

Odawa Trails



REMEMBERING STANDING ROCK

By **Bill Portman**, LTBB Tribal Citizen

Editor's note: LTBB Tribal Citizen Bill Portman spent November 24-29, 2016 at Standing Rock, North Dakota.



Last night was cozy warm burrowing in my sleeping bag. My alarm clock was the sound of Native American calls from a nearby camp. What an awesome way to wake up. Kitchen tent was hard at work making us oatmeal to start our day.

At 9:30, all male warriors were called to the bridge. Every male was seen racing to the road. Elders being pushed in wheelchairs and many rode by horse. I didn't know what to expect. I grabbed my stuff and joined the pursuit. Hundreds of us arrived.

We were met by barricades the government put in to close entry to the other side. Thick concrete walls with spiraled barb wire. Burned vehicles on our barricade side littered the road. I heard they were placed there by law enforcement. Armored vehicles lined up the other side. The enemy was dressed in riot gear and cowardly behind shields. We dressed in jeans and coats. It felt eerie, like war, but peaceful and secure as we far outnumbered the enemy. I was with family.

A large circle of people began to take shape as the intent to race there was to start our day in prayer. We held hands and listened to Native prayer. We prayed for safety, for Mother Earth and peace. Little did I know, there is a special way to hold hands, so the energy flows from one to the next. I'll do better tomorrow, I promise. After prayer, a small group of water protectors walked up to the barricades and exchanged words with the enemy. I was nervous but thankfully, it was a peaceful exchange.

It was my first daylight trip to check the campground out, so I hiked. As I expected, there were thousands of tents and teepees. Wood campfire, sage and other smells filled the air. I witnessed families and friends helping one another, becoming one. We helped unload a huge truck filled with firewood and another filled with building supplies. I saw a far way protest with security forces at the top of a hill about 3/4 mile away. That must be turtle island I

"Standing Rock" continued on page 32.

ODAWA CASINO UNVEILS EXCITING NEW TAPROOM EXPERIENCE

Odawa Casino, Petoskey's premier entertainment destination, is thrilled to announce the grand opening of its newest venue, Room 94. The new Taproom is set to redefine the dining experience by seamlessly blending delectable tavern-style cuisine with a vibrant entertainment hub featuring pool tables, dart boards, video games and a breathtaking deck offering panoramic sunset views.

Located in the heart of Petoskey, MI, Room 94 aims to be a haven for those seeking a multifaceted experience. Guests can indulge in a diverse menu of amplified tavern-style food, the most exciting craft beers and bourbons, while also providing a lively atmosphere with recreational games such as pool tables, dart boards and digital games located throughout the venue.

"We are thrilled to unveil Room 94, a space where guests



can savor exceptional drinks while immersing themselves in the unparalleled entertainment options we have to offer," said Ron Olson, Odawa Casino General Manager. "This grand opening marks a significant milestone for Odawa Casino, and we can't wait to share this exciting new space with our valued guests."

Odawa Casino and its venues are owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and the number 94 represents a major landmark

for the tribe. In September 1994, the tribe was signed into reaffirmation as a federally recognized sovereign nation. This opened many doors for the tribe, one of which is economic development, which helps to fund tribal services and stimulates economic growth in the surrounding community. Sovereignty allows the tribe to be self-sufficient and encourage both the tribe and its neighbors to flourish. Room 94 is an added example of that sovereignty being practiced in a good, positive way.

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

Courtesy graphic.

LTBB AWARDED \$250,000 MATCHING GRANT IN EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH THE ARCHIE KIOGIMA, JR. BA MIGIZI AVIARY AND REHABILITATION CENTER

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) is proud to announce the award of a \$250,000 matching grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community as a part of its continued campaign to fund and build the Archie Kiogima, Jr. ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center.

LTBB is seeking like-minded tribes, groups and individuals in the care and protection of injured eagles and other raptors through the construction of a top-notch facility on tribal land nestled within Northern Michigan.

LTBB has had a long-term relationship with one of the country's most celebrated raptor rehabilitators, Rebecca Lessard, founder and operator of Wings of Wonder (WOW), located in Empire, MI. During that time, the LTBB Natural Resource Department (NRD) rescued and transported dozens of eagles and other injured birds of prey to WOW for treatment. Many of these raptors were able to return to tribal lands for release back into the wild. However, after



rehabilitating hundreds of eagles and other raptors for more than 30 years, Rebecca Lessard is now retired.

Please help the LTBB Natural Resource Department cement WOW and former long-time WOW icon Rebecca Lessard's legacy through donation funds necessary for the construction of the Archie Kiogima, Jr. ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center. Total project costs are estimated at \$2.3 million. The funding campaign is on the way to the funding goal, however, a significant amount of funding is needed yet.

A minimum of \$250,000 in additional donations are needed in order to fully realize the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community grant. As such, LTBB has recently created an informational webpage (<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/migizi-aviary/>) on the project with online donation capabilities.

The bald eagle "Migizi" is a highly respected and significant cultural species to many Native American tribes, including the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Preserving this highly revered and significant cultural species for the next seven

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 1-22-2024 = 4,569

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<u>Health Department</u> 242-1611	

Election Board

ElectionBoard@ltbbelectionboard.org

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement
Debendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aawiyiing. Geyaabi gdaa'anaa miinwaa gdanwewmi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'iing debendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwaa wiimnaadendiziying. Gdabendaanaa debendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadiziwin miinwaa mndooaadiziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinooaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabii'amigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendamowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'iing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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

Contact Information

ODAWA TRAILS



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

The deadline for the March 2024 issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 5, 2024.

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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3 months = \$91.80 **save \$16.20!**

6 Months = \$172.80 **save \$43.20!**

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12 Months = \$144 **save \$48!**

DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

'TIS THE SEASON TO TEST YOUR HOME

Submitted by **Lauren Davenport**, Environmental Specialist

It is that time of the year again where everyone should check their homes for Radon. Radon is a radioactive gas you cannot see, smell or taste. It comes from the natural decay of uranium and radium which is found in rocks and soil. According to the EPA, radon is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer overall. This is what makes it so important to test. Even if your neighbor tests negative for Radon, this does not mean you are in the clear. Radon could still be in your home even if nobody else nearby has it. Nearly one in five households in the United States would be expected to have an elevated indoor radon level. Thankfully, it is both easy and quick to test your home. A good level of radon will be below 4 pCi/L. If your results are 4pCi or above, it is recommended by the EPA to look into installing a mitigation system to help get the radon levels lower.

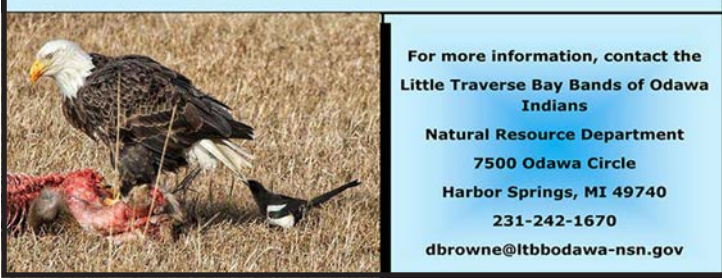
In addition to providing radon test kits, Environmental Services staff can also conduct home indoor air quality testing. This includes assessing levels of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, relative humidity and particulate matter. Being aware of these levels may be useful for managing certain health conditions such as asthma. The assessments will be completed within a single day and will include a building walkthrough and interview with the homeowner, testing, and then finish up with a discussion on any findings. Tribal citizens can request to have an indoor air quality assessment completed in their home by reaching out to Environmental Services, but availability of this service is subject to demand, staff availability and location of home.

To request a radon test kit, a home assessment or for more information, please contact:
 Lauren Davenport, Environmental Specialist
 PH: 231-242-1578
 E-mail: LDavenport@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Courtesy graphic.

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



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



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

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas.	It can enter your home through the ground and affect indoor air quality.	When inhaled, the radioactive particles can damage DNA and cause lung cancer.	The only way to know if your home has high levels of radon is to test.

Test. Fix. Save a life. Learn more at epa.gov/radon.

United States Environmental Protection Agency

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

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

Detailed agenda coming soon!

RSVP for:

- *overnights (16th & 17th)
- *day attendance

https://fs20.formsite.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



Ziizbaakdokaan 2024

(Maple Sugar Camp/Sugar Bush)

Mshko'Ode Farm

Worker Bee - Sat. 2/24, Noon-5pm
 Tapping/collecting/boiling - Sun. 3/10 & Sun. 3/24, Noon-5pm
 Want to help more? SOON we'll post an additional flyer to sign-up & get open hours notifications!

Craven Family Sugar Bush

Sat. 3/16, 11am-1pm

Greensky Hill Church

Date/Time TBA
 Create a sugar-making paddle at this event!

MORE INFO TBA!
 QUESTIONS? CONTACT AMANDA!
 AWEINERT@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV OR 231-242-1483

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EXECUTIVE BRANCH



LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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

- 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

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Aanii Tribal Citizens,
I hope everyone is settling into the new year alright. The snow has finally arrived, and we have encountered a few major storms here in Michigan. Please reach out to our departments with your needs

during these cold times. As you may have heard, our new housing development on Second Street in Harbor Springs, MI, is complete! We are so proud to see a beautiful place for our elders and the next generations to come home to. Please reach out to the Housing Department for more information regarding availability and the application process. We will continue working on more housing developments in the near future to address the continued housing crisis. While these projects do take time, we are focused on relieving the impact for our community. We look forward to sharing our future plans

soon. COVID-19 is still on our radar as the cold and flu season is in full effect, so make sure you are stocked with masks and tests. Our Health Department will continue to have both available for pick up. Our staff is diligently following our government protocols to keep everyone safe during their visits to our buildings. As a continued reminder, please join our Executive Town Hall meetings each month and check out our commission vacancies to get involved! All events will stay up to date on the website throughout the year. Miigwech.



We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at

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

Please be respectful in your comments.



ELDERS DEPARTMENT

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

ELDERS DEPARTMENT

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740
PHONE: 231-242-1423 - FAX: 231-242-1430
eldersdept@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

NO RECEIPTS OR UTILITY BILLS NEEDED!

FOOD & UTILITY APPROPRIATION ALLOWANCE APPLICATION

CURRENT YEAR _____ TRIBAL ENROLLMENT NUMBER _____

Name _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Date of Birth _____ Telephone Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

By signing above I certify this appropriation will be used towards food, cleansers, or utility expenditures.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE! OFFICE USE ONLY.

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Food & Utilities Allowance 2107-2-6370-10	
Total Amount of Check	

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY

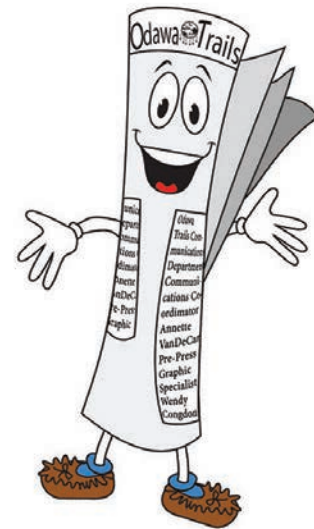
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A.P. REVIEW: _____

CONTROLLER: _____

Requestor: _____ Date: _____
Approval: _____ Date: _____

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

Surprise the ones you love with a thinking of you!

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

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

February Elders Birthdays

February 1

Eileen O'Shea
Doris Beaudin
Kathryn Loonsfoot
Michael Schmidt
Candace Quick
Dorothy Buren

February 2

John Kozlowicz
Meredith Carr
Lori Gee
Carolyn Mejia
Michael Peters
Robert Nadeau
Karen Lambert

February 3

Clayton Walker
Denise Zimmer
Paul Shananaquet
Ann Waldmiller

February 4

Wilbert Bunkley, Jr.
Andrea Sandoz
Ellie Payton
Charlotte Duvernay
Theodore Engstrom

February 5

Benjamin Bernard
Darlene Mulholland
David Harrington

February 6

Laurie Papaj
Brunell Martineau
Sherry Archibald
Kathy Austin
Michele Hillman
Stephanie Brew

February 7

Donald Masse
Russell Masse

February 8

Glenn Browning
Connie Fitch
Lewis Fisher
Marcia Petrescue

February 9

Joey Deckrow
Wynonah Shawa
Michael Givens
Terry Lark
Evert Sineway

February 10

Becky Feathers
Michele Mabry
Sally Spangler
Ralph Swanson

February 11

Katherine Beech
Donna Hielkema
Joyce Thompson
Dennis Frederick

February 12

Josephine Pawneshing
Floyd Genia, Jr.
William Tuffelmire
Wayne Montez

February 13

Gregory Williamson

February 14

Brenda Spikes
Rhonda Lowe
Mikel Bagby
Patricia Dyer-Deckrow
David Gross
Carolyn Nadeau-Forbes
Eric Fox

February 15

John Austin
Artie Romero
Kevin Casey

February 16

Betty Moses
Sharon Shepard
David Hardwick
Deborah Reynolds
Doreen Sampson
Kendra Pertot
Angela Bowen

February 17

Thomas Adams
Timothy Gibson
Lee Graham
Jacqueline Campos

February 18

Ralph LaVigne, Jr.
Timothy Genia

February 19

Roberta Butcher
Beatrice Oberlin
Leela Harrison
Carol Jeffers
Nancy Bailey
Christine Wemigwase

February 20

Justin Shananaquet
Krystine Rojas
Deleta Smith
Mary Cripps
Gregory Shananaquet

February 21

Steven Otto
William Vandegriff
Wade Smith
Kathryn Terlizzi

February 22

Charles Barber, Sr.
Sandra Gilbault

February 23

Andrew Gould
William Meshekey, Jr.
Barbara Kenwabikise
Arvilla Bateman
Mashilaa Beam
Ronald Washegesic, Sr.

February 24

Roxanne Ross
Jerri Lynn Barker
Gary Young

February 25

Beverly McLean
Ronald Wilson
Gayla Keshick
Mary Calcaterra
Carla Osawamick
Dolores Thomas

February 26

Allan Moore
Jeanette Bailey
David Duvernay

February 27

Patricia Maple
Colleen Falwell
Shawna Burch
David Martell

February 28

Pamela Flores
Charles Shagonaby III
Ranee Johnson
Kirk Warren



LTBB Elders Department Christmas Glitz and Glam Luncheon
DECEMBER 21, 2023 LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER



Photos courtesy of the LTBB Elders Department.

It's here! Free Tax Help!

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

IT'S REALLY **FREE** nmcaa **TAX PREP**
VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

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!

Free tax help will happen on Thursday February 22nd at the LTBB Governmental Center **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Contact the LTBB Department of Commerce at 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov to schedule your appointment.

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.

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.

Where do I find...

CBC Vacancies?
Pharmacy and Clinic hours?
Department information?
Citizens Portal?
Contact information?
Current announcements?
Elder activities?
LTBB Constitution?

Find it all here!

www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov


HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Please help us in Community Health better understand how to serve you with programming and services in 2024 by completing this short survey. Miigwech!

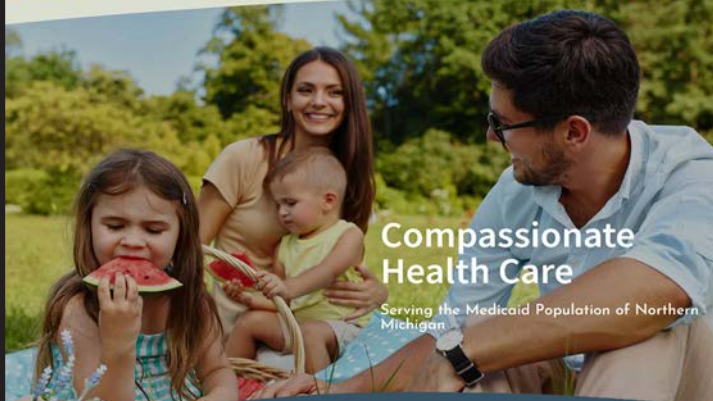
2024 Community Health Survey





Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic

We are OPEN and Accepting New Patients!



Compassionate Health Care

Serving the Medicaid Population of Northern Michigan


Q & A


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

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

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

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



 Medicaid

Open to Anyone w/Medicaid as their Primary Insurance!

<https://ctwc.health>

Same Day Appointments Available!

Call Us!
(231) 242-1760


JOIN THE LTBB NIKE RUN CLUB FEBRUARY VIRTUAL ACTIVITY



COMPLETE 30 MILES FOR THE MONTH

- DOWNLOAD THE [NIKE RUN CLUB APP](#) ON YOUR SMARTPHONE
- CREATE A PROFILE
- SEARCH FOR MARLENE GASCO LTBB AND ADD AS A FRIEND
- AN INVITATION WILL BE SENT TO JOIN THIS CHALLENGE
- GET MOVING, HAVE FUN, AND COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE!







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



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



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2024

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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25 Go for a walk	26 1:00 Jump Rope 12 burpees repeat X5	27 1:00 Jump Rope 1:00 Plank Hold repeat X5	28 1:00 Jump Rope 25 Air Squats Repeat X5	29 1:00 Jump Rope 25 Crunches repeat X5		

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

FORM 4013: RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER ANNUAL SALES TAX CREDIT - TAX YEAR 2023

The Form 4013: Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit is now available upon request from the LTBB Department of Commerce office for the 2023 tax year. Most programs used for e-filing taxes or programs used by professional tax preparers will automatically generate the Form 4013 upon selecting you were a Resident Tribal Member during the applicable tax year. However, for those who do not e-file or do not use a tax preparer or those who prefer to have a paper copy of the Form 4013 – please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce office to request a copy is mailed or e-mailed to you. The LTBB Department of Commerce can be reached at 231-242-1584 or

DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

*The Form 4013 is used to obtain the annual sales tax credit per our Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan. The form is filed with your Michigan Income Taxes and the credit is given based on a formula using your adjusted gross income and the number of months you resided within the LTBB Tax Agreement Area. It is to your advantage to submit this form, so you may receive your annual credit. If you have any questions on this form, including how to submit – please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce office.

Miigwech. – *Hayden Hooper, LTBB Department of Commerce Director.*

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.

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)

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.

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/>



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 Tuesday, Thursday 9am - 5pm


LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG										
		Marcella Reyes	Emily Proctor	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Wayne Otto	Melissa Pamp	Jordan Shananaquet
DATE	September 2023									
9/1/23	Land and Reservation Committee		X		X			X		
9/1/23	Aki Construction Meeting							X	X	X
9/6/23	Tribal Council Special Meeting	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
9/12/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X		X	X	X		X	X	X
9/14/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9/19/23	Appropriations and Finance Committee	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
9/20/23	Tribal Council Special Meeting	X					X	X	X	X
9/26/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X		X	X		X		X	X
9/28/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG										
		Marcella Reyes	Emily Proctor	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Wayne Otto	Melissa Pamp	Jordan Shananaquet
DATE	October 2023									
10/1-10/4/23	NAFOA Conference			X						
10/3-10/5/23	United Tribes of Michigan Meeting	X								
10/6/23	Land and Reservation Committee		X	X				X		
10/10/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10/12/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10/14/23	Gaming Authority Meeting									X
10/17/23	Appropriations and Finance Committee	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
10/24/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X		X	X	X	X	X		X
10/26/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG										
		Marcella Reyes	Emily Proctor	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Wayne Otto	Melissa Pamp	Jordan Shananaquet
DATE	November 2023									
11/3/23	Land and Reservation Committee	X	X		X			X		
11/7/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
11/9/23	Tribal Council Meeting		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11/11-11/18/23	National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)							X	X	X
11/14/23	Appropriations and Finance Committee	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
11/28/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
11/30/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG										
		Marcella Reyes	Emily Proctor	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Wayne Otto	Melissa Pamp	Jordan Shananaquet
DATE	December 2023									
12/5/23	Land and Reservation Committee	X	X		X			X		
12/7/23	Tribal Council Special Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12/8/23	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X	X	X	X		X			
12/12/23	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
12/14/23	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X

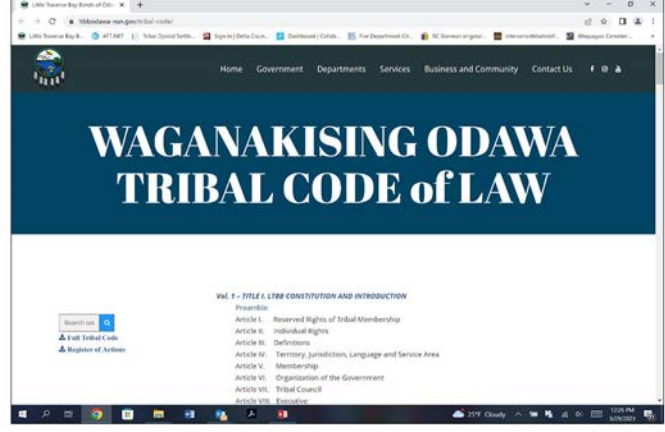
***Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs.**

NOTICE: NEW TRIBAL CODE WEBPAGE

The Tribal Code Webpage has been restructured!!!!

New features included:

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



LTBB OFFICE OF CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE

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

- ❖ **Family Law**
 - Divorce
 - Child Custody
 - Child Support
- ❖ **Consumer**
 - Debt Collection
- ❖ **Indian Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act**
- ❖ **Setting Aside Conviction/s**
- ❖ **Driver License Restoration**

- ❖ **Estate Planning**
 - Wills
 - Deeds
 - Health Care Directives
 - Powers of Attorney
- ❖ **Probate**
 - Estate Administration
- ❖ **Landlord/Tenant**
 - Evictions
 - Tenant Rights
- ❖ **Personal Safety**
 - Personal Protection Orders (PPO)
 - Abuse/Neglect of Adults

For assistance, please contact Cherie Dominic, OCLA attorney, at:
(231) 242-1433 Office
(231) 330-0529 Mobile
cdominic@LTBBodawa-nsn.gov

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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.
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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH PLAID DAY



Pictured left to right in the front row are Legal Assistant Su Lantz, Office of Finance and Revenue Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Legislative Administrative Assistant Marin Taylor, Tribal Councilor Melissa Pamp, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope and Tribal Councilor Fred Kiogima.

Pictured left to right in the back row are Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker, Office of Citizens Legal Assistance Attorney Cherie Dominic, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Tribal Councilor Aaron Wayne Otto and Tribal Councilor William Ortiz. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.

WIOA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WHO ARE WE
The Niigaandiwin Education Department receives Department of Labor funding for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) section 166, which funds supportive services to eligible Federally Recognized Native Americans, Alaskans, Hawaiian & First Generation Descendants in need of assistance with barriers to employment in the 28-county program service area.
Emmet • Charlevoix • Cheboygan • Presque Isle • Otsego • Montmorency • Alpena • Kalkaska • Crawford • Oscoda • Alcona • Wexford • Missaukee • Roscommon • Ogemaw • Iosco • Mason • Lake, Osceola • Clare • Gladwin • Arenac • Oceana • Newaygo • Mecosta • Isabella • Midland • and Bay County

HOW WE CAN HELP
Services we help with, but are not limited to the following:
• Tuition, Training, & Testing Fees
• Licensing & Certification
• Work & Interview Clothes / Shoes
• CED Completion Award
• Transportation Assistance
• Entrepreneurial Related Expenses
• Needs Related Payments
• Individual Employment Plan

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



February 1, 2024

Office of the Treasury, with information and assistance from the Accounting Department, shall report to Tribal Council the General Fund – Fund Balance and the anticipated amount of revenue that may be utilized to formulate the budget

February 1, 2024

Accounting Department to distribute templates and submission instructions to Branches / Departments

February 15, 2024

Approve the General Fund Budget Allocation to Governmental Branches (February 1, 2024 – Special AFC Mtg; February 8, 2024 - TC Mtg)

AFC - Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion# XXXXX-XX Governmental Branch Allocation of General Funds for Fiscal Year 2025.

TC - Motion to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # XXXXX-XX Governmental Branch Allocation of General Funds for Fiscal Year 2025.

March 15, 2024

Branch / Department 2025 Budget submissions to Treasury Office, including General Fund Budgets, Cost Recovery Budgets and Grant / Federal Contract Fund Budgets

1st week of April

All Branch hearings (April 3, 2024 – Executive & Election Board and April 5, 2024 – Prosecutor, Judicial, and Legislative)

2nd week of April

LTBB 2025 Proposed Annual Budget available to Tribal Citizens (April 8, 2024)

2nd week of April

2025 Annual Budget Public Hearing (April 9, 2024)

AFC - Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution# XXXXXX-XX Appropriation of Funds for the 2025 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets.

By Annual Meeting

Tribal Council approve annual budget (April 25, 2024 TC Mtg)

TC - Motion to adopt Tribal Resolution# XXXXXX-XX Appropriation of Funds for the 2025 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets.

Final 2024 Annual Budget posted to Tribal Website (April 26, 2024)

TBD

Annual Community Meeting

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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Tutoring Subsidy
for LTBB Citizens in PK-12th Grade

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Or visit the LTBB forms directory Education tab
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/services/forms-directory/>

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Publication Notice

In accordance with WOS #2006-001, notice is hereby given a petition has been filed, LTBB of Odawa Indians Tribal Court Case No: **NC-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

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

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OPTION FOR ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Aanii Tribal Citizens, and personal checks.
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
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.



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

Need something?

- Tribal Notary
- Marriage Commissioner
- Request a document from your Enrollment file
- Blood quantum adjustment
- Relinquishment requests

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

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

A message from your Enrollment Department

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Official Tribal Identification Card
Jane Doe

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

ISSUE DATE: 08/29/2022

Jane Doe
Citizen Signature

EXPIRE DATE: 08/29/2027

Watch Out!
ID Cards Expire!

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

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

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

2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

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

To receive your copy:

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

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

Lake Plumbago

Hoar Frost

Peanut Butter Falls

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

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 more than 10 years. It is important a citizen's address is current to ensure they receive their tribal benefits.

If you know a person who is on this list, please have them contact the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1522 or at enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. **Address Forms** can be located on the tribal website.

Jeramie Coleman	Eric Hunting	Philip Morey, Jr.
Deanna Foxworthy	Roberta Hyneman	Christopher Nagel
Kayla Francis	Dawn Jackson	Michael Perry
Justine Gasco	Kristina Kuzmik	Delia Petoskey
Nine Gozales	Eric LaBrosse	Alvina Ruth
Karla Harris	Sheridan McGowan	Anna Singel
Ambrosia Heintz	Todd Meshekey	Tammra Wirth

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Enjiboozbiigeng
Enrollment Office**

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

*** Enrollment Fees waived for LTBB Veterans***

August 19, 2021

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.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FEBRUARY 2024 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 5th - 9th from 9am - 3pm

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

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

Deliveries:

Local: 1st and 2nd

Peshawbestown: 14th

Traverse City: 20th

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



★★★★★

Beef & Barley Soup

- 1 pound boneless chuck roast, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced carrots
- 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced celery
- 2/3 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons beef base (not broth, but a base for making broth)
- 8-10 cups water
- 1 or 2 large bay leaves
- 1 cup uncooked pearl barley

Tips for helping someone experiencing domestic violence

As a friend, family member or co-worker of someone in an abusive relationship, it's easy to feel powerless. But you can do your part by starting a conversation, offering support and suggesting ways to get help. Here are some tips for having this conversation.

Offer your support

Let them know this is a judgement free conversation and that they're not alone.

- "I know this is difficult to discuss, but please know you can talk to me about anything."
- "You are not alone. I care about you, and I'm here for you, no matter what."
- "You are not responsible for what's going on."
- "No matter what you did, you do not deserve this."

Express your concern for their safety

Don't be afraid to let them know you're worried. It's important to help them recognize the abuse while acknowledging the difficulty of their situation.

- "I see what's going on and I want to help."
- "You don't deserve to be treated that way. Good partners don't say or do those kinds of things."
- "I'm worried about your safety and am afraid you'll get really hurt next time."
- "Please know that if you need to talk, you can always come to me."

Avoid confrontation

If they're not ready to talk about it, don't force it. Recognize the right time. Make sure they know you will be there if/when they are ready.

- "I'm here to help and am always available, even if you don't want to talk about it now."
- "Remember, you're not alone—I am here for you when you're ready."

Let them make their own decisions

Any judgement about their ability to make decisions may deter them from confiding in you in the future. Encouragement is key.

- "I want to help. What can I do to support you?"
- "How can I help protect your safety?"

Provide ways to get help

Help them look into available resources, like the National Domestic Violence Hotline (800-799-SAFE), the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV.org) or a local domestic violence agency.

- "Here is the number to our local domestic violence agency. They can help provide shelter, counseling or support groups."
- "If you need to go to the police, court or a lawyer, I can go with you to offer support."

The Allstate Foundation has been committed to disrupting the cycle of relationship abuse since 2005. Visit AllstateFoundation.org/EndDomesticViolence for additional survivor and ally resources.



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Allstate Foundation



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

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

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SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

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

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

NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE? WE CAN HELP!

APPLICANT DOCUMENTS

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

LICENSED PROVIDERS

- ★ COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE

UNLICENSED PROVIDERS

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

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

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)
- Nbwaakaawin (wisdom) • Gwekwaadziwin (honesty)
- Dbaadendziwin (humility) • Aakde'ewin (bravery)
- Debwewin (truth)



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

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

Less than 1% of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Survivor Outreach Services Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant will be financing this project. Total Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant 556,307.2 and 816,300 with federal women affairs.

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
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Struggling with anxiety

THERE IS HOPE.
Text or Call 988

to connect with someone who cares.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

#MentalHealthAwareness

#988Lifeline

24/7

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT (GALD) UPDATE

Aanii, we had an amazing event back in December 2023 with guest fluent speaker, Aarin Dokum. GALD provided a professional development opportunity for LTBB employees to practice Anishinaabemowin with each other. The event promoted language in the workplace and we had the rare chance to hear and speak with first language speakers, Aarin Dokum and Lionel Osawamick. It was a great



turnout and we want to say Chi Miigwech for the Executive supporting employees in

Anishinaabemowin learning. GALD would like to welcome new employees, Sammie McClellan-Dyal (Language Specialist) and Jenna M. Kishigo (Language Assistant), to our team! We are so excited to begin our language journey with some awesome kwewok who are passionate and excited about working with LTBB and GALD. Read their introduction articles.

Courtesy graphic.

MEET LANGUAGE SPECIALIST SAMMIE MCCLELLAN-DYAL

Boozhoo, Ngig Ndizhnikaaaz, Mgizi Ndodem, Zhingwaak Ziibiinh Ndoonjiba miinwaa Kchi Wiikwedong Ndidaa.

My name is Sammie McClellan-Dyal, I am a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. I am from Charlevoix, and I currently live in Traverse City.

It is an honor to work for the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department and the LTBB community as the Language Specialist. I look forward to supporting the vision and mission of the Gijigowi Language Department, which beautifully resonates with the Anishinaabek worldview.

Courtesy photo.



MEET LANGUAGE ASSISTANT JENNA KISHIGO

Aanii, Jenna Kishigo nindizhnikaaaz. Migizi ndoodem. biidaasige ndonjibaa. Odawakwe ndaaw.

Hello, my name is Jenna Kishigo. I am Eagle clan. I am from Petoskey, MI. I am an Odawa woman. I have recently begun working as the Language Assistant for the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department. I am excited to be a working for my home community. I graduated from Michigan State University (MSU) in 2021 with a BA in Hospitality Business and a BFA in Apparel & Textile Design with minors in American Indian and Indigenous Studies and Graphic Design. Since leaving MSU, I continued to pursue my education of Anishinaabemowin at Bay Mills Community College. I am in my third year of Anishinaabemowin Pane Language Immersion. In addition to my language learning, I have established an art studio dedicated to creating traditional arts and garments such as baskets, quillwork, weaving, ribbon skirts, applique and regalia. In my down time, I enjoy hiking with my dog and spending time with family. I look forward to the journey ahead. Miigwech.

Courtesy photo.



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>

Check out our new programming here: 



Looking for a new career?

Aid we can provide: tuition & fees, advising, mileage, internet reimbursement, books/materials, early registration, exam fees, hourly stipend, laptop assistance



WOCTEP is funded by the US Department of Education through the NACTEP program. Federal funds contribute to 92% of funding (\$506,660) and tribal support of 8% (\$42,339) for project year 1 (2022)

 **Anishinaabemdaa.com**

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






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

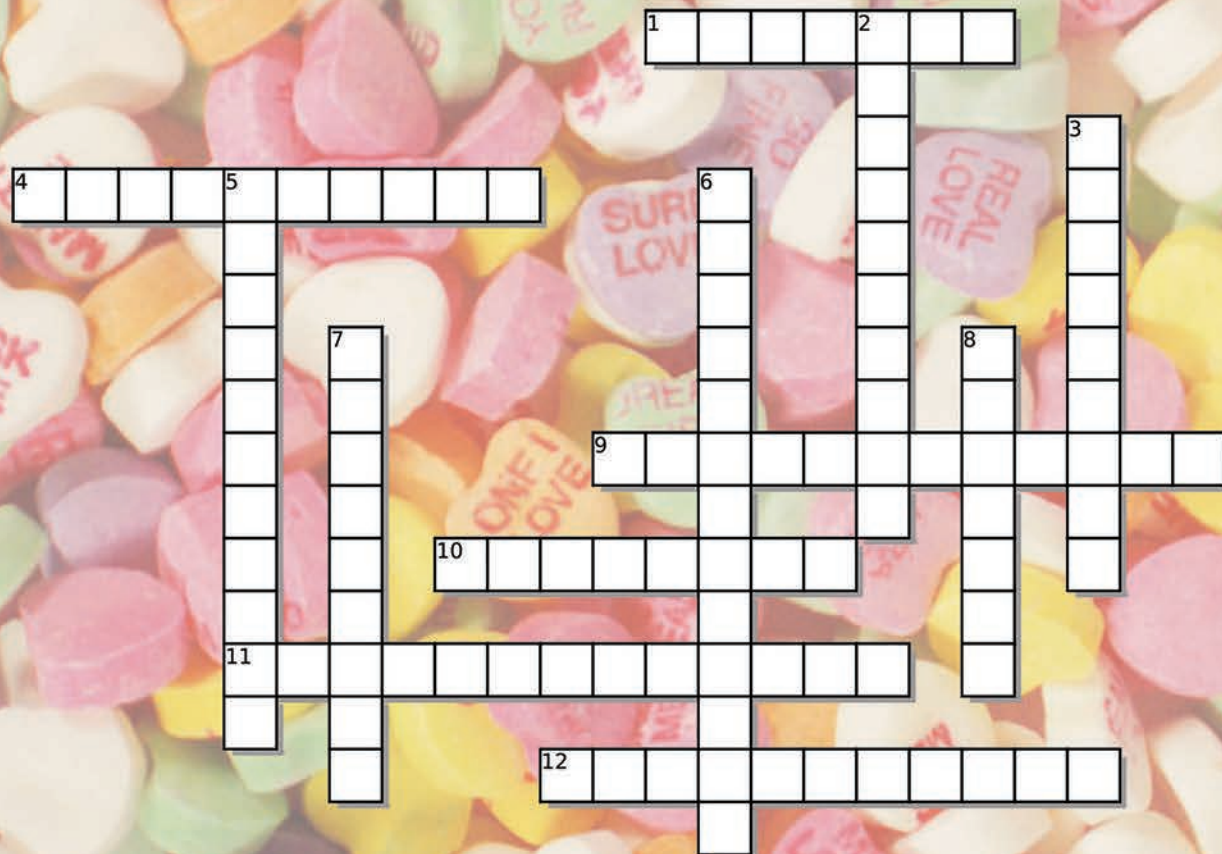


mino noodendami-giizhigad
happy flirting day
mino niinimooshe-giizhigad
happy sweetheart day

noodendam ikidowinan - flirting words
gi-noonde-wiijiw na mawinzowan? - you want to pick berries with me?
noodendami agoowin - snagging blanket
nookweshodaa - let's smudge
noodendam ataagan - valentine's card
gi-noonde-ayaa na niinimooshe? - will you be my sweetheart?
gi-zaagi-in - I love you
ayaa-mawashin na saaskokwe-bakwezshigan? - are you going to buy me frybread?
mako-bimide gi-dizhi-maagoz - you smell like bear grease
ataage-wigamig izhaadaa - let's go to the casino

Zaagidwin Giizhigat

Valentine's Day



Answer Key on page 20.

ACROSS

- 1 My sweetheart, boyfriend or girlfriend.
- 4 We love you both (all)
- 9 I really love her or him.
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 I like him or her.
- 12 My friend

DOWN

- 2 I'm thinking of you.
- 3 Check him or her out (admire)
- 5 Your friend.
- 6 I like you.
- 7 We miss you.
- 8 I love you.

WORD BANK: GBASHIGENAMIN, GMAKWENMIN, GMEZINIGO, GWIIJKIWENH, GZAAGIGOOM, GZAAGIN, MIIGWECH, NBAZGIM, NBISHIGENAMAA, NGICHIZAAGAA, NWIIJKIWENH, PKWENIGEN



Honoring Our Past.
Creating Hope for the Future.

WE CAN HELP

Victim service providers help victims rebuild their lives. We can help you learn about your legal rights and options, cope with the impact of crime, access victim compensation, develop a safety plan, and navigate the criminal justice and social service systems.

DIRECT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

- Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline
800-4-A-CHILD
- Cyber Civil Rights Initiative
844-878-2274
- Love Is Respect
866-331-9474, TTY 866-331-8453
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving
877-MADD-HELP
- National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-SAFE, TTY 800-787-3224
- National Human Trafficking Hotline
888-373-7888, TTY 711
- National Runaway Safeline
800-RUNAWAY
- Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.
888-818-POMC
- Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network
800-656-HOPE
- Pathways to Safety International
833-SAFE-833
- StrongHearts Native Helpline
844-7NATIVE
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
800-273-8255, TTY 800-799-4889
- The Trevor Project
866-488-7386
- Veterans Crisis Line
800-273-8255 x1, TTY 800-799-4889

INFO & REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS

- Battered Women's Justice Project
Legal Helpline
800-903-0111 x1, TTY 711
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Country
Child Abuse Hotline
800-633-5155
- Federal Trade Commission Identity
Theft Hotline
877-FTC-HELP, TTY 866-653-4261
- National Center for Missing &
Exploited Children
800-THE-LOST*
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration Helpline
800-662-HELP, TTY 800-487-4889
- VictimConnect Resource Center
855-4-VICTIM

Zhinkaazyan: _____

Waawaashkesh

Ndizhnikaa: _____

Zhinkaazyan: _____

Mukwaa

Ndizhnikaa: _____

Zhinkaazyan: _____

Shiikahn

Ndizhnikaa: _____

Zhinkaazyan: _____

Maang

Ndizhnikaa: _____

Zhinkaazyan: _____

Waabiizhishii

Ndizhnikaa: _____

Zhinkaazyan: _____

Migizii

Ndizhnikaa: _____

Zhinkaazyan: _____

Ajijaak

Ndizhnikaa: _____

Zhinkaazyan: _____

Ode

Ndizhnikaa: _____

YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Beading workshops with Becca Lynn



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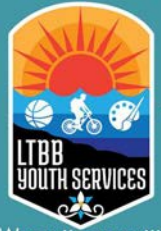
Youth Services After-school Program

NEW LOCATIONS FOR FALL 2023



LTBB Government Center on Mondays & Tuesdays

Petoskey Public Library on Wednesdays & Thursdays



TRIBAL YOUTH AGES 6-18

- LTBB Enrolled
- LTBB Descendants
- Enrolled in other tribes

Waanigaanzjik embraces shared teachings of Odawa/Anishinaabe culture, traditional practices, and healthy lifestyles for the betterment of youth and community.

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

Transportation Available

Limited seating for Petoskey



Email Youth Services Director at: Kdominic@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV

Scan QR code to download our fillable/printable registration form >>>>>

WAANIIGAANZIJK YOUTH SERVICES AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

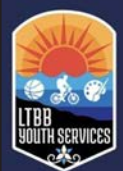
Fall 2023

K-5 TUTORING & K-12 HOMEWORK LAB

For academic/tutoring program registration information, please contact our Academic-Cultural Support Specialist: Lisa Wells at 231.373.0870 or LWELLS@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV



Cultural academic materials



HOMEWORK LAB IS OPEN MONDAYS - THURSDAYS FROM 3:00PM-5:30PM LOCATIONS FOR FALL 2023: MON/TUES @LTBB GOVT CENTER WED/THURS @PETOSKEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Waanigaanzjik 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.

DANCE A FEW STEPS - SING A FEW SONGS - WORK ON YOUR OUTFIT - SHARE A MEAL

DRUM & DANCE PRACTICE / OUTFIT MAKING FAMILY CULTURE Night

UPDATED CALENDAR

LTBB GOVT COMPLEX

November 29 NO PROGRAM
December 13 (DRUM ONLY)

January 10 & 24
February 7 & 21
March 6 & 20
April 3 & 17
May 1 & 15

Nightly Schedule:
 5:00-5:45PM Dinner served
 5:30-6:30PM Drum Practice
 5:30-7:30PM Outfit Making
 6:00PM Dance Presentation (Presentations TBA)
 (Schedule subject to change)

SUGGESTED CRAFT PIECE(S):
 Moccasins (pucker toe & t-style),
 Skirt, Shirt, Bandolier, Aprons,
 Vest, Side Drops, Accessories,ETC

Create an outfit OR Work on the outfit piece(s) of your choice at your own pace
 Experienced sewers & beadors on hand/Sewing machines & some material(s) provided
 Practice/Learn about dancing/Presentations TBA - Sing at OR Back up the DRUM
 Dinner Provided (Welcome to Bring Feast Bag & Dish to Pass)
 Some programming & support for children available
 ACCEPTING MATERIAL & OUTFIT DONATIONS

JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES GRANT

Submitted by **Olivia Adelaine**, Justice for Families Case Manager

The Tribal Court is currently implementing the Justice for Families grant, which was awarded through the Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women.

The goal of the Justice for Families grant is to enhance the safety of victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. This project will address high rates of domestic violence and sexual assault crimes by addressing victims' challenges in accessing needed services, including legal assistance, safe visitation and exchange, transportation, accessing services online and addressing the deficiency of offender accountability tools, including monitoring and culturally-based rehabilitation services.

The Justice for Families (JFF) grant is broken down into six categories to address those gaps in services:

- Supervised visitation and safe exchange by and between parents.
- Civil legal services for victims in the extended 27-county service area.
- Training for court-based and court-related personnel.
- Online accessibility to court forms and online storage of court data.
- Victim transportation to access support services and legal assistance.
- Offender accountability program enhancement and tools.

Justice for Families grant works on a two-tier service area. The first tier is the tri-county service area which includes Charlevoix, Che-



boygan and Emmet Counties in Michigan. The second tier is LTBB's 27-county service area. JFF provides the following services in this area: No cost- legal representation, transportation, safe exchange and visitation supervision and offender compliance. In the second tier, the only service provided is the no-cost legal representation.

Clients are often faced with court-ordered conditions such as supervised visitation and exchange. There are no entities within the tri-county area which provided this service for cases not active abuse/neglect cases. The JFF grant enables the Court to provide necessary resources to offer safe exchange and supervised visitation services in non-abuse/neglect cases, which reduces the risk of violence and enables compliance with court ordered visitation. In an effort to increase offender accountability, transportation will be provided to offenders under certain circumstances. The transportation and supervision services are limited to the tri-county service area (Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan Counties in Michigan).

The Justice for Families grant also has a program to provide no-cost legal counsel for qualified individuals who are survivors of domestic vi-

olence and/or sexual assault. In order to qualify for this service, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements established by the granting agency: Live in the 27-county service area, be a survivor of domestic violence and/or a parent of a minor who is a survivor of domestic violence and the other party is represented by counsel. The application is available online on the LTBB website under Judicial tab or in person at Tribal Court. Applications can then be turned into the case manager Olivia Adelaine at Tribal Court.

If you have any questions about the JFF program or would like to apply for services through the program, please contact Olivia Adelaine at Tribal Court by e-mail at oadelaine@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or by phone at 231-242-1464 or 231-445-0226. Miigwetch!

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Serve your Tribal Nation



tinyurl.com/ltbbcbc



Join a board, commission or corporation

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

Vacancies

- Citizenship Commission – 2 seats
- Environmental Appeals Board – 3 seats
- Gaming Authority – 1 seat
- Gaming Regulatory Commission – 1 seat
- HEMP Regulatory Commission – 2 seats
- Housing Commission – 2 seats
- Natural Resources Commission - 1 seat
- Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – 3 seats

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.

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

MY MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT ARE SACRED. PREVENT SEXUAL ASSAULT.



IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US – MEN, WOMEN, YOUTH, AND ELDER – TO STAND TOGETHER TO PREVENT SEXUAL ASSAULT: BELIEVE VICTIMS – SUPPORT HEALING – KNOW YOUR RESOURCES

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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 INVOLVEMENT 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@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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



Text CARING to 65664

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

Interested in working for LTBB?

Jobs are updated daily at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562
Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

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

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



NATIVE NEWS

NEW APP RELEASED FOR ANISHINAABE FISH EATERS

DO YOU EAT FISH?

Download the Gigiigoo'inaan "Our Fish" App

- Get personalized guidance for safe fish consumption
- Healthy recipes
- App tailored for Anishinaabe fish eaters

Paid Survey Opportunity for the first 140 qualified participants



Gigiigoo'inaan (Our Fish) "Our Fish" App Review Requested from Tribal Members

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC-MI), in collaboration with The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), is pleased to announce the release of the Gigiigoo'inaan Application—a user-friendly app available on iPhones, Androids, and the web. Developed in partnership with Anishinaabe community members from the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) 1836 Treaty fishing tribes, the app serves as a guide for making informed fish consumption choices within the Great Lakes and Bemidji Region.

Environmental factors in the waterways such as PBT or Mercury in waterways can impact human health. The Gigiigoo'inaan App addresses this concern by providing personalized recommendations for safe fish consumption, factoring in a user's age, weight, portion size, and the waterway where the fish came from. The app also features healthy and simple recipes for users to enjoy. The design and implementation of the app incorporated valuable insights from community members, ensuring its relevance and usefulness.

To better understand fish eating habits, health perceptions, and environmental risks among the Anishinaabe people, ITCMI and MCW invite members of Michigan CORA tribes to participate in a survey. By using the app and completing the accompanying online survey, participants contribute valuable feedback. The first 140 qualified participants from CORA tribes who enroll and complete the survey will receive a gift card for their time. The survey will be available from Thursday, January 18, 2024 – Friday, January 26, 2024, or until we reach the limit for respondents.

Fish are more than just a healthy food source for the Anishinaabe. Cherished fishing traditions are threatened by environmental risks. This work is significant because it addresses the need for effective fish consumption advice for the Anishinaabe whose tribal governments oversee treaty-related natural resource practices in Northern Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

This project aims to further our understanding fish consumption, Anishinaabe health beliefs, environmental concerns, and the usability of the Gigiigoo'inaan Our Fish App. This study will help guide future programs and educational resources in the community.

This initiative is part of a 5 year project which develops culturally tailored advice to promote the consumption of low-contaminated species of fish among Anishinaabe peoples and waterways.

The app was previously tested in Michigan tribal communities in 2019 and updated in 2023. It was observed that Anishinaabe fish consumers reported improved confidence, increased fish consumption and increased understanding of environmental health in response to the Gigiigoo'inaan "Our Fish" App.

Download the Gigiigoo'inaan "Our Fish" App

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U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan Mark Totten announced Jordan Lewis Cook, 26, of Hopkins, MI, was sentenced to four months in prison and two years of supervised release for theft from a tribal organization. He was also ordered to pay \$84,564 in restitution.

Between September 2021 and November 2022, Cook stole more than \$100,000 from the Gun Lake Casino, which is owned and operated by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe). During his theft scheme, Cook was employed at the Gun Lake Casino. Shortly after being hired, Cook began stealing cash from the cash-out kiosks located around the casino gaming floor. An internal casino audit and security surveillance video footage showed Cook pocketing large amounts of cash when he was supposed to be clearing

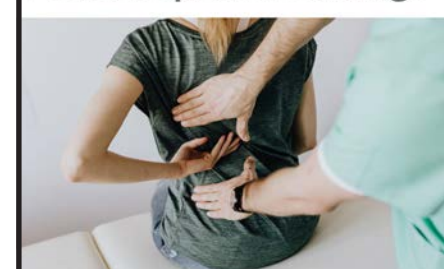
jammed cash-out machines. Cook's bank records also revealed a large influx of cash deposits around the same time the money was being stolen from the casino kiosk machines.

This case was investigated by the Gun Lake Tribal Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). The FBI and tribal police across the Western District of Michigan work closely together to prevent, investigate and refer for prosecution certain crimes which occur on tribal lands.

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On December 22, 2023, the four tribal nations filed notice they will appeal the MPSC's recent approval of a permit for Enbridge to build the Line 5 tunnel project beneath the Straits of Mackinac. Opening briefs will be submitted with MPSC in early 2024.

Enbridge's proposed tunnel project is opposed by multiple tribes, businesses and environmental groups. Line 5 is currently operating in violation of a shutdown order from the Governor of Michigan and in unlawful trespass on the reservation of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Wisconsin.



The Native American Rights Fund and Earthjustice represent the Bay Mills Indian Community.
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LTBB Elders Christmas Luncheon

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OATH OF OFFICE

On December 14, 2023, LTBB Tribal Citizen Frederick Holdorff took his oath of office for the LTBB Natural Resources Commission from LTBB Chief Judge JoAnne Cook. He is serving a four-year term, ending on September 21, 2027.

Photo courtesy of the LTBB Tribal Court.



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN TRIBAL COUNCIL



The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Council Elect were sworn into office on December 5, 2023 at the December Regular Session Council Meeting. The meeting was held in the entertainment hall inside the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Chief Judge Michelle Hom administered the oath of office to the Council Elect and then opened the floor for nominations for Tribal Chief. Tim Davis was voted in as the newly elected Chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for the 2023-2025 term.

Secret ballots were cast and the following Council Members were elected for the remain-

ing Executive Council positions: Sub-Chief Lucas Sprague, Secretary Jennifer Wassegijig and Treasurer Maia Spotted Tail.

Christina Otto was elected to serve as the Sergeant-At-Arms and Alice Jo Ricketts will remain as Tribal Chaplain.

Brad Bennett, Samantha Chippeway, Frank Cloutier (District III Representative), David Merrill, Jr., Ron Nelson (District II Representative) and Theresa Peters Jackson are the elected Tribal Council members serving alongside the Executive Council.

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Children's 2023 Winter Solstice

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MANOOMIN UPLIFTS RELATIONSHIP TO WATER

By Nichole Biber, LTBB Tribal Citizen

Editor's note: The following article and photographs appeared on the *Clean Water Action* website, and they are reprinted here with permission.



This November (2023), the most recent Michigan legislature, with large bipartisan majority support in both the House and Senate, approved a bill granting recognition of Manoomin as state native grain. This legislation was quickly signed into law by Governor (Gretchen) Whitmer.

Manoomin, referred to as wild rice in English, is a sacred food and traditional dietary staple to the Anishinaabe nations Indigenous to the Great Lakes. The loose translation is "the good berry." In our prophetic teachings, Manoomin is understood as "the food that grows on the water," and her former widespread presence is how we knew to care for these places as our homelands.

Western science, which in recent years has begun to recognize the validity and veracity of Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge across a wide range of environmental focal points, has come to regard Manoomin as an "indicator species." In essence, Manoomin requires healthy water, stable water levels, lack of invasive competitors, and a predictable temperature range. Further, this amazing grain feeds waterfowl and fishes, and is in relationship to a diversity of microorganisms and macroinvertebrates who compose the largely unseen web of life beneath the water and within the soil.

My role as Mid-Michigan Organizer with *Clean Water Action* focuses on shutting down Line 5, the 70-year-old Canadian oil pipeline that poses such a terrible risk to the Great Lakes and all the bodies of water it crosses throughout its 645-mile course. Though four miles that run underwater at the Straits of Mackinac are a particularly absurd and obvious threat, the entirety of the infrastructure endangers the interconnected waters, flora and fauna of the basin overall. The December 1st decision wherein two voting members of Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) approved the permit to construct the Line 5 tunnel brushed aside not only the clear will of sovereign tribal nations to remove Line 5 altogether, but also ran counter to over 23,000 public comments they received, and certainly was made without addressing the concerns of industry experts in engineering and geological surveying who questioned the feasibility and safety of the proposed tunnel.

These two recent developments - the recognition of Manoomin vs. the coddling of the fossil fuel behemoth Enbridge corporation - are emblematic of two starkly divergent approaches to human interactions with the natural world. Due to logging and agribusiness and chemicals and developments and dams and purposeful eradication based on ignorant labeling of this sacred plant as a weedy nuisance as well as to undermine and disrupt Indigenous lifeways, the formerly resplendent and vast Manoomin beds throughout the state of Michigan were nearly all destroyed. Due to the deeply entrenched influence monied special interests have on the

priorities informing the decision-making of governing authorities, we are collectively baked into the fossil fuel dependency that is threatening the entirety of the living earth. The same teachings that instructed the Anishinaabe people to live alongside Manoomin also make it very clear that a time would come when humanity will have to choose between a road of continued destruction or a path of restoration. It has become apparent that for our current generation, that time is now and compromise is an illusion. Water is the first medicine, and necessary to life and healing, and yet is continually squandered for the sake of the profiteers in poison. The ramifications touch every facet of our collective security, as the proverbial ripple in the pond, for good or for ill.

Governor Whitmer revoked the easement that allowed Enbridge to operate on the bottomlands of the Straits back in 2020, and Attorney General (Dana) Nessel continues as a steadfast protector of the Great Lakes. Though the oil continues to illegally flow, the Whitmer Administration's determination to remove the threat of the Line 5 dual pipelines offers great reassurance that science and sanity can prove ascendant among elected officials.

On December 5th, in ceremonial acknowledgement of signing the Manoomin law, the Governor took a commemorative photograph with tribal elder Roger LaBine, honoring his long relationship with Manoomin as a culture carrier and protector. The large community of people connected to the preservation and reintroduction of Manoomin esteem Roger as the foremost expert and guardian of the food that grows on the water. At a community potluck near Lansing (Michigan) that afternoon, he shared his story with some of these old friends and those of us who hadn't yet met him in person but nevertheless directly benefited from his living legacy. An enrolled member of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Roger recollected first attending a rice camp with his uncle in



1972, realizing from that time how Manoomin gave him an identity as an Anishinaabe. In the 80s, he realized that Manoomin's absence from all other communities needed to be remedied, so the Anishinaabe people could again experience this necessary spirit relationship. The severance precipitated by the abuse of the waters was compounded by assimilation policies like relocation and the boarding school system - so to restore Manoomin is akin to restoring meaning and purpose to the people. In the early 2000s, he first began to advocate for a state government policy that would prioritize the restoration of water and habitat required by Manoomin. Having achieved a measure of success stewarding the rice beds, he began to experience pushback against tribal restoration efforts by those who had normalized the mistreatment of water for the sake of convenience, or misinformed aesthetics, or perhaps just as a reaction against being regulated for the sake of culture and environment. He remarked that for him, the long journey to this point of Michigan state recognition comes with great emotion. There is now a chance for everything to align and assure great care be taken with education about Manoomin, so efforts to restore and

"Manoomin" continued on page 21.



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2024 Schedule

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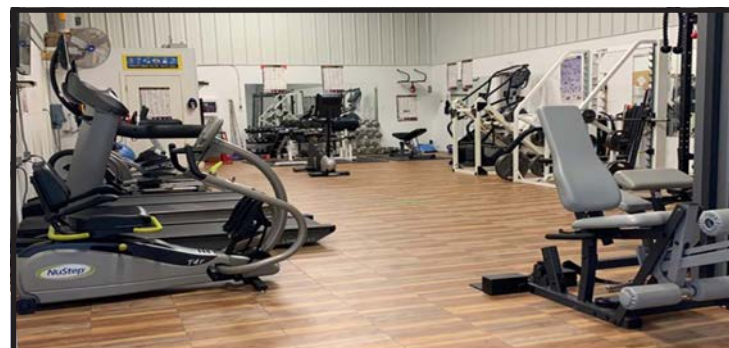
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Puzzle Answer Key. Puzzle on page 13.

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nbazgim	My sweetheart, boyfriend or girlfriend.
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gwijkiwenh	Your friend.
gmakwenmin	I'm thinking of you.
gmezinigo	We miss you.
nbishigenamaa	I like him or her.
nwijkiwenh	My friend.
pkwenigen	Check him or her out (admire).
ngichizaagaa	I really love her or him.
gzaagigoom	We love you both (all).

"Manoomin" continued from page 20.

preserve her occur in a respectful and sustainable way that aligns with 7th Generation teachings.

There is a sense of dissonance, between witnessing the MPSC's shameful Line 5 tunnel decision, and a few days later, celebrating this happy moment in a long saga of cultural loss and restoration. Within that context of emotional upheaval, I definitely took special notice of Roger's repeated musing: "I believe Manoomin must have been sent to me by Creator to teach me patience and perseverance." All of us who revere significant and sacred cultural touchstones like Manoomin become responsible for carrying that life and spirit forward, in gratitude and with determination. To despair, or fail to meet this responsibility, is to concede defeat. This would let down our ancestors, all who are yet to be born, and all

those now living, including the other-than-human relatives who depend on good water just like we do. These truths are mirrored by the strength of the Water Protector movement, and provide hope that shutting down Line 5 is going to be the inevitable result of perseverance, truth-telling, and devotion to all our relations for the next seven generations. Roger concluded by reminding us that the lighting of the 8th Fire is at hand. In that teaching, the Indigenous people and all other nations - including the progeny of the light-skinned races that previously made the ill choice to exploit and abuse - may yet decide to travel the path of life and recovery. The collective lighting of the 8th Fire will require prioritizing the water and the healing of the natural world. This is the importance and the power of our alliances.

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LILY GLADSTONE WINS HISTORIC GOLDEN GLOBE FOR BEST ACTRESS

By Felix Clary

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



Lily Gladstone – the female lead of Martin Scorsese's "Killers of the Flower Moon" – continued making history Sunday (January 9, 2024), becoming the first Native woman to win the Golden Globe award for best actress in a dramatic film.

In December 2023, Gladstone became the first Native woman nominated for the award for her role in "Killers of the Flower Moon." The awards were announced Sunday night (January 9, 2024) at the Golden Globe award ceremony held at the Beverly Hilton hotel in Los Angeles, CA.

In a recent *People's* article, Gladstone is quoted saying she prefers she/they pronouns. *ICT* will use she/they interchangeably to refer to Gladstone.

In her speech, Gladstone spoke some of her Blackfeet language and thanked those who helped her reach this moment.

"I'm so grateful that I can speak even a little bit of my language, which I'm not fluent enough up here. Because in this business, Native actors used to speak their lines in English and then the sound mixers would run them backwards to accomplish Native languages on camera," Gladstone said. "This is an historic win, it doesn't belong to just me. I'm holding it right now, I'm holding it with all of my beautiful sisters."

"And, this is for every little rez kid, every little urban kid, every little Native kid out there who has a dream, who is seeing themselves represented in our stories, told by ourselves, in our own words, with tremendous allies and tremendous trust," Gladstone added.

From the Blackfeet Reservation in northwestern Montana, Gladstone comes from Kainai (Blood), Amskapi Piikani (Blackfeet) and Niimiipuu (Nez Perce) tribal nations.

At the Globes, Gladstone wore a white strapless Valentino gown with a black opera coat and earrings from Blackfeet designer Lenise Omeaso of Antelope Women Designs, according to *InStyle*.

Starring next to Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert De Niro, Gladstone plays Mollie Bur-

khart, an Osage woman in 1920s Oklahoma who suffers a series of murders of her close Osage Nation friends and family members after oil is discovered on their lands.

"Killers of the Flower Moon" received seven nominations: Best Picture (Drama), Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor and Best Original Score. It only won in the Best Actress category, overshadowed by Christopher Nolan's "Oppenheimer," which won five awards for Best Picture (Drama), Best Director, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor and Best Original Score.

DiCaprio was nominated for best actor in a dramatic film for his role as Molly's villainous husband, Ernest Buckhart, in "Flower Moon." And, De Niro earned a nomination for best supporting actor.

In 2022, Gladstone appeared in "The Unknown Country," "Quantum Cowboys," "The Last Manhunt," "Fancy Dance," six episodes on the TV series "Billions," and two "Reservation Dogs" episodes.

The competitors in Gladstone's category at the 2023 Golden Globes were Annette Bening ("Nyad"), Sandra Hüller ("Anatomy of a Fall"), Greta Lee ("Past Lives"), Carey Mulligan ("Maestro") and Caillee Spaeny ("Priscilla").



"Killers of the Flower Moon" nominations

- Best Motion Picture Drama
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- Best Performance Male Actor in Motion Picture Drama | Leonardo DiCaprio
- Best Director Motion Picture | Martin Scorsese
- Best Original Score Motion Picture | Robbie Robertson
- Best Supporting Male Actor in any Motion Picture | Robert De Niro
- Best Screenplay Motion Picture | Eric Roth, Martin Scorsese

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SHILOH SLOMSKY JOINS 20FATHOMS AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & TRIBAL LIAISON

20Fathoms is pleased to announce Shiloh Slomsky has joined the organization as Chief Financial Officer & Tribal Liaison. As Chief Financial Officer, Shiloh provides management and strategic direction for the organization's financial and governance responsibilities. In this dual role, she will also serve as 20Fathoms' Tribal Liaison where she will lead the organization's partnership with local Native American communities to deliver startup programming and other support.

Over the course of Shiloh's career, she has worked to empower the next generation through roles in economic development and education. Shiloh specializes in working with Native American communities to advance innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives. On several occasions, she has been invited to serve as a guest speaker for the Administration for Native Americans in Washington, D.C.

"In my new role at 20Fathoms, I'm looking forward to working with the community and organizations to enrich the regional economic ecosystem through the empowerment and growth of sustainable Indigenous entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities," said Shiloh. "The honor of having experience working with Indigenous



communities worldwide has shown me that what benefits Indigenous communities benefits the overall, therefore, affirming the importance of intentional inclusiveness for the betterment of today and future generations."

Shiloh previously co-founded and served as Executive Director of Arrowhead Incubator, a business incubator program for Native Americans. She also previously served as Director of Sustainable Employment and Economic Development Strategies for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc., and as an adjunct professor at both Lake Superior State University and North Central Michigan College. She is active in the community and currently serves as a board member of the Tuscarora Township

Economic Development Citizens Task Force and member of Kiwanis. She is also Founder & Advisor of the Council of Youthful Native Voices. Shiloh has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Lake Superior State University and a master's degree in administration leadership from Central Michigan University.

"Shiloh is perfect for this hybrid role," said Eric Roberts, Executive Director of 20Fathoms. "Under her leadership, we look forward to collaborating on entrepreneurship programming with Native American communities and Indigenous peoples in Northwest Michigan. Her deep knowledge of finance and state and federal grants will also provide critical management and oversight of our grant programs."

About 20Fathoms

20Fathoms is the home of technology and entrepreneurship in Northern Michigan. Initiatives include startup incubation services, a coworking space and workforce development. By providing industry expertise, business support, educational programming and a vibrant community and workspace, 20Fathoms removes barriers and provides the resources to help businesses and careers grow. For more information, visit: <https://20fathoms.org/>

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TCNewTech BECOMES A 20FATHOMS PROGRAM, PROVIDING INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR STARTUP FOUNDERS



20Fathoms and TCNewTech are pleased to jointly announce the TCNewTech pitch competitions will become a program fully owned and operated by 20Fathoms in early 2024. The pitch competitions will return in the spring under 20Fathoms' leadership.

"TCNewTech is the soul of our region's startup community and the 20Fathoms team is honored to take over management of the program," said Eric Roberts, Executive Director of 20Fathoms. "I want to thank everyone who has helped to make these events a success over the years – including the current TCNewTech Board of Directors. These pitch competitions have been a vital launchpad for local startups and inspired a real tech and entrepreneurship culture in Traverse City (Michigan)."

Establishing a Startup Community in Traverse City, MI

Founded in 2015 as a way to connect local tech professionals, TCNewTech quickly became a critical component in the region's growing startup community with their popular monthly pitch competitions where startup founders would compete for a \$500 prize awarded by audience vote. Since its founding, more than 250 companies have pitched and \$40,000 in pitch prizes have been awarded. The pitch events have helped launch local startups, including Hybrid Robotics, First Ignite, Stocked and MeetingMaker.

"From its inception, TCNewTech has been

a beacon in Traverse City's tech landscape, fostering innovation and bridging the gap between ambitious technology founders and astute local tech investors," said Russell Schindler, Founder of TCNewTech. "The journey of TCNewTech has been a remarkable testament to the spirit of collaboration and entrepreneurial drive inherent in our community."

What's Next for TCNewTech

The TCNewTech program will be seamlessly integrated into 20Fathoms services for tech entrepreneurs. Pitch presenters can expect access to wrap-around startup services which support their business success, including pitch coaching, mentorship, business education, professional service providers and connections to funding sources and a valuable network. Investors, business mentors and local startup enthusiasts can expect high-quality pitch competitions with in-



vestable presenters, a fun and energetic atmosphere and new themed events.

"As the founder of TCNewTech, I am thrilled to witness this new chapter under the stewardship of 20Fathoms," said Russell. "Their exceptional expertise, coupled with their commitment to nurturing tech talent, assures me that TCNewTech will not only regain its former glory but also soar to new heights. I wholeheartedly support this move, confident in the knowledge that 20Fathoms will infuse TCNewTech with renewed energy and resources, enabling it to

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“TCNewTech” continued from page 22.

continue being a pivotal first step for companies embarking on their funding journey.”

“The TCNewTech Board of Directors is working closely with 20Fathoms to ensure a smooth transition in program ownership and management,” said Chuck Meek, President of the TCNewTech Board of Directors. “Our board is grateful to 20Fathoms for their vision in advancing entrepreneurship in our region and we ap-



preciate their collaboration. I’m confident in the future of TCNewTech under their leadership.”

How to Get Involved

• 20Fathoms will be hiring a full-time manager to produce the TCNewTech pitch competitions and other events. Interested candidates

can view the job description and apply via the 20Fathoms careers webpage.

• 20Fathoms is inviting the public to help shape the next chapter of TCNewTech by submitting their feedback and ideas about the pitch events.

• Those interested in serving as TCNewTech event volunteers are invited to complete the 20Fathoms Ways to Get Involved form and select “event volunteer.”

“20Fathoms is committed to investing both time and resources into making the TCNewTech pitch competitions a not-to-be-missed experience for founders, investors, and startup enthusiasts throughout Michigan,” said Eric. “I can’t wait until we can welcome founders back to the stage early next year. In the meantime, we’ll be working diligently on the return of this incredible program.”

About 20Fathoms

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Boozhookedaa 2024

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

On January 3, 2024 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, the Elders Department continued the tradition of boozhooking to welcome the new year and provided visitors with bagels, cream cheese and juice.

On January 4, 2024 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, the LTBB Executive Office continued the tradition of boozhooking to welcome the new year and hosted a breakfast.

On January 5, 2024 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, the LTBB Legislative Office continued the tradition of boozhooking to welcome the new year and provided visitors with popcorn.

On January 12, 2024 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, the Nigaandiwin Education Department continued the tradition of boozhooking to welcome the new year and provided visitors with a taco/nacho bar with other goodies.

The history of the tradition as told by tribal elders is as follows:

“On New Year’s Eve, young warriors went out into the community, carrying a gunny sack

and a gun or weapon and shot it off to let everyone one know they were there to protect the community. They stopped at different tribal homes to shake everyone’s hand and visit. In appreciation, the families gave them some food and what they couldn’t consume was saved for the Three Kings Supper. Back then, where they stopped to eat was where the Three Kings Supper was held. In this community, families continued this contemporary tradition by visiting each other’s homes January 1st through the 6th until the Three Kings Supper. The host usually gave the person visiting something, maybe a snack or something small, to take with them. Tribal communities often connect religious holidays to traditional culture in efforts to keep tradition alive. LTBB Elder Arlene Naganashe thinks this might have been a way to fight isolation and depression during the winter months and to keep that feeling of community. She also shared Nana Boozhoo went away but promised the people he would return one day. Nanaboozhoo can take on different forms of being and it was not known what form he would return in, so when people greeted each other they were actually saying “Ah Boozhoo?” asking, “Are you Nanaboozhoo?”

Photos by Communications Coordinator *Annette VanDeCar*.



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- Check your mail, text, or MI Bridges account for notifications.
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FOR HELP OR TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Visit the MI Bridges Webpage: michigan.gov/mibridges

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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
November 30, 2023
In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:09 a.m.
 Opening ceremony: Emily Proctor
 Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: Treasurer Leroy Shomin
 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, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik

Corporate Charters Present: Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Housing Department Maintenance Mitchell Gasco, Health Department PRC Front Desk Clerk Rebecca McGeorge, Health Department Patient Benefits Specialist Sarah Wilkinson, Health Department Community Health Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Willis, Safety Coordinator David Thom, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Regulatory Department Director Vince Cook, Education WOCTEP Student Advisor Courtney Lewis

Judicial Officials and Staff: None
 Public: Brian Anthony, Patrick Anthony, Marvin Mulholland, Wayne Ettawageshik, Ricky Compo, Melissa Shomin

Invited Guest: Odawa Casino Resort's General Manager Ron Olson and Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin; Lamar Advertising Joe Shopshar and Dave Vanhorn; Merrill Lynch London Group Lisa London and Nora Kolar

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt the agenda of November 30, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Meeting Dedication:

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen(s) who have walked on: Joseph Allen-ba, Alysha Bowman-ba, Veronica Buchanan-ba, Larry Cartwright-ba, Clarence Daybird-ba, Cecelia Harrington-ba, Marcella Long-ba, Ken'Nita Turner-ba, and Scott Williamson-ba.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of November 9, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve the minutes of November 9, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

9:14 a.m. Treasurer Leroy Shomin arrives

9:15 a.m. Introduction of new Tribal Government Employees

Mitchell Gasco – Maintenance – Housing
 Rebecca McGeorge – PRC Front Desk Clerk – Health
 Robert "Zhawaan" Smith – Cultural Resource Advisor – Tribal Court
 Sarah Wilkinson – Patient Benefits Specialist – Health
 Janet Rayl – Community Health Administrative Assistant – Health

Executive Oversight Report:
Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco

Need to change the pow wow bleachers resolution from FY 2023 to FY 2024 budget

Covid cases are on the rise in the area. Precautions being made by the Facilities Department such as using the Clorox Power Sprayer and putting out hand sanitizer stations.

Signs will be completed in the spring.
 Remodeling of some Executive offices will begin to make room for staff.

The SPRING Department will be moved under the Education Department as they both work closely together.

Attended the Government to Government meeting with the federal government.

-Discussion had on jurisdictional issues

-Consultation with the City of Petoskey and Medical Examiner's office

Would like to begin discussion with all Tribal attorneys regarding the tribe's gaming compact which will expire in 2028.

Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

Departments are working on year-end activities

The Employee Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 18, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Children's Solstice Party will be held on Friday, December 15, 2023 from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Odawa Casino Resort's Ovation Hall.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chair Regina Gasco for November 30, 2023.

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

Legislative Leader Report:

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes's verbal and written report for November 30, 2023.

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

Secretary Report:

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

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: None

Activities: Communication with Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee regarding land parcels, sent email to Tribal Council and staff regarding Cultivating Economies in the 21st Century, and communication with Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker regarding the Armory Report.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal report as provided on the agenda for November 30, 2023.

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

Treasurer Report - **Appropriations and Finance Committee:**

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: None
 Activities: Had discussion with Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker and a Zoom meeting with Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount regarding confidential business matters.

Motion made by Secretary Emily

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

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

March 5 Work Session
 March 7 Council Meeting
 March 19 Work Session
 March 21 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

Proctor and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for November 30, 2023.

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

Land and Reservation Committee Report:

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None

Activities: Working on a visioning session regarding Odawa Circle, and working on updating the land purchase policy.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chairperson for November 30, 2023.

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

Ad-Hoc Tribal Council Economic Development Advisory Committee Report:

Reconvening this week to finalize report to Tribal Council

10:07 a.m. Break

10:40 a.m. Meeting resumes

Tribal Council Member Reports:
 Councilor Fred Kiogima: No report
 Councilor Tamara Munson: No report

Councilor William Ortiz: No report

Councilor Aaron Otto:
 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Travel Report

Councilor Melissa Pamp:
 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Travel Report

11:15 a.m. Odawa Casino Resort and Lamar Advertising

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to authorize the Tribal Chairperson, on behalf of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, to sign the lease with Lamar Advertising for parcel 01-19-07-300-020, being the 2.58-acre trust property at the corner of Lears Rd and US 131.

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

Tribal Council Member Reports continued.

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet:
 Travel and Activity Report moved to the next regular scheduled meeting

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Aaron Otto and Councilor Melissa Pamp's verbal and written reports for November 30, 2023.

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

Legislative Office Reports:

Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst

Office Update
 Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority – October 2023 Status Report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – Vacasa Lease Addendum

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.

Tribal Burial Board, Inc.

Ziibimijwang, Inc.

Public Comment:

11:47 a.m. Opens

Courtney Lewis reminded everyone of the Children's Solstice Party which is in a couple of weeks and would like to see more Tribal Council attend this year opposed to only one in attendance last year.

Brian Anthony spoke on Odawa Economic Development Management Inc. board not submitting reports on funding and providing shares to the membership.

Patrick Anthony commented he does not understand why we are still dealing with Odawa Economic Development Management; the tribe only has eight bands so why do we have nine seats on Tribal Council? Did the on-line gambling funds go to the new owners of Victories Square? Please give membership their money and a motion on how we will repay \$38 million.

11:54 a.m. Closed

11:55 a.m. Lunch break

1:17 p.m. Meeting resumes

1:19 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business.

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

1:42 p.m. Councilor Tamara Munson returns to meeting

1:54 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to return to Open Session.

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

1:57 p.m. Treasurer Leroy Shomin exits

2:00 p.m. The London Group Senior Vice President, Wealth Management Advisor Lisa London, CPFA, and Senior Financial Advisor Nora Kolar, CPFA, CRPC

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for November 30, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort October 2023 Status Report dated November 24, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the lease addendum between Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and Vacasa Michigan, LLC and authorize Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Interim Director Michele Portman-LaCount to sign.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik's written report for November 30, 2023.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

2:54 p.m. Break

3:16 pm. Councilor William Ortiz returns

3:17 p.m. Meeting resumes

Public Comment

3:17 p.m. Opens

No comments made

3:17 p.m. Closed

Legislative Services Attorney

Office update

Closed Session for confidential legal business

3:28 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal Business.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

3:37 p.m. Treasurer Leroy Shomin returns

4:15 p.m. Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes exits meeting

4:26 p.m. Councilor Fred Kiogima exits meeting

4:34 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to return to Open Session.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker's verbal and written report for November 30, 2023.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

General Counsel

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for November 30, 2023.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Legislative Office Director

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for November 30, 2023.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve the Gaming Authority's Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve the Odawa "Minutes" continued on page 26.

"Minutes" continued from page 25.

Online GSP Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve the 2025 Budget Formulation Process Calendar.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated November 22, 2023 for a total of eighteen (18).

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 2 – Abstain (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz), 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated November 22, 2023 for a total of seven (7).

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Tribal Council Special Meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 10 a.m. to review Armory Securities, LLC Report.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Increase Safety Department FY 2024 Operating Budget in the amount of \$26,825 to come from the Indirect Budget and \$52,241.75 from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt Tribal Resolution Budget Modification for FY 2023 to transfer funds within the LTBB Regulatory Dept and \$30,000 to come from the Tribal Chairperson's General Fund Budget.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution Capital Expenditures Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$71,981.00 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance to support an additional set of Pow Wow Bleachers for FY 2024

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Repeal of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-011 Education Appeals Board.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima – Absent, Councilor Tamara Munson – Yes, Councilor William Ortiz – Yes, Councilor Aaron Otto –

Yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp – Yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – Yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin – Yes, Secretary Emily Proctor – Yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes – Absent Motion carries.

Other Items of Business: None

Adjournment:

5:03 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adjourn.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected/written.

Emily Proctor, Tribal Council Secretary Date

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Tribal Council Special Meeting Minutes December 7, 2023 In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: **10:11 a.m.**

Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: None

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Legislative Administrative Assistant Marin Taylor, Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Office of Finance and Revenue Administrative Assistant Shari Temple

Corporate Charters Present: None Executive Officials and Staff Present: None

Judicial Officials and Staff: None

Public: James Pontiac, Melissa Shomin, Brian Anthony, Wayne Etawageshik

Invited Guest: Nathan Holmes and Steve Moore of Armory Securities, LLC

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt the agenda for December 7, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Discussion: Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. Armory Report

Closed Session for Confidential Business

10:13 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

11:07 Break

11:18 Meeting resumes

12:50 Break

1:10 Meeting resumes

3:20 Break

3:29 Meeting resumes

5:29 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Confidential Armory Report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to authorize Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker

to notify Odawa Economic Development Management Inc. to stop work on the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit project pending Tribal Council approval of funding.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Adjournment

5:33 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to adjourn.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: **Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom**

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected/written.

Emily Proctor, Tribal Council Secretary Date

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes December 14, 2023 In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: **9:16 a.m.**

Opening ceremony: Secretary Emily Proctor

Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: Councilor Tamara Munson 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, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik

Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. President Tanya Gibbs, Vice President Alan Proctor, Treasurer Doug Craven, Secretary Belinda Bardwell;

Ziibimijwang, Inc. Executive Director Mary Donner, Chairperson Kevin Gasco.

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice Chair Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Education WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Department of Commerce Economic Recovery Coordinator Nathan Burns, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Gijigowi Language Department Assistant Theresa Keshick, Natural Resources Department Deb Smith-key Browne

Judicial Officials and Staff: None

Public: Brian Anthony, Nichole Biber, James Pontiac, Melissa Shomin, Patrick Anthony, Marvin Mulholland, Theresa Boda-Naganashe

Invited Guest: Steve Hayward, GNI Phase I, L.L.C.; Steve Moore of Armory Securities, LLC; 1822 Land and Development Company of Oneida (1822) Pete King and Bruce King; Marvin Bynum of Khanji, Godfrey & Kahn (LIHTC legal counsel) and Craig Moulton of Oakwood Construction

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt the agenda for December 14, 2023 as presented.

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

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Citizen(s) who have walked on: Ramona Gall-ba, Francis Holdorph-ba, Gerald Keller-ba, Thomas Sharkey Jr.-ba, Levi Walker Jr.-ba.

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

Motion made by Councilor Fred

Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 30, 2023 as presented.

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

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the Special Meeting minutes of December 7, 2023 as presented.

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

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Vice Chair Stella Kay

Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco is attending a Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) Meeting today.

Reminding staff and Tribal citizens the flu and Covid season is here. Two departments have had a Covid outbreak.

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

Indian Town housing update

The Health Department Navigator is on board and is ready to assist Elders.

Working on the Economic Development Recovery Grant

Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

A couple of tribal government offices have a Covid outbreak. The State of Michigan uses a three-color scale. Emmet county is in the yellow which is a medium level risk.

The employee Christmas luncheon is cancelled. A celebration is scheduled for January 19, 2024.

The SPRING Program transfer is going well. This department will be under and housed with the Education Department on Monday, December 18, 2023.

An Anishinaabemowin Professional Development will be held on Friday, December 15, 2023. Please contact the Language Department if you'd like to attend.

The Children's Winter Solstice is Friday, December 15, 2023 at Odawa Casino Resort's Ovation Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

A Trapping Workshop is scheduled for December 20-22, 2023. Please contact the Natural Resources Department at 1 (231) 242-1670 for more information.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Vice Chair Stella Kay on December 14, 2023.

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

Tribal Council Officer Reports: Legislative Leader Report

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes' verbal report for December 14, 2023.

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

Secretary Report

Vetoes: None

Phone Polls: None

Activities: Reaching out to property management companies for the ad-hoc committee.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for December 14, 2023.

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

Treasurer Report - Appropriations and Finance Committee

Phone Polls: One

12/13/2023 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Ziibimijwang, Inc. Request for FY2024 Contribution in the Amount of \$166,802.00 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

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

Motion carries.

Activities: Communication with Legislative Services Attorney Zach

Welcker regarding confidential business. Conversations with Lisa London of Merrill Lynch.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for December 14, 2023.

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

Land and Reservation Committee Report:

Phone Polls: None

Activities: Committee discussed Tribal Master Plan; Land parcel data base; How to split parcels, Building alliances; Next meeting date January 5, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chair for December 14, 2023.

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

9:59 a.m. Break

10:20 a.m. Meeting resumes

10:00 a.m. Steve Hayward Discussion

Closed Session for Confidential Business

10:21 a.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business.

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

11:33 a.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to return to Open Session.

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

Tribal Council Member Reports:

Councilor Fred Kiogima:

Attended the Cheboygan County Democratic Party platform.

Councilor Tamara Munson: Absent Councilor William Ortiz: No report Councilor Aaron Otto:

Economic development plan in the works

Census

Councilor Melissa Pamp:

Continue working on the Exclusion Statute

Attended the Elders Luncheon on Monday, December 18, 2023.

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet:

Pursuing ongoing research in Economic Development, with a focus on Tribal Business Structures and Management, as it relates to the ad-hoc Economic Development committee.

Have been in conversation with Natives Americans in Philanthropy regarding philanthropic funds and how LTBB can further tap into these funding streams to advance constitutional directives & immediate funding needs for Tribal Programming/ Services.

Attended the Traditional Burial Board work session on November 10th-board expressed concerns with some of the changes regarding the Burial Board charter. I need to follow up with the Burial Board-especially since I have been sick and unable to attend the last meeting over holiday break.

Attended the National Congress for the American Indian (NCAI) November 12-17th; please refer to travel narrative for additional details.

Met with the LSA to discuss financial and economic development structures that fall under the constitutional duties of Tribal Council.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp and Councilor Jordan Shananaquet's verbal and/or written reports for December 14, 2023.

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

Public Comment:

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11:52 a.m. Opens

James Pontiac thanked the tribe for sending out gift cards to the youth.

Nichole Keway Biber spoke regarding the Michigan Public Service Commission for Enbridge’s Line 5. Would like to see Tribal Council adopt a Tribal Resolution stating this tribe will not accept any funds donated to tribe from Enbridge.

Brian Anthony commented he has concerns regarding our tribal government. We are not a Democratic nor Republican. What are we doing to teach our citizens on how to run our government?

11:58 a.m. Closed

11:58 AM Break for Lunch

1:33 PM Return from Lunch

Legislative Office Reports:

Office of Finance and Revenue –

Senior Financial Analyst

a. Office Update

b. Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority: No report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation: No report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.: 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Closed Session for Confidential Business.

Tribal Burial Board: No report

Ziibimijwang, Inc.: No report

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Sr. Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for December 14, 2023

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer: No report

Legislative Services Attorney

1:55 p.m. Break

2:10 p.m. Meeting resumes

2:00 p.m. Odawa Economic Development Management Inc. Discussion

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Discussion

Confidential Business

2:13 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported

by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

3:58 p.m. Break

4:16 p.m. Meeting resumes

5:41 p.m. Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes leaves

5:58 p.m. Break

6:15p.m. Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes returned

6:18 p.m. Meeting resumes

6:55 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported

by Councilor William Ortiz to return to Open Session.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Public Comment:

6:58 p.m. Opens

No comments made

7:00 p.m. Closed

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker’s verbal report for December 14, 2023

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

General Counsel

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky’s written report for December 14, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-01 Request for Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Cybersecurity Grant Program (TCGP).

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Julie Janiskee to the Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board and set up an interview.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-02 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Circle of Flight FY 2024 Funding.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Legislative Office Director

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

receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount’s verbal and written report for December 14, 2023.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to **pursue** Land Parcel #204 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to **not pursue** Land Parcel #206 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to **pursue** Land Parcel #208 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-05 Request for Funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Conservation Law Enforcement Officers Funds FY 2024-FY 2028.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-06 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Endangered Species FY 2024 Funding.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-07 Request for Funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act FY 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-08 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the Office of Community Services Community Services Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program FY 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Tribal Council attendance at the 16th Annual Tribal Casino and Hotel Development Conference on March 19-March 20, 2024 in Tucson, AZ.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated December 11, 2023 for a total of twenty-five (25).

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated December 11, 2023 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-01 to Establish the FY 2024 1.5% Cost of Living (COLA) and One-Time 1.5% Relief Payment for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) Legislative Branch Employees.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima – Yes, Councilor Tamara Munson – Absent, Councilor William Ortiz – Yes, Councilor Aaron Otto – No, Councilor Melissa Pamp – Yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – Yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin – Yes, Secretary Emily Proctor – Yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes – Yes

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-02 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Circle of Flight FY 2024 Funding.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-03 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish Hatchery Maintenance Projects FY 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-04 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Youth Initiative FY 2024 Funding.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-05 Request for Funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Conservation Law Enforcement Officers Funds FY 2024-FY 2028.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-06 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Endangered Species FY 2024 Funding.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-07 Request for Funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act FY 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-08 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the Office of Community Services Community Services Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program FY 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Tribal Council attendance at the 16th Annual Tribal Casino and Hotel Development Conference on March 19-March 20, 2024 in Tucson, AZ.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated December 11, 2023 for a total of twenty-five (25).

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated December 11, 2023 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

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Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima – Yes, Councilor Tamara Munson – Absent, Councilor William Ortiz – Yes, Councilor Aaron Otto – No, Councilor Melissa Pamp – Yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – Yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin – Yes, Secretary Emily Proctor – Yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes – Yes

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-02 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Circle of Flight FY 2024 Funding.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-03 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish Hatchery Maintenance Projects FY 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-04 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Youth Initiative FY 2024 Funding.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 121423-05 Request for Funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Conservation Law Enforcement Officers Funds FY 2024-FY 2028.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

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Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

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Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

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Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Tribal Council attendance at the 16th Annual Tribal Casino and Hotel Development Conference on March 19-March 20, 2024 in Tucson, AZ.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated December 11, 2023 for a total of twenty-five (25).

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated December 11, 2023 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

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Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

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Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained

, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated December 11, 2023 for a total of twenty-five (25).</

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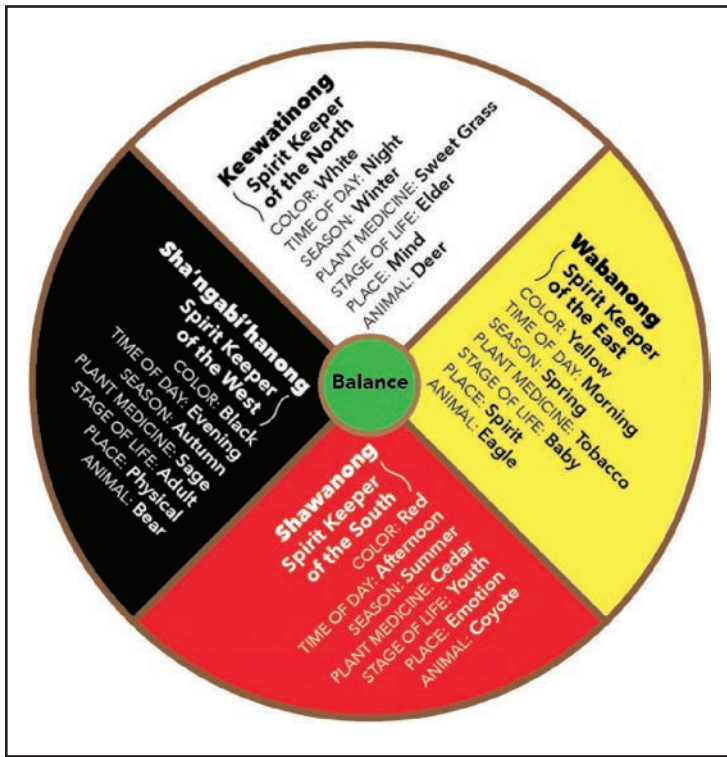
By Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach

Looking for a great way to kick off the new year? How about incorporating habits which will follow you all year? The mouth is the gateway to the body, and a healthy mouth can mean better overall health.

While the World Health Organization (WHO) applauds innovations in medicine such as vaccinations, therapies, drugs and surgical procedures, which have contributed greatly to our improved health, it also understands the responsibility for good health and well-being starts with the individual. Medical science is discovering more about what the body needs to function. Innovations in dentistry such as sealants, fluoride and implants enhance and improve oral health, but it's still up to you to implement and initiate this care.

Suggested Activities

- Laughter is the best medicine. Smile right now! The seven muscles used when smiling trigger happiness throughout your whole body. Endorphins are released, promoting a sense of well-being. Laughing also decreases stress hormones and increases blood flow by 20%. The power of human connection begins with a smile. The more humans connect with each other, the more we share tools and knowledge to keep ourselves healthy. A good oral health care program makes you more likely to smile.
- Get more exercise. Spending time outdoors in green spaces can boost mental health, self-esteem and reduce negative thoughts. As Anishinaabe, we are less than 10 miles from water in this beautiful state of Michigan. Finding and enjoying waterscapes can help reduce stress.
- Consume the right fuel.



Increase your whole foods and grains intake. Eat raw fruits and vegetables. Having all your natural teeth, strong and healthy, begins the digestive process with thorough chewing. If teeth are missing, the dentist can fabricate replacements, making eating healthy foods easier.

Squash, carrots, potatoes and cauliflower are all delicious additions to your menu. Extra fiber enhances your digestive system, so add legumes, whole grains, nuts and seeds to your daily menu. Whole foods also help you resist the temptation for less-healthy options.

- Reduce one unhealthy food from your diet. It may be sugar, alcohol, fast food, processed carbohydrates or soda. Whatever you choose, commit to eliminating it for one full week. Afterward, you might find it easier to continue one day at a time without that food.

Water keeps you healthy. The human body is nearly 60% water. Make sure you drink plenty of water every day.

- Sing! When you wake up, sing as you go through your morning routine. Try

this: "When you're happy and you know it, give a smile! When you're happy and you know it, give a smile! When you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it! When you're happy and you know it, give a smile!" From school fight songs to hymns to pop music or even opera – odds are you know the words to your favorite song. There will be several times throughout the day when you can fit in a song, whether singing softly or with gusto. Excellent oral health increases confidence to sing any song.

- Lead by example and inspire others to stay healthy by sharing your tips with friends and family. Model excellent dental care at home. Model excellent dental care by keeping all dental appointments.

Good dental health is very important. We can take better care of ourselves in 2024. Are you up to the challenge?

Sources
National Today
Medical News Today
Early To Rise
World Health Organization
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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN CYNTHIA CONNOLLY SELECTED FOR IDEASTREAM PUBLIC MEDIA'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD



Ideastream Public Media's Community Advisory Board (CAB) advises the Board of Trustees of Ideastream concerning programming which meets the specialized educational and cultural needs of the Northeast Ohio communities served.

The CAB Chair Pawan Handa, Vice Chair Lara Mancinelli and 24 CAB members serve as extra "eyes and ears" for Ideastream and act as ambassadors within their networks and the community at large, strengthening ties between Ideastream Public Media and the communities it serves.

Congratulations to all the new CAB members:



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tream's CAB and read the full list of members at www.ideastream.org

About Ideastream Public Media

Ideastream Public Media is the home of five public television stations (WVIZ, WVIZ OHIO, WVIZ WORLD, WVIZ CREATE and WVIZ KIDS); WKSU, Northeast Ohio's NPR news and information radio station; and WCLV, Northeast Ohio's classical music radio station. Ideastream Public Media produces the award-winning children's series "News-Depth" and manages The Ohio Channel and the Ohio Public Radio and Television Statehouse News Bureau on behalf of all Ohio's public broadcasting stations.

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ENCHANTING OWLS: YOUR GUIDE TO MICHIGAN'S WINTER BIRDS

By Michigan DNR



dusk and dawn in January and February to establish their nesting territories and find a mate.

If you manage to encounter one of Michigan's wise birds, please follow these best practices:

- Give owls space. View owls from a distance with binoculars or a scope.
- Don't lure owls with audio recordings. Hearing another owl's call can be stressful.
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- Submit your eBird observation to scientists, but keep them hidden from the general public.

Happy owling!
MI Birds is a public outreach and education program presented by Audubon Great Lakes and the Michigan DNR which works to build and bring together wildlife enthusiasts across the state to engage with and conserve Michigan's birds, wildlife and public lands.

Questions? Contact Erin Rowan Ford at 313-820-0809.

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and cultural features of local communities.

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NATIVE NATIONS YOUTH COUNCIL

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Family Activity Center - 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

**Saturday
February 24, 2024**

EVENT SCHEDULE
6:00 p.m. - Pipe Ceremony, Dinner, Round Dance
Midnight - Snack
2:00 a.m. - Ceremony Closing

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SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBAL MEMBER APPOINTED TO MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) has exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game and sportfish and is authorized to designate game species and authorize the establishment of the first open season for animals through the issuance of orders.

Robin Michigiizhigookwe Clark, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, was appointed to represent Democrats for a term commencing January 1, 2024, and expiring December 31, 2027. She succeeded Carol Rose, whose term expired De-



ember 31, 2023.

Clark is a Research Associate at Michigan Tech where she is currently working on a Northern white cedar regeneration project. She holds a Bachelor of Science with hon-

ors in environmental studies and applications and a Master of Science in community, agriculture, recreation and resource studies, both from Michigan State University. She received her Doctor of Philosophy in forest science from Michigan Tech and has published in a variety of natural resource-related journals. She has previously worked in a variety of science and research positions with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

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Dom Watson

Date: February 17, 2024
Place: Adikameg Hall (Lower Level @ BMCC)

Teachings begin at 4:00 pm with Round Dance to follow.

Food and drinks will be provided.

Vendor tables are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



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Save The Date
February 21-25 2024

Three Fires Midewiwin Lodge Midwinter Ceremonies

Strong Heart Civic Center

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49682**

MILESTONE REACHED IN CONTINUING ARCTIC GRAYLING REINTRODUCTION EFFORT

By Michigan DNR

In early November 2023, three Michigan lakes were stocked with Arctic Grayling.

These fish are surplus from the establishment of a grayling brood stock as part of the Michigan Arctic Grayling Initiative. The initiative has been underway since the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources began a partnership aimed at reintroducing this iconic species to Michigan waters in 2015.

The full partnership now includes nearly 50 stakeholder and partner groups along with the general and angling public.

Four hundred grayling were stocked at Alger County's West Johns Lake, 300 at Penegor Lake in Houghton County and nearly 1,300 in Manistee County's Pine Lake.

The fish were taken from the Marquette State Fish Hatchery in Marquette and represented year classes from 2019 and 2021.

"When starting a year-class of brood stock, you always start with more than you will need in the end to allow for potential losses to disease, mechanical issues, et cetera," said Ed Eisch, assistant chief of the DNR's Fisheries Division. "Such losses never materialized with the two year-classes that were stocked. The numbers needed to be thinned down to levels that are safe to carry into the future at the Marquette hatchery."

With the third year-class recently clearing their requisite health inspections, it is highly likely there will be additional surplus available for stocking again next fall.



At the October 2023 meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, fishing regulations were modified so it is now legal for an angler to attempt to catch, but not harvest, Arctic Grayling.

"We're excited to be able to provide this opportunity for Michigan's anglers to try to catch an Arctic Grayling this early in the reintroduction initiative," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Randy Claramunt. "Anglers need to be aware, though, that any grayling that they catch must be released. They cannot be harvested."

The lakes the grayling are stocked in are open to fishing from the last Saturday in April until October 31.

Arctic Grayling are known to be susceptible to handling stress when caught by recreational anglers. Anglers are encouraged to use single, barbless hooks and to allow the fish to remain in the water when taking them off the hook. Actions such as these will reduce the chances the released fish will die.

Now that the three lots of future brood stock have been developed, the Little River Band, the DNR and other partner groups are eyeing spring of 2025 as the likely timeline for the first eggs to go into remote site incubators.

While it would be great to start earlier, females of one year class need to be spawned with males from a different year class. This results in the most genetically fit fish possible by avoiding the potential for crossing siblings.

Work continues by several partner groups to collect stream data to determine which watershed will be selected to receive the first eggs in this initiative.

Visit migrayling.org to learn more about this exciting effort.

Courtesy photos.



The Arctic Grayling, called "Nmégos" by indigenous people, was an important connection to nature as it provided a substantial food source for the Anishinabek people's subsistence.

This connection has been lost for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians community and the Anishinabek people through the extirpation of the Arctic Grayling from Michigan. The arctic grayling reintroduction initiative, with the supporting partners, provides a way to reconnect the Anishinabek people with their culture and heritage.

"There is a strong Tribal interest in reclaiming what was lost. To recapture what has been lost takes more effort, but as a Tribe, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, is committed to this project because it is the right thing to do," said Larry Romanelli, Ogema of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Ziigwan Round Dance

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February

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<p>Please Note: Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Any changes will be posted on the LTBB Website.</p>				<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am</p>	<p>Child Welfare Commission Meeting 10 am</p>
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		<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Zaibimijwang, Inc Meeting 6 pm</p>	<p>Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am</p>		
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said to myself. I must witness it myself.

On my walk to the island, I saw people with gas masks, respirators, cars, medics, protests signs. It’s something I’ve never experienced so close. Hundreds of people aligning the river shore. Police with riot gear and water hoses atop the hill. The police warn us not to cross the river or go up the hill. I’m nervous because I see people being towed across the river in canoes and walking across a makeshift bridge. At least 100 of us were on the other side. Our side. Our sacred side where ancestors lie in peace for many years. To keep the water rescuers warm, firewood is being floated to the other side tied together with rope. A fire takes shape and warms the warriors on the other side.

I walk amongst the crowd and see people from all races and all religions come together in ad hoc prayer sessions and chanting of prayers like “You have guns, we have prayer.” Native drum sessions break out in harmony together. I’ve never seen anything like it before in my life. I get overwhelmed with emotions and my eyes swell with tears. I see elders guiding the young. Some elders don’t need to say anything. Their presence is felt. One of my proudest attributes being Native American is how we treat our elders. They are the wisdom that guides us. I saw one elder by a fire in the back of the protest line and I teared up once again.

Thankfully, nobody was hurt in this standoff. We stayed at the bottom of the hill and the police kept their line. Peaceful, as it should be. On my way back to camp, I took notice of all the license plates. I saw plates from every state and even Canada. Texas, Massachusetts, Wyoming, Colorado, California, Washington, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, Mississippi, Missouri, you name it, a car was there from every state.

In the afternoon, we cut firewood. Five people on chain saws and log splitters and five of us stackers. For being voluntary and unorganized, we worked together like a well-oiled machine. I think we stacked eight cords of wood. Even a boy about the age of eight helped. His name I forgot but his endurance I’ll never. We even gave him his turn at the axe. I put a red oak on the stump for him and coached him along. He nailed it, he split it. I did my assigned job and picked up his two pieces and told him good job. I told his grandmother how proud I was of him. She was a wood stacker herself.

Afterwards, I retreated back to the kitchen, and I was met with a surprise turkey dinner with all the fixings. It was a great day, a happy day, a spiritual day. A

day to reflect on friends and family and for the rights to clean water.

It’s early, about 6:30 a.m. It’s dark in the tent. I struggle to get up. I don’t want to get up because that means I must leave my Standing Rock home. I don’t want to leave. I want to stay and stand with my brothers and sisters in solidarity. I’m sad and the feeling of voided emptiness fills me. I lay in the warmth of my sleeping bag. My eyes scan the tent and there is an amber glow from the fire and my tent mates rest peacefully. After 30 minutes of fighting myself, I succumb to the realization my time here is over. I quietly pack my belongings, so as not to wake my friends. I exit the tent and quietly tell my family to be safe.

I’m greeted with yet another gorgeous day when I exit the tent. It’s cold and the cars, tents, teepees and equipment are iced with deep white frost. A cloudy fog covers different areas of the camp. I stand and take one last look of the camp. I see smoke billowing out of teepees, people walking to the sacred fire to pray, friends talking with one another. The air is crisp, and I feel its coldness brush against the insides of my nose as I breathe deep. I smell the aroma of freshly made coffee, so I stumble into the kitchen. The cooks are busy making breakfast. It’s amazing how the cooking came together. After one person left to go home, another took his spot. We worked together in unity and when help was needed, a volunteer was just an ear shot away. I’ve never experienced that before. I bid farewell to my kitchen friends. I shake each of their hands, thank them and wish them the best and say a quick prayer for safety.

I take one last walk to experience it one more time. It’s the same picture I’ve become accustomed to. I see love, faith, peace from all ages, races and religions come together for the greater good and to protect our children, environment and sacred lands. It’s been an honor to serve you all. As I drove out of camp, I stopped the truck and said, what if? What if I didn’t leave? I must have pondered that question for 10 minutes. But I must, my immediate family is here. I am a very lucky person to be able to come here. As I exit the camp, I roll down my window and tell my Native brother guarding the gate to be safe and thank him for all he does.

As I cross the bridge, I see the most amazing morning scene. There are still remnants of fog, and the sun peeks out from behind the clouds. The ground is white from the frost and smoke from campfires are everywhere. I have to stop, so I do. I walk and stand on the bridge and take one last look. I never ventured to this side of camp. I see what appears to be human

silhouettes standing still in the water. Could those be water protectors I wonder? I don’t know. I take one last look and go back to my truck. As I drive away, I stop my truck to take one last picture looking from my driver’s side mirror. While I may be leaving physically my friends, I will stand with you elsewhere. It’s time for me to leave. I have a two-day drive.

I have lots of time to reflect on my visit now. My eyes swell with such deep emotions. I came here to get the truth and to stand for the travesties against my people for many years. I came because of our warrior Sophia Wilanski who gave her arm for this cause. She was the warrior whose arm was destroyed by the enemy and all just because she was getting water to help the injured. I came here for Lee Sprague. He is our cold-water canoe rescuer. These two people are my heroes. I’m 51 years old and not once have I had a hero besides my father. I must have been saving my selection of heroes for those who really earn it. Lee and Sophia have. I may not have met you on this trip but you’re in my mind, in my prayers and thoughts.

This trip also changed me in a way I never expected. I was talking to one of my tent friends and she told me she found herself here. She said she was shy and wouldn’t talk to people and never hugged anyone. But she’s changed. She strikes up conversations with random folks, she’s more outgoing than ever before. She even hugs now. I feel the same way my friend for this trip has shown a side of me that’s been hidden. I’m more spiritual than ever. Thank you, Standing Rock, for giving me this great gift. And thank you tent friend for the hug (yes, I got a hug from her as well). I needed it as much as you did. I’m so happy you found yourself, as I am happy, I found a piece of me as well. Thank you, family and friends, for your love and support. I came here for you as well. Thank you to my employer, Urban Science, for allowing me to have the time off to come. You have my dedication forever. Thank you to everyone who donated money to me to buy supplies for camp. Our gift was well appreciated.

On my ride to Standing Rock, I kept listening to a song called Nothin’ At All by Heart. I love the lyrics as she speaks of someone who has changed her life. At the time, I didn’t know why I listened and sang to it so much on the way there. It just made me feel good. Reflecting back, I can relate to those lyrics for Standing Rock has forever changed me. I’m blessed to be able to come and I’m blessed even more to report back to those who could not attend. Thank you, Standing Rock, thank you!

Photos courtesy of Bill Portman.



"Migizi Aviary" continued from page 1. generations is a high priority for the LTBB.



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
MIGIZI REHABILITATION + AVIARY

Kiogima, Jr. ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation center has three phases: 1. Rehabilitation mews to rehabilitate injured eagles and other raptors, 2. Animal lab/clinic for intensive care, check in, food preparation and office space, and 3. Migizi Aviary flight pen to permanently house non-releasable eagles.

the facility is \$2.3 million. LTBB kicked off the funding campaign in March 2021 and to date, has raised \$1 million. The project was put out to bid. The first two phases came in at \$1.7 million and Phase 3 came in at \$600,000. The bid is valid through July 15. \$1.3 million is needed to complete all phases.

Courtesy logo and courtesy graphic.

Cost: The total cost of

Background

What: The Archie Kiogima, Jr. ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center will be the nation's first tribal eagle aviary east of the Mississippi River.

Need: The retirement of Rebecca Lessard and the closing of Wings of Wonder (WOW) means there is no longer a raptor facility providing services to Northern Michigan and the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Upwards of 20-30 eagles per year went through the WOW facility for rehabilitation.

How: The Archie

RESEARCHERS, COAST SALISH PEOPLE ANALYZE 160-YEAR-OLD INDIGENOUS DOG PELT IN THE SMITHSONIAN'S COLLECTION



Researchers from the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History led a new analysis which sheds light on the ancestry and genetics of woolly dogs, a now extinct breed of dog which was a fixture of indigenous Coast Salish communities in the Pacific Northwest for millennia. Anthropologist Logan Kistler and evolutionary molecular biologist Audrey Lin analyzed genetic clues preserved in the pelt of "Mutton," the only known woolly dog fleece in the world, to pinpoint the genes responsible for their highly sought-after woolly fur.

The study's findings, published December 14, 2023 in the journal *Science*, include interviews contributed by several Coast Salish co-authors, including Elders, Knowledge Keepers and Master Weavers, who provided crucial context about the role woolly dogs played in Coast Salish society.

"Coast Salish traditional perspective was the entire context for understanding the study's findings," said Kistler, the museum's curator of archaeobotany and archaeogenomics.

Coast Salish tribal nations in Washington state and British Columbia bred and cared for woolly dogs for thousands of years. Prized for their thick undercoats, the dogs were sheared like sheep and often kept in pens or on islands to carefully manage their breeding and to care for the canines' health and vitality. Coast Salish weavers used the dogs' wool to craft blankets and other woven items which served a variety of ceremonial and spiritual purposes. Woolly dogs themselves possessed spiritual significance and were often treated as beloved family members. As emblems for many Coast Salish communities, woolly dogs adorned woven baskets and other art forms.

By the mid-19th century, this once thriving dog wool-weaving tradition was in decline. In the late 1850s, naturalist and ethnographer George Gibbs cared for a woolly dog named Mutton. When Mutton died in 1859, Gibbs sent his pelt to the Smithsonian Institution where the fleece has resided ever since. However, few were aware of the pelt's existence until it was rediscovered in the early 2000s.

Lin first learned about Mutton when she was a Peter Buck postdoctoral fellow at the museum in 2021.

"When I saw Mutton in person for the first time, I was just overcome with excitement," said Lin, who is now a postdoctoral researcher at the American Museum of Natural History. "I had

heard from some other people that he was a bit scraggly, but I thought he was gorgeous."

She was surprised to find out virtually no work had been done on the genetics of woolly dogs, which disappeared around the turn of the 20th century. She teamed up with Kistler and they reached out to several Coast Salish communities to gauge their interest in working together on a potential research project on woolly dogs.

Many in the Coast Salish communities were eager to share their knowledge.

"We were very excited to participate in a study that embraces the most sophisticated Western science with the most established Traditional Knowledge," said Michael Pavel, an Elder from the Skokomish/Twana Coast Salish community in Washington, who remembers hearing about woolly dogs early in his childhood. "It was incredibly rewarding to contribute to this effort to embrace and celebrate our understanding of the woolly dog."

To complement the perspectives they received from Pavel and other Coast Salish people from British Columbia and Washington state (the text from their interviews is available in the study's supplementary materials), Lin, Kistler and their colleagues began analyzing Mutton's genetic code. They sequenced the woolly dog genome and compared it with the genomes of ancient and modern breeds of dogs to determine what set woolly dogs apart. They also identified certain chemical signatures called isotopes in Mutton's pelt to determine the dog's diet and teamed up with noted natural history illustrator Karen Carr to create a life-like reconstruction of what Mutton looked like in the 1850s. Carr's work is the first in-depth reconstruction of a Coast Salish woolly dog in nearly three decades.

Based on the genetic data, the team estimated woolly dogs diverged from other breeds up to 5,000 years ago — a date that lines up with archaeological remains from the region. They also discovered Mutton was genetically similar to pre-colonial dogs from Newfoundland and British Columbia. The researchers estimate nearly 85% of Mutton's ancestry can be linked to pre-colonial dogs. This ancient ancestry is surprising because Mutton lived decades after the introduction of European dog breeds. This makes it likely Coast Salish communities continued to maintain woolly dogs' unique genetic makeup until right before the dogs were wiped out.

In total, the team analyzed more than 11,000

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Martin Bayer Barbara Nolan

Martin Bayer is a member of the Ojibways of Aundeck Ojini-Kaning First Nation on Manitoulin Island and was raised on the M'Chigeeng First Nation. He is a Partner with Weaver, Simmons LLP in Sudbury, Ontario, and is the head of their Aboriginal Law Group. He practices aboriginal law with a focus on natural resource development, land claims and self-government matters.

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different genes in Mutton’s genome to determine what gave woolly dogs their fluffy fleece and wool fibers which could be spun together to create yarn. They identified 28 genes which have links to hair growth and follicle regeneration. These included a gene which causes a woolly hair phenotype in humans, and another linked to curly hair in other dogs. Similar genes were even activated in the genomes of woolly mammoths.

However, Mutton’s genetics could tell the researchers little about what caused the dogs to decline. Traditionally, scholars have speculated the arrival of machine-made blankets to the region in the early 19th century made woolly dogs expendable. But insights from Pavel and other traditional experts revealed it was improbable such a central part of Coast Salish society could be replaced.

Instead, woolly dogs were likely doomed by numerous factors impacting the Coast Salish tribal nations after European settlers arrived. Due to disease and colonial policies of cultural genocide, displacement and forced assimilation, it likely became increasingly difficult or forbidden for Coast Salish communities to maintain their woolly dogs.

“It was thousands of years of very careful maintenance lost within a couple of generations,” Lin said.

But despite their disappearance, the memory of woolly dogs is still embedded into Coast Salish society. And Pavel thinks their understanding of woolly dogs is only getting clearer thanks to the new research effort.

“All of our communities held a certain aspect of knowledge about the woolly dog,” Pavel said. “But when woven together, as a result of participating in this study, we now have a much

more complete understanding.”

The study included authors affiliated with Vancouver Island University, University of Utah, University of Victoria, The Evergreen State College, Skokomish Nation, Squamish Nation, Musqueam First Nation, Karen Carr Studio, Queen Mary University of London, Texas A&M University, Simon Fraser University, The Francis Crick Institute, University of East Anglia, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, University of Oxford, University of York, Centre for Paleogenetics in Sweden, Stockholm University, Swedish Museum of Natural History, University of Copenhagen, the National Institutes of Health in the United States, Memorial University of Newfoundland, University of California at Davis, University of Copenhagen and Cardiff University.

This research was supported by the Smithsonian, European Molecular Biology Organization, the Vallee Foundation, the European Research Council, the Wellcome Trust, the Francis Crick Institute, Cancer Research UK, the Medical Research Council and Canada’s Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

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Courtesy photo.

WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT CHECKS WILL BE SENT TO MICHIGAN FAMILIES IN FEBRUARY 2024

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced Michigan families will receive working families tax credit checks ahead of schedule, beginning February 13, 2024. The administration is taking steps to send Working Families Tax Credit checks to more than 700,000 Michigan households, putting an average of \$550 back into Michiganders’ pockets. The new checks are part of \$1 billion in tax cuts the governor signed into law earlier this year.

What is the Working Families Tax Credit?

Beginning February 13, 2024, the Whitmer administration will mail checks to Michigan families who qualified for the Working Families Tax Credit as part of their 2022 tax return. The checks will be the difference between the 6% tax credit Michiganders received on their tax return and the 30% owed under the new law. Based on data from last year’s returns, Michiganders should expect to receive an additional \$550 on average.

In March 2023, Governor Whitmer signed legislation quintupling the Michigan Working Families Tax Credit match of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit to 30%, up from 6%. This expansion will deliver an average combined tax refund of \$3,150 to 700,000 families, directly impacting nearly one million kids – almost half the kids in Michigan.

Why are Michiganders Receiving Additional Checks?

While the legislation was intended to provide Michiganders with the tax credit earlier this year, Republican lawmakers blocked a procedural vote, delaying the tax credit for a full year. As a result, the Whitmer administration retained the funding to begin distributing when the law fully takes effect on February 13, 2024, meaning Michiganders will get the money owed to them.

Additionally, eligible Michiganders should still apply for the expanded tax credit if they meet the criteria this year. It is possible for Mich-

iganders to receive both the additional Working Families Tax Credit check from their 2022 tax return and also receive the full 30% tax credit on their 2023 tax filing when they file next year.

How do Michiganders Receive Their Check?

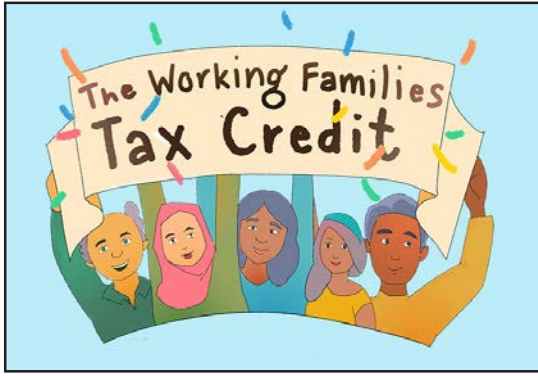
The Department of Treasury will automatically process checks for Michiganders who submitted their 2022 tax return and confirmed eligibility for the additional state credit. Checks will be mailed on a rolling basis as soon as they are printed. It is estimated to take between five to six weeks to print and distribute all payments.

Eligible Michiganders do not need to submit any additional paperwork to receive the tax credit. However, if an individual has moved frequently or recently and has concerns about their address accuracy, Michiganders can manually update it.

Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit

The Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit for Working Families (Michigan EITC) is a tax benefit for working individuals with income below a certain level. The Michigan EITC provides a tax credit up to \$2,080 for tax year 2022 and \$2,229 for tax year 2023. The eligible credit amount depends on several factors – including your income, filing status, number of “qualifying children” and disability status.

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The project director for this study is:
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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>

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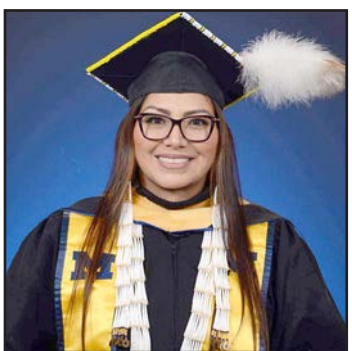


Birthday



Happy 52nd birthday to **Kathy VanDeCar** on February 24. Miigwetch for always being there for and helping your family and for the yummy Christmas cookies every year. Enjoy your morning walks and enjoy a food coma on your special day. Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Heather (Schuyler) Syrette**, who earned her Masters of Social Work from the University of Michigan in December 2023, while balancing school, family, friends, two jobs and attending pow wows and ceremonies. We are very proud of your hard work and dedication. Love, your family up north and in Wisconsin.



Congratulations to **Neely Bardwell**. She graduated a semester early and with honors from James Madison College, Michigan State University.

Walking On...



Francis Ellen Holdorph, 81

Francis Ellen Holdorph, 81, of Harbor Springs, MI, passed away on December 6, 2023 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. Born on June 20, 1942 in Readmond Township, Emmet County, MI, she was the daughter of Lawrence and Gladis (Davis) Andrews. She was a 1959 graduate of Harbor Springs High School. After Fran and her husband, John, raised their four children in Petoskey and Harbor Springs, MI, she moved to Washington state. Fran worked as a volunteer for an EMS/Fire Department while going to school to become an LPN. She worked at Washington State Hospital for several years before retiring in 2007. After retiring, Fran enjoyed traveling in her RV for a couple of years before moving back to Harbor Springs. She was also very artistic and enjoyed painting. Fran was a 35-year member of Fraternal Order of Eagles in Auburn, WA, and a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She enjoyed being active with the LTBB Indian Elders Association. Fran is survived by her children, Angela (Forrest) Friend, of Petoskey, MI; Frederick Holdorph of Harbor Springs, MI; and Glenn Holdorph of Good Hart, MI; a brother, Richard (Lisa) Andrews of Petoskey, MI; and sisters, Virginia Lewis of Pellston, MI, and Lorrelie McGlynn of Desert Hot Springs, CA. She was preceded in death by a son, Bretton L. Holdorph; and brothers, Lawrence and Thomas Andrews.



Janet Louise (Shenoskey) Keshick, 84

On December 17, 2023, at the age of 84, Janet Louise (Shenoskey) Keshick, known as Thunder Lightning Wom-

an "Nimkii Waasmosmokwe," peacefully walked on at the Villa at the Bay Assisted Living in Petoskey, MI. Born on September 10, 1939 to Steve and Eva (Keway) Shenoskey in Burt Township, MI, she spent most of her life in Grand Rapids, MI, before moving to Northern Michigan in 2013. Janet found joy in playing BINGO, tackling crossword puzzles and cherishing moments with friends and family. An independent spirit, she zipped through town on her motorized wheelchair/scooter, leaving an indelible mark with her spunk, humor and a loving spirit which endeared her to all. The color pink and her signature phrase "oh my goodness" will forever echo her presence in the hearts of those who knew her best. As a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Janet is survived by her brother, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her children, Elmer and Carolyn; siblings Rose, Marion, Sam, Ed and Richard; as well as great-grandchild, Olivia; niece, Louise; and significant other, Mark Marszal. In her memory, a ceremonial fire was lit, and a celebration of life is planned at a later date at the LTBB Government Center in Harbor Springs, MI. The compassionate care of Stone Funeral Home, Petoskey, MI, oversees the arrangements for this remarkable woman who will be deeply missed.



Raymond Francis Cody, Jr., 62

Raymond Francis Cody, Jr., 62, of Muskegon, MI, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2024, surrounded by those he loved most. Raymond was born March 11, 1961 to Raymond and Mary Cody. Raymond loved to cook and feed those around him and made a career of it, working as Sous Chef at Chesapeake where he met the love of his life, Connie Roomsburg. He came into not only Connie's life, but stepped quickly into the role of a proud father to her sons, Joshuwa and Jeremy. Ray and Connie were married on July 18, 1997 and were blessed with 26 years of marriage. They welcomed their son, Dylan, soon after. Ray was a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Native American

Church and the Federal Culinary Association. Ray loved almost nothing more than cooking for his family and friends, hosting cookouts, ice carving, refinishing furniture, was incredibly creative and added a beautiful Native flair to as many of his creations as he could. Ray especially loved spending time with his grandkids who lovingly knew him as "Papa." Raymond was always messing around and joking with anyone he could. He was an incredibly caring man who will be deeply and profoundly missed by all who knew and loved him, and you would have a hard time finding a single person who didn't love him. Raymond is survived by his wife, Connie; sons, Dylan Cody, Joshuwa (Kaitlyn) Roomsburg, and Jeremy (Destiny) Roomsburg; brother, Michael (Barbara) Anthony; sisters, Mary (Stacey Gibson) Cody-Gibson, Patricia (Patrick) Maple and Joyce (Ronald) Robertson; grandchildren, Bentley, Tatum, Jaxon Ray, Shiloh, Lily, Jude and Kree Roomsburg; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and his dog, Tuco. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Edward Brown; sisters, Mona Cody, Sara Thomas and Evelyn Cody.



Marcelino K. Bernard, Sr., 95

Marcelino K. Bernard, Sr., 95, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family on January 9, 2024. He was born in South Branch, MI, on November 12, 1928 to Moses and Christine (Washigizhik) Bernard. On July 17, 1954, he married the former Patsy Martin in Angola, IN. Marcelino was a veteran of the United States Army and served during the Korean War. He was employed as a manufacturing engineer by Lift-Tech/Dresser Industries for 30 years, and he never missed a day of work. Marcelino enjoyed tinkering in his pole barn, bowling and shooting pool. He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Patsy; five children, Marcelino Bernard, Jr., Howard (Lydia) Bernard, Gregory (Sherri) Bernard, Jeffrey Bernard and Julie Bernard; (adopted) daughter, Lisa Paseka; his first granddaughter, Samantha (Robert) Dyga; his favorite daughters-in-law, Margaret Bernard and Wanda Bernard; another 12 grandchildren;

28 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Cecila Bernard; brothers, Benny (Charlene) Bernard and Frank (LouAnn) Bernard; many nieces and nephews; his best bowling friends, Ron and Darlene Cunningham; and his dog, Lulu. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Moses Bernard, Jr. A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date.



Dorothy May Boda, 75

Dorothy May Boda, 75, of Burt Lake, MI, walked on December 30, 2023 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. Dorothy was born on May 22, 1948 in Petoskey, MI, to the late George and Josephine (Petoskey) Naganashe. She grew up in Brutus, MI, and attended school at Pellston High School. April 26, 1973 marks the date Dorothy married the love of her life, Donald Boda, with their union taking place in Grand Rapids, MI. Dorothy was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands' Enrollment Commission and was a Team 99er at Victories Casino where she took pride in opening the casino and worked diligently, providing for her tribe. She would drop everything to help the family, no matter the time and place. Anytime, the family needed it, she was there with her jugs of water, so she could cook food her way for everyone. She was always the first to set up a gathering and the last to leave after the cleanup and was the driving force behind her family's Ghost Supper. Dorothy enjoyed crafting and beading work, cooking, singing and hand drumming. She enjoyed playing a lucky hand at the casino and spending time with her family and favorite little person, her granddaughter, Keilee. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Donald; children, Doug (Tamara) of Indian River, MI, and Jeff (Patti) of Alanson, MI; grandchildren, Keilee, Kadence, Deanna and Abbi, all of Indian River, MI; great-grandson, Jakson; siblings, Tom (Diane) Naganashe of Harbor Springs, MI, James (Arlene) Naganashe of Petoskey, MI, and Nancy Shanaquet of Brutus, MI.



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