treasurer Leroy Shomin arrives
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz 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 April 20, 2023.
 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 3-Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
9:43 a.m. Councilor Fred Kiogima arrives
9:45 a.m. Break
10:06 a.m. Meeting resumes
Legislative Leader Report
Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor's verbal and written report for April 20, 2023.
 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 2-Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
Tribal Council Member Reports: Councilor Fred Kiogima - Attended the following: Appropriations and Finance Committee Special Budget Hearing for Prosecutor, Judicial, and Legislative Branch, Appropriations and Finance Committee regularly scheduled meeting, and the ground-breaking ceremony for Second Street in Harbor Springs.
Councilor Tamara Munson - Absent
Councilor William Ortiz - Attended the following: Reservation Economic Summit (RES) 2023 and the Natural Resources Commission Annual Meeting. Met with Dreamcatcher Hotels to schedule a meeting at a Tribal Council Work Session; very informative-great job by Natural Resources Department.
Councilor Aaron Otto - Attended the Reservation Economic Summit (RES) 2023; very informative regarding Tribes running businesses; thought it ironic that should have been held on native land to draw business to a Tribe. Need to help Citizens obtain small business grants which will further serve the Tribe when seeking out services.
Councilor Melissa Pamp - Attended the ground-breaking ceremony for Second Street in Harbor Springs. The Legislative Branch will be giving away a raffle prize at the Annual Community Meeting. Councilor Pamp is willing to be present at the Legislative Branch department table during the Community Meeting if any other councilors would like to join her.
Councilor James Pontiac - Attended the following: The ground-breaking ceremony for Second Street in Harbor Springs, the Legislative Services Attorney workgroup and the Liquor & Tobacco Licensing Board meeting briefly.
Legislative Leader Emily Proctor - No additional updates
Secretary Marcella Reyes - Absent
Treasurer Leroy Shomin - Met with Legislative Leader Emily Proctor regarding Legislative Services Attorney workgroup. In contact with SBC (Sports betting/online gaming), and would like the Compensation Statutes voted on today.
Legislative Leader Emily Proctor - No additional updates
Secretary Marcella Reyes - Absent
Treasurer Leroy Shomin - Met with Legislative Leader Emily Proctor regarding Legislative Services Attorney workgroup. In contact with SBC (Sports betting/online gaming), and would like the Compensation Statutes voted on today.
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Fred Kiogima's verbal report, Councilor William Ortiz' verbal and written report, Councilor Aaron Otto's verbal and written report, Councilor Melissa Pamp's verbal report, and Treasurer Leroy Shomin's verbal report for April 20, 2023.
 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 2-Absent (Councilor Tamara Mun-

son, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
Legislative Office Reports: Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst
 Office Update
 Corporate Charters and/or Board Attendance Updates:
 Gaming Authority - March 2023 Status Report
 Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation
 Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.
 Tribal Burial Board
 Ziibimijwang, Inc. - See 1:00 p.m. for 2023 1st Quarter Report
Motion made by Councilor James Pontiac and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for April 20, 2023.
 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 2-Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the written Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort March 2023 Status Report dated April 19, 2023.
 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 2-Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - No report
General Counsel
Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's written report for April 20, 2023.
 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 2-Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
 Legislative Office Director
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal report for April 20, 2023.
 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 2-Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.
10:47 a.m. Break
10:57 a.m. Councilor Tamara Munson arrives
11:28 a.m. Meeting resumes
Public Comment
 11:32 a.m. Opens-Closed 12:40 p.m.
Ricky Compo: Proposed Citizenship Statute should be voted on by Tribal Citizens. Concerns/comments expressed by Tribal Citizens were not considered.
Theresa Keshick: Urged Tribal Council to bring the proposed Citizenship Statute to a referendum vote. If Tribal Council decides to vote on it today, she urged them to vote no.
Norma Anthony: In support of the proposed Citizenship Statute.
Melissa Shomin: In support of the proposed Citizenship Statute to increase membership.
Marie Schuyler-Dreaver: Proposed Citizenship Statute should be voted on by our Tribal Citizens. Expressed her teachings as to why she feels this way. If Tribal Council should vote on the statute, she urged them to vote no.
Kacie Gokee: Proposed Citizenship Statute-agrees with Marie Schuyler-Dreaver. Statute should be voted on by Tribal Citizens.
Bernadece Boda: Proposed Citizenship Statute needs to be voted on by the community.
Christine Shomin: Opposed to the Citizenship Statute.
Melissa Shomin: The reality of trying to get the entire membership to vote will not happen. The majority probably will not vote as they haven't historically participated in the past. How long will be discuss the same issues? Supports the change.
Billi Jo Russell: Opposed to the Citizenship Statute. Should not be
"Minutes" continued on page 24.

A 90-FOOT-LONG PAINTING HONORS INDIGENOUS WOMEN

By Kalle Benallie

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

"The World's Longest Native American Painting" is nearly the size of a basketball court which is made up of 280 Native women from more than 250 tribes in the United States. Artist Daniel Ramirez envisions having a life size scale of the painting at the National Mall in Washington D.C. one day.

"So, that you can make this big, beautiful circle that people who are in D.C. can go inside there and see all the colors, the women and get a feel for it like that," he said.

As well as it being animated online where kids can "have this physicality with the ladies and click on her and she's going to walk forward and tell the story of her tribe," he said.

Ramirez brought four of the 12 sections to the Reservation Economic Summit (RES) for three days in April as part of his display for the Native Art Market. He has been working on it for more than a decade when he was a featured artist at the National Museum of the American Indian.



cued his mom from going to boarding school.

As a child, he said he was always into art and had that "bug." It wasn't until he met his seventh-grade teacher — who he considers his first real art teacher — legitimized art for him.

He received his bachelor's degree and master's degree in art from the University of Michigan.

Ramirez describes his art style as modern Native American. He wished Native American art would be studied and made into programs at art schools across the country, especially in places like Santa Fe and Albuquerque in New Mexico with notable Native populations.

"Where people would understand the diversity, the value, the range. There's a whole side of us 'that' relates to our tribes and our heritages," he said. "There should be some awareness of Indigenous art. Just because it's as valuable as any other art form and we are just underrepresented and underappreciated, and time is going by."

Ramirez's designs were printed on tote bags for the RES conference last year and in 2023 as well for a tradeoff to be at the Native Art Market.

He said he foolishly didn't do RES for a while but thinks of his life as serendipitous. Today, people can understand, recognize and revel in what he's trying to do with the nearly 90-foot-long painting.

He said he does many non-Native art shows where people wouldn't pay attention at all to the painting.

"It's so different to be in a place or to do a show where they're like 'wow these women are really cool' and they can kind of relate. So, RES is one of those places where that happens," Ramirez said.

He plans to go to other conferences like the Native American Bar Association and National Indian Gaming Association.

Ramirez is currently in the process of illustrating a children's book by Tasha Spillet, Inninewak (Cree) and Trinidadian, about a Cree grandmother and her grandson. His first draft is due in August. He said he will be dedicating it to his older brother who recently died.

From that project, he said he was able to connect with a literary agent who hopes to make the painting into a children's book in the next year.

His husband and partner Jerome Dupont for more than 30 years helps with the traveling, printing of his work and most of the set up. Ramirez said it gives him more time to paint.

"I just don't know how anyone could do it alone. You have to have somebody else because there's so much to do. You gotta present, you gotta talk, then you gotta mail, then you gotta drive, then you gotta take care of the dog..." he said.

He advises other Native artists to have someone help them, to present themselves as an artist and as an indigenous person. He said it's hard but it's very, very gratifying because he enjoys the work which goes into it.

"Researching the women of our tribes, respecting women, understanding women. I'm trying by November to do some writing and do some open thinking about my thoughts about women, the importance of women, matriarchy and in Native culture what women mean, our grandmothers, our stories — how that connects everything together."

This November, all 12 parts of the painting will be displayed as he will be the featured artist at the Vista Center for the Arts in Surprise, AZ.

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Courtesy photos.

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Friday, July 28 Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)		Saturday, July 29 Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony)	
9:00A-12:00P	Set Up Camp Set Up Tables, Chairs, Registration, PA System, and Kitchen	8:00A	Breakfast
12:00P	Lunch	9:00A-12:00P	Presentations
1:00P-5:00P	Presentations	1:00-4:00P	Lunch
5:00P	Dinner	4:00P	Presentations
7:00P - 9:00P	Talent Show	5:00P	Baseball
		7:00-9:00P	Dinner
		9:00P	Jingtamok
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Ramirez, who is Saginaw Swan Creek Black River Chippewa from Michigan, said he researches for about a month and half for each piece. He finds inspiration online, in books and from people. At least 50 to 80 of the women are inspired by real people.

"I kind of just want your silhouette, your regalia, your dress of your nation," he said.

Then, it takes about two months to complete the piece.

Ramirez said his mother and great aunt, who he says was their matriarch, are the primary inspirations for the painting. He said his great aunt and his grandmother res-

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Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Editor's note: Article provided by the South Eastern Michigan Indians, Inc., a non-profit urban American Indian human services agency dedicated to serving the American Indian/Alaska Native and First Nations communities.



Though much progress has been made in reducing youth access to cigarettes, research shows e-cigarettes are significantly easier for underage youth to purchase than cigarettes. For youth who purchase their own e-cigarettes, gas stations, convenience stores and vape shops are the most common places for illegal sales to minors. According to a University of Michigan 2022 study, more than half (51.9%) of 10th grade students reported it would be easy for them to get vaping devices.

Other factors come into play which make purchasing tobacco products easier and more enticing: e-cigarettes and flavored little cigars/cigarillos are often stocked near kid-friendly products such as candy, soda or ice cream, prominent signs with price promotions and proximity of retail stores and vape shops to schools. With nearly half of adolescents visiting a convenience store at least once a week, the chance a kid will have easy access to an e-cigarette retailer is high.

Representatives from popular vape companies have even approached tribes and schools to pitch their products; in a 2020 Congressional investigation, it was found the vape company Juul met with leadership from the Lummi Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, the S'Klallam Tribe and others to discuss the concept of a "switching program" for current smokers, claiming their products were effective for smoking cessation and less harmful. Juul representatives visiting a classroom of 9th graders at a high school repeatedly told students their products were "totally safe." Two students who were in the class gave testimony during a House Committee and Reform hearing, stating they "believed the presenter was sending mixed messages by saying Juul is totally safe and following up every 'totally safe' message

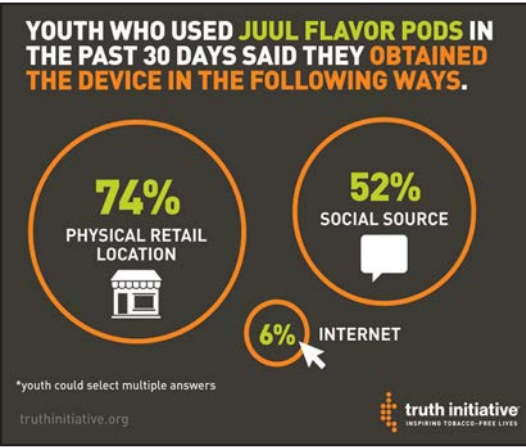
with: But we don't want you as customers."

There are resources available for youth who want to quit vaping and want to learn more about its dangers to health; in 2022, the FDA launched "Next Legends," a campaign which aims to educate American Indian and Alaska Native youth ages 12-17 about the harms of vaping. There is also the American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program Quitline: 1-855-5AI-QUIT (855-524-7848). Other quit vaping programs for youth and young adults include This Is Quitting through the Truth Initiative: Text DITCHVAPE to 88709 and My Life My Quit: Text Start My Quit to 36072.

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SHANNON MARTIN JOINS FIRST PEOPLES FUND'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS



First Peoples Fund

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

On April 24, 2023, the First Peoples Fund welcomed four new board members.

They were Dallin Maybee (Seneca and Arapaho), Shannon Martin (Match-E-Benash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians – Gun Lake Tribe and Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa), Paul Lumley (Yakama) and Vickie Oldman (Dine’).

In announcing them, First Peoples Fund wrote, "Each individual brings unique skills and experiences, enriching our organization. Their collective passion and knowledge in Native arts and cultures will be instrumental in guiding our mission to strengthen and revitalize indigenous communities through the arts."

The following biography of Shannon appears on First Peoples Fund's website:

"Shannon Martin (Lynx Clan) is the Executive Director/Founder of Cultural Pathways Group, LLC, a company which supports the development of cultural activation/

preservation initiatives, community-centered organizing, exhibition research/development, NAGPRA repatriation efficacy and strategic planning for Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and institutions. Her clients include the Association on American Indian Affairs, Grand Rapids Public Museum, Kalamazoo Nature Center, Michigan History Center, Mukurtu (Washington State University) and *New York Times* best-selling author Angeline Boulley as a Subject Matter Expert on her forthcoming second novel "Warrior Girl Unearthed" (May 2023).

Shannon is the former Director of the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan) – dedicating over 19 years to the award-winning cultural center and Tribal museum.

Shannon continues to be an active citizen throughout "Indian Country." Since birth, she has participated in ancestral repatriations, pow wows, treaty demonstrations, ceremonies and other cultural and language events. She is a member of the Three Fires Midewiwin Society (original Anishinabe way of life).

Shannon was recognized with a Guardian of Culture and Lifeways International Leadership Award at the 2018



International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries and Museums. In February 2006, she was selected from hundreds of applicants as one of 18 emerging leaders invited to participate in the Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO) Ambassadors Program. Shannon was further recognized as the Ford Foundation Fellow for the 2006-2007 class of Ambassadors at a Washington, D.C. gala in September 2006. The program took Shannon and her fellow ambassadors to Bolivia where they met with Indigenous activists and leaders – including Presidente Evo Morales Ayma at his private residence.

Shannon has served on the national boards for the D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous Studies at the Newberry Library, Honor the Earth and the Research Advisory Council for the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition."

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“LTBB Housing Projects” continued from page 1. MI, near Bayshore, MI. The plan is to build up to 38 apartment units, four of which would be ADA-compliant. The development aims to reduce the waiting list of tribal members who qualify for low-income housing while also providing a better match with their housing needs.

“LTBB Housing currently operates 40 rental units in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties,” said LTBB Housing Director John Givens. “Of those, 28 are three-bedroom units designed for larger families, and only three are designed for single people. However, our current waiting is mostly one- and two-person households. Units at Mtig-waakiis will be smaller: One and two bedrooms plus several efficiencies.”

After two previous competitive, but unsuccessful, applications, the tribe was awarded \$5

million for the project from the Federal Indian Housing Block Grant program in 2022, which will be matched with \$1 million from LTBB. Construction at the Murray Road site is projected to begin this year.

In addition, through Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. (OEDMI), the tribe is building a 50-unit apartment building at Victories Square in Bear Creek Township south of Petoskey, MI. It is funded, in part, through Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) approved in 2021 by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). LTBB is also in the early planning stages for a similar development on tribal-owned property on Cemetery Road just north of the Odawa Casino for which it also intends to request LIHTC funding.

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MUSICIAN LINK WRAY "RUMBLES" INTO ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME

By Miles Morrisseau



lian Mae Wray, who was Shawnee.

The Hall of Fame took note in its announcement Wray was of indigenous descent.

"Raised in North Carolina with Shawnee origins, Fred Lincoln Wray, Jr., joined his brothers in a band that played a mix of country and rockabilly music," according to the announcement. "While his family suffered racial discrimination due to their Native American background, Wray later honored their heritage in songs like 'Comanche' and 'Shawnee.'"

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War in the early 1950s before he hit it big with "Rumble," released by Cadence Records in 1958. He quickly followed it up in 1959 with "Raw Hide," another hit not related to the popular television Western.

"Rumble" climbed both the pop and R&B charts and at one point was banned from radio for fear the title, a reference to a gang fight, would stir teenagers to violence.

Wray had experimented with feedback and distortion during live performances, but could not recreate that same sound in the studio. He finally took a pencil and started jabbing holes into the tweeters of his amplifier, creating his revolutionary sound and the power chord which made him famous.

Musicians discussed the impact the song had on rock music in the documentary film.

"It was the sound, the chord progressions, that was the thing. It was the way they didn't understand the feedback," said Marky Ramone, who went into the Hall of Fame in 2002 with The Ramones. "It was the groove. It was so many things that turned people off."

Other artists also heaped praise on Wray.

"There may not be a Who if there were there no Link Wray," said drummer Taylor Hawkins of the Foo Fighters, who were inducted in 2021 before Hawkins' death in 2022. "There might not be a Jeff Beck group without a Link Wray. There might not be a Led Zeppelin if there were no Link Wray."

Slash of Guns and Roses, in the Hall of Fame class of 2012, enthused, "It is the rawest form of the kind of guitar that a lot of the guys that I listened to, that is where it started. And it still sounds better when he does it."

Added Iggy Pop, the punk rock pioneer who went into the Hall of Fame with his band, The Stooges, in 2010, "Rumble" had the power to push me over the edge. It did help me say, "F*** it, I am going to be a musician."

Robertson, who went into the hall in 1993 as a member of The Band, said Wray caught his eye before he knew he was indigenous.

"Rumble made an indelible mark on the whole evolution of where rock and roll was going to go, and then, I found out that he was an Indian," Robertson said in the film.

Wray's music has been heard in numerous films, perhaps most memorably in the restaurant scene between Uma Thurman and John Travolta in "Pulp Fiction." but also in "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," "12 Monkeys," "Desperado," and "Independence Day."

In 2008, "Rumble" was added to the archives of the Library of Congress.

"He has been called the 'missing link' in rock guitar, the connecting force between the early blues guitarists and the later guitar gods of the 1960s (Hendrix, Clapton, Page)," according to the announcement from the Library of Congress. "He's the father of distortion and fuzz, the originator of the power chord and the godfather 'Link Wray' continued on page 30.

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Anniversaries

Francis B. Burch, Sr. and his wife, **Gloria**, will celebrate 63 years of marriage. They were married June 18, 1960 at St. James Church in Montague, MI. They have three children, Francis, Jr. (Anita), Catherine and Gaileen (Rocky); six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Cards can be sent to 2792 E. Scout Rd., Hart, MI 49420. No party is planned because of COVID-19.



Happy 50th anniversary to **Carolyn and Gordy Taglauer**. Married on June 7, 1973. Love, your family.

Walking On...

Dorothy "Liz" (Adams) Gasco, 72

It is with great sadness that notification be given to all of Liz's family and friends that she succumbed to her long-term illness on April 19, 2023. Liz was a lifelong resident of Northern Michigan. She was raised alongside her six siblings and attended schools in Harbor Springs, MI. Liz was born the daughter of Lewis Adams, Sr., USMC WWII Veteran, and Doris (nee Kishigo) Adams, who was well known



for her advocacy for all Native Americans throughout Michigan. She was the granddaughter

of Mitchell Kishigo, Sr., known as "Mike" or "Grandpa K," and Amelia "Grandma K" (nee Animikwom) Kishigo. Her grandparents provided Liz with Odawa genealogy that can be traced back to pre-20th century. Liz left Harbor Springs, MI, to live in Traverse City, MI, and begin her career at Consumers Energy. After 27 years of employment, she retired as the manager of the supply depot for the entire company. She was always very fond of her time at Consumers Energy and even in retirement, she would wave and smile at the work crews on different jobsites she would come across. Liz was a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She served her community through tribal government as a Tribal Council Member for many years. She had two children, Douglas and Sarah. Sarah gave Liz four grandsons whom filled her world with joy and pride. Recently, Liz became great-grandmother to the newest member of her family clan. Liz is survived by her daughter, Sarah; her companion/best friend/love of her life/husband, the former Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Chairman, Gerald V. Chingwa; siblings, Susan Swadling, Lewis (Melanie) Adams, Jr., and Jan Kiogima; the lights of her life, her grandchildren and great-granddaughter, Wiigwaas Craven, Waasmowin Craven, Noodin

Walking On...

Craven, Weengush Craven and Mnookimi Craven; also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents; parents; her son, Douglas; and siblings, Michelle Chingwa, Mary Gibson, Janet Sagataw, John Adams and Louis Kiogima.



Ronald Alan Boda II, 37

Ronald Alan Boda II, age 37, of Grand Rapids, MI, walked on through the Western Door on May 7, 2023. He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Alan Boda I; his sister, Constance Marie Boda; his grandparents, Julius and Susan Lewis and Alphonse and Dorothy Boda. Surviving are his mother, Karen M. Boda (Lewis); his brothers, Jesse (Bernadece) Boda and Anthony R. (Alisha) Boda; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins and his favorite fur ball, Sophie. Ronald was a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of the Odawa Indians. Ron enjoyed wrestling, football, boxing and the occasional trip to the casino. He was an avid University of Michigan fan.



my (deceased T. SGT. KIA) and Clara Denemy (Loones-foot-deceased). He leaves behind his beloved wife of 70 years, Patricia (Mort) Denemy, who was by his side and helped him pass in peace; his daughter, Judy Smith (husband, Greg Smith, deceased); son, William A. Denemy (wife, Natalie Denemy, deceased); daughter, Joanie Denemy; son, Brian Denemy, and wife, Susan Denemy; and Terri Denemy and husband, Jerry Postema. He was blessed with four grandchildren, Michael Denemy, Justin Denemy, Joey Denemy and Margaret Feil; and two great-grandchildren, William and Chloe Feil. He was a devoted husband and father. His family was the most important thing in his life and their needs always surpassed his wants. His caring actions and sacrifices where without limit. He was respected and loved deeply. He spent the majority of his working career with the Michigan State Police. He was a member of their very first scuba diving team. After 33 years of State service, Inspector Denemy retired as the Assistant Division Commander Motor Carrier Division and his Badge number was 1. After retirement, he worked as a security officer, Transportation Director for the Stanton School system, was appointed to the LTBB Gaming and Regulatory Commission, served one term as the Vice Chair for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and was later appointed to the LTBB Tribal Court as an Appellate Judge. He was very athletic and excelled in high school sports, attending both Petoskey and Charlevoix School systems. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, golf, softball and all other sports, encouraging and coaching his children along their way. God and family was very important to him. He was a member of St Francis Catholic Church and a lifetime member of Knight of Columbus. He was a die-hard Michigan fan and held season tickets up until his death. Go Blue!



William I. Denemy, 90

William I. Denemy started his journey to the spirit world on May 13, 2023. He passed peacefully in his sleep at Independent Village in Petoskey, MI. He was 90 years old and was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He was born April 3, 1933 in Charlevoix, MI, to Isaac William Dene-

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