



PRIVACY PRACTICES TO LIMIT TRIBAL CENSUS DATA



By Mike Schneider and Morgan Lee

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During the 2020 census, Native American leaders across the U.S. invested time and resources to make sure their members were tallied during the head count, which determines political power and federal funding.

But the detailed data sets from the 2020 census they will receive this month are more limited and less accurate than they were in the previous census — and it isn't because the COVID-19 pandemic severely limited outreach efforts.

Rather, it's due to new privacy methods implemented by the U.S. Census Bureau in order to protect the confidentiality of participants, one of which introduces intentional errors or "noise" to the data.

At stake is the availability and accuracy of data helping tribal leaders make decisions about where to locate grocery stores or schools and estimate future population growth. Census numbers determine funding for social programs, education, roads and elderly care for tribes which have been historically undercounted.

"It was never clearly articulated to them by the Census Bureau that this would be the case, that they wouldn't receive the level of data that they received from the previous census," New Mexico State Demographer Robert Rhatigan said. "In those tribal conversations, it was never made clear that the data would not be available or that it would be so noisy in these smaller areas."

In fact, more than 80% of tribes in the U.S. won't receive the full suite of detailed demographic data from the 2020 census at tribal-area levels they had in the 2010 census because of the changes, according to a report released in August by the Center for Indian Country Development, which is part of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Many leaders in Indian Country were unaware they were going to get fewer tables when the detailed data sets were released September 21, said Brandi Liberty, a consultant who helps tribes get federal and state grants.

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JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING LTBB EVENTS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

29th Annual LTBB Sovereignty Day Celebration, September 30 from 3-7 p.m., LTBB Governmental Center

President Bill Clinton signed Public Law 103-324 on September 21, 1994, federally reaffirming the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.



Public Law 103-324 is an act of the United States Congress signed into law on September 21, 1994. The act is titled "Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Act." The purpose of the act is to reaffirm and clarify the federal relationships of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
3 PM
GOVERNMENT CENTER

Ottawa Indians as distinct federally recognized Indian tribes.

This year's Sovereignty Day Celebration will feature a "day of family activities, a parade, workshops, vendors, fry bread tacos and more," according to Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, who is helping to organize the event.

She said there are two new activities this year.
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FREE WELL WATER TESTING NOW AVAILABLE FOR MICHIGAN RESIDENTS



The Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) is excited to announce a special program to help Michigan families know the quality of their well water. EGLE and local health departments (LHD) are working together to ensure safe drinking water is a priority for Michigan families.

Last year, the Michigan Legislature appropriated \$5 million to provide free well water testing for Michigan residents who rely on a household or private well for their drinking water. Water from private wells may sometimes not be safe to drink. EGLE and the LHDs want to help families know if their water is safe to drink, and this free well water testing will help get them that answer.

Most wells get checked when they are first built; however, EGLE and the LHDs know water wells should be checked more frequently as water quality may change over time. This testing can determine if there have been any water quality changes to your well which could be harmful to those who drink and use the well water.

Many different substances may be found in well water which could be harmful and may cause illness,

including bacteria; nitrates; and some metals such as arsenic. Residents who test through this free program will have the assistance of the LHD to help determine next steps if test results show a problem with their well water quality.

If you have a private well and you want to know if your water is safe to drink, here is what you can do:

- Talk to your LHD. They can tell you if there is anything special you need to know about the water in your area.

- Go to the EGLE website gov/EGLEPrivateWells. Here, you can add your information to ask for a water test. You will also learn more about how to collect a water sample to send to the laboratory.



- Don't worry if you are not sure what the laboratory results mean – your LHD will help you understand the results and will guide you on next steps if necessary.

This free testing program is your first step in knowing if the water you drink from your private well is safe, and steps to take if an issue is found.

Courtesy graphics.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 9-18-2023 = 4,508

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Tribal Telephone Directory and Website Information

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Beverly Wemigwase, Receptionist	231-242-1400 1-866-652-5822
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<u>Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department</u> Theresa Keshick, Administrative Assistant 242-1457	
<u>GIS Department</u> Alan Proctor, Director 242-1597	
<u>Health Department</u> 242-1611	

Election Board

ElectionBoard@ltbbelectionboard.org

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement

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

LTBB Mission Statement

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

Contact Information

ODAWA TRAILS



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

The deadline for the November 2023 issue of *Odawa Trails* is October 2, 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



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG											
DATE	August 2023	Marcella Reyes	Emily Proctor	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Wayne Otto	Melissa Pamp	Jordan Shananaquet	James Pontiac
8/4/23	Land and Reservation Committee	X			X			X			
8/8/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
8/10/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
8/15/23	Appropriations and Finance Committee	X	X	X	X		X		X		
8/22/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
8/24/23	Tribal Council Meeting, Morning Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
8/24/23	Tribal Council Meeting, Afternoon Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

Michigan Indian Legal Services 

WE ARE OPEN & READY TO HELP YOU!



CALL US
800-968-6877
OR AT
231-947-0122

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

WWW.MILS3.ORG

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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

OCTOBER 2023 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE
Closed the 9th for Indigenous People's Day and 31st for Inventory.

Open Distribution: 10th - 13th 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: 5th and 6th
 Peshawbestown: 18th
 Traverse City: 24th

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

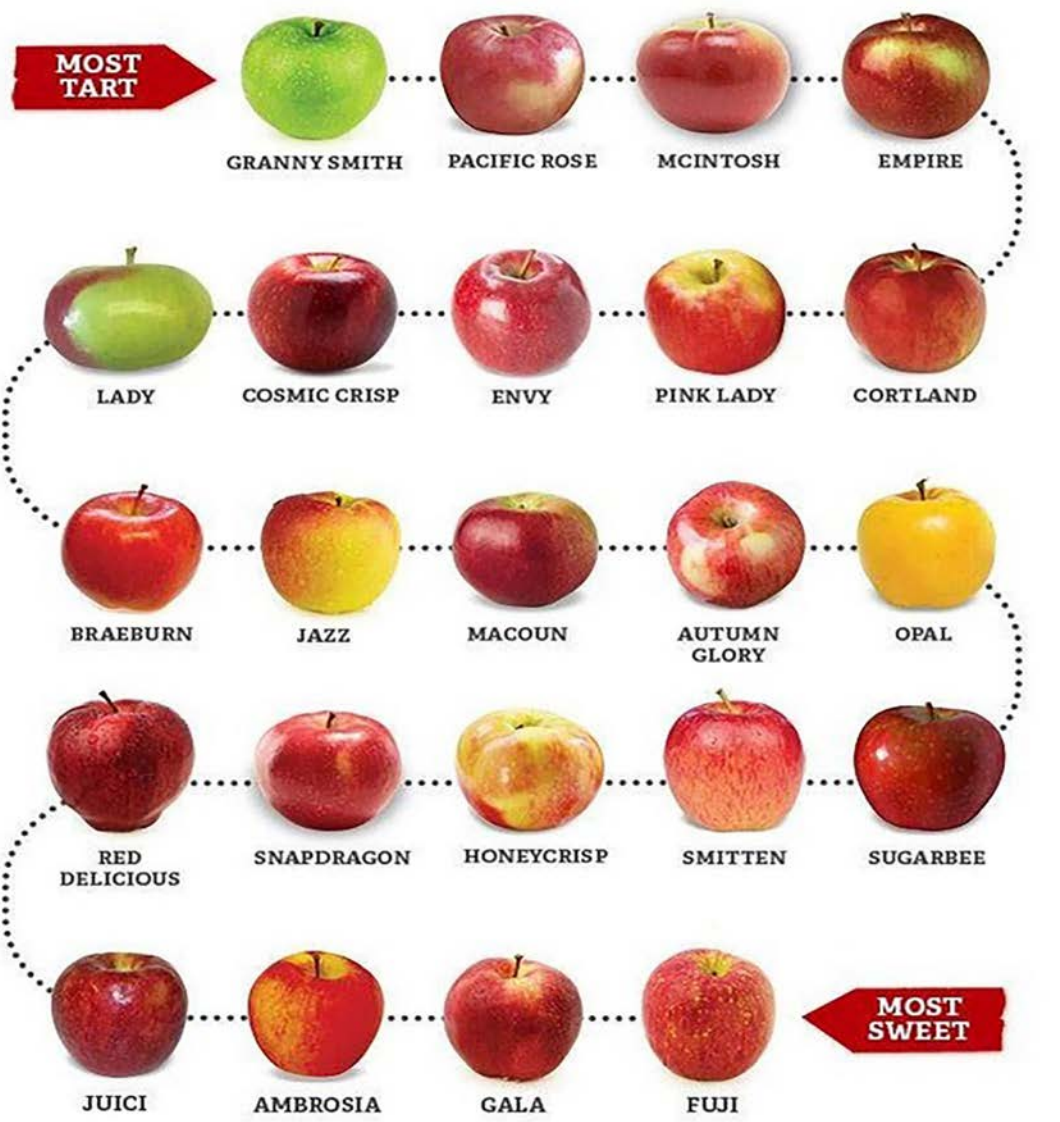


DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LTBB U.S.D.A. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM?

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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LADY COSMIC CRISP ENVY PINK LADY CORTLAND

BRAEBURN JAZZ MACOUN AUTUMN GLORY OPAL

RED DELICIOUS SNAPDRAGON HONEYCRISP SMITTEN SUGARBEE

JUICI AMBROSIA GALA FUJI **MOST SWEET**

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Christmas Coloring Contest Rules

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

Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.

- Limit one submission per child.
- All entries must be the original size.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- Entries can be submitted by snail mail,

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

- All mailed entries must be postmarked

by November 27, 2023. **No exceptions!**

Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category.

Each winner will receive a prize!



We want your birthdays, anniversary wishes, congratulations, wedding announcements, birth announcements or a miigwetch!!

Surprise the ones you love with a thinking of you!

Submissions can be e-mailed to newsletter @ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Do you need a Food & Utility Appropriation Allowance Application?

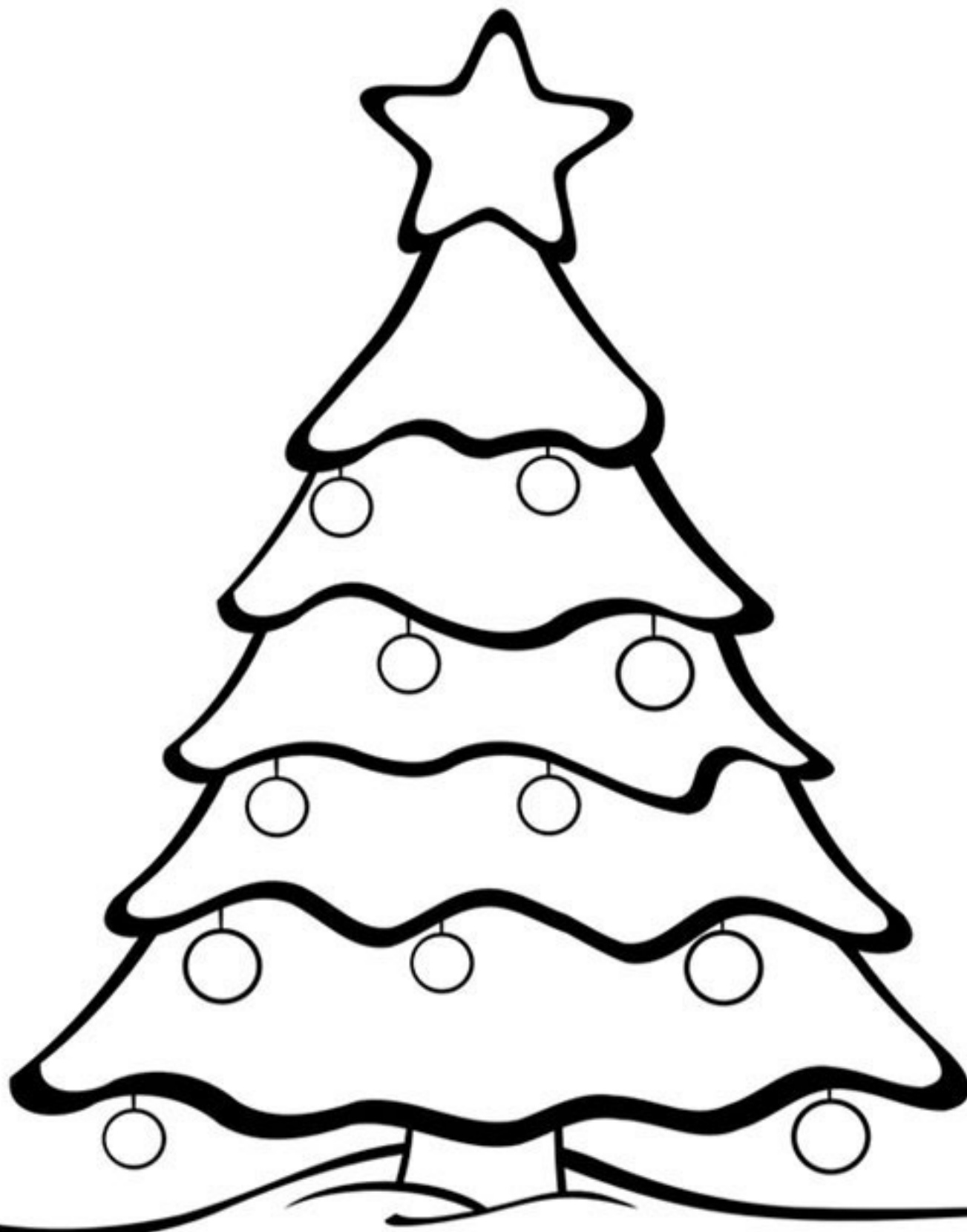
Go to www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, look under the Services tab and go to the Forms Directory.

Still have questions?

Call the Elders Department at 231-242-1423 for more information.

PLEASE NOTE:

The LTBB Grants Department works with LTBB Departments to obtain external funds for ongoing and special programming, services and resources for the tribal community. Please contact the respective LTBB Department for information on programming that may be of interest to you.



Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____

Parent or Guardian must fill out information.

LTBB Tribal Flags for Sale!!



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

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@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

October Elders Birthdays

October 1

Roberta Williamson
Daniel Boda, Jr.

October 2

Mary Gillespie
Francis Burch, Sr.
Pamela Gibbs

October 3

Michael Harrington
Patricia Shawa
Thomas Duvernay
Curtis DeGraff
David Strate, Sr.

October 4

Charles Shananaquet
Lawrence Nadeau
Richard Willingham
Lance Kilborn
Mary Ozuna
Janice Hollister
Mary Ross
Allen Barber
Catherine Gibson

October 5

Mark Lovay
Arlene Brilley
Cynthia Witkop
Matthew Crossett
Bonnie Grismer
Denise Crampton
Dawn Taber
David Baldon, Jr.
Janet Ettawageshik

October 6

Dianne Daybird
John Henderson
Cheryl Leet
Monica Hill

October 7

Andrea Pierce
Delores Pierzynowski
Richard Lasley

October 8

Leonard Crossett, Jr.
Patrick Moore
Francis Burch, Jr.
Marcene Bernard

October 9

Karen Frerer

October 10

Melvin Thompson
Joanne Schnurer
Cheryl Wilkins

October 11

Yvonne Sharkey-Fetherston
Steven Schmidt
Dennis Cutler
Robert Kenney, Jr.
Dwayne Couillard

October 12

Annette Asbury
Charles Kiogima
Gary Shomin
Donna Budnick
Douglas Hegenbarth

October 13

Lisa Brookins

October 14

Tony Reinhout
Nancy Davis
Larry Head
Yvonne Kott
Maurice Sands, Jr.

October 15

Michael Keway
Joseph Potter
Dorothy Wolf
Cheryl Cutler
Dora Willison

October 16

Susan Wilmore
Michael Casey
Eric Francis
Mary Gasco
Cassandra Chingwa
Cheryl Kilborn
Joseph Blevins
Kathleen Blue

October 17

Glenn Stead

October 18

Mary Wert
Roger Gibbs

October 19

William Engstrom, Jr.
Gail Fiorino
Marcetta Tysver
Jane Bogart-Smith
Yvonne Keshick
Frank Bernard
Edward Shenoskey

October 20

William Wasageshik, Jr.
Sandra Bloch
Carol Atherton
Brenda Bailey

October 21

Denise Steffel
Marvin Mulholland

October 22

Paul Nyberg
Melvin Panchot, Jr.
Barbara Howard
Kenneth Shomin
Laurie Gauthier

October 23

Susan Reece
Lyle Martell
Pauline Kullik
Anthony Shawa

October 24

Kathleen Criminger
Kelly Gordon
Patricia Baker
Gregg Conrad

October 25

Ann Nowak

October 26

Janice Burton
Robin Gould
Colleen Himelright
Lucius Cabinaw

October 27

Daniel Romer
Mark Miles
Marilyn Norling

October 28

Roger Kamper
Stephen Daybird
Maurice Field

October 29

Douglas Covey
Mary Simmons
Catherine Pallitta
Frederick Harrington, Jr.
William Portman, Jr.

October 30

Sally Rager
Marlene Morse
Violet Montez

October 31

John Scott
Dolores Gregg
Gregory Weidenfeller
Yvonne Brown

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Aanii Fellow Citizens.

As the cold months are upon us, it is time to start taking measures to stay warm. Button up your homes and get out those fall/winter clothes. You can always reach out to our departments for assistance during the transition of seasons into tougher weather.

This past month, (Vice Chairperson) Stella (Kay) attended the Water is Life event and following on that path, we both attended the Enbridge Line 5 Preparedness workshop hosted by the Bay Mills Com-

munity. Water truly is life, for no living thing can survive without it. We need to protect our Mother Earth and honor her gifts always. During this workshop, we collaborated with our Natural Resource Departments, multiple tribal nations, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other federal agencies on our response and scenarios in regards to Enbridge Line 5. Water is something LTBB will always fight for, honor and hold sacred. You can reach out to our Natural Resource Department for more information on how you can help make a difference.

In October, we also hosted a Savannah's Act Consultation with the Department of Justice, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), local and state law enforcement and Victim Advocate Services here at the Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI. We will protect our citizens by informing the

federal and state law enforcement agencies on what is happening to tribal communities and what we need to be safe. With us, our Human Services team and Tribal Council members also attended and made their voices heard on how to move forward with Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) cases, so our community is heard and seen. We will continue to search for ways to make this world a better, safer place for all tribal citizens.

Please remember, we are always looking for new commission members and have multiple vacancies for those of you who are interested in getting involved with your tribal community. As I've mentioned in the past, these are important positions our tribal citizens hold. Please contact Hunter Johnson or Lakota Worthington at 231-242-1401 to check out our openings and submit your resume' and interest letters.

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Serve your Tribal Nation



tinyurl.com/ltbbcbc



Join a board, commission or corporation

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

Vacancies

- Citizenship Commission – 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

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



- October 9, 2023 - Indigenous People's Day
- November 10, 2023 - Veteran's Day
- November 23, 2023 - Thanksgiving
- November 24, 2023 - Day After Thanksgiving
- December 25, 2023 - Christmas Eve
- December 26, 2023 - Christmas Day
- January 1, 2024 - New Year's Eve

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

Please be respectful in your comments.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Submitted by **Emily Ferroni**, Patient Navigator

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Encourage the women in your life to take care of their health and get screened for breast cancer. Your provider recommends an annual mammogram screening starting at age 40 to ensure all is well with your breast health. Did you know approximately one in eight American Indian women will get breast cancer in their lifetime? It is the second leading cause of cancer death in American Indian women. Get your mammogram yearly to ensure there are no changes to your breasts and catch an abnormal change early on. A screening once a year could save your life.

Most insurances begin covering a mammo-

gram at age 40, and if you are an uninsured woman, you may qualify for FREE screening. Talk to Emily, the LTBB Patient Navigator, about the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BC3NP). This program allows uninsured/underinsured, financially eligible women to be covered for their mammogram and pap smear screenings. It only takes a few minutes to enroll, and Emily will fill out all the paperwork for you.

Not sure if you are due? Call the LTBB Health Clinic to check and get referred for a mammogram screening at 231-242-1700. You can also call Emily at 231-242-1772 or 231-268-1307 for assistance with getting your mammogram scheduled.

Courtesy graphics.

Please join us for
LTBB's annual
SOBRIETY
Feast

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023
5pm - 8pm
LTBB GOV. BUILDING
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Check Your Doodooshak

Know the signs & symptoms of breast cancer

See your doctor right away if you notice any change or abnormality

American Indian Cancer Foundation.
www.AmericanIndianCancer.org

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.

Indigenous Pink

Breast Health

1 in 8 women will get breast cancer in their lifetime

Increased Risks

- GENETICS**: Inherited DNA changes in genes
- GENDER**: Being female
- FAMILY HISTORY**: Mother, sister, daughter has had breast cancer
- BREAST DENSITY**: High density breasts
- AGE**: Getting older (40)

CONTACT YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IF YOU HAVE ONE OR MORE OF THESE RISKS

Breast cancer usually has no symptoms when the tumor is small and most treatable.

Screening Guidelines/Recommendations

Age 40-44	Age 45-54	Age 55+
Option to begin annual screening	Annual screening	Screening every 2yrs Option to screen yearly

TALK TO YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ABOUT WHEN SCREENING IS BEST FOR YOU.

Breast cancer is the **2nd** leading cause of cancer death for **American Indian women**.
A mammogram may save your life.

What can I do?

- BREASTFEED**: Breastfeeding reduces estrogen exposure that helps prevent breast cancer
- WEIGHT CONTROL**: Overweight or obese women are at a higher risk
- REGULAR MAMMOGRAMS**: Women 40+ should have the option to have a mammogram once a year
- EXERCISE**: Exercising 3 days/week may lower your risk
- LIMIT ALCOHOL USE**: Alcohol can increase estrogen which can increase risk
- REGULAR BREAST EXAMS**: Speak to your health care provider for options

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AmericanIndianCancer.org

PRC Eye Exam Coverage

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

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

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

PRC Chiropractic Coverage

Monthly Benefits:
3 Adjustments
1 Massage

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NEW AMENDMENT TO THE LTBB/STATE OF MICHIGAN TAX AGREEMENT

Submitted by **Hayden Hooper**, DOC Director

The LTBB Department of Commerce (DOC) is excited to announce we have successfully negotiated a 5th Amendment to our LTBB/State of Michigan Tax Agreement! Effective August 1, 2023, if you are looking to move into the Tax Agreement Area, there are now sales/use tax exemptions which could apply to your purchase before you move in. This includes sales/use tax exemptions on a modular/mobile home purchase or sales/use tax exemptions on permanent home improvement/renovation items. There is also an updated exemption for our current Resident Tribal Members. Please see below:

- Effective August 1, 2023 – sales/use tax exemptions on modular/mobile homes or permanent home improvement items for LTBB Tribal Citizens who are moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area with such purchases – meaning a person would not have to live within the Tax Agreement Area in order to be eligible

for these specific exemptions.

- The purchase(s) must be for the LTBB Tribal Citizen's future principal residence, which must be within the Tax Agreement Area. The tribal citizen must establish the home as their principal residence within 12 months for a modular/mobile home purchase or within 18 months for permanent home improvement item purchases.

- Effective August 1, 2023 – the AGI limit on the *Form 4013: Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit* has increased from \$80,000 to \$113,000 for the 2023 tax year and a mechanism has been built in, so the amount can be reviewed/updated each year.

Please contact DOC for complete details, requirements and new forms related to these exemptions. Information will also be available on the LTBB DOC web page. For any questions, please contact DOC at 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. We are very excited to bring these additional benefits to our tribal citizens! Miigwech.

LTBB Department of Commerce Announcement: The Economic Diversification and Recovery Strategy (EDRS) is underway!

This project is a result of grant funding from the US Economic Development Administration, and will include the following activities:

- Hire Economic Recovery Coordinator.
- Hire Consultant to develop an Economic Diversification and Recovery Strategy (EDRS) - This will be a tangible document used to guide LTBB's economic decisions for the next 5-25 years.
- Assemble an LTBB workgroup to help build the EDRS.
- Conduct market research, workforce research, Tribal-needs research, and land-use analysis.
- Explore options and needs for completing a Tribal Census.
- Develop resources for business start-ups and provide assistance to bring business to Tribal Lands.
- Conduct outreach and surveys to hear input directly from the Tribal Community.

Information will continue to come out as we work through the activities and we will be seeking input!

This project is 100% with funds available through U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) Economic Recovery and Diversification Project grant Number 06-69-06380. URI: 118783.

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.

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CONTACT
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Project Director
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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)

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

WIOA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WHO ARE WE

The Nigaandjain Education Department receives Department of Labor funding for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) section 106, 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
- CED Completion Award
- Transportation Assistance
- Entrepreneurial Related Expenses
- Needs Related Payments
- Individual Employment Plan

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

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?

Update your contact information with the Enrollment Department.

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS

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

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ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

CITIZENSHIP IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Submitted by **Pauline Boulton**, Enrollment Officer

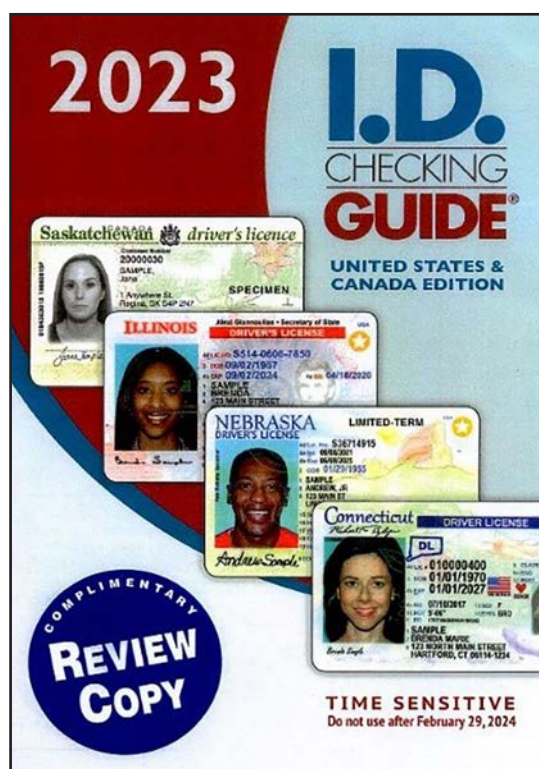
I wanted to share with you some exciting news. Our Citizenship Cards will now be included in the I.D. Checking Guide United States & Canada Edition.

The I.D. Checking Guide Book has been receiving a lot of requests from various government agencies, banks, the TSA and DMVs to expand the tribal ID coverage.

Published by the Drivers License Guide Company, this up-to-date reference tool provides valid formats for driver's licenses and other identification documents in all U.S. states and Canadian provinces.

Published annually for more than 50 years, and now used at more than 200,000 locations, the driver's license and ID validation book is at the center of responsible business practices for banks, restaurants, bars, retailers and car rental agencies — as well as law enforcement and government agencies, including the FBI.

Courtesy graphic.



For your convenience!

The Enrollment office mail drop box is located to the left of the front doors of the LTBB Governmental Center at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI.



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

Attention Citizens! No Current Address on File

This list contains the names of 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 over 10 years. It is important citizens keep their address 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 send an e-mail to enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. **Address Forms** can be printed from the tribal website and mailed.

Jeramie Lee Coleman	Deanna Marie Foxworthy	Karle Kay Harris
Justine Makala Gasco	Porter Ray Greensky	Dawn Mary Jackson
Alvina Rose Ruth	Tammra Lee Wirth	Philip Maurice Morey, Jr.
Jory Dean Purvis	Christopher Patrick Nagel	

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS ENJIBOOZBIIGENG - ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Services for our citizens:

•Picture Tribal Identification Cards-Available same-day. May be requested via mail and electronically.

•Address Changes -Adults only need to be notarized if not having mail sent to their home! Minors must be notarized annually. We have a Tribal Notary in-office and many other on-site at the Government Complex.

•Marriage License Applications -Please allow one business day to pick up the Licenses.

•Tribal Directories -Available same-day!

We certify for our citizens:

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

Apply to become a:

- Citizen – Application available via mail only

- Tribal Notary

- Marriage Commissioner

Need something?

- Request a document from your Enrollment file
- Blood quantum adjustment
- Relinquishment requests

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

E-mail: enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Theresa Boda-Naganashe - P: 231-242-1521

tnaganashe@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Lindsey Doerfler - P: 231-242-1522

E-mail: ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Pauline Boulton - P: 231-242-1520

E-mail: pboulton@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Forms are also available on the LTBB Website.

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

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

A message from your Enrollment Department



Watch Out! ID Cards Expire!

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

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

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

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

Need to update your address?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Minor verification forms must be signed and notarized.

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

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

2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

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

To receive your copy:

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

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



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



Hoar Frost



Peanut Butter Falls



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NATIVE NEWS

CHEROKEE AWAITS SEAT IN U.S. HOUSE



D. Sean Rowley, Cherokee Phoenix

but there's also a lot of authority that comes with being a delegate. The process of working through committee is very important."

A voice for the Cherokee Nation would have value in the House. The federal government's relationship with the Cherokee Nation and other tribes includes funding allocations which allow provision of health care, housing, education and other services.

"Our issues cross cut so many areas that we believe Congress has a duty – a legal obligation – to ensure that we have enough funding to take care of the needs of our citizens," Teehee said. "That's part of the government-to- government relationship with the United States. Another area is language where, frankly, we were able to get a bill across the finish line last year, the Durbin Feeling Native Languages Act."

Teehee said another pressing need of the Cherokee Nation is enhancement of infrastructure, be it bridges or internet access.

"Infrastructure is additional dollars to address roads, connectivity, broadband, things that would allow our citizens, our speakers, our students to have greater access to the services they need," Teehee said. "Those are things that are desperately needed in our community and elsewhere."

The agreement to seat a delegate is part of the Treaty of New Echota of 1835. Arranged by "Treaty Party" Cherokees, most within the tribe deemed the document invalid. But it was ruthlessly enforced by successive federal administrations to impose a policy of forced removal that killed thousands. Language concerning a Cherokee Nation delegate was also included in the Treaty of 1865.

"That provision is in our Removal treaty," Teehee said. "We had so many citizens, including my own ancestors, who perished on that forced march. We know what happened to those who perished and the aftermath; those who survived and the rebuilding that it took to bring us back to the great nation we are today. I think it's important that we work collectively as a people to ask Congress to seat the delegate."

Courtesy photo.

It has been a long wait, and everyone is still waiting, but at some point – to fulfill federal treaty obligations – the U.S. House of Representatives will seat Kim Teehee as delegate for the Cherokee Nation.

Teehee was appointed as the delegate designate by Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. in 2019. A series of detours and distractions, including the COVID-19 pandemic, have left the Cherokee Nation and Teehee waiting patiently. There seems to be widespread bipartisan support to make space for Teehee, but a resolution must find its way to the House calendar.

As a delegate, Teehee will not have the same powers as the elected representatives from the various states. She cannot participate in a floor vote in the chamber, but otherwise may take part in most other House procedures.

"We would be treated like a U.S. territory delegate," Teehee said. "Delegates get to serve and vote in committee. They can introduce legislation, they can speak before the committees and they can work on amendments to legislation in committee. All of that is part of the deliberative process within the House of Representatives."

As part of a committee to amend bills and make recommendations, a delegate's vote for or against changes is counted and recorded.

"The delegate is involved in the more deliberative process in lawmaking," Teehee said. "There is that limitation without a (floor) vote,

HONORABLE MELISSA L. POPE AWARDED THE 2023 JUDITH S. KAYE AWARD FOR JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE

On August 4, 2023 during a ceremony at the American Bar Association (ABA) Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, the Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence awarded the Honorable Melissa L. Pope, Chief Judge for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribal Court, with the 2023 Judith S. Kaye Award for Judicial Excellence.

This award recognizes dedicated service by judicial officers who demonstrate knowledge of domestic and sexual violence and exemplary leadership developing courtroom responses to these issues.

Currently serving as the Chief Judge of the NHBP Tribal Court, Pope has been consistently reappointed by Tribal Council since February 2011 with the most recent four-year appointment in December 2022. Judge Pope has also served in the elected position of Chief Justice of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court of Appeals since 2009. In addition, Judge Pope has been teaching American Indian Law as a Member of the Adjunct Faculty at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law since 2007.

Judge Pope has been actively engaged in the Anti-Vi-



olence Movement throughout her life.

Since being appointed as Chief Judge of NHBP Tribal Court, she has been involved with the efforts of NHBP to address the epidemic of violence against indigenous People. As a delegate of the Intertribal Technical-Assistance Working Group on Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (ITWG) and the NHBP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Enactment Team, Judge Pope worked in collaboration with NHBP Staff to develop the infrastructure, programs and services needed to adopt a Domestic Violence Code which included restored jurisdiction pursuant to VAWA.

She has further utilized her knowledge, skills and passion for building the NHBP court system in collaboration

with the Tribal Council, tribal elders and tribal citizens to not only create a Victim Services Department (VSD) but also integrate trauma-informed, victim-centered, traditional culturally honoring care into the very foundation of the NHBP Tribal Court. Under her leadership, she has expanded the VSD to now include two full-time staff, one staff in the Culture Department to plant, care for and harvest sacred medicines to empower survivors, consistent access to a traditional female healer and services which span the specific needs of each survivor.

Pope is committed to the fundamental belief equality for one community can only be achieved through the equality of all.

She has developed opportunities for paths towards healing which extend across the types of cases before the NHBP Tribal Court and for providing paths to avoid entering or returning to court systems. In recognizing the importance of providing opportunities for healing to defendants and respondents, she continues to prioritize the safety of survivors, their families and the community as well as the fundamental requirement of accountability.

Courtesy photo.

Anishinaabemdaa.com

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

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- Count and Climb

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- Around the House
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- Grammar
- Creation, Nature
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AT THE LTBB COMMUNITY CENTER

DATES LISTED BELOW

September 29th & 30th (in person & Zoom)

October 20th & 21st (in person & Zoom)

November 10th & 11th (in person & Zoom)

December 1st & 2nd (Zoom only)

Note: All in person dates are subject to change to zoom only, all changes will be posted.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND BEGINNERS WELCOME

ANISHINAABEMDAA! LET'S SPEAK ANISHINAABEMOWIN!

To receive the Zoom Meeting ID & Passcode please contact LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Department at P: 231-242- 1457
E: langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Check out our great Anishinaabemowin Facebook Groups!

LTBB Anishinaabemowin

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

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

LTBB Zoom Anishinaabe Language Classes

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

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

Daminawinan Anishinaabemang (Games in Anishinaabe Language)

Games and puzzles for the whole family.

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

Anishinaabemowin Eta (Anishinaabe Language Only)

No-English Group for Fluent Speakers & Intermediate Learners

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/177520107437>

LTBB Town Hall meetings are available to be viewed at:

www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/townhallmeetings.html

MY FAMILY HEALTH PORTRAIT: CANCER MOBILE APP

CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control launched a new mobile app, *My Family Health Portrait: Cancer* (MFHP: Cancer), which helps individuals collect their family's history of cancer and learn their risk for breast, ovarian and colorectal cancers. It also encourages those with increased risk to talk to their health care provider about their risk and ways to manage it.

Android users can download the app from Google Play and iOS users can download the app from the App Store. CDC's Family Health History and Cancer web page also provides information about how collecting family health



history can help people understand and mitigate their risk for some cancers.
Courtesy graphic.

U.S. ATTORNEYS' OFFICES, TRIBAL LEADERS JOIN TOGETHER TO HOST GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN CONFERENCE



September 12, 2023 kicked off the two-day 2023 Great Lakes Native American Conference focused on Native American issues and strengthening relationships with tribal communities across the region. The conference is sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Indiana.

"This conference brings together victim support specialists, law enforcement officials, advocates and others who work on Tribal matters across the Great Lakes Region," said U.S. Attorney Mark Totten. "My office is deeply committed to carrying out our responsibilities to protect Tribal communities and preserve their status as sovereign nations. This conference is one tool to help us advance that mission."

U.S. Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland served as a keynote speaker. In 2021, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland launched the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, a comprehensive effort to recognize the troubled legacy of federal Indian boarding school policies with the goal of addressing their intergenerational impact and shedding light on the traumas of the past. Assistant Secretary Newland, who has led the initiative, used his remarks to address this important effort.

"For the first time, the federal government is examining its role in the federal Indian boarding school system and how that contributed to the forced assimilation of Indigenous Peoples, resulting in the breakup of families and Tribal Nations and the loss of languages, cultural practices, and relatives," Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland said. "The Federal Indian

Boarding School system left lasting scars that continue to impact Tribal communities. Today, the federal government is working to help heal these scars as we support Tribes in their efforts to revitalize their economies, languages and cultural practices and promote public safety and justice so that they can continue to exist as Indigenous Peoples."

Preparation for the conference, which was held in New Buffalo, MI, at the Four Winds Casino, was a collaborative effort between various tribes, tribal advocates and the various U.S. Attorneys' Offices. Some of the topics covered include Sextortion: History, Methods and Impact on Victims; Indian Boarding Schools; Drugs: Myths, Trends and Opportunities to Intervene; Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons; and Federal Indian Law changes.

Pokagon Band Tribal Vice Chair Gary Morseau; Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Ogema Larry Romanelli; Dr. Colleen Lane, MD, of Corewell Health; Dan Wicklund, DNPA, RN, of Corewell Health; and Katheryn E. Fort, Director of the Indian Law Clinic at the Michigan State University College of Law also served as speakers at the conference. Attendees of the conference included tribal members, tribal law enforcement, tribal governments, federal government partners and other victim service providers who work with Indian Country victims.

"This conference highlights what collaboration can do by gathering Tribal nations and units of governments together, to create better communication and strengthen relationship between the participants," said Ogema Larry Romanelli. "I am thankful to the U.S. Attorney's Offices for their sponsorship, and the Department of Interior's involvement. I am honored to participate."

"On behalf of the Pokagon Tribal Government, we would like to acknowledge the purpose of this conference focused on Native American issues, our collaboration with federal partners, and the role of the U.S. Department of Justice in successfully defending the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act before the Supreme Court," said Pokagon Tribal Vice Chair Gary Morseau.

The 2023 Great Lakes Native American Conference and events like it, are components of the Justice Department's ongoing initiative to increase engagement, coordination and action on public safety in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Courtesy photo.

ROSALIE FAVELL'S MONUMENTAL PORTRAIT SERIES CELEBRATES INDIVIDUALITY AND IDENTITY OF INDIGENOUS ARTISTS



When Rosalie Favell, a photo-based Métis artist from Canada, picked up her camera to document fellow indigenous artists at a residency in 2008, she did not expect to begin a major

international project.

But by 2018, her "Facing the Camera" series had grown to include more than 500 portraits of indigenous artists and arts professionals taken across Canada, the United States and Australia.

The Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University will present the largest and most comprehensive showing of the series in the U.S. from September 20 to December 3.

"Rosalie Favell: Indigenous Artists Facing the Camera" includes more than 115 photos from the series as well as a suite of new portraits of Chicago-area artists and arts professionals taken during Favell's Block Museum residency during the spring of 2023.

"Rosalie Favell" continued on page 11

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

October 11,
November 8, December 13

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2023 Food Preservation Workshops

29 AUG	Salsa's: Fresh & Preserved Fruit, Fresh tomatoes and Canned tomatoes	10 AM - 5 PM
6 SEPT	Cold Hardy / Pickling Mixed Pickled Veggies. Preserving Brussel Sprouts. Pickled Carrots.	9 AM - 4 PM
3 OCT	Three Sisters Teachings on Manoomin. Dehydrating seeds. Preserving Squash.	10 AM - 5 PM
17 OCT	Venison / Fish Preservation Canning Venison / Venison Stew. Fish Filet Demo. Fish Preservation.	9 AM - 4 PM

THE LTBB COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS PARTNERED WITH THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE THESE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS! SPACE IS LIMITED. TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, PLEASE CONTACT COMMUNITY HEALTH AT 231-242-1601
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“Rosalie Favell” continued from page 10.

“Favell’s work is a living visual history and a critical intervention in expanding the visibility of contemporary Indigenous artists and arts professionals,” said exhibition curator Corinne Granof. “These portraits speak loudly of the broad diversity of Indigenous people engaged in the arts and cultural community.”

Collaborative Portraits

Motivated by an attempt to give her community as much representation as possible as well as an understanding of indigenous people’s problematic relationship with photography, Favell views each “Facing the Camera” portrait as a collaborative project co-created with the sitter.

“Just one at a time, I just kept taking pictures, I wanted to meet artists, and have that record for posterity,” Favell said. “People come as they are. They can wear what they want, they stand in whatever position they want. I use the portrait to acknowledge the agency of the individual in bringing together their own cultural and personal sense of self.” Favell often films her sessions, celebrating the momentary connection and interaction she has with her sitters as they face the camera. A selection of these films will be displayed within the exhibition.

“In front of the camera, people have an idea of who they are and how they want to be present and represented in the world. I want them to be uplifted,” Favell said.

Picturing Chicago

Recognizing Chicago is home to one of the largest urban indigenous populations in the U.S., the artist was inspired to add artists of the region to her project.

Favell and The Block worked with partners from Center for Native Futures, the Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative and the Center for Native and Indigenous Research at Northwestern to invite 20 new sitters to expand the series.

During her residency at The Block, Favell met with local artists, had conversations with Northwestern students and concluded the week with a portrait session at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian in Evanston, IL.

Her new portraits, shown for the first time within the exhibition, include the following artists: Annabelle Broeffle, Audra Simpson, Cherish Parrish, Chris Pappan, Courtney Biggs, Debra Yepa-Pappan, Ji Hae Yepa-Pappan, June Carpenter, Kelly Church, Kim Vigue, Le’Ana Asher, Lois Taylor Biggs, Lydia Cheshewalla, Mark Jourdan, Michaela Marchi, Monica Rickert-Bolter, Nora Moore Lloyd, Ryan Rice, Sharon Hoogstraten and Vince Romero.

“The Block Museum is honored to collabo-

rate with Rosalie Favell to extend this celebratory project to Chicago,” said Lisa Corrin, The Block’s Ellen Philip Katz Executive Director. “This exhibition represents one step in our ongoing work, as we aspire to be in good relation with partner organizations in the local Indigenous community for the long term.

“We are deeply grateful for all we are learning from our collaborators and for the opportunity to engage Northwestern faculty and students around the Indigenous histories and perspectives that continue to shape our present moment,” Corrin said.

An opening celebration and conversation will take place on September 27. Admission to The Block Museum is always free and open to all. For more information visit The Block website.

About the Artist

Favell is a photo-based artist, born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Drawing inspiration from her family history and Métis (Cree/English) heritage, she uses a variety of sources, from family albums to popular culture, to present a complex self-portrait of her experiences as a contemporary aboriginal woman. Favell’s art often explores the relation of photography to issues of identity.

Over the course of her career, her work has appeared in exhibitions in Canada; the U.S.; Edinburgh, Scotland; Paris; Taipei, Taiwan; and Melbourne, Australia. Numerous institutions have acquired her artwork, including the National Gallery of Canada, the Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian and Global Affairs Canada. Among Favell’s awards and honors are the Ontario Arts Foundation’s Paul DeHuek/Norman Walford Career Achievement Award and Chalmers Fellowship; The Canada Council for the Arts’ Victor Martyn Lynch-Staunten Award and Ottawa’s Karsh Award.

Favell earned a bachelor’s degree from Ryerson Polytechnic Institute in Toronto, Ontario; an MFA from the University of New Mexico; and Honorary Doctoral Degree from OCAD University, Toronto, Ontario (2022).

Exhibition Credits

“Rosalie Favell: Indigenous Artists Facing the Camera” is curated by Corinne Granof, academic curator at The Block Museum, and Felipe Gutierrez, a Block Museum 2022-23 interdisciplinary graduate fellow.

Major support for the exhibition is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts with additional support from the David C. and Sara-jean Ruttenberg Arts Foundation, the Alumnae of Northwestern University and the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

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USDA Research Identifies and Tracks Moth Species Which Can Destroy Packaged Food

Plodia interpunctella, better known as the Indian Meal Moth, is normally found where you store your grains. This means it can move through tiny openings in plastic or cardboard packages in your pantry to feast on cereal, pet food, flour, cornmeal and other stored grains and dried fruit. It can also contaminate contents of larger food storage facilities and grain storage buildings.

The moth is one of the top 12 moth species intercepted at U.S. ports and is closely related to many other highly destructive species not native to U.S. agriculture.

This Indian Meal Moth, or its larvae, are commonly intercepted in commodities by other U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies and sent to Agricultural Resource Service (ARS)'s Systematic Entomology Lab, located at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History,



for identification. Once the lab receives the moth's larvae, ARS researchers compare the external diagnostic characteristics such as hair and general color, so it can be distinguished from other closely related non-invasive caterpillars. These diagnostic tools are then provided to other USDA personnel at U.S. ports to distinguish between species.

“This particular research permits the USDA to identify invasive species that may be introduced to the nation,” said ARS researcher Alma Solis. “It also allows us to conduct research, identify and exclude many other closely-related species that are potentially destructive species to the U.S.

economy.”

Tropical climates are a popular habitat for the Indian Meal Moth, but infestations have occurred across the globe, including Antarctica. Even though they are not known to bite or sting, its contamination of food products is detrimental to U.S. agriculture and the economy. Once the moth settles into grain which has a temperature of at least 50 degrees, eggs are laid directly on the food source. A mature female may lay up to 300 eggs at a time before larvae begin to hatch within 14 days.

USDA recommends keeping flour, grains and other pantry items in thick plastic or glass containers with air-tight lids. Don't purchase packaged food which looks damaged, and if you suspect you have an infestation, please contact a licensed pest control company to deter and eliminate the infestation.

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Winter rye is prized for its versatility. It is a source of grain and also a forage and ground cover which protects the soil from erosion by wind and rain. But the benefits of winter rye don't stop there.

A series of studies, begun in 2015, by a team of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and university collaborators suggest establishing a cover crop of winter rye between rotations of corn and soybean can reduce nitrate losses, sequester carbon and provide a source of renewable natural gas.

Robert Malone, an agricultural engineer with the ARS National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment in Ames, Iowa, is coordinating the studies to evaluate rye's potential role in the “sustainable intensification of agriculture” — an approach deemed critical to meeting growing world demand for food, feed, fiber and fuel without overtaxing what the land and natural resources can provide.

In the latest studies, the team used a field-scale computer model to simulate rotations of corn and soybean with or without winter rye cover crops at 40 sites across the North Central United States, including parts of the Mississippi River Basin, which empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

Among results recently published in the journal of *Environmental Research Letters*:

(bullet) Establishing a winter rye cover crop between corn-soybean rotations in tile-drained fields (meaning, those using a system of underground drainage pipes to remove excess water) reduced nitrate levels in drainage water by more than 45% compared to rye-free fields — or about 21 and 44 kilograms per hectare, respectively.

(bullet) Across the 63 total million hectares (approximately 156 million acres) of North Central farmland, the model's simulations encompassed, use of a winter rye cover crops on tile-drained fields translated to a 27% reduction in nitrate loads entering the Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi River basin.

Nitrate poses an environmental concern when it goes unused by crop plants and escapes into streams, river, lakes and other bodies of surface water, compromising water quality and helping fuel algal blooms. The subsequent death and decay of the algae in these blooms consumes oxygen, killing or driving off fish and other aquatic life.

In coastal waters like the Gulf of Mexico, this condition is known as hypoxia, and it creates a “dead zone” spanning several thousand square miles, a size which can exact a costly toll on com-

mercial fisheries and other associated industries. This summer, for example, the Gulf's dead zone is forecasted to cover 4,155 square miles.

“A variety of factors — including the effects of excess nutrients and water-body stratification (layering) due to saline or temperature gradients — can create hypoxic conditions. In North America, the size of the hypoxic area in the Gulf of Mexico correlates strongly with spring nitrate-nitrogen loads from the Mississippi River,” explained Malone, who collaborates on the modelling studies with 15 other researchers from three ARS laboratories and four universities.

Climate-change may increase the likelihood of hypoxic conditions in the Gulf of Mexico, lending urgency to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency task force efforts to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous loads from the Mississippi River basin by 45% by 2035.

“The use of cover crops such as winter rye in corn-soybean rotations in the North-Central U.S. is one of the most promising conservation strategies for reducing nitrate loads to streams and rivers that discharge into the Mississippi River,” according to Malone.

In addition to curbing nitrate losses, winter rye cover crops may also have a role to play in capturing (or, “sequestering”) carbon.

According to the model's simulations, establishing winter rye cover crops in corn-soybean rotations across the North Central U.S. could produce more than 18 million metric tonnes (19.8 million tons) of field residue called “biomass.” That rye residue, in turn, has potential to yield 210 million megajoules of energy annually — the equivalent energy content of 2.3 billion gallons of ethanol — were it to be converted into bio-methane gas using anaerobic digesters.

The simulations also indicate in the bio-methane production process, a standard filtration step called “upgrading” could enable the removal and capture 7.5 million tonnes (8.3 million tons) annually of carbon dioxide, preventing its release back into the atmosphere when the biogas is burned for power or heat and creating a carbon sequestration benefit for farmers.

The researchers don't view winter rye cover crops as a proverbial “magic bullet” for managing nitrogen and improving the environment, however. Rather, it's likely to be integrated with other measures, including the use of saturated riparian buffers, controlled drainage, wetlands and bioreactors.

“Combined conservation practices such as winter rye cover crops and edge-of-field practices like using the saturated buffers are sometimes called ‘stacked practices,’ and they may reduce nitrogen loss more than when each practice is used individually,” said Malone.

Along with colleagues in Ames, Malone co-authored the *Environmental Research Letters* paper together with scientists from the ARS Soil and Water Management Research Unit, the ARS Arid-Land Agricultural Research Center, Pennsylvania State University, Iowa State University, McGill University and Purdue University.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced USDA is awarding \$266 million in loans and grants to agriculture producers and rural small businesses to make investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements which will lower their energy costs, generate new income and strengthen the resilience of their operation. This funding is made possible in part by President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, the nation's largest-ever investment in combatting the climate crisis.

USDA is investing \$266 million in 1,334 renewable energy and energy-efficiency projects in 47 states, Guam and Puerto Rico. The department is awarding the loans and grants through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), including funding from the landmark Inflation Reduction Act.

Since December 2022, USDA has made up to \$1.3 billion available in REAP funding through the Inflation Reduction Act. Eligible applicants include rural small business owners and agricultural producers. The program is part of the Justice40 Initiative, which is working to ensure 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments reach communities which are marginalized, underserved and overburdened by pollution and underinvestment.

The funding announced is part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, a key pillar of Bidenomics, to grow the American economy from the middle-out and bottom up - from rebuilding our nation's infrastructure, to driving more than \$500 billion in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments in the United States, to creating good-paying jobs and building a clean-energy economy which will combat



climate change and make our communities more resilient.

USDA is making awards in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Wyoming, Guam and Puerto Rico.

The department expects to make additional awards in the coming months.

USDA continues to accept applications and will hold funding competitions quarterly through September 30, 2024. The funding includes \$144.5 million for underutilized renewable energy technologies. For additional information on application deadlines and submission details, see page 19239 of the March 31 Federal Register.

Background: Inflation Reduction Act

As a core pillar of Bidenomics and the President's Investing in America agenda, the Inflation Reduction Act makes the largest investment in climate action in history and is lowering energy costs, bringing opportunity to communities across America and tackling the climate crisis through investments in agriculture, forest restoration and rural communities.

The Biden-Harris Ad-

ministration championed the Inflation Reduction Act to help provide new funding and unprecedented incentives to expand clean energy, transform rural power production, create jobs and spur economic growth. It is the largest single investment in rural electrification since the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.

Through the Inflation Reduction Act, the administration is delivering on its promise to fight climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions across America.

It provides funding to USDA Rural Development to help eligible organizations invest in renewable energy infrastructure and zero-emission systems and make energy-efficiency improvements which will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

It will boost the long-term resiliency, reliability and affordability of rural electric systems. It will help families save money on utility bills, and it will expand rural opportunities in the clean-energy economy.

For more information on the Inflation Reduction Act, visit: www.rd.usda.gov/inflation-reduction-act.

To learn more about investment resources for rural areas, visit www.rd.usda.gov or contact the nearest USDA Rural Development state office.

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SCIENTISTS SPICE UP THEIR MOSQUITO WEAPONRY WITH MUSTARD



tance to synthetic insecticide ingredients, noted Lina Flor-Weiler, an entomologist with the ARS center's Crop Bio-protection Research Unit.

Together with ARS co-authors Robert Behle, Mark Berhow, Susan McCormick, Steven Vaughn, Ephantus Muturi and William Hay, Weiler is the first to report the potential of mustard seed meal to kill mosquito larvae, which feed on bits of organic matter and microorganisms in shallow bodies of water such as ponds, swamps, kiddie pools, old tires, tree hollows and other aqueous sites.

As larvae, the pests are largely confined to a concentrated area after hatching from eggs deposited there by adult female mosquitoes — a scenario which makes for an ideal pre-emptive strike against the pests before they can mature, mate and bite people, birds and other animals to start the whole miserable cycle over again. Sometimes, the environmental sensitivity of these areas or the presence of non-target organisms warrant a non-chemical solution to control mosquito larvae such as with formulations which inhibit their growth, suffocate them or infect them with specialized bacteria.

In studies begun in 2022, the researchers examined the larval-killing potential of isothiocyanates, a group of plant defense chemicals which are released when mustard seed meals are soaked in water.

"The mustard plant stores inactive defense compounds (glucosinolates) in the seed that can be converted into biologically active isothiocyanates by enzymes called myrosinases," explained Hay, an ARS plant physiologist. Prior research by other groups has shown isothiocyanates can kill insect pests and soilborne parasites and pathogens, includ-

ing root-damaging nematodes and disease-causing fungi, he added.

However, there was little in the existing scientific literature about the potency of these compounds against medically important insect disease vectors like mosquitoes, noted Weiler.

To learn more, the researchers prepared seed meal from four types of mustard family plants (brown mustard, pennycress, garden cress and white mustard) and added varying concentrations of them to small beakers of water containing larvae of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, which can also transmit dengue, yellow fever, Zika and other diseases. The researchers also exposed larvae in separate beakers to one of three types of isothiocyanates extracted from the meals. In all trials, they monitored the effects on the larvae at 24 and 72 hours and documented the highest isothiocyanate concentrations needed to kill at least 50% of the immature insects.

Of the four seed meal types, garden cress proved the most lethal, killing more than 95% of mosquito larvae after only 24 hours and 100% in less than 48 hours. All seed meals were toxic to the larvae, except for a pennycress treatment which had been heated. This was intentionally done to deactivate myrosinase enzymes (which are necessary for the production of isothiocyanate) and confirm their absence in the seed meal allowed the larvae to survive.

More studies are planned, the researchers said, but the early evidence thus far points to a promising bio-based alternative to synthetic insecticides which can be derived from an inexpensive agricultural by-product of processing mustard seed into oil and spices.

Courtesy photo.

Scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) have shown seed meal from plants in the mustard family can kill mosquito larvae, which start their lives in stagnant water before emerging into winged adults which take to the air in search of a blood meal.

The findings, recently published in the journal, *Scientific Reports*, open the door to a biobased approach to controlling the biting insect pests. Adult female mosquitoes feed on the blood of people and other animal hosts to produce eggs. But more than just an itchy nuisance, the pest's bite can also transmit debilitating diseases.

At the ARS National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, IL, a team of scientists has set their sights on the discovery and development of environmentally friendly approaches for controlling mosquitoes at the habitat level and for individual consumer applications.

On a habitat basis, they're focusing on products derived from plants and other natural sources which may offer an ecologically friendly way to target mosquito larvae, the pest's most vulnerable life stage.

Some consumers may be hesitant to apply synthetic insecticide products, so alternative compounds which naturally repel or kill mosquitoes are also being examined. This research push also addresses another concern: Preventing the onset of mosquito resis-

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PETOSKEY, CHARLEVOIX, HARBOR SPRINGS, PELLSTON...

K-12 TUTORING & ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

This list will be updated as we gather more information on area K-12 academic resources.

Tribal Academic Support Programs (FREE)

- **LTBB Youth Services Academic Support Program**
 - Individualized K-5 Tutoring Program (2x weekly for eligible youth)
 - K-12 Group Homework Lab (ages 6-18)
 - LTBB Enrolled, LTBB Descendants & Youth enrolled in other tribes
 - Easy registration, inclusive programming, meals provided
 - After-school transportation services available (within Petoskey)
 - Monday-Thursday 3:00-5:30PM, 915 Emmet St, Petoskey, MI
 - Contact: Youth Services Department at 231.340.1910
- **LTBB PreK-12 Brainfuse Online Tutoring Program**
 - Online & on-demand tutoring platform (FREE)
 - LTBB Enrolled & LTBB 1st Generation Descendants
 - Contact: LTBB Education Department at 231-242-1480
- **LTBB Tutoring Subsidy Program (funds to hire a private tutor)**
 - LTBB enrolled applicants can apply for \$800 per academic year, to help cover tutoring costs (funding is limited)
 - Qualifying applicants are responsible for: Finding a qualified tutor, scheduling sessions with tutor, transportation and submitting required paperwork
 - Awarded funds go directly to the approved tutor
 - Contact: LTBB Education Department at 231-242-1480

FOR INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP) EVALUATION SERVICES PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT'S SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PETOSKEY, CHARLEVOIX, HARBOR SPRINGS, PELLSTON...

K-12 TUTORING & ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

This list will be updated as we gather more information on area K-12 academic resources...

Petoskey Area (FREE or scholarships available)

- **Northmen Den Youth Services, AIM Tutoring Program**
 - Easy paperwork, after-school tutoring downtown Petoskey
 - Students in grades 6-12 (45 minute weekly sessions)
 - Subject areas: reading, writing, math, algebra, geometry, & study skills, meal & snacks included
 - Full scholarships available
 - Contact: Kathy Petersen at 231-622-8044
- **After-School Homework Help (Petoskey High School)**
 - Monday & Wednesday at PHS Media Center 3:15-5:15PM
 - Contact PHS for more information
- **After-School Homework Help (Petoskey Middle School)**
 - After School Study Lab in the Media Center
 - Monday-Thursday 3:15-4:15PM
 - Contact the PMS Media Center at 231-348-2291

Charlevoix Public Schools (FREE)

- **After-School Tutoring Charlevoix Middle/High School**
 - Media Center, Monday-Thursday each week, 2:30-3:15PM
 - Talk to tutors about transportation services
 - Contact Charlevoix Middle/High School at 231-547-3222

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PETOSKEY, CHARLEVOIX, HARBOR SPRINGS, PELLSTON...

K-12 TUTORING & ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

This list will be updated as we gather more information on area K-12 academic resources...

Harbor Springs Middle School

- **4th hour intervention hour provides academic support**
- Grades 6-8
- Please inquire with teacher or use contact below
- Contact: Mary Beck, Academic Interventionist, at mbeck@harborps.org
- **Title 6 Indian Coordinator**
 - Title 6 programing differs between schools, staffing and local needs
 - Please inquire on academic support once position is filled
 - Position is currently vacant
 - Contact: Please contact Harbor Springs Schools for updates on staffing

Harbor Springs High School

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

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FALLING LEAVES MOON

October

Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntann-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niwo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naano-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
1	2 Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm	3 Elders Luncheon at Noon	4 Elders Luncheon at Noon Elders Commission Meeting 5 pm Zaibimijwang, Inc. Meeting 6 pm	5 Elders Luncheon at Noon Child Welfare Commission Meeting 3:30 pm	6 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am	7
8	9 Indigenous Peoples' Day All Governmental Offices Closed	10 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am	11 Elders Luncheon at Noon Executive Branch Town Hall Meeting 10 am on Zoom Natural Resources Commission Meeting 6 pm	12 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am	13	14 Gaming Authority Work Session 9 am Meeting 10 am Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP Meeting 1 pm
15	16 Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm	17 Elders Luncheon at Noon Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am Housing Commission Meeting 3 pm	18	19 Elders Luncheon at Noon	20	21
22	23	24 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am	25 Elders Luncheon at Noon Natural Resources Commission Meeting 6 pm	26 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am Citizenship Commission Meeting 1 pm Room 312	27	28 Gaming Authority Work Session 9 am Meeting 10 am Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP Meeting 1 pm
29	30	31 Elders Luncheon at Noon				Please Note: Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Any changes will be posted on the LTBB Website.

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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
August 10, 2023
Morning Session
In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:04 a.m.**

Opening ceremony: Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: Councilor James Pontiac

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Office of Finance & Revenue Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik, General Counsel Jim Bransky

Corporate Charters Present: Executive Officials and Staff

Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Office of the Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill, Education's WOCTEP Student Advisor Courtney Lewis, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Education's Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepf, Education's WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Tribal Chairman's Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, Gijigowi Language Department Administrative Assistant Theresa Keshick

Judicial Officials and Staff: None

Public: Patrick Anthony, Melissa Shomin, Gary Shomin
Invited Guest: None

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt the agenda of August 10, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor James Pontiac) Motion carries.

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley Thanked Councilor James Pontiac for his service on Tribal Council.

Attended Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST)

last week. Bemidji Area continues to be the lowest funded region in Indian country.

Biindigen restroom update.

Upcoming changes within the Executive Branch wing structure, remodeling of storage areas and moving departments around.

Tribal Chairperson and Natural Resources Committee Chair John Keshick to meet with Michigan's Senator Gary Peters regarding Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) and Line 5.

9:13 a.m. Councilor James Pontiac arrives.

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

USA Today will have a Native American issue in November and inquired if Little Traverse Bay Bands would like to purchase "add" space.

Housing PFAS update

Indian Town construction update

Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

30th Annual Odawa Homecoming pow wow is this weekend.

The jiimaan journey was successful. Thanked Education, Health Department, SPRING Grant, and the many volunteers.

Summer Program Day Camp is being held on Osborne Road until August 24, 2023.

Thoughts and prayers for the families of Eva Oldman, Pauline Boulton, and Dawn Shenoskey.

Hunters Safety Class is tentatively scheduled for August 26, 2023. You may sign up with the Natural Resources Department at 1-231-242-1670.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chair Regina Gasco-Bentley for August 10, 2023.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Tribal Council Officer Reports:

Legislative Leader Report

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor's verbal report for August 10, 2023.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Secretary Report

Documents Delivered to the Executive on July 28, 2023 and signed by the Executive on August 2, 2023.

-Tribal Resolution # 072723-01 Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

October 10 Work Session
October 12 Council Meeting
October 24 Work Session
October 26 Council Meeting

November 7 Work Session
November 9 Council Meeting
November 28 Work Session
November 30 Council Meeting

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

Legislative

Tribal Council Members

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

for After-Hours Coverage on Trust Lands.

-Tribal Resolution # 072723-02 Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$997,619 for FY 2023 to implement the LTBB Elder Vision Care Program to come from Third Party Revenue generated by the LTBB Health Department.

-Tribal Resolution # 072723-03 Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$1,056,846 for FY 2024 to support the LTBB Elder Vision Care Program to come from Third Party Revenue generated by the LTBB Health Department.

-Tribal Resolution # 072723-04 Budget Modification in the amount of \$30,000 for FY 2023 to support the Little Traverse Bay Bands Elders Department Ramp Program to come from the Capital Expenditures Fund.

-Tribal Resolution # 072723-05 Supplemental Funding in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to meet additional cost of securing a technological upgrade for Tribal Council Chambers to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

-Tribal Resolution # 072723-06 Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$626,000 to construct an additional apartment building at Mtigwaakiis Housing Development to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

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 Melissa Pamp

to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes' verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for August 10, 2023.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

Last Meeting: July 18, 2023

Motions made at the July 18, 2023 Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council at the July 27, 2023 meeting.

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: None

Next Meeting: August 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Additional report: Received communication from Chuck Freeman of Sovereign Finance regarding energy projects.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for August 10, 2023.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Land and Reservation Committee Report

Last Meeting: August 4, 2023

Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting:

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to **not** pursue Land Parcel #193 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to request a Staff Review and Analysis Report for Land Parcel #194 to be completed and submitted to the Committee prior September 1, 2023.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Staff Review and Analysis Report for Land Parcel #151 as presented on August 4, 2023.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to approve Confidential Memo # 080423-01 recommend to Tribal Council to pursue Land Parcel #151.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Ab-

stain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Phase I Assessment Report for Land Parcel #157 as presented on August 4, 2023.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to **not** pursue Land Parcel #157 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Phase I Assessment Report for Land Parcel #182 as presented on August 4, 2023.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Staff Review and Analysis Report for Land Parcel #187 as presented on August 4, 2023.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Staff Review and Analysis Report for Land Parcel #190 as presented on August 4, 2023.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to **not** pursue Land Parcel #190 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Staff Review and Analysis Report for Land Parcel #191 as presented on August 4, 2023.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to **not** pursue Land Parcel #191 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Staff Review and Analysis Report for Land Parcel #191 as presented on August 4, 2023.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Ab-

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“Minutes” continued from page 17.
by Secretary Marcella Reyes to amend the agenda to include the right-of-way access to run fiber optic cable along Lears Rd.
Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent
Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve a right-of-way access to Everstream to run fiber optic cable along Lears Road.
Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent
Motion carries.

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None

Next Meeting: September 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin 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 August 10, 2023.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Tribal Council Member Reports:

Councilor Fred Kiogima – attended the Native American Experience in Northern Michigan – Past, Present, and Future at the Bay View Association. Wenona Singel is a Professor of Law and Director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center at Michigan State University and an enrollment member of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Matthew Fletcher is a Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School, a leading scholar in the field of Indian Law and history. He is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Councilor Tamara Munson – No report

Councilor William Ortiz – Requests a Closed Session for Confidential Legal Matters.

Councilor Aaron Otto – working with Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker for legislation of secretary duties, would like this person to run meetings. Tribal Council officers and staff to attend this meeting.

Councilor Melissa Pamp – Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons funding, Aki Construction, Firekeepers needed for the pow-wow sacred fire, and prayers for the citizens of Maui.

Councilor James Pontiac – Thanked the Language Department for all of their work, Tribal Council for the privilege of working with you and for the citizens of Little Traverse Bay Bands.

Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – Attended the Native American Experience in Northern Michigan – Past, Present, and Future at the Bay View Association.

Secretary Marcella Reyes – No additional report

Treasurer Leroy Shomin – No additional report

10:03 a.m. Break

10:17 a.m. Meeting resumes

10:20 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal Matters.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

10:56 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to return to Open Session.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor James Pontiac, and Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal reports for August 10, 2023.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

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

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority – No report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – No report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. – No report

Tribal Burial Board, Inc. – No report

Ziibimijwang, Inc. – No report

11:09 a.m. Motion made by Councilor James Pontiac and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal Business.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

11:43 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to return to Open Session.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for August 10, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carries.

Public Comment:

11:44 a.m. Opens

Michele Portman-LaCount thanked Councilor James Pontiac for stepping up and fulfilling the Tribal Council vacancy.

Gary Shomin thanked past and present Tribal Council members for their hard work. Congratulations to the newly elected council.

Melissa Shomin thanked Tribal Council for all their

hard work and dedication. Congratulations to the newly elected Tribal Council members.

11:49 a.m. Closed

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik’s verbal report for August 10, 2023.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Legislative Services Attorney

Verbal report

Closed Session for Confidential Business Matters

12:01 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business Matters.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

12:43 p.m. Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to return to Open Session.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to **TABLE** all remaining agenda items to the Afternoon Session.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor James Pontiac to adjourn

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting:
Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.

Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date

Little Traverse Bay Bands

of Odawa Indians

Tribal Council Chambers

7500 Odawa Circle,

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Tribal Council

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2023

Afternoon Session

In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: **3:06 p.m.**

Opening ceremony: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley

Closed Session: Yes

Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Councilor Marcella Reyes, Councilor Emily Proctor

Absent: None

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director

Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Office of Finance & Revenue Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz

Corporate Charters Present: None

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Office of the Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill, Vice Chair Stella Kay, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Accounting Department Controller Cheryl Kishigo, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Gijigowi Language Department Administrative Assistant Theresa Keshick, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Education Department Learning Center Coordinator Jeremy Steele, Education Department Office Coordinator Tammy Gasco

Judicial Officials and Staff: none

Public: Todd Munson, James Pontiac, Marin Taylor

Invited Guest: none

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt the Afternoon Session agenda of August 10, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Tribal Council Officer Elections:

Legislative Leader

Discussion: Councilors Marcella Reyes and Aaron Otto expressed interest in the Legislative Leader position.

Nominations:

Councilor Melissa Pamp nominates Councilor Aaron Otto for the position of Tribal Council Legislative Leader with support from Councilor Tamara Munson.

Councilor Fred Kiogima nominates Councilor Marcella Reyes for the position of Tribal Council Legislative Leader with support from Councilor William Ortiz.

Straw Poll Vote: Councilor Marcella Reyes: 5 – Yes; Councilor Aaron Otto: 4 – No

Result: New Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes

Tribal Secretary

Discussion: Councilor Emily Proctor is interested in the Secretary position. No other councilors expressed interest.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to appoint Councilor Emily Proctor as the Tribal Council Secretary.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Tribal Treasurer

Discussion: Councilor Leroy Shomin is interested in the position of Treasurer. No other councilors expressed an interest.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima

to appoint Councilor Leroy Shomin as Tribal Council Treasurer.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Tribal Council Committee Assignments:

Appropriations and Finance Committee Assignments

(Statutorily the Tribal Treasurer automatically serves as Committee Chair of the Appropriations and Finance Committee)

Discussion: Councilors Aaron Otto, William Ortiz, and Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes expressed interest on serving on the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Councilor Aaron Otto retracts his interest

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to assign Councilor William Ortiz and Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes to the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Land and Reservation Committee Assignments

Discussion: Councilors Aaron Otto, Fred Kiogima, Jordan Shananaquet, and Secretary Emily Proctor are interested in serving on the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Land and Reservation Committee Assignments

Discussion: Councilors Aaron Otto, Fred Kiogima, Jordan Shananaquet, and Secretary Emily Proctor are interested in serving on the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to assign Councilor Aaron Otto, Secretary Emily Proctor and Councilor Fred Kiogima to the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Legislative Office Reports continued

Legislative Services Attorney

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker’s verbal and written report for August 10, 2023.

(vote continues below)

3:42 p.m. Councilor Tamara Munson exits meeting.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson)

Motion carries.

General Counsel Verbal Report

3:44 p.m. Councilor Tamara Munson returns

Closed Session for land and confidential business/legal matters.

3:46 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to enter into Closed Session for land and confidential business/legal matters.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

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2023 LTBB Traditional Jiingtamok



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**SOVEREIGNTY DAY
PREVENTION AND PRIDE
COLOR FUN WALK**
9/30/2023

SIGN UP TODAY! T-SHIRT WILL BE PROVIDED!
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/DCIKPTQ4MY](https://forms.office.com/r/dCikPTQ4my)

honor the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. Chief Justice Murray Sinclair challenged all of the participants to keep the reconciliation process alive as a result of the realization every former student had similar stories.

Orange Shirts will again be available and be given out at the LTBB Governmental Center, LTBB Behavioral Health and on the day of remembrance.

Orange Shirt Day also known as Truth and Reconciliation Day

Why Orange Shirts?

The creation of Orange Shirt Day is tied to the St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Project reunion event held in 2013 when Phyllis Westbad shared her experience with the world. Just before leaving her family for residential school at the age of six, Phyllis was given an orange shirt by her grandmother. So proud she was to be wearing that new orange shirt as she approached the school tightly holding on to the hand of her Nokomis. However, when she arrived at the school, the shirt was seized, and she never saw it again. From then on, the orange shirt symbolizes the systematic stripping away of local cultures and the unfortunate experiences the children had to face.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Please join us on September 30, 2023 at 7500 Odawa Circle, the community fire pit at 9 a.m. to honor and pay respect to those who survived and remember those who didn't. All are welcome to participate. Everyone wanting to share their story or stories of their loved ones will have the opportunity to speak.

Please contact 231-242-1644 with questions or contact LTBB Behavioral Health at 231-242-1642.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
29TH ANNUAL

**Sovereignty Day
CELEBRATION**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
3PM - 7PM

ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS, VENDORS, AND MORE!
ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL FOLLOW. BE SURE TO CHECK OUT LTBB SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.

There will be a Prevention and Pride Color Fun Walk sponsored by Community Health, Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country and SPRING (Significant Prevention Resulting in New Generations).

Community Health will be leading a guided walk along the Ogichidaa Trail where participants will be doused in color during their walk. The trail is approximately 0.5 of a mile and will start at the Community fire pit. You can sign up at <https://forms.office.com/r/dCikPTQ4my>

There will be a jiimaan (canoe) making competition.

"Big or small! Wear it, pull it, or carry it!" Hunter said. "Decorate your version of a jiimaan for the parade. We will have first, second and third place winners."

If you would like to be a vendor for the event, you can sign up at <https://fs20.forms.site.com/B6wV14/tqvfgusfev/index.html>

For more information, visit the LTBB website and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Government Facebook page.

Orange Shirt Day, September 30 at 9 a.m., LTBB Governmental Center

The following explanation of the origins of Orange Shirt Day appears on the Orange Shirt Society website:

"Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School (1891-1981) Commemoration Project and Reunion events which took place in Williams Lake, British Columbia, Canada, in May 2013.

This project was the vision of Esketemc (Alkali Lake) Chief Fred Robbins, who is a former student. It brought together former students and their families from the Secwepemc, Tsilhqot'in, Southern Dakelh and St'at'imc Nations along with the Cariboo Regional District, the mayors and municipalities, school districts and civic organizations in the Cariboo Region.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of this project. As spokesperson for the reunion group leading up to the events, former student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told her story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.

The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of residential schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of residential schools and the legacy they have left behind. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed they matter, and so do those who have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools."

For information about the event, contact LTBB Behavioral Health at 231-242-1644.



Community Trick or Treating, October 31 from 3-5 p.m., LTBB Governmental Center

Join participating LTBB Executive departments, the Executive Office, the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch for a safe trick or treating event for children of all ages. Participating offices will have a trick or treat sign hung up to let children know to enter and receive goodies. Others will be set up at tables in the Commons Area to hand out goodies to the children.

For more information, visit the LTBB website and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Government Facebook page.

Sovereignty Day Celebration and Halloween photos by Communications Department staff and courtesy photo.

Join us for a Day of Remembrance for Survivors, Descendants and all who were touched by this part of our history.

Orange Shirt Day /Day of Truth and Reconciliation
Saturday September 30, 2023
7500 Odawa Circle 9:00 am.

Orange flags will be available for those wishing to leave a name or a remembrance for their relations who couldn't attend or have walked on.

- Honoring Nidanwedaagan - All Our Relations
- Smudging
- Pipe ceremony
- Honor Song
- Words from Nidanwedaagan
- Ending with an awareness walk around Odawa Circle and breakfast
- Please call 242-1644 or 242/1642 with questions or for Additional Information

**JOIN US FOR A SAFE NIGHT OF
Trick or Treat**

Tuesday, October 31, 2023
LTBB Governmental Center 3-5 pm
Harbor Springs, MI



The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and

WHY DO LEAVES CHANGE COLORS?

Part I: The Chemistry of Leaf Colors

Chlorophyll	Carotenoids	Anthocyanins	Tannins
Necessary for photosynthesis; as autumn days grow shorter, chlorophyll production slows and eventually stops, allowing other pigments to show through.	Used in photosynthesis; always present but usually masked by the presence of chlorophyll. Carotenoids do not change in response to weather.	Produced in autumn from reactions with increased sugar concentration in leaves; not all trees produce anthocyanin.	Bitter waste product of tree metabolism; always present but only visible once chlorophyll and carotenoids disappear.

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Mocs
Day**

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to 741741.
#WeNeedYouHere**

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stain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

4:16 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

4:17 p.m. Break

4:30 p.m. Meeting resumes

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for August 10, 2023.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

Public Comment

4:31 p.m. Opens No comments made

4:32 p.m. Closes

Legislative Office Director

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for August 10, 2023.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

4:47 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to enter into closed Session for Confidential Business.

Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent

Motion carries.

5:00 p.m. Councilor Fred Kiogima exits meeting.

5:41 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session.

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

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve Confidential Memo # 080423-01 to pursue Land Parcel #151.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Tamara Munson), 0 Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to **not** pursue Land Parcel #157 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

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

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to **not** pursue Land Parcel #190 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

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

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to **not** pursue Land Parcel #191 as recommended by the Land

and Reservation Committee (LRC).

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to **not** pursue Land Parcel #193 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve a right-of-way access to Everstream to run fiber optic cable along Lears Road.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to post to the web for comment the draft Tribal Notary Public Statute as sponsored by Secretary Emily Proctor.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to post to the web for comment the draft Jurisdiction Adjustment Statute as sponsored by Councilor Melissa Pamp.

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

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to post to the web for comment the draft Financial Disclosures of Tribal Officials Statute as sponsored by Councilor William Ortiz.

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

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to post to the web for comment the draft Elders Commission Statute as sponsored by Councilor Fred Kiogima.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to post to the web for comment the draft Probate Code Statute as sponsored by Councilor William Ortiz.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to post to the web for comment the draft Probate Code for Small Estates Statute as sponsored by Councilor William Ortiz.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to post to the web for comment the draft Marriage Statute as sponsored by Councilor Me-

lissa Pamp.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to post to the web for comment the draft Dissolution of Marriage Statute as sponsored by Councilor Melissa Pamp.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to amend the agenda to include Tribal Resolution Grant of Right-Of-Way for Non-Exclusive Utility Easement to Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC.

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

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Special Jurisdiction over Domestic Violence and Related Crimes.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima – Absent, Councilor Tamara Munson – yes, Councilor William Ortiz – yes, Councilor Aaron Otto – yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp – yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin – yes, Secretary Emily Proctor – yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes – yes

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt Tribal Resolution Revoking the Delegation of Authority to the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority to Register Fishing Vessels, Snowmobiles, and Vehicles Used for the Exercise of Treaty Fishing.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima – Absent, Councilor Tamara Munson – yes, Councilor William Ortiz – yes, Councilor Aaron Otto – yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp – yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin – yes, Secretary Emily Proctor – yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes – yes

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Grant of Right-Of-Way for Non-Exclusive Utility Easement to Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima – Absent, Councilor Tamara Munson – yes, Councilor William Ortiz – yes, Councilor Aaron Otto – yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp – yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin – yes, Secretary Emily Proctor – yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes – yes

Motion carries. Review and Approve Minutes of July 27, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor

Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto approve the minutes of July 27, 2023 as presented.

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

Other Items of Business: None

Adjournment:

6:13 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Jor-

dan Shananaquet to adjourn.

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

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom**

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.

Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

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

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

LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:
911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770
231-242-1500

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

NOTICE:

NEW TRIBAL CODE WEBPAGE

The Tribal Code Webpage has been restructured!!!!

New features included:

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

WAGANAKISING ODAWA TRIBAL CODE of LAW

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LTBB OFFICE OF CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE

The Office of Citizens Legal Assistance (OCLA) was established to provide free, limited-scope legal services to LTBB tribal citizens. Areas of law covered include, but are not limited to, the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Family Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce • Child Custody • Child Support ❖ Consumer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debt Collection ❖ Indian Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act ❖ Setting Aside Conviction/s ❖ Driver License Restoration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Estate Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wills • Deeds • Health Care Directives • Powers of Attorney ❖ Probate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estate Administration ❖ Landlord/Tenant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evictions • Tenant Rights ❖ Personal Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Protection Orders (PPO) • Abuse/Neglect of Adults
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For assistance, please contact Cherie Dominic, OCLA attorney, at:
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IMMUNIZATION AND CANCER

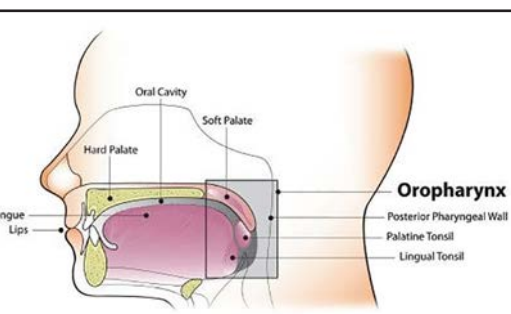
By Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach

Immunization awareness highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines.

It is important to note well-child recommended vaccines can protect against oral (mouth) cancers.

The Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI) in the United States. HPV can cause cancer at varying times in life; these cancers are in genital and oral locations in the body.

There were approximately 43 million HPV infections in 2018 in the U.S., many among people in their late teens and early 20s. Often, there are no signs or symptoms. Sometimes, these infections can cause visible health problems, including warts. These may be present in the genital area, but also in the back of the throat. This can include the base of the tongue and tonsils. Mouth and throat cancer (oropharyngeal cancer) can also develop at any time in life after HPV infection.



There are vaccines which can help stop these diseases from happening. Talk to your doctor to ensure you and your family are protected. Talk to your dentist about any concerns you may have.

An initial HPV vaccination is recommended for boys and girls around age 11 or 12 (but can start at age nine). This is commonly a two-dose series.

A catchup HPV vaccination is recommended for all persons through age 26 if they are not already vaccinated. This is commonly a three-dose series.

Cancer can take years, even decades, to develop after a person has HPV. There is no way to know who will develop cancer or other health problems from HPV. People with weakened im-



mune systems may be less able to fight off HPV. HPV is thought to cause 70% of oropharyngeal cancers in the U.S. Tobacco and alcohol use increase the risk of developing mouth cancer.

Rates of oropharyngeal cancer have increased dramatically, driven by HPV infection – 54,000 new cases of oral cavity and oropharynx cancers were diagnosed in the United States in 2022. It is estimated 11,580 deaths (8,140 men and 3,440 women) from oral and oropharyngeal cancer will occur in the United States in 2023.

Most people have no symptoms of oropharyngeal cancer. Sometimes, symptoms may include a long-lasting sore throat, earaches, hoarseness, swollen lymph nodes, pain when swallowing and unexplained weight loss. If you have any symptoms which worry you, be sure to see your doctor or dentist right away.

There is no test to find out a person's HPV status. Also, there is no approved test to find HPV in the mouth or throat.

The HPV vaccination can prevent HPV oral cancers. Finding these cancers early greatly increases the survival rate. Screening for oropharyngeal cancer is done at every dental exam visit. A referral to an oral surgeon may be recommended.

So, be sure to see the dentist twice a year as recommended by the American Dental Association.

<https://www.cancer.org/>
https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/hpv/basic_info/hpv_oropharyngeal.htm

<https://www.cancer.gov/news-events/cancer-currents-blog/2021/hpv-oropharyngeal-cancer-less-treatment-fewer-side-effects>

Courtesy photos.

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.

LTBB & The Natural Resources Department are excited to announce the start of our very own

Hunter's Safety Course

Hunter's Safety Course:
 Date/Time: TBD end of September/October
 Please look for announcement.
 We are working on our updated international hunters safety course.

The Course will include:
 Online/At Home Study & A Field Day as required for Certification.

For more info, please contact The Natural Resource Department:
 Phone: 231-242-1670 or
 Email: dhinmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.
 ***Space is Limited, Reserve your spot early.

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.

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

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

ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE WITHIN 27-COUNTY SERVICE AREA

PRC offers coverage for medically necessary services when:

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

MUNSON HEALTHCARE
 BAY STREET URGENT CARE & FAMILY PRACTICE
 McLaren

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

ASK YOUR RELATIVES

I want to learn jingle dancing. Who can teach me?

How do I talk to homophobic friends?

I want to explore the faith of my ancestors. Where do I start?

What is it like to get an STD test?

Auntie Amanda, Cousin Aska, Auntie Jane, Uncle Pange

You got questions! We got answers!

Life can feel lonely.

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 www.youtube.com/user/weNative

RED FLAGS OF ROMANCE



By **StrongHearts Native Helpline**

There's a first time for everything and that includes love. The first time they walk home with you. The first time they call you on the phone or ask if you want a ride home on their motorcycle. There's a first time you put your arms around them to hold on for dear life and when they go faster, you hold on tighter. It's all those firsts which can sometimes lead you to love... or it can lead you to an uncomfortable and unpredictable situation.

Navigating New Relationships

Understanding types of love, knowing how to identify the red flags of romance, and taking a serious approach are good measures to take when navigating a new relationship.

Romance and Types of Love

Romance can be defined as the feelings of excitement and mystery associated with love; and to make things a little more interesting, there are eight types of love:

- Agape (love for everyone) - love of mankind or unselfish concern for the welfare of others.
- Philautia (self-love) - love many have said is required before truly being able to love another.
- Storge (family love) - love of parents for their children, strongly linked to long term memories.
- Philia (deep friendship) - respectful love of friends and equals.
- Ludus (playful love) - flirtatious, it's not serious, light-hearted.
- Eros (sexual passion) - stirs the body and soul which burns hot but overtime fades or can turn into other types of love.
- Pragma (enduring love) - love which builds over time with commitment and hard work.
- Mania (obsessive love) occurs when there is an imbalance in the relationship filled with insecurity and jealousy, at times can be scary.

Red Flags Can Apply to All Relationships

Whether or not you are developing a healthy or toxic relationship with someone at work, at school, at the bar or online, there are "red flags" which are clear warning signs something isn't right. However, all too often, these signs are overlooked when an unsus-

pecting victim gives the benefit of the doubt to an undeserving perpetrator.

Key indicators or "red flags" can include the following seemingly harmless behaviors.

Moving Too Fast

When a potential friend or lover wants to move too fast in the relationship, they may start to demand more of you and your time. Victim survivors can mitigate abuse before it happens by recognizing a new partner wants a commitment way too soon.

They may:

- Pressure you to have sex before you are ready.
- Shower you with compliments or seemingly put you on a pedestal.
- Act extremely jealous or possessive of you.

Overprotective / Over-Reactive

Questionable behaviors may occur when your partner is being overly protective and wanting to know where you are at all times.

Warning signs can include when your partner:

- Frequently calls, continuously messaging you and/or constantly asking where you are.
- Follows you around and/or shows up at your home, school or work without invitation or warning.
- Insist on driving you everywhere or check your car mileage when you return.

Isolation, Teasing (Belittling) and Gaslighting

These behaviors can easily be identified when your partner:

- Encourages you to quit school or work or to stop participating in activities and hobbies.
- Make jokes about you or your culture or put you down for being Native.
- Lose their temper with you or yell at you in private but stay calm around others.
- Blames their former partners for abuse in previous relationships.

Online Dating

Catfishing: Vague or incomplete profiles can be a sign they are trying to hide something about themselves or pretend to be someone or something they are not.

Digital Abuse: Sending sexually explicit photos or messages is a clear indication of not having respect for you. When this happens without your consent, it could be considered a form of sexual

harassment. The same can be said when the interested party requests sexually explicit pictures. Either way, the person does not respect your boundaries.

Digital abuse also includes asking for your device passwords, sharing your private messages and using tracking devices to know your whereabouts which can be done without your consent or knowledge. It may seem like a harmless gesture used to keep track of you "for your safety," but over time can turn into something a bit more sinister.

Online Dating Tips

Until you establish a level of comfort between you and a potential partner, it is important to maintain your safety and privacy. Be careful not to provide too much personal information about yourself and it includes where you live.



• Instead of using your full name, use a nickname on your dating profile.

• If you are not comfortable saying, "yes" to a meet up, don't rush it and wait until you feel safe.

• If you do agree to meet up, go to a public area and tell a friend or relative about your plans.

• Bring a friend. Never meet up alone with a stranger or invite them to your place of residence.

• Listen to and trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, if something feels off, call off your date.

• If you are already in a meet up and are feeling unsafe, be sure to have a backup plan in order to call for help.

In summary, the art of romance can be fun and lead to healthy relationships, but when things seem too good to be true, they probably are, and your best line of defense is to pay attention to verbal and physical cues something isn't right. Listen to your inner voice and trust your instincts.

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IT'S JUST HARMLESS WATER VAPOR AND FLAVORS, RIGHT?

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.



Many teens and young adults who vape think they are just vaping "water vapor and flavorings," and it is not harmful to their health.

"The first myth is that vaping has anything at all to do with a vapor," said Dr. Frank T. Leone, MD, MS, physician and Director of Comprehensive Smoking Treatment Programs at Penn Medicine. "It doesn't, it's an aerosol ...what you're actually seeing is a chemical called propylene glycol, and it goes down into the mouth, the upper airway, the back of the throat, the esophagus and the stomach — as well as into the lungs."

E-Cigarettes, also known as JUULs, vapes and vape pens, use a battery to heat up a special liquid into an aerosol which users inhale. The "e-juice" which fills the cartridges usually contains nicotine (extracted from tobacco), propylene glycol, flavorings and other chemicals. Studies have found even e-cigarettes claiming to be nicotine-free contain trace amounts. Additionally, when the e-liquid heats up, more toxic chemicals are formed. Researchers have found the following toxic chemicals and metals in e-cigarettes:

- Nicotine: A highly addictive substance which negatively affects adolescent brain development.
- Propylene Glycol: A common food additive, also used to make antifreeze and paint solvent.
- Carcinogens: Chemicals

known to cause cancer, including acetaldehyde and formaldehyde.

- Acrolein: A herbicide, primarily used to kill weeds, can cause irreversible lung damage.
- Diacetyl: A chemical linked to a lung disease called bronchiolitis obliterans aka "popcorn lung."
- Heavy metals such as lead, tin and nickel.
- Benzene: A volatile organic compound (VOC) found in car exhaust.

There are resources available for youth who want to quit smoking and/or vaping and want to learn more about its

dangers to health. In 2022, the Food and Drug Administration launched "Next Legends," a campaign which aims to educate American Indian and Alaska Native youth ages 12-

17 about the harms of vaping; the site includes facts about what's in a vape, videos and more. Visit: TheRealCost.BeTobaccoFree.HHS.gov/NextLegends. The website also includes a link to SmokefreeTeen. Visit Teen.Smokefree.gov, text QUIT to 47848.

This Is Quitting through the Truth Initiative, the first-of-its-kind program which has helped more than 500,000 youth and young adults on their journey to quit vaping. Text DITCHVAPE to 88709.

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"Census Data" continued from page 1.

"It's going to be difficult for a lot of tribes when they need the data," said Liberty, a member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

The 2020 census put the American Indian and Alaska Native alone population at 3.7 million people; it was 9.6 million for those who identified as American Indian and Alaska Native in combination with another race. The Census Bureau provides detailed data for 1,200 American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages.

The privacy changes to the detailed census data "will harm the ability of self-governing tribes to meet the needs of their citizens," the Federal Reserve report said.

The Census Bureau told The Associated Press it doesn't comment on outside reports but acknowledged the number of tables for tribes in 2020 were reduced from 2010 because of the privacy concerns.

The privacy changes arrive during heightened sensitivities about who controls data from Indian Country.

"The concept of tribal data sovereignty and just data sovereignty in general has been kind of elevated. In a sense, this is their data," Rhatigan said. "You can say that it's a problem for the smaller tribal communities that won't even get the detailed age data. It's possible that the bigger problem comes from the tribes that do receive the data. Nobody knows ... how inaccurate those data are."

That's because of the privacy method, known as "differential privacy," uses algorithms to create intentional errors to data by adding or subtracting people from the actual count in order to obscure the identity of any given participant in a particular area.

The Census Bureau has said the differential privacy algorithms are needed because, without them, the growth of easily available third-party data combined with modern computing could allow hackers to piece together the identities of participants in its censuses and surveys in violation of the law.

The statistical agency already has released 2020 census data used to draw political districts and determine how many congressional seats and Electoral College votes each state gets.

Differential privacy's impact on accuracy is greatest when population totals are broken down by race, age and sex, making it harder to understand demographic changes in individual tribal areas, the Federal Reserve report said.

Also complicating the availability of detailed

tribal census data are new population thresholds by the Census Bureau. The thresholds determine how much data tribes or racial or ethnic groups get for a particular area.

In 2010, in order to protect people's identities, a tribe or a racial or ethnic group in any particular geography like a county needed at least 100 people to get all 71 available data tables. In 2020, "dynamic population thresholds" are being used with the size of the tribe or racial or ethnic group in a location determining how many data tables they get.

For national or state level data, the 40% of all tribes with less than 500 people across the U.S. will receive only country or state-wide population totals, keeping them from getting the more detailed data they got in 2010. At the tribal-area level, 80% of tribes will only receive population totals instead of breakdowns of age data reported by sex, according to the Federal Reserve report.

In New Mexico, for instance, only the Navajo Nation — the tribe with the largest reservation, extending into Arizona and Utah — will receive the full suite of data with almost two dozen age categories by sex. Sixteen of the state's 22 populated tribal areas are likely to receive limited data sets breaking down populations into only four age groups per sex. Two Native American pueblos will receive no age breakdowns at all, Rhatigan said.

American Indian or Alaska Native people on reservations were among the most undercounted populations in the 2020 census with an estimated 5.6% of residents missed, according to an evaluation by the Census Bureau.

The COVID-19 pandemic severely limited the outreach efforts many tribal communities had planned. Many tribes closed their borders in an effort to stop the virus' spread, severely restricting the ability to get a head count. Plus, the digital divide in some tribal communities made responding to the head count difficult during the first census in which participants were encouraged to answer census questions online.

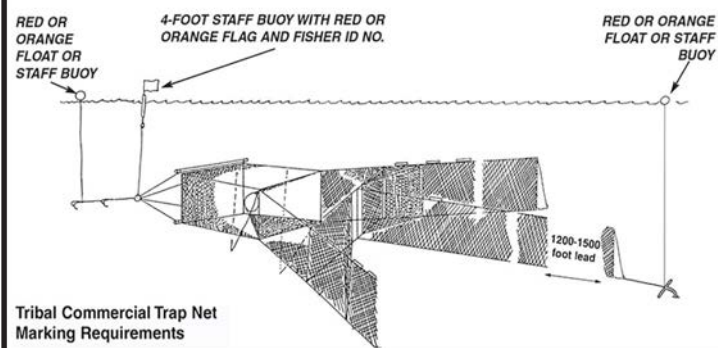
It might have been worse. The Census Bureau earlier contemplated eliminating detailed tribal tables altogether, said James Tucker, a voting rights attorney for the Native American Rights Fund.

"It could have been really bad," said Tucker, who is a former chair of a Census Bureau advisory committee. "But they took it to heart to make the data as accurate as possible while balancing that against the privacy concerns."

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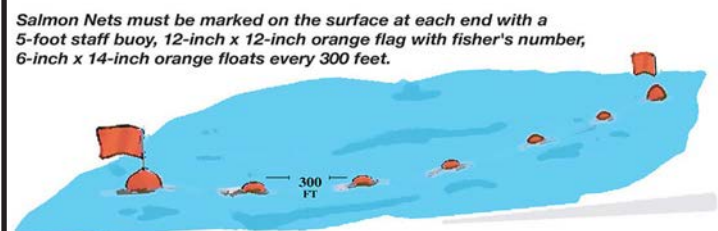
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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE FUND ANNOUNCES 2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS



school mascot which replaced the previous Native American mascot. This grant is in addition to the NAHF grant received in 2020 as NAHF continues to work with and support schools as they make ongoing changes.

- **Port Huron Area School District** – \$162,943.90 to replace and rebrand the current mascot at Michigamme and Roosevelt Elementary Schools and High School.

- **Sandusky Community Schools** – \$74,604.08 to rebrand athletic equipment, signage and athletic uniforms with new “Wolves” mascot imagery.

- **Watersmeet Township School District** – \$3,845 to implement a mini teaching pow wow event using best practices around indigenous knowledge to promote positive relationships between the school district, tribe and local government.

The awards were distributed and shared with the public at the NAHF Grant Award ceremony at FireKeepers Casino Hotel on August 25, 2023.

The NAHF Board is composed of Chairperson Jamie Stuck (NHBP Tribal Council Chairperson); Vice Chairperson Dorie Rios (NHBP Tribal Council Vice Chairperson); Secretary Elizabeth Kinnart (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Citizen); Treasurer Melissa Kiesewetter (Michigan Department of Civil Rights Tribal Liaison/ Native American Specialist); and Board Member Kimberly Vargo (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians).

To learn about past recipients or future application requirements, visit nahfund.com.

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The Native American Heritage Fund (NAHF) Board selected projects in nine Michigan communities as recipients of the fund’s 2023 grants at the Board’s August 10, 2023 meeting. From a pool of 20 applicants, the NAHF board chose to award grants, totaling more than \$480,000 in support of community projects, academic programming updates, mascot changeovers and other projects which honor Native American culture and history in the area.

Priority was given to at least partially funding the important work of reducing the number of inappropriate mascots among Michigan public schools, which is often costly for schools which need to update facilities, uniforms and more.

“Over the past several years, we have 15 different schools that we have helped retire and rebrand the mascot. In 2018, we started out with six ‘R-word’ mascots. After this next year, we will have zero in Michigan,” said NAHF Chairperson Jamie Stuck, who is also the Tribal Council Chairperson for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi. “Instead of pushing the problem further down, we like to be part of the solution for changing these mascots. We are not only here to provide financial support, but we are able to provide guidance and emotional support as these communities move away from hateful terms.”

The NAHF Board urges schools to consult not only students but also local tribes in reconsidering a school mascot and specifically funds schools which have identified the new branding and are prepared and approved internally to make the switch.

The 2023 NAHF grants include:

- **Baraga Area Schools** – \$6,000 to integrate Ojibwe language and culture in the school environment by creating Cultural Liaison on staff; implementing signage, hosting pow wows and other cultural activities.

- **Chippewa Hills School District** – \$66,446 to rebrand signage, floors, athletic facilities and apparel with new “Golden Knights” mascot imagery. This grant is in addition to the NAHF grant received in 2022 as NAHF continues to work with and support schools as they make ongoing changes.

- **Manistee Area Public Schools** – \$142,585 to rebrand signage, website, athletic facilities and athletic uniforms with new “Mariners” mascot imagery.

- **Meridian Charter Township** – \$15,000 to replace hateful imagery by installing a new sign at the entrance to Sower Blvd off Okemos Rd.

- **Pellston Public Schools** – \$6,000 to create, administer and use a new bilingual website designed and built by students to allow them to interact and grow with Native and non-Native community members.

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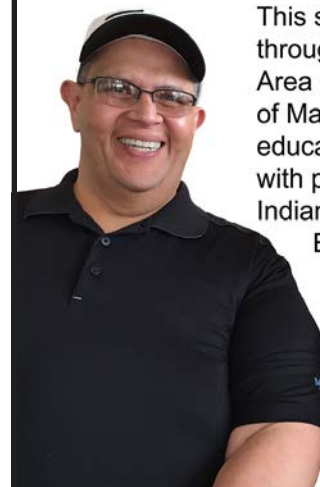
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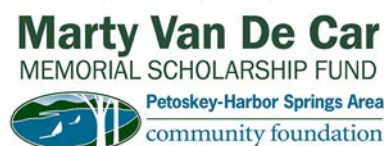


She enjoyed kayaking, cycling, snowmobiling, photography and gardening. Listed among survivors include her son, Matthew Young of Escanaba, MI; mother, Emily Keshick of Escanaba, MI; siblings, Gayla Keshick of Mount Pleasant, MI; Lucy Keshick of Harbor Springs, MI; Patricia (Brian) Boudreau of North Carolina; John Clark of Escanaba, MI; and Tony Clark of Escanaba, MI; special niece, Kaytlyn Keshick; many additional nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Debra was preceded in death by her father, John Clark; and brothers, Michael Keshick and Keith Clark.

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Walking On...



William Brian Carver, 65

William Brian Carver, 65, of Petoskey, MI, walked on peacefully, surrounded by loved ones on August 20, 2023. Brian was born in Indianapolis, IN, on July 19, 1958. He is survived by his wife, Regina Brubacker-Carver; his son, Wayne Carver (Tina); daughter, Bethany Jewett (Dan); sons, Carl Carver and Brian Carver (Kasy); his grandchildren, Cynthia, Aidan, Caleb, Ahlviah, Mason, Adalyn and Archer; siblings, Stephanie Brew (Douglas); Bryce Carver (Trista); Kristi Carver; Jenny Carver; Kelli Carver and Larry Carver as well as several nieces and nephews. Brian is preceded in death by his parents, William Kelly Carver, Jr. and Ruth Gasco-Carver; grandparents, Alexander and Louise Wabanimke-Gasco of Harbor Springs, MI; Nancy Byard Carver-Isley and William Kelly Carver of Nineveh, IN; and brother, Alexander Neal Carver; sons, Carl Joseph Carver and Nicholas Alexander Carver; and grandson, Jericho Jal Carver. Brian was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and a beloved member of the community. Brian was a member of

the Native American Church of the Morning Star. He was a 1976 graduate of Petoskey High School and received his certification in restaurant and food industry management from Ferris State University. He was the original executive chef of the Victories Casino Mukwa Café and played a significant role in its design and menu creation. He was a very artistic person, expressing himself through his paintings and drawings, wood carving, cooking and photography. Brian was the original "Jack of all Trades," capable of doing anything he set his mind to from motorcycle/car repair to home repair. Brian's happiest times were getting ready for the holidays and cooking with his family. Brian loved spending time fishing at the Bear River, collecting rocks at Magnus Park, garage/second hand perusing, collecting Elvis memorabilia, Matchbox Cars, old cameras and view masters. Brian was a man who loved deeply and made a lasting impression on everyone he met. He will be forever loved and very deeply missed by his family. A celebration of Brian's life will be held October 7, 2023 at 4 p.m. at the LTBB Government Building in Harbor Springs, MI.

Debra Rose Clark, 52

Debra Rose Clark, 52, of Escanaba, MI, passed away on August 25, 2023 at her home after a lengthy illness. She was born on July 28, 1971 in Escanaba, MI, the daughter of John M. Clark and Emily J. Keshick. Debra was raised in Escanaba, MI, and graduated from Escanaba High School in 1989. Debra was previously employed with Bramco Containers for 13 years, and most recently worked at Andex.

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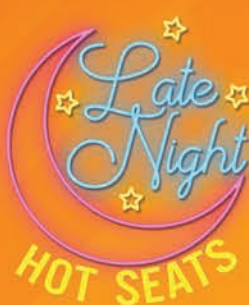
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