Importance of Cancer Screening FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE



In healthcare, awareness and preventive measures play a pivotal role in safeguarding the well-being of your community. One area which requires attention and emphasis is cancer screening, especially for Native American

Native American communities suffer from distinct health disparities, including higher rates of certain cancers, which means cancer prevention and early detection is crucial for survival.

The primary objective is to highlight the amazing work of the Little Traverse Bay Bands Health Center staff and the community members who are showing up for their cancer screening appointments.

Why Cancer Screening is Important

Colon cancer is preventable with early and regular screenings, using home tests (such as Cologuard and screening colonoscopies). Cervical cancer is preventable with early screening (aka the Pap Test) and the HPV vaccine which protects against many cervical cancers. Self-exams and mammograms can detect Breast Cancer at very early stages when treatment supports a 99% survival rate. Annual Lung Cancer screening is recommended for those who have smoked one-two packs of cigarettes a day over the past 10-20 years. Lung cancer screening helps detect and treat lung cancer before there are any symptoms.

How Cancer Screening Rates Have Improved in Your Community

Over the past two years, cancer screening rates for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians have increased by more than 50%. In 2021 on average, only 41% of health center patients were up to date on their cancer screenings. In 2023, 70% are up to date on their colon cancer screening, 73 % are up to date on their breast cancer screening and 59% are up to date on their cervical cancer screening. This is a significant rise in the frequency and number of people who are completing their cancer screenings. To assist in this effort, the health center staff are sending you letters and texts to remind you of your screenings, there is a cancer screening navigator to help you schedule your appointments and a transport team is

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LTBB Tribal Citizen Bernadece Boda Honored at U.S. Department of Commerce's 75th Annual Honor Awards Program

On February 6, 2024, U.S. Commerce Deputy Secretary Don Graves joined Deputy Assistant Secretary for Industry and Security Jeremy Pelter in announcing individual, group and organizational Gold and Silver Medal Awards to employees at the Department's 75th Honor Awards.

The Gold and Silver Honor Awards are the highest level of recognition the Department of Commerce presents to employees for distinguished performance.

In a message to employees, Commerce Secretary Raimondo thanked gold and silver honorees for the service, humility and dignity they bring to their jobs every day as well as their dedication in going above and beyond to deliver on the Commerce Department's mission.

"The public servants who are receiving awards this year have used their talent, expertise and extraordinary work ethic to make progress on a broad range of issues that are core to America's success," said Secretary Raimondo. "Because of their dedication, these exceptional employees have enabled the Commerce Department to fuel innovation, protect our country and ensure that every community in America has the opportunity to grow and flourish."

During his remarks at the ceremony, Deputy Secretary Graves echoed this sentiment and applauded Commerce employees as the best in federal government who consistently apply their talents and expertise across a broad range of programs, including connecting every American to the high-speed Internet, training a 21st century workforce, strengthening U.S. trade partnerships or ensuring our country's cli-



"I like to refer to the Department of Commerce as 'America's Hall Closet,' because no matter what you need, you can always find it in your hall closet," said Deputy Secretary Graves. "Across our 13 bureaus, our 47,000 talented, devoted employees are engaged in important efforts all aimed at serving the American people. Those honored here today set a standard for each of us to strive toward."

At the conclusion of the ceremony held in Washington, D.C., Deputy Secretary Graves announced the recipient of the Ron Brown Excellence in Innovation Award. This award honors the extraordinary leadership, legacy and memory of the former Secretary of Commerce and is given to a person or team who exhibits extraordinary resourcefulness, develops nov-

"Boda" continued on page 33.

LTBB BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDES CHAR-EM ISD WITH INDIGENOUS COMFORT KITS FOR LOCAL NATIVE STUDENTS

When the Charlevoix Coun-Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) conducted a survey of more than 800 local students in grades 7-12 about their biggest concerns, the results showed a desire to increase acceptance and belonging and to reduce school-related stress.

In an effort to help support vulnerable student populations throughout Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District - in particular indigenous youth and English Language Learners (ELL) - the YAC awarded \$6,250 to the ISD to fund "Indigenous and ELL Comfort Kits."

"These kits will include cultural materials supplied by a generous gift from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Behavioral Health Department," said Alicia Schlehuber, Char-Em ISD Behavioral Health Coordina-



tor, who applied for the grant on the ISD's behalf. "We will collaborate with a cultural advisor in the use of and implementation of the

The cultural materials will be supplemented with totes, Native-themed coloring books, color pencils, yoga cards, stuffed animals and books - all of which provide culturally significant and related tools and resources to help connect students to their culture, Schlehuber added.

Deleta Smith, Cultural Coordinator for the LTBB Health Department, explained the kits will contain some medicines used in traditional Anishnaabek practices, including sweet grass, cedar and sage for particular purposes.

"Wiingushk, sweet grass, is life in its purest form. Wiingushk is representative of the hair of our Mother Earth. When braided, it symbolizes strength bringing together the mind, body, and spirit. Just like our own mother, it brings gentleness, love, and kindness," Smith said. "Cedar is used to cleanse and purify oneself both internally and physically. Sage is

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 2-19-2024 = 4,563

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242-1462

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242-1593

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ElectionBoard@ltbbelectionboard.org

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement

Debendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aawiyiing. Geyaabi gdaa'aanaa miinwaa gdanwewmi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'iing debendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwaa wiimnaadendiziyiing. Gdabendaanaa debendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadiziwin miinwaa mnidoowaadiziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinoomaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendamowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'iing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'iing, enitaanokiijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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.



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 April 2024 issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 26, 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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6 Months = \$76.80 save \$19.20!

12 Months = \$144 save \$48!

Departments & Programs



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT Easter Coloring Contest Rules

Crayons * Markers * Paint * Stickers * Colored Pencils * Glitter * You choose! DEPARTMENT, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor

Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the

- Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.
- Limit one submission per child.
- All entries must be the original size.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- Entries can be submitted by snail mail, ATTENTION COMMUNICATIONS

LTBB Governmental Center, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. No exceptions!

· All mailed entries must be

postmarked by April 12, 2024. No exceptions! Submissions judged Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age Each winner will receive a prize!



Name:	Age:
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Parent or Guardian must fill out information.

rnone.

ARE THERE ANY SUPPORT GROUPS IN MY AREA? I'M LOOKING FOR Affordable Healthcare I NEED HELP WITH NEED HELP WITH MY GROCERIES.. SECURITY DEPOSIT United Way 2.1.1 AVAILABLE 24/7

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With help comes hope

Help is available for you or someone you care about, 24/7

PLEASE NOTE:

programming that may be of interest to you.

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

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

From The Executive Office



Aanii,

It is that time of the new year, our office is hard at work on budgets during February and March. We are wrapping up our Fiscal Year 2025 budgets after meeting with each department on what they need to be successful in serving our community.

It is also conference and consultation season around tribal government. Our office has traveled quite a bit this past month on behalf of LTBB. Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes was held in Washington, D.C. while the United Tribes of Michigan and Tribal-State Winter Forum was located in Lansing, MI. We also had a representative, Doug Craven, at the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C. who did great work in meeting with and securing funds for some of our programs. We will travel to make our voices heard at the Line 5 hearing in Ohio this month as well. 2024 is proving to be a big year with many opportunities to get involved.

During our offices moves previously mentioned in January's issue, some space has freed up for our Youth Services Department to have a suite at the government center in Harbor Springs, MI! While this is not our permanent home for the Youth Services Department, they are glad to have a dedicated space to work and provide youth services. Stop by and check out all the new department suites, any of our knowledgeable staff can show you around.

We are still looking to fill vacancies on our executive commissions. Please check out the LTBB website to find out more, you may really enjoy participating!

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

Please note that <u>ALL</u> 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

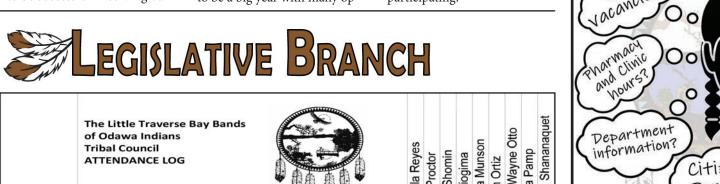
November 29, 2024 - Day After Thanksgiving

December 24, 2024 - Christmas Eve

December 25, 2024 - Christmas Day

December 31, 2024 - New Year's Eve

January 1, 2025 - New Year's Day



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DATE										
1/5/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting	X	X		Х			Х		
1/9/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
1/11/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х	×
1/16/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X		X	X		X			
1/19/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting		X		X			Х		
1/23/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х	
1/25/24	Tribal Council Meeting	×	X	X	X	×	X	X	X	
	*Additional recording of attendance may be reported on									



March 15, 2024

future report logs.

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 2025 Annual Budget posted to Tribal Website (April 26, 2024)

May 11, 2024

Annual Community Meeting

INDIGENOUS MEDIA JULY 25-27, 2024 OKLAHOMA CITY CONFERENCE



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

Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

Gain valuable work experience?

Work in the tribal community?

Make a little extra money?

Gain experience in several fields?

Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!

Temporary assignments can last one day or as long as a month or more. Contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Resources Department today!

Call: 231-242-1563

March Elders Birthdays

March 1

Melvin Kiogima Richard Masse Yvonne Fronczak

March 2

Kenneth Schemke Pricilla Dickerson

March 3

Leonard Dashner-Gasco James Fisher Paul Booth Mary Cody-Gibson Tammi Lee

March 4

Deanne Samuels Darla Roush Camilla Jensen

March 5

Karen Randolph Rayna Shawa Dennis Hardwick Paul Shell

March 6

Steven Thompson Raymond Suhr **Robert Taylor**

March 7

David Minor Jeffrey Gasco Kevin Wall

March 8

Timothy Todd Shane Hart Duane Boda **Beverly Wemigwase**

March 9

Donna Lord **Kevin Cutler**

March 10

Thomas Minor Sara Curto **Elroy Davenport** Marcia Bane

March 11

Marie Miskell Richard Crossett Patsy McGowan Douglas Wright, Jr. Kimberly Johnson Peggy Holappa Shirley Coyle Lucy Keshick

March 12

Daniele Montez Regina Kiogima Henry Rowland Virgina Lewis

March 13

Carl Vincent, Jr. **Robert Ortner** Deborah Blake Marsha Griffin Alice Hughes Marie Miller

March 14

Beverly Cabral Mary Zeppa Gail Neeb Gina Gregory

March 15

Lucy Daniels James Lasley Arlene Naganashe Cherie Dominic

March 16

Jeffrey Hardwick Carla Hilvard Rebecca Healy Roger Emery Louise Beauchamp Dawn Thorpe

March 17

Jewell Chingman Fred Kiogima Charles Brooks **Gary Otto Sharon Miller** Ronald Bekampis Joe Montez, Jr. William McNamara

March 18

Philip Morey, Jr. Laurie Moore Gary Miller, Jr. Lewis Adams, Jr. **David Shonibin** George Leo, Jr. Kevin Keller George Shomin Sharon Casey-Hook

March 19

Katherine Fletcher Raymond Bottoms Linda Kilborn James Skippergosh, Sr. Theresa Fischer Judith Shell Marc Pamp

March 20

Andrea Matteson

Lisa Keller Debra Tatrow Roseanna Alexander Patrick Sloniker Sheran Patton Bennie Lacroix **Donald McMillan** Laura Damon Glenda Turner

March 21

Carolyn Medawis Frank Emery Laura Kieliszewski John Willis III Nichelle Bunkley Mark Shenoskey

March 22

Madeline Hawkins Judith Kosequat

March 23

Douglas Sprague

March 24

Sharon Sanders Michelle Shananaquet

March 25

Marion Genia Theresa Stieve

March 26

Harry Fenner Donald Seymour, Jr. Linda Massey Joseph Stead

March 27

Robbie Schlappi William LaCroix

March 28

Wendy Morris

March 29

Stanley Crisp Gary Kenoshmeg Robert Baldon Diane Alsop **David Anthony**

March 30

Rachel Neville Jo Ann Seay **Pauline Bowers** Rodger DeBoer

March 31

Bonita Crowe William Devernay, Jr.

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN ANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

MEET THE GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT STAFF



Aanii kina! The Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department has a full staff now.

Pictured left to right are Sarah Schilling, Media Technician, Ajijaak Dodem; Theresa Keshick, GALD Assistant, Ajijaak Dodem; Netawn Kiogima, Director, Migizi Dodem; Sammie Dyal-Mc-Clellan, Language Specialist, Migizi Dodem; and Jenna Kishigo, Language Assistant, Migizi Do-

Courtesy photo.



Attention New, Established, and Aspiring Business Owners!

Join the U.S. Small Business Administration / SBA 101 Business Resource Webinar Questions and Answers with the Specialist! For LTBB Citizens on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 1 PM (30-45 minutes)

SBA's Outreach & Marketing Specialist

will discuss:

• Resource Partners

· Access to Capital Disaster Assistance

Federal Contracting

Registration is



This webinar will discuss topics to assist new or existing business owners with Resource Partners that will help entrepreneurs on their business journey, Accessing Capital for funding a business, Federal Contracting to do business with the government and Disaster Assistance in the event a natural disaster occurs.

For questions or assistance with registration, please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-242-1585

Register today at https://t.ly/158ep



Zaagtoodaa Anishinaabemowin

Presents Our 30th Annual - In Person Conference Kewadin Casino, Hotel and Convention Centre - Sault Ste. Marie, Michiga Thursday - Saturday, March 28th to 30th

Opening Ceremonies: Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare Celebrating National Indigenous Language Day riday Evening Scholarship Banquet 6 to 10pm / Saturday Evening Hoedown 7pm

E-niigaangidoonjig - Keynote Speakers Martin Bayer Barbara Nolan





Conference Registration

\$300 USD Adults

\$250 USD Students/Elders \$150 USD Children/Youth Friday Eve Banquet - ticket sold separately \$40 USD

- All sessions for three days
- ASL interpretation
 Welcome dinner Thursday evening 6pm at
 Nigaanigiizhik Ceremonial Bldg. (11 Ice Circle

- Vendor booths available \$250 USD + silent auction gift contact anishinaabemowinteg@gmail.com Children and Youth Activity Program Available

Nimikwendaan ngoding pii ... (I Remember One Time When ...)

Aanii kina gwaya;

Theresa Keshick maaba. Just wanted to share a memory from my parents, John miinwaa Mary Keshick ba. We used to live in this old farmhouse out in Charlevoix, Michigan. It had a barn in the back, a little way from the house. One time, Noos

ba said he found foot tracks in the snow that led out to the barn. He looked to see if anyone was inside the barn and found no one. There weren't any tracks that led away from the barn either. Creepy. I used to enjoy listening to my parents and company tell their stories. Miisawi.

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department

New Logo

Submitted by the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department

Boozhoo (hello), you may have noticed Gijigowi has a new look ... we've updated our logo! The redesign was done in house by Media Technician, Sarah Schilling. Inspired by the department's original logo, we wanted to find a way to update the design while honoring the department's past while remaining recognizable. The new stars follow the medicine wheel directions repre-



senting how we learn through the stages of life and how we're influenced both by our ancestors of the past and the generations to come. Much of what we do here at Gijigowi is the seeking of intergenerational knowledge and learning what our ancestors knew. We kept the element of the Ode (heart) in the center of the design because the work of learning, teaching and speaking the language is a heart-centered act of love. If you like our design, be sure to keep an eye out for us at upcoming community events for a chance to win a sticker, T-shirt or beanie featuring our new design!

Courtesy graphic.

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.

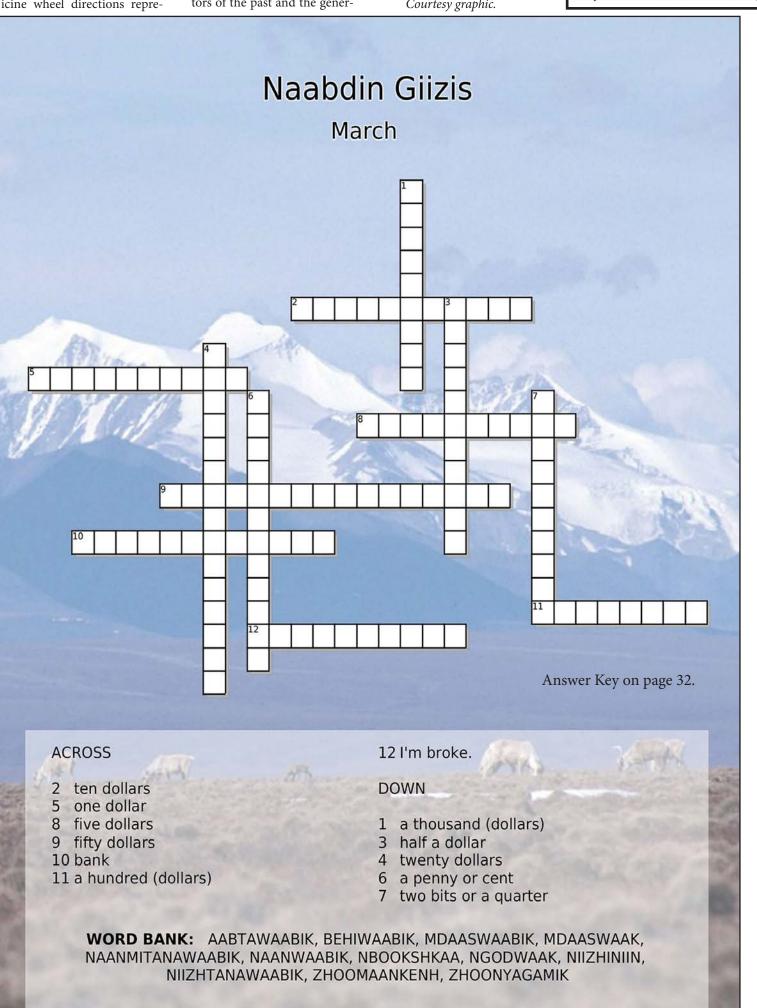
https://www.facebook.com/groups/131141284298625

Anishinaabemowin Eta

(Anishinaabe Language Only)

No-English Group for Fluent Speakers & Intermediate

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





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 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.

Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network

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

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255 x1, TTY 800-799-4889

INFO & REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS

Legal Helpline 800-903-0111 x1, TTY 711

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Co Child Abuse Hotline

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









bezhiwaabik - one dollar naanwaabik - five dollars aabtawaabik - half a dollar niizhiniin - two bits / quarter zhoomaankenh - penny / cent mdaaswaabik - ten dollars niizhtana waabik - twenty dollars naanmitana waabik - fifty dollars ngodwaak - a hundred (dollars) mdaaswaak - a thousand (dollars)



zhoonyaagamik - bank odawegamik - store odawegamigonhs - little store, shop miijimi'odawegamik - grocery store shangegamik - restaurant gibeshiigamik - hotel zhoonyaataagegamik - casino

Ngichitwaa'is. - I'm rich. Ngiidabamaago nangwa. I got paid today. Niin ngamjitaa. - My treat. Aaniish mnik? - How Many? Shpaangide. - It's expensive.

Odaawe. - She/He is selling.

Odaawe-nini - Trader (male)

Yaamo. - Buy (it) for him/her.

Yaamoshin. - Buy (it) for me.

What do you want?

She/He is out shopping.

Wegnesh waayaaman?

Wenpash. - It's free.

Paagiishgnajige. -

Odaawe-niniikwe - Trader (female)



Aapiji niibna zhoonyaa te kookooshenhsiing. There is a lot of money in the little piggy.

Nbookshkaa - I'm broke.

Naanwaabik gadaawmin.

I have no money.

Loan me five dollars.

Kaawiin gego zhoonyaa ndaa'aaziin.

pshkimat - bag zhoonyaa pshkimat - purse zhoonyaa pshkimadenhs - wallet



Miinan ndaawenan. I'm selling blueberries. Aaniish mnik enigindeg? How much does it cost? / What is the price? Kaawiin ndepsesii. I don't have enough. Shki-mkizinan nwiiyaanan.

I want new shoes.

Naanwaabik ndaa'aan. - I have five dollars. Biindaaganiing toon maanda zhoonyaa. Put this money in your pocket. Aaniish mnik zhoonyaa menezyin? How much money do you need? Aaniish mnik zhoonyaa iyaaman? How much money do you have?



Dabamo. - Pay him/her. Dabamoshin. - Pay me. Gmiznamoo.

You owe me. Gmiznamoon.

I owe you.

Maanda zhoonyaa miznamonaanh. Here's the money I owe you.

Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Department

PRC Eye Exam Coverage



Ages 0-18 & Diabetics:

Eye Exam, Lenses, and Frames covered once per 12 months

Ages 19 and older:

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

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

PRC Chiropractic Coverage



Monthly Benefits: 3 Adjustments 1 Massage

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

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

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OPTION FOR ENROLLMENT SERVICES

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

and personal checks.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment office at 231-242-

> Miigwech, Pauline Boulton **Enrollment Officer** Courtesy graphic.



Philip Morey, Jr.

Christopher Nagel

Michael Perry

Delia Petoskey

Alvina Ruth

Anna Singel

Tammra Wirth

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.

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Jeramie Coleman	Eric Hunting	
Deanna Foxworthy	Roberta Hyneman	
Kayla Francis	Dawn Jackson	
Justine Gasco	Kristina Kuzmik	
Nine Gozales	Eric LaBrosse	
Karla Harris	Sheridan McGowan	
Ambrosia Heintz	Todd Meshekey	



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Tribal	Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
A replacement car	pired Cards in person or via mail rd is lost, stolen, expired or has an any name charges, no charge. Free to	\$10
Tribal Directory Adults 18 and enr Published every 4	rolled prior to 2/1/2021	\$5
Tribal Directory Requestor must pr		\$5
LTBB List The list includes a only.	adult's first, middle and last names	\$5
Photocopies of E First 3 copies fre	nrollment file e, \$1 for each page thereafter.	\$1 ea
Marriage Licens Certified Copies: Photo Copies: \$5	: \$10	\$25
	pplication ess residency requirement 25Cannot be waived	\$10
	ission Application ess residency requirement	\$25

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

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.

Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

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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

NO RECEIPTS

OR UTILITY

BILLS

NEEDED!

MAIL:

OTHER:

RETURN TO DEPARTMENT:

Apply to become a:

- Citizen Application available via mail only
- Tribal Notary

• Marriage Commissioner

Need something?

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

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

ELDERS DEPARTMENT

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

PHONE: 231-242-1423 - FAX: 231-242-1430

Have any questions or need a form? Call or

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

2021 Tribal Directories Now Available! Tribal Directories include adult name and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled before January 28, 2021, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included. To receive your copy: ✓ Must include a copy of your Tribal Identification Card ✓ A \$5 check or money order payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians ✓ Choice of cover design. If you do not specify, we will choose for you! Mail to: LTBB of Odawa Indians, ATTN: Enrollment Office 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Enrollment Office 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 Fax 231-242-1526

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.



ELDERS DEPARTMENT

eldersdept@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov FOOD & UTILITY APPROPRIATION ALLOWANCE APPLICATION CURRENT YEAR _____ TRIBAL ENROLLMENT NUMBER _____ Name First Middle Last Mailing Address Street City State Zip Code Telephone Number Date of Birth

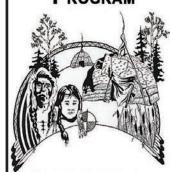
Date Signature

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

	ACCOUNTING USE ONLY
	Amount VENDOR #:
Food & Utilities Allowance 2107-2-6370-10	A.P. REVIEW:
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	CONTROLLER:
Requestor:	Date:
Approval:	Date:

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WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help. Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get a free well and septic system or replace your current system.

Please be aware it takes approximately 3 to 4 months to gain federal approval of your application.

	WELCOME
	WE ARE
	BACK
	OPEN!
	WEEKDAYS 9AM - 5PM
МО	NDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9AM - 7PM
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- CULTURAL LIBRARY

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MARCH 2024 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 11th - 15th 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: 7th and 8th Peshawbestown: 18th Traverse City: 20th

For more information, contact Food Distribution Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine

at 231-347-2573



Protein-Rich Foods with no meat or nuts!



Hummus 2 Tbsp. = 2g



Broccoli 3/4 cup = 2g



Popcorn 2 cups = 2g



Avocado 1/2 = 2g



Whole Grain Crackers 15 = 3g



Tortilla 8-inch = 3g



Yogurt 1/2 cup = 5q



Roasted Chickpeas 1/4 cup = 5g



String Cheese 1 = 6g



Cheddar Cheese 1 oz. = 6q



Whole Grain Bread 1 slice = 6q



Hard-Boiled Egg $1 \log = 6g$



California Roll 5 pieces = 6g



Sunflower Seed Butter Milk, dairy or soy 2 Tbsp = 7g



1 cup = 8g



Edamame, in pods 1 cup = 9g



Vegetarian Burger or "Chicken" Patty 9 g



Totu 3 oz. = 9g



3/4 cup = 10g



Cheese Tortellini Slice of cheese pizza, from 14" pizza



produceforkids.com

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

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



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

If someone contacts you about a tax rebate or refund:

use a website or phone number you know is real.

Even if you didn't lose money to an IRS scam, tell us about it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Never click on links in unexpected texts. Don't share personal information with anyone who contacts you out of the blue. Always They'll always start by sending you a letter. If you want to confirm, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040.

Find the status of any pending refund on the IRS official website. Visit Where's My Refund. Report unsolicited texts or emails claiming to be the IRS. Forward a screenshot or the email as an attachment to phishing@irs.gov If you clicked a link in one of these texts or emails and shared personal information, file a report at IdentityTheft.gov to get a customized recovery plan based on what information you shared.



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Services

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

EMERGENCY POTABLE WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Assistance with water utility bills with past due balances or shut off notices

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

APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH E-MAIL AND MAIL

PLEASE MAIL, E-MAIL OR FAX COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Little Traverse Bay Bands ATTN: Human Services 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740



E-mail: DHSApplications@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Fax: 231-242-1635

Questions?

Please contact Emily Conners, DHS Program Generalist, or Holly Budzynski, DHS Administrative Assistant, at 231-242-1620.





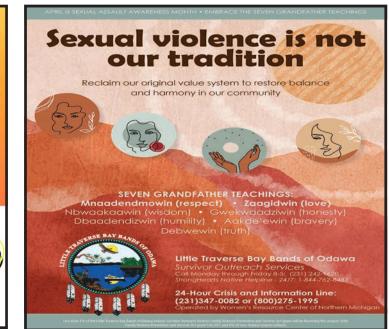
DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LTBB U.S.D.A. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM?

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

DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY

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





DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LTBB's Hayden Hooper Named to 2024 Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



COMMUNITIES

The staff at the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce their 2024 board of directors. Most of this year's members are returning from last year's board, however, we do have three new board members:

John Fettig is a CPA, and he is the CFO of Great Lakes Energy and Truestream. He grew up in Petoskey, MI, on his family's dairy farm, and he has spent most of his career working in Northern Michigan. He has been employed at Great Lakes Energy and Truestream for the past 18 years in various roles being promoted to CFO in 2022. He volunteers with Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy and sits on the Resort Township Board of Review. John lives just outside of Petoskey, MI, with his

wife and three daughters.

Dan Polleys is a multiline agent with Farm Bureau Insurance. In his role there, he works to protect families and businesses from the risks of everyday life. He specializes in life, auto, home, farm and commercial insurance packages for his clients. He serves on the board of Northmen Den, and he is a founding member of the Top of the Mitt Writing Project which offers programs for students and teachers at North Central Michigan College. He lives in Petoskey, MI, with his wife, two kids and his dog, Buddy.

Hayden Hooper (LTBB Tribal Citizen) serves as the Director of the Department of Commerce for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB). She also has a background in accounting, auditing and various supervisory and customer service roles. With the tribe, she is responsible for implementation of the LTBB/State of Michigan Tax Agreement, administration of LTBB's Energy Improvement Program, registering DBAs, LLCs and corporations within



LTBB's jurisdiction, providing assistance to LTBB-owned and LTBB citizen-owned businesses and tribal-wide economic development activities, including serving as the Project Director for LTBB's recently awarded grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. She resides in Petoskey, MI, with her husband and son.

Please help us in welcoming these three community members to our board of directors for 2024. We are excited to have them join us to serve as leaders for us and for our community.

Courtesy photo and courtesy graphic.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT: COMPLETE THE TRIBAL CENSUS

Our tribe is carrying out an extensive Economic and Diversification Recovery Strategy planning grant, which has been awarded to us from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. This is a comprehensive analysis and strategy formulation of our resources, our businesses and our land. This is our **Odawa Prosperity Project**, and we are working towards our **Odawa Prosperity Path**.

We have a diverse consulting team of three firms who will carry out this work through the end of 2024, ending with the delivery of a 5–25-year strategic plan for LTBB, titled the **Odawa Prosperity Path**.

One of our first steps in this process is conducting a Tribal Census. We need to understand

the characteristics and needs of our community, and hear your priorities for how the tribe should move forward. We need your input. We ask you please take the time to complete this census as the input from our community is vital to the future of our tribe.

Speak up, Prosper Together.

In addition to the census, we invite you to also visit with us at a community pop-up event, which will be held throughout the project, to share your voice on what Odawa economic prosperity means to you and how we can achieve it.

Please contact the LTBB Department of Commerce at 231-242-1585 or DOC@ltbboda-wa-nsn.gov for any questions or concerns regarding the **Odawa Prosperity Project**.

Courtesy graphic.

COMPLETE LTBB'S FIRST TRIBAL CENSUS MAKE HISTORY, STRENGTHEN TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY





SCAN HERE TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS

VISIT LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV/OPP TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS BY MARCH 31, 2024!

Contact the LTBB Department of Commerce to request a paper copy 231-242-1585 • DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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



- · 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 06-89-96380. URI: 118783.

Introducing the.

Odawa Prosperity Project

LTBB ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION + RECOVERY STRATEGY

The Odawa Prosperity Project is a yearlong community initiative to identify economic priorities, better understand the needs of the Tribal workforce, and create a pathway for our future.

The resiliency of our Tribe is intertwined with the economic success of our community!

SPEAK UP & PROSPER TOGETHER

Engagement Opportunities coming March 2–5 stay tuned for more information!

- Meet the Consulting Team at Engagement Pop-Ups
 - Departmental & Enterprise Interviews
 - Complete our Tribal Census •

CONTACT THE LTBB DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

• PHONE: (231) 242-1585 • EMAIL: DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov •

This project is 100% funded through a U.S. Department of Commerce 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/



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 Uwned Businesses

LTBB Tribal Citizen owned businesses wishing to be e-mailed of various business opportunities within the LTBB Government or LTB-Bowned 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.

EXEMPTION UPDATE PORTANT IRIBAL GERTIFICATE

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)

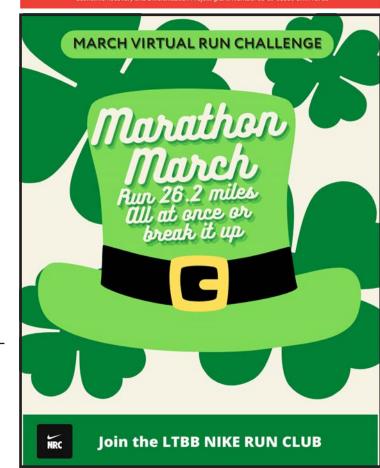
*Bay (partial)

*City of Charlevoix (North of the bridge only)

*Charlevoix Township

(North of the bridge only)











Marty Van De Car Memorial Scholarship Available for the First Time in 2024

The Marty Van De Car Memorial Scholarship was established in 2023 by Marty's family through donations from their family and friends to honor Marty's life and legacy.

His parents, Sarah M. and Charles D. Van De Car, Jr., valued higher education and instilled the need to earn a college degree in all three of their children. His mother, Sarah Van De Car, from the King and Kenoshmeg family lines, was a humble nurse who led by example and earned her nursing degree in the 1950s when it was not easy for any woman, especially one of American Indian lineage, to earn a college degree. All three of her children then followed in her footsteps. Marty attended North Central Michigan College and then Central Michigan University where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science.

He worked tirelessly for both the tribal and non-tribal communities to build community and bridges between each culture. He knew when each community worked together and truly valued the other, resources could go further, and programs could expand and grow. This scholarship fund aims to continue Marty's legacy of promoting his cultural heritage and community building by assisting another to build community through their education endeavors.

Criteria

• Graduating Emmet County, Michigan

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

high school student or currently enrolled student who is an Emmet County resident who is continuing their education at an accredited college, university, community college or eligible trade/ technical/vocational institution.

- Preference given to an American Indian student. Students should provide a copy of their tribal identification card or letter from the tribal enrollment office.
- Selection based on essay response highlighting how students plan to utilize their degree/ program of study to build community, honor and share one's cultural heritage.

Award Details

\$1,000 for one year; non-renewable.

Deadline

March 1, 2024

For more information, visit https://www.phsacf.org/scholarships/our-scholarships

This scholarship program is administered by the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

Courtesy graphic.

American Museum of Natural History Close Outdated Native American Exhibits in Response to Updated Repatriation Law

By Jenna Kunze

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

The American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) in New York City closed two of its exhibition halls which showcase "severely outdated" representations of Native Americans, the museum's president, Sean Decatur, wrote today (January 27, 2024) in an internal e-mail to staff.

The announcement of the exhibit closures on January 27, 2024 was in direct response to updates in a federal repatriation law which became effective earlier this month. The law, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), now requires museums and institutions holding Native American human remains and sacred objects to consult with — and receive consent from — affected tribal nations in order to exhibit their artifacts.

Bottom of Form

After the new NAGPRA updates went live last week, museums and institutions across the country scrambled to understand and implement new changes. Chicago's Field Museum covered several display cases containing Native cultural items. The Cleveland Museum of Art installed opaque covers on three display cases containing Native American artifacts.

At the American Museum of Natural History, the new law impacts two halls: The Eastern Woodland and Great Plains halls. Each displays artifacts which now require tribal consent for the museum exhibit. One immediate effect of the hall closures will be the suspension of school field trips.

"The number of cultural objects on display in these Halls is significant, and because these exhibits are also severely outdated, we have decided that rather than just covering or removing specific items, we will close the Halls," Decatur wrote in the January 26, 2024 memo to museum staff. He added cases throughout the museum displaying Native Hawaiian items will also be covered while the museum initiates consultation.

The announcement comes just after an October 2023 change by the American Museum of Natural History which updated policies for removing human remains from display cases prioritized repatriation efforts for the remains of



more than 12,000 individuals AMNH holds in its facility. Of those, 2,200 are Native American and thus, fall under NAGPRA requirements.

"The Halls we are closing are vestiges of an era when museums such as ours did not respect the values, perspectives, and indeed shared humanity of Indigenous peoples," Decatur wrote. "Actions that may feel sudden to some may seem long overdue to others."

Ione Quigley, repatriation officer for the Sicangu Lakota Oyate, falls into the second camp.

"It took them so long," Quigley told *Native News Online* in response to AMNH's move towards repatriation. "At the time when I first started [my] career, it was more or less a personal interest, but now, it's come to a point of a personal commitment to protect and preserve."

While it's unclear if AMNH holds any Lakota artifacts in its Great Plains Hall, Quigley said it's very likely they do. As repatriation work has gained momentum among mounting pressure for museums and institutions to fulfill ethical obligations — backed by the letter of the law — Quigley said her department has been fielding calls about artifacts and ancestors from institutions on a weekly basis.

"I saw this coming," she said. "There's just so much of our stuff out there."

Jenna Kunze is a staff reporter covering Indian health, the environment and breaking news for Native News Online. She is also the lead reporter on stories related to Indian boarding schools and repatriation. Her bylines have appeared in The Arctic Sounder, High Country News, Indian Country Today, Tribal Business News, Smithsonian Magazine, Elle and Anchorage Daily News. Kunze is based in New York.

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LTBB Tribal Citizens Annette VanDeCar and Kevin Willis took their oaths of office for the LTBB Tribal Burial Board from LTBB Chief Judge JoAnne Cook on January 30, 2024 via Zoom and February 1, 2024 in person respectively. They are

both serving four-year terms, ending on September 21, 2027.

The photo of Kevin Willis and Chief Judge Jo-Anne Cook is courtesy of the LTBB Tribal Court and courtesy photo of Annette VanDeCar.

Association on American Indian Affairs Offers New Scholarships to Support the Center for Braiding Indigenous Knowledges and Science

The Association on American Indian Affairs has partnered with the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Center for Braiding Indigenous Knowledges and Science (CBIKS) to increase scholarships to Native graduate and undergraduate students in biological sciences, STEM and Native studies.

The goal of the new scholarship program is to increase the number of Native students and professionals who are utilizing indigenous knowledges to strengthen and improve upon western science, which consistently ignores the scientific experimentation indigenous peoples have been doing for thousands of years. CBIKS will focus on connecting indigenous knowledges with mainstream science to address some of the most pressing environmental issues of our time. CBIKS will work on complex, evolving challenges brought on by climate change, including dire impacts affecting land, water plant and animal life; the danger posed to irreplaceable archaeological sites, sacred places and cultural heritage; and the challenges of changing food systems, all of which disproportionately affect Native nations and Native peoples.

The first set of 15 students will be awarded \$2,000 for the Fall 2023/Spring 2024 academic year in February. These students will receive this \$2,000 per year scholarship until they graduate as long as they maintain full-time status and at least a 2.5 grade point average. Native graduate and undergraduate students from either federally recognized or non-federally recognized tribes and nations who are in the biological sciences within STEM and Native Studies, who are connected to their Native nation and are planning to work for their Native nation or within Native country, are eligible for the Association's CBIKS



scholarship.

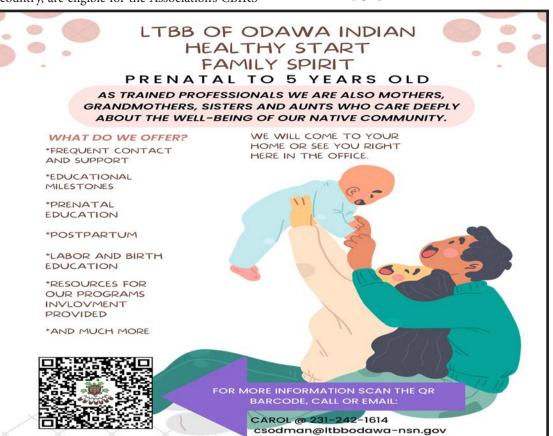
The scholarship application period for Fall 2024/Spring 2025 opened on February 1, 2024. The association also provides 20 scholarships per year for all areas of study to Native graduate and undergraduate students. The association is the oldest national Native non-profit with the oldest scholarship program, since 1947. Learn more about the association's scholarships at Indian-Affairs.org/nativescholarship.

About the Association of American Indian Affairs

The Association on American Indian Affairs is the oldest non-profit serving Native country protecting sovereignty, preserving culture, educating youth and building capacity. The association was formed in 1922 to change the destructive path of federal policy from assimilation, termination and allotment to sovereignty, self-determination and self-sufficiency. Throughout its 100-year history, the association has provided national advocacy on watershed issues which support sovereignty and culture while working at a grassroots level with Native nations to support

the implementation of programs which support Native peoples.

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USDA Scientists Work to Ensure Nutritious and High-QUALITY POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE DURING THE WINTER SEASON AND ALL YEAR ROUND

Scientists at the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) use innovative technology to study the lifecycle of potatoes (including development, production and postharvest storage), ensuring a high-quality supply year-round for snack food processing facilities, restaurants and grocery stores.

Potatoes are one of the main crops grown in the U.S. with a production of approximately 22.5 million tons annually. Fall is the primary season for harvesting potatoes, accounting for 90% of the total production. Since many locations cannot support year-round potato cultivation, most potatoes intended for processing such as frozen French fries or instant mashed potatoes are harvested in the fall and safely stored until needed. Storing and maintaining potatoes at their top nutritional quality while meeting consumer and market demands is essential for the industry.

Yet, potato producers face several critical challenges, including climate- and disease-related challenges during crop production and long-term storage. Maintenance of post-harvest quality is of prime concern to the potato industry because post-harvest crop losses through physiological and disease-related processes routinely reach 10-15%. These challenges include factors such as early sprouting as well as slow wound-healing of potato tubers inadvertently damaged during the operational process.

Have you opened your home pantry and found potatoes sprouting? Immediately after harvest and for an indeterminate period thereafter, potato tubers are physiologically dormant and will not sprout even when they are placed in growth promoting conditions. The length of tuber dormancy period is determined by the genetics of the potato cultivar, and environmental conditions during the crop production and post-harvest storage — including temperature, humidity, light and air composition. Premature sprouting or incomplete wound-healing adversely affects potato processing quality and nutritional value, resulting in lower producer prices or even complete market rejection by the industry and fresh market.

Munevver Dogramaci, a research plant physiologist and lead scientist of the Potato Research Program at the Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center in Fargo, ND, and Darrin Haagenson, research plant physiologist at the Potato Research Worksite in East Grand Forks, MN, collaborate with growers and universities to address these post-harvest physiological challenges as well as to evaluate advanced potato breeding material for postharvest storage, food quality and safety characteristics.

"Currently, there is no method that is 100% efficient to control the physical deterioration of the potato tubers during storage," said Dograma-



ci. "Potato tubers are at their peak nutritional quality during harvest, but it is essential to store them under specific conditions to maintain this quality."

A better understanding of physiological processes will help scientists improve post-harvest storage methods, preserving nutritional value, processing quality and the marketability of

Dogramaci also noted unintended wounding of tubers such as cuts and bruises can also occur during harvest and post-harvest operations.

"This results in rapid quality loss that impacts the tuber's texture, ability to retain water, and an increase in its susceptibility to diseases during storage," Dogramaci explained.

Paul J. Collins, a research geneticist for the ARS Eastern potato breeding program based in Orono and Presque Isle, ME, is working to develop new varieties for chip processing and table markets with improved agronomic attributes, disease resistance, climate resiliency and quality traits. Successful varieties developed by this program include Atlantic, a variety widely grown across the U.S. for potato chips and is within the top 10 most popular potato varieties grown in

"Potato breeding seeks to identify new potato varieties that can provide benefits throughout the value chain," said Collins. "Farmers can benefit from disease resistance traits, resilience to climate variability, and improved yields. Processors and retailers are interested in maintaining quality and uniformity. Consumers are driven by improved nutrition and flavor. Within the breeding program, we see huge variability for all of these traits. The challenge and fun of potato breeding is finding a new variety which makes everyone in the value chain happy."

Want to learn more? Watch the latest episode of "Cooking with Science." USDA-ARS scientists share exciting facts about their work while Chef Mark Mills demonstrates how to incorporate potatoes into safe and nutritious recipes.

scientists Charles Cantrell (Mississippi), Patricia Slininger (Illinois) and Tianbao Yang (Maryland) also do important work with potatoes.

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MOBILE PANTRY

The Little Traverse Bay Sunset Rotary group is sponsoring mobile pantries in Petoskey This time, we are bringing the food right to you! The rotary group will be handing out food at some of the apartments and villages around Petoskey. Our neighbors will enjoy nonperishable goods, produce, protein, and dairy. Walk or drive up to the Manna truck to get food assistance, no applications or qualifications necessary.

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To help us prepare, please call or text Manna at 231-254-5630 with your apartment/village name if you plan to attend the mobile pantrie

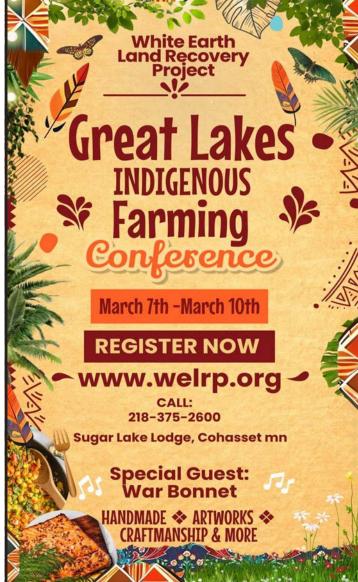










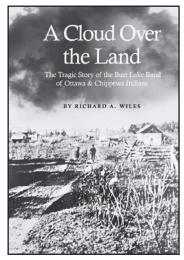


"A CLOUD OVER THE LAND," THE TRAGIC HISTORY OF THE BURT LAKE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA NATIVE AMERICANS

A Cloud Over the Land, a compelling narrative by local author Richard Wiles reveals a long-buried chapter in the history of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Set against the backdrop of a fateful day on October 15, 1900, the book brings to light a terroristic event which forever altered the course of history for this Native American community in Northern Michigan.

On that tragic day, the Native American village at Burt Lake in Brutus, MI, was mercilessly reduced to ashes, rendering families homeless and stripping them of their ancestral lands. Shockingly, the perpetrators behind this heinous act were identified as a wealthy land developer and the local sheriff, unraveling a tale of greed and discrimination.

A Cloud Over the Land chronicles the events leading up to the October 15 incident, providing a timeline of the acts which left the once-thriving village in ruins. The book also sheds light on the subsequent



stripping of treaty rights, further compounding the hardships faced by the Burt Lake

This hidden history, as detailed in Wiles' work, is as significant as other well-known events in Northern Michigan, such as the construction of the Mackinac Bridge or the infamous sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. Unfortunately, this story of violence, discrimination and racism has remained confined to the Band and a select few historians -until

Richard Wiles, a former high school American history instructor and college research instructor, spent the past decade researching and uncovering the details of this tragic event. As an honorary member of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Wiles brings a unique perspective to the narrative, providing an empathetic and comprehensive account of the Band's struggles.

"This is the book I have always wanted to read about my own family background," said Burt Lake Band Historian Deborah Richmond, who offers book presentations to groups and organizations. "It gives all the facts and circumstances about how many people lost their land, told in one cohesive story that finally gives me a thorough understanding of our history."

To order, visit https:// burtlakeband.org/a-cloudover-the-land/

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Welding Academy

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are designed to help students currently enrolled in
grades 2-8 experience a particular field of interest
in-depth and hands-on. Diverse sessions offer kids
a variety of opportunities!

Lineworker Training Academy
During this camp, students in grades 8-11 will let uring this camp, students in grades 8-11 will lea rhat it is like to climb power poles, use various to nat a lineworker uses on a daily basis, learn the g nd clothes that are required in this field, fly a dro mulator, and visit lineworkers in action! Student







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March is National Reading Month

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

National Reading Month is celebrated in March to honor Dr. Suess' birthday. Let's all celebrate and read every day this month! When we love books, good things happen. Reading strengthens our mental muscles, improves comprehension, increases imagination and boosts memory. Reading makes us smarter! Who doesn't want that?

Read aloud to your child every day even when they are babies. This is so important because infants are developing language skills the minute they are born. [Research%20 shows%20thatages%200%20 -5%20years%20old%20 need%20to%20hear%20 about 21,000%20words%20 per%20day to%20develop%20 strong%20language%20skills] Research shows babies ages 0 -5 years old need to hear at least 6,000 words per day to develop strong language skills. The average person speaks around 16,000 words in a day. Make sure this includes talking, reading and singing to those darling kids.

Take your toddlers to the library on a regular basis and continue to do so even into the teen years. After choosing a few books, read every day. Jazz up reading time by including stuffed animals and pets. Recruit all family members to read to each other.

Here are some ideas to keep reading interesting: · After reading a book

- with your child, ask questions.
- Be sure to have a bag ready with several books to have available when driving or when waiting.

- - Choose a theme, such as "snow."
- Dress up like a book
- Hold up the book cover and ask questions such as about the colors and shapes.
- Make faces to show the emotions of the characters.
- Place books at the child's level in your home.
- Stop at a verb and act it out.

As the children learn to read, encourage their progress and their independent reading. The Education Specialist at your tribe or Anishinaabe organization can help with many more reading activities, especially as the kids grow up.

The reading program 2 X 2 + 20 = 24 is recommending we brush our teeth twice a day for two minutes and we read each day for 20 minutes. A chart to record each task is a great way for kids to track their progress. In a month, this would be 90-93 completed

Engaging charts can be downloaded each month for each reader at:

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For my three children, I used stars, and I promised a small reward for 80 stars. We read from a physical book. Picking up a desired book and physically turning the pages gives a child agency.

Excellent dental health and learning are tied together. A healthy mouth is necessary for proper speech development. Dental disease is the main cause for health-related school absences.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Se-

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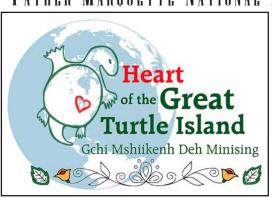
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DNR Receives \$3.6 Million Mellon Foundation TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROJECT TO SHARE NATIVE American History More Accurately and Completely at FATHER MARQUETTE NATIONAL MEMORIAL



A collaborative effort to create new educational experiences and facilities at the Father Marquette National Memorial in Straits State Park, St. Ignace, MI, has received a significant boost: A \$3.6 million grant from the Mellon Foundation. The grant is part of the Mellon Foundation's Monuments Project - a commitment to give \$500 million to transform the nation's commemorative landscape through public ventures which more completely and accurately represent the multiplicity and complexity of American stories.

The DNR effort, which is being developed by a cooperative of local, state and tribal partners, is led by the DNR's Michigan History Center. Called Gchi Mshiikenh Deh Minising/Heart of the Great Turtle Island, the project includes the construction of new educational structures, exhibits and art which add Native American context and perspectives to the Father Marquette National Memorial site.

The memorial, established in 1976, is one of 18 public monuments dedicated to the Jesuit missionary. With Louis Jolliet, Jacques Marquette conducted the first French exploration of the Mississippi River in 1673. The Jesuit accounts of that trip spurred the French colonization of the Mississippi Valley. Marquette's and other Jesuit accounts from the period have long informed both historical accounts and attitudes toward the Native people of the Great Lakes.

The Gchi Mshiikenh Deh Minising/Heart of the Great Turtle Island Project recenters the narrative around the thriving Anishinaabe (Odawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi) people and cultures whose history provides context for Father Marquette's experiences in the region and whose impact and influence extend to the present day.

"The project has an amazing potential to tell a story of the region that has been missing, a perspective led from Native Americans with ancestral ties to the area," said Austin Lowes, chair of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. "This investment from the Mellon Foundation will allow visitors to connect with a period of time through the lens of Native Americans that will aid in their understanding of how important the earth, the land and the waters are to everyone's way of life. This has been a real collaborative effort with the state and tribal partners and has long had the support of our entire board of directors."

Background

Moran Township provided the impetus for the project's collaborative work, which began in 2017 and involves the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Mackinac Straits Health System, Lake Superior State University and the DNR's Parks and Recreation Division and Michigan History Center.

The Sault Tribe named the site Gchi Mshiikenh Deh Minising, which means Heart of the Great Turtle Island. It reflects an Anishinaabe view of the Great Lakes as the heart of North America and a creation story which begins at the Straits of Mackinac.

The Bay Mills Indian Community, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe) have joined the Sault Tribe and the Michigan History Center in creating the historical content plan for

Grants from individuals, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund are also supporting the project.

"The Mellon Foundation gift turns the collaborative planning work of our staff and partners into reality, and for that we are both excited and grateful," said DNR Director M. Scott Bowen. "Known as the 'gateway to the Upper Peninsula,' Straits State Park is a popular destination year after year, welcoming visitors of all ages. Through the Great Turtle Island Project, we have the chance to reach those visitors with a more complete and accurate narrative that captures this region's stories."



The Mellon Foundation funding will support:

- Construction of an adaptable learning commons to house exhibitions and year-round classroom/meeting space.
- Updates of informational elements of the Father Marquette National Memorial.
- New, permanent structures at the site currently used for pow wow grounds.
- · A community kitchen pavilion for pow wows and educational programs.
- Refreshed and new educational signage on trails.
- Public art installations commissioned by tribal partners.
 - Program development.

Timeline

Construction on the learning commons, pow wow ground structures and community kitchen pavilion are expected to begin in summer 2024 with a projected completion in 2025.

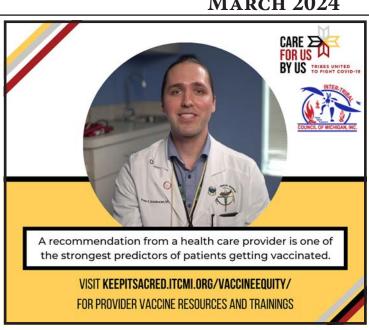
Over the next two years, the project partners will develop a permanent exhibit for the learning commons, update the exhibits in the Father Marquette National Memorial and develop new trail signage. In addition, an Anishinaabe-led committee will work on commissioning art for the site, and partners will develop specific plans for programming which serves educators, students, residents and visitors to the Straits region.

"Many Anishinaabe descendants of those who knew Marquette are Catholic and honor his facility with their languages, his faith and his courage," said Michigan History Center Director Sandra Clark. "It is a privilege that we can now also honor the culture that thrived before he arrived and remains an important part of Michigan."

To learn more about the project, visit Michigan.gov/MHC/Museums/Father-Marquette-National-Memorial.

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HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK LAUNCHES NATIVE Financial Services Team

By Huntington National

Editor's note: The following article appeared on Tribal Business News and is reprinted here with permission.

Huntington National Bank has expanded its commercial banking segment with a new team focused on providing comprehensive financial services to federally recognized Native American tribes and their business enterprises in the United States.

The Native American Financial Services group will offer full-service commercial and investment banking to tribes and communities across a range of sectors, including government, gaming, hospitality, infrastructure and economic development.

"Improving access to capital is aligned with Huntington's core values to strengthen the communities where we live and work," said Scott Kleinman, president of Huntington Commercial Bank. "This new team embodies a strong dedication to Indian Country and a passion to helping tribes and communities thrive."

Banking veteran Mike Lettig has joined Huntington to lead the Native American Financial Services group. A descendant of the Navajo Nation, Lettig brings



more than three decades of experience at financial institutions working with tribes. Last year, he received the lifetime achievement award from the Native American Financial Officers Association for his commitment to serving the community and all of Indian

Huntington recently hired four additional experts to join Lettig on the Native American Financial Services team:

- Dr. Alex Wesaw serves as director and relationship manager. With a Ph.D. from Ohio State University, Wesaw joined Huntington from the Ohio History Connection where he served as Director of American Indian Relations. He also is treasurer of his tribe, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, where he has overseen hundreds of millions in project development at the tribe's Four Winds Casino Resorts in southwest Michigan and northern Indiana.
- Allard Teeple serves as senior portfolio manager. He has more than a decade of experience assisting tribes and their enterprises with project development, planning and financing. He started his

career at Deloitte as a tribal gaming auditor. Teeple assisted in the founding of the Summer Business Institute for Native American Youth in High School, hosted by Michigan State University, his alma mater for both his bachelor's and master's degrees. He also serves as a faculty teacher for the University of Washington's tribal gaming and hospitality certificate program. Teeple is a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community in Brimley,

- Ryan Bilsky serves as treasury management lead for the team. He has six years of experience serving tribes for treasury management and investments. Previously, Bilsky served as deputy director of investments for the state of Ohio in the treasurer's office.
- Terence O'Farrell will join Huntington in March as managing director and senior relationship manager. He has served Native American clients across the country for nearly 20 years, helping them secure billions in financing for government, gaming, hospitality, housing and healthcare projects.

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Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Council CHAIRPERSON JAMIE STUCK APPOINTED TO MICHIGAN'S OPIOID Advisory Commission

Nottawaseppi Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribal Council Chairperson Jamie Stuck has been appointed as a member of the Michigan Opioid Advisory Commission (OAC) by Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks effective January 16,

The OAC was established in 2022 per Public Act 84 of (MCL 4.1851) and is a state-designated entity which advises Michigan's legislature (the appropriating body for opioid settlement funds) on funding, policy and strategic planning concerning the use and management of state opioid settlement funds.

"The Opioid Advisory Commission is thrilled to welcome the Honorable Jamie Stuck to our team," said Opioid Advisory Commission Chair Cara Anne Poland, M.D., M.Ed. "He brings an invaluable perspective from the Sovereign Nations and stands as a true leader within the state of Michigan. His membership is an asset to the Commission — not only helping represent Tribal voice within the state advisory space, but also providing expertise that can help advance the health, healing and wellness of all commu-

nities throughout Michigan.



We are honored to have him a member of the Commission." Lawyers for American

Indian tribal nations have brought suits against numerous companies involved in manufacturing and selling opioids in the United States. After lengthy litigation, they successfully negotiated settlements with many defendants. Chairperson Stuck will now be a voice for the 12 federally recognized tribes of Michigan and provide recommendations on how the state opioid settlement funds should be distributed to appropriately serve the unique needs of tribes across

Michigan. "I am deeply honored to have been selected as a member of the Opioid Advisory

Commission for the state of

Michigan, representing tribal nations across the state," said Stuck. "I am committed to using my position to help create positive change and make a meaningful impact. As a member of this Commission, I will work hard to advise Michigan's legislature on funding and policy related to substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions that have a sweeping impact on our tribal communities. I am excited to collaborate with my fellow members and bring the voices of tribal nations to the forefront of this important conversation."

According to the Michigan.gov Opiates Settlements page, "The state of Michigan is slated to receive nearly \$800 million from the opioid settlements over the next 18 years. Fifty percent of the settlement amount will be distributed directly to county, city and township governments. The remaining 50% will be distributed to the state government's specially designated fund, The Michigan Opioid Healing and Recovery Fund."

For more information about the Opioid Advisory Commission, visit: https://

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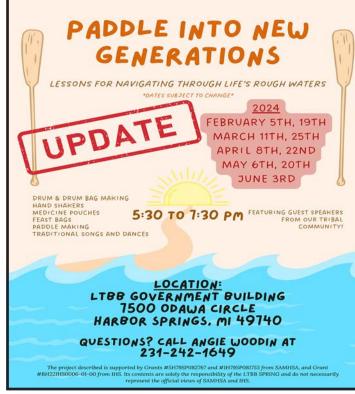
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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Official Tribal Identification Card
Jane Doe Watch Out! ID Cards Expire! There has been an uptick in the number of citizens who are attempting to use expired ID cards at the Tribal gas stations. You can see 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. Come into the Government Center for a new picture and fee.
Acquire a picture at a CVS/Walgreen's/etc. and send that picture in with a

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USDA Develops Cold-Hardiness Kiwifruit for Immediate Release to Public

Kiwifruit and their tangy green flesh are routinely purchased and devoured throughout the year by people across the nation. This is no surprise. Kiwis are high in Vitamin C, dietary fiber and potassium. The subtropical fruit is also a favorite of many southern U.S. producers since the delicious fruit is traditionally grown in warmer climates. California produces the vast majority of kiwis sold in our local grocery stores, but due to recent research advancements from U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists, this may no longer be the case.

This was not a snap decision. The research actually began in 1995 when scientists from the Agricultural Research Service's Appalachian Fruit Research Service (AFRS) planted second-generation seedlings which originated in Rome, Italy. Only two vines survived the cold winter temperatures between 1995 and 2015 with a record low temperature during that period of -5.8 F. Of those two



vines, "Tango" (female) and "Hombre" (male) were planted and evaluated in the AFRS' orchards before a new crop proved these particular cultivars could grow and thrive in traditional Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern winter climates.

In a recently published study, researchers noted both vines grew vigorously and received little pruning before bearing fruit. There was also no need for supplemental irrigation, fertilizer, pesticides or a warm climate for growth.

"This cultivar isn't currently found in the grocery store," said Research Biologist Scientist Chris Dardick. "The flesh and texture are very sim-

already enjoy and so is the flavor. It's easy to grow, extremely pest and disease resistant, and readily available for use by producers and nurseries in colder climate conditions."

Tango's fruit yields high quality in terms of size and soluble solids and are comparable to the commercial A. deliciosa cultivar Hayward. It can also remain in cold storage for extended periods of time.

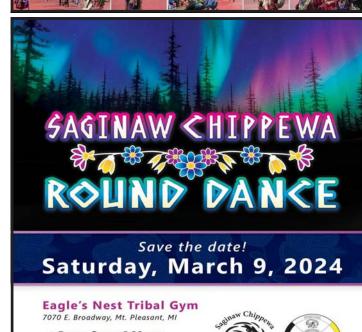
The male pollinizer "Hombre" is not patented and can be publicly made available upon request. The female kiwi "Tango" is patented by the USDA-ARS and can be distributed to nurseries or producers once they obtain a licensing agreement. Both plants ("Hombre" and "Tango") are essential to produce the kiwifruit. Limited quantities of budwood and/or plants from "Tango" and "Hombre" are also available upon request for evaluation.

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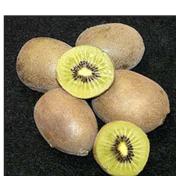


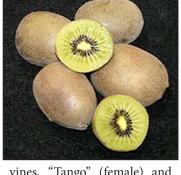


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KIOWA N. SCOTT MOMADAY, A GIANT OF NATIVE Literature, Dead at 89

By Joaqlin Estus

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Navarre Scott Momaday, Kiowa, a writer, poet, educator and master storyteller, has died. His Pulitzer Prize winning debut novel "House Made of Dawn" is credited with the start of a renaissance in contemporary Native American literature. He was 89. Momaday died Wednesday (January 24, 2024) at his home in Santa Fe, NM, publisher HarperCollins announced. He had been in failing health.

On Facebook, friends and organizations shared condolences and remembrances lamenting the loss of a "beloved member of our community and an inspiration to all," and, "a giant of Native American literature."

Vice Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma Joseph Tsotigh said, "The Cáuigú and the world have lost one of the most eloquent voices of our generation! It's with deep sadness that I acknowledge the passing of a magnificent, talented and irrepressible author, poet and raconteur Dr. N. Scott Momaday. The world will never know another like him. Hegau ém âuibòñ:[dàu."

Iñupiaq author and poet Joan Kane, a visiting associate professor at Reed College, recalls encountering Momaday's writing during her first year as a student at Harvard College. "How late and accidentally to come to the work of one of the most influential of American writers! Without Momaday's many contributions to academia as well as literature, it's hard to imagine the increasing representation of exemplary Indigenous scholarship and creative works we've seen, especially in the last decade."

She also recalls the first time she met Momaday in person when he spoke at a large, informal social gathering of tribal librarians, archivists, museum staff and journalists. There, she said, he listened as much as he spoke. Kane said she saw "in his comport, that it's just as important to be present to each other as Native people through our serious efforts as it is to connect with humor, approachability and ease."

"Scott was an extraordinary person and an extraordinary poet and writer. He was a singular voice in American literature, and it was an honor and a privilege to work with him," Momaday's editor, Jennifer Civiletto, said in a statement. "His Kiowa heritage was deeply meaningful to him and he devoted much of his life to celebrating and preserving Native American culture, especially the oral tradition."

"House Made of Dawn," published in 1968, tells of a World War II soldier who returns home and struggles to fit back in, a story as old as war itself; in this case, home is a Native community in rural New Mexico. Much of the book was based on Momaday's childhood in Jemez Pueblo, NM, and on his conflicts between the ways of his ancestors and the risks and possibilities of the

"I grew up in both worlds and straddle those worlds even now," Momaday said in a 2019 PBS documentary. "It has made for confusion and a richness in my life."

Despite such works as John Joseph Mathews' 1934 release "Sundown," novels by American Indians weren't widely recognized at the time of "House Made of Dawn." A New York Times reviewer, Marshall Sprague, even contended in an otherwise favorable review "American Indians do not write novels and poetry as a rule, or teach English in top-ranking universities, either. But we cannot be patronizing. N. Scott Momaday's book is superb in its own right."

Like Joseph Heller's "Catch-22," Momaday's novel was a World War II story which resonated with a generation protesting the Vietnam War. In 1969, Momaday became the first Native American to win the fiction Pulitzer, and his novel helped launch a generation of authors, including Leslie Marmon Silko, James Welch and Louise Erdrich. His admirers would range from the poet Joy Harjo, the country's first Native to be named poet laureate, to the film stars Robert Redford

and Jeff Bridges. Momaday was born December 27, 1934 in Lawton, OK. In a PBS interview for Ameri-



can Masters, he said he was born in poverty, in a house with no electricity or plumbing, "We would be considered at the very bottom of the scale in terms of land and poverty. I came from that by the virtue of good luck and perseverance into a kind of existence that has been visible. I have achieved a kind of reputation and I think the legacy has to do with what is possible. It is possible to overcome great disadvantage."

He said Native American people at the turn of the 20th century had a sense of defeat after being conquered, put down and held down. "It was terribly hard for them to come out of that, to survive that kind of poverty of the morale, let's say. But they have done it to a large extent. There's still a ways to go. I want my legacy to be the example of how one can survive against those odds," said Momaday.

Momaday told PBS in a 2019 documentary the ancient oral tradition is at the heart of today's storytelling. "The landscape, which is the embodiment of spirit, in my view, is somehow informed with language and oral tradition. I think the voices of ancestors going back into geologic time are there. They're in the landscape and when called upon they can be - they proceed out of the landscape and into the hearts of people."

The influence of ancestors and traditions helped shape "The Way to Rainy Mountain," written in 1969 and "The Names: A Memoir" in

Growing up in Arizona and New Mexico, where his parents taught on reservations, allowed Momaday to experience not only his father's Kiowa culture but also those of other southwest Native Americans including the Navajo, Apache and Pueblo traditions.

He attended the University of New Mexico and earned a PhD in English Literature at Stanford University in 1963. Over the following decades, he taught at

Stanford, Princeton and Columbia universities, among other top-ranking schools, was a commentator for NPR and lectured worldwide. He published more than a dozen books from "Angle of Geese and Other Poems" to the novels "The Way to Rainy Mountain" and "The Ancient Child," and became a leading advocate for the beauty and vitality of traditional Native life.

Addressing a gathering of American Indian scholars in 1970, Momaday said, "Our very existence consists in our imagination of ourselves." He championed Natives' reverence for nature, writing "the American Indian has a unique investment in the American landscape." He shared stories told to him by his parents and grandparents. He regarded oral culture as the wellspring of language and storytelling, and dated American culture back not to the early English settlers, but also to ancient times, noting the procession of gods depicted in the rock art at Utah's Barrier

"We do not know what they mean, but we know we are involved in their meaning," he wrote in the essay "The Native Voice in American Literature."

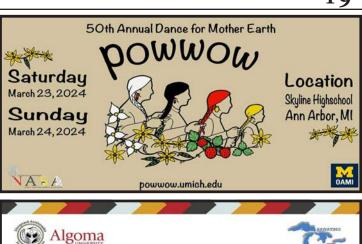
"They persist through time in the imagination, and we cannot doubt that they are invested with the very essence of language, the language of story and myth and primal song. They are 2,000 years old, more or less, and they remark as closely as anything can the origin of American literature."

In 2007, President George W. Bush presented Momaday with a National Medal of Arts "for his writings and his work that celebrate and preserve Native American art and oral tradition." Besides his Pulitzer, his honors included an Academy of American Poets prize and, in 2019, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize. In his book of poetry, "Death of Sitting Bear:

New and Selected Poems," Momaday wrote:

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Oh, my holy and unholy thoughts

Will lie scattered on these pages.

They will do to make a modest book, Not something for the ages,

But leavings for a lonely child, perhaps,

Or for an old man dreaming.

In his poem "Death of Sitting Bear," he also wrote of Sitting Bear:

O Sun, you remain forever but we Kaitsenko (elite warriors) must die

O earth, you remain forever but we Kaitsen-

ko must die.

Momaday was married twice, most recently to Regina Heitzer. He had four daughters, one of whom, Cael, died in 2017.

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By Nika Bartoo-Smith

Warning: Domestic violence, Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

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For Kola Shippentower, Umatilla, the world of tackle football is pretty new. She grew up tossing the ball with her brothers and her oldest son is a lineman for his high school team. But until recently, she never imagined herself out on the

That all changed when she heard about the Oregon Ravens and filled out an application last season. As of January 5, signing day, she is officially a player for Oregon's very own tackle football team for women and nonbinary players. Shippentower, lucky number 29, is the first Native American player for the Ravens, a team since 2017.

"The diversity of this team is amazing," Shippentower said. "It's amazing to see so many different backgrounds and so many different colors and so many different mixes coming together as one as a team."

An Athlete and an Advocate

Born and raised on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Shippentower is still actively involved in her community where she raises her three sons. Her traditional name is Tumhiya and she is 34 years old.

While football is a new sport for Shippentower, being a professional athlete is not. In 2010, Shippentower began training in mixed martial arts, originally as a form of self-defense. Shippentower is a survivor of sexual assault and domestic abuse.

"Given my background, not only as a fighter, but also as a survivor of domestic violence and sexual assault, I needed to utilize my platform to do something bigger than myself," Shippentower said. "When Creator puts something in our path, we have to be ready to take that. Since starting my advocacy work, we have definitely experienced a lot more deaths and a lot more cases of missing and murdered people."

Sadly, she is no stranger to the grief of losing a loved one. In 2016, Shippentower said, her little brother was killed in Portland. In 2014, one of her cousins was pulled from the river, dead. Ten years earlier, in 2004, she lost her aunt and cousin.

As an indigenous person, Shippentower knows the statistics and the heartbreaking reality indigenous people face disproportionate rates of violence. Shippentower is a strong advocate, raising awareness about the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP).

Though mixed martial arts started as a form of self-defense and empowerment for Shippentower, she quickly fell in love with the sport and now uses her platform as a professional athlete to advocate for and raise awareness about the MMIP epidemic.

"The warrior aspect of it, this is my jam," Shippentower said. "I really felt my responsibility to pick this up and use my platform."

Shippentower quickly advanced in her practice and is now a brown belt in jujitsu.

"If you had seen her from when she came in to now, it's just night and day," said Jeremy Harrington, her long-time coach and mentor. "She's pushed through when most people would give

up." In 2021, she founded The Wisáwca Project,



a consulting business where she helps her clients create a personalized safety plan coupled with self-defense training.

Her goal with the business is to empower and motivate others to advocate for their own safety.

Oregon Ravens

Even in this day and age, American football is a sport associated almost entirely with male athletes. Players of the Women's National Football Conference are working to break down that assumption and prove any gender can play tackle football and play it well.

Unlike National Football League players, who receive exorbitant salaries, Women's National Football Conference players instead have to pay to play. That takes serious dedication. Players put their bodies on the line every practice and game without having team doctors or physical therapists — and seeing specialists happens on their own dime.

Yet Shippentower and her teammates are determined. Fully padded, they play tackle football on teams of 11. This is not the bikini football people may associate with women football players.

"We sacrifice so much just to go out. And pay literally just to get hit," said Keky Duren, one of Shippentower's teammates. "We're serious about this sport, and we love it."

Duren has been playing for the Ravens since 2018 and has known the coach, Tim Price, for nearly a decade. She played on his premier team, Portland Fighting Shockwave, which was established in 2002.

A police officer in San Mateo County from 1999 to 2015, Duren retired after a spine injury and moved up to Portland. Her doctor gave her the go ahead to play contact football, wearing a brace, and she has been playing ever since.

Now 47, this will be Duren's final year before retiring from the Ravens. The self-proclaimed hype person of the team, Duren immediately recognized what Shippentower would bring to the field and made sure to let her know.

"Kola is going to bring something unique and something the world should be talking about. We've never had anyone on our team quite like her," Duren said. "Kola is a beast."

The first game for the 2024 season will take place April 6 though practice is already well

Shippentower tried out for three different positions and is still waiting to hear which she will be assigned: Running back, linebacker or quarterback, which Duren encouraged her to go out for.

Once she gets her jersey for the season, Shippentower plans to do a photo shoot with her son who also plays football, both in their gear.

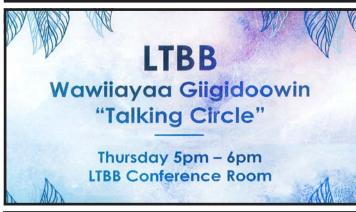
"My boys absolutely love it, and that's my biggest motivating factor," Shippentower said. "If mom can do it, so can you."

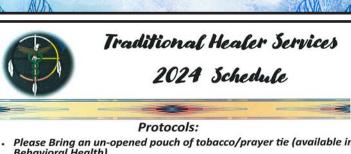
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Some Crops Tolerate Ozone Pollution Better Than Others, Study Finds

Differences in the photosynthetic "machinery" of certain crop plants can make them more or less prone to harm caused by ground-level ozone pollution, according to a recent *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* paper published by a team of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and University of Illinois scientists in Urbana-Champaign (UIUC).

The findings — so-called "C4" crops like corn and sorghum tolerate increased ozone levels better than "C3" crops like rice or snap beans — open the door to better models for predicting crop responses to the effects of global climate change as well as developing more resilient varieties which can sustain humanity's increasing demand for food, feed, fiber and fuel.

A crop is designated as C3 or C4 depending on whether the CO₂ it captures from the air is initially converted into a 3-carbon or 4-carbon compound. The general ability of C4 crops to tolerate increases in ground-level (or "tropospheric") ozone better than C3 crops has long been suspected but not widely tested under actual field conditions, noted Lisa Ainsworth, a research molecular biologist who leads the ARS's Global Change and Photosynthesis Research Unit at UIUC.

Together with her *PNAS* co-authors — namely, ARS research plant physiologist Christopher Montes and a UIUC team led by Shuai Li — Ainsworth conducted an extensive analysis of both published and unpublished data — the first set culled from 46 journal papers and the second set from 20 years' worth of open-air experiments conducted in the United States, India and China.

Specifically, their analysis focused on the responses of five C3 crops (chickpea, rice, snap bean, soybean and wheat) and four C4 crops (sorghum, corn, giant miscanthus and switchgrass) to both ambient levels of ozone and increased concentrations of the gas, ranging from 40 to 100 parts per billion. Of particular interest were changes in the crops' photosynthetic capacity, chlorophyll content and fluorescence (a form of measurement for the pigment), antioxidant leaf activity, biomass material and seed yield. Drilling down a bit further, the team also compared the ozone sensitivities of hybrid and inbred lines of corn and rice.

C3 and C4 crops differ in how their leaves capture carbon dioxide from the air as a key component of photosynthesis. It is the process by which plants use sunlight to convert carbon dioxide into glucose, a sugar which helps power their growth, repair and development — and, in turn, sustain other forms of life on the planet, including humankind.

While both C3 and C4 crops use the enzyme called rubisco to convert carbon dioxide into sugars, C4 crops isolate rubisco in specialized cells where the concentration of carbon dioxide is very high. This enables higher rates of pho-



tosynthesis and greater efficiency of water use. Thus, C4 plants have lower stomatal conductance, resulting in less diffusion of carbon dioxide and ozone into leaves.

According to Ainsworth, the open-air experiments — properly known as "Free-Air Concentration Enrichment" (or "FACE") — provide a kind of ground truth about crop sensitivity to ozone (and carbon dioxide) closed-air studies cannot.

"We've used both controlled environments and field studies to investigate crop responses to ozone," said Ainsworth. "The advantage of FACE experiments is the real-world setting for experimentation. Plants are grown in soil, not pots, and there is no disruption of the continuum from soil to plant to atmosphere."

In general, the team reported in their *PNAS* paper, exposure to increased ozone levels correlated with reduced chlorophyl content, fluorescence and seed yield in C3 crops more than the C4 group.

But there were differences within the two categories of crops as well, with snap bean, rice, wheat, chickpea, soybean, maize, giant miscanthus, sorghum and switchgrass being ranked the most to least ozone sensitive. These findings differ from prior results which suggested soybean was the most sensitive and rice the least. Another finding highlighted in the *PNAS* paper was increased ozone inflicted lower grain yield losses in hybrid lines of corn and rice than inbred lines.

The researchers note current studies would benefit from side-by-side comparisons of the crops under open-air conditions. The protective role of phenolics and other antioxidants in the leaves of C4 crops also warrants further study.

Ainsworth said ozone pollution has risen to the level of other environmental stressors such as pressure from pests and disease as well as drought and diminished soil health. However, there is hope for better crop resiliency. For example, the genetic variability in them can be key to unlocking traits for greater tolerance or photosynthetic efficiency. Also, management decisions farmers can make — such as growing crops in new areas, planting earlier in the season or using later-maturing varieties — could further improve crop tolerance.

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University of Arkansas Program Celebrates 10 Years of Investing in Native Youth



Applications are open for the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative's 10th Annual Native Youth in Food and Agriculture Leadership Summit, set for July 15 – 23, 2024.

The Youth Summit brings participants from across Indian country to the University of Arkansas to spend a week creating lifelong memories and fostering professional and academic skills development. The program has impacted more than 500 Native youth since its inception.

Agricultural policy and production areas covered during Youth Summit include agricultural business and finance, land stewardship and conservation, agricultural law and policy, nutrition and health and animal science.

Experiences include touring tribal agricultural operations, interfacing with other youth and industry professionals, preparing an indigenous and local foods banquet and more.

Applications are open to American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian youth. ages 18-25, including recently graduated high school seniors. All travel and lodging expenses are covered for accepted applicants.

Applications close April 1, 2024.

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"We DID IT": BIRCH BARK SCROLLS RECOVERED FROM AUCTION

By Mary Annette Pember

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Some gave \$5; some gave \$100. In the end, more than 100 people united over a single mission to save sacred Ojibwe birch bark scrolls from falling into a black hole of private collectors of Native artifacts.

The good news swept across Facebook late Wednesday (January 24, 2024) afternoon.

"We did it!! The scrolls are back in Anishinaabe hands!" wrote Jerry Jondreau of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Baraga, Michigan. The names Anishinabe and Ojibwe are used interchangeably by citizens of the tribe.

Jondreau learned a few days earlier the LiveAuctioneers website was selling off a set of four birch bark scrolls, inscribed with messages and symbols sacred to Ojibwe people. The scrolls, thought to date from about 1900, were held by a private collector in Ohio but are believed to have come from Michigan.

Jondreau knew he had to do something, so he helped organize an online fundraising campaign to buy the scrolls. By Wednesday (January 24, 2024), the day of the auction, the campaign had raised over \$5,000, exceeding the listed minimum bid of \$4,500.

The final purchase price was \$7,500.

"My plan was just to get the scrolls out of circulation and into Anishinabe hands," he told *ICT*. "I was mortified and shocked when I learned about the sale of the scrolls. The fact that they had provenance in Michigan fueled a sense of urgency that something has to be done."

Word of Jondreau's efforts spread across social media. Soon tribal historic preservation officers and leaders from tribes throughout the Great Lakes got involved.

"This has really been a collaborative effort with all the tribal historic preservation officers across Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota," said Whitney Gravelle, president of the Bay Mills Indian Community in Michigan. "No one wanted to see these scrolls get away from our communities."

LiveAuctioneers.com sold the item for Cottone Auctions of Geneseo, New York. Neither company responded to e-mails and phone calls from *ICT* for comment.

The birch tree and its durable bark have been an essential part of Ojibwe life since time immemorial. Used for canoes, food vessels and medicines, the sturdy bark has also been used to record historical and religious information which continues to guide

Ojibwe people today. Historic birch bark scrolls



have been used to document the migration story of Anishinaabe or Ojibwe people, which likely occurred nearly 1,000 years ago as well as important treaties such as an 1849 scroll depicting a petition Ojibwe chiefs took to Washington in support of the 1854 treaty which ensured Ojibwe remain on their traditional lands in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan.

"Sordid History"

The scrolls purchased this week appear to represent information concerning spiritual ceremony but have not yet been authenticated. An unknown number of such scrolls are held by private collectors or in museums.

According to Gravelle, she and Jondreau stayed on the phone together during the bidding process. Once the bids exceeded the funds raised by Jondreau, Gravelle took over, finally prevailing at a final bid of \$7,500.

"Once the price got to \$5,000, it seemed that one other person was bidding against us," Gravelle said.

Shannon O'Loughlin, an attorney and chief executive of the Association on American Indian Affairs, said some auctions appear to have driven up prices of cultural items once they learn tribes are bidding.

"We have seen a lot of this," said O'Loughlin, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation. "When auction houses learn tribes are involved, they let other buyers know and create bidding wars."

There is a long sordid history of theft and looting of Native human remains, burial objects and other sensitive sacred and cultural patrimony even until today. This theft and looting have created a commercial enterprise in the sale of those items, now re-labeled as Native American "art," "artifacts" and "antiquities" according to an association press release.

Although auction houses, dealers and collectors may follow state, federal and tribal laws such as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, known as NAGPRA, they often fail to recognize items owned by individual collectors may have been stolen or acquired illegally.

The NAGPRA statute doesn't apply to items held in private collections, but federal law makes it illegal to traffic in Native human remains.

O'Loughlin said the sale of the scrolls raises questions about whether the transaction could have violated laws prohibiting the sale of stolen items.

"It absolutely appears illegal," O'Loughlin said in an e-mailed response to questions from ICT. "These are objects of cultural patrimony that are held by a Nation - a sovereign government. As such, an individual (even a Tribal citizen) cannot simply buy and sell a Nation's cultural patrimony. They must prove appropriate governing body authorization at the time of the original taking. I see no documentation in the sale that would relieve a buyer that these are not stolen items."

In a similar case in 2021 involving the White Earth Nation of Ojibwe in Minnesota, Sean Blanchet, co-owner of Revere Auctions in St. Paul, Minnesota, stepped in to purchase a birch bark scroll offered for sale by Skinner Auctioneers, so he could return it to the tribe.

Skinner removed the scroll from its sale list and sold it to Blanchet at its assessed value of \$2,500.

"The Wisdom They Car-

Gravelle and other tribal leaders are now in the process of working out the physical return of the Ohio scrolls. They plan to convene meetings of elders and experts from Great Lakes tribes to examine them.

"I don't consider these scrolls to now be the property of the Bay Mills Indian Community," Gravelle said. "We were part of the process in making sure they are brought home but this is a matter of communal patrimony."

Discussions are underway, she said, about possibly setting up a memorandum of understanding or cooperative agreement ensuring the scrolls and their teachings can be shared among other tribes.

"I wish there was more understanding and respect by auction houses and museum spaces about these items," Gravelle said. "The significance they carry for our communities cannot be replicated; I think they don't understand the meaning they have for us and the wisdom they carry."

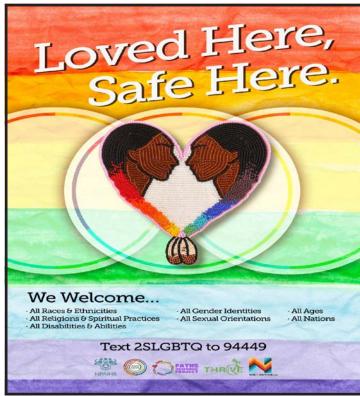
In the White Earth case, Historic Preservation Officer Jaime Arsenault noted sacred items such as birch bark scrolls could have been removed by force or sold under duress to stave off poverty.

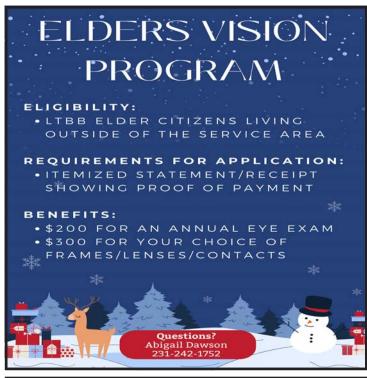
"People don't part with something of this significance willingly," she said.

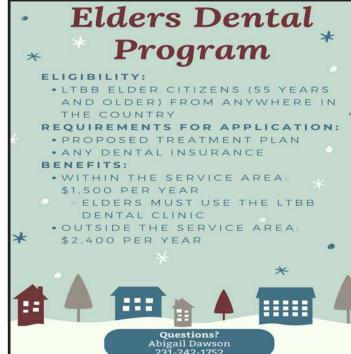
Mary Annette Pember, a citizen of the Red Cliff Ojibwe tribe, is a national correspondent for ICT.

Courtesy photo.









Sensing Sasquatch Exhibition Opens March 2, 2024 at the High Desert Museum



What does Sasquatch — also known as Bigfoot — represent to you? The unknown? Adventure? Mystery?

Sensing Sasquatch is a major new exhibition opening March 2, 2024 at the High Desert Museum in Bend, OR, examining the primate-like, reclusive and elusive being in the context of the High Desert region. The exhibit will be on view through January 12, 2025.

Native peoples of the Plateau have long known about, encountered, depicted and told stories about Sasquatch. Sensing Sasquatch will explore Sasquatch's past, present and future in the High Desert region through an indigenous lens. Works by five indigenous artists will be on view, including Phillip Cash Cash, Ph.D. (Nez Perce, Cayuse), HollyAnna CougarTracks DeCoteau Littlebull (Yakama, Nez Perce, Cayuse, Cree), Charlene "Tillie" Dimmick (Warm Springs), Frank Buffalo Hyde (Nez Perce, Onondaga) and Rocky LaRock (Salish).

"Sasquatch has captivated people in the region and, indeed, throughout the world," says Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. "However, what many people don't know is that Native Americans have had deeper relationships with Sasquatch throughout time."

"Rather than the popular, mainstream view of Sasquatch, this exhibition will show Sasquatch as a protective entity for many Indigenous peoples of the High Desert," says Whitelaw. "The exhibit will reflect the reverence that Native peoples have for Sasquatch and will be centered on Indigenous art, voices and storytelling."

The original word for Sasquatch is "Sasq'ets," which comes from the Halq'emeylem language of Coast Salish First Nation peoples from southwestern British Columbia. Sasquatch is bipedal and much taller than a human. Sasquatch's habitat is often associated with the wet rainforests of the coastal Pacific Northwest, but Sasquatch also lives beyond the green, lush climate. In the High Desert region, Sasquatch strides among the dry canyonlands, ponderosa pine forests and shrublands.

Popular depictions of

Sasquatch can be found everywhere across America. Sasquatch is emblazoned on everything from t-shirts and road signs to beer cans and traveling mugs. Before entering the exhibition, there will be an homage to the pop culture icon Sasquatch has become, but visitors will be asked to leave these ideas and perceptions behind to consider another side of Sasquatch's story. Outside the exhibition, a "bring-your-own" sticker interactive will encourage visitors to reflect on the popularity and kitsch of mainstream Sasquatch representations. Visitors will place their stickers on the back of a car that's driving away into the distance - symbolically transporting away their Sasquatch stereotypes and entering into a new realm of experience and insight.

Visitors will be introduced to the Indigenous Plateau of the High Desert and the arid forests and canyonlands where Native peoples have long come into contact with and exchanged stories about Sasquatch. They will see representations, stories and artwork about Sasquatch and how they vary between tribes and across regions. A contemporary carved mask by Rocky LaRock (Salish) will show visitors knowledge of Sasquatch is both ancient and contemporary. A digital language map will show the various names for Sasquatch across the Indigenous Plateau and beyond.

The question of whether or not Sasquatch exists is irrelevant to the exhibit's theme since in many indigenous traditions, Sasquatch is a bona fide living, breathing, sentient being. Indeed, for many tribes across North America, Sasquatch is regarded as an elder, a relative and a spiritual guide who appears to deliver important message to humans. So, when Sasquatch suddenly comes into view and interacts with humans, it can be a life-changing experience.

Sasquatch as a conscious being with the agency to communicate with humans will be shown in direct opposition to the popular view of Sasquatch as shy and who runs and hides when humans approach. Phillip Cash Cash's (Nez Perce, commissioned 13-foot-tall "Bigfoot Rattle," made of cottonwood, which Sasquatch would use. Cash Cash is an artist, writer, endangered language advocate and linguistic anthropology scholar with doctorates in linguistics and anthropology. As a fluent Nez Perce speaker, he works with communities and professional organizations on projects of cultural advocacy, identity and communication.

Many indigenous people say a Sasquatch encounter is a blessing. In turn, many indigenous peoples have sought to protect Sasquatch's anonymity and prevent human access to

its wilderness habitat. Holly-Anna CougarTracks DeCoteau Littlebull's (Yakama, Nez Perce, Cayuse, Cree) "Protector" commissioned sculpture — will depict Sasquatch as a protective "big sister" - not a predator but one who deserves respect and safeguarding. CougarTracks is an avid hunter and gatherer, who grew up on the Yakama Indian Reservation and considers herself "a protector of KwiKwiyai or Bigfoot. Bigfoot is considered the protector of all living things." As a contemporary and traditional artist, CougarTracks has many creative pursuits - illustration, animation, saddle making, beadwork, storytelling and writing.

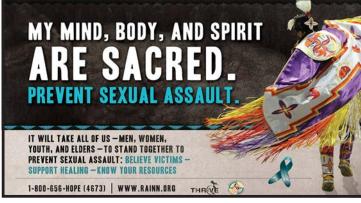


Other art will show visitors Sasquatch is a being who exists in the past, present and future. Sasquatch has appeared in indigenous artworks and stories for thousands of years and this continues today. Frank Buffalo Hyde's (Nez Perce, Onondaga) commissioned large-scale futuristic Sasquatch painting with 3-D relief elements will illustrate the perception of Sasquatch as an interdimensional enigma who lurked in the forest for millennia to a modern being who continues to live among humans in the present. Buffalo Hyde attended the Santa Fe Fine Arts Institute and Institute of American Indians Arts in New Mexico. His artwork, he says on his website, combines modern culture and technology with indigenous themes and tradition.

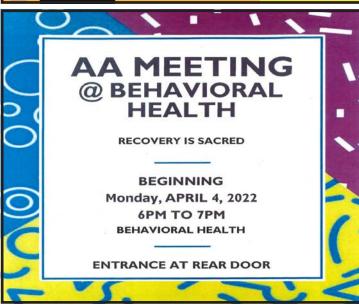
Sensing Sasquatch will include a yearlong series of associated public programs at the museum which will explore and reflect on the past, present and future of Sasquatch as seen through an indigenous lens.

Sensing Sasquatch is made possible by Bigfoot Beverages, the Bend Cultural Tourism Fund, Bend Magazine, Brooks Resources Corp., Central Oregon Daily, the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation, the Old Mill District, the Visit Central Oregon Future Fund and The X 100.7 FM with support from Bend Pet Express, Travel Oregon and Waypoint Hotel. Learn more at highdesertmuseum.

org/sensing-sasquatch *Courtesy photos.*













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Unearthing Injustice: Carlisle and the Winnebago Tribe's FIGHT FOR REPATRIATION

The history of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School represents the haunting legacy of Indian boarding schools, institutions which were weaponized against Native American children and tribal nations in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Carlisle's founder, General Richard Henry Pratt, characterized the mission of Indian boarding schools as being to "kill the Indian, save the man."

Carlisle, as other Indian boarding schools, aimed to strip Native children of their cultural identity altogether and assimilate them into Euro-American culture. Testament to the idea the well-being of Native children was not a priority of Carlisle, many students suffered untimely deaths at Carlisle during its operation from 1879-1918. Generally speaking, the Army and Carlisle officials immediately buried students without notifying, let alone seeking consent, of their tribal nations and families. The consequences of Carlisle's misdeeds are felt today as tribal nations continue to address the sordid and complex history of Carlisle and its intergenerational impacts.

One approach by which tribal nations have sought to address the historical and present-day impacts of boarding schools is by repatriating the remains of their relatives from the Carlisle Cemetery, utilizing the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). This was the approach the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska pursued when it made a request in November 2023 to the Army to repatriate two of its children — Samuel Gilbert and Edward Hensley — from Carlisle, pursuant to NAGPRA. Disappointingly, the Army responded to Winnebago's request with a denial in December 2023, maintaining NAGPRA could not be applied to carry out repatriation. Thus, on January 17, 2024, Winnebago initiated a lawsuit against the U.S. Army and other responsible agencies and officials. Through its lawsuit, Winnebago seeks to enforce NAGPRA to repatriate Samuel and Edward, who were taken from their home more than 100 years ago and never returned.

The Model Factory of Cultural Genocide

Founded in 1879, Carlisle became the blueprint for more than 400 federal Indian boarding schools nationwide, a network of institutions designed for cultural genocide. General Pratt's objective was to assimilate Native children into Euro-American culture by eradicating their cultures, languages, traditions and indigenous knowledge. However, the school almost completely failed to graduate students, and instead, subjected them to harsh conditions, labor and abuse. At least 179 children died as a result of their time at Carlisle. This included Winnebago's children, Samuel and Edward.

In 1895, Samuel and Edward were sent from their home in Winnebago to Carlisle. Samuel died just 47 days after arrival; Edward followed four years later. Carlisle never informed their families or Winnebago of their deaths, and the boys were unceremoniously buried without notice.

In 1918, Carlisle closed due to high death rates among other grave failures and abuses. Soon after, the Army callously dug up the remains of the 179 Native students to expand Army buildings on the site. The remains of 179 Native students, including Samuel and Edward, were hurriedly reburied without organization, and again without notice to their families or tribal nations.

It was exactly because of situations like Carlisle, of inappropriate acquisition and mishandling of Native American human remains, Congress enacted NAGPRA in 1990. NAGPRA was meant to address the desecration and exploitation of Native American human remains and burial sites. The law empowers tribal nations to reclaim remains possessed or controlled by federal agencies and museums which were illegitimately obtained. NAGPRA requires federal agencies to repatriate remains upon request of their culturally affiliated tribal nations and provides a robust set of consultation duties and obligations throughout the repatriation process. Despite this, the Army continues to disclaim NAGPRA's applicability at Carlisle and does so



by an intentional misreading of the law. The Army does this to distance itself from its historical role in the federal Indian boarding school era and its long history of abusing and mishandling Native American human remains. By retaining absolute and arbitrary control over the collection of remains at Carlisle Cemetery, the Army presents a grossly diluted narrative of what happened at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School.

Repatriating Children Under NAGPRA

On November 16, 2023, Winnebago requested repatriation of Samuel's and Edward's remains under NAGPRA. On December 7, 2023, the Army refused to comply with the law, denying Winnebago's request. The Army's rejection of Winnebago's repatriation request is part of a years-long pattern of obstruction and efforts to evade complying with NAGPRA at Carlisle. For many years, the Army refused to provide any means to bring home remains of relatives in the collection at Carlisle. Only after tribal nations began raising NAGPRA in 2017 did the Army change. However, the Army did not concede NAGPRA's applicability or tribal nations' right to request repatriation of their relatives. Instead, it has imposed a "disinterment and return" process which requires the identification of a "closest living relative," in order for remains from Carlisle Cemetery to be disinterred. The Army only allows closest living relatives to initiate and drive the process, not tribal nations. Because the Carlisle students often died as children themselves or died without children, they have no direct descendants and the identification of a "closest living relative" is nearly impossible. By contrast, NAGPRA provides a process for the tribal nations, in their sovereign capacities, to request the repatriation of their relatives' remains. The Army's process imposes several other unreasonable or impossible burdens on tribal nations seeking the return of their relatives' remains. By imposing this process, the Army seeks to circumvent its legal obligations and undermines the purpose of NAGPRA.

Through its lawsuit, Winnebago seeks to enforce its plainly apparent rights under NAGPRA. However, the battle to enforce NAGPRA repatriation at Carlisle also symbolizes a broader effort to obtain justice and healing for all tribal nations impacted by the cultural and literal genocide carried out by federal Indian boarding schools. NAGPRA is a vital law and must be upheld to address one of the greatest historical traumas inflicted on Native Americans.

The story of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School represents the dark chapter of Indian boarding schools and their collateral impacts which have rippled on through history to the present day — this demands acknowledgment, accountability and rectification. Winnebago's lawsuit against the Army thus is a crucial step towards justice, holding accountable the institution responsible for Samuel's and Edward's and other students' deaths, desecration of their remains and other misdeeds. The fight for repatriation is not just about the past; it is about healing intergenerational wounds and delivering long-overdue justice to tribal nations and Native communities.

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is represented by its General Counsel, Danelle Smith, the Native American Rights Fund and Cultural Heritage Partners.

NARF represents Winnebago as part of its Boarding School Healing initiative (https://narf. org/cases/boarding-school-healing/), which is made possible by the generosity of the Christensen Fund.

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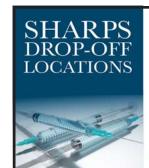
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of Odawa Indians **Tribal Council Chambers** 7500 Odawa Circle. Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Little Traverse Bay Bands

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes January 11, 2024

In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:08 a.m. Opening ceremony: Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes

Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: Councilor Jordan Shananaquet

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

Corporate Charters Present: Ziibimijwang Inc. Executive Director Mary Donner, Chairperson Kevin Gasco, Gaming Authority Chairperson Mary Kilmer, Vice Chair Denise Petoskey, Secretary/ Treasurer Donald Lasley, Gaming Authority Committee Member Kevin Gasco, GSP Online Gaming Primary Executive Matt Stemkoski

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco, Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Tribal Chairman's Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Health Director Jody Werner, Regulatory Lead Gaming Inspector Blayne Bott, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Education's WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, , Economic Recovery Coordinator, Nathan

Judicial Officials and Staff:

Public: Patrick Anthony, Brian Anthony, Rebecca Otto, Melissa Shomin, Renee Dillard, Nichole Keway Biber,

Invited Guest: Steve Moore of Armory Securities, LLC, Howard & Howard's Joseph Barber, John Stieger, Art Rogers

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt the agenda for January 11, 2024 as presented.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

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

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jor-

Fred Kiogima and supported by

dan Shananaquet) Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor Councilor William Ortiz to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 14, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco:

Thanks to Tribal Council for all they have done for our citizens.

Inter-Tribal Council's Executive Director has retired, they are in the process of hiring a new one.

Unit Directors will be bringing goals for 2024 and sharing with Tribal Council.

Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

SPRING Grant has been moved to the Administration Building.

The January Executive Townhall Meeting is Wednesday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. via

Zoom. Reminder, all Townhalls are bi-monthly.

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

Indian Town Housing is close to being done. There will be a site visit, hopefully next week, to walk through the development. 9:20 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Land.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to return to Open Session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco on January 11, 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Tribal Council Officer Re-

Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

Phone Polls: None

10:04 a.m. Councilor Jordan Shananaquet arrives

10:07 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

12:25 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to return to Open Session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried. 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 January 11, 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor JorTribal Council **Meeting Dates**

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

April 2 Work Session April 4 Council Meeting April 23 Work Session April 26 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

dan Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Public Comment 12:28 p.m. Opens

Nichole Biber: provided information that there is an Anishinaabekwe on the State's Natural Resources Committee. Would like Little Traverse Bay Bands to be a leader/model for partnering to make transformative change. Will send an email regarding ways to

Brian Anthony: Spoke regarding any grants that might be available for Natural Resources and Conservation

12:34 p.m. Closes

12:34 p.m. Break

1:34 p.m. Meeting Resumes

Ziibimijwang Inc. 2023 4th

Quarter Report

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Ziibimijwang Inc. 2023 4th Quarter Report as presented by Chairperson Kevin Gasco for January 11, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

1:52 p.m. Councilor Tamara Munson arrives

Legislative Leader Report

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes' verbal report for January 11, 2024. Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Ab-

stain (Councilor Tamara Munson), 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Secretary Report

Vetoes: (Tribal Council has

90 days to override an Executive veto) None Phone Polls: One

Motion to approve Confidential

Memo 010524-01 and the actions contained therein.

Vote: 4 - Yes, 5 - No, 0 - Ab-

stained, 0 - Absent

Motion fails. Activities: Walked through a

Land and Reservation Committee property. For Economic Development Ad-Hoc Committee, have met with property managers; working on job description for an Executive Director/Property Manager for Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for January 11, 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Land and Reservation Committee Report

Phone Polls: None

Activities: Walked through parcels for consideration. Had a few new parcels. Will have further conversation about Odawa Circle. Working with Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker for a Land Acquisition Policy.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chair for January 11, 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

General Counsel

2:40 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal Business.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

4:40 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to return to Open Session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for January 11, 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried. **Public Comment**

4:53 p.m. Opens

Brian Anthony: Farm was in

debt a few years ago. Would like to see Financial Impact Statements before adding expensive infrastructure. Would like firetrucks for Natural Resources Conservation and not so much for Emmet 4:57 p.m. Closes

4:57 p.m. Break

5:12 p.m. Meeting Resumes

Motion made by Councilor

William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to amend the agenda to include: Motion to adopt Tribal Resolution Great Lakes Energy Services to Victories Square; Motion to authorize the Chairperson to execute an amendment to the Bear Creek Township fire agreement; Motion to approve Confidential

Memo # 011124-01; Motion to

approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 011124-01 approval of FY 2024-FY 2027 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to authorize the Chairperson to execute an amendment to the Bear Creek Township fire agreement.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor

William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 011124-01 approval of FY 2024 - FY 2027 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution Great Lakes Energy Services to Victories Square. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred

Kiogima - Yes, Councilor Tamara Munson - Absent, Councilor William Ortiz - Yes, Councilor Aaron Otto - Yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp - Yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet - Absent, Treasurer Leroy Shomin - Yes, Secretary Emily Proctor - Yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes – Yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to approve Confidential Memo # 011124-01.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carried. Tribal Council Member Re-

Councilor Fred Kiogima - Attended Children's Solstice party, Land and Reservation Committee parcel walk-through, NHBP Pow

Councilor Tamara Munson -

Absent Councilor William Ortiz - Met with Northern Michigan Property Management, met regarding relocation program.

Councilor Aaron Otto - No Report

Councilor Melissa Pamp - Attended Children's Solstice party, met regarding relocation program, sent Council an email regarding OEDMI, stopped at the Room 94 at Odawa Casino Resort to see it.

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet Motion made by Councilor

William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, and Councilor Melissa Pamp's verbal reports for January 11, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Legislative Office Reports: Office of Finance and Revenue

- Senior Financial Analyst a. Office Update
- Corporate Charters and/
- or Board Updates:

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nanaquet) Motion carried. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to appoint Melissa Wiatrolik to Tribal Burial Board for a 2-year term

ending September 21, 2025. Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Adjournment:

6:13 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 Tamara Munson, Councilor Iordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Next Regular Tribal Council

Thursday, January 25, 2024 in Council Chambers and via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and are approved as written.

Emily Proctor, Tribal Council Secretary

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians **Tribal Council Chambers** 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 **Tribal Council**

Meeting Minutes January 25, 2024 In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:03 a.m. Opening ceremony: Secretary **Emily Proctor** Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes

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

Corporate Charters Present: Gaming Authority Chairperson Mary Kilmer and Vice Chairperson Denise Petoskey

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis, Community Health Case Manager Jenifer Burkhouse, Natural Resources Department Inland Fisheries Biologist Dylan Jones, Gijigowi Language Assistant Jenna Kishigo, Gijigowi Language Specialist Sammie Mc-Clellan-Dyal, Health Department Medical Assistant Nicole Simon, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Office of the Executive Services Attorney Sean

Cahill, SPRING Youth Activities Organizer Jade Barns, Judicial Officials and Staff:

Public: Nichole Keway Biber, Patrick Anthony, Marvin Mulholland, Brian Anthony, James

Invited Guest: GSP Online Gaming Primary Executive Official Matt Stemkoski

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to adopt the agenda of January 25, 2024 as amended.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen (s) who have walked on: Marcelino Bernard Sr.-ba, Dorothy Boda-ba, Raymond Cody-ba, Lou Hill-ba, Janet Keshick-ba, Joann Nelson-ba, Judith Sandoz-ba.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of January 11, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the minutes of January 11, 2024 as presented.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Marcella Reves)

Motion carries.

9:15 a.m. Introduction of new Employee Government Employ-

Jenifer Burkhouse, Community Health Case Manager, Health

Holly Budzynski, Human Services Administrative Assistant, **Human Services**

Dylan Jones, Inland Fisheries Biologist, Natural Resources

Jenna Kishigo, Language Assistant, Language

Sammie McClellan-Dyal, Language Specialist, Language

Nicole Simon, Medical Assistant, Health

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Tribal Chairperson

bridge (Line 5) will commence on March 21, 2024 in Cincinnati, OH. More details to follow as they

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

Housing Department policies Health Department Reorgani-

Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal

stain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

10:20 a.m. Legislative Leader Marcella Reves arrives

Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to return to Open Session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

or Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Confidential Memo 012524-01. Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Ab-

stain (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 2 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight

Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco for January 25, 2024.

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Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, marci reyes - Abstain, 1 - Absent

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes' verbal and written report for January 25,

stain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jor-

cil to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto): None Phone Polls: None

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

Appropriations and Finance Committee

propriations and Finance Committee: Two -01/24/2024 Reason for Phone

CERTIFIED MOTION #

012524-01 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michi-

gan for funding from the Office of

Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program FY 2024.

gency Phone Poll: Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to

Adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing Payment of Odawa Economic Development

Management, Inc.'s Outstanding

Invoices of \$100,000.00 to come

Fund Balance.

Motion carries.

10:52 a.m. Break

Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for January 25, 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jor-

11:00 a.m. Odawa Online GSP, LLC 2023 4th Quarter Report Motion made by Councilor Me-

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

and Reservation Committee: None

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

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Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation - Aki Construc-

Ziibimijwang, Inc. - 2023 4th Quarter Report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Sr. Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for January 11,

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort's November 2023 month end report dated December 29, 2023

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation to remit MBPI, LLC \$17,114.50 for accounting and expenses for Aki Construction.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to TA-**BLE** to approve Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation to secure EPS Security System for 1483 US 31 N Petoskey in accordance with the proposal received January 10, 2024 and authorize Interim Executive Director Michele Portman-LaCount to sign.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to TA-**BLE** to approve OEAHC Interim Director to provide DOC information for their Economic Diversification and Recovery Strategy (EDRS) planning grant to fulfill a data request from consultants.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan

Shananaquet) Motion carried. <u>Tribal Historic Preservation</u>

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik's written report as presented on January 11, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Legislative Services Attorney

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker's verbal and written report for January 11, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried. <u>Legislative Office Director</u>

Motion made by Councilor

Aaron Otto and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report as presented on January 11, 2024.

stain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Tribal Council Action Items: Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Department of Commerce Business Registration Regulations REG-WOS

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

2006-009-122223-004.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of and approve Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 1836 Ceded Territory 2023 Natural Resources Rules and Regulations REG-WOS-2013-004-122223-010.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of and approve Traditional Tribal Burial Grounds Regulations REG-WOS 2023-020 - 010824 - 001.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to not pursue Land Parcel #208 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to appoint Melissa Laughlin to Tribal Burial Board for a 2-year term ending September 21, 2025.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes), 0 -Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Ottoto reappoint Julie Janiskee to Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board for a 3-year term ending September 21,

Motion carried.

2026. Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to appoint Kevin Willis to Tribal Burial Board for a 4-year term ending September 21, 2027.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried. Motion made by Treasurer

Councilor William Ortiz to appoint Annette Vandecar to Tribal Burial Board for a 4-year term ending September 21, 2027. Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained,

2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara

Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Leroy Shomin and supported by

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to appoint Gwen Teuthorn to Tribal Burial Board for a 3-year term ending September 21, 2026.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Sha-

(Councilor Jordan Shananaquet)

Motion carries. Legislative Leader Report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

dan Shananaquet) Motion carries. Secretary Report Vetoes (a vote of Tribal Coun-

Activities: Working on the Economic Development job descrip-

Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for January 25, 2024.

stain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries. Treasurer Report

Phone Polls passed by the Ap-

Poll: Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve

Community Services,

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

-01/24/2024 Reason for Emer-

from the General Fund-

Phone Poll Vote: 2 - Yes, 0 -No, 1 - Abstain (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 0 - Absent

11:21 a.m. Meeting resumes Motion made by Councilor

dan Shananaquet)

Motion carries.

lissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Online GSP, LLC's 2023 4th Quarter Report dated January 25, 2024 as presented by GSP Online Gaming Primary Executive Matt Stemkoski for January 25, 2024.

Land and Reservation Committee Report

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Regina Gasco Motion carries. A Tribal Citizen inquired about the tribe's stance on Palestine

The State of Michigan v En-

Indian Town development up-

zation 9:27 a.m. Motion made by

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

10:28 a.m. Motion made by

Motion made by Council-

Motion made by Treasurer

Phone Polls passed by the Land

"Minutes" continued from page 26. Closed Session for Land Parcels 11:37 a.m. Motion made by

Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz o enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business - Land.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

12:07 p.m. Councilor Tamara Munson exits meeting.

12:31 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to return to Open Session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Public Comment

12:32 p.m. Opens

Nichole Biber spoke regarding Enbridge Line 5.

Brian Anthony spoke regarding Merrill Lynch and Trust Fund.

Marvin Mulholland spoke about an interesting article regarding "Company K" sharpshooters of Michigan tribes. We should recognize the author for her book and get a copy for our preservation office.

Patrick Anthony would like a call from Tribal Council regarding Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. accounts.

12:46 p.m. Closed

12:46 p.m. Lunch Recess 2:07 p.m. Meeting resumes

Motion made by Councilor

William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chair for January 25, 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries. Tribal Council Member Reports:

Councilor Fred Kiogima:

Attended the Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting

Attended the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC) on 01/19/24

Attended the Gun Lake Round

Councilor Tamara Munson -No report

Councilor William Ortiz Attended the Tap 94 soft open-

Councilor Aaron Otto

Received calls from Odawa Casino Resort employees seeking information.

Continuing with research of best practices and policy writing for corporations

Councilor Melissa Pamp Continuing to work on the Ex-

clusion Statute with Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker Working on one statute that

would govern all of the charters/ boards Been asked to work on another

Murdered and Missing Indigenous People project

Would like to attend the Opposition to Line 5 on March 21, 2024 in Cincinnati, OH.

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet Motion made by Councilor

Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, and Councilor Melissa Pamp's verbal report for January 25, 2024. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

stain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries. Office of Finance and Revenue Senior Financial Analyst Office Update

Corporate Charters and/or

Gaming Authority - 11:00 a.m. Odawa Online GSP 2023 4th Quarter Report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.

Ziibimijwang, Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for January 25, 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Tribal Historic Preservation Office - No report

Legislative Services Attorney Office update

Closed Session for Legal

2:23 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

4:08 p.m. Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to return to Open Session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Public Comment:

4:10 p.m. Opens

No comments made

4:12 p.m. Closed 4:12 p.m. Break

4:31 p.m. Meeting resumes

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker's verbal written report for January

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

General Counsel

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for January 25, 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Legislative Office Director/ Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Interim Director

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for January 25, 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation's 2023 4th Quarter Report as presented by Interim Director Michele Portman-LaCount for January 25, 2024. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

stain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries. Motion made by Council-

or Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the Five (5) Year Lease Agreement between Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and Tribal Historic Preservation Office and authorize Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes and Tribal Historic Preservation

Officer Melissa Wiatrolik to sign. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries. **Tribal Council Action Items:**

ODAWA TRAILS

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012524-01 Updates to Tribal FY 2024Long Range Transportation Plan & FY 2025 Tribal Transportation Safety Plan.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp

to approve the rebalance of the Merrill Lynch investment accounts allocations per recommendation from Lisa London, Sr. Vice President, Senior Investment Advisor Merrill Lynch.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to pursue Land Parcel #210 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Department of Commerce **Business Registration Regulations** REG-WOS 2006-009 122223-004.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 012524-02 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for funding from the Office of Community Services, Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program FY 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to remove Michele Portman-LaCount as acting Interim Director of Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation due to the expiration of her term, and to appoint Aaron Otto as Corporate Transition Director of OEAHC with authorization to sign documents and approve day-to-day business decisions.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 3 - No (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes), 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Aaron Otto, and Secretary Emily Proctor to be a part of the EDA Grant work group. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

stain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries. Motion made by Councilor

Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to not pursue Land Parcel #205 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

stain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries. Motion made by Councilor

Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing Payment of OEDMI Overdraft and Future Interest Payments to

Fifth Third Bank to come from the

General Fund-Fund Balance.

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

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing Treasurer Shomin to Sign Audit Engagement Letters and Authorize Payment of \$21,000 to come from General Fund-Fund Balance-Legal Line item.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima – Yes, Councilor Tamara Munson - Yes, Councilor William Ortiz - Yes, Councilor Aaron Otto Yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp Yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet - Absent, 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 William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing Payment of OEDMI's 2022 Outstanding Audit Balance in the amount of \$7,500.00 to come from the General Fund-Fund Bal-

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

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Capital Expenditures supplemental funding in the amount of \$14,370.77 for FY 2024 to come from General Fund-Fund Balance to support refurbishing the three Administration Building signs.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima - Yes, Councilor Tamara

Munson - Yes, Councilor William Ortiz - Yes, Councilor Aaron Otto - Yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp -Yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet - Absent, Treasurer Leroy Shomin - No, Secretary Emily Proctor - Yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes - Yes

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing Payment of Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.'s Outstanding Invoices of \$100,000.00 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

See below Closed Session for **Roll Call Vote**

5:18 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

5:32 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to return to Open Session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Roll Call Vote continues. Councilor Fred Kiogima - Yes,

Councilor Tamara Munson - Yes, Councilor William Ortiz - No, Councilor Aaron Otto - No, Councilor Melissa Pamp - No, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet -Absent, Treasurer Leroy Shomin Abstain, Secretary Emily Proctor - Yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes - Yes Motion carries.

Other Items of Business: None Adjournment:

5:35 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adjourn.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

and via Zoom These Minutes have been read

and are approved as written. Emily Proctor, Tribal Council Secretary



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements All persons who have been convicted as a sex

offender are required by the LTBB Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statute to register with LTBB Law Enforcement if any of the following circumstances are true:

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

LTBB Law Enforcement is located at: 911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770

231-242-1500 For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry, you can

visit the LTBB Website www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.

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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.

THE WRAP: BOARDING SCHOOL POLICIES COVERED UP HIDDEN DEATHS

By Mary Annette Pember

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

George Little Wound was gravely ill when he was sent home to Pine Ridge from the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in 1889, just three years after arriving at the notorious boarding

Little Wound, the son of Chief Little Wound, was among a group of three Pine Ridge students shipped home together with what the school physician described as "incipient consumption" and "scrofula," a disfiguring infection of the skin and lymph nodes caused by the same bacteria as tuberculosis, according to Carlisle records.

All three appeared to survive their illness for some time after they returned to Pine Ridge though Little Wound was never the same. Forever weakened by the disease, he struggled to support himself and expressed disgust with his school experience.

"I went to (Carlisle) school to get a good education ... but I was greatly mistaken when I went to school," he wrote in 1911 in a tersely worded survey he sent to Carlisle more than 20 years after returning home.

"I come home with sickness and do not know anything and believe I may never get well from the sickness which I brought from the school," he wrote. "I am in a miserable place and bad condition living in a one-room log home without floor where I am unable to help myself."

The decision to ship home students like Little Wound with contagious illnesses also no doubt contributed to the spread of tuberculosis and other diseases across tribal nations, causing deaths across the country linked to boarding schools which go far beyond the numbers of students buried in school cemeteries.

Native populations across the country decreased by more than 100,000 during the early years of boarding schools with about one third of the total Native population dying between 1860 and 1900, mostly from diseases such as tuberculosis.

On the Pine Ridge Reservation, thousands of people died from about 1860 to 1900, mostly from tuberculosis, records show.

The Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania (c. 1900) was one of many boarding schools sponsored by government and religious groups to "civilize" Indian children who had been taken from their families and commu-

Scholar Preston McBride, who spent years researching the deaths for his doctoral dissertation at the University of California Los Angeles, estimates as many as 40,000 Native children died while attending boarding school and thousands of others died after going home sick.

"Sending sick students back to their communities made them deadly pathogen carriers," McBride wrote in his dissertation. "Indeed, school superintendents routinely infected Indigenous communities across the United States by sending ill children and young adults home. When terminally or terribly ill students approached death, superintendents sent them home to possibly infect others and die."

Not unlike the smallpox-infected blankets distributed to tribes in the mid-18th century by British forces during the French and Indian War, the boarding school policies used Native America's own children to spread disease and death.

It was a risk government officials knew well but disregarded, allowing them to avoid reporting the rising school death rates and contributing to the overarching mission to resolve the so-called "Indian problem" one way or another, according to an ICT review of documents from Carlisle and the National Archives.

The devastation at the time was fueled by the growing interest in the eugenics movement, which considered Native people and other people of color as biologically inferior, and a widespread indifference to the plight of indigenous



Repeated Warnings

In 1860, the Native population was estimated to be 339,000, but by 1900, it had dropped to about 237,000, a rapid decline which coincides with assimilation policies during the years of the Dawes Act land policies and the spread of boarding schools.

Although the federal government failed to keep accurate death records for either boarding schools or reservations, schools clearly played a key role in spreading disease in the Native population.

All the while, government officials ignored repeated warnings they were killing people.

A letter discovered by ICT in Carlisle archives from the Indian agent at the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota, for example, complained 20% of the population there was infected with some form of tuberculosis, and 50% of the related deaths were among school-age

He went on to complain in the 1916 letter about the practice of sending sick children home from Carlisle.

"It is not sufficient to send children afflicted with tuberculosis home from boarding schools without making some adequate preparation for their care," wrote John Brennan, superintendent at the Pine Ridge Agency in South Dakota to the U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

"It is equivalent to sending them home to die."

Leaders at Carlisle wrote in response they had no record of students sick with tuberculosis returned to Pine Ridge.

McBride, of Comanche descent, an assistant professor of history at Pomona College in California, combed through school and national archives as well as census data and news reports of four federal Indian boarding schools: The Carlisle school in Pennsylvania; the U.S. Indian Industrial Training School in Haskell, KS; Chemawa Indian School in Oregon; and the Sherman Institute in California.

He examined records from 1870 to 1934 and used the information from the four schools to estimate nearly 40,000 students likely died in the more than 400 boarding schools operated in the U.S.

His estimate far exceeds death and attendance rates reported in the U.S. Department of Interior's 2021 boarding school investigation, which identified approximately 53 burial sites associated with all schools accounting for more than 500 student deaths.

The Interior Department's report, however, predicts future information may show death rates may have been in the thousands or tens of thousands. Investigators were unable to provide an accurate number of children who attended the schools although they concluded by the 1920s, nearly 83% of school-age Native children were enrolled in the schools.

From the new information collected, McBride was able to estimate approximately 250,000 Native children attended boarding schools and day schools from 1879 to the pres-

McBride's findings already exceed those found by the Department of Interior. His research found official records list 831 students died at just the four schools he examined, and 3,947 students were sent home from the schools during this period, mostly because of illness.

"I took all the archival material I could find and compared it to school superintendent reports sent to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs," McBride told ICT. "Death rates were rou-

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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

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tinely underreported across all four schools."

He was also able to determine at least 1,000 died after being sent home sick in addition to the number of students reported to have died while enrolled at the school.

"Accurate numbers are hard to come by," he said. "I describe most of the deaths as 'administrative disappearance."

"Insidious" Disease

ICT's research of Carlisle records and at the National Archives found numerous examples of official correspondence among school leaders and government officials referring to and often complaining about the practice of sending very sick children home from boarding schools.

The reports are complicated by the fact vital statistics regarding reports of deaths omitted the children's connections to boarding school atten-

But records show Lt. Richard Pratt, superintendent and founder of the Carlisle school, quietly began sending very sick children home to die rather than continuing to increase the school's reported death rates and burials on site. Other schools soon followed suit.

As researchers have continued to dig into records, it has become more and more apparent the children buried in school cemeteries — even those in unmarked graves — represent a small fraction of the children who died as a result of their boarding school experiences.

In a letter to the Commissioner on Indian Affairs requesting funding for the children to travel home, Pratt describes the process as "getting rid of bad timber." The school's physician agreed, noting children with incurable diseases who are likely to die young should be sent home.

They knew it was a death sentence, according to a letter Pratt wrote to the commissioner of



Indian Affairs in 1904.

"Occasionally, students recover who are sent home under these circumstances (sick with tuberculosis) but in most cases, they linger awhile then for lack of proper treatment and attention and from being surrounded by the degrading, impoverished and irregular conditions at their homes, pass away," he wrote.

McBride shared an 1897 government report from the Ho-Chunk Agency physician W. J. Ste-

"The prevailing disease is tuberculosis, which is slowly solving the Indian problem," Stephenson wrote.

James Walker, a physician in the Indian Service who served as doctor at the Pine Ridge reservation from 1896 to 1906, carefully collected data relating to tuberculosis there.

In an 1899 report to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Walker said tuberculosis death rates rose by 62% at Pine Ridge for each of the years he kept data.

"The prevailing disease among the Lakota is tuberculosis with almost 50% infected, mostly children," he wrote.

A missionary at the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming calculated between 1881 and 1894, more than half of the 73 children sent to Carlisle died either at the school or shortly after returning home. In 1897, the superintendent at Crow Creek Indian boarding school in South Dakota reported to Washington the entire school population was infected with tuberculosis, according to ICT research.

By the early 1900s, tuberculosis had grown to epidemic proportions across Indian country.

"Pulmonary tuberculosis is widespread," wrote Indian Service Inspector William Mc-Connell in a 1904 report to the commissioner about tuberculosis among Native populations.

"It is common. It is fatal. It is insidious. It is everywhere."

Placing Blame

The first children attending Carlisle and other Indian boarding schools began to sicken or die almost immediately from tuberculosis, diphtheria, measles and other diseases.

Their diminished immune systems were likely exacerbated by poor food, hard labor and the emotional toll of homesickness. Pratt's great scheme to "kill the Indian to save the man" soon included killing the man as well. By confining large numbers of children from sparsely populated rural locations into close, unventilated, crowded quarters, Pratt inadvertently created an especially efficient vector for transmission of

The deadliest was tuberculosis. In the years following the beginning of the federal boarding school era, from about 1880 to the 1920s, the rates of tuberculosis infection and death sky-rocketed at schools and on reservations.

Pratt placed the blame on the Natives themselves, accusing them of sending sick children to the school and railed against what he described as their unhygienic, primitive ways as the cause of death. He blamed one student's death, for instance, on contagion contracted from a letter

A tuberculosis diagnosis in those days was often a death sentence since effective treatment with antibiotics didn't emerge until the mid-

By 1925, when the overall tuberculosis mortality rate in the U.S. was 87 deaths per 100,000, the rate among American Indians and Alaska Natives was 603 per 100,000, nearly seven times greater, according to the National Library of Medicine.

The high death rates were exacerbated by federal policies such as mass removals from homelands as well as land cessions under the Dawes Act, which effectively cut tribes off from traditional food sources.

McBride said tuberculosis was "hands down" the number-one killer at schools and on reservations during the period he studied. Tuberculosis developed through what he called a "disease synergy," in which waves of measles, pneumonia and other diseases worked in concert to weaken the immune system making people susceptible to more dangerous diseases.

"Children don't just die," he said. "Once children get beyond age five, they are among the healthiest demographic of any population. Between the ages of 11 and 13, children are the healthiest they will ever be. Yet, this is squarely the age when Native children died at boarding

The U.S. Congress refused to help. Even as evidence mounted of illness and death at schools and reservations, Congress failed to allocate funding to combat disease or improve conditions at the schools. Rather, in 1893, Congress enacted regulations requiring Native parents to send children to school or face penalties which included incarceration or withholding of

"The high rates of death among Native children were tolerated as acceptable collateral damage in the government's larger push to eradicate Indigeneity and confiscate Indian lands,"

The Role of Eugenics

Many scientists during the late 1800s believed susceptibility to tuberculosis was hereditary, a reflection of poor constitution and biological inferiority.

The belief was driven by the emerging pseudo-science of eugenics, a term coined in 1883 by Sir Francis Galton, an English explorer and anthropologist who was also a cousin of Charles Darwin, the naturalist who authored, "On the Origin of Species."

Galton and other eugenicists misapplied Darwin's theory of natural selection or survival of the fittest to explain high rates of illness and social disparities among the poor and people of color as a matter of "bad genes."

The growing interest in eugenics supported

the governmental indifference to Native lives.

Many white leaders of the era enthusiastically embraced the eugenics theory, citing it as proof of already existing societal beliefs in the superiority of the European population and culture and the physical, social and mental inferi-

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And although the cause of tuberculosis, tuberculosis bacillus, was identified in 1882, the theory of eugenics continued to inform government policies surrounding social welfare and medical support.

Many prominent Progressives, including scholars and scientists, supported eugenics and sterilization as a scientific way to reduce suffering and improve the common good by improving human heredity through the social control of human breeding.

They relied on research such as the First International Eugenics Congress by American eugenicist Bleecker Van Wagenen in 1911, "Preliminary Report of the Committee of the Eugenic Section of the American Breeder's Association to Study and to Report on the Best Practical Means for Cutting Off the Defective Germ-Plasm in the Human Population" to inform federal policies.

Van Wagenen's report included 10 remedies for "cutting off the supply of human defectives," including involuntary sterilization and euthana-

Van Wagenen's theories were so widely accepted that in a 1927 case, Buck v. Bell, the U.S. Supreme Court found in favor of states' rights to compulsory sterilization of people with 'undesirable traits' such as epilepsy, feeblemindedness and criminality which ultimately translated into use primarily against women of color, including

Thirty states passed such laws. American eugenicists made no secret of their racist objectives, and their views were prevalent.

And Adolph Hitler was greatly influenced by U.S. eugenics research in his genocide against the Jewish people and others he deemed as "undesirables" during the Nazi regime.

It wasn't until 1974 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against use of federal funds for steriliza-

McBride, who does not address the impact of eugenics in his research, said the rhetoric surrounding federal Indian policy focused on a myth of inevitable extinction.

"There was a prevailing notion that Indigenous peoples were expendable," he said. "The vast majority of government officials couldn't have cared less about Indigenous lives. They weren't citizens. They couldn't elect any representatives. If they died, so be it."

McBride found a bitter, painful irony in his research about the historical treatment for tuberculosis.

Before the use of antibiotics in the 1940s, the gold standard treatment for patients sick with the disease was advising them to live in tents to afford maximum exposure to fresh air.

"Basically, they were telling people to go live in tents, which the Lakota were already doing before government officials forced their children away to boarding schools," he said.

Canadian Similarities

Canada, which patterned its residential school system after the Carlisle school, was also wrestling with similar problems with the spread of tuberculosis.

Dr. Peter Bryce, chief medical officer of the Canadian Department of the Interior and Indian Affairs, sent several reports about high rates of illness and death from tuberculosis among indigenous children in residential schools and on reserves after conducting research on the population in 1905 and 1906.

His findings, "Report on the Indian schools of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories," was published in 1907 without its recommendations for access to physicians and improved sanitary living conditions.

According to Bryce's report and another in 1909, the mortality rate among residential school students was between 40 and 60%, mostly from tuberculosis, and 42% in homes where children were sent to die.

The government failed to acknowledge Bryce's findings or act, but the doctor continued to submit his annual reports. Finally, disgusted by government inaction, Bryce self-published his report in 1922 after his retirement, entitled, "The Story of a National Crime."

Duncan Campbell Scott, deputy superin-

tendent of Canada's Department of Indian Affairs from 1913 to 1932, defended the schools against Bryce's findings.

"It is readily acknowledged that Indian children lose their natural resistance to illness by habituating so closely in these schools, and that they die at a much higher rate than in their villages," he said in 1922. "But this alone does not justify a change in the policy of this Department, which is being geared towards the final solution of our Indian Problem."

Scott was an aggressive supporter of the residential schools and was instrumental in expanding the system. He spoke out in favor of a 1920 law mandating school attendance for indigenous peoples.

"I want to get rid of the Indian problem," Scott said. "Our objective is to continue until there is not a single Indian in Canada that has not been absorbed into the body politic and there is no Indian question, and no Indian Department. That is the whole object of this bill."

Looking Ahead

The boarding school legacy continues to live on in the United States even as the government works to gather research about the system.

George Little Wound, who was sent home sick from Carlisle, carried on the efforts of his father, Chief Little Wound, in tirelessly lobbying the government to build schools on or close to reservations as a way of reducing illness and death.

Chief Little Wound died in 1899, but his son successfully helped in establishing a day school in the mid-1930s in Kyle, SD, on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The Little Wound School, named after George and his father, is now a tribally run institution still in operation today.

Little is known about the other two students, Lizzie Frog and Adelia Tyon, who were sent home with Little Wound to Pine Ridge. The two girls had arrived at Carlisle together on August 12, 1887 when Lizzie was 10 and Adelia was

They were all three sent home on March 27, 1889 with scrofula and incipient consumption.

Adelia lived on into her 30s, at least, though she noted in a letter to school officials in 1910 she had been hospitalized for about 11/2 years after returning home. Records show she and Lizzie had gone on to attend other schools closer to home, including a school which burned.

But she noted in the 1910 letter, at age 29, her health problems persisted.

"I am not healthy and have weak eyes," she

Details about Lizzie are sparse. Her school files report she died in February 1899, just shy of 10 years after being sent home. Her cause of death is not noted.

Today, rows of tombstones remain at Carlisle as efforts are under way to return students' remains to their relatives more than 100 years after they went to boarding school. Unmarked graves are continuing to surface in the U.S. and

Now, the new information points to swelling numbers of boarding school-related deaths which had eluded previous official reports. Many more died as a direct result of the boarding school experience.

McBride, meanwhile, finished his dissertation, "A Lethal Education: Institutionalized Negligence, Epidemiology, and Death in Native American Boarding Schools, 1879-1934," in 2020 and is working to publish it as a book. Several publishers have expressed great interest in the work, he said.

He told ICT he was inspired to pursue research into boarding schools by his grandfather's experiences.

"He never talked about his childhood but I wanted to know his story; unfortunately, he died before I could figure out any answers," McBride

"At some point in the research, I realized I might never find the answers to his life," he said, "but I grew hopeful that I could provide some answers and maybe even some closure for other people."

Mary Annette Pember, a citizen of the Red Cliff Ojibwe tribe, is a national correspondent for

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Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of Room 94 in late January 2024.

Room 94 is Petoskey's new taproom experience. Indulge in a curated selection of beer and bourbon which promises to elevate your drinking experience. Embark on a culinary journey with their enticing selection of food, meticulously crafted to tantalize your taste buds. Add a dash

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To view the menu and drinks or to learn more, visit https://www.odawacasino.com/room-94

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HOW MIGHT TOMATOES PROVIDE HEALTH BENEFITS?

Scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and The Ohio State University (OSU) have been working to investigate how tomatoes may be imparting health benefits in a recently published study.

Studies in animals have shown incorporating tomatoes into the diet can reduce the prevalence of chronic illnesses like prostate and liver cancer. It has been thought compounds naturally produced by tomatoes are responsible for these effects. After absorption from a meal, many of the chemical compounds found in tomato fruits travel to the liver where they are metabolized. Some compounds remain for some time while others are quickly removed from the body.

Meanwhile, in the liver or other tissues, some of these compounds can alter gene expression in ways associated with positive health benefits. Researchers in the past have largely focused on lycopene, a pigment which gives tomatoes their red color. However, tomatoes produce thousands of compounds, and it has been shown tomato consumption offers more benefits than lycopene alone. A "big picture" view was missing.

"We know that eating tomatoes is associated with a number of health benefits, and our study intended to dive deeper into what happens when you eat tomatoes from the standpoint of what is absorbed and how gene expression is altered," said Michael Dzakovich, Ph.D., a scientist with USDA-ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center. "Rather than focusing only on one compound, we utilized a



technology called metabolomics to broadly profile how hundreds of chemical compounds were changing in the liver as a result of tomato consumption. We also used transcriptomics to measure how all the detectable genes in the liver were changing at the same time. This approach gave us valuable insight into the potential mechanisms by which tomato consumption affects the liver and potentially, the whole body."

Scientists tested liver tissue from mice who were fed control diets or control diets enriched with tomato to determine what tomato compounds were found in the liver and how gene expression changed. Tomato-fed mice were given one of two diets with the addition of commercial orange and red tomato varieties. Since not all tomato varieties are chemically identical, using multiple varieties allowed for a more comprehensive examination of how tomato consumption affects the liver in general.

"We discovered a series of metabolites (molecules produced by metabolism) that have never been reported in the liver. Several of these compounds have been found in blood, skin, and urine, but our data show that these molecules are more extensively metabolized than we realized," stated Dzakovich. The metabolites are from steroidal alkaloids uniquely produced in tomatoes.

"Steroidal alkaloids have been shown in both in vitro (in the laboratory) and animal studies to lower the absorption of cholesterol, reduce cancer cell proliferation, and reduce muscle atrophy. They also resemble many important signaling molecules made by the body. It seems reasonable to hypothesize they might be a part of a suite of compounds found in tomatoes that benefit human health."

In addition, scientists observed regardless of the tomato variety, there was an increase in the activation of genes related to xenobiotic metabolism, a series of biological processes which help our body detoxify itself. This led the authors to hypothesize one way in which tomatoes may be benefiting human health is in their ability to promote production of the enzymes which allow excretion of potentially toxic compounds. Similar gene expression profiles have been associated with the prevention of cancer development because of consuming vegetables like brassicas (for example, broccoli).

Michael Dzakovich initiated this study during his Ph.D. program in the laboratory of Jessica Cooperstone, Ph.D. at The Ohio State University in collaboration with Mallory Goggans, MS, Jennifer Thomas-Ahner, Ph.D., Nancy Moran, Ph.D., Steven Clinton MD, Ph.D., and David Francis, Ph.D. More details about this study can be found in Molecular Nutrition

and Food Research. *Courtesy photo.*







Naabdin Giizis Puzzle Answer Key Puzzle on page 6.

bezhiwaabik	one dollar
naanwaabik	five dollars
aabtawaabik	half a dollar
Niizhiniin	two bits or a quarter
zhoomaankenh	penny or cent
mdaaswaabik	ten dollars
niizhtana waabik	twenty dollars
naanmitana waabik	fifty dollars
ngodwaak	a hundred (dollars)
mdaaswaak	a thousand (dollars)
nbookshkaa	I'm broke
zhoonyagamik	bank

"Screening" continued from page 1. available to drive you to your screenings.

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tively, and where everyone can lead a healthy life.

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el, unique and cutting-edge solutions and takes calculated risks which result in creative answers and improved customer service. The award was presented to the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Serial Cytometry team for pioneering the real-time cell analysis required to support early cancer diagnosis.

Every year since 1949, the Department has honored its most esteemed employees with individual, group and organizational Gold and Silver Medals. These are the most prestigious department awards.

On February 6, 2024, 96 awards were given, including 54 Gold Medals and 42 Silver Medals encompassing 597 employees and organizations. Gold or Silver Medals are awarded in the following seven categories: Leadership, Personal and Professional Excellence, Scientific/Engineering Achievement, Organizational Development, Customer Service, Administrative/Technical Support and Heroism.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Bernadece Boda along with Shadana Marie Sultan, Charles Edward Tippeconnic, Jessica Anne Imotichey, Christie Ann Hernandez, Vicki A. McIntire, Cathy Lynn Lacy, Marilyn A. Sanders, Julie A. Lam and Willette Allen received a United States Census Gold



Medal for Personal and Professional Excellence. The group was honored for using their diverse experience to successfully launch and implement the inaugural year of the Tribal Relations Program. The program led to improved tribal relations in support of both current surveys and the Decennial Census, increased awareness of Census products and enhanced cultural awareness of Census staff when engaging with federal and state tribes and urban Indian partners. Their work has significantly improved the Bureau's overall relationships with tribal nations and has advanced data equity for this historically undercounted population.

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used to prepare for ceremony and is said to be the strongest of the medicines as indicated by its strong scent. These medicines are living beings and are given freely to all people to enhance and help sustain every-day lives."

Randall Koch, Behavioral Health Manager for the tribe, said including teachings and traditions in communicating with tribal youth, through the kits and other avenues, are important for helping to bring balance into their lives.

"Trauma is prevalent throughout our community, but Indigenous people also carry the trauma of their ancestors. Utilizing culture offers a means of healing the person, their ancestors and ndanwendaaganak - 'all my relations," said Koch. "In addition, the seven grandfather and grandmother teachings of love, humility/ forgiveness, respect/integrity, wisdom/sharing, honesty/kindness, bravery/protection, truth/ trust guide the processes of therapy as they emphasize the values and character necessary for mno bimaadiziwin - 'living a good life."



Reaching the English Language Learner **Population**

While Northern Michigan has a significant Native American population, the number of English Language Learners residents is smaller, but increasing. "ELL" refers to those students and residents whose primary language is not English, and whose English proficiency or lack thereof creates a barrier to learning.

Schlehuber said in rural areas where ELL populations are not large, it is important to remember their social, emotional and mental

health needs as well. "Anything we as educators can do to ease

CHARLEVOIX-EMMET ISD

ELL and immigrant students' transition into schools and communities, promote strong relationships with educators and peers will lessen the challenge of learning new cultural norms," said Schlehuber. "Addressing emotional wellness fosters cooperation, clear communication, and conflict resolution. Additional benefits include stress management, motivation, self-efficacy, and confidence to seek and offer assistance when it's needed."

The grant allows for the purchase of books for new, incoming and current ELL students which pertain to social and emotional wellness in their native languages, and books which reflect their culture along with cultural games and puzzles.

"Being a newcomer to our schools can bring with it stress and anxiety for students who do not speak English. It can be challenging for teachers and staff to communicate with students about their feelings. Feelings charts in other languages will be part of the kits for students and staff to utilize," said Schlehuber. "Having these kits on hand and ready for schools when a new ELL student enrolls will greatly improve the sense of belonging and acceptance for these students, including their emotional well-being."

Not only will the kits benefit the students, but local school staff members as well.

"These kits will provide opportunities for staff to learn about, understand, and respect other cultures and traditions, which directly correlates to acceptance," said Schlehuber. "We are grateful that the young members of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation share our vision for inclusivity and sensitivity to all our student populations. Their support for this project is immeasurable."

Schlehuber said items for the kits will be purchased soon, and she expects to start distributing them in spring 2024. She will work directly

with schools on distribution. Courtesy photos and courtesy graphic.



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★ K-12 TUTORING & **ACADEMIC SUPPORT** PROGRAMS

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

Harbor Springs Middle School

- · 4th hour intervention hour provides academic support
- · Please inquire with teacher or use contact below
- Contact: Mary Beck, Academic Interventionist, at mbeck@harborps.org
- Title 6 Indian Coordinator

Title 6 programing differs between schools, staffing and local needs Please inquire on academic support once position is filled

Position is currently vacant Contact: Please contact Harbor Springs Schools for updates on staffing

Harbor Springs High School Academic Seminar

Please inquire with your student's school counselor or homeroom teacher regarding 5th hour academic seminar for high school students

- Title 6 Indian Coordinator
- Please inquire on academic support once position is filled · Position is currently vacant
- Contact: Please contact Harbor Springs Schools for updates on staffing

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Petoskey Area (FREE or scholarships available)

Northmen Den Youth Services, AIM Tutoring Program

Easy paperwork, after-school tutoring downtown Petoskey Students in grades 6-12 (45 minute weekly sessions) Subject areas: reading, writing, math, algebra, geometry, & study skills, meal & snacks included Full scholarships available

Contact: Kathy Petersen at 231-622-8044

After-School Homework Help (Petoskey High School)
 Monday & Wednesday at PHS Media Center 3:15-5:15PM
 Contact PHS for more information

After-School Homework Help (Petoskey Middle School)

After School Study Lab in the Media Center Monday-Thursday 3:15-4:15PM

Contact the PMS Media Center at 231-348-2291 Charlevoix Public Schools (FREE)

After-School Tutoring Charlevoix Middle/High School Media Center, Monday-Thursday each week, 2:30-3:15PM

Talk to tutors about transportation services
Contact Charlevoix Middle/High School at 231-547-3222

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Tribal Academic Support Programs (FREE)

- LTBB Youth Services Academic Support Program
 - Individualized K-5 Tutoring Program (2x weekly for eligible youth) K-12 Group Homework Lab (ages 6-18)
 - LTBB Enrolled, LTBB Descendents & Youth enrolled in other tribes Easy registration, inclusive programming, meals provided After-school transportation services available (within Petoskey)
 - Monday-Thursday 3:00-5:30PM, 915 Emmet St, Petoskey, MI Contact: Youth Services Department at 231.340.1910

LTBB PreK-12 Brainfuse Online Tutoring Program

- Online & on-demand tutoring platform (FREE) LTBB Enrolled & LTBB 1st Generation Descendents Contact: LTBB Education Department at 231-242-1480
- LTBB Tutoring Subsidy Program (funds to hire a private tutor)
- LTBB enrolled applicants can apply for \$800 per academic year,
 - to help cover tutoring costs (funding is limited)
 Qualifying applicants are responsible for: Finding a qualified tutor, scheduling sessions with tutor, transportation and submitting required paperwork
 - Awarded funds go directly to the approved tutor

Contact: LTBB Education Department at 231-242-1480

VITAL FUNDING INCREASES CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SUPPORT

AND ADVOCACY

On the cusp of its seven-year anniversary, Strong-Hearts Native Helpline is building partnerships and gaining support from grants awarded to sustain culturally appropriate support and advocacy for Native Americans impacted by domestic and sexual

"The service we provide is being felt by our relatives in a good way and enhanced by newly forming partnerships dedicated to ending violence against Native Americans and Alaska Natives. As the beneficiaries of generous donations our advocates are better trained and more readily available to meet the needs of our people," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. "It's hard to deny culturally appropriate support and advocacy is a top priority."

Seven Years of History

Over the course of seven years, StrongHearts established the first-ever phone and internet-based national helpline for Native Americans impacted by domestic and sexual

To begin with, the need for a national helpline was recognized by The National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) in 2012, realizing Native Americans were not reaching out for help. This fact became even more disturbing when a study conducted by the Department of Justice (2016) revealed Native Americans and Alaska Native women and men suffer violence at alarmingly high rates and predominantly at the hands of non-Na-

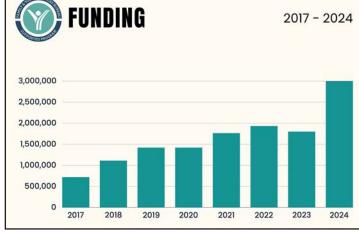
With seed money from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Verizon, The Hotline provided a training ground for StrongHearts in Austin, TX, where culturally appropriate support and advocacy was developed by and for Native Americans.

Since March 6, 2017, StrongHearts has continued in growth and development with funding from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and an increasing flow of charitable donations as StrongHearts became more recognizable in tribal communities across the nation.

San Manuel Band of Mission **Indians Donates** \$100,000

On November 28, 2023,





Giving Tuesday and in honor of Native American Heritage Month, the San Manuel Band of Missions Indians of Southern California donated \$100,000 to StrongHearts to facilitate a great impact on underserved communities.

"California is home to the largest population of Native Americans in our nation," said Jump. "Our demographics are a reflection of Native peoples being pushed from the east to west. California has consistently been in the top five locations from where our relatives are reaching out for help."

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians recognized StrongHearts as a viable resource by providing support for building infrastructure, expanding community outreach and increasing training opportunities for staff and advocates.

Together Rising Donates

Together Rising also donated \$50,000 as part of its mission to transform collective heartbreak into effective action. Together Rising is a non-profit organization entrusted by donors to identify and provide support services for those in need.

"These generous donations signify a deep and mutual appreciation for the well-being of our relatives," said Jump. "All donations will be used to support our vision to eradicate

domestic and sexual violence against all Native peoples and a return to our traditional lifeways where our relatives are safe and sacredness is restored."

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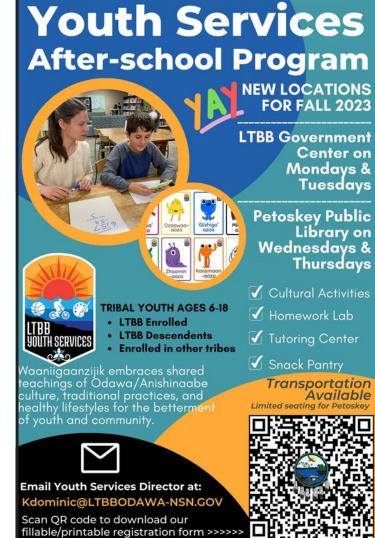
StrongHearts advocates provide culturally appropriate support and advocacy to every contact, including non-Natives who reach out for help. We understand domestic and sexual violence originated from sources outside of our communities and by helping those who would do us harm, we also help ourselves.

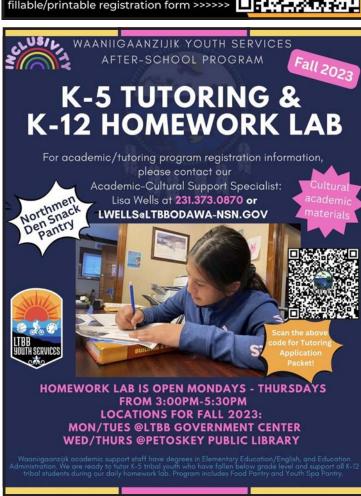
StrongHearts Native Helpline serves all individuals who reach out for their services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or any other factor protected by local, state or federal law. Call or text 1-844-762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org

André B. Rosay, "Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Men," June 1, 2016, nij.ojp.gov:

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

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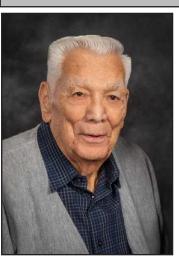
A very happy birthday to Papa Squeak, **Liam R. Burks**, on 3/7 from Nicki Minaj. J/k, it's from your uncle in Pellston. Luv you!

Many birthday wishes to **Raymond Bottoms** on March 19. Enjoy the day! From the gang.

Wishing **Sharon Sanders** a great birthday on March 24. From your siblings, daughter and grandsons.

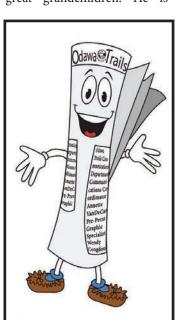
Sending **Jo Ann Seay** wishes on her special day of March 30. Much birthday love, from your family.

Walking On...



James Robert Keway, 91

James Robert Keway of Ortonville, MI, passed away on January 28, 2024. He was 91. James was born April 30, 1932 in Harbor Springs, MI, to Charles Francis and Margaret Christine (nee: Lauer) Keway. He married the former Nadine Jean Turcsak on August 11, 1967 at Christ Lutheran Church in Waterford, MI. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Nadine Keway; daughter, Tracey (Shaun) Randall; sons, Kevin Keway and Scott Keway; grandchildren, Graeme, Heather, Holly, Heidi, Jim and Colin; and great grandchildren. He is



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also survived by his brother, Bill (Diana) Keway and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Kimberly (Bill) White; siblings and spouses, Phillip (Sue) Keway, Marie (Howard) Deckrow and Chuck (Judy) Keway. Jim was a veteran of the U.S. Army-Korean War. He was also a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Jim retired after working sixty years as an operating engineer, Local 324. He truly enjoyed traveling and spending time gardening. Faith always being an important part of his life, he was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Waterford, MI. A private interment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery with military hon-







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