

## WELDING CAREERS FOR THE FUTURE - TRIBAL CITIZENS CREATE LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY



By **Benedict Hinmon**, Education Programs Administrator

Aanii. The beautiful Mishiikenh (turtle) sculpture now on display at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, is such an amazing accomplishment for seven tribal citizens, which included Gregory Shananaquet (Elder), Elijah Otto, David Steele, Robert Zhaawon Smith, Jeremy and Joshua Steele (brothers) and McKenna Kiojima. The creativity and hard work accomplished by these citizens culminated in the creation and fabrication of this amazing Mishiikenh sculpture which Niigaandiwin Education Department hopes will become a permanent display at the governmental center. Our hats-off to all these amazing citizens, it has been such a pleasure working with all of them.

Niigaandiwin Education is so proud of all their accomplishments and will continue to offer unique educational programs which meet the needs of our LTBB community. The reintroduction of a Welding Certification Program at North Central Michigan College (NCMC) followed months of planning and numerous meetings with our partners at NCMC, Pellston and Cheboygan High School Welding Labs, Northwest Michigan Works and MiLeap and Char-Em ISD. From the very beginning of planning, Niigaandiwin sought to create a new welding certification program which provided a safe and conducive learning environment.

To accomplish this, Niigaandiwin used data from a Community Education Needs Survey concluded in December 2021. For example, when asked about careers, 64% of community members indicated they would consider a non-credit based training program resulting in an industry recognized credential. 39% of respondents also indicated they were interested in training which would result in high wage-earning potential, welding careers fall into this category. Welding represents nearly a third of industrial manufacturing jobs with more than 70% of American made products having some form of welding included in their manufacturing process.

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## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN SHARES HER STORY IN CDC’S TIPS FROM FORMER SMOKERS CAMPAIGN

**Editor’s note:** The following is an Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. press release.

Tobacco companies aggressively market menthol-flavored tobacco products to different groups of people. This targeted marketing contributes to certain groups being more likely to smoke menthol cigarettes than other groups. Young people, racial and ethnic minority groups, LGBTQ+ people, women, people with a low income and people with mental health conditions are more likely to smoke menthol cigarettes than other population groups.

As highlighted by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), in 2024, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) adults in the United States have a higher prevalence of cigarette smoking than most other racial/ethnic groups in the United States. Although cigarette smoking prevalence in the U.S. general population has declined in recent years, prevalence among the AI/AN population remains high. In 2020, 27.1% AI/AN adults in the United States smoked cigarettes, compared with about 12.5% of U.S. adults overall.

Tammy W., a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians tribe, shares her story in the *Tips* campaign. Tammy ate healthy, exercised regularly and ran marathons. She thought menthol cigarettes were less harmful than non-menthol cigarettes.

At age 44, Tammy learned she had severe heart disease and had to have emergency open-heart surgery.

She quit smoking after her surgery. “Open-heart



surgery and the possibility of dying motivated me,” Tammy said. “Life is a gift. I want to stay here as long as I can.”

To view Tammy’s story, videos and biography, visit [www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/stories/tammy-w.html](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/stories/tammy-w.html)

The campaign ads air February 5, 2024 through September 22, 2024.

“The *Tips* ads show the challenges real people face every day as a result of smoking in a way that statistics cannot,” said Deirdre Lawrence Kittner, PhD, MPH, Director of CDC’s Office on Smoking and Health. “We are grateful to all of the people featured in the *Tips* campaign for sharing their personal stories about how smoking has negatively impacted their lives. By providing information, resources and motivation, the *Tips* campaign has helped save lives.”

Tammy’s *Tips from Former Smokers* story will air on broadcast television in February and April.

*“Smoking Campaign” continued on page 33.*

## WHITEFISH ARE ON THE BRINK IN MICHIGAN. CAN THEY LEARN TO LOVE RIVERS TO SURVIVE?

By **Kelly House**

**Editor’s note:** The following article and photographs appeared on *Bridge Michigan*, and they are reprinted here with permission.

Northern Michigan’s beloved whitefish are in peril.

For decades, the fish have struggled to breed on the rocky reefs of lakes Michigan and Huron where their eggs are under attack by invasive species and other threats. Some scientists fear a collapse in just a few years, which could sink Michigan’s commercial fishing industry and a way of life.

“We don’t have a lot of time,” said Kris Dey, hatchery manager for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Like others, the tribe’s diet, culture and economy have been



Michigan’s commercial fishing industry is heavily dependent on whitefish, which makes up 85% of the annual catch. Since 2011, harvests have plummeted to a quarter of their former size. (*Bridge photo by Kelly House*)

sustained for centuries by the silvery, mild-tasting fish that remains a staple in Up North restaurants.

“Whitefish is synonymous with northern Michigan,” said Mark Smolak, whose family has

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**LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 3-18-2024 = 4,576**

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

### LTBB Mission Statement

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

## Contact Information



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

The deadline for the May 2024 issue of *Odawa Trails* is April 1, 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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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT Easter Coloring Contest Rules

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

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

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

- All mailed entries must be

postmarked by April 12, 2024. No exceptions! Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category.

Each winner will receive a prize!



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

**Surprise the ones you love with a thinking of you!**

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

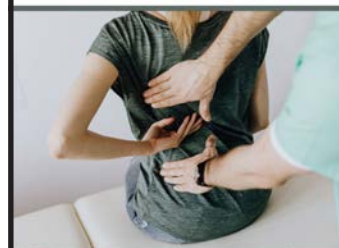
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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9AM - 7PM

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### PLEASE NOTE:

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

### PRC Chiropractic Coverage



**Monthly Benefits:**  
3 Adjustments  
1 Massage

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian must fill out information.



We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at

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

**Please be respectful in your comments.**





# EXECUTIVE BRANCH



## LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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

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

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Aanii,  
The LTBB Annual Community Meeting is right

around the corner, and I look forward to seeing everyone this spring! This is the perfect time to learn more about what your branches of government are doing and ask the important questions on your mind. I hope you are excited to speak with all of our departments.

In March, Stella and I attended the TEG Language Conference and the Line 5 hearing in Ohio to represent LTBB. We also finished up our fiscal year 2025 budget meetings, ensuring our services will continue to run successfully for our citizens.

We are so pleased to share our Elders have moved into the new Indian Town Housing Development on Second Street in Harbor Springs, MI. This has been a huge opportunity to bring our people home, and it has successfully done just that. We will continue to push forward on our Murray Road Housing with 18 more units coming in 2024/2025.

The search is still on to fill vacancies on our executive commissions. All listings will remain on the website as this is a great need for our community.

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVIDES FREE EMERGENCY SUICIDE PREVENTION CARE TO NEARLY 50,000 VETERANS AND FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS IN FIRST YEAR OF NEW POLICY

Submitted by the Niigaandiwin SPRING Program



In the first year of Veterans Affairs' new policy allowing eligible veterans and certain former service members in acute suicidal crisis to go to any VA or non-VA health care facility for no-cost emergency health care, 49,714 veterans and former service members have used this benefit — providing them with lifesaving care and saving more than \$64 million in health care costs.

This policy has helped prevent veteran suicide by guaranteeing no cost, world-class care to eligible individuals in times of crisis — including emergency room care, inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days, outpatient care for up to 90 days and transportation costs. The policy has also increased access to no-cost emergent suicide care for up to nine million veterans because eligible veterans do not need to be enrolled in the VA system or go to a department facility to use this benefit.

Ending veteran suicide is VA's top clinical priority and a key part of President Biden's Unity Agenda. Since 2021, VA has worked aggressively to expand support for veterans in crisis, including launching the 988 (then press 1) to help veterans connect more quickly with caring, qualified responders through the Veterans Crisis Line; partnering with community-based suicide prevention organizations to provide veterans with on-the-ground support; expanding firearm suicide prevention efforts; and encouraging veterans to reach out for help through a national veteran suicide prevention awareness campaign. Moving forward,

VA and the Biden-Harris Administration will continue to work urgently to end veteran suicide through a public health approach which combines both community-based and clinically based strategies to save lives.

"There is nothing more important to VA than preventing Veteran suicide — and this expansion of no-cost care has likely saved thousands of lives this year," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "We want all Veterans to know they can get the care they need, when they need it, no matter where they are."

Any veteran — enrolled in VA or not — can go to a VA or non-VA emergency room for no cost emergent suicidal care under this policy. Additionally, this benefit covers certain individuals who do not meet the requirements to be considered a veteran, including those who were released from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable. It also covers service members — including reservists and national guard members — who served at least 100 days on active duty under a combat exclusion or in support of a contingency operation either directly or by operating an unmanned aerial vehicle from another location. Veterans who experienced military sexual trauma are also covered.

This benefit was created by the Veterans Comprehen-

sive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment (COMPACT) Act of 2020. Under this policy, eligible individuals receive:

- Emergent suicide care provided by, paid for or reimbursed by VA.
- Expanded access and eligibility (Individuals do not need to be enrolled in the VA system to use this benefit).
- Assurance they will not be responsible for costs associated with emergency suicide care, including emergency transportation.
- Referral for appropriate VA programs and benefits they may be eligible for following the period of emergent suicide care.

To use this benefit, any eligible individual who is experiencing an emergency suicidal crisis should go to the nearest ER as soon as possible — transportation costs are covered by VA — and tell the ER staff they are covered by this policy. The ER staff or someone acting on the individual's behalf should notify VA right away by calling 844-724-7842 (TTY: 711) or using VA's Emergency Care Reporting (ECR) portal.

If an eligible individual receives a bill for community care after receiving emergency care during or after a suicidal crisis they believe should be covered by VA, they should contact VA's customer service center as soon as possible at 877-881-7618.

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive free, confidential support and crisis intervention available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Dial 988 then Press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or text 838255.

Courtesy graphic.

## Serve your Tribal Nation



[tinyurl.com/ltbbcbc](https://tinyurl.com/ltbbcbc)



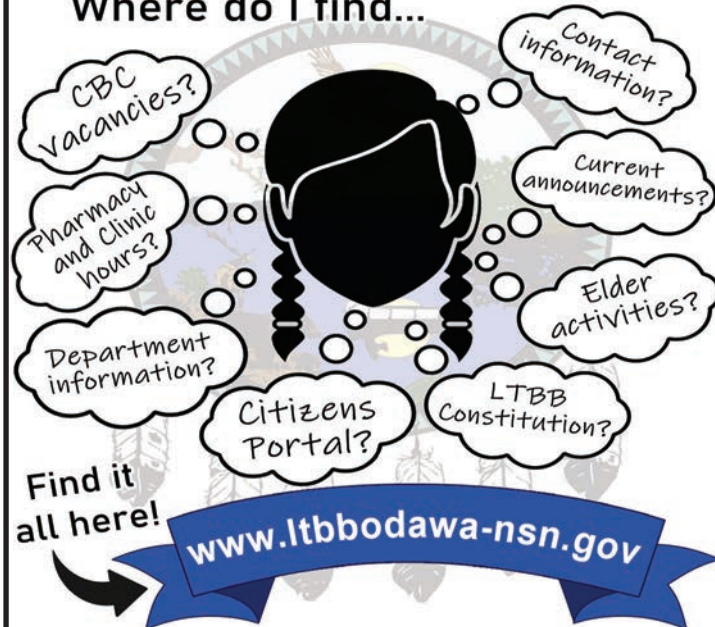
### Join a board, commission or corporation

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 – 5 seats
- Housing Commission – 2 seats
- Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – 3 seats

## Where do I find...



## Let's make the well-being of our Native Youth our Top Priority!

### Talk to your kids about the facts:

In the 2022 LTBB Youth Survey, approximately 48.8% of Tribal Youth disclosed engaging in conversations with their parents regarding the risks associated with prescription drug misuse over the course of the past year.



### Here are some ways you can help:

- Learn to take medications safely and correctly.
- Remind them that sharing or swiping meds is a no-go. It's illegal.
- Keep those meds locked up safe and sound!
- Say goodbye ASAP to any unused meds, dispose of them properly.
- Create a safe space for your child to talk about any difficulties they may be facing.





# April Elders Birthdays

**April 1**

Loretta Cook  
John Kenoshmeg, Sr.  
Christine Kawegoma

**April 2**

Keith Kiogima, Sr.  
Anne Cowell  
Vicki Emery  
Betty Peacock  
Marilyn Hume

**April 3**

Lynn Martin

**April 4**

Gayle Raveane  
Sandra Tipton  
Viola Wood  
Mary Kiogima

**April 5**

Regina Hardwick  
Ross Curtiss  
Kenneth Sharkey  
Marcella Reyes  
Gloria Purifoy  
Yvonne Sineway  
Susan Townley

**April 6**

Ricky Reiter  
Steven Shenoskey

**April 7**

Ivan Taylor  
Thomas Nongueskwa  
Cynthia Kiogima  
Brion Himes  
Nannette Clearing  
Sky-Christensen  
Christopher Walker

**April 8**

Daniel Keller  
Joseph Nowak  
Karyn Krueger  
Mary Zabik  
Maureen Gerchak  
Kelly Lyle  
Mitchell Baker, Sr.  
Rose Newman

**April 9**

Sharon Tracey  
Wayne Stine  
Karyn Young  
Dawn Malcomnson  
Melissa Moses  
Susan Gibson

**April 10**

Kristine Micheau  
Mary Wemigwase  
Gary Robinson  
Louretta Eidt  
Sadi Synn  
Carl Shawa  
Michael Smith  
Michael Shomin

**April 11**

Robin Barney-Lees  
Lauretta Gilbert  
Jamie Martin  
John Naganashe  
Karen Morrison  
Melissa Goorhouse  
Matthew Kiogima  
Mellissa Pier  
Patrick Springfield  
Christine Haines

**April 12**

Michelle Neveau  
Michele Beaman  
Elaine Ramirez  
Norman Rittenhouse, Sr.  
LaVerne Bottoms

**April 13**

Janice Grooms  
Willie Rawls, Jr.  
Jonathan Smith

**April 14**

Sherri Brown  
William Crampton  
Richard Klevgard  
Kevin Barry

**April 15**

Karl Kilborn  
Sharon Duffey  
Jacqueline Myers  
Kenneth Sands  
Aaron Mobley  
Laura Esford

**April 16**

Claire Reinhout  
Diane Roe  
Elizabeth Gillispie  
Laura Morche'  
Frederick Perry, Sr.

**April 17**

Angeline Woodin  
Gregory Warren  
Susan Grech  
Michael Crossett  
Merle Hansen  
Kevin Gasco

**April 18**

Thomas Kiogima, Sr.

**April 19**

Michael Cherette  
Mary Niswander  
Tina Hea  
Brenda Sabella  
Frank Ettawageshik  
Debra Holbeck  
Margaret Gasco  
Gregory Barrette

**April 20**

Linda Steinman  
Catherine Laba  
Deborah Shawanibin  
Veda Segundo Estrada

**April 21**

Richard Hays  
Linda Laughlin

**April 22**

Mary Hill  
Wanda Carr  
Harold Salter

**April 23**

Michele Portman-LaCount  
Brian Darling  
Michelle Buning

**April 24**

Steven Kuska  
Sharon Cranick  
William Denemy  
Mary Bowers

**April 25**

Gary Kaestner  
Virgil Honson  
Susan Sloan

**April 26**

Kelly Wesaw  
Scott Plier

**April 27**

Mary Baldwin  
Dena Sims  
Dale Willis  
Aaron Chingwa  
Michael Shepard  
Laura Hall

**April 28**

Julie Bernard  
Margaret Kiogima Gardner  
Donald Houghton

**April 29**

Michael Anthony  
Cynthia Daley  
Carmalene Baker  
Richard Kewaygeshik  
Alan McGraw  
Lisa Keefer  
Merry Hinmon

**April 30**

Johnathan Medicine  
Dawn Parkey  
Judith Smith  
Catherine Wright  
Robert Kaestner  
Pauline Walker

## GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

### GIJIGOWI LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS

Helping the Niigaandiwin's WOCTEP crew with self-introductions and our monthly West-

inhak Taadiwin (Animal Bingo) with the Elders. *Courtesy photos.*



Waganakising Odawa

**Check out our great Anishinaabemowin Facebook Groups!**



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**LTBB Anishinaabemowin**  
Our main page is where we post learning materials, resources, announcements.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/579880368807404>

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**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>

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

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**Anishinaabemowin Eta (Anishinaabe Language Only)**  
No-English Group for Fluent Speakers & Intermediate Learners  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/177520107437>

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



### NIMIKWENDAAN NGODING PII ... (I Remember One Time When ...)

I remember this one time when I was a little girl, we went on a trip to Chicago. It was my younger sister, me, noos ba miinwaa ngashi ba. We stayed with nzigos Irene ba down there. I remember trying to fall asleep, but the street light through the window kept me awake, along with the sirens. They seemed to come and go all night. In the morning, zigos ba made us breakfast; she

cooked up some eggs and corned beef hash. I never had that before, so I asked her what it was. She looked at me and said, "You never had hash before?!!!" I just shook my head no. So, I tried it and it turned out that I liked it. So, to this day, I think about nzigos ba whenever I eat corned beef hash. Mii si we.

**SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES**  
 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
 Department of Human Services  
 is searching for foster homes!  
 If you, or someone you know, have the time and desire to become a foster parent for our youth, please contact the LTBB Department of Human Services at 231-242-1620

## Kidwinan starting with "N" Words starting with the letter "N"

Answer key on page 33.



#### ACROSS

- 6 follow something
- 8 my spouse
- 9 they left something behind
- 10 stopped by someone
- 13 men
- 14 my son

#### DOWN

- 1 the fourth day
- 2 soft sand
- 3 today
- 4 these
- 5 they sang
- 7 (we) heard
- 11 once
- 12 sit

**WORD BANK:** NANGWA, NGAASHMINDWAA, NGADOWAAWAAN, NGAMWAG, NGODING, NGWIS, NIIWOGIIZHGAK, NINDA, NINIWAG, NMADBI, NOOKDAAWNGAAK, NOONDAANA, NOOPNADANG, NWIIDGEMAAGAN

### 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.

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE**  
 1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

With help comes hope

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

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



#### 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

**Anishinaabemdaa.com**  
 Well, here it is folks - the long awaited, updated website!  
**Games**  
 Bowling, Word Search, Body Game, Crossword Puzzles, Concentration Games, Drop and Catch, Count and Climb  
**Lessons & 150+ Videos**  
 Ceremonies, Jokes, Songs, Riddles, Around the House, History, Grammar, Creation, Nature, Animals, Birds, Fish, Stories, Legends, Food, Cooking, Eating Teachings

**INDIGENOUS MEDIA CONFERENCE**  
 JULY 25-27, 2024  
 OKLAHOMA CITY



The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG



Marcella Reyes  
Emily Proctor  
Leroy Shomin  
Fred Kiogima  
Tamara Munson  
William Ortiz  
Aaron Wayne Otto  
Melissa Pamp  
Jordan Shananaquet

DATE		Marcella Reyes	Emily Proctor	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Wayne Otto	Melissa Pamp	Jordan Shananaquet
2/1/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Special Meeting	X	X	X			X	X	X	
2/2/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting	X	X	X				X		
2/6/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
2/8/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
2/13/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X	X	X	X			X	X	
2/20/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2/22/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X			X	X	X	X	X

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

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

## Sexual violence is not our tradition

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

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

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

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

Less than 1% of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Survivor Outreach Services Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant will be financing this project. Total Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant \$56,197, and 67% \$37,680 from federal sources without.

# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## APRIL 2024 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**CLOSED for inventory on April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 Open Distribution: 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Peshawbestown: 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Traverse City: 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 For more information, contact Food Distribution Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine at 231-347-2573



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

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

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.

## 100-calorie snacks

One medium apple/banana	Seven slices of cucumber
Three plain cream crackers/rice cakes	Half a Mars bar
Half a bag of crisps	Two fingers of KitKat
One and a half nectarines	Four carrots
Around 24 grapes	Seven slices of cucumber

Source: Public Health England/product information. All values approximate PA

### NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE? WE CAN HELP!

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

LICENSED PROVIDERS  
 \* COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE

UNLICENSED PROVIDERS  
 \* STATE ISSUED ID  
 \* ABILITY TO PASS ANNUAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Services

## 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.

## PINWHEEL GARDENS TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

By Melanie Gasco, Social Services Program Manager

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Department of Human Services is "planting" pinwheel gardens to raise awareness for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The pinwheel is the national symbol for child abuse prevention. It signifies innocence, childhood and hope. Let these gardens serve as a reminder that we all play a vital role in the development of a child's future. When you see the pinwheel gardens during this month, ask yourself what more you can do to ensure that the children in our community are set up for success. What can you do today to reach out to the next seven gen-



erations? Have you ever considered becoming a foster home? LTBB does license their own foster homes through the Department of Human Services. If you are interested in assisting children in our community, please call LTBB DHS at 231-242-1620 for more information.  
 Courtesy graphic.

## TOGETHER

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

KNOW RESPECT Mnaadendmowin Be respectful	THE 7 Grandfather Teachings LOVE RESPECT COURAGE HONESTY WISDOM HUMILITY TRUTH
SHOW LOVE Zaagidwin Be caring	
BE HONEST Gwekwaadziwin Be truthful	

Get involved • Support survivors

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

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN, INC.



# NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH COLORING CONTEST

The pinwheel is the national symbol for child abuse prevention. It signifies innocence, childhood and hope. This April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Department of

Human Services is hosting a coloring contest. The coloring contest is open to not just tribal citizens and their descendants, but also those children who are part of the local tribal community.

### 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.



# Pinwheel Coloring Contest Rules

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

Age categories are 3-6 and 8-10. Limit one submission per child.

All entries must be the original size. Open to LTBB Community Citizens. Entries can only be submitted by snail mail to **Attention: Department of**

**Human Services**, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or the DHS office at 911 Spring St. Petoskey, MI 49770. No exceptions!

All mailed entries must be postmarked by April 26, 2024. No exceptions!

Two winners selected in each age category. Each winner will receive a prize!



**Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future.**

### WE CAN HELP

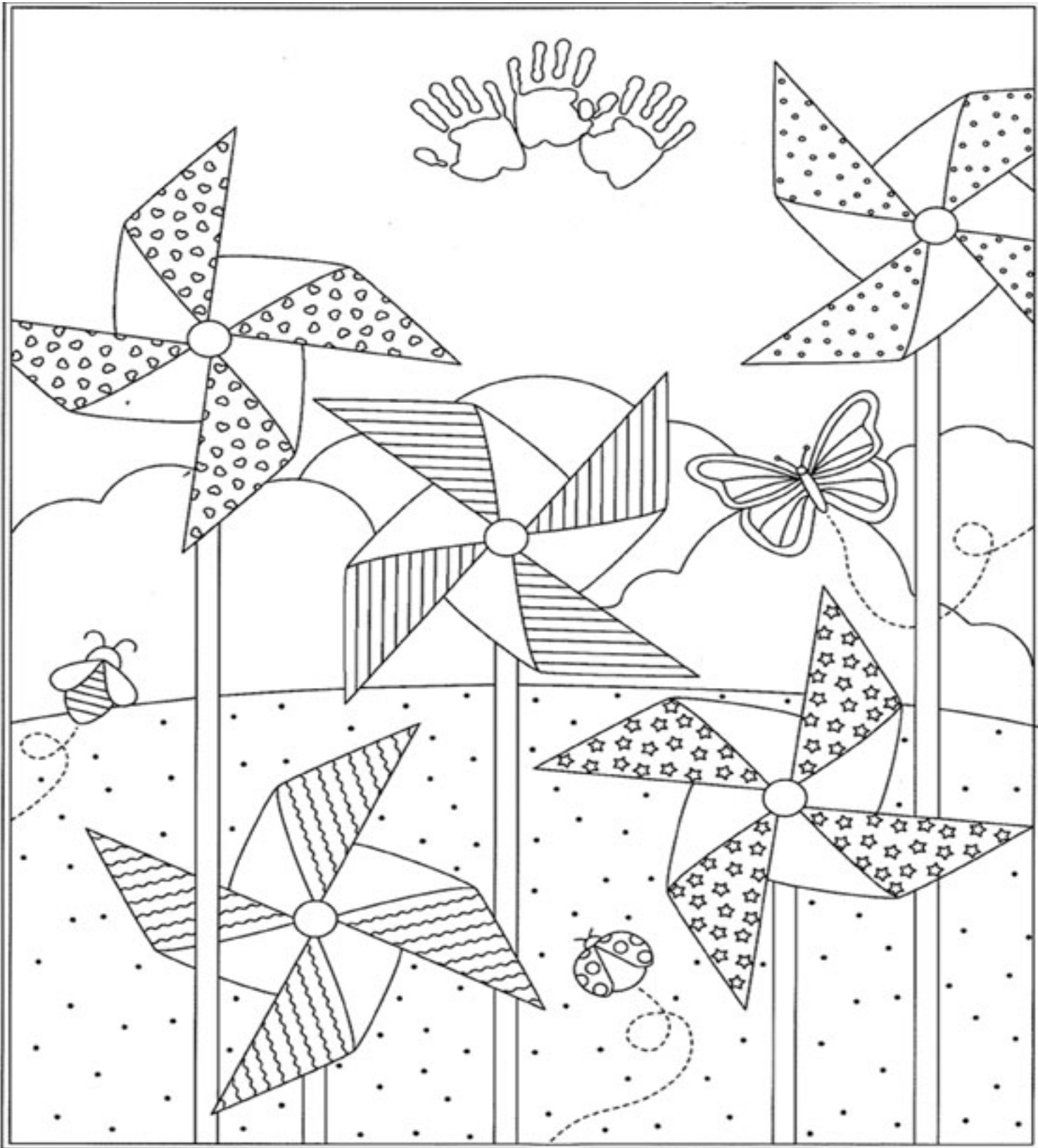
Victim service providers help victims rebuild their lives. We can help you learn about your legal rights and options, cope with the impact of crime, access victim compensation, develop a safety plan, and navigate the criminal justice and social service systems.

#### DIRECT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

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

#### INFO & REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS

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



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian must fill out information.

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

For the Mtigwaakiis housing development. Tribal Preference applies. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540



Equal Housing Opportunity TTY 7-1-1

IRS impersonators have been around for a while. But as more people learn their tricks, they're switching it up. So instead of contacting you about tax debt and threatening to get you to pay up, scammers may text you about a "tax rebate" or some other tax refund or benefit. Here's what to know about the new twist. The text messages may look legit and mention a "tax rebate" or "refund payment." But no matter what the text says, it's a scammer phishing for your information. And if you click on the link to claim "your refund," you're exposing yourself to identity theft or malware that the scammer could install on your phone.



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

Let us know: ReportFraud.ftc.gov



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

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



# JUDICIAL BRANCH

<b>LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COURT</b> 	<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b> Decedent's Estate	<b>FILE NO.</b> CPB-028-0224
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Estate of Francis E. Holdorph Date of Birth 6/20/1942

**TO ALL CREDITORS: \***

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Francis E. Holdorph, Walked on 12/06/2023 Date

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Angela Friend, P.O. Box 27, Conway, MI 49722, the legal personal representative of the estate, or to the Probate court at LTBB of Odawa Indians Tribal Court, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740 Address City and the named/proposed personal representative within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

March 12, 2024  
 Date  
Angela Friend c/o Tribal Court  
 Personal Representative name (type or print)  
7500 Odawa Circle  
 Address  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 City, State, zip

**PUBLISH ABOVE INFORMATION ONLY**

Publish one time in Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Trails Newsletter for the month of April, 2024 and; Name of Publication  
 Furnish 1 copy to LTBB Tribal Court/Probate Court  
 Furnish affidavit of publication to the probate court with copy to Angela Friend  
 Forward statement for publication charges to N/A

**\*NOTE TO PREPARER:** If there is a known creditor whose address is unknown and cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry, insert "including [name of creditor] whose address and whereabouts are unknown."

Do not write below this line - For court use only

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS, DECEDENT'S ESTATE**



**LTBB**  
**OFFICE OF CITIZENS**  
**LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Family Law                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divorce</li> <li>• Child Custody</li> <li>• Child Support</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Consumer                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debt Collection</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Indian Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act</li> <li>❖ Setting Aside Conviction/s</li> <li>❖ Driver License Restoration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Estate Planning                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wills</li> <li>• Deeds</li> <li>• Health Care Directives</li> <li>• Powers of Attorney</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Probate                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estate Administration</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Landlord/Tenant                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evictions</li> <li>• Tenant Rights</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Personal Safety                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Protection Orders (PPO)</li> <li>• Abuse/Neglect of Adults</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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For assistance, please contact Cherie Dominic, OCLA attorney, at:  
 (231) 242-1433 Office  
 (231) 330-0529 Mobile  
 cdominic@LTBBodawa-nsn.gov



**WE ARE OPEN & READY TO HELP YOU!**



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

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

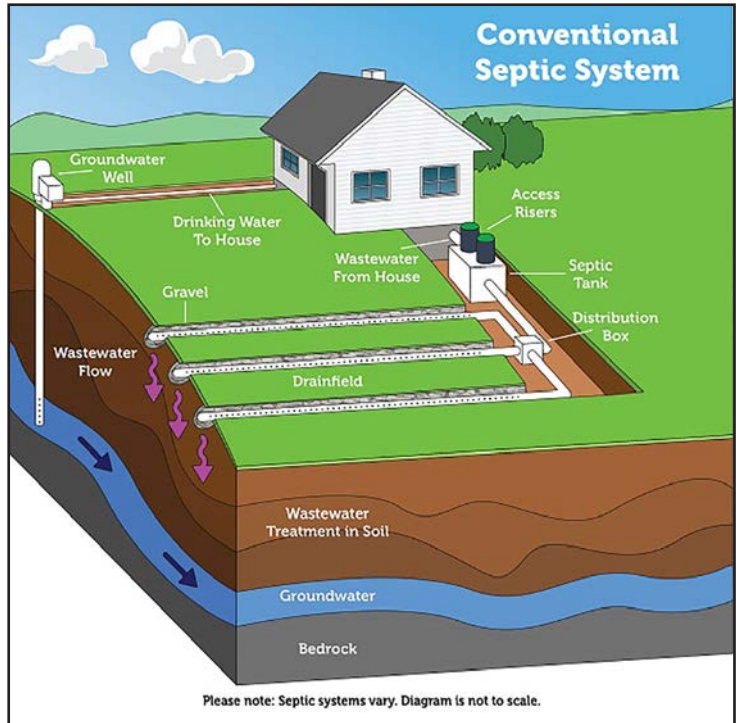
[WWW.MILS3.ORG](http://WWW.MILS3.ORG)

# NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

## SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY

Submitted by the Environmental Services Program

Septic systems are a very common form of wastewater treatment in rural areas and are a very simple and effective form of treatment when operating properly. Essentially, water exits your house from a main pipe and drains into a septic tank. Once in the septic tank, the waste separates with solids settling to the bottom to form a sludge and grease and oils float to the top as a scum layer. Then, the liquid water in the middle slowly drains out of the tank into the drain field. The drain field is a shallow field of pipes where the wastewater slowly percolates through the soil for the final step of filtration. As long as the system is properly maintained, it is a very safe and effective way to treat wastewater.



levels at many local popular beaches, including various beaches in Little Traverse and Sturgeon bays as well as inland lakes like Crooked and Pickerel Lakes. Left unchecked, these high levels of *E. coli* could lead to beach closures during the swimming season.

Making waste is one of the realities of being human, but so is our need for water. To help protect water, it's critical we take care of the septic systems which treat our waste. There are a few steps you can take to help make sure your septic system is functioning properly and protecting water quality:

- Have your septic system

inspected every three years and have it pumped every 3-5 years or as recommended by a septic service professional.

- Cut back on water usage. This will reduce stress on your septic system and help reduce the likelihood of flooding your drain field.

- Never flush things other than human waste and toilet paper and avoid pouring things like oils/grease or foods down the drain (even if you have a garbage disposal).

- Learn where your drain field is and keep it clear of trees, vehicles or heavy equipment and excess water from sprinklers or roof drains.


*Courtesy graphic.*

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



- We have limited centerfire rifle ammunition loaded with non-lead bullets available to eligible LTBB Citizens when leaded ammo is brought into the Natural Resource Department (NRD) in exchange for non-lead (copper) ammunition.

- LTBB NRD seeks to reduce the amount of lead deposits that remain in harvested animals consumed by people and disposed of parts consumed by wild animals, causing a potential harmful effect.



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

**HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES**

**1-855-NRD-TIPS**


TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477

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

**EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION**

The LTBB Natural Resource Department is pleased to announce that after years of work on the issue, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recently changed its policy to allow federally recognized tribes to keep eagle remains found in Indian country. Tribal citizens who encounter eagle remains or feathers within the LTBB reservation boundaries may be able to retain them for culturally significant use. Any deceased eagle encountered must be reported to LTBB Conservation Enforcement immediately for investigation prior to moving or taking the eagle.

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





# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

We Need Your Input

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

2024 Community Health Survey



# 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 231-242-1522.

Miigwech,  
Pauline Boulton  
Enrollment Officer  
*Courtesy graphic.*



### Attention Citizens! No Current Address on File

This list contains the names of tribal citizens who have not had a current Address Verification Form on file for multiple years or who haven't had contact with the tribe for more than 10 years. It is important a citizen's address is current to ensure they receive their tribal benefits.

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

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

## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS ENJIBOOZBIIGENG - ENROLLMENT OFFICE

### Services for our citizens:

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

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

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

•Tribal Directories -Available same-day!

### We certify for our citizens:

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

### Apply to become a:

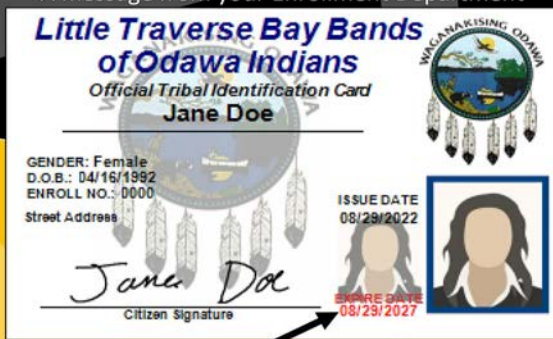
- Citizen - Application available via mail only
- Tribal Notary

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

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

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

A message from your Enrollment Department



**Watch Out!  
ID Cards Expire!**

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

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

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

## IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?



**Update your contact information with the Enrollment Department.**

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
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Enrollment Office

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

\*\*\* Enrollment Fees waived for LTBB Veterans\*\*\*  
August 19, 2021

**2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!**

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

To receive your copy:

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

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

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



Hoar Frost



Peanut Butter Falls



Lake Plumbago

## 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**



# 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!

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## ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN OWNED BUSINESSES

LTBB Tribal Citizen owned businesses wishing to be e-mailed of various business opportunities within the LTBB Government or LTBB owned enterprises should contact the LTBB Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide an e-mail address in which they would like to be contacted and include a

brief statement of what their business offers.

LTBB DOC will reach out to these businesses directly when departments or entities ask for their business opportunities to be shared.

LTBB DOC can be reached at 231-242-1584 or DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

## REQUESTS FOR TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION (TCE)

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

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

## IMPORTANT TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UPDATE

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

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

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

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

## LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA & RESIDENT TRIBAL CITIZENS

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

LTBB Tax Agreement Area Townships:

- Cross Village (all)
- Friendship (all)

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

**CHI MIIGWECH TO ALL THOSE WHO COMPLETED LTBB'S FIRST TRIBAL CENSUS!**



Follow up data will be available soon.

The Odawa Prosperity Project Team will be in attendance at the Annual Community Meeting in May. Contact the LTBB Department of Commerce for questions about the Odawa Prosperity Project. 231-242-1585 • DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

This document was prepared by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians using federal funds under award number 06-69-06380- URI: 118783 from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) Economic Recovery and Diversification Project. The statements, findings, conclusions, and recommendations are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the LTBB or the U.S. Department of Commerce.

**Odawa Prosperity Project VIRTUAL POP-UP**  
April 10, 2024 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM EST




SCAN TO REGISTER!

Attend the virtual pop-up to share your thoughts on what Odawa economic prosperity means to you and how we can achieve it! The event is open to all Citizens and LTBB community members.


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**ARE YOU A TRIBAL CITIZEN AND A BUSINESS OWNER?**

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

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




**LTBB COMMUNITY MEETING**  
MAY 11 | OVATION HALL, ODAWA CASINO  
HEAR FROM THE ODAWA PROSPERITY PROJECT AND MEET WITH THE PROJECT TEAM!



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



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

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

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

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



# ELDERS DEPARTMENT

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

## ELDERS DEPARTMENT

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

NO RECEIPTS  
 OR UTILITY  
 BILLS  
 NEEDED!

### FOOD & UTILITY APPROPRIATION ALLOWANCE APPLICATION

CURRENT YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ TRIBAL ENROLLMENT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle Last

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Zip Code

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE! OFFICE USE ONLY.**

	Amount
Food & Utilities Allowance 2107-2-6370-10	
<b>Total Amount of Check</b>	

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY

VENDOR #: \_\_\_\_\_

A.P. REVIEW: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CONTROLLER: \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MAIL:
<input type="checkbox"/>	RETURN TO DEPARTMENT:
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER:

**THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Branch of Service

This information will be used by the Grants Department.

Megwetch,  
 Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

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

**SAVE YOUR OLESON'S RECEIPTS**

LTBB Education - ISTEAM Program is collecting receipts from Oleson's Markets to receive their Community Shared funds!

Bison chuck roast	\$32.97
Salad mix	\$4.99
Lemons	\$2.99
Corn	\$3.99
Sweet potatoes	\$2.79
<b>Total:</b>	<b>47.73</b>

Community Shared Points Earned Today: 47

**OLESON'S** Farm Fresh Markets  
 Locally Owned & Operated. Serving Our Communities Since 1926.

Indigenous STEAM

Check out our new programming here:



**Looking for a new career?**

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

**WOCTEP**

WOCTEP is funded by the US Department of Education through the NACTEP program. Federal funds contribute 92% of funding (\$500,666) and tribal support of 8% (\$42,329) for project year 1 (2022)

**Interested in working for LTBB?**

Jobs are updated daily at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
 Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

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

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



### Exercising with the Elders

Photos courtesy of the Elders Department



**SAVE THE DATE**

**31ST ANNUAL ODAWA  
HOMECOMING POW WOW  
AUGUST 10 AND 11, 2024  
LTBB POW WOW GROUNDS  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI**

**Loved Here,  
Safe Here.**

**We Welcome...**

- All Races & Ethnicities
- All Religions & Spiritual Practices
- All Disabilities & Abilities
- All Gender Identities
- All Sexual Orientations
- All Ages
- All Nations

Text 2SLGBTQ to 94449

**Elders Valentine's Day Luncheon  
February 14, 2024  
LTBB Governmental Center  
Photos courtesy of the  
Elders Department**



**DEMOCRACY IS  
INDIGENOUS**

**YOUR VOTE DEFINES OUR FUTURE**

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

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**LTBB ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY MEETING**

**MAY 11, 2024**  
10AM - 5PM - OVATION HALL,  
ODAWA CASINO RESORT - PETOSKEY, MI

**AGENDA AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

Questions or suggestions regarding the LTBB Annual Community Meeting? Please contact Community Meeting Speaker Heather Syrette at [hsyrette77@gmail.com](mailto:hsyrette77@gmail.com)

**LTBB**  
Wawiiayaa Giigidoowin  
"Talking Circle"

Thursday 5pm - 6pm  
LTBB Conference Room



# NATIVE NEWS

## ARREST IN \$700,000 CASINO HEIST

U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan Mark Totten today (March 6, 2024) announced Jesus Gaytan-Garcia has been charged in a criminal complaint with theft from the Hartford location of the Four Winds Casino, which is owned and operated by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

“The amount of money involved in this theft is extraordinary,” said U.S. Attorney Totten. “Unfortunately, instances of telephone scams at casinos are on the rise across the country, impacting both tribal and commercial gaming operations. Thanks to the dedicated, joint investigation of Pokagon Tribal Police and the FBI, we were able to identify and arrest one of the perpetrators of this scheme that targeted the Hartford Four Winds Casino.”

The complaint alleges on July 30, 2023, a call came into the Hartford Four Winds Casino. The caller falsely claimed he was the tribal chairperson and needed funds to make an urgent payment. A casino supervisory employee, apparently duped by the caller’s fraudulent claims, gathered up \$700,000 in cash and walked out of the casino. At the direction of the caller, the employ-



ee transported the cash to a gas station in Gary, IN, where the employee then handed the cash over to two unknown individuals.

After a months-long investigation, the FBI and Pokagon Tribal Police were able to identify Jesus Gaytan-Garcia as one of the individuals the casino employee met at the gas station and gave the \$700,000. Investigators conducted a search of Gaytan-Garcia’s home where they located a bundle of cash still wrapped in a paper band which was stamped with the word “Hartford,” the location of the victimized Four Winds Casino, and the exact date of the theft, July 30, 2023.

Gaytan-Garcia was taken into custody four days later.

“The arrest of Mr. Gaytan-Garcia demonstrates the

effectiveness of collaboration between the Pokagon Tribal Police and the FBI,” said Pokagon Tribal Police Chief Mario RedLegs. “We greatly appreciate the support and assistance of U.S. Attorney Mark Totten and his staff to prosecute those that violate the law on Pokagon Band land.”

“The FBI, along with the Pokagon Band Tribal Police, successfully tracked down and identified a culprit involved in the fraudulent scheme against the Hartford Four Winds Casino. We take these crimes very seriously as they significantly impact the community’s sense of trust,” said Cheyvorvea Gibson, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Michigan. “The FBI is committed to investigating fraudulent activities and ensuring justice for all victims. We stand ready with our partners to take strong action against those who engage in such illegal activities and believe they can get away with it.”

This case was investigated by the Pokagon Band Tribal Police and the FBI.

The charge in a criminal complaint is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

*Courtesy graphic.*

### Traditional Healer Services 2024 Schedule

**Protocols:**

- Please Bring an un-opened pouch of tobacco/prayer tie (available in Behavioral Health)
- Abstain from Alcohol or Drugs 4 days prior to visit
- Women on "moontime" cannot be seen (Women may visit 2 days after moontime ends)

To schedule, please contact LTBB Behavioral Health at (231) 242-1640

<p><b>Joseph Syrette</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 17/18</li> <li>• May 14/15</li> <li>• June 11/12</li> <li>• July 10/11</li> <li>• August 6/7</li> <li>• September 11/12</li> <li>• October 8/9</li> <li>• November 20/21</li> <li>• December 10/11</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mary Pine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 30/May 1</li> <li>• July 2/3</li> <li>• September 4/5</li> <li>• November 5/6</li> </ul>
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## LTBB Pharmacy

Hours: Monday – Friday 8 am – 6 pm  
Phone: 231-242-1750

**What prescriptions are filled at the LTBB Pharmacy?**

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

PLEASE BE AWARE OF HOLIDAY HOURS AND MEDICATION REFILLS.

## EAGLE FEATHERS PRESENTATIONS

LTBB Tribal Elder Fred Harrington, Jr. gifted eagle feathers to Elders (pictured left to right) Mary Jane Kiogima, John Kenoshmeg, Sr., Peggy Hudson, George Pamp, David Minor and Nancy Shananaquet on February 22, 2024.



LTBB Tribal Elder Fred Harrington, Jr. gifted eagle feathers to Elders (pictured left to right) Susie Swadling, Tom Naganashe, Beth Kiogima, Marie Newman, Steve Otto and Doug Sprague on February 29, 2024.



LTBB Tribal Elder Fred Harrington, Jr. gifted eagle feathers to Elders (pictured left to right) Diane Naganashe, Alice Liebgott, Gregory Shanaquet, Marilyn Hume, Bev Wemigwase, Renee “Wasson” Dillard, Arlene Naganashe and Jim Naganashe on March 7, 2024. Also pictured is drummer Carter Boda.



Photos courtesy of Holly LaCombe.

### PRC PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE NOW AVAILABLE AT:

Petoskey Location  
1201 Lears Road  
Petoskey, MI 49770

- AFTER HOURS AND WEEKEND COVERAGE
- MEDICATIONS THAT CANNOT BE FILLED AT LTBB

\*Subject to PRC Coverage Guidelines. Call PRC at 231-242-1600 for payment authorization prior.

### NATIONWIDE MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

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

PAYMENTS ARE COMPLETED TWICE A YEAR. TO APPLY:

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

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

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

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

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

### ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE WITHIN 27-COUNTY SERVICE AREA

PRC offers coverage for medically necessary services when:

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

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



# SCIENTISTS FIND BUTYRATE'S POSSIBLE ANTICANCER POTENTIAL IS CELL-TYPE SPECIFIC



help increase bacterial diversity, therefore, improving colon health. A healthy balance of gut microbes can significantly reduce the risk of developing chronic disease such as colonic inflammation and cancer.

“This study provides a greater understanding of butyrate and how it inhibits colon cancer cell growth at the molecular level,” said Huawei Zeng, a research molecular biologist with the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center in Grand Forks, ND. “Findings show the inhibitory efficacy of butyrate against colon cancer cells is cell type-specific, which may partially explain its anticancer property and clinical variability.”

The data collected from the findings of this research with butyrate will help the team of scientists in an upcoming five-year project. The project focuses on the impact of lentil consumption on colon health in models of obesity.

“Lentils are an excellent source of dietary fiber and bioactive compounds that can benefit our health,” said Zeng. “We are currently working on a multi-year project that aims to examine the connection between butyrate and lentil’s dietary fiber. This will help us develop robust lab analyses to evaluate the beneficial effects of each lentil variety on colon health before we proceed to do in vivo research outside of the laboratory.”

A comprehensive review, led by Zeng, was published in the *International Journal of Molecular Sciences* on the progress in knowledge concerning the effects of short-chain fatty acids on the proliferation of colon epithelial cells, inflammation, cancer and the associated microbiome.

The recently published study provided valuable insights to scientists. Still, more studies are needed to fully understand the potential of butyrate in fighting cancer cells.

*Courtesy photo.*

Scientists with the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service, Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center and the University of Massachusetts examined how butyrate, one of the short-chain fatty acids found in the gut, suppresses the growth of different colon cancer cells in the laboratory.

The results of the study published in *Nutrients* show the benefit of butyrate is specific to the cell line studied and is apoptosis-dependent, a process of gene-directed cell death (this a molecular mechanism which plays a crucial role in removing damaged or mutated cells selectively from tissues in an orderly manner).

Diet composition is among several factors which can contribute to the prevention of colon cancer. Consuming a healthy diet high in fiber and low in saturated fat can help maintain a healthy gut microbiome, a community of microorganisms, including bacteria which live in the human gastrointestinal tract. The large intestine, commonly known as the colon, hosts a diverse group of bacteria which play a significant role in breaking down fiber and non-digestible carbohydrates, producing short-chain fatty acids (like butyrate) during the process. These fatty acids serve as the main energy source for normal colonic cells, reduce intestinal inflammation and

# GREAT LAKES FISHING DECREE IN EFFECT FOR THE NEXT 24 YEARS

By Michigan DNR

Updated guidelines for co-management of fishery resources in parts of Michigan’s Great Lakes are now in effect for the next 24 years. The new Great Lakes Fishing Decree was approved August 24, 2023 by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan. In the months since the decree’s signing, the State of Michigan and tribal governments have been preparing to implement the provisions of the document.

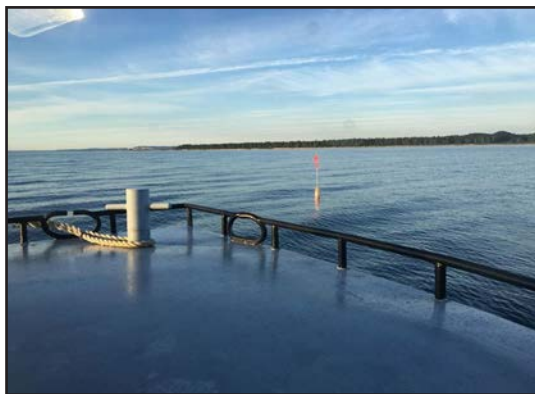
This decree is necessary because five tribes – the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians – reserved fishing rights in the 1836 Treaty of Washington. Those rights were affirmed by federal courts more than four decades ago, resulting in the need for a co-management framework which allows for sharing of the fishery resource. This decree is the third since 1985 and each one has included a fishery management structure which dictates who can fish where, when and how and what can be brought home or sold.

The most recent iteration includes many updates, but the areas which can be fished by tribal commercial fishers and the reporting requirements for the fishing industry are notable provisions which have taken time to implement.

“Tribal fishing regulations needed to be updated to ensure they are consistent with the changes outlined in the new decree,” said Dave Caroffino, DNR Fisheries Division Tribal Coordination Unit manager. “In addition, both the state and the tribes have been preparing electronic reporting systems to improve data collection from commercial fishers, wholesale fish dealers and charter captains.”

The information collected from fisheries is vital to management and will be used by the state and the tribes to monitor fish populations and establish regulations in the future.

For more than two decades, the 2000 Consent Decree governed fishing in the 1836 Treaty waters of the Great Lakes and recreational an-



Anglers may see nets in locations they are not used to. Commercial fishing nets are marked with staff buoys which extend four feet above the surface of the water and have an orange flag which is 16 inches by 16 inches in size. Anglers and boaters who encounter nets should give them a wide berth and not interfere with commercial fishing activity.

glers and boaters grew accustomed to the commercial fishing patterns which resulted from the regulations within that agreement. The Great Lakes ecosystem has changed substantially since 2000. As fishing regulations have been amended in response to those changes, patterns within the commercial fishery are likely to change, too.

“Anglers may see nets in locations they are not used to,” said Nick Torsky, a supervisor within the DNR Great Lakes Enforcement Unit. “It is important to review the updated maps within the decree to understand where commercial fishing nets may be located. Being careful and vigilant for commercial fishing nets while on the water is critical to public safety.”

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To read the Great Lakes Fishing Decree and view the associated maps, visit the Great Lakes Co-management webpage.

*Courtesy photo.*

### SECTION 184 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

- Low Monthly Payment
- Flexible Underwriting
- Low Interest Rates
- Monthly Mortgage Insurance - Now at a Lower Rate!

THE SECTION 184 LOAN CAN BE USED FOR:

- Acquisition of existing housing
- Rehabilitation of existing housing
- Construction of new housing, including manufactured housing affixed to a permanent foundation

REFINANCING IS BACK!!! Includes rate and term, streamline, cash out

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE LTBB HOUSING DEPT at 231-242-1540.

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\*\*HUD will no longer allow services on Land Contracts\*\*

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS  
HOUSING DEPARTMENT**  
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Contact person: LTBB Housing Department 231-242-1540

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), at any USDA office or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or e-mail at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

## Construction is underway!

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

Construction will start in 2024.

We are accepting applications now!

Contact us today to be ready to move into your new home!

Contact us today at 231-242-1540 for more information.

BRAVE is a text message series that provides helpful information on healthy relationships, intimate partner violence, mental health and wellness skills, while promoting cultural pride and resilience.

Text BRAVE to 94449 to sign up

The videos and text messages will give you the tools you need to get support for yourself or a friend, if they're going through a tough time.

You will receive 3 text messages per week for 8 weeks.

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Stand Strong.  
Don't just Stand by.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)



# NEW DISCOVERY SPEEDS SCIENTISTS' PUSH FOR HLB-TOLERANT CITRUS



this related to fruit quality.

Initial field tests and flavor evaluations showed some of the Poncirus-derived hybrids — with the notable exception of US Sundragon — tended to produce juice with an undesirable off-flavor but aroma profiles similar to sweet orange. So, the scientists re-assessed their approach. They decided that, in addition to using data from analyses of juice-aroma compounds, they needed to get a better handle on the individual chemicals which give orange juice its characteristic flavor. And they did just that, identifying 26 total flavor compounds and seven chemicals called esters deemed essential to the desired flavor profile of orange juice.

That advance, in turn, enabled the team to pinpoint the esters' master gene, *CsAAT1*, and make what's known as a DNA marker for it — a tool which can be used to quickly check for the genetic presence of a desirable trait in germinated seeds versus observing its physical expression in 10- or 15-year-old mature plants.

"Breeders can use this DNA marker to screen seedlings for desired flavor profiles at an early stage," explain Anne Plotto and Jinhe Bai, plant physiologists with the ARS Citrus and Other Subtropical Products Research Unit in Fort Pierce, FL. "By incorporating this gene into the genetic makeup of HLB-tolerant hybrids derived from *Poncirus trifoliata* and mandarin or from many other possible crosses with the same objective, breeders can ensure that these new hybrids not only possess HLB tolerance but also maintain the characteristic sweet orange flavor."

A full description of the team's approach was published February 28, 2024 in the journal *Science Advances*.

Plotto and Bai, the principal investigators, co-authored the paper together with 11 other collaborators from ARS' U.S. Horticultural Research Laboratory in Fort Pierce, FL, Daniel K. Inouye U.S. Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center in Hilo, HI, UF/IFAS' Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred, FL, and Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in Balm, FL.

The researchers caution even with the use of high-tech tools like machine-learning, the first commercial releases of orange-like hybrids with HLB tolerance will be contingent on several more years of testing and refinement.

Nonetheless, "this research represents a significant step in citrus breeding, combining traditional techniques with modern genetic tools," said Plotto and Bai. "The approach could also serve as a model for other crop improvement programs," they added.

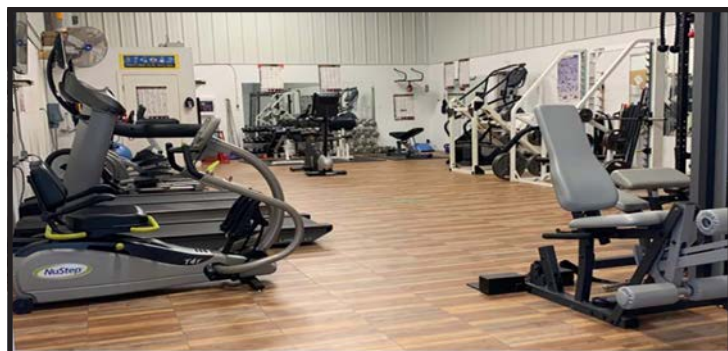
*Courtesy photo.*

It's one thing for a hybrid citrus tree to tolerate citrus greening disease (a.k.a. Huanglongbing) and quite another if it also produces orange-like fruit — especially if the juice makes for a delicious breakfast beverage! Now, that holy grail of traits could be closer at hand, thanks to the chemical and genetic sleuthing of a team of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) scientists.

Huanglongbing (HLB) was first detected in Florida's Miami-Dade County in 2005. The disease has since spread throughout Florida, threatening a citrus industry there which contributes nearly \$7 billion to the state's economy and employs more than 32,000 individuals. The disease also poses a threat to other U.S. citrus-growing areas, including California, Louisiana and Texas.

In Florida, sweet oranges like Valencia, Hamlin and Midsweet are the main varieties used to make orange juice. However, sweet orange (*Citrus sinensis*) is highly susceptible to HLB, which is caused by the bacterium *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* and transmitted by insects called Asian citrus psyllids. The disease causes citrus trees to become unproductive and fruit quality to decline. In sweet oranges, for example, the fruit of diseased trees tend to stay green and produce bitter-tasting juice, which diminishes their marketability but poses no consumer danger. Infected trees cannot currently be cured.

Scientists are investigating countermeasures on multiple fronts in hopes of providing the Sunshine State — which went from producing nearly 80% of U.S. non-tangerine citrus fruit to less than 42% — with a ray of hope. ARS efforts indirectly took root in the 1960s when agency scientists created citrus hybrids using a relative named *Poncirus trifoliata* (the cold-hardy trifoliolate orange) to shore up the trees' cold tolerance. The start of the HLB epidemic more than four decades later revealed something else: The hybrids also appeared to tolerate the new disease, prompting intensive research by ARS and the UF/IFAS to understand why and how



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## NOTICE TO MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has announced that Medicaid Eligibility Renewals will **resume starting April 2023**.

### IF YOU HAVE MEDICAID: GET READY TO RENEW NOW.

Following these steps will help determine if you still qualify:

 Make sure your contact information is up to date with MDHHS.	 Check your mail, text, or MI Bridges account for notifications.	 If received, complete the Medicaid Renewal Form immediately.	 The Renewal Form must be mailed in or submitted on your MI Bridges account
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#### FOR HELP OR TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Visit the [MI Bridges Webpage](https://michigan.gov/mibridges): [michigan.gov/mibridges](https://michigan.gov/mibridges)  
Or Contact:  
Abigail Dawson  
LTBB PRC Benefits Assistant  
P: 231-242-1752  
E: [adawson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:adawson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)




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

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Or TRACEY @ 231-242-1721  
[tostrander@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tostrander@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

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



Through its February 2024 Spare Change Donation Program, Odawa Casino donated \$1,500 to the Otsego Food Pantry on March 11, 2024.

In August 2020, Odawa Casino launched the Spare Change Donation Program to support local non-profits fulfilling community needs and

to respond to the national coin shortage related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program includes boxes around the casino floor where guests are able to donate their change or their gaming vouchers to support important local organizations.

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## AA MEETING @ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

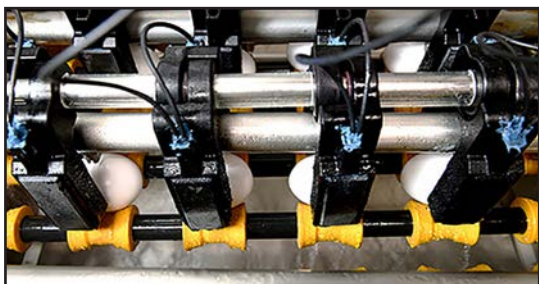
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**BEGINNING**  
Monday, APRIL 4, 2022  
6PM TO 7PM  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ENTRANCE AT REAR DOOR



## USDA SCIENTISTS DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE PATHOGENS IN INTACT EGGS



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates *Salmonella* bacteria causes about 1.35 million infections, 26,500 hospitalizations and 420 deaths in the United States every year. Despite their appearance in everyday meals and snacks, the truth is raw eggs and egg products can carry *Salmonella* and cause foodborne illness and outbreaks, and even death, in some circumstances. But researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently found a way to combat this through Radio Frequency (R.F.) technology.

A simple solution to foodborne pathogens in eggs would be to pasteurize all raw eggs before they are consumed; however, less than 3% of commercial eggs are pasteurized in the United States. Conventional thermal pasteurization of intact eggs is usually a long process which involves submerging eggs in hot water for more than 57 minutes to inactivate *Salmonella* cells. Researchers at the Agricultural Research Service's (USDA-ARS) Eastern Regional Research Center in Wyndmoor, PA, used a novel thermal technology which pasteurizes eggs and inactivates *Salmonella* cells with a short

processing time.

During the study, the water molecules inside the egg rotate and align with the RF instrument's electric field. This molecular friction causes the liquid inside the egg to heat up quickly and subsequently reduce *Salmonella* by 99.999% within 24 minutes. The R.F.-processed eggs were transferred to the refrigerator and kept at 7°C for seven days to simulate the commercial cold chain temperature.

"After treatment with the system, no intact *Salmonella* or sub-lethal *Salmonella* cell remnants were recovered, and no cell recovery was found in the R.F. - treated eggs when stored at retail refrigerated temperature," said USDA-ARS Research Food Technologist Daniela Bermudez-Aguirre. "The egg quality, such as the color and other parameters, were also preserved through the processing."

This technology has shown several advantages when used in food, all without a negative effect on food quality. Statistics also show Americans consumed a total amount of 93.1 billion eggs in 2023. So, this is a promising advancement for small farmers or egg processors and can ensure food-safe eggs while minimizing *Salmonella*. Consumers will also benefit from this technology since it preserves the quality of the eggs which can be used for special markets such as nursing homes, hospitals or schools.

ARS researchers will continue to develop this technology's capabilities and expect it to be commercially available in the near future.

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### Hearing Aid Program

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- LTBB CITIZENS FROM ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY

**REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:**

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

**BENEFITS:**

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

Questions?  
Abigail Dawson  
231-242-1752

### ELDERS VISION PROGRAM

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- LTBB ELDER CITIZENS LIVING OUTSIDE OF THE SERVICE AREA

**REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:**

- ITEMIZED STATEMENT/RECEIPT SHOWING PROOF OF PAYMENT

**BENEFITS:**

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

QUESTIONS?  
ABIGAIL DAWSON  
231-242-1752

## DENTAL CARE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS



By Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach

What a messy face when a baby is done eating!

When you wash your baby's face, why not clean their teeth before you take the baby out of the highchair? Here's how easy it is.

First, place a soft toothbrush on the highchair tray. Toothpaste is not necessary after mealtime; plain water will do. Stand behind baby and tilt the head back onto you for support. Sing "the bristles on the brush go "round and 'round" to the tune of "the wheels on the bus go round and 'round" as you brush those precious teeth.

At night, clean baby's teeth before bedtime. There are many ways to cleanse the baby's mouth and using water is an easy option which works well. Most infant toothpastes are designed to be

safe when swallowed in tiny amounts. Always ask your dental team for suggestions and look for the American Dental Association's approval on toothpastes.

To make things easier when cleaning their teeth, wrap the baby in a soft blanket and lay the baby on a soft rug. The caregiver kneels on the side, just above baby's head and brushes all surfaces of all teeth.

Another option is knee-to-knee. Two caregivers sit facing each other. The baby is relaxed back with baby's legs around the waist of one adult. That adult holds the baby's hands and speaks to while looking directly at the baby. The second adult is then looking down into the baby's mouth and all teeth are visible as all surfaces are brushed.

Sing a song to them about how important a healthy smile is and how much you appreciate their smiles. Need some inspiration?

Check out <https://www.highchairdentalcare.com/songs>.

Pediatric dentist, Dr. Winifred J. Booker DDS, FAAPD, a descendent of the Piscataway American Indian Tribe, is the creator of the Highchair Dental Care® Practice Model and the Brushtime Baby® diaper bag.

#### References and resources

[www.highchairdentalcare.com](http://www.highchairdentalcare.com); [www.ada.com](http://www.ada.com); [www.aapd.org](http://www.aapd.org); [www.agd.com](http://www.agd.com); [www.mychi.org](http://www.mychi.org); [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org); <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9mNb3qOGrs>;

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### Elders Dental Program

**Eligibility:**

- LTBB Elder citizens (55 years and older) from anywhere in the country

**Requirements for application:**

- Proposed treatment plan
- Any dental insurance

**Benefits:**

- Within the service area: \$1,500 per year
- Elders must use the LTBB Dental Clinic
- Outside the service area: \$2,400 per year

Questions?  
Abigail Dawson  
231-242-1752

## STAY INFORMED ABOUT FOOD SAFETY TOPICS



Bacterial pathogens and viruses are key contributors to foodborne illnesses across the country. Specific pathogens which create public health concern include *Salmonella*, Shiga Toxin Producing *Escherichia Coli* (STEC), *Listeria Monocytogenes* and others. In addition, accord-

ing to the Centers for Disease Control, there is a rising concern with raw or undercooked seafood causing increases in *Vibrio cholera*.

The National Agricultural Library's Food Safety Research Information Office (FSRIO) helps you to stay knowledgeable on research and information on Bacterial Pathogens, Viruses and Foodborne Illness. FSRIO also provides a Food Safety Research publication application which contains literature published in national and international peer-reviewed journals and often times, ahead of print. Explore more than 200 journals and search by journal title and/or subject to find more specific research on bacterial pathogens, produce safety, natural toxins and more.

*Courtesy graphic.*

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**Q & A**

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No. The Clinic is open to both Native and Non-Native people.

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We only accept patients that have Medicaid as their primary insurance.

**Do you accept any other insurance?**  
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OATHS OF OFFICE

LTBB Tribal Citizen Gwen Teuthorn took her oath of office for the LTBB Tribal Burial Board from LTBB Chief Judge JoAnne Cook on February 15, 2024. Gwen is serving a three-year term, ending on September 21, 2026.



LTBB Tribal Citizen Melissa Laughlin took her oath of office for the LTBB Tribal Burial Board from LTBB Chief Judge JoAnne Cook on February 29, 2024. Melissa is serving a two-year term, ending on September 21, 2025.

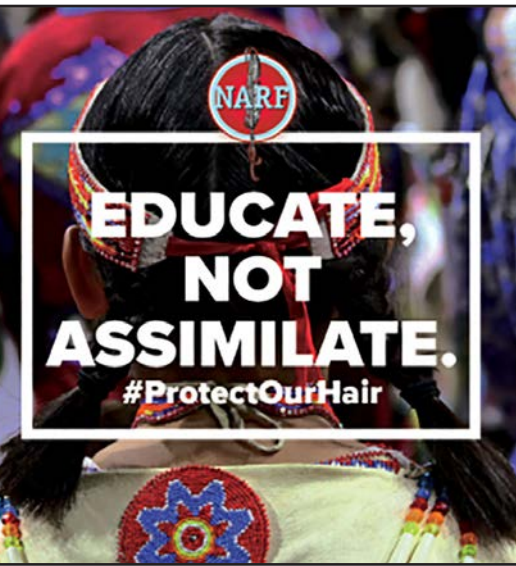


LTBB Tribal Citizen Vernon Seymour took his oath of office for the LTBB Natural Resources Commission from LTBB Chief Judge JoAnne Cook on March 7, 2024. Vernon is serving a four-year term, ending on September 21, 2028.



Photos courtesy of the LTBB Tribal Court.

ELIMINATING HAIR DISCRIMINATION IN TEXAS SCHOOLS



On January 30, 2024, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and 12 other civil rights organizations sent letters to the Texas Education Agency and the Texas State Board of Education urging the agencies to lead school districts in complying with a new Texas law designed to end race-based hair discrimination in schools, workplaces and public accommodations. Already in effect in 22 other states, the Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act went into effect in Texas on September 1, 2023.

Outdated student dress and grooming codes often stand at odds with traditional hair styles relevant to the cultural and religious beliefs of students. Campbell noted how clear guidance on what to change and how to enforce this new law would help educators and prompt why implementation matters.

“The CROWN Act needs leadership-driven implementation in Texas, so Native, Black, and all students can learn in public school class-

rooms free from race-based discrimination,” said Campbell.

“One’s hair or hairdo has nothing to do with how a person learns, yet the right to determine how you wear your hair at school does impact student self-esteem, and for many Native students, hair practices also deeply impact their identity and ability to live as an Indigenous person,” said Campbell. “Native students often protect, cover, or braid hair for religious and cultural reasons, and the CROWN Act bolsters the laws already in place that guarantee Native students’ religious freedoms.”

The CROWN Act, first passed in California in 2019, aims to end the denial of employment, educational and other opportunities because of natural hair texture and protective hairstyles. Twenty-three states have adopted versions of the CROWN Act, including Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and Texas as well as the U.S. Virgin Islands. Arizona’s governor recently signed an executive order, inspired by the CROWN ACT, to bar hair discrimination.

The following local and national civil rights organizations signed the letters: American Civil Liberties Union of Texas (ACLU of Texas), Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Children at Risk, Children’s Defense Fund – Texas, Human Rights Campaign (HRC), The Education Trust in Texas, Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA), the Legal Defense Fund (LDF), MEASURE, National Women’s Law Center, Native American Rights Fund (NARF), Texas Appleseed and Transgender Education Network of Texas.

Courtesy graphic.

**WIOA**  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**WHO ARE WE**  
The Niigaandiiwin Education Department receives Department of Labor funding for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) section 106, which funds supportive services to eligible Federally Recognized Native Americans, Alaskans, Hawaiians & First Generation Descendants in need of assistance with barriers to employment in the 26-county program service area.

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

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

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LESSONS FOR NAVIGATING THROUGH LIFE'S ROUGH WATERS  
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**UPDATE**

2024  
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 MAY 6TH, 20TH  
 JUNE 3RD

5:30 TO 7:30 PM FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS FROM OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY!

**LOCATION:**  
 LTBB GOVERNMENT BUILDING  
 1750 ODAWA CIRCLE  
 HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

**QUESTIONS? CALL ANGIE WOODIN AT 231-242-1649**

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April 3 & 17  
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**Nightly Schedule:**  
 5:00-5:45PM Dinner served  
 5:30-6:30PM Drum Practice  
 5:30-7:30PM Outfit Making  
 6:00PM Dance Presentation (Presentations TBA)  
 (Schedule subject to change)

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

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

For More Information Please Contact:  
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**Attention Michelle Chingwa Award Recipients!**

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If you elect the ACH Payment option, an Electronics Funds Transfer (EFT) Authorization Form will need to be completed. This form can be found in the Forms Directory at <https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/>. Please complete all information on the Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Form, review the Electronic Payment Terms and Conditions, sign and e-mail to [accountspayable@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:accountspayable@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). Forms can also be mailed to LTBB Accounts Payable at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740



# OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE'S REQUEST "REASONABLE AND LEGAL" IN REDISTRICTING PUBLIC RECORDS DISPUTE

On January 26, 2024, the South Dakota Office of Hearing Examiners affirmed that to receive public records, the Oglala Sioux Tribe need not pay the City of Martin's "outside legal fees incurred in producing the records." The tribe filed an appeal to the examiners' office in December 2023 after the city demanded the tribe pay attorney fees to receive public records.

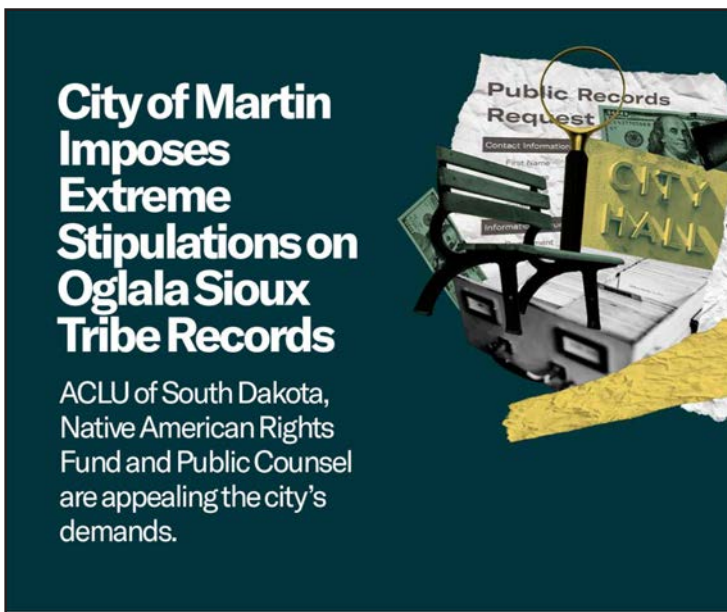
"Our In-House Counsel requested public records related to redistricting," said Oglala Sioux President Frank Star Comes Out. "The Tribe sought documents to ensure the city's map affords tribal members an equal opportunity to vote, and the City of Martin has no legal right to try to force a tribal government to pay for the city's legal representation."

"Typically, a few days after you make a public records request, a city clerk informs you of the total cost of your request to receive a copy. Instead, I received a letter from a private law firm saying if the Oglala Sioux Tribe wanted the public records, we had to pay over \$200 per hour for 'many, many hours' required for attorneys to work on our request," said Oglala Sioux In-House Counsel Rae Ann Red Owl.

The letter also stated if the tribe did not agree to pay the undisclosed amount upfront, the city would only respond if the Oglala Sioux tribe agreed to waive its immunity rights as a sovereign nation. The Native American Rights Fund (NARF), the American Civil Liberties Union of South Dakota (ACLU-SD) and Public Counsel filed an appeal to the hearing examiners on the tribe's behalf.

"South Dakota Open Records Law does not allow the City of Martin to withhold public records until a citizen pays the city's legal bills," said NARF Staff Attorney Samantha Kelty.

The examiners' office ordered the city to fulfill the tribe's public records request as required by law and the



## City of Martin Imposes Extreme Stipulations on Oglala Sioux Tribe Records

ACLU of South Dakota, Native American Rights Fund and Public Counsel are appealing the city's demands.



same way the city fulfills other public records requests. Specifically, the examiners detailed the City of Martin must calculate costs according to a set fee schedule and give the tribe a line-item estimate of the amount.

"Given its status as a sovereign Native Nation, the Oglala Sioux Tribe's tribal immunity should be recognized and protected. The City of Martin should not try to strong-arm the Tribe into waiving tribal sovereign immunity in order to gain access to voting rights records that affect Native Americans in Martin," said Stephanie Amiotte, ACLU of South Dakota legal director. "There is a long, elaborate history of discrimination against Native Americans in matters relating to voting in South Dakota. By being able to receive and examine public records related to the city's new redistricting map, the Oglala Sioux Tribe will be able to shine light on any new Voting Rights Act violations that could prevent Native Americans from having an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice."

The examiners found many documents the city claimed fell under "attorney-client privilege" had no

such protection, describing the documents as "easily available to City staff" to which the public, including the tribe, has a legal right to review. The examiners ordered the City of Martin to fulfill the tribe's request for documents related to redistricting meetings, city ward and mayoral elections, and how the city prohibits city employees from committing racial and ethnic discrimination. The examiners asked the tribe to clarify a few public records requests for specific documents related to the last two rounds of redistricting, so the city may fulfill those requests, too.

"The Tribe fought for a victory that will benefit all South Dakotans," said Mustafa Filat, Justice Catalyst Fellow at Public Counsel's Opportunity Under Law Project. "By challenging the imposition of attorney fees, the Tribe safeguarded everyone's right to a transparent and accessible government."

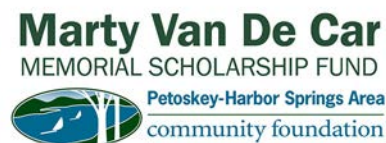
The tribe is still considering whether to appeal the examiners' decision as it relates to the tribe's sovereign immunity. "The United States has long recognized that tribal sovereignty is privileged," said Kelty.

*Courtesy graphic.*

### Marty Van De Car Memorial Scholarship Fund



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



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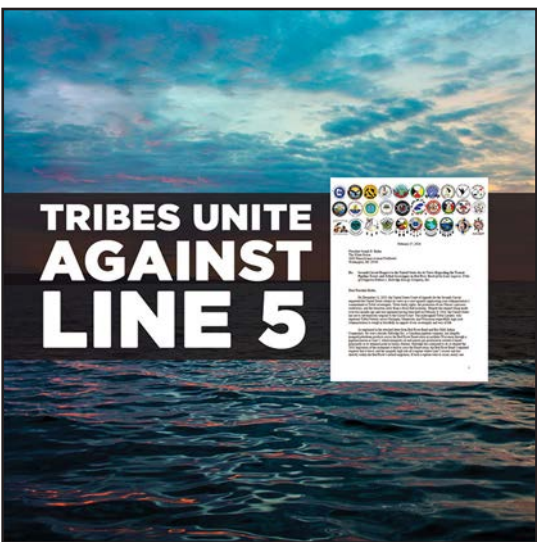
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# 30 TRIBAL NATIONS ASK BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO CONDEMN CANADIAN PIPELINE TRESPASS



Since 2013, Enbridge has earned more than \$1 billion by trespassing on the Bad River Band's reservation where there are only 11 feet of bank remaining between the pipeline and the current of the Bad River at its narrowest point.

"A pipeline company's control of the Bad River would devastate our seasonal fisheries, the resources necessary for wild rice life cycle, and the flood protection safety the river plain provides. It has not been easy fighting a multi-national corporation and the Government of Canada for our right to protect our homeland, but thankfully, we have not been alone. Our sister tribes as well as the State of Michigan have spoken up to defend the sovereign right of tribes and states to safeguard their homelands and the reasons we live here, and against flagrant trespass and environmental disaster at the Straits. It is time for the Biden Administration to step up to protect our reservation and watershed for the benefit of all," said Bad River Tribal Chairman Robert Blanchard.

Studies by industry experts reveal Line 5 can be shut down with almost no impact on fuel supplies or gas prices, which even Enbridge's own experts have admitted. Even so, the government of Canada officially has weighed in on the side of Enbridge while the U.S. government has been mute.

"Canada and Enbridge's legal arguments would strip sovereign governments – tribal, state and federal – of the ability to regulate the most dangerous of pipelines. Governments would be left powerless to prevent egregious trespasses and the continued operation of pipelines even in the face of grave threats. We remain hopeful that the Biden Administration will heed that call and stand up for tribal, state and federal sovereignty and the rule of law," said Riyaz Kanji, Lead Counsel for the Bad River Band.

The letter, signed by 30 Tribal Nations in the Great Lakes regions, explains: "[M]any Tribal Nations, like the Bad River Band, have entered into treaties with the United States guaranteeing them permanent homelands and reserving for them the right to exclude non-Indians from their homelands. These treaties are the supreme law of the land. One aspect of the inherent sovereign authority that Tribal Nations have retained is their absolute right and power to exclude non-Indians from, condition non-Indians' entry on, and expel trespassing non-Indians from tribal lands. This right is a core aspect of tribal sovereignty and has been repeatedly affirmed by the United States Supreme Court for over two centuries."

Courtesy graphic.

The leaders of 30 tribal nations in the Great Lakes region sent a letter to President Joe Biden urging the United States to speak out against the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline's trespass on the Bad River Band's land. Last June, a federal district court held Enbridge has been knowingly trespassing on the Bad River Reservation since 2013 and ordered them to stop operating Line 5 on tribal land by 2026. Enbridge appealed the case to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals arguing they should be allowed to trespass indefinitely. The court requested federal input in December 2023, but the Biden Administration has not responded. At the oral argument held before a Seventh Circuit panel on February 8, 2024, Judge Frank Easterbrook called the United States' silence "extraordinary."

The tribal leaders' letter presses the U.S. government to weigh in: *The Bad River Band should not be left to wage an existential fight against Enbridge and Canada while its trustee and treaty partner, the United States, remains on the sidelines.*

"When a foreign corporation seeks to disregard U.S. property laws and threatens tribal sovereignty and the rights of Indigenous citizens of the United States, the federal government has an obligation to push back against that incursion," said Bay Mills Indian Community President Whitney Gravelle. "We request that President Biden acts quickly to support, not just the right of Tribal Nations to protect their lands and people, but also the rule of law."

Line 5 transports up to 23 million gallons of crude oil and natural gas liquids daily from western to eastern Canada, cutting across the treaty-reserved territory of tribal nations, including the Bad River Band in Wisconsin and the Bay Mills Indian Community in Michigan.

# GOBBLE, GOBBLE! GOOD NEWS: MICHIGAN'S WILD TURKEY COMEBACK



By Michigan DNR

Wild turkeys can be found across Michigan roosting in trees (really!) and strutting and puffing out their feathers. But that wasn't always the case. By the turn of the 20th century, wild turkey populations across the state were decimated due to the destruction of critical habitat and unregulated hunting.

Did you know turkeys not only gobble, they also cluck and purr? In addition to flying, wild turkeys can even swim when needed. Thanks to collaborative conservation, these incredible birds are once again thriving across Michigan's forests and open woodland habitats.

In the 1950s, the Michigan DNR began an effort with partners to reintroduce wild turkeys to the state. Fifty wild turkeys were purchased from Pennsylvania and released into the

open woodlands of Allegan County, helping to strengthen and diversify the population. Thirty years later, wild turkeys from Missouri and Iowa were released across the state. There are now 200,000 wild turkeys gobbling across Michigan thanks to a half-century of partnership.

"Conservation success stories like the reintroduction of wild turkeys in Michigan are examples of what is possible through years of strong partnerships and community support," said Adam Bump, DNR upland game bird specialist. "We work closely with conservation organizations like the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) and their local chapters to restore and enhance habitat that wild turkeys need to thrive."

NWTf is a MI Birds partner and has co-hosted immersive birding field trips at oak-savannah restoration sites, engaging the birding community in wild turkey conservation. Some songbird favorites like eastern towhees and blue-winged warblers rely on the same habitat to thrive.

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

Questions? Contact the DNR Wildlife Division at 517-284-9453.

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**Welding Academy**  
Welding Academy takes place at East Jordan High School, where students will develop basic welding knowledge and skill application. They will participate in the creation of a team welding project and complete student-made take home projects. Students will experience first-hand what it is like to operate various equipment used in the welding industry, including welding power sources, grinders and manual plasma tables. For students in grades 8-11.

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Native Helpline

Seven years of culturally appropriate support and advocacy has been reached at StrongHearts Native Helpline where advocates were brought to fruition through the hard work and sacrifice of survivors and grassroots advocates.

"March 6, 2024 marks the seventh anniversary of StrongHearts advocacy," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. "It is not our way to boast or brag, but it is our way to teach what we have learned. As an organization steeped in Native American and Alaska Native culture and tradition, we use seven principles as a guide and seven generations to measure how far we have come and how far we have yet to go."

To date, StrongHearts advocates have helped more than 50,000 contacts and tallied more than half a million visitors to its website. The main need being met by advocates is peer support and it requires the lived experience of being Native American.

"Native people need to be able to trust the assisting advocate," explained Jump. "Our advocates are Native and provide a service that no other agency can simply due to the historical distrust of non-Natives."

As a testament to the unique challenge of being Native, three StrongHearts advocates shared their stories about the importance of culturally appropriate support and advocacy.

### Addressing Colonization

Advocate 1: "When assessing cultural abuse and using traditional methods for self-care, I connect what colonization did and how it ties into abuse and the mistreatment of Native women throughout history. Reclaim-

ing and reinforcing our indigenous culture can make us stronger as a community."

### Addressing a Form of Cultural Abuse

Advocate 2: "I actually spoke to someone on the phone who was from my Tribe. She was white presenting and all her life was told that she was white and she should not be allowed to access Tribal resources or even refer to herself as a Native woman. We talked a lot about colonization, blood quantum, and I offered her a lot of validation and a little bit of information about our Tribe and available domestic violence resources.



(We also talked about) how she could begin to reconnect with heritage, reclaim her language, and how that could be really validating and healing for her as well. When she called in, she was feeling hopeless, crying or on the verge of tears. By the end of our call, she was laughing and excited to grow her knowledge about our culture. She felt a sense of community and knew that she was not alone on her healing journey and she had not only a resource, but relatives, that she could rely on."

### Addressing Lived Experience

Advocate 3: "I draw from my upbringing. Of course, there is the training, but if a contact inquires about where I'm from or what I know about being Native I tell them. Nine times out of 10, they are seeing if I 'get it,' and it takes nothing for me to simply speak to them in a way they are used to or share with them like their relatives do."

### Guiding Principles

Not only does StrongHearts as an organization see through the lens of seven generations, it also uses seven guiding principles to navigate culturally appropriate support and advocacy. In brief, those guiding principles include:

- Culture is the heart of our existence connecting and honoring diversity.

- Balance is rooted in traditional lifeways and the equality of mind, body and spirit.

- Interrelatedness to honor each other, our ancestors and the earth.

- Humility to learn from all lessons with empathy - even those that are difficult and non-traditional.

- Bravery to face unique challenges and prejudices with mental and moral strength and courage.

- Resilience enough to adapt in the face of adversity in our work as indigenous peoples.

- Trust is the duty to our ancestors and to future generations to honor our commitments.

"Our ancestors have taught us these principles and so we shall continue in that tradition," concluded Jump. "We've known all along that our relatives need to trust, to speak and to heal. It's a reciprocal exchange between our advocates and their contacts where we feel a sense of hope and find a mutual path toward healing."

Serving all individuals who reach out for help 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, StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 to provide support and advocacy, make referrals to Native centered service providers and connect our relatives to regionally available resources. Call or text 1-844-762-8483 or chat online at [strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org).

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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
- Grades 6-8
- Please inquire with teacher or use contact below
- Contact: Mary Beck, Academic Interventionist, at [mbeck@harborps.org](mailto: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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## K-12 TUTORING & ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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

### Tribal Academic Support Programs (FREE)

- LTBB Youth Services Academic Support Program
  - Individualized K-5 Tutoring Program (2x weekly for eligible youth)
  - K-12 Group Homework Lab (ages 6-18)
  - LTBB Enrolled, LTBB 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
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- 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

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# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

In accordance with law and policy, Elders Comment/Public Comment as recorded in the minutes will contain the name of the Citizen or "Immediate Family" or "Family member" and only the subject matter brought forth by the individual. No attempt will be made by the Legislative Branch to summarize the comments. Written public comments will be accepted by the Legislative Office. Written comments shall be attached to the official approved minutes housed in the Legislative Branch. Written comments are not published, however, shall be open to review within the Legislative Office in accordance with any laws regarding such documents.

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Chambers**  
7500 Odawa Circle,  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
**Tribal Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2024**  
**In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:07 a.m.**  
Opening ceremony: Treasurer Leroy Shomin  
Closed Session: Yes  
Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes, Secretary Emily Proctor

Absent: Councilor Tamara Munson

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

Corporate Charters Present: Gaming Authority's Chair Mary Kilmer and Vice Chair Denise Petoskey; Ziibimijwang, Inc. Executive Director Mary Donner

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice Chairperson Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator David Thom Jr., Facilities Building Maintenance Charles Moore, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Willis, Gijigowi Language Department Administrative Assistant Theresa Keshick, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington

Judicial Officials and Staff:

Public: Renee 'Wasson' Dillard, Patrick Anthony, Brian Anthony, Melissa Shomin

Invited Guest: Armory Securities, LLC. Steve Moore and Nathan Holmes; Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Finance Debbie Provost, Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor, Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, Director of Slots Dennis Shananaquet and Director of Human Resources Andrea Shananaquet, Director of Food & Beverage Michael Cannon, Director of Security Kevin Giem, Director of Table Games Brian Nelson

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to adopt the agenda for February 8, 2024 as amended.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 25, 2024 as presented.

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

**9:16 a.m.** Councilor Tamara

Munson arrives via Zoom

**Executive Oversight Report:**

**Discussion:** Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

Departments and Programs received anticipated budgets. Will begin the budgeting process.

The Housing Department is now located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the north wing in the Tribal Government Complex.

Met with the Little Traverse Conservancy regarding future partnerships on land use, incorporating Anishinaabemowin on signs, and assisting with the Avary fund raising.

Upcoming Tribal Events:

Ice Fishing Weekend at the UM Bio Station on Douglas Lake is scheduled for February 16 – 18, 2024 pending ice safety. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. There will still be off-ice activities. Please contact Amanda Weinert at 231-242-1483 or Dan Hinmon at 231-242-1670.

A Youth Beading Workshop will be held February 16 & 17, 2024 from 12:00 Noon – 5:00 p.m. at the Government Complex

The Sugarbush Event is scheduled but may cancel due to the unseasonably warm weather.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Round Dance is scheduled for March 2, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Odawa Casino Resort's Ovation Hall.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon and Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson for February 8, 2024.

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

**Tribal Council Officer Reports:** Legislative Leader Report

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes' verbal report for February 8, 2024.

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

Secretary Report

Vetoes: (Tribal Council has 90 days to override an Executive veto): None

Phone Polls: None

Activities: Has been researching Presidential candidate's platforms as they pertain to Indian Country.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for February 8, 2024.

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

Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

Phone Polls: Three

**-01/31/2024 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 020824-01 Request for Funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success 60-Month Project.**

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

Motion carries.

**-01/31/2024 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 020824-02 Acceptance**

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

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

May 7 Work Session  
May 9 Council Meeting  
May 21 Work Session  
May 23 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

*of Funds from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Comprehensive Services for Behavioral Health Project FY 2025-2026.*

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

Motion carries.

**-02/02/2024 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization for Land Purchase and Appropriation.**

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

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for February 8, 2024.

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

Land and Reservation Committee Report

Phone Polls: None

Activities: Will be reaching out to Appropriations and Finance Committee to begin discussion of sustainable funding for land acquisitions and land taxes. Will also want to discuss the expansion of the Odawa Circle property and funding availability and sources.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chair for February 8, 2024.

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

**9:42 a.m.** Break

**10:01 a.m.** Meeting resumes

**Tribal Council Member Reports:**

Councilor Fred Kiogima – Attended Appropriations and Finance Committee and Land and Reservation Committee meetings. Went to Grand Traverse Band's

Round Dance, is glad Little Traverse Bay Bands' will be at the Ovation Hall this year.

Councilor Tamara Munson – Had a citizen of another tribe inquire where they can purchase Little Traverse Bay Bands Logoed merchandise, was wondering if anyone on council could help direct for future inquirers.

Councilor William Ortiz – Attended Ad Hoc Committee meeting and went over the job description for the Economic and Business Development Director position. Attended Appropriations and Finance Committee. Ziibimijwang Inc. will be at various locations to deliver farm eggs for anyone who may be interested.

Councilor Aaron Otto – No report

Councilor Melissa Pamp – Attended Appropriations and Finance Committee; would like further discussion regarding full Council attendance at such meetings as there is a lot of important information. Attended Grand Traverse Band's Round Dance. Spoke with Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker and worked on the Exclusion Statute. Had a call from a citizen with concerns about how citizens are treated at Lume. Attending 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MMIP.

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – Has been getting caught up after her absence. Attended Grand Traverse Band's Round Dance. Talked with Councilor Melissa Pamp regarding the Exclusion Statute. Attended Ad Hoc Committee meeting and worked on the Economic and Business Development Director job description.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, and Councilor Jordan Shananaquet's verbal reports for February 8, 2024.

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

**Discussion:** Steve Moore, Armory Securities, LLC.

Closed Session material

**10:25 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal Business.

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

**12:13 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session.

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

**Public Comment**

**12:13 p.m.** Opens  
Patrick Anthony commented he hopes things get figured out and he'll quit complaining.

**12:15 p.m.** Closes

**12:15 p.m.** Lunch Recess

**1:33 p.m.** Meeting resumes

**Discussion:** Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort Review of the 2023 Odawa Casino Resort Overview  
Market and Business Plan for 2024

2023 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 2023 Overview and OCR Market and Business Plan for 2024.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort's 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report dated February 8, 2024 as presented by Odawa Casino Resort's General Manager Ron Olson, Gaming Authority's Vice Chair Denise Petoskey, and Odawa Casino Resort Management team members for February 8, 2024.

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

**Public Comment**

**2:58 p.m.** Opens

Amanda Swiss commented the Odawa Casino Resort Sports Bar is closed on Sundays and Mondays losing the opportunity to make money.

Patrick Anthony commented at the last Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting, the Odawa Casino Resort could not make a larger contribution to the Government and is stressing Leroy out.

Brian Anthony commented Tribal Council should not be contracting companies to run our tribal businesses when it doesn't work and these companies do not have the best interest of the tribe. A manager position needs to be created to keep accurate records. The tribe should run and manage our businesses ourselves.

**3:02 p.m.** Closes

**3:02 p.m.** Break

**3:20 p.m.** Meeting resumes

**Legislative Office Reports:**

Office of Finance and Revenue – Senior Financial Analyst

a. Office Update

b. Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority – Review the 2023 Odawa Overview, OCR Market and Business Plan for 2024

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – Update by Aaron Otto, Corporate Transition Director

Ziibimijwang, Inc.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Sr. Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for February 8, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Corporate Transition Director Councilor Aaron Otto's verbal and written report for February 8, 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstained (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik's written report as presented on February 8, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

Legislative Services Attorney Office update

Closed Session for Confidential Business

**4:24 p.m. Motion** made by Treasurer "Minutes" continued on page 26.



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 surer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal Business.

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

**5:11 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to return to Open Session.

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

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker’s verbal report for February 8, 2024.

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

#### General Counsel

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt General Counsel Jim Bransky’s verbal report for February 8, 2024.

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

#### Legislative Office Director

**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 February 8, 2024.

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

#### Tribal Council Action Items:

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 020824-01 Request for Funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success 60-Month Project.

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

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 020824-02 Acceptance of Funds from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Comprehensive Services for Behavioral Health Project FY 2025-2026.

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

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 020824-03 Governmental Branch Allocation of General Funds for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Vernon Seymour to the Natural Resources Commission and to set up an interview.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of REG-WOS 2023-002 020624-001 Citizenship Statute Regulations.

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

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to allow up to three (3) Tribal Councilors to travel to the Line 5 Hearings at the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Federal Court in Cincinnati, OH on March 21, 2024.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to

acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Heather Syrette to the Child Welfare Commission and set up an interview.

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

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization for Land Purchase and Appropriation for Land Parcel #138.

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

**Other Items of Business:** None  
 Adjournment:

**5:43 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to Adjourn.

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

Next Regular Tribal Council Meeting:

**Thursday, February 22, 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 Date

### **Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes February 22, 2024 In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:06 a.m.**

Opening ceremony: Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes

Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin

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

Corporate Charters Present: none

Gaming Authority Vice Chair Denise Petoskey

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Health Department Community Health Navigator Ellie Moore, Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic Care & Referral Coordinator Heather Charbonneau, Tribal Chairperson’s Office Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator David Thom, Jr., Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Education’s Learning Center Coordinator Jeremy Steele, Office of the Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill

Judicial Officials and Staff: none

Public: Brian Anthony, Patrick Anthony, Eva Oldman, Nichole Keway Biber, Marvin Mulholland, John Kawegoma, Bryce Carver

Invited Guest: none

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt the agenda for February 22, 2024 as amended.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Citizen(s) who have walked on: Helen Bonneau-ba, James Keway-ba, Marcia Radlicki-ba, Alvina Ruth-ba, and Dorothy Wolf-ba.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 8, 2024 as presented.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**9:15 a.m.** Introduction on new Tribal Government Employees Ellie Moore – Community Health Navigator – Health

Heather Charbonneau – Care & Referral Coordinator – Health Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic  
 Maya Schlappi – Medical Assistant (transfer) - Health

#### **Executive Oversight Report:**

##### **Discussion:**

Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson: Budgets have been the main focus and getting them submitted to Council within the statutory guidelines.

Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon: Budgets; Round Dance is Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ovation Hall from 3 – 11 p.m.; next Townhall is Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.; EDA Grant pop-ups will be happening as well.

**Motion** made by Councilor Will Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson and Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon on February 22, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Officer Reports:**  
Legislative Leader Report

Office Report

Travel Report

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes’ verbal and written report for February 22, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes’ February 13, 2024 United Tribes of Michigan Travel Report dated February 22, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

#### Secretary Report

Vetoes: (Tribal Council has 90 days to override an Executive veto): None  
 Phone Polls: One

**-02/15/2024 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to adopt Tribal Resolution Use of Third-Party Support Revenues and American Recovery Plan Act Funds in the amount of up to \$4,000,000 to fund the land/building purchase of a proposed Health Property.**

Phone Poll Vote: 3 – Yes, 6 – No (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Secretary Emily Proctor), 0 – Abstained, 0 – Absent  
 Motion fails.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor’s verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for February 22, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

Phone Polls: None

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes, Committee Secretary for February 22, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

Land and Reservation Committee Report

Phone Polls: None

Activities: Attended Appropriations and Finance Committee to discuss setting aside funds for Land Purchases and funding to support the build-out of Odawa Circle. Discussion with Treasurer Leroy Shomin about funding and the Executive.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chair for February 22, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**10:23 a.m.** Break

**11:00 a.m.** Meeting resumes

Tribal Council Member Reports:

a. Councilor Fred Kiogima – Absent

b. Councilor Tamara Munson – No report. Concerned about the permanent placement of the Youth and would like to see the Youth Council revitalized.

c. Councilor William Ortiz – Attended Court hearing via Zoom. Working with Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope to determine revenues of Casino. Would like the Tribe to take a stance against Enbridge’s proposed cultural center.

d. Councilor Aaron Otto – Attended court hearing in-person. Attended AFC and EDA Odawa Prosperity workgroup.

e. Councilor Melissa Pamp – Attended Appropriations and Finance Committee and EDA Odawa Prosperity workgroup. Spoke on a panel at MMIW/P in Wisconsin. Would like to see our Law Enforcement trained in trauma informed. Attended Round Dance committee meetings. TCRP Workgroup, planning to add to a work session and want to have it done before national MMIW day. Will be meeting with Language

Department’s Jenna Kishigo on a prayer to say at Tribal Council. Would like to be involved in revitalizing the Youth Council.

f. Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – Has been in conversation with Native Americans in Philanthropy regarding philanthropic funds and how LTBB can further tap into these funding streams. Working with Legislative Office and Legislative Services Attorney to bring back a monthly Legislative Corner in the Odawa Trails. Along with Councilor Ortiz, requested information from the Executive and Health Director regarding Medicaid/Medicare cost reports, number of patients seen at the clinic, annual number of patient visits through the clinic which were billed to insurance. Also, from our Senior Financial Analyst, the performance at Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic since it opened.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet’s verbal and written reports for February 22, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

#### **Legislative Office Reports:**

Office of Finance and Revenue – Senior Financial Analyst

a. Office Update

b. Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation: Reinstating the internet

Ziibimijwang, Inc.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Sr. Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for February 22, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

#### **Public Comment**

**12:03 p.m.** Opens

Brian Anthony: Agrees with building a new tribal center. Feels the existing building could be made into assisted living. We need a records department which could have paralegals to review the records.

**12:06 p.m.** Closes

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Aaron Otto, Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation’s Corporate Transition Director, verbal and written report for February 22, 2024.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 – Abstained (Councilor Aaron Otto), 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**12:07 p.m.** Break for lunch

**1:36 p.m.** Meeting resumes  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer – No Report

Legislative Services Attorney

Office Update

Confidential Legal Business

**1:40 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal Business.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

*“Minutes” continued on page 27.*



*“Minutes” continued from page 26.*

**2:32 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker’s verbal and written report for February 22, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**General Counsel** - No Report

**Motion** made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Support and Authorization of the Provision of Legal Services By 252 BJA Subgrantee in a 2024 Grant by Montana Legal Services to Michigan Indian Legal Services.

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

**Motion Councilor William Ortiz and Councilor Melissa Pamp** to authorize Odawa Casino to form an LLC under LTBB law, for the limited purpose of obtaining certification required for its D-U-N-S number. The LLC shall not maintain its own bank accounts, or waive sovereign immunity unless authorized in the future by official Tribal Council action.

**Motion continues with a vote after Public Comment and break**

**Public Comment**  
**2:57 p.m.** Opens  
 Brian Anthony: Opposes allowing tribal entities to create their own companies. It is for tribal government to do. We’ve hired a business to run our gaming. We shouldn’t have them creating businesses and having sovereignty. Ashland (Bad River) sued Enbridge after they tried to move into their lands and now they have returned to Mackinaw. Nichole Keway Biber: Newsletter that Mackinaw City puts out has an article that land which Enbridge owns is looking to build a cultural center. Feels Tribal Council with Executive should make a statement that it is opposed by Little Traverse Bay Bands. Along the lines of Enbridge, there is a documentary movie being released on March 15-20<sup>th</sup> called *Bad River* about the Bad River Band’s fight over an aging oil pipeline. John Kawegoma: In agreement with Councilor Aaron Otto regarding LLCs for any of our charters. They shouldn’t be able to show themselves as a separate entity. Patrick Anthony: Playing the lottery and will be here once he wins.

**3:15 p.m.** Closes

**Motion from discussion prior to Public Comment and Break continues with a vote:**

Vote: 5 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carried.

**Legislative Office Director**

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele

Portman-LaCount’s verbal and written report as presented on February 22, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Action Items:**

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022224-01 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Distinct Tribal Program FY 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022224-02 Request for Funding from Family and Youth Services Bureau Family Violence Prevention and Services Act FY 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022224-03 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Rights Protection Implementation Funds FY 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022224-04 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs FY 2024 One-Time Project Funds.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022224-05 Request for Funding from the National Park Service, Historic Preservation Grants-in-Aid to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices FY 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022224-06 Request to Accept Funding Increase from the Department of Treasury Homeowners Assistance Fund Reallocation.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022224-07 Request to Accept Funding Increase

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022224-08 Request for Funding from Institute Museum and Library Services Native American Library Services Basic Grant FY 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor

William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022224-09 Request for Funding from United States Department of Justice, FY 2024 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS).

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 022224-10 Request for Funding from the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center, Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country FY 2024 Additional Funds.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to reappoint Heather Syrette to the Child Welfare Commission for 3-year term ending 09/21/2027.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to appoint Vernon Seymour to the Natural Resource Commission for a 4-year term ending 09/21/2028.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to allow three (3) Tribal Councilors to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Development Conference on June 18-19, 2024 at the Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, CA.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to authorize Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes to execute the February 1, 2024 Engagement Letter Amendment with Armory Securities, LLC.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

**4:10 p.m. Break**

**4:21 p.m. Meeting resumes**

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to amend the agenda to include the motion to acknowledge and approve REG-WOS 2024-001 022224-01 Hotel Room Tax Regulations.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt and approve REG-WOS 2024-001 022224-01 Hotel Room Tax Regulations.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt Tribal Resolution Supple-

mental Funding in the Amount of \$31,500.00 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance for FY 2024 Traditional Burial Commission.

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

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$567,234.14 to come from Third Party Revenue for FY 2024 Health Budget.

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

**Motion failed.**

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution Use of Third-Party Support Revenues and American Recover Plan Act

Funds in the amount of up to \$6,000,000 to fund the renovation of a proposed Health Property.

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

**Motion failed.**

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to **TABLE** Tribal Resolution Authorization for Land Parcel #210.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima Motion carried.

**Other Items of Business:** None

Adjournment:

**4:46 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to Adjourn.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carried.

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Thursday, March 7, 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

Date

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**Little Traverse Bay Bands  
of Odawa Indians**

**NOTICE: Sex Offender  
Registration Requirements**

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

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

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

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

NOTICE:

NEW TRIBAL CODE WEBPAGE

The Tribal Code Webpage has been restructured!!!!

New features included:

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# TEAM NUTRITION RESOURCES ADVOCATE OFFERING TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS FOODS IN CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Nationwide, there are about 664,000 American Indian and Alaska Native students in the U.S. public school system. Check out the following Team Nutrition resources and activities which support the offering of traditional indigenous foods in Child Nutrition Programs (CNP).



## Crediting Tools for Serving Traditional Indigenous Foods in Child Nutrition Programs

The recently released memo, TA 01-2024: Crediting Traditional Indigenous Foods in Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) provides guidance to indigenous communities on incorporating traditional indigenous foods which meet CNP meal pattern requirements and includes a list of traditional indigenous foods which credit the same as similar foods currently listed in the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG). The FBG provides yield information for many traditional indigenous foods such as chokecherries and ground buffalo which credit the same as similar products previously included in the FBG. In addition, the webpage, Serving Traditional Indigenous Foods in Child Nutrition Programs, provides a consolidated hub of technical assistance resources and policy guidance for crediting traditional indigenous foods in CNP. This webpage houses technical assistance resources, including the updated TA 01-2024, the Crediting in CNP Tip Sheet series, Crediting Handbook for the Child and Adult Care Food Program, FBG, Gardens in Tribal Communities fact sheet, Tribal Foods and Traditions Fact Sheet and USDA standardized recipes.

Coming soon is the updated policy memo on Procuring Local Meat, Poultry, Game and Eggs for Child Nutrition Programs. It will offer guidance to reduce potential barriers to accessing domesticated and wild game animals, including buffalo. The updated question and response will remind CNP operators to comply with any applicable federal, state and local, (including tribal) laws and regulations.

## Developing School Recipes with Traditional Indigenous Foods

### Where the Buffalo Roam: Nebraska's Use of Bison in School Lunch Pizza

DYK? In North America, both "bison" and "buffalo" refer to the American bison (Bison bison). As part of FY 2021 Cohort A Team Nutrition Training Grant, the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) created the Local/Indigenous Foods Training (LIFT) Project, which focused on testing, evaluating and standardizing recipes which used local agricultural and indigenous foods across a 15 school cohort of sub-grantees. One of the recipes of this project was a bison pizza topping. Students sampled bison from a local butcher shop and learned benefits of eating foods local and indigenous to Nebraska. Almost all of the students (98%) who tried the bison pizza topping liked or loved it. To supplement the recipe development, NDE used grant funds to develop nutrition education and marketing materials centered around indigenous and Native American foods, including bison and aronia berries. These materials are used to highlight the nutritional benefits and the historical and ecological significance of the local agricultural products. For more information, visit Nebraska Department of Education: Harvest of the Month.

### Land of 10,000 Lakes: Minnesota's Wild Rice Harvest Recipe Videos

Wild rice is a vital indigenous crop for the 11 federal-



ly recognized tribes found in Minnesota. For centuries, it has served as a critical spiritual, economic and material resource. Wild rice grows naturally in clear lakes in northern Minnesota and is harvested by hand, a labor-intensive process. The Minnesota Department of Education, through FY 2021 Cohort A Team Nutrition Training Grant, and in collaboration with Harvest of the Month, standardized five recipes and developed recipe videos: Wild Rice Pilaf, Parm Potato, Mega Meatball, Minnesota Turkey Chili and Turkey Wild Rice Soup. These recipes highlight indigenous ingredients and/or foods locally grown in Minnesota. Each recipe video features key ingredients, offers recipe walkthroughs, provides crediting information and contains closed captioning. Find more school recipes at the Institute of Child Nutrition's Child Nutrition Recipe Box.

## Supporting the Use of Traditional Indigenous Foods in the Child Nutrition Programs Cooperative Agreement Request for Applications

USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), will soon release a Request for Applications for the Supporting the Use of Traditional Indigenous Foods in the Child Nutrition Programs Cooperative Agreement. Through this cooperative agreement, FNS will engage tribally led organizations or eligible organizations partnering with tribally led organizations to provide regionally focused training and technical assistance to school nutrition professionals on procurement, preparation and crediting of traditional indigenous foods as part of the CNP.

Courtesy photos.

**SAVE THE DATES**  
**MORE INFO TBA**

## NIIBIN/SUMMER CAMPS

**June 24-28, 2024**  
Osborne Rd Property + field trips  
&  
**July 29-Aug. 2, 2024**  
Jiimaan Journey  
Camping @ Camp Petosega  
*(In collaboration with Community Health/SPRING Prevention Grant)*

Questions? Contact Amanda!  
231-242-1483, [aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

ISTEAM programming is funded by National Science Foundation (NSF): Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) Grant: Collaborative Research: Intergenerational Learning, Deliberation, and Decision Making for Changing Lands and Waters, #DRL 1946478

## Ziizbaakot Making 2024

### LET'S MAKE MAPLE SUGAR!

**Location:**  
Harbor Springs Tribal Housing Community Building

**Date/Time:**  
Fri. 4/26, 4-7pm

**MORE INFO TBA!**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT AMANDA!  
[aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) OR 231-242-1483

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# NEW CULTIVAR LUMINA PRODUCES LARGE AND SWEET STRAWBERRIES



Early research results quickly showed “Lumina” consistently provided high yields of large, sweet, boldly colored and glossy strawberries marketable in the earliest part of the Mid-Atlantic strawberry season. They’re also relatively resistant to foliar diseases present in the field leading to low rot at harvest as well as during postharvest storage.

Anthracnose fruit rot routinely destroys a high percentage of strawberries grown during the traditional season and can even occur during cold storage. The plant disease favors hot, humid, rainy weather, but “Lumina” is unique in there has been little to no evidence of anthracnose affecting the cultivar.

“No fumigation or fungicides were used on ‘Lumina’ in the field,” said USDA-ARS Research Plant Geneticist Kim Lewers. “This is remarkable. Our research shows that af-

ter two weeks in post-harvest storage, ‘Lumina’ fruits were 24% more marketable than its early-season predecessor.”

“Lumina” is expected to be adapted to the Mid-Atlantic region of the U.S. and regions with a similar climate. The strawberry’s excellent shelf life is just an added benefit to the taste, which has been described as sweet with a notable creamy texture.

While most Mid-Atlantic strawberries yield fruit in mid to late May, “Lumina” debuts earlier in the season and provides its delicious berry in late April to early May. The cultivar was approved for release in 2023 and will soon be patented. Distribution during the life of the patent is limited to requestors licensed to propagate. Licensing information can be obtained through the USDA-ARS Office of Technology Transfer.

*Courtesy photo.*

# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS PROGRAM CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF INVESTING IN NATIVE YOUTH



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.**

Apply at [indigenous-foodandag.com](http://indigenous-foodandag.com)

*Courtesy graphic.*

# USDA UNDER SECRETARY ALEXIS TAYLOR TO LEAD HISTORIC NATIVE NATIONS AGRIBUSINESS TRADE MISSION TO CANADA



Community operating on Native Hawaiian Home Lands as recognized by the Department of the Interior.

“We couldn’t be more excited to host this trade mission with our partners and leaders from Tribal Nations and the Native Hawaiian Community,” said Under Secretary Taylor. “Tribal agribusinesses produce products that represent a unique and significant element of the American agricultural economy and culture. Showcasing products from Tribal and Native Hawaiian producers is long overdue, and the Canadian market could not be a better fit. This delegation shares a strong historical connection to their Tribal lands, trading networks and agricultural resources.”

Participating agribusinesses will engage in business-to-business meetings with potential importers from across Canada. The delegation will also receive detailed market briefings from USDA’s Foreign Agricultural Service staff and local and regional industry experts as well as join educational seminars focused on

reaching export readiness. The event will include networking receptions, engagements with USDA leadership, retail promotions and visits and cultural activities in Vancouver and around British Columbia.

Canada consistently ranks among our top markets for agricultural product exports, representing one of our most significant and reliable trading partners. Total U.S. agricultural and related product exports to Canada totaled \$28.2 billion in 2023. The nation offers a modern and dynamic food retail sector with deep familiarity and appreciation of American products. Strong opportunities exist for exporters across many sectors, including, but not limited to:

- Bakery goods, cereals and pasta;
- Fresh fruits and vegetables;
- Meats – pork and pork products, beef and beef products;
- Dairy;
- Processed food and beverages;
- Seafood.

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The campaign was developed in part under a grant number 5MS002004 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The views, policies, and opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of SAMHSA or HHS.

BRAVE is a text message series that provides helpful information on healthy relationships, intimate partner violence, mental health and wellness skills, while promoting cultural pride and resilience.

Text BRAVE to 94449 to sign up

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# COVID-19 VACCINE OR BOOSTER

**If you are in need of a Covid-19 Vaccine or Booster, please call the Tribal Health Clinic at (231) 242 - 1780 to schedule an appointment.**

LET’S PROTECT THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY FROM COVID-19

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

Text CARING to **65664**

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



# SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE ESTABLISHES NEW CAMPUS

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC), a 1994 Land-Grant, two-year public college founded in 1998, is pleased to announce the completion of renovations and establishment of a new campus location in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

This strategic move allows SCTC to extend its unique partnership between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the local community by equipping students with the skills needed to be transformational leaders in their tribal community. Additionally, keeping COVID-19 in mind, the newly renovated building offers increased open space to ensure safe social distancing capabilities.

The transition to the new campus was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by an open house on March 1, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. inside the entrance of the campus building at 5805 E. Pickard St., Mt Pleasant, MI. Attendees learned more about the renovations from the general contractor, Spence



Brothers, and heard remarks in regards to the strong focus on stability and preparing for future growth from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Council Sub-Chief, Luke Sprague, and Tribal College President, Carla Sineway. Staff were also present to answer any questions and gave tours immediately following the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is a public community college located in Mount Pleasant, MI. In 1998, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council adopted a resolution establishing a tribally controlled college and forming a governing Board of Regents.

While the primary focus was to build a bridge between tribal members and higher education, the college was chartered as a public institution for all people in the community. In passing their resolution to establish the college, the Tribal Council sought to increase access to higher education and to expand educational and career opportunities for the tribal community. The Tribal Council also was taking responsibility to provide for the future of the tribe by investing in its most valuable resource, its members and employees. The establishment of Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College was an important step in an educational empowerment process which seeks to preserve and maintain the Saginaw Chippewa tribal culture. The college strives to provide a quality learning experience and environment designed to sustain the cultural continuity of the tribe from past to future generations.

Courtesy graphic.

# WHAT ARE SECONDHAND AND THIRDHAND SMOKE?



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

Secondhand smoke is smoke from burning tobacco products such as cigarettes, cigars, hook-ahs or pipes. The fumes released from e-cigarettes (vapes) are called aerosols, which are a mix of tiny particles and/or droplets in the air. When a person smokes or vapes, they inhale the chemicals in the product. People around the smoker or vaper are also exposed to these chemicals.

Thirdhand smoke is made up of the pollutants which settle when tobacco is smoked. It can become embedded in most soft surfaces such as clothing, furniture and carpet. It also settles as dust-like particles on hard surfaces such as walls, floors and vehicles. Thirdhand smoke can remain for many months even after smoking has stopped.

There are more than 7,000 chemicals in commercial tobacco smoke, including hundreds of toxic chemicals and approximately 70 can cause cancer such as benzene (found in gasoline), butane (used in lighter fluid), ammonia (used in household cleaner), toluene

(used in paint thinners), cadmium (used in batteries) and hydrogen cyanide (used in chemical weapons).

With e-cigarettes, the "e-juice" which fills the cartridges usually contains nicotine, propylene glycol (a common food additive also used to make antifreeze and paint solvent), flavorings and other chemicals. Additionally, when the e-liquid heats up, more toxic chemicals are formed. The following toxic chemicals and metals have all been found in e-cigarettes: Cadmium and other heavy metals such as nickel, tin and lead, formaldehyde and acetaldehyde (carcinogens known to cause cancer), acrolein (used in weedkiller) and diacetyl (a chemical linked to a lung disease known as "popcorn lung.")

There are resources available for individuals who want to quit smoking and/or vaping and want to learn more about its dangers to health:

The **American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program (AICTP)** has decades of experience operating quit lines and helping American Indians/Alaska Natives quit commercial tobacco. Enroll either by phone at **1-855-524-7848** or online at **MI-AmericanIndian.Quitlogix.org/en-US/Enroll-Now**

The **Michigan Tobacco Quitlink** is a free tobacco cessation program based on proven strategies which have helped more than 1.5 million people quit smoking, plus they can connect you to resources like nicotine quit medications. You can enroll by phone at **1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669)** or online at **Michigan.Quitlogix.org/en-US/**

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

**My Life My Quit**, a free confidential program to help teens quit smoking or vaping. Get connected to a quit coach and learn healthy ways to cope with stress and cravings Text **"Start My Quit"** to **36072**.

Sources:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/secondhand-smoke/about.html#:~:text=Secondhand%20smoke%20exposure%20occurs%20when,1%2C4%2C5>  
<https://www.lung.org/quit-smoking/e-cigarettes-vaping/whats-in-an-e-cigarette>  
<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/quit-smoking/expert-answers/third-hand-smoke/faq-20057791>

Courtesy graphics.

**TYPES OF SMOKE EXPOSURE**

- Firsthand Smoke:** Inhaled by smoker
- Secondhand Smoke:** Exhaled by a smoker or released from the end of a burning cigarette
- Thirdhand Smoke:** Toxic residue that sticks to surfaces & dust after the smoke clears

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [THIRDHANDSMOKE.ORG](http://THIRDHANDSMOKE.ORG)

## Honoring, Healing & Remembering

Join us on the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing. We recognize the suffering, strength and resilience of the children through a day of memorial and fellowship.

**Save the date!**  
**Thursday, June 6, 2024**

- Student Roll Call
- Guest speakers
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- Breakfast and lunch provided

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Guest Speaker: **Isaac Murdoch**  
[www.isaacmurdoch.com/biography/](http://www.isaacmurdoch.com/biography/)

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“Whitefish” continued from page 1.

run the historic Legs Inn in the tip-of-the-Mitt beach town of Cross Village, MI, since the 1930s.

The fish has almost always been on the menu, Smolak said, and losing it would be like “losing a part of your local culture, a part of your identity.”

So now, a race is on to save the fish before a collapse ripples onto dinner plates and throughout the ecosystem.



Lake whitefish are known for small heads, silver scales and mild flavor. (Courtesy of Michigan Sea Grant)

The best hope for survival? Collecting whitefish eggs, then using turkey basters, casserole trays and containers resembling giant Lego pieces to plant them in rivers. The hope is to rewire the fish’s brains, so they spawn away from lakes — and danger.

It all starts with 120,000 eggs tethered to the bottom of the Jordan River where whitefish haven’t traveled for more than a century.

**A Severed Bloodline**

Once abundant throughout the region, lake whitefish love cold water. Historically, they’d spend most of their lives deep in the Great Lakes before returning to spawn near shore with some laying eggs on shallow reefs and others going inland to rocky river bottoms.

Early Native Americans powdered smoked fish for soup, and European settlers loved them, too. In 1695, French explorer Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, who is credited with founding Detroit, declared that “better fish cannot be eaten.”

Those days have been replaced by “a century-and a half of battling the landscape for those fish to even keep going,” said Amanda Holmes, executive director of the Fishtown Preservation Society, a Leland, MI-based non-profit that owns historic shanties, docks and boats and has a commercial fishing license for whitefish.

The trouble began with European settlers damming rivers and logging forests, which blocked access to fish and choked spawning grounds with sawdust.

That killed off the river-spawning bloodline more than a century ago. But whitefish that spawn in the lakes persevered through periods of overfishing, habitat degradation and sea lamprey invasions.

They remain the backbone of Michigan’s commercial fishing industry, making up about 85% of the catch. But state-licensed operations have declined to just 16 from hundreds in the 1970s, and their whitefish harvests have fallen to 1.6 million pounds last year from 6.3 million in 2011. Tribal operations have seen similar declines.



Invasive mussel shells are more common than pebbles on the beach near Petoskey. (Bridge photo by Kelly House)

In recent years, invasive quagga and zebra mussels have transformed the Great Lakes ecosystem, creating an existential crisis for whitefish.

Oceangoing ships brought the bivalves from Europe in the 1980s, and they now carpet the bottom of every Great Lake except Superior. Voracious filter feeders, they have stripped the lakes

of nutrients and phytoplankton at the bottom of the food chain.

Because Lake Superior is not infested with mussels, its whitefish population has remained stable.

But in lakes Michigan and Huron, the water’s stunning clarity is the marker of a barren ecosystem — and it exposes whitefish’s delicate eggs to deadly UV rays.

“Imagine laying on the beach and getting so sunburned, your skin falls off,” Dey said. “That’s what happens to these guys.”

The eggs that survive hatch into “a vast wasteland of nothingness” with little food and predators like invasive round gobies that have a taste for baby whitefish.

Scientists aren’t sure what happens to the few juvenile whitefish that survive that gauntlet, Dey said. A few months after hatching, they venture into deeper waters “and we don’t ever see them again.”

Whitefish typically live 30 years, and researchers say parts of the lakes haven’t seen a good spawning season for 20.

“We don’t know where things are going to be in 10 years,” said Holmes of the Fishtown group. “But there is a sense that they’re not going to be good if we don’t try to do something, and it needs to happen sooner versus later.”



Joseph Tolles, left, and Angel Guerrero, right, count pebble-sized whitefish eggs destined for the Jordan River. (Bridge photo by DeJuan Jordan)

**High Hopes, High Stakes**

Michigan’s rivers present a glimmer of hope. Just as the lakes have become inhospitable, scientists believe decades of restoration work have made rivers capable of supporting whitefish.

The **Little Traverse Bay Bands**, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, The Nature Conservancy and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are now working to revive Michigan’s river runs.



Using a turkey baster, scientists transfer delicate whitefish eggs into yellow plastic trays, then stacked them into boxes and tethered them to the Jordan River. The hope is that they’ll hatch there, picking up the river’s scent and developing an instinct to spawn there when they reach adulthood. (Bridge photo by DeJuan Jordan)

The tribes draw inspiration from Wisconsin where whitefish resumed spawning in the tributaries of Green Bay in the 1990s. Scientists believe that’s a key reason why Green Bay’s whitefish populations are stable even while the fish struggle elsewhere.

Researchers believe a recovery is possible in Michigan, too. But because whitefish spawn only in the spot where they were born, they need help rediscovering rivers.

“There’s a lot of really good habitat that’s available,” said Matt Herbert, a senior conservation scientist with The Nature Conservancy in Michigan.

“We just need to help them find it.”

Last fall, the team collected eggs from adult fish swimming in Lake Michigan. On a sunny morning last week, they used basters to transfer

“Whitefish” continued on page 32.

## GVSU POW WOW

April 13 & 14, 2024

*Celebrating All Walks of Life*

**GRAND ENTRY:**  
Saturday - 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 1:00 pm

Grand Valley State University Fieldhouse  
10915 N Campus Drive, Allendale, Michigan  
[www.gvsu.edu/powwow](http://www.gvsu.edu/powwow)  
Please contact Alicia Timmer, [timmeal@gvsu.edu](mailto:timmeal@gvsu.edu), with any questions.

<b>HEAD VETERAN:</b> Daniel Bissell  <b>M.C.:</b> tbd  <b>ARENA DIRECTOR:</b> Ernie Loonsfoot	Sponsored by: GVSU Division of Inclusion and Equity GVSU Cultural Funding Board  Free to the public - all are welcome  No drugs or alcohol permitted	<b>DRUMS:</b> Mukwa Nijji Southern Strait Sharp Feather tbd  
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### 26TH ANNUAL AISCC SPRING POWWOW

APRIL 27, 2024

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**POWOW COMMITTEE**

**EMCEE**  
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**HEAD DANCERS**  
DJ SCOTT  
JOLEECE PECORE  
**HOST DRUM**  
CEDAR CREEK  
**INVITED DRUMS**  
LAKE DELTON  
EAGLEFEATHER

**1PM & 7PM GRAND ENTRIES DOORS OPEN AT 11AM**

**MATURI PAVILION**

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1925 UNIVERSITY AVE SE  
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MMIR RED DRESS SPECIAL  
1ST PLACE BLANKET  
2ND PLACE BLANKET  
3RD PLACE CONSOLATION  
**HEAD MAN SPECIAL:**  
MEN'S WOODLAND VS MEN'S TRADITIONAL  
2ND PLACE \$200, RIBBON SHIRT, BLANKET  
3RD PLACE \$100, RIBBON SHIRT, BLANKET (REGALIA PIECES ALSO TO BE GIFTED)  
**HEAD WOMAN SPECIAL:**  
WOODLAND APPLIQUE IRON WOMAN  
1ST PLACE \$500, TWO CONSOLATION PRIZES  
SWITCH DANCE - \$200 WINNER TAKE ALL  
SWEETHEART SPECIAL - \$200 WINNER TAKE ALL  
DRUM ROLL CALL SPECIAL - \$150 WINNER TAKE ALL

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Please email us at [aiscc@gmail.com](mailto:aiscc@gmail.com) for a vendor application!

No alcohol or drugs. Please do not attend if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. Not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

## 2024 MADISON COLLEGE ANNUAL SPRING POWWOW

**SATURDAY APRIL 27TH, 2024**

LOCATION  
1701 WRIGHT ST. MADISON COLLEGE TRUAX CAMPUS | REDSTEN GYM

**GRAND ENTRY TIMES 1PM & 7PM**

**DOORS OPEN 11AM-9PM**

**HEAD STAFF**  
MC ARTLEY SKENANDORE  
ARENA DIRECTOR BRIAN JACKSON  
**HOST DRUM HAY CREEK SINGERS**

**INVITED DRUMS**  
WIND EAGLE  
FIRE NATION  
TWIN TAILS  
HO-CHUNK STATION  
LITTLE PRIEST SINGERS

**COLOR GUARD LAC DU FLAMBEAU VETERANS**  
**HEAD VETERAN RAY CADOTTE**  
**HEAD MALE DANCER TEGO WARRINGTON**  
**HEAD FEMALE DANCER CHEYENNE REEL**

**Dancer Honorariums**  
*(Must be registered by start of Grand Entry session)*

**SPECIALS**  
ALL MEN'S DANCE  
ALL WOMEN'S DANCE  
APPLIQUE SPECIAL  
SINGER CHAMPIONSHIP  
POTATO DANCE  
BELLS ONLY

Sponsored by the Native American Student Association (NASA), Intercultural Exchange, and Madison College Culture and Campus.

## White Earth Mother's Day Powwow

**May 11 & 12, 2024**

Shooting Star Event Center  
SHOOTING STAR CASINO, 777 CASINO ROAD, MAHANOMEN, MN 56557

**Grand Entries**  
Saturday | 1pm & 7pm Sunday | 1pm  
All dancers must be in regalia to register

**Emcees:**  
Branden Bowstring & Wes Jourdain

**Arena Directors:**  
Lucas Hisgun & Jimmy Uran  
Feast on Saturday at 5PM

**MOTHER'S DAY GIFT TO FIRST 150 MOTHERS**

Host Drum | Littlebear  
Co-Host Drum | Smokey Hill  
Drum Split - \$4,000  
No drum hopping

**Drum Registration Contact Information**  
Orville "Casper" Bower | 218.204.0578  
Jeffrey Coleman | 218.204.0679

**Vendor Contact**  
Charles Littlewolf | 218.902.1267  
Autumn Auginaush | 218.204.3320

This is a Drug and Alcohol Free Event. WEBC, SSC, WEP and all associated parties will not be held liable for people who are attending at their own risk nor be held responsible for accidents, losses, illnesses or short funded travelers.

Sponsored By: White Earth RBC & SHOOTING STAR



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eggs into yellow plastic containers destined for the Jordan River. Another batch went to the Carp River, a Lake Huron tributary in the Upper Peninsula.

If all goes well, the fish will hatch within weeks, escaping through holes in the boxes. Instead of immediately migrating into Lake Michigan, scientists hope the hatchlings will hang out for a few months in the Jordan River and Lake Charlevoix where there is ample food and shade — and fewer round gobies.

The hope is the fish will pick up the Jordan River's scent, prompting them to return there and spawn when they reach adulthood in about five years.

If that happens, Herbert said, scientists will declare success, "and we can move on to the next tributary."

Re-establish river-spawning populations in multiple parts of the state would give whitefish better odds, said Steve Lenart, a fisheries specialist with the Michigan DNR.

But even if the experiment works, the population may never return to its former glory.

Once they outgrow their inland nursery grounds, whitefish will still spend the bulk of their lives in lakes infested with mussels. And



Scientists with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians deposit yellow plastic containers of whitefish eggs into the Jordan River. They hope the fish will pick up the river's scent, returning there to reproduce each year after they reach adulthood. (Bridge photo by Kelly House)

then there's the threat of climate change, which is warming the Great Lakes.

Michigan has always been at the southern end of whitefish range, Lenart said.

"When you look at the ecology of this animal and then layer it with climate projections," he said, "that's certainly a cause for concern." The optimistic scenario, he said, is that spawning in rivers will help Michigan's whitefish populations stabilize, settling into "some new, lower normal."

June 1st, 2024

# JIBES WITH THE TRIBES

Music + Cultural Festival

Detroit, Michigan

**SAVE THE DATE**

MANISTIQUE TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER  
5698W US HIGHWAY 2, MANISTIQUE, MI 49854

**Saturday, June 8, 2024**  
Grand Entry: 1pm EST

\*indigenous crafts \*dancing \*food

## 2ND ANNUAL NIIWIN NOODIN POW WOW

Check us out on Facebook at Niiwin Noodin Pow Wow

**HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW 2024**

**June 8 & 9, 2024**  
Powwow Grounds — 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI

**Saturday, June 8**  
• Dances/Drum Registrations: 12-12:45 p.m.  
• Grand Entry: 1 p.m.  
• Retiring of Flags

**Sunday, June 9**  
• Dances/Drum Registrations: 12-12:45 p.m.  
• Grand Entry: 1 p.m.  
• Hand Drum Contest  
• Retiring of Flags  
\*All subject to change

**Admission:**  
• \$3 Daily/\$5 Weekend • \$1 for Children  
\*Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

Master of Ceremonies: Mike Medawis  
Arena Director: Paul Syrette  
Head Veteran: Dave Merrill  
Head Dancers: To be picked daily  
Host Drum: Ribbon Town  
Co-Host Drum: Kchi Mukwa  
Invited Drums: Sturgeon Bay, Southern Straight

Questions and special requests, please contact: Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee  
Phone: 989.775.4000 | Email: powwowcommittee@sagchip.org  
Drug & Alcohol Free Event — No Pets Allowed (Service Pets Only) — Volunteers Needed and Appreciated

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan  
"Working Together for Our Future"

**Gnoozhekaaning**  
"Place of the Pike"  
Bay Mills Indian Community  
33rd Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow  
12099 West Lakeshore Drive, Brimley MI 49715  
**June 28 - 30, 2024**

**Drum Competition Prizes (USD)**  
• 1st Place: \$8,000  
• 2nd Place: \$6,000  
• 3rd Place: \$4,000  
• 4th Place: \$2,000

**Dance Competition Prizes (USD)**  
• Adults: \$1,000, \$800, \$600, \$400  
• Teens: \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50  
• Junior: \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25

**Grand Entries**  
• Friday @ 7PM  
• Saturday @ 1PM & 7PM  
• Sunday @ 12PM

**Vendors**  
• Food \$250  
• Craft \$100  
• Tiered spots available.

Pre-registration and approval required for Vendors. Call or email for an application.

Registration \$10 per person. Registration closes 6:45PM Friday and 12:45PM Saturday.

Head Veteran: George Martin  
Junior Veteran: Jacques LeBlanc Jr.  
Arena Director: Melissa Isaac  
Emcees: Shannon Martin & Anishinob  
Head Dance Judges: Tracy Cleland & Wesley Cleland  
Head Drum Judge: Harvey Drevover  
Head Dancer, Host Drum: Picked Each Session

**No Drugs or Alcohol**  
Accommodations: Bay Mills Resort & Casino and Sunrise RV Campground (Code Pow Wow 2024), or first come first serve rustic camping.

**Dance Specials**  
• Veterans Special: \$700, \$500, \$300, \$100  
• Hand Drum Contest: \$700, \$500, \$300, \$100  
• Woodland Special: \$700, \$500, \$300, \$100

Other fun specials will occur throughout the weekend.

**Come Swing and Sway, the Bay Mills Way!**  
Questions: Please contact the Bay Mills Pow Wow Committee at bmicpowwow@gmail.com or 906-248-2100

**NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI ANNUAL POW WOW**

**JUNE 22 - 23, 2024**  
PINE CREEK INDIAN RESERVATION  
1485 MNO-BMADZEWEN WAY  
FULTON, MI 49052

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

**POW WOW** 19th Annual Waa Wi ye Gaa Maag "Honoring Our Youth" June 14-16, 2024 S. Lake, MN

**Specials:**  
Men's Traditional - 1'2" 3"  
Women's Single - 1'2" 3"  
Youth Sr and Jr's - 1'2" 3"  
Youth Hand Drum - 1'2" 3"

**Pow Wow Committee Specials:**  
Men's Woodland - 1'2" 2" 3" 4"  
Adult Team Dance (4 member teams)  
Youth Team Dance (4 member teams)  
Youth Side Step  
Musical Chairs Contest (Singers only)  
Tug o' War - Co-ed 4MAAF (8 member teams)

Watch for updates.

Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Presents

## 2024 Sault Tribe Homecoming Pow-Wow

Save The Date!  
**July 5th - July 7th**

Public Pow-Wow Committee Meeting Will Take Place on Feb. 19th, 2024 From 12pm to 1pm @ The Niigaanagizhik, 11 Ice Circle

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Sept. 14, 2024

## 48th Annual Northland College Powwow

1411 Ellis Avenue, Ashland, WI

**50th ANNUAL Oneida Pow Wow**

**June 28 - 30, 2024**  
Norbert Hill Center  
N7210 Seminary Rd. Oneida, WI 54155

**Public Welcome!**  
Over \$408,000 in Prize Money!

**Dancing & Drum Contest** (Tabulation by ICreeAzn)  
**Food/Craft Vendors**  
**Host Drum: Smokeytown**  
**Four on Four Ojibwe Style Traditional Lacrosse Tournament**

**Admission**  
Weekend Pass \$15  
Daily Pass \$8  
62 & Over FREE  
5 & Under FREE

**Grand Entry Times**  
Fri., June 28 7pm  
Sat., June 29 1 & 7pm  
Sun., June 30 Noon

Advanced tickets available at Oneida One Stops beginning June 1, 2024 for \$12. Refunds must be processed at location of purchase.

Reserve your room today by calling the Oneida Hotel at 920.494.7300. Ask for the "Oneida Pow Wow" room block. Single or double, \$109. Deadline to reserve is Friday, June 7, 2024.

NO CANOPIES ALLOWED. For more information, contact Oneida Pow Wow Event Team members Tonya at 920.352.5425 or email twed@oneidapowwow.com and Leah at 920.370.3161 or email twed@oneidapowwow.com. Vendors, please contact Tonya. For Lacrosse Tournament, contact Klabrew at 920.562.2164.

Learn more at ExploreOneida.com



"Welding" continued from page 1.

Niigaandiwin successfully incorporated all of these suggestions into the NMFG 310 Welding Program at NCMC. We also brought a 20-year veteran welder, tribal citizen Zebadiah Eby, as an Adjunct Instructor to work with citizens in the classroom. Having Zebadiah in the classroom as an instructor added a tremendous amount of value to the program which made students feel more comfortable. Tanner Armantrout, Pellston High Schools' regular Welding Instructor, said it was one of his favorite teaching experiences and he has formed lasting friendships with many of the students.

With a 98% successful completion rate and waiting lists for new welding classes, Niigaandiwin Education Department feels confident welding will continue to thrive in Northwest Michigan. We continue to support welding through the Aanjigin Honorarium Program and would be happy to get you started on the path to a new career. Niigaandiwin administers a number of grants and tribally funded programs to meet the educational needs of our citizens, please feel free to call 231-242-1480 to schedule an appointment and let us know how we can help.

Once again, our hats-off to these amazing tribal citizens on a job well done. Miigwech to the instructors for making this a positive learning experience for our LTBB citizens.

Courtesy photos.



"Smoking Campaign" continued from page 1.

Tammy's Tip story will also air on national radio in 23 states throughout 2024. A print version of Tammy's Tip story will also be running in *Alaska Magazine* and *Navajo Times* reaching Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado throughout 2024. Additional resources are available at <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/quit-smoking/index.html>.

CDC launched the first federally funded national tobacco education campaign, *Tips*, in March 2012. From 2012-2018, CDC estimates approximately one million people successfully quit smoking and millions more tried to quit because of the *Tips* campaign.

For more information about the *Tips* campaign and resources for quitting smoking, visit [CDC.gov/tips](http://CDC.gov/tips). For help quitting, call 1-800-QUIT-



NOW (1-800-784-8669).

**Additional Resources**

New information and materials are available online in English and Spanish.

On the *Tips* website, you will find:

- Biographies of the people featured in the campaign along with their videos.
- Additional partner resources.
- Information about quit smoking resources, the National Texting Portal and seven FDA-approved quit smoking medicines.

• Videos, print ads, montages and matte articles.

**About Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan**

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. is a 501(C)3 non-profit corporation duly organized under a state charter filed April 16, 1968. The agency represents all 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan. The agency is divided into several different divisions, including headstart; early headstart; health services; behavioral health; environmental services; child, family and education services; and administration. The agency employs approximately 160 employees with 35 of these employees based in the agency's central office in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, while member tribes have offices and staff onsite. Visit <http://www.itcmi.org/> to learn more about the agency.

Courtesy photos.



Kidwinaan starting with "N" Answer Key Puzzle on page 6.

ngadmowaawaan	they left something behind
ngaashmindwaa	stopped by someone
ngamwag	they sang
ngoding	once
ngwis	my son
niiwogizhgak	the fourth day
ninda	these
niniwag	men (pl)
nmadbi	sit
nongo	today
nookdaawngaak	soft sand
noondaana	(we) heard
noopnadang	follow something
nwiidgemaagan	my spouse



### Michigan Indian Leadership Program

July 14-19, 2024

Free One Week Pre-College Program for Native Youth in grades 7-11 at the time of application

**Contact Information:**  
Stephanie Chau  
Program Director  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Citizen  
(517) 355-0234  
chaus@msu.edu

**Participants will:**

- Learn about College and the Admissions Process
- Experience Living like a College Student
- Participate in Cultural Workshops
- Explore Majors at Michigan State University
- Enjoy Social Activities
- Network with Native Faculty and Staff
- Prepare for the SAT
- Provide Input on Renaming the Program for 2025

Application Deadline: April 15, 2024  
Application available for download on the website  
Sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at MSU



### K-5 TUTORING & K-12 HOMEWORK LAB

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


**Northmen Den Snack Pantry**

**Cultural academic materials**

**Scan the above code for Tutoring Application Packet!**

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

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



### Youth Services After-school Program

NEW LOCATIONS FOR FALL 2023

LTBB Government Center on Mondays & Tuesdays  
Petoskey Public Library on Wednesdays & Thursdays

**TRIBAL YOUTH AGES 6-18**

- LTBB Enrolled
- LTBB Descendants
- Enrolled in other tribes

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

**Transportation Available**  
Limited seating for Petoskey

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

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




### POD PRESCRIPTION & OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG DROP-OFF

**2024 Community Collection Events**

**Dates:** Saturday, April 13  
Saturday, October 12

**Time:** 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

**Location:** McLaren Northern Michigan  
Petoskey Campus - 416 Connable Avenue  
Hospital Circle Drive off of Mitchell Street



### 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.*



### LILY GLADSTONE

First Native American Nominated for an Academy Award as Best Actress

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For too long, the narratives of Native peoples, along with our histories and stories, have been largely invisible in this country— *no more.*

**- MARK MACARRO**  
NCAI PRESIDENT

### THE MANNA FOOD PROJECT

Feeding the Hungry Throughout the North!

#### MANNA FOOD PROJECT AGENCY PARTNER PANTRIES

AMTRIM COUNTY						
Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Bellaire Community Pantry	231-533-8973	205 Broad Street	Bellaire	Mon & Thur	10:00 AM	4:00 PM
Bellaire Community Pantry	231-533-8973	205 Broad Street	Bellaire	Saturday	10:00 AM	Noon
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Tuesday	10:00 AM	5:00 PM
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Wed, Thur, Fri	10:00 AM	4:00 PM
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Saturday	10:00 AM	2:00 PM
First Congregational Church	231-544-6878	1875 Main Street	Central Lake	Friday	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
First Congregational Church	231-544-6878	1875 Main Street	Central Lake	Tuesday	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale	231-587-9606	200 N Maple Street	Mancelona	Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY						
Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Boyne Valley	231-468-4615	3031 Main Street	Boyne Falls	Thursday	Noon	5:00 PM
Bread Of Life Food Pantry	231-347-4300 Ext 2	05-855 M-66 N	Charlevoix	1st & 3rd Thur	4:30 PM	6:00 PM
Care & Share	231-536-7426	6710 M-32	East Jordan	Thursday	9:30 AM	Noon
Care & Share	231-536-7424	6710 M-32	East Jordan	Tuesday	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Charlevoix Community	231-237-9490	100 W Huriburt Street	Charlevoix	Mon & 1st Thur	9:00 AM	Noon
Charlevoix Community	231-237-9491	100 W Huriburt Street	Charlevoix	Monday	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Good Neighbors	231-497-8678	624 State Street	Boyne City	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Noon
Good Neighbors	231-497-8679	624 State Street	Boyne City	Tuesday	2:00 PM	5:30 PM
Jesus Is Lord Church	231-347-4837	06072 US 31 N	Bay Shore	2nd & 4th Tues	Noon	2:00 PM
Seventh Day Adventist	231-582-0151	326 North Park	Boyne City	All	Appt Only	Appt Only
EMMET COUNTY						
Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Harbor Springs Community	231-526-2017 X 43	201 W. 3rd Street	Harbor Springs	Monday	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
Brother Dan's	231-347-7423	415 State Street	Petoskey	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Noon
Church Of Christ	231-347-6181	320 Monroe Street,	Petoskey	Monday	11:30 AM	Noon
Church of the Nazarene	231-548-5462	7489 Mission Road	Alanson	Wednesday	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
Manna Food Pantry	231-347-8852	8791 McBride Park Ct	Harbor Springs	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Noon
Manna Food Pantry	231-347-8852	8791 McBride Park Ct	Harbor Springs	2nd & 4th Thurs	2:00 PM	5:00 PM
Manna Mobile Pantry - Carp Lake	231-347-8852	6339 E Gill Rd	Carp Lake	1st Thursday	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
Manna Mobile Pantry - Bliss	231-347-8852	265 W Sturgeon Bay Tr	Levering	3rd Thursday	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
Pellston Area	231-838-4499	161 US 31 N	Pellston	Wednesday	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Salvation Army	231-347-3531	712 Pleasant Ave	Petoskey	Mon through Fri	9am-11:30am	Call for emergency



# LINEs FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



## Birthdays




Happy birthday to LaVerne Bottoms on April 12. As the matriarch of our family, she takes her position very seriously. She deserves our support and good wishes. God Bless you LaVerne. We all love you. From your family.



Happy Heavenly Birthday to the General and her Sonny Boy on April 24 and April 18. We love and miss you both. Love, the King and VanDeCar families.

## Miigwetch

The family of Dorothy Boda would like to thank all who helped with the funeral luncheon after her services. We will be having an interment service in the spring at St. Mary's Cemetery in Burt Lake, MI. Chi Megwetch to all who helped. The family of Dorothy May (Naganashe) Boda.



### Spring Feast

April 13, 2024  
Serving 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
LTBB Community Building  
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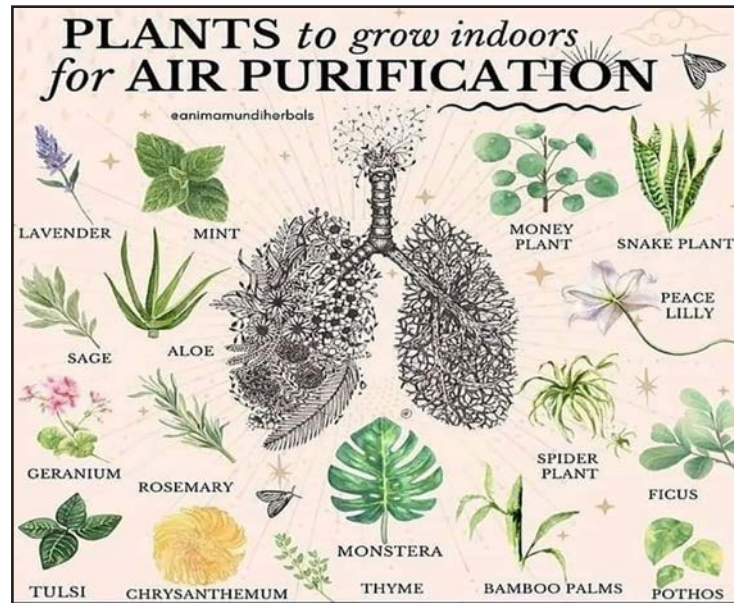
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