

Odawa Trails



NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE'S DECOLONIZATION PROJECT



Part of North Central Michigan College's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging involves being more intentional in the ways we acknowledge communities of color on campus, including members of our indigenous community. One move toward reconciliation and acknowledgment is the NCMC Library Decolonization Project, a new partnership between North Central Michigan College and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Education Department. The project involves transitioning the library's 400-title indigenous collection from the Dewey Decimal Classification system (DDC), which was based on a colonial mindset which categorizes material about indigenous people in the history section. Together, we will replace the DDC system with a new classification system developed alongside our LTBB partners. Indigenous Knowledge Keepers who are language and cultural experts from our local Anishinaabe community will assist with the project.

Key project outcomes include:

- Reviewing NCMC's current indigenous collection for appropriateness, identifying gaps within the collection for content recommendations.

Identifying and applying the new classification structure, including new subject headings and a reorganization of the library's indigenous collection.

- Reviewing available published content by indigenous authors and scholars and making collection development recommendations for future purchase.

To learn more about the NCMC Library Decolonization Project, stop by the library and see Library Assistant Beth Fisher-Polasky. Originally from Mackinac, MI, near Lake Michigan and Huron, Fisher-Polasky now lives in Petoskey, MI, near Lake Michigan. She is Deer Clan and is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Courtesy photo.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COLLABORATES WITH NORTHWEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Submitted by **Hayden Hooper**, Department of Commerce Director

The LTBB Department of Commerce (DOC) has connected with the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) to bring FREE tax preparation assistance to LTBB! We will coordinate with their team of IRS certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistances (VITA) to bring a one-day service to the LTBB Government Center in Harbor Springs, MI, where we will schedule appointments to have income taxes done for FREE! We are anticipating one day in February 2024 occurring on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to reach our Elders lunch attendees, but additional days may be added depending on level of interest. This service will be provided on a scheduled appointment-basis, rather than walk-in service.

Because our Elders and Resident Tribal Members can be uniquely impacted by tax preparation season, these groups will be prioritized when scheduling appointments. Then, it will be opened up to all eligible LTBB Tribal Citizens, and if we continue to have room for appointments, it will open up to non-citizen LTBB staff members. While we will originally plan for one day, additional days may be added depending on interest level.

Please let DOC know if you are interested in this free tax service, so we can coordinate with NMCAA on scheduling. While this won't commit you to making an appointment at this time, it will be helpful for us to gauge the level of interest. Comments, messages, e-mails or phone calls will be accepted to express an interest! DOC can be reached at 231-242-1584/231-



420-2924 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Once a date is scheduled, we will post another announcement letting citizens know appointment-scheduling is opened up.

For some background information on the VITA program: This is an IRS program which offers free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. VITA operates through partner sites such as the NMCAA. The VITA program has operated for more than 50 years. More information can be found on the IRS website at: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers>.

For those not interested in participating in an LTBB-scheduled tax day, NMCAA does have other client-directed options to assist with taxes such as appointments, drop-offs, virtual upload or free self-prep. You can contact NMCAA directly at 231-347-9070 or visit their website at https://www.nmcaa.net/tax_preparation.asp. We will post additional an-

"Free Tax Prep" continued on page 30.

INFLUENTIAL WOMEN OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Editor's note: The following article and photograph appeared in the *Traverse City Record-Eagle*, and they are reprinted here with permission. The article features LTBB Tribal Citizen Allie Greenleaf Maldonado.

Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Judge in the 4th District for the Michigan Court of Appeals



What was a defining moment in your life that led you to take this path?

"I am proud to be Native American, but growing up knowing who I could be and what I could achieve was difficult. My family was part of the Federal Government's official policy of removing Indian children from their families and communities in order to assimilate them and prepare them for the station in life they were expected to hold.

My grandmother was first taken to the Indian boarding school in Harbor Springs, MI, and then finally to the Indian Boarding School in Mount Pleasant, MI, where she was taught to cook, clean and sew because those were the skills she was projected to need to fulfill her place in society.

As part of that legacy when I was growing up, I never met or even saw a Native American attorney. Even today, there are fewer than 2,700 Native American attorneys in the United States. Dreaming of being an attorney was audacious, never mind being a judge! But I went to law school because I wanted to do my part to keep what happened to my grandmother, and all of the Native people in my community who were removed, from happening again."

What positive habits, values and/or morals do you believe helped you most to succeed along your journey here?

"I believe we all need a purpose and place in the world to reach our potential. My purpose is to help people by doing my part to make the legal system one that works for and serves the community.

"Influential Women" continued on page 30.

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Tribal Telephone Directory and Website Information

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Election Board

ElectionBoard@ltbbelectionboard.org

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement
Debendziwin aawan maanda Odawa aawiyiing. Geyaabi gdaa'anaa miinwaa gdanwewmi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing debendziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendziwin miinwaa wiimnaadendziyiing. Gdabendaanaa debendziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadiziwin miinwaa mndoowaadiziwin gaanaaniigaaniik debendamowaad. Maanda debendziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinoomaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabii'amigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadenda-mowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigi kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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

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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 February 2024 issue of *Odawa Trails* is January 3, 2023.

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

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DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

2024

Legislative Branch/Tribal Council Regular Work Session & Meeting Schedule

Monday and Tuesday, January 1 and 2, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Observed, Offices Closed

Work Session

Tuesday, January 9
Tuesday, January 23

Tuesday, February 6
Tuesday, February 20

Tuesday, March 5
Tuesday, March 19

Tuesday, April 2
Tuesday, April 23

Tuesday, May 7
Tuesday, May 21

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day, Offices Closed

Tuesday, June 11
Tuesday, June 25

Thursday, July 4, Independence Day, Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 9
Tuesday, July 23

Tuesday, August 6
Tuesday, August 20

Monday, September 2, Lewis and Doris Adams Day (Labor Day), Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 10

Friday, September 20, Sovereignty Day Observed, Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 24

Friday, September 27, Michigan Indian Day, Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 8

Monday, October 14, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 22

Tuesday, November 5

Monday, November 11, Veterans' Day, Offices Closed

Tuesday, November 19

Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, Thanksgiving Holiday, Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 17

Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1, 2024, Legislative Offices Closed

Meeting

Thursday, January 11
Thursday, January 25

Thursday, February 8
Thursday, February 22

Thursday, March 7
Thursday, March 21

Thursday, April 4
Thursday, April 25

Thursday, May 9
Thursday, May 23

Thursday, June 13
Thursday, June 27

Thursday, July 11
Thursday, July 25

Thursday, August 8
Thursday, August 22

Thursday, September 12

Thursday, September 26

Thursday, October 10

Thursday, October 24

Thursday, November 7

Thursday, November 21

Thursday, December 19

The LTBB Tribal Governmental buildings will be closed from December 25, 2023 to January 2, 2024 for deep cleaning. Emergency assistance will be available during this time. All departments will return to regular hours on January 3, 2024. Tribal police and conservation officers will remain active.

LTBB Health Department, Dental Clinic and Behavioral Health Holiday Hours

Closed December 25, 26 & 28, 2023 & January 1 & 2, 2024

Open December 27 & 29
8 am to 5 pm
for **Urgent Care Only**

Pharmacy Hours
Closed December 25, 2023 & January 1, 2024

December 26
8 am to 12 pm

December 27, 28 & 29, 2023
8 am to 5 pm

January 2, 2024
8 am to 12 pm



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EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Aanii boozhoo!

The new year has arrived, and we are eager to start off 2024 in a good way! We made many changes at the end of 2023, and we are hoping to make more in the upcoming months. Our staff are feeling the motivation to work harder than ever for our nation. We look forward to seeing what we can do together to move forward.

We had another successful holiday season here at the LTBB Government Center with our Children's Solstice and toy drive event in December. This event would not be possible without the help of staff and citizenship together. I would to thank all of those

who dedicated and donated their time and toys to bring us all together for our children in the community. I am filled with joy seeing our community coming together for events like this.

I would like to highlight a few changes you will see in the government building. We have successfully moved our Elders and Housing departments to the main floor, so they are more accessible for our citizens. Getting these departments on the main floor will greatly improve our department to citizen interaction.

I would also like to catch up on the busy end to 2023 we had in our office. In November, we had two major meetings we attended. The first, a Savanna's Act Consultation with the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, local law enforcement agencies, tribal Law Enforcement and local/tribal Human Services agencies. This consultation was hosted here at the Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI, where all agencies came together in person to learn about protecting our

tribal citizens from violence. This meeting will have a huge impact on how situations are handled on a local, state and federal level. Please reach out to us to learn more about the work we are doing with Savanna's Act.

The second meeting attended in November was our Fall Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) meeting where our neighboring Midwest tribes come together to discuss the issues our communities face and the positives we can keep up on. Brainstorming sessions are a large component of these meetings; if you have suggestions on changes we can make in our community, please bring them to our attention for platforms like MAST.

As we kick off this January, as always, I would like to give a big chi-miigwech to all of our staff and citizenship for their unwavering commitment in 2023. As we look to the future, we can continue to grow and learn more from each other with every passing day. I hope to always hear you and learn from you, so please always reach out to our office with questions or concerns!

Happy New Year!

Free Tax Help!



YOUR FEDERAL AND STATE TAXES WILL BE PREPARED AND ELECTRONICALLY FILED BY IRS CERTIFIED VOLUNTEERS. SOME OF OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE RETIRED CPA'S.

The LTBB Department of Commerce (DOC) has connected with the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) to bring FREE tax preparation assistance to our LTBB community!

Details will be announced in January/February 2024 and then DOC will begin appointment-scheduling at that time. Please contact DOC if you are interested in this service! The free tax prep day will be held on an Elders luncheon day in February 2024.

NMCAA offers other options to assist with taxes such as: appointments, drop-offs, virtual upload, or free self-prep. You can contact NMCAA directly at 231-347-9070.

Available for Elders, Resident Tribal Members, Tribal Citizens, and LTBB staff members!

Eligible participants in the NMCAA tax program are: individuals or families who make \$75,000 a year or less, seniors, persons with disabilities, and those with English as a second language. Please contact DOC if you are interested in this service! 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



- January 1, 2024 - New Year's Eve (Observed)
- January 2, 2024 - New Year's Day (Observed)
- May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day
- July 4, 2024 - Independence Day
- September 2, 2024 - Lewis & Doris Adams Day
- September 20, 2024 - Sovereignty Day
- September 27, 2024 - Michigan Indian Day
- October 14, 2024 - Indigenous People's Day
- November 11, 2024 - Veteran's Day
- November 28, 2024 - Thanksgiving
- November 29, 2024 - Day After Thanksgiving
- December 24, 2024 - Christmas Eve
- December 25, 2024 - Christmas Day
- December 31, 2024 - New Year's Eve
- January 1, 2025 - New Year's Day

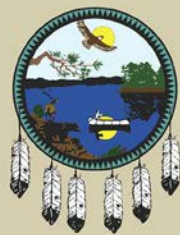
Where do I find...

Thought bubbles include: CBC Vacancies?, Pharmacy and Clinic hours?, Department information?, Citizens Portal?, LTBB Constitution?, Elder activities?, Current announcements?, Contact information?

Find it all here!

www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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- Citizenship Commission – 1 seat
- HEMP Regulatory Commission – 2 seats
- Housing Commission – 2 seats
- Gaming Authority – 1 seat
- Gaming Regulatory Commission – 1 seat
- Natural Resources Commission - 1 seat
- Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – 3 seats
- Odawa Economic Development, Inc. – 1 seat



We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at

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

Please be respectful in your comments.



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

January Elders Birthdays

January 1

Janice Beckhorn
John Deckrow, Sr.
Timothy Walker
Daugherty Johnson III

January 2

Kenneth Formosa
Becky Shananaquet
Steven Hegenbarth
John Walker

January 3

Meredith Shlechter

January 4

David Kughman
Nancy Honeysette
Leon Bailey, Jr.
Verna Jeanotte

January 5

Betty Hoffman
Lawrence Petoskey
David Adams
Jay Harrington
Michael Dayson
Donna Bartley
Monica Baker

January 6

Dennis Shananaquet
Katherine Shomin
Sharon Keller

January 7

Gary Harper
Jane Martell
Raymond Shawa, Jr.
Mary Crossett
Michelle Dobbs

January 8

Robert Parkey
Timothy LeClear
Brian Dominic
Rosemary Knapp
Christine Thomas
Lauree Kirchoff
Corrine Smith

January 9

Roger Martell
Deborah Harrison
Brian Fluette
Virginia Irland
Colleen Field
Dawna Daoust
Daniel Shananaquet
Glenn Holdorph
Amanda Fuentes

January 10

Steven Melancon, Jr.

January 11

Sharalee Boda
Crystal Soukkala
Mary Cameron
J Cottrell

January 12

Nivia Paul

January 13

Terri Denemy
John Smekofske, Jr.

January 14

John Gasco
Sophie Conlin
Penelope Griffin
Bernard Roussain
Anna Disbrow
Dollie Keway

January 15

Laurie Sloan
Kaye Zitka
Toby Duffey
Monica Wines
Todd Weidenfeller
Dawn Nolte

January 16

Carter McFall
Linda Hagg
Carmen Corby
Penny Pointer
Andrea Little
Judy Field
Patricia Alsip

January 17

Carole Prior
Marie Carter
William Boda
Rosemary Lucchese
Elaine Minichino
Lou Allen
Dale Himes
Curtis Drogmiller

January 18

Andrea Pung

January 19

Nicholas Lieb Gott
Cheryl Gumpert
Charlene Bush
Paul Martell
Ronald Elzinga

January 20

Michael Bugaj
Cheryl McLane
Gale Walker
Regina Brubacker-Carver
Clifford Cutler

January 21

Christine Merrill
Constance Woods
Regina Gasco

January 22

Jeanette Mathews
Deborah Cracraft-Nord
Steven Crossett
Joseph Pierzynowski
Charles Heinberg
Anthony Genia, Jr.
Walter Ortner
Brian LaDuke

January 23

Sharon Kievit
James Sands
Rhonda Shalifoe
Jon Shawa
Denise Frye
Marilyn McDonald
Carolyn Taglauer
John Chisholm, Sr.

January 24

Christopher Sochay
Norman Shananaquet

January 25

Roxanne Deland-Phillips
Vicki Kelley
Timothy Johnston
Scott Sochay
Gordon Laitinen
Glenna Kimball
Deborah De Leon
Patrick Anthony
Sherry Andrews
Lawrence Stead

January 26

Anthony Davis, Sr.
Betty Keller
Brenda Cash
Steven Sochay
Dan Darling

January 27

Celeste Chingwa
Matthew Delmas
John Liebgott
Dee Dee Gasco
Diane Curtiss

January 28

Richard Wilburn
Garland Baker
Melinda Engstrom
Mary Crowl
Ronald Roussain
Linda Gokee

January 29

Kimberlee Gurizzian
Joseph Smith
Timothy Smith
Janelle Delorme
Laurie Davidson
Catherine Schwiderson
Rita Shananaquet

January 30

Donna Shlechter
Mary Steffes
Daniel Clark
Timothy Lacroix

January 31

Joan Jacobs
Juanita Rogers
William Massey
Jennie Heeres
Donald Keshick
Michelle Kuska
Cynthia Simmons

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- All Gender Identities
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- All Ages
- All Nations

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Run into the New Year

2024

JANUARY 1ST - 31ST

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A 1/2 MARATHON (13.2 MILES)

NEW YEAR, NEW ME!

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL (231)487-1796 OR EMAIL MRGASCO@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Communications 2023 Christmas Coloring Contest Winners



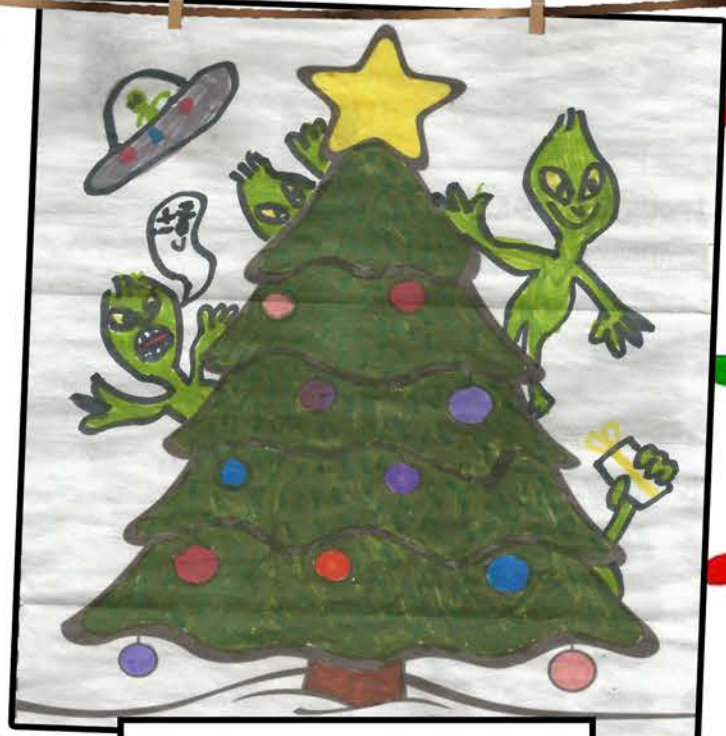
Lily - 4 yrs



Farrah - 8 yrs



Kamri - 5 yrs



Dylan - 10 yrs



Adaline - 7 yrs



Quinn - 11 yrs

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE DIESEL FUEL EXEMPTION AT BIINDIGEN

Attention LTBB Tribal Citizens who purchase DIESEL fuel at Biindigen: Per the LTBB/State of Michigan Tax Agreement, the tribe has a quota of tax-exempt diesel gallons we may sell in a calendar year. We have exhausted our 2023 quota and will, therefore, need to shut off the tax exemption for DIESEL ONLY for the



remainder of the year. Diesel may still be purchased at Biindigen; however, it will not have

the tax exemption applied. The tax exemption will be available again starting January 1, 2024 as our annual quota will renew. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce at 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Miigwech.

Courtesy graphic.

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.

ARE YOU A TRIBAL CITIZEN AND A BUSINESS OWNER?

Please complete an LTBB Tribal Citizen Vendor - Request to be Added form if you wish to be added to the LTBB Tribal Citizen Vendor list. Your business information will be made available to employees of the LTBB Tribal Government, as well as LTBB-owned businesses, for the purpose of obtaining products and/or services offered by your business. There is an option on the form to be added to a separate list if you wish your business information to be made available to the public through the Department of Commerce.

Visit the LTBB DOC website for a fillable form or contact us at: 231-242-1584, DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or <https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/departments/department-of-commerce/>



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.

REQUESTS FOR TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION (TCE)

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

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

IMPORTANT TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UPDATE

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

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

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

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

LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA & RESIDENT TRIBAL CITIZENS

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

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

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

ELDERS VISION PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY:

- LTBB ELDER CITIZENS LIVING OUTSIDE OF THE SERVICE AREA

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

- ITEMIZED STATEMENT/RECEIPT SHOWING PROOF OF PAYMENT

BENEFITS:

- \$200 FOR AN ANNUAL EYE EXAM
- \$300 FOR YOUR CHOICE OF FRAMES/LENSES/CONTACTS



Questions?
 Abigail Dawson
 231-242-1752

NATIONWIDE MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

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

PAYMENTS ARE COMPLETED TWICE A YEAR. TO APPLY:

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



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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. Cervical cancer is a highly preventable cancer, and easy to treat when caught in the early stages. Keeping up to date on your screening and completing the HPV vaccination series are key prevention methods for cervical cancer.

Indigenous women have a higher occurrence of cervical cancer compared to a white population of women. Cervical cancer screening is often neglected if you are not reminded when it is time as it is typically performed once every three to five years. The screening interval is dependent on your age, personal medical history, family medical history and doctor's recommendations. Cervical cancer screening is recommended to start in women 21 years of age and continue until you reach the age of 65. It is important to keep up to date on your screenings per your doctor's recommendations.

Cervical cancer screening consists of a quick test called a pap smear. This test only takes a few minutes and detects abnormal cells within the cervix through lab analysis. The results are assessed by your doctor to determine if any further testing or treatment is needed or if you are all set until your next screening appointment in a few years.

If you are due for this screening, call and schedule an appointment for your pap smear with your Little Traverse Bay Bands provider and be entered to win a gift card. You must complete the appointment to be eligible to win. There will be one drawing per month for appointments scheduled in February, March and April.

If you are worried about the costs of screening, follow-up appointments or treatment for cervical cancer, if necessary, the LTBB Patient Navigator of Cancer Screening — Emily — can enroll you into a free program through the state of Michigan that covers the cost. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BC3NP) program is for women who are 21-64,

End Cervical Cancer ▶▶▶▶ in Indian Country

What is cervical cancer?

Cervical cancer is a disease where abnormal cells grow on the cervix.

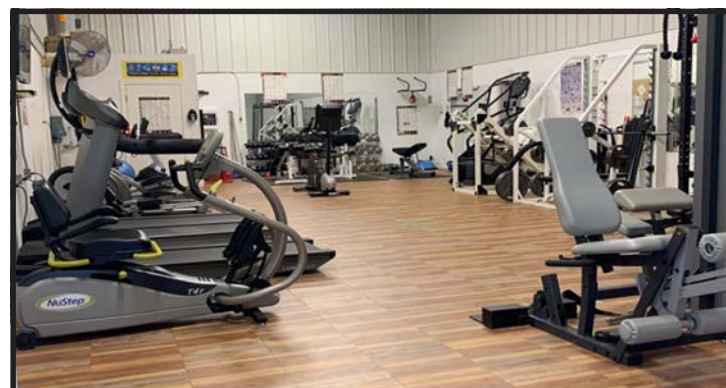
What can I do?

- GET VACCINATED**
The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is recommended for everyone ages 9-26 to protect against HPV cases that lead to 9 out of 10 cervical cancers. *Learn more at: AICAF.org/hpv*
- PRACTICE SMART SEX**
Use protection and talk with your sexual partners: anyone who has ever had anal, vaginal or oral sex can get HPV.
- QUIT SMOKING**
Smoking weakens the immune system, making it harder for the body to fight HPV infection. *Learn more at: AICAF.org/quit*
- GET SCREENED**
Cervical cancer is highly curable when detected and treated early.

and uninsured or underinsured, and covers breast and cervical health screenings. To find out if you are eligible and become enrolled, call Emily at 231-268-1307. Enrollment takes only a few minutes, and you don't have to do any paperwork or provide any physical documents, you only need to provide some information to ensure you are eligible (see flyer for details).

Take care of your health to start off the New Year right. Ensure all the women in your life are staying up to date on their screenings.

Courtesy graphics.



8730 COMMERCE COURT
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI
UNITS 7 & 8

LTBB NATIVE WAY

HEALTH &
WELLNESS
FACILITY
(231) 487-1796

▶ **SHAPE**
▶ **YOUR**
▶ **BODY**
7 DAYS A WEEK
5 AM - 11 PM

Hearing Aid Program

ELIGIBILITY:

- LTBB CITIZENS FROM ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

- DOCUMENTATION OF MEDICAL NECESSITY (RESULTS OF A HEARING TEST).

BENEFITS:

- \$2,500 PER HEARING AID EVERY 4 YEARS

Questions?
Abigail Dawson
231-242-1752

WATER AEROBICS WITH CHRISTINE MITCHELL

BEGINNERS / INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
@ THE ODAWA HOTEL POOL
5:30PM - 6:30PM

BRING YOUR OWN TOWEL

JANUARY - 2ND/4TH/9TH/11TH/16TH/18TH



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

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



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



BC3NP SERVICES PROVIDED

Age 21-64

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

Age 21-39

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

Age 40-64

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

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



Screening Saves Lives

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

Early Detection is Prevention Be Present for Future Generations



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

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

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

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

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

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



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WILD RICE STUFFING RECIPE

By Rebecca Schueller, Rebecca Schueller Training & Consulting

I like to make wild rice stuffing rather than a bread stuffing because it is so much healthier and has a wonderful flavor. I serve it as a side dish. I don't actually stuff the turkey with it.

Prep time: 15-20 minutes.

Cook time: 45 minutes-plus.

Ingredients

1-1.5 cups wild rice

(I use the hand harvested lake or river rice, not cultivated paddy rice). A lot of rice dust is generated in the parching/drying process, so rinse your rice well. I pour my rice into a large 4 cup measuring cup and fill it just to cover the rice with water plus an inch or so. Then, I stir it with a spoon several times. I pour it through a mesh sieve or strainer (saving the water for my plants). Repeat three more times (yes, seriously, you will enjoy your final dish more if you do this).

2.5 cups chicken or vegetable broth for every one cup of dry wild rice

1 tbsp. dried onion (for incomparable flavor)

1 large onion minced

1 tbsp. minced garlic

2 tbsp. dried celery stalks/leaves (it's all about the flavor and drying concentrates flavor)

1 cup minced celery

1-2 tsp. salt

1 bay leaf

Optional: Dried cranberries (1 cup), mushrooms, chopped carrots, chopped apples, zucchini or yellow summer squash you froze this summer, anything else you like. Meat lovers may



wish to add sausage or venison (cook meat before adding). Most veggies you add will generate some liquid (not the dried cranberries, however). You can check partway through cooking to see if you need to add more broth or water.

Instructions

Add 2 - 2.5 cups liquid for every cup of dry rice. Use an 8-quart pot with a lid. This liquid measurement is only for wild rice. It has wonderful capacity to absorb water, so takes more than other types of rice.

Add washed rice.

Add all other ingredients.

Bring to a boil, stir.

Turn down heat to low, cover and cook for 45 minutes. After 45 minutes, check to see if all the water is absorbed. If not, cook another 5-10 minutes.

Remove bay leaf and enjoy. Add some turkey drippings if you wish or simply serve with gravy on the side.

Courtesy graphic.

JANUARY 2024 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Closed the 1st and 2nd for Observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Open Distribution: 8th - 12th from 9am - 3pm

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

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

Deliveries:

Local: 4th and 5th

Peshawbestown: 17th

Traverse City: 23rd

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



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

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

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

*FREQUENT CONTACT AND SUPPORT

*EDUCATIONAL MILESTONES

*PRENATAL EDUCATION

*POSTPARTUM

*LABOR AND BIRTH EDUCATION

*RESOURCES FOR OUR PROGRAMS INVOLVMENT PROVIDED

*AND MUCH MORE

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



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

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

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

Sexual violence is not our tradition

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



SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS:

Mnaadendmowin (respect) • Zaagidwin (love)
Nbwakaawin (wisdom) • Gwekwaadziwin (honesty)
Dbaadendizwin (humility) • Aakde'ewin (bravery)
Debwewin (truth)



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa

Survivor Outreach Services

Call Monday through Friday 8-5: (231) 242-1620

StrongHearts Native Helpline - 24/7: 1-844-762-8483

24-Hour Crisis and Information Line:

(231)347-0082 or (800)275-1995

Operated by Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan

Less than 1% of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Survivor Outreach Services Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant will be financing this project, total Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant \$56,397, and 0% 50 100m-federal sources utilized.

SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

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

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

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

Please call our office to see if we are able to help you!
Call Monday - Friday
8 am to 5 pm at 231-242-1620.

*food distribution varies depending on availability

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

NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE? WE CAN HELP!

APPLICANT DOCUMENTS

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

LICENSED PROVIDERS

- * COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE

UNLICENSED PROVIDERS

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

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

TOGETHER

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

KNOW RESPECT
Mnaadendmowin
Be respectful

SHOW LOVE
Zaagidwin
Be caring

BE HONEST
Gwekwaadziwin
Be truthful

The 7 Grandfather Teachings
LOVE
RESPECT
COURAGE
HONESTY
WISDOM
HUMILITY
TRUTH

Get involved • Support survivors

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

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Publication Notices

In accordance with WOS #2006-001, notice is hereby given a petition has been filed, LTBB of Odawa Indians Tribal Court Case No: **NC-026-1123**, and Tribal Court ordered **Jenna Marie Wood** has legally changed her name to **Jenna Marie Kishigo**. This notice will be published in the *Odawa Trails* newsletter for two consecutive months and in the Odawa Register on the tribe's website.
Date: November 14, 2023

In accordance with WOS #2006-001, notice is hereby given a petition has been filed, LTBB of Odawa Indians Tribal Court Case No: NC-025-1023, and Tribal Court ordered **Lisa Gaye Flynn** has legally changed her name to **Lisa Gaye Keway**. This notice will be published in the *Odawa Trails* newsletter for two consecutive months and in the Odawa Register on the tribe's website.
Date: November 6, 2023.

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	

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
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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

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OPTION FOR ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Aanii Tribal Citizens, Electronic payment is accepted for Enrollment Department services. This includes debit cards, credit cards and NFC payments. These electronic payment services are in addition to our current forms of payment: Physical cash, money orders, cashier checks

and personal checks. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment office at 231-242-1522.

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Pauline Boulton
Enrollment Officer
Courtesy graphic.



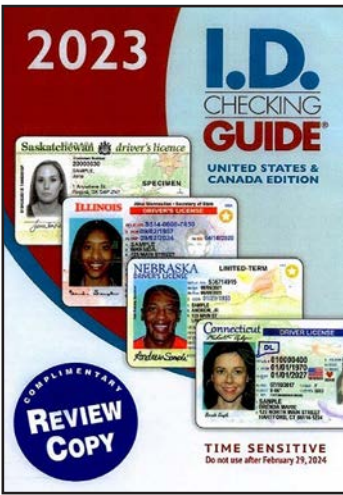
CITIZENSHIP IDENTIFICATION CARDS

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 pro-

vides 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.

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>

2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

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

To receive your copy:

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

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



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



Hoar Frost



Lake Plumbago



Peanut Butter Falls

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.

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

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

FIRST LANGUAGE SPEAKER ISADORE TOULOUSE VISITS THE LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY

The Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department recently held an event on December 17, 2023 at the LTBB Community Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The event featured first language speaker Isadore Toulouse from the Wikwemikong First Nation. The focus was on beginning language which could be used on a daily basis. The event

provided a space for learning and practice for all ages. The event was a great success with ages three to elder status! We can't wait to plan another family language event to promote and encourage our language in the home and in the community.

Photos submitted by the Language Director.



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>

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



Anishinaabemowin.com

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



Medicine Wheel Teachings

Games

- Bowling
- Word Search
- Body Game
- Crossword Puzzles
- Concentration Games
- Drop and Catch
- Count and Climb



Lessons & 150+ Videos

- Ceremonies
- Jokes, Songs, Riddles
- Around the House
- History
- Grammar
- Creation, Nature
- Animals, Birds, Fish
- Stories, Legends
- Food, Cooking, Eating
- Teachings



Jiingtamok

2024 Pane - Spring

Wegnesh? What?
5 weekends per semester

Aapiish? Where?
Via Zoom - Jan-March
In person - April

Wenesh Pii? When?

- January 12, 13
- February 2, 3
- February 23, 24
- March 15, 16
- April 19, 20

Aaniish epiichak? What time?
Fridays, 1pm—7pm
Saturdays, 9am—7pm
Sundays, 9am—12

Guests welcome!

Sunday's are the speaking portion of class for credit.

Suitable for all learning levels using an at ease approach. Stop for a visit or register as a student. In conjunction with Bay Mills Community College.

Contact G.A.L.D. for more information or to register.

E-mail: LangTech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or Phone: 231-242-1457



ANISHINAABEMOWIN ONLINE

COME AND JOIN IN LEARNING OUR ANISHINAABEMOWIN MONDAYS 1-2PM

SPEAKING CHALLENGE PHRASES!



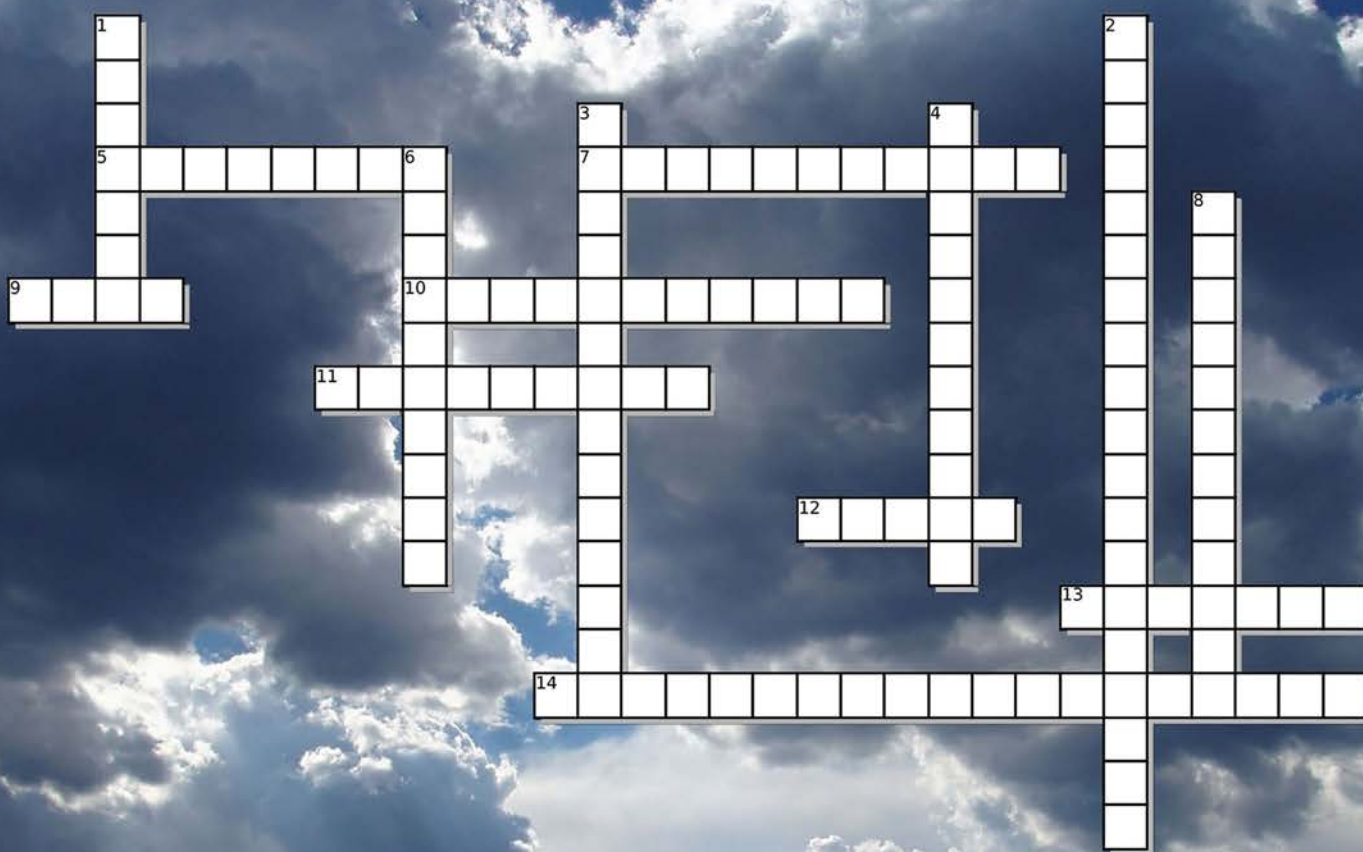
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ANISHINAABEMOWIN SPEAKING CHALLENGE

Mnido Giizis - 2024

Spirit Moon aka January



ACROSS

- 5 speak loudly
- 7 my friend
- 9 always
- 10 My name is ...
- 11 His/her name is...
- 12 this is (animate)
- 13 sit down
- 14 What is your name?

DOWN

- 1 speak
- 2 Is this your friend?
- 3 Let's talk Indian.
- 4 Who is this?
- 6 stand up
- 8 I am fine.

Answer key on page 30.

WORD BANK: AANIISHEZHNIKAAZYIN, ANISHNAABEMDAA, GIIGDAN, GZHIIYEN, KWIIJKIWENHNAMAABA?, MAABA, NAANIIBWIN, NDIZHNIKAAZ, NMADBIN, NMINOBMAADIZ, NWIIJKIWENH, PANE, WENESHMAABA, ZHINKAAZA

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.

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

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.

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

Hunting Terms in Anishinaabe

Him and Her, or She or He is used as a replacement for any kind of animate being in our language. When we talk about killing him or her in this context, we are talking about an animal we are going to harvest.

Nandawashibe - s/he is hunting ducks

Giyoose - s/he is hunting

Baashkizige - s/he is shooting

Nitaage - s/he hunts animals

Akaandowin - Hunting Stand/Blind

Bimo - shoot him/her with an arrow

Biindaakojige - s/he offers tobacco

Baakizh - cut him/her open



Odaabaazh - drag him/her

Obaashkizigani - s/he has a gun

Baashkizigan - a gun

Mitigwaab - bow

Bikwak - arrow

Waaakonenjigan - flash light/lantern

Mookomaan - a knife

Gijinagizhiin - gut/field dress

Niishi - kill

Dooskaabaan - Aim at someone

Anwi - bullet

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Native American Education Program
Anishinaabe Cultural Awareness Program

PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE

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

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

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	
11-28-23	2-8-24
11-30-23	2-13-24
12-7-23	2-15-24
12-12-23	2-22-24
12-14-23	2-27-24
12-19-23	2-29-24
1-9-24	3-5-24
1-11-24	3-7-24
1-16-24	3-12-24
1-18-24	3-14-24
1-23-24	3-19-24
1-25-24	3-21-24
1-30-24	3-26-24
2-6-24	3-28-24

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.



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WE ARE
BACK

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am - 7pm
Tuesday, Thursday 9am - 5pm

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$11 MILLION IN EPA REGION 5 FOR TRIBAL RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND RECYCLING EDUCATION AND OUTREACH GRANTS AS PART OF INVESTING IN AMERICA



Today (November 15, 2023), in conjunction with America Recycles Day, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced seven selectees to receive more than \$6 million in Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grants for tribes and Intertribal Consortia, and three selectees to receive more than \$4.5 million in Recycling Education and Outreach grants. These grants, which are part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, a key pillar of Bidenomics, will expand recycling infrastructure and education for waste management systems across the region.

These recycling grants will help tackle consumer confusion and outdated recycling infrastructure, the largest barriers to proper recycling. Thanks to President Biden's historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which was signed two years ago today, EPA was provided the largest recycling investment in 30 years which is funding these two new programs.

These grants reflect the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to tackling environmental justice and the climate crisis. Many communities with environmental justice concerns carry a disproportionate environmental and human health burden from waste management. As part of President Biden's Justice40 Initiative, 100% of the funding allocated in EPA's SWIFR for Tribes grants and 74% of the funding allocated in the REO grants will benefit un-

dereserved and overburdened communities. Increasing recycling is also an important way to reduce pollution because natural resource extraction and processing make up half of all global greenhouse gas emissions which drive the climate crisis. Recycling reduces the need to extract resources such as timber, water and minerals for new products.

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia

The SWIFR grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia will enable tribes to make improvements to their recycling and waste management systems, meeting Congress' goal to create a stronger, more resilient and cost-effective U.S. municipal solid waste recycling system. EPA Region 5 has announced seven selectees to receive \$6,246,606 through the program.

Bay Mills Indian Community (Michigan) has been selected to receive \$970,000. The tribe will increase recycling and waste diversion rates and reduce contamination. The project seeks to do so through the construction of a new waste transfer station, purchase of supplies and equipment and working with consultants to implement staff training and recycling programs throughout BMIC. The objective is to expand materials management infrastructure, create accessible recycling infrastructure and reduce the rate of contamination within the recycling streams.

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Michigan) has been selected to receive \$1,084,454 to increase its post-consumer materials management, including the diversion of municipal solid waste from the landfill and improve and expand recycling and food waste operations. To achieve these

goals, the tribe will update the Integrated Waste Management Plan; develop the GLC Sustainability Department to improve, implement and manage sustainability initiatives; expand and improve the Gun Lake Casino (GLC) food waste management/diversion through the operation of a large-scale food waste digester; and develop plans for a recycling center. Implementation of the objectives will reduce organic materials and recyclables going to local landfills as well as identify source reduction opportunities.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (Michigan) has been selected to receive \$240,000 to promote source reduction and increase waste diversion rates throughout the Little Traverse Bay Bands community. The project seeks to purchase reuse infrastructure to increase source reduction at the LTBB Pow Wow Grounds, develop compost and recycling educational materials and expand waste diversion and collection. Through these tasks, the tribe will improve source reduction and waste diversion.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan (Michigan) has been selected to receive \$1,499,856 to increase its capacity to collect recycled materials. The tribe works with local efforts to accomplish short-term and long-term collection goals of surrounding counties. The project will also sustain partnership efforts locally by securing needed equipment and supplies to manage forecasted increase of collected recycling materials. These objectives will be sought by planning a project to enhance recycling information, increase drop-off and pick-up locations and spread recycling awareness efforts through education to the community.

Courtesy graphic.



Ice Fishing Weekend
 @ UM Bio Station (Douglas Lake)
 Pellston, MI
Feb. 16-18, 2024

More info TBA
RSVP for:
 *overnights (16th & 17th)
 *day attendance
https://fs20.forms.site.com/B6wVl4/ICE_FISHING/index
Youth must be accompanied by an adult.
 Questions? Contact: Amanda, 231-242-1483, aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
 &/or Dan, 231-242-1670, dhinmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
 Niigaandiwin Education Department
 Passionately supporting the growth of our Nation by weaving Ancestral & Contemporary knowledge through community collaboration
 Indigenous STEAM #DRL 1946478

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

Why Switch?

PHOTO OF BALLISTIC GELATIN
 ***** BULLET PATHS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT *****
 1>> NONLEAD
 2>> LEAD
 3>> NONLEAD
 BULLET TYPES - ALL .270 CAL
 1. Federal Vital Shock - Barnes Tipped TBX 130 grain
 2. Winchester Power Point 130 grain
 3. Winchester #7 Tip 130 grain

- We have limited centerfire rifle ammunition loaded with non-lead bullets available to eligible LTBB Citizens when lead ammo is brought into the Natural Resource Department (NRD) in exchange for non-lead (copper) ammunition.
- LTBB NRD seeks to reduce the amount of lead deposits that remain in harvested animals consumed by people and disposed of parts consumed by wild animals, causing a potential harmful effect.

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

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

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

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

IRS impersonators have been around for a while. But as more people learn their tricks, they're switching it up. So instead of contacting you about tax debt and threatening to get you to pay up, scammers may text you about a "tax rebate" or some other tax refund or benefit. Here's what to know about the new twist.

The text messages may look legit and mention a "tax rebate" or "refund payment." But no matter what the text says, it's a scammer phishing for your information. And if you click on the link to claim "your refund," you're exposing yourself to identity theft or malware that the scammer could install on your phone.

Michigan Indian Legal Services

The IRS won't text you about your refund. It's a scam.

Let us know: ReportFraud.ftc.gov

A tax rebate of \$268.48 has been issued to you for an over-payment in year 2021-2022. Click the link to continue. <https://irsdown...>

SCAM

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

If someone contacts you about a tax rebate or refund:
 Never click on links in unexpected texts. Don't share personal information with anyone who contacts you out of the blue. Always use a website or phone number you know is real.
 They'll always start by sending you a letter. If you want to confirm, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040.
 Find the status of any pending refund on the IRS official website. Visit Where's My Refund.
 Report unsolicited texts or emails claiming to be the IRS. Forward a screenshot or the email as an attachment to phishing@irs.gov.
 If you clicked a link in one of these texts or emails and shared personal information, file a report at IdentityTheft.gov to get a customized recovery plan based on what information you shared.
 Even if you didn't lose money to an IRS scam, tell us about it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

NATIVE NEWS

INDIGENOUS VENTURE FUNDS LAUNCH NACIA TO BRIDGE THE CAPITAL GAP FOR NATIVE ENTREPRENEURS

By **Brian Edwards**, Interim Managing Editor of *Tribal Business News* and *Native News Online*

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

Two prominent Indigenous venture capital funds on Saturday (November 11, 2023) announced a new organization aimed at narrowing the gap between Native entrepreneurs and the capital sources that many other founders often take for granted.

Native-owned Relevance Ventures and Skoden Ventures jointly announced the establishment of the Native American Capital and Investment Alliance (NACIA), a new non-profit initiative aimed at addressing financial disparities for Native American entrepreneurs. The announcement came during the Creative Experience conference for startups in Santa Fe, NM.

NACIA is a 501-(c)(3) organization that aims to shrink the gap between Native American entrepreneurs and conventional capital sources, providing access to equity investment, venture capital and alternative debt funding. NACIA plans to provide training, mentoring and tools to help Indigenous founders access capital. In the future, the organization plans to host events to connect founders and investors.

The organization also plans to place an emphasis on increasing the representation of Native leaders on corporate boards.



"We believe in the power, wisdom, and potential of Native people," NACIA Co-Founder and Relevance Ventures Chairman Dean Newton, a member of the Patowomeck tribe, told *Tribal Business News*. "Our people have all the ingredients for success except access. NACIA will widen access to capital for Native founders, bring Native faces to seemingly faceless boardrooms, and help drive substantial change for our communities."

NACIA Co-Founder Kelly Holmes (Mnicoujou Lakota), founding partner of Skoden Ventures, emphasized the absence of a formal network for Native entrepreneurs who are trying to raise venture funding rounds to scale their businesses.

"Currently, there isn't a network where entrepreneurs deserving of investments are easily identified. It's mostly word of mouth - someone might mention a person in their deal flow, but there's no structured way to connect potential investors with suitable opportunities," Holmes told *Tribal Business News*. "We aim to change that. Our ultimate goal is to connect (Native) founders with the right investors and vice versa."

Holmes added the mission of NACIA goes far beyond just providing Native company founders with access to investment funding.

"Our mission transcends the mere provision of capital; it's about nurturing a system that understands and respects the unique cultural and business dynamics of Indian Country. We are empowering our people to be architects of their own economic destiny," Holmes said.

The alliance's acronym, pronounced "nah-see-ah," symbolizes Capital and Investment as allies in a united cause. It reflects NACIA's commitment to unity and acknowledges diverse energies converging for the advancement of Native people.

Newton and Holmes will be joined on the NACIA board by Indigenous business leaders, including Known Holdings Co-Founder and President Valerie Red-Horse Mohl, the first Native American to launch an investment bank on Wall Street; Cory Littlepage, CEO of Tribal Diagnostics; Spencer Foust, managing director of Sozo Ventures; and Cameron Newton, co-founder of Relevance Ventures.

Courtesy photo.

YOUNG TRIBAL LEADERS ART CONTEST
Culture • Environment • Climate

Eligibility
Citizens of federally-recognized Tribes, ages 14-30

Prizes
Winning submissions will be featured in Washington, D.C. and online! Awardees will also be sponsored to share their work at the 2024 National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference.

Submit your work by
JANUARY 6, 2024

YOUTH.ART.CONTEST@BIA.GOV
<https://www.bia.gov/service/art-contest>

TRIBAL COLLEGE
Blanket Design Competition

Tribal college students can express their culture and win up to \$10,000 in cash, scholarships and blankets.

Submit your artwork at:
collegefund.org/pendletoncontest
by January 15, 2024

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LESSONS FOR NAVIGATING THROUGH LIFE'S ROUGH WATERS

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2023	2024
OCTOBER 26TH	JANUARY 4TH, 18TH
NOVEMBER 9TH, 23RD	FEBRUARY 1ST, 15TH
DECEMBER 7TH, 25TH	MARCH 14TH, 28TH
	APRIL 11TH, 25TH
	MAY 9TH, 23RD
	JUNE 6TH, 20TH

5:00 TO 7:30 PM

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LOCATION:
LTBB GOVERNMENT BUILDING
7500 ODAWA CIRCLE
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

QUESTIONS? CALL ANGIE WOODIN AT 231-242-1649

REGISTER HERE

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

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

- BIRTH TO 2 MONTHS**
 - Coo, makes gurgling sounds
 - Turns head toward sounds
- 4 MONTHS**
 - Begins to babble
 - Babbles with expression and copies sounds he hears
- 6 MONTHS**
 - Responds to sounds by making sounds
 - Responds to own name
 - Begins to say consonant sounds (jabbles with "m," "b")
- 9 MONTHS**
 - Understands "no"
 - Makes a lot of different sounds like "mamamama" and "babababab"
- 12 MONTHS**
 - Uses simple gestures, like shaking head "no" or waving "bye-bye"
 - Tries to say words you say
- 18 MONTHS**
 - Says several single words
 - Points to show someone what he wants
- 2 YEARS**
 - Points to things or pictures when named
 - Says sentences with 2 to 3 words
 - Follows simple instructions
- 3 YEARS**
 - Follows instructions with 2 or 3 steps
 - Talks well enough for strangers to understand
 - Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
- 4 YEARS**
 - Tells stories
 - Can say first and last name
 - Knows some basic rules of grammar, such as correctly using "he" or "she"
- 5 YEARS**
 - Speaks very clearly
 - Says name and address
 - Uses future tense; for example, "Grandma will be here."

TIP: Respond to your baby's first smiles, gurgles, and coos — she's talking to you and wants you to talk, too!

TIP: Hold and talk to your baby; smile and be cheerful while you do.

TIP: Read books to your baby every day. Praise him when he babbles and "reads" too.

TIP: When you read with your child, have her turn the pages. Take turns labeling pictures with your child.

TIP: Describe what your baby is looking at; for example, "red, round ball."

ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE WITHIN 27-COUNTY SERVICE AREA

PRC offers coverage for medically necessary services when:

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- Care is needed on the weekends

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

AQ CULTURAL LEARNING TRIP WITH LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS



By Dr. Linda Keway and Brigid Avery

Editor's note: A version of this story first appeared in *The Saint* and is reprinted here with permission.

For the third year in a row, students, staff and faculty embarked on a cultural learning trip to the home of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) in mid-October of 2023.

Dr. Linda Keway, a citizen of LTBB and a professor at Aquinas College, and Brigid Avery of the Aquinas College Advantage Center - served as the trip's coordinators and advisors. Fr. Jordan DeGuire from Campus Ministry also attended as an advisor and led the group in several reflections. The group was greeted at the LTBB Government Center by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco, Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Executive Director Phil Harmon and Eric Hemenway, Director of Repatriation, Archives and Records, for the LTBB.

The group from LTBB prepared a traditional meal for Aquinas visitors of delicious corn soup, fried bread, squash, fish and wild rice. "Chi Miigwech" (thank you) to them for a wonderful meal and for leading everyone in prayer.

The trip was a collaboration between Aquinas College offices of Campus Ministry and Advantage Center with support from TRIO SSS for the purpose of engaging with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Aquinas' guide for the weekend was Eric Hemenway, who took the group to locations throughout Northern Michigan, which held spiritual, historic and

sometimes, traumatic significance to the tribe and the Anishinaabe people.

The group's first stop was the area of the former Harbor Springs Holy Childhood Boarding School. Mr. Hemenway shared the history of the boarding school as well as the 800-mile canoe trip which left Harbor Springs for Washington D.C. in 1835 to convince Congress to allow the Odawa people to remain in Northern Michigan. At the time, other tribes were being forcibly removed to Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Aquinas group then traveled to Green-sky Indian Mission where tribal leaders historically gathered.

The group also traveled to Cross Village and Mackinac Island where Mr. Hemenway and Dr. Keway shared the history of the areas and their significance to the Anishinaabe, particularly, the Odawa people. The Island is a sacred place to Anishinaabe people and many believe it to be a place of origin.

The group visited the "Be Still" bronze sculpture which features a Native American spirit of peace alongside an eagle, lion and turtle.

The group also toured the Biddle House Anishinaabe Museum and hiked to Arch Rock learning more about the history and culture of the Anishinaabe people.

"What an impressive group of students, and what an exemplary experience. This kind of experiential mission-aligned, justice-centered program is exactly what Aquinas College is all about." - President Alicia Córdoba.

Photos by Grace Giroux.



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)

- Northern 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

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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 programming 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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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY ANNOUNCES DOROTHY LIPPERT AS REPATRIATION PROGRAM MANAGER

The Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History has announced archaeologist Dorothy Lippert is the museum's new Repatriation Program Manager. A leading figure in the field of indigenous archaeology, Lippert is the first woman and first Native American to hold this position.

"We are proud to announce Dorothy Lippert's appointment to lead the museum's repatriation program," said Kirk Johnson, the Sant Director for the National Museum of Natural History. "Dorothy's range of experience and prominent standing in her field make her a perfect fit for this vital position."

As a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Lippert has long been interested in topics revolving around archaeological ethics and repatriation. For more than 20 years, she was a tribal liaison in the museum's repatriation office, working with tribes from the Southeast and Southwest United States and Alaska.

"As a tribal citizen, repatriation work is challenging on a personal level, but it is also rewarding to use my archaeological expertise in service to Indigenous communities," Lippert said. "This is hard work, but I am comforted by the thought of the people we've been able to help return home."

In addition to her duties at the Smithsonian, Lippert has participated in many of anthropology's most esteemed organizations. These include membership on the boards of directors for the Society for American Archaeology and the World Archaeological Congress as well as service on



numerous committees for both organizations. In 2011, she was appointed by President Barack Obama to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, serving two terms as an expert member and chair of the Archaeological Subcommittee and vice chair of the Committee on Native American Affairs.

Lippert is also a prolific scholar exploring subjects ranging from the archaeology of the Southeastern U.S. to the development of indigenous archaeology worldwide. She has published articles in journals such as American Antiquity, American Indian Quarterly, The American Journal of Biological Anthropology, The International Journal of Cultural Property and Archaeologies as well as chapters in numerous books. Universities and museums worldwide have invited Lippert to serve as a lecturer on repatriation, archaeological ethics and other topics. She presented on the Smithsonian's ethical returns program as a featured speaker at the Association on American Indian Affairs' annual repatriation conference in early November.

Established in 1991, the museum's Repatriation Office has pioneered a collaborative process in which Smithso-

nian staff work with Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian tribal representatives to determine the disposition of culturally affiliated remains and objects at the museum. Lippert now oversees a team of several tribal liaisons and other researchers who help the field, review and fulfill repatriation requests for human remains and sacred objects in the museum's collection.

"Repatriation is a powerful way for the museum to respect tribal sovereignty and the rights of Indigenous people," Lippert said. "In taking on this role as repatriation program manager, I look forward to transforming our program so that we expediently fulfill our responsibilities while maintaining and creating collaborative relationships with the tribes we serve. It was a long road to get to where I am today, but this is what Native people do. We endure. We care for our communities. And we always keep moving forward."

About the National Museum of Natural History

The National Museum of Natural History is connecting people everywhere with Earth's unfolding story. It is one of the most visited natural history museums in the world. Opened in 1910, the museum is dedicated to maintaining and preserving the world's most extensive collection of natural history specimens and human artifacts. The museum is open daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit the museum on its website, blog, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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ODAWA CASINO BENEFITS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS SPARE CHANGE DONATION PROGRAM

Through its October 2023 Spare Change Donation Program, Odawa Casino donated \$1,845.80 to the McLaren Medical Foundation in late November 2023.

This foundation will use the donation to support local oncology and breast cancer patients.

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

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 5:30-6:30PM Drum Practice
 5:30-7:30PM Outfit Making
 6:00PM Dance Presentation (Presentations TBA)
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UNITED STATES TO CONSULT WITH TRIBES ON PROTECTING TRIBAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY



Attorney Sue Noe.

In the upcoming consultation announced, the USPTO will seek tribal input on how to best protect genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions as they are being discussed at the World Intellectual Property Organization. The Federal Register notice provides details for online webinars to be held in January 2024. Two of the four webinars will be for federally recognized tribal nations and two will be for state-recognized tribes, tribal members, Native Hawaiians and inter-tribal organizations. The USPTO also invites related written comments to be submitted by February 23, 2024.

Webinar Dates: The webinars for federally recognized tribal nations and their proxies will be held on January 16, 2024 from 3 to 5 p.m. ET and Wednesday, January 17, 2024 from 3 to 5 p.m. ET. The webinars for state-recognized tribes and other tribal members, Native Hawaiians and their representatives, and inter-tribal organizations, will be held on January 19, 2024 from 3 to 5 p.m. ET and Tuesday, January 23, 2024 from 3 to 5 p.m. ET. Register in advance to participate in one of these webinars at <https://cvent.me/bZRP3L>.

More details available at <https://tinyurl.com/TribalIntellectualProperty>.

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are a necessary step to ensure that these legal and moral requirements are met," said NCAI Executive Director Larry Wright, Jr.

"The United States Patent and Trademark Office has taken positions in negotiations at the World Intellectual Property Organization more aligned with corporations that want to access and use Indigenous Peoples' genetic resources, traditional knowledge, and cultural expressions than with the United States' role as trustee for Tribal Nations. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples recognizes Indigenous Peoples' rights to their cultural and intellectual property, as well as the obligation for the United States to take measures to protect those rights. It is good that the United States is living up to its obligation to consult with Tribes, and the concern now is to ensure that the consultation is meaningful and actually impacts the United States' negotiation positions," explained NARF Staff



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Registration, Course Information

The course runs January 30 through March 20. Register by January 12 for the early-bird discounted rate of \$95 per person; after that, the rate is \$115. Registration closes January 28. Course details and scholarship and other information are available on the

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Questions? Contact Paige Filice (MSU Extension), 517-676-7291, or Joe Nohner (DNR), 517-599-6825.

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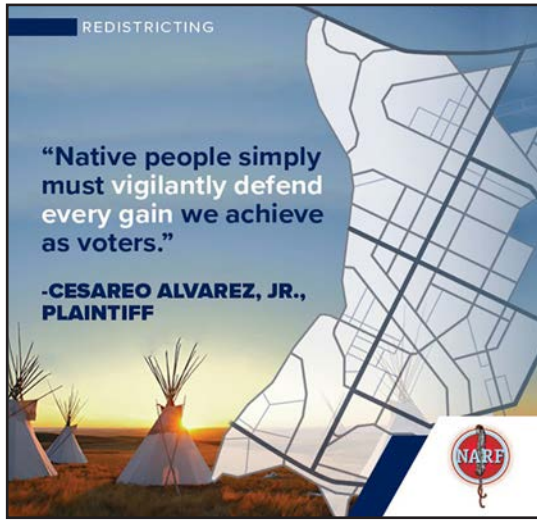
Native American voters and the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA) alongside the state of North Dakota, successfully defended the creation of House District 4A, a sub-district which follows the boundaries of MHA's Fort Berthold Reservation. On November 2, 2023, a panel of judges in the U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota ruled in favor of the tribal intervenors, granting summary judgment and finding compelling and unrefuted evidence the new subdistrict is required under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA).

"This decision ensures that our representation at the state level is not diminished," said MHA Chairman Mark N. Fox. "The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation joined this lawsuit to support the Native voters who finally gained a voice in the North Dakota legislature because of House District 4A. For the first time in a long time, MHA voters were able to elect a candidate of their choice last year."

"This decision will positively impact North Dakota and the lives of everyone who lives on the reservation for years. Representation matters and I will continue to work hard to have their voices heard and their issues addressed," said plaintiff Representative Lisa DeVille of Mandaree, ND, who is an MHA citizen and who was elected as the state House Representative for the new subdistrict 4A in the last election.

Plaintiffs and local Republican party officials Charles Walen and Paul Henderson filed the lawsuit, claiming the state had engaged in racial gerrymandering, which the court firmly rejected. The decision noted the state created the subdistrict to prevent Native vote dilution, and "... without the subdistrict, Native American voters would in fact have a viable Section 2 voter dilution claim under the VRA. Taking that unopposed evidence as true, granting Walen and Henderson the relief they seek as to district 4 — eliminating the subdistrict — would be itself a violation of the VRA and federal law."

"Protecting the new MHA subdistrict was important because we have fought so hard to be



able to exercise our right to vote in North Dakota. Native people simply must vigilantly defend every gain we achieve as voters," said plaintiff Cesareo Alvarez, Jr.

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF), Campaign Legal Center (CLC) and The Law Office of Bryan L. Sells, LLC, represented the individual voters and MHA Nation who intervened in the lawsuit brought against the state by Walen and Henderson in 2022.

"The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation have a right to representation at the state level. This order shows that claiming racial discrimination that results in stripping voting power from Native Americans will not be tolerated. Native voters in this part of North Dakota finally have a voice in the state legislature, which has been a very long time coming," said NARF Staff Attorney Michael Carter.

"MHA voters in North Dakota deserve to have a say in the issues that impact their lives," said Mark Gaber, senior director of redistricting at Campaign Legal Center. "We are heartened by this decision that protects MHA representation, and will continue to work to ensure that North Dakota's Native voters can make their voices heard in our democracy."

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HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

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NCAI Announces Launch of New Foundation on National Philanthropy Day

In a historic move coinciding with National Philanthropy Day, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is proud to announce the launch of its philanthropic arm, the NCAI Foundation (NCAIF). The day marks a profound and unprecedented commitment to supporting tribal nations on their transformative journey toward shared prosperity and resilience. "Today marks a pivotal moment in our ongoing journey towards equity and empowerment for Tribal Nations," said Greg Masten (Yurok), President of the newly formed NCAI Foundation. "The NCAIF is not just a foundation; it's a beacon of hope and a testament to our unwavering commitment to uphold tribal sovereignty, empower our leaders, and build a resilient future for our youth and our Nations. Through the NCAIF, we are forging true partnerships between Tribal Nations and Philanthropy, dedicated to creating a future where Tribal Nations thrive, supported by the resources and recognition they rightfully deserve." The NCAI Foundation's mission is multifaceted, focusing on four core areas: Upholding Tribal Sovereignty, Empowering Tribal Leadership, Cultivating Youth Leadership and Fortifying Tribal Nations. By offering grant funding under the Fortifying Tribal Nations program, NCAIF aims to be a catalyst for change, providing more than just financial resources but also serving as a pivotal connecting point for tribal nations and the philanthropic sector. Despite American Indian and Alaska Natives representing nearly 3% of the U.S. population, they have historically received less than 0.5% of philanthropic dollars for their strategies or initiatives. NCAIF seeks to address this disparity by ensuring more resources are directed toward supporting tribal communities in diverse areas of work. A cornerstone of NCAIF's approach is the innovative Equity and Sovereignty Framework. This framework guides the foundation's grant-making processes, ensuring they are deeply rooted in principles of equity and respect for tribal sovereignty. The framework will also inform NCAIF's approach to address the philanthropy sector's interaction with tribal nations, emphasizing collaboration, respect for tribal governance and the promotion of culturally appropriate practices. It's a significant step toward rectifying historical imbalances and fostering true, respectful partnerships between philanthropic entities and tribal nations.

Traditional Philanthropy vs. Equity & Sovereignty Framework

Traditional philanthropy often operates with a top-down approach where donors decide



what is best for beneficiaries, which can unintentionally perpetuate systemic inequities.

Shared Ownership: The new framework ensures tribal nations are active participants in decision-making, creating solutions that are rooted in their lived experiences.

Cultural Respect and Integration: While traditional philanthropy may sideline Native wisdom, the equity and sovereignty approach centers connection and respect.

Long-term Solutions: Rather than temporary fixes, this approach seeks sustainable, regenerative change, grounded in the unique needs and aspirations of each tribal nation.

"As we stand at the threshold of a new era with the launch of the NCAI Foundation, I am reminded of the profound responsibility we carry as stewards of our communities' future," said Larry Wright, Jr., a citizen of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and the Executive Director of NCAI. "Our leadership is charting a strategic course for the organization and the NCAI Foundation that is a journey of both honor and duty. The Equity and Sovereignty Framework is more than just a policy tool; it is a commitment to Tribal Nations that every decision we make, and every partnership we forge will be done with the utmost respect for our sovereignty and with an unwavering focus on equity. This is our pledge to create a lasting impact that honors the past while building a resilient and prosperous future for tribal communities." The Foundation will soon announce various opportunities for tribal nations to apply for grant funding. These initiatives, which reflect the priorities identified by tribal leaders and representatives in recent dialogues, emphasize areas such as education, infrastructure, cultural preservation, economic development, environmental and addressing social inequities. NCAIF is set to redefine the philanthropic landscape for tribal nations. By embracing the wisdom and expertise of tribal nations, the Foundation is poised to foster strategic partnerships and drive significant change. The initiative is more than just a response to historical disparities; it is an opportunity to embark on a transformative journey, forging pathways to a future of shared prosperity and resilience for tribal nations.

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Fire
4:00 pm

Pipe Ceremony & Prayer
4:30 pm

Buffet Feast
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Round Dance
6:00 pm - 2:00 am

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11:30 pm

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1:00 am

Closing Song
1:30 am

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN DECEMBER

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

December 3 was recognized as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, but let's emphasize excellent dental care for these folks for the entire month of December. Disabled people include:

- Aging and elderly people.
- Individuals with mobility issues.
- Mentally disabled individuals.
- Physically impaired folks.
- People with behavioral or emotional conditions.
- Those cognitively impaired.

Dental care for persons with disabilities starts in infancy. The caregiver is instrumental in preventing dental problems. A visit to the dentist should take place as soon as the first tooth appears, between six and 12 months old. This is the time for caregivers to ask questions. The dental team will help with dietary tips and will teach the caregiver how to care for the teeth at home. Starting these practices early and consistently will prevent severe dental disease.

Excellent dental health enhances the quality of life and improves the overall health of all people in so many ways:

- Healthy food intake.
- Speech development.
- Emotional expression.
- Comfort and psychological ease.
- Patient acceptance of oral touching and manipulation.

Here are some tips to improve daily home care:

- Use a power toothbrush with a small head if possible or a manual toothbrush with a large or modified handle and a floss holder can make brushing and flossing easier.
- If possible, use fluoride toothpaste and mouth rinse to prevent tooth decay and strengthen the enamel. For patients who cannot tolerate toothpaste, try diluting an acceptable mouth rinse and dip the toothbrush in that. Sometimes, plain water is okay to use.
- Avoid sugary foods which can damage the teeth. These patients should be offered only water or milk to drink. Drink plenty of water to keep the mouth moist and wash away food particles.
- Fun routines are beneficial. A few ideas include singing or counting during brushing; allowing a choice of the flavor of the toothpaste to be used. Always compliment when done with a hearty "Good job!"

Here are positions which often are easier for cleaning another's teeth: "hygiene in a highchair," "knee-to-knee" and laying a "swaddled baby onto a soft rug with the caregiver behind the head."

Clean the teeth in the same manner and at the same time and place every day.

Model excellent oral hygiene yourself.

If the patient is able to understand, do prepare the person for an upcoming dental visit. There are fun books to read about the dental office. Talk repeatedly about how nice the dental team is and explain you yourself enjoy and like the dental team. Visit the office first, to make sure there is easy access into and out of the office. Ask the dental team if the disabled person can visit the reception area a few times. Just sit there and read or color with the child, to familiarize the person with the dental office. Ask the dental team to talk to the patient without a mask and white coats and goggles for a few minutes. Ask the dental team if the patient can visit "the back" and listen to the sounds of the office.

Schedule disabled patients for the first appointment of the day if possible. Early appoint-



ments can help ensure everyone is alert and attentive and waiting time is reduced. At the actual dental appointment, make sure comfortable and loose clothing is worn. If there is a comforting blanket or toy, be sure to bring it along.

Before the actual appointment, repeatedly tell the patient what will be happening, step by step. There are many books available about visiting the dentist. Before any appointment, determine how the patient will be transferred from wheelchair to dental chair. It is recommended that familiar adults do so.

Providing dental care to individuals with disabilities does require increased awareness, attention and accommodation by the dentist and dental staff. Here are some of the things the dental team might do:

- Emphasizing preventative measures such as fluoride varnishes, more frequent dental cleanings and sealants.
- Consultation with other health care providers. An example of accommodation would be sugar-free medicines.
- The caregiver might be asked how to communicate with patients who have a sensory impairment.
- Patient accommodations.
- Behavior management techniques used at home can often be transferred to the dental office.
- Modifications to routine treatment procedures.
- Placing pillows from home on both sides of the patient can provide stability.
- Shorter appointment times may be recommended. These require extra trips to the dental office.

Most general dentists will provide excellent care in their offices for all ages and abilities. Speak to your own dentist first. Sometimes, there will be a referral to specialists. These include:

Pedodontics for children.
Hospital dentists.

The University of Michigan School of Dentistry Integrated Special Care Clinic.

We want disabled people to have the highest quality of life and overall health as possible. Therefore, let's control those areas of our *lives we can to enhance these goals. Excellent dental health is a good place to start.*

<https://penndentalmedicine.org/patient-information/dentist-for-special-needs/people-with-disabilities-accessing-dental-care/>


<https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/sites/default/files/2017-09/practical-oral-care-intellectual-care.pdf>

<https://www.yourdentistryguide.com/special-needs/>

<https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/events/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-idpd-2022#:~:text=The%20annual%20observance%20of%20the%20International%20Day%20of,dignity%2C%20rights%20and%20well-being%20of%20persons%20with%20disabilitie>

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) 2022 | Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD) (un.org)

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OPTICAL GUIDELINES

Services Covered

- Eye exam will be covered each year but are not required to get glasses and/or contacts
- Up to \$300 will be covered each year
 - This can be spent on any frames, lenses, and/or contacts
 - These can be purchased from the provider -or- from an online retailer and submit a receipt for reimbursement

Important Notes

- Reference numbers must be issued **BEFORE** the appointment
- Other medically necessary eye care services will need to be reviewed and approved by the Managed Care Team



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Questions?
Abigail Dawson
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NOTICE TO MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES


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FOR HELP OR TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:

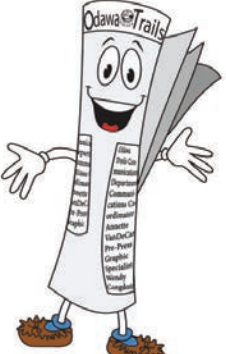
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Or Contact:

Abigail Dawson
LTBB PRC Benefits Assistant
P: 231-242-1752
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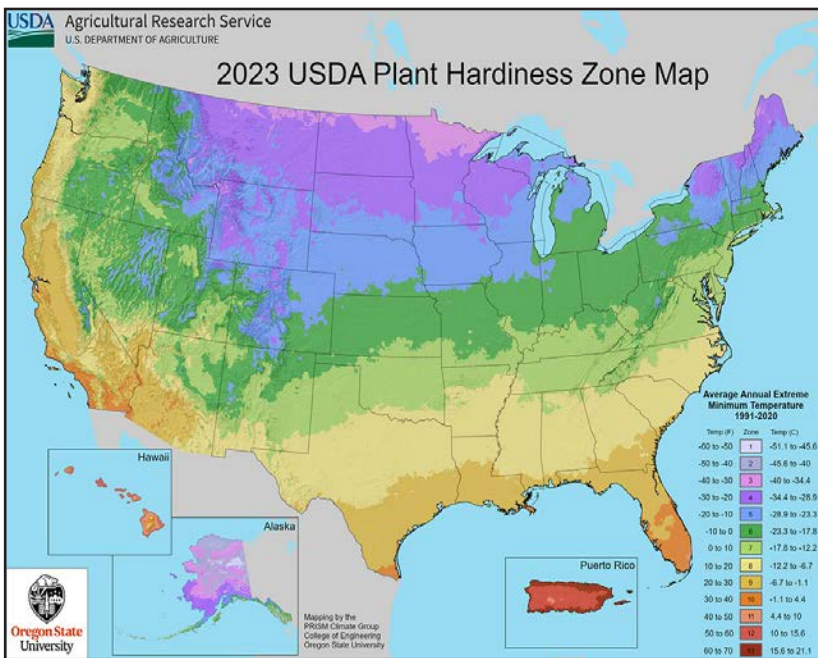
What prescriptions are filled at the LTBB Pharmacy?

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

PLEASE BE AWARE OF HOLIDAY HOURS AND MEDICATION REFILLS.

USDA UNVEILS UPDATED PLANT HARDINESS ZONE MAP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released a new version of its Plant Hardiness Zone Map (PHZM), updating this valuable tool for gardeners and researchers for the first time since 2012. USDA's Plant Hardiness Zone Map is the standard by which gardeners and growers can determine which plants are most likely to thrive at a location. The new map — jointly developed by USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Oregon State University's (OSU) PRISM Climate Group — is more accurate and contains greater detail than prior versions.



It is available online at <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/>. In addition to the map updates, the Plant Hardiness Zone Map website was expanded in 2023 to include a "Tips for Growers" section, which provides information about USDA ARS research programs of interest to gardeners and others who grow and breed plants.

The 2023 map is based on 30-year averages of the lowest annual winter temperatures at specific locations, is divided into 10-degree Fahrenheit zones and further divided into 5-degree Fahrenheit half-zones. Like the 2012 map, the 2023 web version offers a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based interactive format and is specifically designed to be user-friendly. Notably, the 2023 map delivers to users several new, significant features and advances. The 2023 map incorporates data from 13,412 weather stations compared to the 7,983 used for the 2012 map.

Furthermore, the new map's rendering for Alaska is now at a much more detailed resolution (down from a 6 ¼ -square-mile area of detail to a ¼ square mile).

Approximately 80 million American gardeners and growers represent the most frequent users of the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map. However, they're not the only ones with a need for this hardiness information. For example, the USDA Risk Management Agency refers to the map's plant hardiness

zone designations to set certain crop insurance standards. Additionally, scientists incorporate the plant hardiness zones as a data layer in many research models such as those modeling the spread of exotic weeds and insects.

Plant hardiness zone designations represent what's known as the "average annual extreme minimum temperature" at a given location during a particular time period (30 years, in this instance). Put another way, the designations do not reflect the coldest it has ever been or ever will be at a specific location, but simply the average lowest winter temperature for the location over a specified time. Low temperature during the winter is a crucial factor in the survival of plants at specific locations.

As with the 2012 map, the new version has 13 zones across the United States and its territories. Each zone is broken into half zones, designated as "A" and "B." For example, zone 7 is divided into 7a and 7b half zones. When compared to the 2012 map, the 2023 version reveals about half of the country shifted to the next warmer half zone, and the other half of the country remained in the same half zone. That shift to the next warmer half zone means those areas warmed somewhere in the range of 0-5 degrees Fahrenheit; however, some locations experienced warming in the range of 0-5 degrees Fahrenheit without moving to another half zone.

These national differences in zonal boundaries are mostly a result of incorporating temperature data from a more recent time period. The 2023 map includes data measured

at weather stations from 1991 to 2020. Notably, the 2023 map for Alaska is "warmer" than the 2012 version. That's mainly because the new map uses more data representing the state's mountain regions where, during winter, warm air overlies cold air which settles into low-elevation valleys, creating warmer temperatures.

The annual extreme minimum temperature represents the coldest night of the year, which can be highly variable from year to year, depending on local weather patterns. Some changes in zonal boundaries are also the result of using increasingly sophisticated mapping methods and the inclusion of data from more weather stations.

Temperature updates to plant hardiness zones are not necessarily reflective of global climate change because of the highly variable nature of the extreme minimum temperature of the year as well as the use of increasingly sophisticated mapping methods and the inclusion of data from more weather stations. Consequently, map developers involved in the project cautioned against attributing temperature updates made to some zones as reliable and accurate indicators of global climate change (which is usually based on trends in overall average temperatures recorded over long time periods).

Although a paper version of the 2023 map will not be available for purchase from the government, anyone may download the new map free of charge and print copies as needed.

Courtesy graphic.

TRADITIONAL HEALER SERVICES 2023 SCHEDULE

JOSEPH SYRETTE

December 20,21

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January

Sunday (Name-Gizhigat)	Monday (Ntaam-Nokti Gizhigat)	Tuesday (Nizho-Gizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Gizhigat)	Thursday (Niwu-Gizhigat)	Friday (Nanno-Gizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Gizhigat)
<p>Please Note: Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Any changes will be posted on the LTBB Website.</p>	<p>New Year's Eve Observed All Governmental Offices Closed</p>	<p>New Year's Day Observed All Governmental Offices Closed</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Child Welfare Commission Meeting 3:30 pm</p>	<p>Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am</p>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>Elders Commission Meeting 5 pm</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>Child Welfare Commission Special Work Session 10 am</p>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon</p>			
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28	29	30	31			
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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
October 26, 2023
In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: **9:11 a.m.**
Opening ceremony: Leroy Shomin
Closed Session: Yes
Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes
Absent: Councilor Melissa Pamp
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Legislative Administrative Assistant Marin Taylor, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Office of Finance & Revenue Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz
Corporate Charters Present: Ziibimijwang, Inc: Executive Director Mary Donner, Kevin Gasco, Maanii Tall Cloud. Odawa Economic Development Management Inc.: Tanya Gibbs, Alan Proctor, Belinda Bardwell, Gaming Authority Vice Chair Denise Petoskey.

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice-Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Law Enforcement Chief Terry McDonnell, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Human Resources Department Generalist Ashley Davis, Human Services Tribal Social Worker Christine Martinez-Mullins, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Willis, Youth Department Services Coordinator Sjana Baker, Regulatory Lead Gaming Inspector Blayne Bott, Education WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Health Department Health Information Technician Mia Fletcher, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne,
Judicial Officials and Staff: None

Public: Brian Anthony, Patrick Anthony, Judy Field, Marvin Mulholland, Kevin Donner, Laura Blumberg,
Invited Guest: Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Human Resources Director Andrea Shananaquet, Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor, and Director of Finance Debbie Provost; Armory Securities Managing Director Steve Moore; 1822 Construction Company/Engineering firm Pete King, Bruce King.
Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt the agenda for October 26, 2023 as amended.
Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.
Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to dedi-

cate this meeting in honor of the following Citizen(s) who have walked on: Wesley Andrews-ba, Gerald "Jerry" Chingwa-ba, and Mary Rittase-ba.
Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 12, 2023 as presented.
Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

9:15 a.m. Introduction on new Tribal Government Employees
Tammy Willis – Administrative Assistant – Planning
Abigail Dawson – Citizen Program Specialist (Transfer) – Health
Mia Fletcher – Health Information Technician – Health
Sjana Baker – Youth Services Coordinator – Youth Services
Christine Martinez-Mullins – Tribal Social Worker – Human Services
Emily Conners – Administrative Assistant (Transfer) – Human Services
Patricia Waucaush – Tribal Social Worker (Transfer) – Human Services

Executive Oversight Report:
Discussion: Vice Chair Stella Kay

Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco at Tribal/State Summit. She had also attended the United Tribes of Michigan meeting.

Executive is not attending National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

Staff are working on Per Capita and decorating for Halloween.

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

Fall Encampment is tomorrow. Trick-or-Treating will be on Tuesday from 3-5 p.m.

Housing has an RFQ for vendors for tiny house project. The RFQ includes scoring for best location.

Pickerel Lake houses have tenants or will soon be prepared for occupants.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor o acknowledge the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Vice-Chairperson Stella Kay and Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson on October 26, 2023.
Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Legislative Leader Report.
Office update
Closed Session for Personnel

9:46 a.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to enter into Closed Session for Personnel.
Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

10:36 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session.
Vote: 7 – Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

10:36 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session.
Vote: 7 – Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes' verbal and written

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

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

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

report for October 26, 2023.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Discussion: Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 2023 3rd Quarter Report

Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort verbal and written 2023 3rd Quarter Report and September 2023 Status Report dated October 20,2023 as presented by General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Finance Debbie Provost, Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor, Human Resources Director Andrea Shananaquet, and Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin for October 26, 2023.
Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

10:44 a.m. Councilor William Ortiz exits meeting

10:49 a.m. Councilor William Ortiz joins meeting
11:54 a.m. Public Comment Open

Brian Anthony: Can Tribal Council look into gaming change fund being used locally, not nationally for veterans.

Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes responds, that money does go to local causes.

11:56 a.m. Public Comment Closed

11:57 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business.
Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

1:21 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to return to Open Session.
Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

1:23 p.m. Lunch recess
2:05 p.m. Meeting resumes
Discussion: Odawa Online GSP Report (Closed Session)

2:08 p.m. Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business.
Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

2:21 p.m. Councilor William Ortiz joins meeting

2:36 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to return to Open Session.
Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Odawa Online GSP Report as provided by GSP Online Gaming Primary Executive Official Matt Stemkoski for October 26, 2023.
Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Discussion: Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. 3rd Quarter Report

Introduction of Oneida guests from 1822 Land & Development LLC and King Solutions, LLC Pete King and Bruce King.

2:41 p.m. Councilor Melissa Pamp arrived.

2:53 p.m. Councilor Tamara Munson left the meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of to the verbal and written Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. 3rd Quarter Report as provided by President Tanya Gibbs and Vice President Alan Proctor for October 26, 2023.
Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

3:43 p.m. Public Comment Open

Patrick Anthony: Spoke on Odawa Economic Development Management Inc. and housing units and money given to them.

Brian Anthony: Likes councilors questions to Odawa Economic Development Management Inc.

3:46 p.m. Public Comment Closed

Discussion: Ziibimijwang, Inc. 3rd Quarter Report

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Ziibimijwang, Inc. 3rd Quarter Report as provided by Executive Director Mary Donner for October 26, 2023.
Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

3:57 p.m. Break
4:21 p.m. Meeting resumes
Secretary Report

Vetoes (a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto): None
Phone Polls:
-10/19/2023 Reason for Emergency Phone Poll: Motion to Approve Confidential Memo 101923-01.

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

Activities: Participated in the Ad Hoc advisory committee meeting. Will send out notes to Tribal Council. Next meeting October 27, 2023. Attended Land and Reservation Committee get together at Eppler Road orchard. Attended Ziibimijwang Harvest Feast event.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for October 26, 2023.
Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Discussion: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation 3rd Quarter Report

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation 3rd Quarter Report as presented by Interim Executive Director Michele Portman-LaCount for October 26, 2023.
Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Treasurer Report - **Appropriations and Finance Committee**

Phone Polls passed by the Appropriations and Finance Committee: None
Activities: None provided.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for October 26, 2023.
Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Land and Reservation Committee Report
Phone Polls passed by the Land and Reservation Committee: None

Activities: None provided.
Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chair for October 26, 2023.
Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Member Reports:
Councilor Fred Kiogima – No report
Councilor Tamara Munson – Absent
Councilor William Ortiz – Attended Harvest Feast at Ziibimijwang Inc.; attended Ad Hoc Committee meeting; went to the farm on the other side of the river and saw there are 5 or 6 trees producing apples.

Councilor Aaron Otto – Attended Ad Hoc Committee meeting
Councilor Melissa Pamp – Absent

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – Economic Development Ad-Hoc Committee meeting-Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Economic Director job

"Minutes" continued on page 24.



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Head Lady Dancer
 Tiana Drift

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 Donald Chosa

Youth Head Man Dancer
 Devin Connor

Youth Head Lady Dancer
 Alice Curtis

Junior Head Boy Dancer
 Dalin Connor

Junior Head Girl Dancer
 Dalyla Francois

Feast: 5 PM

Honoring Tribal Elders: 2 PM
 Sandra J. Swartz
 Roland T. Swartz

Pink Shawl Honor Dance: 4 PM
 Frances Drift

Miss Junior Keweenaw Bay
 Serena Chosa

Cultural Committee

Grand Entries: 1 PM & 6 PM

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Admiring the Fighters

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with cancer, knowing what to expect and making plans to proceed can help create a less stressful situation.



GET THE FACTS

Write down questions and concerns before your appointments and bring them with you.

What kind of cancer do I have?

Can my cancer be treated?

What are my treatment options?

Where is the cancer? Has it spread?

MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Healthy Diet

Nutrition is an important part of cancer treatment. Eating the right foods before, during, and after can help you to feel better and to stay stronger.



Adequate Rest

Helps manage the stress and fatigue of the cancer and its treatment.

Exercise

Studies suggest that people who participate in some physical exercise during treatment not only cope better but may also live longer.

Fatigue

One of the most common and distressing side effects of cancer treatments.

Hair loss is a common side effect from chemotherapy treatments.



Financial burdens may arise as result of diagnosis.



Additional costs of medicines, travel costs, etc.

A cancer diagnosis is a lifelong ordeal. Treatment recovery can last months, sometimes even years.



BE PREPARED FOR CHANGES

Cancer survivors face physical, emotional, psychosocial, spiritual and financial challenges as a result of their diagnosis and treatment.

DEVELOP YOUR OWN COPING STRATEGIES

Highs and lows of cancer are experienced not only by those diagnosed but also family members, friends, and caregivers.

FIND A SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

KEEP A JOURNAL TO HELP ORGANIZE YOUR THOUGHTS

WHEN FACED WITH A DIFFICULT DECISION LIST PROS AND CONS

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The Sault Tribe Language and Culture Dept. Presents

2023 New Years Powwow

December 31st, 2023
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With Dinner at 7:00
Head Staff: TBD

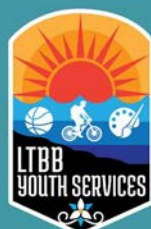
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Youth Services After-school Program

NEW LOCATIONS FOR FALL 2023

LTBB Government Center on Mondays & Tuesdays

Petoskey Public Library on Wednesdays & Thursdays



TRIBAL YOUTH AGES 6-18

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- LTBB Descendants
- Enrolled in other tribes

- ✓ Cultural Activities
- ✓ Homework Lab
- ✓ Tutoring Center
- ✓ Snack Pantry

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K-5 TUTORING & K-12 HOMEWORK LAB

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Waanigaanzijik academic support staff have degrees in Elementary Education/English, and Education Administration. We are ready to tutor K-5 tribal youth who have fallen below grade level and support all K-12 tribal students during our daily homework lab. Program includes Food Pantry and Youth Spa Pantry.

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STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE RECEIVES \$100,000 GIVING TUESDAY GRANT FROM SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

StrongHearts Native Helpline is proud to announce it has been awarded a generous Giving Tuesday grant of \$100,000 from San Manuel Band of Mission Indians in Southern California. This substantial grant will be instrumental in advancing StrongHearts' mission to provide critical support and resources to Native communities while fostering healing, empowerment and resilience.

The grant funds will be strategically allocated to strengthen our organization in key areas:

Organization Infrastructure: StrongHearts is dedicated to building a strong organizational foundation for long-term sustainability, spanning seven generations, and this grant will help us allocate more staff hours to capacity building, prioritizing quality assurance and data-driven improvements in our services.

Outreach Initiatives: With the support of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, StrongHearts will launch comprehensive outreach campaigns to raise awareness about our helpline's services and the importance of addressing domestic and dating violence in Native communities. These initiatives aim to reach a broader audience and connect those in need with our vital resources.

Staff Training: The grant will enable us to provide specialized training for our dedicated staff, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to offer culturally sensitive, trauma-informed support to our callers. This training will further enhance the quality of care provided by StrongHearts Native Helpline.

StrongHearts Native Helpline extends its heartfelt gratitude to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for their unwavering commitment to our mission. This partnership reinforces our shared dedication to making a meaningful and lasting impact on Native individuals and communities affected by domestic and dating violence.

"We are deeply grateful for their generous support. This grant represents a significant step forward in our ongoing efforts to create a safer, healthier future for Native people," said Lori Jump, Chief Executive Officer of StrongHearts Native Helpline. "Together, we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our relatives never have to face domestic or sexual violence alone."

StrongHearts Native Helpline remains steadfast in its commitment to providing cultur-



ally appropriate, confidential and compassionate support to Native survivors of domestic and sexual violence. With this generous support, we are better equipped than ever to fulfill this mission and make a real difference in the lives of those we serve.

About StrongHearts Native Helpline

StrongHearts Native Helpline offers a confidential, anonymous and culturally sensitive service, free of charge, for American Indians and Alaska Natives who are dealing with domestic and/or sexual violence. StrongHearts can be reached 24/7 by phone or text at 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) or chat at www.strongheartshelpline.org.

About San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is a federally-recognized Indian tribe located on the San Manuel Indian Reservation near Highland, CA. San Manuel exercises its inherent sovereign right of self-governance and provides essential services for its citizens by building infrastructure, maintaining civil services and promoting social, economic and cultural development. As the indigenous people of the San Bernardino highlands, passes, valleys, mountains and high deserts, the Serrano people of San Manuel have called this area home since time immemorial and are committed to remaining a productive partner in the San Bernardino region. For more information, visit <http://www.sanmanuel-nsn.gov>

StrongHearts Native Helpline serves all individuals who reach out for their services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or any other factor protected by local, state or federal law.

Courtesy graphic.

STATES AND TRIBES PARTNER WITH USDA TO KICK OFF NEW SUMMER EBT PROGRAM

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service has started receiving official notices from states and tribal nations which intend to operate the new, permanent summer nutrition assistance program for children known as Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer — one of many strategies the department is leveraging to tackle child hunger when schools are closed. California, Cherokee Nation, Chickasaw Nation, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio, Utah, Virginia and West Virginia are among the first to confirm their plans to implement Summer EBT in 2024, the program's inaugural year, and many more are expected to follow.

Through Summer EBT, states, territories and certain tribal nations can provide grocery benefits to families with eligible school-aged children during the summer months. Once implemented nationwide, Summer EBT is expected to benefit more than 29 million children, reducing food insecurity and helping kids get the nutrition they need to grow, learn and thrive.

Millions of children participate in USDA's school breakfast and lunch programs during the school year. However, when schools are closed, kids lose access to these healthy meals and are at higher risk of food and nutrition insecurity. Reflecting a bipartisan effort to close the summer hunger gap, Congress passed legislation in late 2022 making Summer EBT the first new federal nutrition program in decades.

Summer EBT will support families with



\$40 each summer month per eligible child to buy food at grocery stores, farmers markets or other authorized retailers, similar to how SNAP benefits are used. USDA tested Summer EBT as a demonstration project in select states and tribal nations over multiple years. Rigorous evaluations showed providing these benefits decreased the number of kids with very low food security by about one-third and supported healthier diets.

This new program will work hand-in-hand with other USDA nutrition programs to connect every eligible child with nutritious food during the summer. In addition to Summer EBT, USDA summer nutrition programs include group meal service at central locations such as schools, camps and community centers as well as the option to provide grab-n-go or home-delivered meals in many rural communities. Summer EBT is an additional benefit and does not replace these summer meal programs. Families are encouraged to participate in all summer nutrition programs available to them.

To offer Summer EBT benefits in 2024, states and tribal nations should submit their notice of intent by January 1, 2024. USDA is committed to supporting states and tribal nations with resources, technical assistance and more as they work to implement Summer EBT.

Courtesy graphic.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

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TWO BACK-TO-BACK ADVOCACY AWARDS FOR NHBP TRIBAL MEMBER LISA WALKER

Bringing in a first-ever Mobile Mammography Van on Indigenous Pink Day to the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribe serves as just one example of how NHBP Community Health Representative (CHR) and Tribal Member Lisa Walker reduces barriers to health care access for indigenous women.

A survivor herself, providing fellow tribal members access to screening for the second deadliest cancer (breast cancer) for Native American women is a huge motivation for Walker.

Although she only began working for NHBP less than two years ago as a CHR, a role which advocates for patients by providing a link between their homes and clinical care, her efforts haven't gone unnoticed by others, within and outside her tribe.

In October 2023, awarded back-to-back, Walker earned two prestigious awards for her work and advocacy as a CHR for NHBP, one being in the field of cancer.

The first award was the Jean E. Chabut Public Health Advocate from the Michigan Association of Local and Public Health and the Michigan Public Health Association, awarded on October 3, 2023.

Nominated by her supervisor, Community Health Outreach Manager Shelby Brueck, MPH, CHES®, Walker's nomination for the Jean E. Chabut Award reads:

"CHRs work to provide a link between the clinical setting and the community, assisting by increasing the health knowledge of clients and communities through a broad range of activities and services. Lisa advocates for her clients on a daily basis. She is always going above and beyond to ensure her client's needs are met. Lisa is a natural public health advocate and does all of this work with passion and empathy."

The second award bestowed upon Walker was the first High Five Award: Saluting Excellence in Michigan Healthcare, granted by the



American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). This was awarded to Walker on October 4, 2023.

ACS CAN notes Walker has shown exemplary service: "You have been nominated by someone you work with, and they noticed you have gone above and beyond for your patients and families. You have shown exemplary service in caring for your patients and have shown selfless dedication, empathy, understanding, and constantly raise the bar for what quality care means." For Walker, going "above and beyond" comes second nature as she helps her fellow tribal members navigate the complexities of the health care system by helping to arrange appointments and managing the proper referrals for follow-up care.

Having been diagnosed with breast cancer in May 2020, Walker knows firsthand how complicated, and even scary, navigating the health care system can be for patients and their loved ones. Now, having arrived on the other side of her cancer diagnosis, Walker uses her personal experience and empathy to assist fellow NHBP Tribal Members and clients in whatever challenges they face.

Congratulations to Walker for not only overcoming breast cancer, but also for her daily advocacy of her patients' mental, physical and cultural health and well-being within her role as Community Health Representative.

Courtesy photo.

NACF HONORS SAULT TRIBE MEMBER TOMANTHA SYLVESTER

2023 Native Arts & Cultures Foundation LIFT Award-ee Tomantha Sylvester, a Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians member, is an Anishinaabe, multidisciplinary storyteller (actor, musician, songwriter, playwright and beader) residing in Massachusetts.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lake Superior State University. She is a Miranda Family Fellow through the National Theater Institute, and an Art and Survival Fellow through Double Edge Theatre and Betty's Daughter Arts Collective.

Sylvester is an ensemble member through Double Edge Theater and an Emerging Native Artist through the Ohketeau Cultural Center where she also works in community advocacy.

She believes storytelling (in the many forms it comes in) is a practical and necessary



component to healing, joy and knowledge.

"I was fortunate to receive the following lesson from my elders growing up - We are constantly surrounded by language and images. They have the power to shift and change our realities. The type of language we're using, the stories we are being told, and who tells them are critical when shaping a world of truth and connection. This is not a simple philosophy but a scientific

reality we have known since time immemorial," she said.

Project

Tomantha's LIFT project will be a performance piece currently titled "Ishkode." The work will weave the story of the Seven Prophecies given to the Anishinaabe with Ojibwe cosmology/ scientific query, language revitalization, humor and the body while holding the question of environmental reparations/advocacy set in the contemporary period. Included as part of the creative process, Tomantha will be learning Anishinaabemowin and training her body/craft with and without fire. Language, fire and physicality are rooted in the storytelling process. The piece will likely be presented outdoors at Double Edge Theatre in Ashfield, MA, and in her hometown of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Courtesy photo.

LTBB
Wawiiyaa Giigidoowin
"Talking Circle"
Thursday 5pm - 6pm
LTBB Conference Room

SCHEDULE OF RUNS

BIBOON WINTER 12/21/23 - 3/18/2024

3/19/2024 - 6/19/2024 **MNOOKM SPRING**

NIBIN SUMMER 6/20/2024 - 9/21/2024

9/22/2024 - 12/20/2024 **FALL DAGWAAGI**

NIKE RUN CLUB MEDICINE WHEEL CHALLENGE. COMPLETE 100 MILES EACH SEASON!

Michigan Indian Legal Services

Federal DHHS ANA Grant
Introducing Laura Forester & Hank Fields

MMIP, Murdered and Missing Indigenous People, is a significant concern in Indian Country. In 2023, MILS completed a legal needs assessment of the critical legal needs in the Native American communities in Michigan. The surveys found that MMIP is of huge concern in Michigan. MILS successfully sought a grant from the federal DHHS ANA to address the issues. MILS staff will now be able to provide legal assistance.

- for family members of the Murdered and Missing (up to 500% of poverty);
- to prevent vulnerabilities created by being housing insecure and overcoming legal barriers to obtaining housing (up to 300% of poverty); and
- by creating educational and self-help materials for the family members left behind.

Laura Foerster and Hank Fields started in October under this 3-year grant. They will work collaboratively to serve family members and to decrease the number of vulnerable people. Laura was initially trained and practiced as a Registered Nurse and she graduated from WMU/Cooley Law School in 1990. Hank's education includes Duke University's paralegal program as well as a masters in IP law from U of New Hampshire Law.

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Marty Van De Car Memorial Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established through the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation in memory of Marty Van De Car to provide educational opportunities for students with preference given to an American Indian student graduating from an Emmet County high school. To donate to the scholarship fund, visit <https://bit.ly/MartyVDC>

Marty Van De Car
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area community foundation

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nouncements closer to tax time with their contact information again. Office locations include Petoskey, Traverse City, Cadillac, Charlevoix, Honor, Benzonia and Kalkaska. DOC is happy to help get you connected with an NMCAA office. For those not located in these areas, there may still be VITA services near you! VITA programs are available in many other areas, including outside of Michigan. Here is a link where you can

search for a VITA provider in your area: <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>.

*Eligible participants in the NMCAA tax program are individuals or families who make \$75,000 a year or less, seniors, persons with disabilities and those with English as a second language. Please contact DOC if you are interested in this service! 231-242-1584/231-420-2924 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Miigwech.

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"Influential Women" continued from page 1.

As for values, I want to leave this earth having contributed more to the positive scale than the negative."

How has the journey been different than what you had imagined?

"I've had a beautiful journey thus far! The family I built inspires me to be the best version of myself. The endless support of my friends has made me bold and pushed me to dream. I am not special. I am mostly lucky. Therefore, I owe the Creator everything and the point of my life is to repay that with public service that makes the world a better place."

What are your current goals for the future?

"I am committed to being the best court of

appeals judge possible. I plan on calling balls and strikes as I see them. It is my honor to be a servant of this community and it's important for me to get the law right."

What quote most inspires you to positively influence those around you?

"The two most important days in life are the day you're born and the day you find out why." - Mark Twain

"I believe we all need a purpose and place in the world to reach our potential. My purpose is to help people by doing my part to make the legal system one that works for and serves the community."

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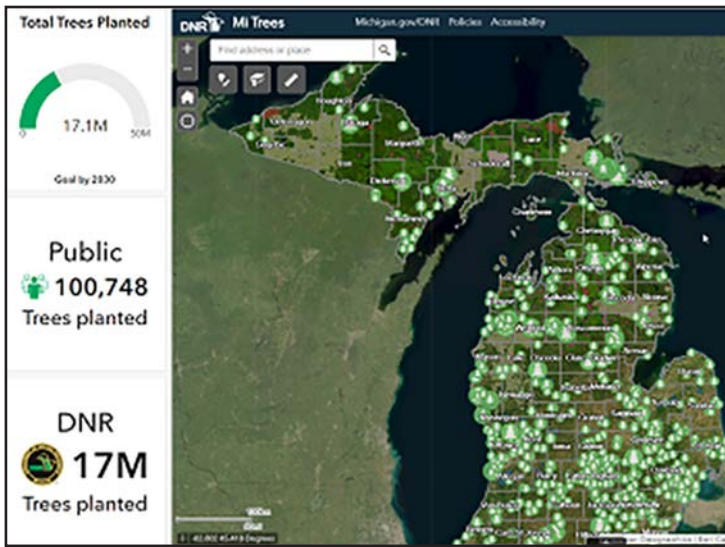
MICHIGAN MILESTONE: 100K PLANTED TREES ADDED TO MI TREES MAP

By Michigan DNR

Wow, we asked you to plant trees, and Michiganders showed up: Planting and registering more than 100,000 trees on the DNR's interactive Mi Trees map since 2021.

This amazing turnout for the Mi Trees effort has helped the DNR move toward its goal of planting 50 million trees by 2030 in partnership with 1T.org, a global initiative to plant one trillion trees. Much of Michigan's landscape is privately owned or in urban and community areas, making public participation an important part of the effort.

Why plant a trillion trees? Forests are important for the health of the planet and for us. From simply providing beauty to our landscapes and communities, to creating wildlife habitat, slowing climate change, providing renewable materials for everyday products and



even improving mental health, trees are essential.

The Michigan DNR plants about six million trees a year on state forest land with forest management practices certified as sustainable by two independent organizations.

If you want to join the effort, find tips to pick the right tree and plant it correctly at Michigan.gov/MiTrees. Be

sure to tag them on our map to share your achievement and help us get closer to the Trillion Trees goal.

Questions about tree planting? See our handy guide or contact DNR forestry experts Kevin Sayers, Mike Smalligan or Lawrence Sobson.

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FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND TRIBAL WATER INSTITUTE



On November 13, 2023, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and the Walton Family Foundation announced the creation of the Tribal Water Institute. It will provide tribal nations resources and training to advocate for their water rights and develop water policy solutions. The Walton Family Foundation is making a three-year, \$1.4 million commitment to launch the institute. It will be housed within the Native American Rights Fund.

"Addressing the West's

significant water challenges requires an all-hands on deck approach. Tribal Nations must be included in water decision making," said Moira McDonald, Environment Program Director of the Walton Family Foundation. "Tribal Nations often have the most senior water rights in the Colorado River Basin and throughout the West. But they are under-represented in federal and state policy discussions. That is unjust and unwise. We need to listen to their voices. More inclusive decision-making will lead to greater benefits for the environment and society as a whole."


The Native American Rights Fund has a long history of representing tribal nations on water rights. The Tribal Water Institute will double their water staffing. They will be

able to take on more casework. It will also build a pipeline of new leaders and develop research and forward-thinking policy proposals.

"As the nation's largest and oldest non-profit dedicated to advancing the rights of Native Americans, the Native American Rights Fund has been at the forefront of key legal battles across Indian Country," said Native American Rights Fund Staff Attorney David Gover. "The Tribal Water Institute helps fill a critical gap. It will provide legal support, train water attorneys, develop policy ideas, and educate state and federal decision makers. By increasing law and policy expertise within Tribal Nations, we can help Indian Country ensure water is available for generations to come."

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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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Puzzle on page 12.	
Anishnaabemdaa	Let's speak the language.
Pane	always
ndizhnikaaaz	My name is
zhinkaaza	His/her name is
Aaniish ezhnikaazyin	What is your name?
nwiijkiwenh	my friend
nminobimaadiz	I am fine.
Wenesh maaba?	Who is this?
maaba	this is (animate)
kwiijkiwenh na maaba?	Is this your friend?
nmadbin	Sit down.
Naaniibwin	Stand up.
gzhiyen	speak loudly
giigidan	speak

LINE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



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WERE GOING TO STATES BABY!!

These grandparents are so full of pride and love for our granddaughter, **Danika Gunderson**. She has been a dedicated swimmer since the age of seven. To see her drive and admiration for being a competitive swimmer and earn her varsity letter and now to make states for the 200 Medley with the time of 1:58.46. Her best time for the 50 relay is 26.9 seconds and her best time for the 500 yard is 6 minutes and 31 seconds. To watch her swim another event after the 500 yards just amazes us. Let alone the AP (Advanced Placement) courses she is taking at school and three early college classes will set her on a such a strong start with her career choice in psychiatry. We love you and are so proud of you, love, Grandma Cathy & Grandpa Bob Bradley.



Congratulations to **Collin Sutton**, who helped the Pellston High School Clay Target Team finish first in the conference in the fall season - beating the second-place team by 200 points. Pellston qualified for the state tournament in the spring. Collin finished second in the conference for the male trap division, finished 26th in the overall standings for the state and 21st in the male trap division for the state. Your family is very proud of you!

Walking On...



Trista Marie (Sierzputowski) Paone, 57

Trista Marie (Sierzputowski) Paone, 57, of Petoskey, MI, passed away on November 4, 2023 in St. Ignace, MI. The daughter of Tristan and Sharon (Lyons) Sierzputowski, Trista was born on October 31, 1966 in Petoskey. She grew up in a Coast Guard family and lived various places around the U.S. while growing up. Trista attended Grand

Valley State University for nursing, Western Michigan University to become a physician assistant, and received her Master's Degree in Medicine. She was a member of the Sigma Theta Tau at Grand Valley State University from 1989 to 1991. Trista was a physician assistant at Saginaw Psychiatry. She was an American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) member. Trista was also an active and widely loved member of the addiction recovery community in Northern Michigan. She loved to sing and dance. Spending time with her family and helping others was very important to her. She also enjoyed spending time at the beach on Lake Michigan. Trista is survived by her sons, Joseph Paone, of Denver, CO, and, Vincent Paone, of Petoskey; her mother, Sharon Sierzputowski, of Petoskey; her beloved cat, Gizmo; her uncle, Mike Lyons, of Petoskey; her aunt and uncle,

Walking On...

Wm and Corine Lyons, of Jupiter, FL; her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sierz of Wyoming; her aunt and uncle, Don and Dessie Beaver, of Kingsley, MI; her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sierzputowski, of Lake Ann, MI; as well as many cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Tristan Sierzputowski; and her brother, Tristan, Jr.



Gerald Jay Keller, 61

On November 4, 2023, Gerald Jay Keller, 61, left this earth to begin his next journey. He was surrounded by his family and so much love, in his home, just the way he wanted. Gerald was born to Anthony and Janice (Gasco) Keller on April 11, 1962 in Petoskey, MI. He was raised in Cross Village, MI, and attended school at Harbor Springs High School. In following his father's footsteps, Gerald joined the U.S. Army and spent four years serving. He received a good conduct medal and was a marksman rifle expert. On September 5, 1998, on a windy day, he married the love of his life, Kelly LeCureux, at their home in Levering, MI. As a father, he hadn't missed a sporting event, basketball games, track, cross country meets, golfing and equestrian events (even if he was recording the wrong child). And as a husband, he was very caring, supportive, protective and reliable. Gerald enjoyed many things in life but mainly he loved camping, hunting, golfing and spending time with his family. Coming from a family of eight, he also loved big family holiday gatherings at his parent's house, and Sunday dinner and movie days with his own family. The family he came from made him into a wonderful husband and father everyone knew. Gerald is survived by his loving wife, Kelly; children, Tanner Keller, and Emilee (Markus) Thomas; siblings, Sharon Keller, Anthony, Jr. (Gayle) Keller, Joseph (Alice) Keller, Kevin Keller, Sandra Williams and sister-in-law, Joy Keller; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; three dogs, Bella, Rex and Daisy; and grand dog Cooper. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Timothy; sister, Susan; nephew, Jeff; and mother-in-law, Beverly LeCureux.

Levi Walker, Jr., 81

Levi Walker, Jr., 81, of Cleveland, GA, passed away on November 24, 2023. He was preceded in death by his mother, Josephine Otto; his father, Levi Walker, Sr.; his son, Darryl Lee Walker; and his sisters, Frieda Walker and Donna Walker. He is survived by his loving companion, Teresa Ficula; his former wife and mother of his children, Mary Kelly Mularz; his daughter, Gwyn Walker Newman; son-in-law, Eddie Newman; grandchildren, Julie Kelly, Richard Gaulke, Trina Hall and Darcy Wagner; his great-grandchildren, Curtis Gaulke and Ryker Hall; his sisters, Yvonne Walker Keshick and Pauline Walker, as well as many friends and fans. He was an entertainer



Levi Walker, Jr. Chief Noc-A-Homa Atlanta Braves Mascot Levi Walker, Jr. of the Chippewa-Ottawa tribes played Braves mascot Chief Noc-A-Homa from 1969-1985. Before each game, he would do a dance on the pitcher's mound and then run off the field before reappearing at his teepee located in the left field stands. When a Braves player homered, he'd send up a set of smoke signals and do a celebration dance. Chief Noc-A-Homa was a big part of Atlanta baseball history in the 1960's, '70's and early '80's, making Levi Walker, Jr. a true Braves legend.

as the mascot of the Atlanta Braves baseball team as Chief Noc-a-Homa from 1969-1985. He served in the United States Army from 1961-1964. Levi also took great pride in his involvement with Eagle scouting, running the mountain man survival program for many years and also working as a Native American interpreter at Fort Michilimackinac. Also, he was a dancer, storyteller and flint knapper at pow wows in Georgia and surrounding states. Levi was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Ramona "Mona" Lee Gall, 64

Ramona "Mona" Lee Gall, 64, of Eckerman, MI, passed away peacefully with her husband and sister by her side on November 29, 2023 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey, MI, after a courageous



and well fought battle with cancer. Mona was born November 2, 1959 in St. Ignace, MI, to Richard and Margaret (Anthony) Johnson. Mona married the love of her life, Steve Gall, Sr., on February 28, 2011 in Maui, Hawaii. Mona worked many years at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital before her and Steve retired and moved to Eckerman. Mona was a LTBB Odawa Elder and was very proud of her heritage. Mona loved her family and was so proud of all of them and all of their accomplishments. Her favorite past times besides spending time with her family and friends, she could be found working in her flowers and vegetable gardens, two-tracking in the jeep, rock hunting on the beach, sitting by the campfire enjoying a cold Budweiser, long weekends and crafting with her "Hens." Mona is survived by her husband, Steve; her children, Stephanie (Robbie) Allain, Angela (Troy) Roznowski and Steven (Corey) Gall; her grandchildren, Andrey, Nolan, Miyah, Lauchlan, Kingston, Logan (Steven), Tony (Jayea), Steven III (Olivia) and Whitney (Cole); three great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters arriving in 2024; sister, Yvonne (Willie) Brown; brother, Richard "Ricky" (Marie) Johnson; sister-in-law's Susan (Roger) Clark and Becky (George) Banks; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, her special "Hens" and SO many friends she considered as her family. Mona was preceded in death by her parents, Richard, Margaret and Harold; mother and father-in-law, Liz and Walt; nephew, Steven Maves; and brother-in-law, Dean. The family would like to thank the LTBB Odawa tribe, specifically, Health Services, Dr. Fedak, Dr. Kaufman and the staff at Karmanos Cancer Institute, all of the McLaren nurses on the Med-Surg floor and McLaren Hospice for their kindness, compassion and outstanding care provided to Mona and her family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Crisp Point Lighthouse Restoration Project, LTBB Odawa Fisheries or plant a flower or garden in her honor. A celebration of life will be held in the summer.



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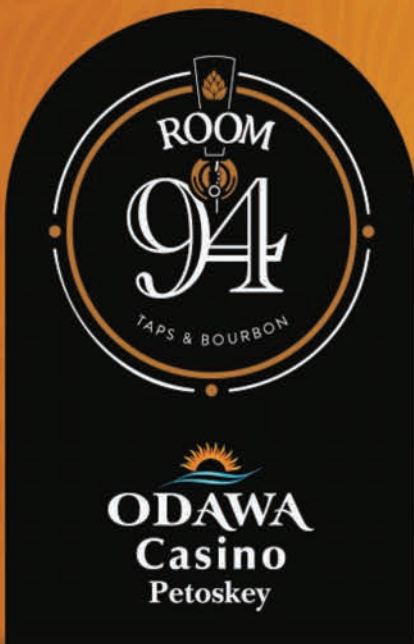
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