



LTBB NIIGAANDIWIN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S NME TEACHINGS PROGRAM CULMINATES WITH NME RELEASE



By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

During the first week of May 2024, Pellston Public Schools released two nme (lake sturgeon) into the Black River, located near Pellston, MI.

The sturgeon, Lil' Swimmer (773 g/55.7 cm) and Lil' Fin (665 g/51.0 cm), were cared for by Pellston Public School students during the school year and raised from fall-fingerling lake sturgeon. The release was part of the Nme (Lake Sturgeon) teachings implemented in local schools by the LTBB Niigaandiwin Education Department.

As part of the program's experiential activities, all students directly engage with and observe the sturgeon living in the tribally-sponsored classroom daily. This is done through regular feedings and tank cleaning throughout the school year. Students then participate in a ceremonial release of the classroom Nme into the Black River each May.

From the LTBB Niigaandiwin Education Department webpage on the LTBB website: "We believe that closing out the unit with ceremony is an important aspect of the program that foregrounds a traditional cultural perspective and makes it unique among other similar fish-in-the-classroom programs. When students, Native and non-Native, participate, they learn to see and think from another cultural perspective and begin to appreciate that perspective as important and relevant. Following the release, the students walk a short distance to view a sturgeon collection where trained fish biologists temporarily trapped Lake Sturgeon and harvested their eggs to be used in the fish hatchery sturgeon program. Students also receive a Black River Hatchery Tour and learned about the roles of fish hatcheries in supporting fish populations."

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LTBB NIIGAANDIWIN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S AANJIGIN HONORARIUM PROGRAM SUPPORTS NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION PATHS

Submitted by **Rachael Koepp**, WIOA Employment and Training Specialist

The Aanjigin Honorarium Program was established in 2021 to address students' growing need for vocational training support. Jordan Shananaquet, former Education Director, and Fred Harrington, former Tribal Councilor and sponsor of the program's statute, co-drafted the legislation with other members of the Niigaandiwin Education Department to create a program dynamic enough to support non-traditional education paths that result in industry-recognized credentialing. "Aanjigin" was selected as the program name which means "continuous growth" in Anishinaabemowin and represents the program's intention of supporting students who pursue vocational training which often requires recurrent trainings to maintain relevant industry knowledge. The program provides training assistance including but not limited to tuition, fees, books, supplies, stipend and mileage reimbursement to LTBB Tribal Citizens regardless of residency. Since the program's inception, the demand for services has surged with almost double the number of students taking advan-



tage of supports in FY2023 compared to FY2022. All applications can be found on the LTBB's website under the "Forms Directory" tab and are reviewed by the Aanjigin Team once a month. Please call 231-242-1480 for more information.

Aanjigin Honorarium Program Participant Spotlight of the Month

"My name is Anna Gooding, and I've had the pleasure of working with the Aanjigin Program to obtain my seaplane rating. I'm a Kishigo, my grandmother was Harriett Kishigo-Booth. I wanted to introduce myself and tell you more about my career and how this is helping me move forward with it! I am currently a flight instructor out of Santa Cruz, CA. I've been teaching oth-

ers how to fly small single-engine airplanes for about two years. I'm 23 years old and in the process of applying for airline jobs. My dream job is to be a cargo pilot on the 747 aircraft and flight instruct in seaplanes on my days off from the airline.

Miigwech for all of the help!"

- Anna

Courtesy photo and courtesy graphic.



LTBB OBSERVES MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS AWARENESS DAY AND MONTH

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

May is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness of the alarming number of indigenous women, girls, two-spirit individuals and people who have gone missing or have been murdered in the United States.

MMIP Awareness Month seeks to shed light on the often overlooked and marginalized experiences of indigenous people and their communities, highlighting the urgent need for justice, support and action to address this ongoing crisis. Through education and advocacy, grassroots advocates across the nation call on us to wear red to make visible those who have disappeared and have been murdered. By increasing awareness and responding with a sense of urgency, we can work towards dismantling the systemic bar-



riers which have perpetuated this crisis and create a future where all indigenous people have access to the "MMIP Awareness" continued on page 32.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 5-20-2024 = 4,603

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Election Board

electionboard@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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 wiinmaadendiziying. Gdabendaanaa debendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadiziwin miinwaa mndoowaadiziwin gaanaaniigaanijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinooaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendamowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'iing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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

Contact Information

ODAWA TRAILS



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

The deadline for the July 2024 issue of *Odawa Trails* is June 3, 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



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NEW AMENDMENT TO THE LTBB/STATE OF MICHIGAN TAX AGREEMENT

Submitted by **Hayden Hooper**, DOC Director

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

GREAT NEWS:

THE TRIBAL CENSUS IS STAYING OPEN!

**ODAWA
PROSPERITY PROJECT**

LTBB Economic Resiliency

To request a paper copy visit:
www.LTBBODAWA-NSN.gov/OPP

LTBB Department of Commerce
231-242-1585 • DOC@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

ARE YOU A TRIBAL CITIZEN AND A BUSINESS OWNER?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Publication Notice

In accordance with WOS #2006-001, notice is hereby given a petition has been filed, LTBB of Odawa Indians Tribal Court Case No: NC-027-0324, and Tribal Court ordered Marilyn Ann Hume has legally changed her name to Marilyn Shanaquet Hume. This notice will be published in the *Odawa Trails* newsletter for two consecutive months and in the Odawa Register on the tribe's website.

Date: March 18, 2024

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Enjiboozbiigeng Enrollment Office	
Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
Replacement/Expired Cards in person or via mail A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Any name charges, no charge. Free to Elders.	\$10
Tribal Directory Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/1/2021 Published every 4 years.	\$5
Tribal Directory Labels Requestor must provide labels	\$5
LTBB List The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
Photocopies of Enrollment file First 3 copies free, \$1 for each page thereafter.	\$1 ea
Marriage License Application Certified Copies: \$10 Photo Copies: \$5	\$25
Tribal Notary Application Residency/Business residency requirement Surety Bond: \$125 **Cannot be waived**	\$10
Marriage Commission Application Residency/Business residency requirement	\$25
*** Enrollment Fees waived for LTBB Veterans***	
August 19, 2021	

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OPTION FOR ENROLLMENT SERVICES

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

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

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Pauline Boulton
Enrollment Officer
Courtesy graphic.



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS ENJIBOOZBIIGENG - ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Services for our citizens:

- Picture Tribal Identification Cards-Available same-day. May be requested via mail and electronically.
- Address Changes -Adults only need to be notarized if not having mail sent to their home! Minors must be notarized annually. We have a Tribal Notary in-office and many other on-site at the Government Complex.
- Marriage License Applications -Please allow one business day to pick up the Licenses.
- Tribal Directories -Available same-day!

We certify for our citizens:

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

Apply to become a:

- Citizen - Application available via mail only
- Tribal Notary

- Marriage Commissioner
 - Need something?
 - Request a document from your Enrollment file
 - Blood quantum adjustment
 - Relinquishment requests
- Have any questions or need a form? Call or e-mail:**

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

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.



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.

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
Deanna Foxworthy
Kayla Francis
Justine Gasco
Nina Gozales
Ambrosia Heintz

Roberta Hyneman
Dawn Jackson
Kristina Kuzmik
Eric LaBrosse
Todd Meshekey

Philip Morey, Jr.
Christopher Nagel
Michael L. Perry
Delia Petoskey
Anna Singel
Tammra Wirth

2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

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

To receive your copy:

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

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



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



Hoar Frost



Lake Plumbago



Peanut Butter Falls

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?



Update your contact information with the Enrollment Department.

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS



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NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PROGRAM HOSTS EARTH DAY EVENT

On April 20, 2024, the Environmental Services Program (ESP) hosted an Earth Day event to replant the stormwater basin at Victories Square in Petoskey, MI, with red osier dogwood. With help from the Youth Services Department, ESP staff cut and planted more than 325 stakes of red osier dogwood to help stabilize and

reduce erosion of the banks, create additional harvest opportunities and treat stormwater from the development. Work like this is important to help protect and restore water quality in our streams and lakes for the next seven generations. *Courtesy photos.*



Miskwaabiimizh Livestaking



NRD Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Summer 2024

Program Description:
The YCC program provides LTBB youth with a summer job opportunity while familiarizing the youth with biological, environmental and conservation enforcement professions of the tribe. The YCC will consist of a Youth Conservation Corps Leader and a youth work crew of 4-6 individuals between the ages of 14 and 18 yrs. old. The YCC will be charged with completing natural resource related projects which will assist in the protection and implementation of treaty rights. Potential projects or activities may include invasive species removal, agriculture activities, trail clearing and providing assistance on field work to the NRD on various assessments.

- Goals:**
- 1) Provide youth summer employment.
 - 2) Foster an interest in science and math.
 - 3) Foster an interest in pursuing higher education related to a natural resource/environmental field.
 - 4) Complete actual on the ground projects.
 - 5) Instill a good work ethic and self-confidence in participating youth.
 - 6) Assist the NRD in achieving Strategic Plan goals and objectives.

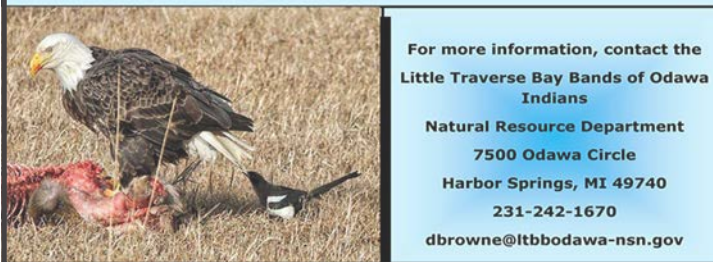
Applications for Youth Conservation Corp Workers will be accepted until positions are filled. Turn yours in first! Use the link below.
<https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/departments/human-resources-department/job-opportunities/>



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



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



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

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.

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

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

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

BIRTH TO 2 MONTHS

- Coo, makes gurgling sounds
- Turns head toward sounds

4 MONTHS

- Begins to babble
- Babbles with expression and copies sounds he hears

6 MONTHS

- Responds to sounds by making sounds
- Responds to own name
- Begins to say consonant sounds (babbling with "m," "b")

9 MONTHS

- Understands "no"
- Makes a lot of different sounds like "mama" and "bababa"

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

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

12 MONTHS

- Uses simple gestures, like shaking head "no" or waving "bye-bye"
- Tries to say words you say

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

2 YEARS

- Points to body parts when named
- Says words with 2 to 4 words
- Follows simple instructions

3 YEARS

- Follows instructions with 2 or 3 steps
- Talks well enough for strangers to understand most of the time
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences

4 YEARS

- Tells stories
- Can say first and last name
- Knows some basic rules of grammar, such as correctly using "he" or "she"

5 YEARS

- Speaks very clearly
- Says name and address
- Uses future tenses; for example, "Grandma will be here."

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

June Elders Birthdays

June 1

Robert Thompson
Tamora Skelly
Joanna Holdzkom

June 2

Kelly Gravelyn
Laura Ward
Angela Patterson
Samuel Lasley
Rodney Worthington

June 3

Dennis Degraff
Carrie Denemy
Gerald Garrow
Warren Petoskey
Edward Ortiz
Teresa Louchart
Catherine Bonneau

June 4

Debra Harper
Emily Loranger
Lucille Lafreniere

June 5

Sandra Shepard
Jean Schlappi
Suzanne Peters
Andrea Sanders

June 6

Janet Bricker
Catherine Portman

June 7

Emerald Lacroix
Alvin Vandegriff
Marilyn Austin
Cynthia Wunderlich
Karen McGraw
Theresa Schaner

June 8

Gabriele Davenport
Denise Keller
Deborah Medina
Kathleen Kilgore
Archie McMillan, Jr.
Susan Day

June 9

Eugene Sineway
Ervin Voisard, Jr.
George Santiago
Denise Mendoza

June 10

Philip Keway
Molly Baldwin
Carol McFall
Lawrence Oliver
Charles Mulholland
Thomas Strate

June 11

Michael Minor
Jeffery Bernard
Susan Slick
Jeanette Root
Scott Charvez
Karen Denney
Billi Russell

June 12

Anthony Schlappi
Edward Roussain
Cynthia Rotolo
Mary Thornburg
Thomas Colby

June 13

Catherine Rotan
Patricia Lindstrom
Wiiyaan Feathers

June 14

Joseph Massey
Marie Skippergosh
Henry Lasley
Douglas Emery
Dorothy Faustmann
Mary Foltz

June 15

Donald Boda
Mary Gaus
Dolphus Delmas, Jr.
Norma Mulholland
Samuel Rinehart

June 16

Cheryl Kishigo
Raye Darling
Gloria Ryan
Daniel LaPalm
Kathy Stilwell
Pearl Poole
Marcia Sutton

June 17

Doylene Fockler-Smith
Dana Aldrich
Mitchell Kewaygeshik
Daneen Anthony

June 18

Bonnie Harris
Sandra Parm
Regina Ward
Michael Vertz
Johnny McFall

June 19

Thomas Kline
Michael Lyons
Albert Zehe

June 20

Deborah Hamilton
Mona Wojtas
Ambrosia Taylor
Ronald Allison
Lorraine Bonneau
Debbra Baker

June 21

Susan Lantz
Jacklynn Cole
David Dominic
Julie Southwind

June 22

Lisa Dortch
Kristi Houghton
Charles Zehe

June 23

Francene McCorkle

June 24

Linda Hogge
Lawrence Crossett
John Walker, Jr.
Curtis McFall, Sr.

Kathryn McGraw
Elena Marquez
Carolyn Blenis

June 25

Linda Cooper
Linda Reith
Alice Marshall

June 26

Evon Pirsein
Thomas Bellone
Lisa Woodworth

June 27

Lisa Ann Miller
Michael Fox
Victoria Stemkoski
Kathy Floyd

June 28

Patrick Schmidt
Diana Halstead
Barbara Jacobs
Eugene Nadeau
Rosanna Campbell

June 29

Twyla Hyde
Victoria Vogel
Sandra Cripps
William Gasco
Carla Sharp
Richard Gaus

June 30

William Shawa, Jr.
Shirley Tipkey
Forrest Worthington

ELDERS DEPARTMENT



ELDERS MOTHER'S
DAY LUNCHEON



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THE ELDERS DEPARTMENT

Do you need a
Food & Utility
Appropriation
Allowance
Application?

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

Still have
questions?

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

NATIONAL
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) UPDATE



FDPIR Food Package Gets Another Boost in Protein and Vegetables This Summer

Beginning June 1, 2024, households will be able to take more protein and vegetables in their FDPIR Food Package

Here's what to expect in the next food package update:

Vegetable units will increase from 18 units to 20 units per person per month.

Meat/poultry/fish units will increase from 5 units to 6 units per person per month.

New foods will be added to the food package.

The new items include:

Low-sodium turkey deli meat, frozen – 2-pound pack.

Vegetable stir-fry blend, frozen – 1-pound bag.

Extra virgin olive oil – 16.9 ounces bottle.

The FDPIR Food Package Scores High

A recent study was conducted to measure the nutritional quality of the FDPIR food package using the Healthy Eating Index (HEI). HEI scores range from 0 to 100 and are used to assess how well a set of foods aligns with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. A higher score is ideal.

The FDPIR food package, which offers a variety of nutritious foods including fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, legumes, grains, dairy, soups and traditional foods, scored an 84. For comparison, the average U.S. diet scored a 59.

Learn More about the Three New FDPIR Foods

Sliced turkey deli meat, vegetable stir-fry blend and extra virgin olive oil will soon be available in your food package. Keep reading to learn more about these three new products.



Turkey deli meat: Thinly sliced, low-sodium turkey deli meat is a lean source of protein, B-vitamins, iron and zinc. The turkey deli meat will come frozen, and once thawed in the refrigerator, it can be used in a variety of meals. Try it in a sandwich, wrap or with your favorite vegetables to make a quick and easy salad. For more

ideas, take a look at MyPlate Kitchen! You can also check out the USDA Foods Product Information Sheet for additional recipes and tips!

Vegetable stir-fry blend: This frozen blend



of broccoli, green beans and carrots can help you save prep time in the kitchen! In addition to preparing a quick stir-fry with a lean protein, you can add the stir-fry blend to favorites like boxed mac and cheese or soup to add fiber, potassium and flavor for an easy meal. For more tips on handling frozen vegetables, visit the Best Practices to Safely Handle and Store USDA Foods at Home page for more information. Also, check out the USDA Foods Product Information Sheet for additional recipes and tips.

Extra Virgin Olive Oil: Like most oils, ol-



ive oil is high in unsaturated fats (good fats) and low in saturated fats (bad fats). Choosing more unsaturated fats in place of saturated fats can help you reduce your risk of heart disease and improve your "good" (HDL) cholesterol levels.

FDPIR Consultation with the Tribal Leadership Consultation Work Group

In February 2024, USDA consulting officials and staff joined tribal leaders and representatives to consult on FDPIR in Washington, D.C. The meeting, held in-person and virtually, brought attendees together to consult on proposed rulemaking, cultural competency training, self-determination and nutrition education among other important topics.

Courtesy graphics.

JUNE 2024 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

CLOSED the 28th for Inventory

Open Distribution: 10th - 14th 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: 6th and 7th
Peshawbestown: 19th
Traverse City: 25th

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



We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA>. Please be respectful in your comments.

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.

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)
Dbaadendizwin (humility) • Aakde'ewin (bravery)
Debwewin (truth)

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa
Survivor Outreach Services
Call Monday through Friday 8-5: (231) 242-1620
StrongHearts Native Helpline - 24/7: 1-844-762-3483

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

SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

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

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

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

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

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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
911 SPRING STREET, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

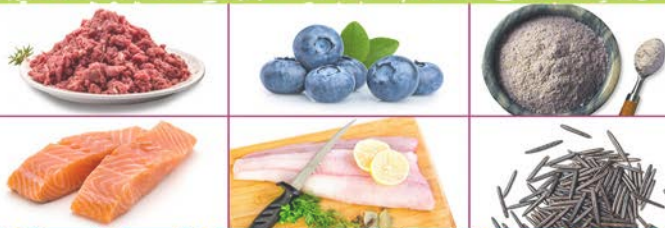
USDA Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The FDPIR Food Package Is Nutritious!

The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) offers a monthly food package with a variety of nutritious foods including fruits, vegetables, proteins, legumes, grains, dairy, soups, and traditional foods.

Traditional foods

include bison, blueberries, blue cornmeal, salmon, walleye, and wild rice.



Healthy Eating Index (HEI)

HEI scores range from 0 to 100 and are a measure of diet quality used to assess how well a set of foods aligns with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. A higher score is ideal.

The FDPIR Food Package scores an 84. This is higher than the average U.S. diet, which scores a 59.

The FDPIR Food Package Scores High!



Scan the QR code or visit our website to learn more!

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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

Where do I find...

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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



Marcella Reyes
Emily Proctor
Leroy Shomin
Fred Kiogima
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DATE		Marcella Reyes	Emily Proctor	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Wayne Otto	Melissa Pamp	Jordan Shananaquet
3/5/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X		X		X	X	X
3/7/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3/12/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X		X	X		X	X	X	
3/19/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
3/21/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X		X		
3/19-3/20/24	16 th Annual Native Nations Casino and Hotel Development Conference, Tucson, AZ							X		
3/21/24	Enbridge Line 5 Hearing at 6 th Circuit Court of Appeals, Cincinnati, OH								X	X

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

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4/2/24	Tribal Council Work Session (cancelled)									
4/3/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Budget Hearings (Executive, Election Board & Prosecutor)	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
4/4/24	Tribal Council Meeting									
4/5/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Budget Hearings (Judicial & Legislative)	X		X	X		X		X	
4/9/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Annual Budget Public Hearing (A.M.)	X		X	X				X	
4/9/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting (P.M.)	X		X	X				X	
4/12/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting				X			X		
4/19/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting	X			X			X		
4/23/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X			X		X	X	X	X
4/25/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Serve your Tribal Nation



tinyurl.com/ltbbcbc



Join a board, commission or corporation

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

Vacancies

- Citizenship Commission – 2 seats
- Environmental Appeals Board – 3 seats
- Gaming Authority – 1 seat
- Gaming Regulatory Commission – 1 seat
- HEMP Regulatory Commission – 5 seats
- Housing Commission – 2 seats
- Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – 3 seats



TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

The Tribal Notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless he/she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Expiration Date	Serial Number	Phone Ext.
Rebecca R Fisher	Active	February 20, 2027	02-09	
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	June 5, 2029	05-09	1462
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	February 21, 2027	10-09	1400
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	August 23, 2027	11-09	1610
Marin C Taylor	Active	May 14, 2024	13-09	1403
Hayden Hooper	Active	February 1, 2027	15-09	1584
Lakota Worthington	Active	May 4, 2027	16-09	1401
Kerstine Omev	Active	January 17, 2028	17-09	1481
Lindsey Doerfler	Active	April 18, 2029	18-09	1521

Interested in working for LTBB?

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

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

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

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT ATTENDS 30TH ANNUAL ANISHINAABEMOWIN A-TEG CONFERENCE

The Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department (GALD) attended the 30th Annual Anishinaabemowin A-teg Language Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, in April 2024.

The following is what two GALD staff members had to say about this conference:

Language Assistant Theresa Keshick:

My favorite workshop session was on the Star Teachings by William Morin. Not only is he an energetic and motivating speaker, he's knowledgeable in the language. In his session, what grabbed my attention was the breakdown of words. In several of the key words related to the Earth, you'll find "ki" in many of them such as: **Aki/Ki** (Earth), **Ki-ing** (land, location of the Earth), **Aki'aande** (brown), **kinoomaage** (to teach [Earth teachings]), **Shikakimikwe** (Mother Earth), **Mshkiki** (medicine), **Nookimis** (Grandmother/moon), **Nookimik** (Spring), **nookizi** (soft), **makkii** (frog), **Nimkii** (thunder), **mshiikenh/Makinaak** (turtle), **Ndoonakii** (I work), **Kiweziinh** (old man...)

Our language is so connected to everything, it's amazing!



efficiency then plateau, and it is difficult to get past the "block." He suggests this block is present because of the hardships our relatives endured during the genocide of our language and culture in residential boarding schools. Since

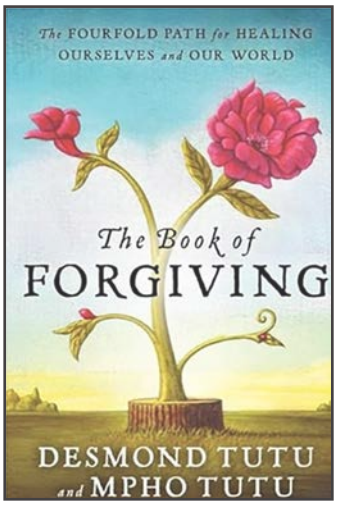


trauma and experiences which inflict immense emotional and physical pain can change DNA, he suggests the defense mechanisms developed against our language and culture were passed down through DNA. For this reason, we experience the same triggers in our bodies our relatives did even though it may not have been in our own



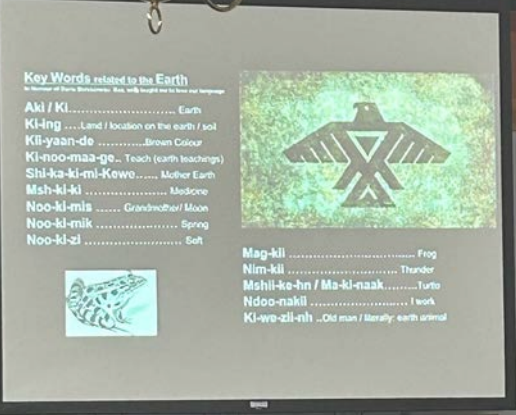
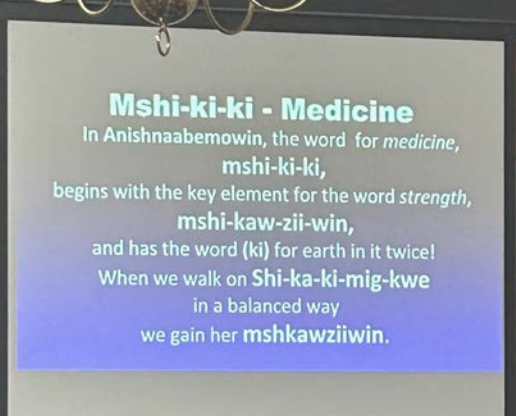
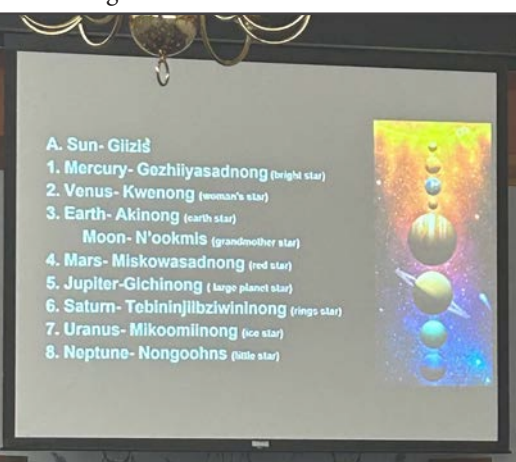
lifetime. To further prove his point, Truer described a scientific study done on rats where the parent rat was exposed to a certain sound and then shocked. The process was repeated. Then, the rat reproduced. The offspring was then exposed to only the sound and had a negative reaction. This study he described supports his claim in saying DNA and body remembers the experiences of those before us.

Elders and second language learners all over Anishinaabe akiing, tell us speaking our language



is medicine for our healing. It is up to us to try to remember and reconnect. Although we face barriers in learning and speaking our language, there are other tools available for us to heal our generational line. Truer suggested a book by Nobel Peace Prize Winner Desmond Tutu titled, *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World*. Available on Amazon for \$11.73.

Photos courtesy of the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department and courtesy graphic.



Language Assistant Jenna Kishigo:

Dr. Anton Truer, Workshop Title: Healing from Historical Trauma: Language, Culture and Connection. Dr. Truer spoke about learning Anishinaabemowin as a second language learner and how some learners reach a certain level of pro-

Check out our great Anishinaabemowin Facebook Groups!



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

LTBB Zoom Anishinaabe Language Classes
Here you will find announcements and the schedule of weekly Zoom classes, and handouts from class.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/555794471766384>

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

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

Anishinaabemdaa.com

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

Medicine Wheel Teachings

Games

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

Lessons & 150+ Videos

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

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 to 92% of funding (\$500,660) and tribal support of 8% (\$42,320) for project year 1 (2022)

WIOA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WHO ARE WE
The Niigaandiwin Education Department receives Department of Labor funding for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) section 166, which funds supportive services to eligible Federally Recognized Native Americans, Alaskans, Hawaiian & First Generation Descendants in need of assistance with barriers to employment in the 28-county program service area.

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@lfbodawa-nsn.gov

GALD Wegnesh Ezhiwebak! Nashke! - Look What's Happening With The Gijigowi Language Department!

Submitted by **Sammie McClellan-Dyal**, Language Specialist and **Netawn Kiogima**, Language Director

The Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department (GALD) had its first-ever Anishinaabemto Gdobinoojinhim (Speak the language to your child) event on April 10, 2024 at the LTBB Community Building in Harbor Springs, MI.



- The purpose of this endeavor is to:
- Provide a safe space for younger children and babies.
 - Provide a safe space for families to learn Anishinaabemowin.
 - Provide beginning language resources for families.



- Give an opportunity for busy families to learn and use the language.
- Bring the language into the home.



First language speaker, Pat Osawamick from Wikwemikong, and her toddler granddaughter, shared stories, songs and guidance for language learning in the home. GALD multimedia staff created Anishinaabemowin resources with daily, usable language for parents and children to learn together. Sign language which signed the Anishinaabemowin words was also taught.



The importance of the language activities and how we learn from them is through language revitalization and that requires Anishinaabemowin being spoken in the home. It is important for children to grow up hearing Anishinaabemowin by those they love. Parents and family members are the most impactful teachers and mentors in a child's life. Anishinaabek believe our grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, mothers and fathers are a child's first teachers.



Prior to the creation of the education system, grandparents and parents were Anishinaabek children's first and only teachers. Our language event was centered with the role of education and language revitalization outside of school. The parents/caregivers should feel able



to support their children's language acquisition without studying the language themselves, but questions may arise as which types of resources are available to support engagement in second language learning and what strategies are available for parents/caregivers to learn the language alongside their children. As a department and team, we would like to be that support system for families. If you would like more information on the next event, please contact us at 231-242-1457 or langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, miigwech.

Anishinaabemowin is an endangered language, the number of fluent first language speakers is rapidly declining. We have to ask ourselves as a collective, what are we going to do about it?

Photos courtesy of the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.

SPEAK THE LANGUAGE TO YOUR CHILD!

ANISHINAABEMTO GDOBINOJINHIM!

A-ni-shi-naa-bem-to
Gdo-bi-noo-jinh-im

May 30th from 3-7 PM
at the Wah Wahs Noos Da Ke Village (tribal housing) Community Building off Heyning Rd on Ap Gish Mok Blvd

VISITING SPEAKER
PAT OSAWAMICK
Come learn beginner Anishinaabemowin words, phrases, and songs to share with your little ones. Programing developed for children 0-6 years old.

EVENT INTENDED FOR:
Parents of children of all ages, expecting parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, guardians, caregivers, and youth workers.
Little ones welcome!
Toys & snacks provided.

Aambe!
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HOSTED BY LTBB GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

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Shirley Naganashe Oldman
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HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

QUESTIONS? CALL ANGIE WOODIN AT 231-242-1649

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- Gain experience in several fields?

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Call: 231-242-1563

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June

Answer Key
on Page 32



ACROSS

- 4 land
- 7 old man
- 9 to teach
- 10 soft
- 11 spring
- 13 frog

DOWN

- 1 medicine
- 2 grandmother (moon)
- 3 turtle
- 5 Mother Earth
- 6 thunder
- 8 I work
- 12 Earth

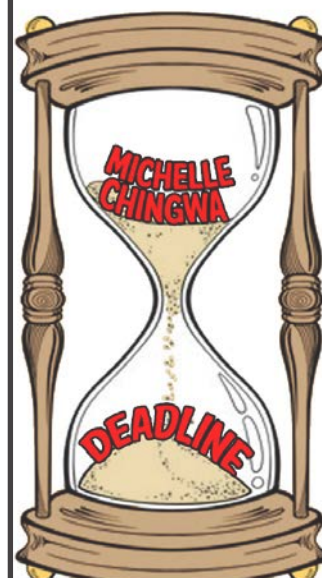
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PLEASE NOTE:

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.

DON'T LET TIME RUN OUT!

SUMMER 2024 DEADLINE FOR MICHELLE CHINGWA AWARD IS JUNE 15, 2024.



CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION AT 231-242-1480

NATIVE NEWS

INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION

By Michigan DNR

To prevent spreading invasive plants and organisms from one body of water to another, boaters and anglers should “Clean, Drain and Dry” boats, trailers and all equipment and gear after each use on any lake, river or stream.

State law requires:


- Making sure watercraft and trailers are free of all aquatic organisms and plants before transporting or launching.
- Removing drain plugs and draining all water from bilges, ballast tanks and live wells before moving watercraft.

Following these simple steps can limit



the spread of invasive plants and animals like phragmites, European frog-bit and zebra mussels which can cause significant harm to aquatic species and decrease the quality of recreational activities.

Courtesy graphic.




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PER THE MICHELLE CHINGWA STATUTE #2020-003 THE RATES FOR MICHELLE CHINGWA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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Class 1: Courses/college programs sponsored by LTBB and are nearly free (\$25/credit hr.)	
Class 2: Junior or community colleges (\$150/credit hr.)	
Class 3: Four year colleges & universities (\$250/credit hr.)	
Class 4: Graduate level courses (\$350/credit hr.)	
Class 5: Free courses (\$15/credit hr.)	

*Rates may be adjusted to meet allocated budget



BREAKING AND BLESSING OF THE GROUND FOR NEW PROJECT

By Michigan DNR

On April 29, 2024, representatives from the Department of Natural Resources, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe), Moran Township, the Mackinac Straits Health System and Lake Superior State University gathered for a blessing and breaking of the ground on a new project at Straits State Park in St. Ignace, MI.

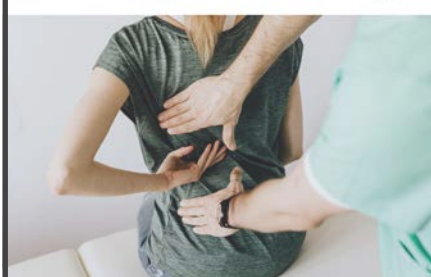
The event unofficially kicked off the project, called the Heart of the Great Turtle Island/Gchi Mshiikenh Deh Minising, which will add Native American context to the Father Marquette Na-



tional Memorial site with new buildings, exhibits and art.

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By 20Fathoms

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Continue reading for details on each of the two courses.

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Additional details:

- 65 hour self-paced, 100% online course.
- No prerequisites for learner enrollment. Open to anyone.

Certification and career pathways:

This curriculum helps students develop workforce readiness skills and builds a foundation for success in networking-related careers and degree programs.

How to apply:

Visit 20fathoms.org

Deadline to complete classes: September 30, 2024

Questions? Contact us at 231-938-6519 or 20fathoms.org

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operates and how to protect yourself and organizations from cyberattacks. By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Know what cybersecurity is and its potential impact.
- Understand the most common threats, attacks and vulnerabilities.
- Protect businesses and their operations from attacks.
- Demonstrate vital skills such as threat intelligence, network security and risk management.
- Find the latest job trends and why cybersecurity continues to grow.

This course will prepare you for the entry-level Cisco Certified Support Technician (CCST) Cybersecurity certification and you will receive a stipend for the CompTIA Security+ certification exam.

Additional details:

- 70 hour self-paced, 100% online course.
- No prerequisites for learner enrollment. Open to anyone.

Certification and career pathways:

- The demand for cybersecurity experts has grown three times faster than any

other IT job role, and training a cybersecurity workforce is a priority of many governments.

• Cybersecurity applies to any professionals responsible for security and privacy of company or customer systems.

How to apply:

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About 20Fathoms

Our mission is to accelerate the growth of tech startups, entrepreneurs and scalable businesses in the Grand Traverse region. We do this by delivering essential startup services, providing a community workspace and connecting entrepreneurs with crucial resources to facilitate business growth.

20Fathoms is a membership organization for entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs, tech professionals and other innovators who find a home here. Ours is a supportive community with an eye for cultivating innovation and ideas and fostering business growth.

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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

Governor Whitmer Appoints Whitney Gravelle to LSSU Board of Trustees



Today (May 2, 2024), Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the following appointments of Whitney Gravelle and Kevin Cooper to the Lake Superior State University (LSSU) Board of Trustees.

Whitney Gravelle, of Brimley, MI, is the President of the Executive Council of the Bay Mills Indian Commu-

Whitney Gravelle to LSSU

nity. Prior to public office, she was the Chief Judge of the Bay Mills Tribal Court. President Gravelle has also served as an Honors Clerk for the United States Department of Justice in the Indian Resource Section as well as in-house council within Bay Mills Indian Community. She holds a Bachelor of Art in social science and a Juris Doctor from Michigan State University College of Law. She has been appointed previously as a member of the Michigan Women's Commission and currently serves as the Chairperson of the Bay Mills Community College Board of Regents. BMCC and LSSU work together closely to support students in the Sault region and beyond.

"I am deeply honored to be appointed to the Lake Superior State University Board of

Trustees," said Gravelle. "Sault Ste. Marie and the surrounding area has a long and rich history with both Bay Mills Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. I am committed to contributing my expertise and passion to help all succeed in their pursuit of education, as well as bridge communities, enhance educational policies, and promote inclusivity and respect across all levels of academic engagement that actively includes and represents indigenous perspectives and leadership in higher education."

Whitney Gravelle is appointed to a term commencing on May 2, 2024 and expiring on January 27, 2032. She replaces Thomas Bailey, whose term has expired.

Courtesy photo.

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

PROMOTING ANISHINAABE WOMEN'S HEALTH

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

Anishinaabe women are sacred, honored and revered because they bring new Anishinaabe babies to our tribes, and for their vital role in raising children. The earth's energy powers the cycles of life, including the cycles of Anishinaabe women, the Anishinaabekwegaw.

Healthy teeth...healthy woman...healthy tribe...healthy Anishinaabe! How can we achieve this goal?

- Ideal physical health
- Prevention
- Stress management
- Physical activity
- Healthy eating

Ideal health can be defined as the condition of being of sound body, mind and spirit with freedom from physical disease or pain.

There are many factors contributing to ideal health. Genetics plays a big part, which cannot be controlled. Why not control what each of us can to promote individual ideal health?

Dental disease contributes to premature births and low-birth weight. Healthy eating for mother and baby requires excellent dental health.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) states Native American women die at a higher rate from pregnancy-related causes than in any other group of mothers. Our women's health impacts the future of our Anishinaabe nations.

Prevention is key to optimal health. The early diagnosis and treatments of diseases results in better health outcomes for women.

Anishinaabe have a higher rate of diabetes than any other group. Adhering to CDC recommendations to control diabetes can slow many severe effects. Excellent dental health with a full complement of strong teeth and healthy gums enables diabetics to eat the recommended raw vegetables and fruits. The American Dental Association states dental disease makes blood sugar control so difficult. When diabetes is not controlled, the human body will deteriorate more quickly. A negative spiral begins when uncontrolled diabetes causes more tooth loss and gum deterioration; this makes eating raw vegetables and fruits and cooked protein more difficult. Blood sugar levels then become hard to control.

Heart disease is the number one killer of women in this country. People with gum disease have two to three times the risk of experiencing heart attack, disease and stroke.

Obesity is a serious problem for all women. Dental disease resulting in poor chewing ability can lead to a diet of soft, gooey, sugary, caloric foods which seem to be addictive.

Nearly one million American women will be diagnosed with cancer this year. Early cancer detection saves many women's lives.

Cancers of the mouth are diagnosed and treated by dentists and oral surgeons and oncologists. It is so important all women see the dentist twice a year. Oral cancers include lip, tongue, roof-of-the-mouth, inside cheek, floor-of-the-mouth, jawbone and salivary gland cancers. Tobacco, illegal drugs and alcohol use increase the risk of all oral cancers.

Throat cancer rates have risen in the past two decades. These are most often caused by the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). The HPV vaccine can prevent most of these cancers.

Stress affects the entire body. Preventing and managing stress improves the health of women. There are many factors which cause stress: Money problems, a long-term illness, taking care of family (add your own woes to this list).

Physical signs of stress can include Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJD). If diagnosed early, the dentist can help stop damage to the teeth, gums, face and joints.

Physical Activity improves health and can relieve stress. It is always a good time to start walking, swimming, biking, dancing, exercising, joining competitive sports and other activities. The key to better strength, endurance and stamina is consistency. For any contact sport, a mouth guard is recommended for protection. If dental pain is present, women are less likely to exercise.

Healthy eating always requires choosing healthy, whole foods. Women should limit the



amount of junk foods eaten. Foods and beverages high in added sugars, saturated fat and sodium can contribute to many health problems, including poor dental health.

The digestive process begins in the mouth. The saliva has enzymes which start the breakdown of food. Excellent dental health with a full complement of strong teeth and gums starts the process. The chewing process macerates food, so the stomach and intestines can ideally extract the nutrients. Healthy choices include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, milk, yogurt, cheese, rice, seafood, lean meats, poultry, beans, peas, lentils, nuts and eggs. These foods promote excellent dental health.

There are many recommended minerals, which include calcium, iron, iodine, magnesium, phosphorus, selenium, zinc and folic acid. All vitamins, but especially vitamin B9, vitamin D and omega-3 fatty acids, are essential for women to be healthy. These nutrients can be found in whole foods.

Women do have unique nutritional needs, during different stages of life, such as adolescence, during pregnancy and breastfeeding or after menopause.

Water and milk supply all the body needs to have strong teeth, healthy saliva, hydrated gums and strong bones and muscles.

Anishinaabekwegaw's love and care for the Anishinaabe is greatly esteemed. My challenge to you is to love yourself enough to improve your health.

<https://www.koognaasewin.com/blog/anishinaabekwegaw-anishinaabe-women>

<https://niibicenter.org/>

<https://www.womenshealth.gov/nwhw>

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/health>

<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/HYG-5573#:~:text=Pregnant%20and%20breast-feeding%20women%20need%20more%20nutrients%20than,whole%20grains%2C%20lean%20protein%20and%20low-fat%20dairy%20products>

<https://www.myplate.gov/life-stages/pregnancy-and-breastfeeding>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7926714/>

<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/oral-cavity-and-oropharyngeal-cancer/about/key-statistics.html>

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/heart-health/gum-disease-and-heart-disease-the-common-thread#:~:text=People%20with%20gum%20disease%20%28also%20known%20as%20periodontal,But%20there%20may%20not%20be%20a%20direct%20connection>

<https://health.gov/myhealthfinder/health-conditions/heart-health/manage-stress>

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Sunday June 9 - Wednesday June 12

Going into grades 6-12

Wilderness State Park Carp Lake, MI

Activities: Hiking, swimming & fishing; Anishinaabemowin activities; Cultural lessons & activities; Art & jewelry making; Self-care & music activities

Registration: LTBB youth (enrolled and descendant) registration is May 8th through May 28th; Open registration for all tribal youth is May 29th through June 3rd; Limited camp seats, first come first serve!

Scan QR code to register --->

Questions? Email sbaker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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

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

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

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

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MISS ODAWA NATION REPRESENTS LTBB AT GATHERING OF NATIONS POW WOW

Miss Odawa Nation 2023-2024 Mnookmi Massey, along with her mother, Melissa Pamp, attended the Gathering of Nations (GON) Pow Wow in Albuquerque, NM, in late April 2024.

A large part of being Miss Odawa Nation is being an ambassador and representing the Odawa people. Annually, the LTBB Pow Wow Committee pays for Miss Odawa Nation and a chaperone (if she is a minor) to attend GON.

Odawa Indian princess pageants began in 1939 in Petoskey, MI. The Miss Odawa Nation contest carries on the tradition of selecting a young, Odawa woman to represent the local

community. Open to Native American girls from the ages of 13-19, Miss Odawa Nation is selected by acquiring points in a variety of categories (essay, biography, interview, dance exhibition and public speaking). She must have knowledge of the customs, traditions and the history of the Odawa nation, show Odawa heritage, be at least ¼ Native American, not be married and have no dependents nor have had any children.

Miss Odawa Nation 2024-2025 will be crowned at the 31st Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow in August 2024.

Photos courtesy of Melissa Pamp.



DON'T PASS ON THOSE VEGGIES



When healthy adults consume the daily amount of vegetable servings recommended by the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA), it has a positive effect on how happy the person feels, according to a study completed by scientists at the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS).

Many studies show eating the DGA-recommended daily amounts of fruits and vegetables is good for our general health, but only a few studies have demonstrated the role vegetable consumption (separate from fruits) has on one's mental health.

A group of scientists at the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center in Grand Forks, ND, conducted an eight-week study to evaluate the impact of increasing daily vegetable servings to match DGA

recommendations on how happy one perceives themselves to be, a key measurement of psychological well-being.

The study divided healthy men and women between 18 and 65 years old into two groups. The first group of participants (the vegetable intervention group) received daily servings of DGA-recommended number and variety of vegetables, including dark green, red, and orange and starchy vegetables, based on their energy needs during the course of the study. The vegetable servings were minimally processed (raw and diced), making it simple for participants to include in their meals. The second group of participants (the control group) received the same number of interactions and attention from the researchers while maintaining a diet without adding vegetables.

All participants completed a questionnaire called the Subjective Happiness Scale (SHS). This is a subjective assessment which provides a mean overall score of a person's state of happiness based on the respondent's perspective. The study included measurements taken before and after the eight-week intervention.

"We observed an in-

creased in SHS scores in participants from the group that followed the DGA recommendations for vegetable intake whereas SHS scores stayed the same for the control group, who didn't change their diet," said ARS Research Biologist Shanon Casperson.

"Results suggest that increasing the amount of vegetables you eat every day may benefit your mental health," added Casperson.

The eight-week study was part of a parent study, a more extensive study conducted at the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center which sought to determine whether adults with overweight and obesity would become more motivated to eat vegetables if they increased the number of servings they ate every day. Unlike very tasty less healthy foods, which become more reinforcing if you eat them every day, increasing the amount of vegetables eaten daily does not make them more reinforcing, highlighting the difficulty of increasing vegetable consumption in adults. However, focusing on the benefits eating more vegetables has on psychological well-being may provide a more salient reason for people to increase their vegetable consumption.

Courtesy graphic.

FREE Open Sew

Need to use a sewing machine? Want to make a ribbon Shirt/Skirt?
Have a sewing project you need help with? Need to work on your regalia?

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Room 312 at the LTBB Governmental Center from 10 am to 3 pm.

August 28, September 25, November 6th

Please bring your own beverage, snack or lunch.

For information, contact Theresa Chingwa at 231-242-1486 or TChingwa@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV

Additional sewing times available at Family Culture Nights and during the LTBB Quilters meet-ups!

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EXPERIENCE THE CICADAS



emerge together in synchronized cycles of either 13 or 17 years. While underground, cicada nymphs are using their straw-like mouthparts to draw sap from

the roots of perennial plants, mostly trees. They need to feed on plants in the ground for long periods of time because their developmental period is so long.

So, why do they take so long to develop? We think this is an evolutionary adaptation for these species to avoid being preyed upon. They all emerge during the same year around the same time, which overwhelms any animals or other insects which might eat them. It's not uncommon during mass cicada emergences to see birds, rodents and other animals just stuffed and completely uninterested in trying to eat any more of the insects.

What's special about the cicadas this year?

This year, two large "broods," which are a group of periodic cicadas which emerge during the same year, will emerge. One is a 13-year brood and the other is a 17-year brood. Together, these broods cover most of the eastern U.S. and are adjacent to each other — something which only happens once every 25 years or so. That means a huge number of people across 17 states will experience a mass emergence and people in Indiana and Illinois may experience both broods at the same time. These two specific broods, the Northern Illinois Brood and the Great Southern Brood, will not emerge together again for another 221 years.

Interestingly, there are four species of 13-year cicadas and three species of 17-year cicadas, and multiple species are present in each brood.

What's the difference between annual and periodic cicadas?

Annual cicadas or maybe more accurately, non-periodic cicadas, do not synchronize their emergence. There are some truly annual species

of cicadas which have one-year life cycles, which include the "dog-day cicada," which emerges in late summer, hence their name. Other cicada species can have life cycles of up to 11 years, all but one spent underground, but do not emerge en masse during the same year.

When will the cicadas come out in 2024?

Cicadas start emerging when the soil temperature is greater than 64 degrees Fahrenheit. In most of the range for the two broods, this should happen in April and May.

Where will the cicadas emerge?

You can find detailed emergence maps for all the periodic cicada. Briefly, the Northern Illinois Brood is present in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The Great Southern Brood is found in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The best place to find cicadas when they emerge is in wooded areas or areas with established trees.

How long will the cicadas be around?

The emerging adult cicadas will be around a bit over a month. After that, they die.

Are cicadas harmful to humans, pets or plants?

Cicadas are not harmful to people or household pets. They are not poisonous and do not bite or feed on animals. Female cicadas lay eggs following mating in woody plants (it's the males' loud mating calls that you hear), and they prefer small branches and stems around the diameter of a pencil or marker. A single egg mass may not damage plants, but many egg masses could injure young trees or shrubs. Small perennial plants such as blueberries, grapes and ornamental shrubs with small stems and branches can be covered with remay garden cloth or row cover fabric to protect them from cicadas in areas experiencing mass emergences. Normal, non-periodic populations are not a pest concern.

Courtesy photos.

For the first time in more than 200 years, two broods of cicadas – Brood XIX, known as the Great Southern Brood, and Brood XIII, known as the Northern Illinois Brood – will emerge from the ground simultaneously. Hannah Burrack, professor and chair of the Department of Entomology at Michigan State University, answers questions about this rare occurrence.



What are cicadas exactly?

Cicadas are insects with all the species found in North America belonging to one family called Cicadidae. Other relatives include leafhoppers and spittlebugs. There are more than 3,000 known species of cicadas, but the ones which capture much of our attention are the periodic cicadas, which include seven of these species and are found in North America. For insects, they are large at one to two inches long, triangular-shaped with large eyes, small bristle-like antennae and four clear wings with distinctive dark veins.

Why do cicadas stay underground for so long?

For some of the periodic cicadas, the nymphs — which are the immature stage of cicadas — can stay underground for as little as one and up to 17 years. When we say periodic cicadas, what we mean is several species have adapted to

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.*

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

FOR HELP OR TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Visit the MI Bridges Webpage: michigan.gov/mibridges

Or Contact:
Abigail Dawson
LTBB PRC Benefits Assistant
P: 231-242-1752
E: adawson@ltbbodawa-michigan.gov

DON'T RISK A GAP IN YOUR MEDICAID OR PRC COVERAGE!

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

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!

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

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

1-800-656-HOPE (4673) | WWW.RAINN.ORG

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.

Stand Up. 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)

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.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STRENGTHENS EFFORTS, BUILDS PARTNERSHIPS TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS OF MISSING OR MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS



ties safe.”

Justice Department Prioritization of MMIP Cases

Last July, the Justice Department announced the creation of the Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Regional Outreach Program, which permanently places 10 attorneys and coordinators in five designated regions across the United States to aid in the prevention and response to missing or murdered indigenous people. The five regions include the Northwest, Southwest, Great Plains, Great Lakes and Southeast Regions.

The MMIP Regional Outreach Program prioritizes MMIP cases consistent with the Deputy Attorney General's July 2022 directive to U.S. Attorneys' offices promoting public safety in Indian country. The program fulfills the Justice Department's promise to dedicate new personnel to MMIP consistent with Executive Order 14053, *Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People*, and the Department's Federal Law Enforcement Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Violence Against American Indians and Alaska Natives, including to Address Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons issued in July 2022.



Not Invisible Act Commission Response

The department's work to respond to the MMIP crisis is a whole-of-department effort. In March, the Departments of Justice and the Interior released their joint response to the Not Invisible Act Commission's (NIAC) recommendations on how to combat the missing or murdered indigenous peoples (MMIP) and human trafficking crisis. The NIAC response, announced by Attorney General Garland during a visit to the Crow Nation, recognizes more must be done across the federal government to resolve this longstanding crisis and support healing from the generational traumas indigenous peoples have endured throughout the history of the United States.

Addressing Violent Crime and the Fentanyl Crisis in Indian Country

As noted in the joint response to the NIAC, research suggests certain public safety challenges faced by many American Indian and Alaska Native communities—including disproportionate violence against women, families, and children; substance abuse; drug trafficking; and labor and sex trafficking—can influence the rates of missing AI/AN persons.

Further, fentanyl poisoning and overdose deaths are the leading cause of opioid deaths throughout the United States, including Indian country, where drug-related overdose death rates for Native Americans exceeds the national rate.

Therefore, federal law enforcement components are ramping up efforts to forge stronger partnerships with federal and tribal law enforcement partners to address violent crime and the fentanyl crisis, which exposes already vulnerable communities to greater harm.

Accessing Department of Justice Resources

Over the past year, the department awarded \$268 million in grants to help enhance tribal justice systems and strengthen law enforcement responses. These awards have also gone toward improving the handling of child abuse cases, combating domestic and sexual violence, supporting tribal youth programs and strengthening victim services in tribal communities.

For additional information about the Department of Justice's efforts to address the MMIP crisis, please visit the Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons section of the Tribal Safety and Justice website.

Courtesy photos.

U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan Mark Totten and the Justice Department joins its partners across the federal government, as well as people throughout American Indian and Alaska Native communities, in recognizing May 5, 2024, as National Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Day.

“Today is a day of reflection and commitment as we remember the all-too-many victims of violence in our Tribal communities and the families and friends who are affected,” said U.S. Attorney Mark Totten. “The Justice Department's work to address the MMIP crisis is a whole-of-department effort that takes many forms to strengthening the federal response to missing or murdered indigenous people. In the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Michigan, we are committed to working with our federal, state, local and Tribal partners to swiftly investigate these cases and secure justice.”

U.S. Attorney Totten today (May 3, 2024) participated in the 2024 March for MMIP at Ah-Nab-Awen Park in downtown Grand Rapids, MI, to bring awareness and educate the public on missing and murdered indigenous persons. The event was hosted by three local Potawatomi Tribes: Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP), Pokagon and Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band and all Natives and non-Native allies and advocates against violence.

The U.S. Attorneys for the Western and Eastern Districts of Michigan respectively, appointed Joel Postma to serve as the MMIP Coordinator for the two districts (11 of the tribes are in the Western District), conducting outreach with tribal communities to understand the challenges revealed through past experience; coordinating with tribal, federal, state and local law enforcement in the development of protocols and procedures for responding to and addressing MMIP; providing training and assistance; and promoting improved data collection and analyses throughout the state.

In recognition of MMIP Awareness Day, Attorney General Merrick B. Garland highlighted ongoing efforts to tackle the MMIP and human trafficking crises in American Indian and Alaska Native communities, and other pressing public safety challenges, like the fentanyl crisis, in tribal communities.

“There is still so much more to do in the face of persistently high levels of violence that Tribal communities have endured for generations, and that women and girls, particularly, have endured,” said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. “In carrying out our work, we seek to honor those who are still missing, those who were stolen from their communities, and their loved ones who are left with unimaginable pain. Tribal communities deserve safety, and they deserve justice. This day challenges all of us at the Justice Department to double down on our efforts, and to be true partners with Tribal communities as we seek to end this crisis.”

“The FBI remains unwavering in our pledge to work with our law enforcement partners to address the violence that has disproportionately harmed Tribal communities and families,” said FBI Director Christopher Wray. “We will continue to prioritize our support of victims and will steadfastly pursue investigations into the crime impacting American Indian and Alaska Native communities.”

“DEA's top priority is protecting all communities from deadly drugs, like fentanyl, and drug related violent crime,” said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram. “We know that no community has been spared from these deadly threats and we are committed to keeping Tribal communi-



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

Joseph Syrette

- June 11/12
- July 10/11
- August 6/7
- September 11/12
- October 8/9
- November 20/21
- December 10/11

Mary Pine

- July 2/3
- September 4/5
- November 5/6

LTBB Wawiiayaa Giigidoowin "Talking Circle"

Thursday 5pm – 6pm
LTBB Conference Room



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.

AA MEETING @ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

RECOVERY IS SACRED

BEGINNING

Monday, APRIL 4, 2022

6PM TO 7PM

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ENTRANCE AT REAR DOOR

SAVE THE DATES
MORE INFO TBA

Indigenous
STEAM



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

ISTEAM programming is funded by National Science Foundation (NSF): Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) Grant: Collaborative Research: Interdisciplinary Learning, Deliberation, and Decision Making for Changing Lands and Waters. NSF: 192476

2024 Miss Odawa Nation Contest LIVE THE LEGACY...

A crown has been worn by a young Odawa woman for over 80 years. These young women proudly display the finest qualities.

To be considered for this high honor, you must be:

- Between the ages of 13 to 19
- * A positive role model for all youth
- Knowledgeable in Odawa culture
- * A young lady with Odawa lineage who is at least 1/4 Native American
- * Single with no dependents and a Pow Wow dancer

Application materials available online at:
www.odawahomecoming.com
www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or
 contact Annette VanDeCar at
avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



2023/2024 Miss Odawa Nation
Mnookmi Massey

Miss Odawa 2024 to be crowned at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Saturday August 10th, 2024

Tentative 31st Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Schedule Friday, August 9, 2024

Vendor Set-up	1 pm
Dancer/Drum Registration	5 - 8 pm
Participants Canopy Set-up	5 pm

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Dancer/Drum Registration	10 am - 12 pm
Open to the Public	11 am
Grand Entry	1 pm
Flag Song	
Veterans Song	
Invocation	
Welcome (Chairperson)	
Intertribals/Contests	
Dinner Break	5 - 7 pm
Grand Entry	7 pm
Intertribals/Contests	

*Junior Miss Odawa Nation 2024-2025 and Miss Odawa Nation 2024-2025 will be crowned prior to the 7 p.m. Grand Entry.

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Open to the Public	11 am
Grand Entry	Noon
Flag Song	
Veterans Song	
Invocation	
Intertribals/Contests	
Announcement of Winners	5 pm

*Times subject to change



MARTY VAN DE CAR MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S (6-12 YEARS) SPECIAL

31st ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOV
AUGUST 10 AND 11, 2024
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI

Top 3 boys and girls win a bike and a quilt from Niibiishenh Children's Store



3 consolation prizes (scooters) each for boys and girls. All participants will receive a gift.

Sponsored by the family of Marty Van De Car



Are you between the ages of 7 and 12?
Be a Part of the Legacy!

Junior Miss Odawa Nation at the Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow!

To be considered for this high honor, you must be:

- Between the ages of 7 to 12
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- Knowledgeable in Odawa culture
- A young lady with Odawa lineage, who is at least 1/4 Native American
- A Pow Wow dancer



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2023/2024 Junior Miss Odawa Nation
Adrianna Shenoskey

ODAWA HOMECOMING CANOPY POLICIES

All canopies must have at least one participant (Dancer/Singer)

Set-up begins Friday, August 9 at 5 p.m.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

Canopy space is limited to a 10' x 10' area

YOU are responsible for canopy area CLEAN up before leaving


All interested parties MUST check in with Pow Wow Committee Member prior to setting up

Canopy limit is ONE per FAMILY even if there are multiple participants. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Marty Van De Car Memorial Scholarship Fund



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

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

31ST ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW

August 10 & 11, 2024
Harbor Springs, MI

LTBB Pow Wow Grounds
7500 Odawa Circle

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FREE ADMISSION,
PARKING & SHUTTLE!
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

GRAND ENTRY TIMES:
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 - 1 & 7 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 - 12 PM

FREE PARKING!

FOOD AND CRAFT VENDORS!

Junior Miss Odawa & Miss Odawa Contests
Dance, Drum and Hand Drum Contests

Host Drum - Southern Boyz

Head Veteran - Walker Stonefish

Arena Director - R.J. Smith

MC - Joey Awonohopay

Drum Judge - Harvey Dreaver

Head Male Dance Judge - Wayne Silas, Jr.

Head Female Dance Judge - Star Silas

Head Dancers - TBD Per Session

Sound - ReZonance Productions

**Prize
Money:**

Drum Contest

1st - \$5,000

2nd - \$4,000

3rd - \$3,000

4th - \$2,000

Group Hand
Drum Contest

Sponsored by Odawa
Casino Resort

1st - \$400

2nd - \$300

3rd - \$200

4th - \$100

Dance Contest:

Golden Age 50+
& Adult 18-49

1st - \$700

2nd - \$600

3rd - \$500

Teen 13-17

1st - \$300

2nd - \$250

3rd - \$200

Junior 7-12

1st - \$200

2nd - \$150

3rd - \$100

REGISTRATION -
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 6-8 PM &
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 10 AM - NOON

REGISTRATION FEE

\$5 PER DANCER/SINGER.

TRIBAL IDS MAY
BE REQUESTED.

TINY TOTS NEED NOT REGISTER.

DANCE SPECIAL:

MARTY VAN DE CAR

MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S (6-12 YEARS) SPECIAL

TOP 3 BOYS AND GIRLS WIN A BIKE
AND A QUILT FROM NIIBISHENH CHILDREN'S STORE

3 CONSOLATION PRIZES (SCOOTERS)

EACH FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A GIFT.

SPONSORED BY THE FAMILY OF

MARTY VAN DE CAR

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
Annette VanDeCar at
avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Vendor information: Marcia Sutton
msutton10@yahoo.com

Check out www.odawahomecoming.com and on
Facebook: Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow for the
latest information.

PLEASE NOTE!

NO pets allowed. ONLY Certified Service Animals Allowed.
Emotional Support Animals are NOT Service Animals. Please be respectful.

RAFFLE

Meta Quest 3
Advanced All-In-One Virtual Reality Headset – 128 GB with Asgard's Wrath Bundle



Canon EOS Rebel T7
24 MP DSLR Camera Bundle
Wide Angle 18-55 mm Lens, Flash, 2 - 64GB SD Cards, 3pc Filter Kit, Telephoto Lens, Accessory Kit, Tri-Pod and Camera Case



Xbox Series X
Bundle includes: 1TB SSD
Black Xbox with Controller, Forza Horizon 5 bundle



LTBB HOMECOMING
POW WOV

Creative Graphics by Eva - Thunderbird Fleece Blanket
One-sided print
60" x 80"



HP 15 15.6" HD Touchscreen Laptop
Windows 11 Home, Intel Core i3-1215U, 32GB RAM, 1TB SSD, Wi-Fi 5, Bluetooth, Silver Exterior



Creative Graphics by Eva - Woodland Floral Carry On
13.3" x 22.4" x 9.05"
Hard shell, 360° wheel swivel



Sunrise Eagle Pendleton Crib Blanket
Pure virgin wool/cotton. Whipstitch binding. Made in the USA - 32" x 44"



Creative Graphics by Eva - Geometric Travel Bag
12" x 20 x 10" 100% Polyester
Print on both sides



Creative Graphics by Eva - Geometric Travel Bag
12" x 20 x 10" 100% Polyester
Print on both sides



Ticket Prices:
1 for \$1 or
6 for \$5
For more information, contact

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8th Gen Bear Medicine Blanket
100% wool pile
100% polyester warp
2-sided Twin 59" x 78"



All Prizes will be awarded at the LTBB Homecoming Pow Wow, 3 pm on August 11, 2024.

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

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"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

*Drum split for all non-placing drums.

Registration \$10 per person. Registration closes 6:45PM Friday and 12:45PM Saturday.

Dance Competition Prizes (USD)

- Adults: \$1,000, \$800, \$600, \$400
- Teens: \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50
- Junior: \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25

Categories: Traditional, Woodland, Fancy, Grass, and Jingle but "dance categories are combined within Golden Age Categories.

Registration \$10 per person. Registration closes 6:45PM Friday and 12:45PM Saturday.

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.

Head Veterans: George Martin
Junior Veterans: Jacques LeBlanc Jr.
Arena Director: Melissa Ikaone
Emcees: Shannon Martin & Anshinob
Head Dance Judges: Tracy Cleland & Wesley Cleland
Head Drum Judge: Harvey Dreaever
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 bmcpowwow@gmail.com or 906-246-2100

156th ANNUAL WHITE EARTH TREATY DAY CELEBRATION & POW WOW

JUNE 14, 15 & 16, 2024
White Earth, MN
FIVE GRAND ENTRIES
FRI, JUNE 14 | 1PM & 7PM
SAT, JUNE 15 | 1PM & 7PM
SUN, JUNE 16 | 1PM

FEAST - 5PM Fri & Sat

All dancers must register prior to every grand entry. All dancers must register prior to every grand entry.

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 Jingle - 1" 2" 3"
Youth 5 & under 3" - 1" 2" 3"
Youth Hand Drum - 1" 2" 3"

Pow wow committee Specials:
Men's Woodland - 1" 2" 3" 4"
Adult Team Dance (4 member teams)
Youth Team Dance (4 member teams)
Youth Side Step
Musical Chair Contest (Singers only)
Tag a War - Co-ed 4M/4F (8 member teams)

Watch for updates.

50th ANNUAL Oneida Pow Wow

June 28 - 30, 2024
Norbert Hill Center
N7210 Seminary Rd. Oneida, WI 54155

Public Welcome!

Over \$108,000 in Prize Money!

Dancing & Drum Contest
(Tabulation by ICreeAzn)
Food/Craft Vendors

Host Drum: Smokeytown

Four on Four Ojibwe Style Traditional Lacrosse Tournament

Admission	Grand Entry Times
Weekend Pass \$15	Fri., June 28 7pm
Daily Pass \$8	Sat., June 29 1 & 7pm
62 & Over FREE	Sun., June 30 Noon
5 & Under FREE	

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.

Learn more at ExploreOneida.com

NO CANDLES ALLOWED. For more information, contact Oneida Pow Wow Event Team members Tonya at 920.362.5425 or email tonya@oneidapowwow.com and Leah at 920.370.2961 or email leah@oneidapowwow.com. Vendors, please contact Tonya. For Lacrosse Tournament, contact Klabrew at 920.562.2164.

GREAT LAKES AREA

20 Traditional POW WOW 24

Hannahville JUNE 14, 15, 16 Michigan

Grand Entries Friday 7pm, Sat 1pm and 7pm, Sun 12pm EST

Arena Director: TBD	MC's: Joey Aunonohopy, Keven Kingbird	Head Veteran: TBD
Drum Contest: 1st \$8,000, 2nd \$6,000, 3rd \$4,000, 4th 2,000	2nd Annual Deedies Auntie and Uncle Contest: 1st \$150 with sash and trophy each, 2nd \$100 each, 3rd \$50 each	Generations Special: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50
Consolation for non-placing drums: Dancer payouts each session	Grand Entry Jam (for all ages): 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50	Hand Drum Contest: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

Switich Dance 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

Camping on site with electric outlets first come, first serve. Showers also available.
Complimentary Meals Covered in members pavilion Saturday continental breakfast Sunday dinner local Sunday breakfast
General Questions: Molly Meshopoff 906-399-1875 Vendors Contact: Kelly Tovar at 906-399-2308
Powwow Committee is not responsible for theft, loss, or damages. No illegal Drugs or Alcohol allowed

2nd Annual Niiwin Noodin Powwow

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Friday, June 7
Teaching & Talking Circle, 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 8
Vendors Open, 10 a.m.
Cultural Teaching, 10 a.m.
Grand Entry, 1 p.m.
Community Feast, 6 p.m. (Elders, drummers, dancers eat before the general public.)

Host Drum: Medicine Bear
Co-Host Drum: Four Thunders
Head Veteran and Head Dancers: TBA

Public Welcome to Attend!

Elder Parking, Limited Handicap Parking, Transit by golf cart available.

Vendors call:
(906) 450-0213 or (906) 450-9667

General Powwow Contact:
niiwinnoodinpowwow@gmail.com
or (906) 440-8138

Behind Manistique Tribal Community Center, 5698W US Highway 2, Manistique MI 49854, Next To The Kewadin Casino

Niiwin Noodin Powwow

61st ANNUAL AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION

BEAR PARK | 1972 VIRGIL AVE. | SAENIA, ON

June 22 & 23 2024

EVERYONE WELCOME!
GATES OPEN AT 10AM
ADMISSION:
\$10 (13-54 yrs) • \$5 (6 - 12 yrs)
FREE (under 5 & Seniors 55+)

CONTEST
Fancy, Grass, Jingle, Traditional

GOLDEN AGE 55+ COMBINED
\$1200, \$1000, \$800, \$600

ADULTS 18 - 54
\$1200, \$1000, \$800, \$600

TEENS 13 - 17
\$400, \$300, \$200, \$100

JUNIORS 6 - 12
\$200, \$150, \$125, \$100

DRUM
\$7000, \$5000, \$4000, \$3000
(DRUM SPLIT FOR NON-PLACING)

BABY CONTEST
TINY TOTS IN FULL REGALIA PAID DAILY

***ALL REGISTRATIONS FOR ABOVE*
SATURDAY JUNE 18
DANCE 10AM - 12PM
DRUM 10AM - 11:45AM
NO EXCEPTIONS**

HEAD STAFF

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
MEEGWANS SNAKE

ARENA DIRECTOR
POJ WALKER

DANCE JUDGE
TALON WHITE-EYE

DRUM JUDGE
BIINDIGEGZHIG DELEARY

HEAD VETERAN
JEFFREY PLAIN

HOST DRUM
CRAZY SPIRIT

HEAD DANCERS
SELECTED EACH SESSION

Vendor & General Inquiries: contact Tracy Williams
Aamjiwnaangpowwow@gmail.com
519 490 5956
www.aamjiwnaang.ca

HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

2024

June 8 & 9, 2024
Powwow Grounds — 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI
Next to the Sagoning Eagle Landing Casino & Hotel, and the Sagoning Tribal Center

Saturday, June 8

- Dancer/Drum Registration: 12-12:45 p.m.
- Grand Entry: 1 p.m.
- Retiring of Flags

Sunday, June 9

- Dancer/Drum Registration: 12-12:45 p.m.
- Grand Entry: 1 p.m.
- Head Drum Contest
- Retiring of Flags
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ELEVEN MORE STUDENTS WILL GO HOME FROM CARLISLE

By Mary Annette Pember and Stewart Huntington

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

WARNING: This story contains disturbing details about residential and boarding schools. If you are feeling triggered, a resource list for trauma responses from the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition can be found at boardingschoolhealing.org. In Canada, the National Indian Residential School Crisis Hotline can be reached at 1-866-925-4419.

If not for a chance meeting between his father and Lt. Richard Pratt, Albert Mekko might not have died at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School.

Mekko's father, Tulsey (Chief) Mekko, of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, was an itinerant Christian preacher who was on a "preaching tour" in what is now Anadarko, OK, in the late 1800s when he met Pratt, the founder and long-time superintendent of the government-run school.

Pratt convinced the elder Mekko to send his son, Albert, to the school. So, in 1879, at age 17, Albert was sent 1,300 miles away to Carlisle, PA. He died in 1881 of a lung ailment.

"Cause of death was listed as pleurisy but that was likely associated with tuberculosis," said Theodore Isham, former curator of the Creek Council House Museum and a descendent of Albert Mekko. Isham is a citizen of the Muscogee and Seminole nations.

Mekko had been set to return home, but never made it. He was buried in the Carlisle school cemetery among 200 other students who died at the school of tuberculosis, pneumonia and other illnesses or injuries.

But this fall, his remains — along with those of 10 other students who died there — will finally be returned to his tribe and family, even as the Winnebago Tribe fights with the U.S. government in court to force compliance with the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, known as NAGPRA.

Mekko and the others are set to be disinterred from their graves from September 3 to October 14 as part of a "multi-phase disinterment project" by the U.S. Office of Army Cemeteries along with archaeological and anthropological expertise from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"The return of these eleven children to their Native American families is one of the Army's highest priorities and we hope it will bring them the long-awaited peace and closure they deserve," said Karen Durham-Aguilera, executive director of Army National Military Cemeteries and the Office of Army Cemeteries, in a statement.

"We will continue to work with families and tribes in their courageous undertaking to return these children home."

The other students whose remains are set to finally go home are William Norkok from the Eastern Shoshone Tribe; Almeda Heavyhair, Bishop L. Shield and John Bull from the Gros Ventre Tribe of the Fort Belknap Indian Community; Fanny Charging Shield, James Cornman and Samuel Flying Horse from the Oglala Sioux Tribe; Leonidas Chawa from the Pechanga Band of Indians; and Alfred Charko and Kati Rosskidwits from the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.

The students died at the school between 1880 and 1910, mostly victims of "that dread disease, consumption," according to the terse lines published in the Carlisle Indian Industrial School newspaper at the time. Consumption was a common term for complications related to tuberculosis during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Taking the Issue to Court

Isham said Mekko was an unlikely student for Carlisle. The federal government didn't do much boarding school recruitment among the so-called Five Civilized Tribes — the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek and Seminole Nations in Oklahoma.

"We had our own schools; very few Seminoles went to Carlisle, although some of the Muscogee Creek Nation did attend," Isham said,

adding, "By the way, I hate that term, 'civilized.'"

Isham noted although other causes of death may be listed on school records, tuberculosis or complications from the disease were the most common cause of death among boarding school students. He added as deaths increased at the school, Pratt began sending very ill children home in order to decrease the official number of boarding school deaths.

Many children died either enroute or shortly after returning home, but not before infecting community and family members. Although an investigative report by the U.S. Department of the Interior found 500 children died at boarding schools in the U.S., researchers such as Preston McBride, an assistant professor of Comanche descent at Pomona College in California, estimates the number may be as high as 40,000.

In 1879, the Carlisle Army Barracks became the site of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, operating as a boarding school until 1918. During its operation, more than 10,000 Native children from approximately 140 tribes attended the school. The institution's stated mission was destruction of Native culture and language as a means to assimilate Native peoples into mainstream U.S. society and economy.

In recent years, since the passage of NAGPRA in 1990, several tribes have objected to what they describe as the restrictive policies used by the Office of Army Cemeteries for disintering and repatriating student remains from the Carlisle cemetery.

Some tribes argue the agency, like all federal agencies, should be subject to NAGPRA, as are museums, universities and other public institutions which have Native remains and funerary artifacts and cultural items in their collections.

The act requires federal agencies and institutions receiving federal funds to repatriate human remains along with other cultural items to lineal descendants.

Officials at the Office of Army Cemeteries, which oversees the Carlisle cemetery, have maintained the children's graves don't constitute holdings or collections as stipulated under NAGPRA. The office, instead, follows its own policy, which requires affidavits from surviving family members as well as a sworn statement from a third party verifying the relative's claims.

Earlier this year, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) filed a lawsuit claiming the Army is in violation of NAGPRA and ignores tribal sovereignty.

Beth Wright, Laguna Pueblo and an attorney for NARF, said the Army's process is restrictive because it requires finding a next of kin for disinterment.

"These children died over 100 years ago; sometimes, it's difficult to locate next of kin," Wright said.

Olivia Van Den Heuvel, public affairs specialist with the Office of Cemeteries, told *ICT* in an e-mail the Army process is easier.

"The process the Army uses has several advantages over the NAGPRA claim process," Van Den Heuvel said. "This process only requires two straight-forward documents to be completed by the family and tribe, which the Army is prepared to provide assistance with, including sending Army personnel at Army expense to the tribe or family to assist in person. Finally, the process under Army Regulation pays for the expenses associated with the disinterment, transportation, reburial and travel expenses for two family members and two tribal representatives to be present for the disinterment. Repatriation under NAGPRA pays for none of these expenses."

U.S. Army officials have returned the remains of 32 children since the repatriation program began in 2017. The Army conducts disinterments once a year and currently has 11 scheduled for this year and 18 for fiscal year 2025.

"That Dread Disease"

Information is scant about those who died at Carlisle, but school archives and occasionally, the school newspaper, provided some details about the students there.

Fanny (or Fannie) Charging Shield of the Oglala Sioux Tribe arrived at Carlisle on February 19, 1891, at age 16, for what was ex-

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pected to be a five-year stay, according to school archives. Not long after she arrived, in June 1891, she was sent out to work with a local "patron" for about six months before returning to the school on January 8, 1892.



By March 7, 1892, just two months after returning to the school, she would be dead of consumption, but not before she was able to receive a visit from her father, Chief Charging Shield.

The school newspaper, The Indian Helper, wrote her father had been able to visit her in the weeks before her death at age 17, and included a notice of her death.

"In last week's Helper, we noted the fact of the coming of Chief Charging Shield, Sioux, to see his daughter, Fanny, who was ill. This week, we are compelled to give the sad news of her death which occurred Tuesday."

A photo of the chief was taken at the school, apparently during the visit, with another Oglala Sioux student, Samuel Flying Horse (Tasunke Kinyela), in 1892. Flying Horse is among those whose remains will also be returned this fall.



Flying Horse arrived at Carlisle on June 24, 1891, at age 18, and "after a lingering illness, died on Wednesday, May 31, 1893, of consumption," according to the Helper.

The other students whose remains will be repatriated this fall include:

- James Cornman, also Oglala Sioux, who died of consumption on April 21, 1891, at about age 25. He arrived at Carlisle on August 12, 1887, at age 22, and spent more than two years working for a nearby "patron" in Bucks County, PA, starting in 1888 before returning to the school in January 1891. By April 1891, he, too, was dead

of consumption. Cornman was a member of the White Bird Band.

- William (Willie or Billy) Norkok, of the Shoshone and Bannock Tribes in Idaho, who died on May 23, 1892, at about 19 years old, of consumption. He had arrived at Carlisle on March 11, 1881, at age 8. During his 11 years at the school, he was farmed out to two separate "patrons," a family in Bucks County, PA, from 1886 to 1888, and again in April 1890 to a family in Trenton, NJ. "In the death of Billy Norkok, the school lost another good and faithful boy," the newspaper reported.

- Almeda Heavyhair (or Heavy Hair on side of head), of the Gros Ventre tribe, now the Nakoda and Aaniih Nations on the Fort Belknap Indian Community in Montana, who died at age 16 of consumption. She arrived at the school at age 12 on April 13, 1890, for what was expected to be a five-year stay. She and another girl died on the same day, August 28, 1894. "Again, death has entered the school taken from among us two of our girls, Minnie Topi, Pawnee, aged 20, and Alameda Heavy Hair, aged 16," the school newspaper reported. Topi had been under treatment at Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia for several months, "but all efforts to save her life proved unavailing and death put an end to her sufferings at six o'clock on Tuesday morning," according to the report. The newspaper reported Heavyhair "was a victim of that dread disease, consumption, and to her the end, came Tuesday evening at six o'clock." The newspaper noted "the double funeral, the second in the history of the school, took place at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Frysinger of the Methodist Church of town conducted the services."

- Bishop L. Shield (Sleeps Above), also of the Gros Ventre tribe, now the Nakoda and Aaniih Nations on the Fort Belknap Indian Community in Montana, who died on July 30, 1890, from pneumonia at age 17. He arrived at Carlisle on April 13, 1890, at age 17, and died three months later of pneumonia.

- Leonidas Chawa of the Mission Tribe in San Luiseño, CA, now the Pechanga Band of Indians, who died on June 24, 1899, at age 15, due to hemorrhaging of the lungs. She had arrived at Carlisle on March 7, 1899, just a few months earlier.

- Alfred Charko of the Wichita Tribe, now the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, who died on December 16, 1882, at age 15, just four months after he arrived at the school on August 31, 1882. The School News wrote about Charko's death, "A Wichita boy, Alfred, died on 16th December ... He was in hospital ever since he came."

- Kate Rosskidwits (Ross) of Kiowa, Comanche and Wichita tribes, now the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, who died on January 10, 1882, at age 18. She arrived on October 27, 1879, at age 15. The cause of death could not be found among the school archives, but the school newspaper reported a notice under the heading, "Died." It noted, "At Carlisle Barracks, Monday the 9th [differing from the school records] Kate Ross, a Wichita girl. She has been one of our most quiet and unassuming pupils, was patient in sickness, smiled sweetly at the thought of being called home to the Father's House and sent messages to the friends at home telling them to give God their hearts and pray to Him always."

ICT reached out to tribal leaders, but did not get a response.

Healing the Wounds

The students will be returned to the six tribes and communities after a private disinterment at Carlisle with family and tribal leaders.

Isham said he believes the Army hopes to eventually return all the students who are buried there.

"The Army's plan is to evaporate that cemetery, get rid of it," Isham said.

Isham said the homecoming will be an important step for his family and tribe.

"If only Albert had made that last train trip home before he passed away like so many others," Isham said, adding, "But it's probably a good thing he didn't bring that disease back home to us then. ..."

"At least now, we get a chance to have closure by bringing Albert home where he belongs," Isham said. "It helps heal a wound that has been placed on us as descendants."

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

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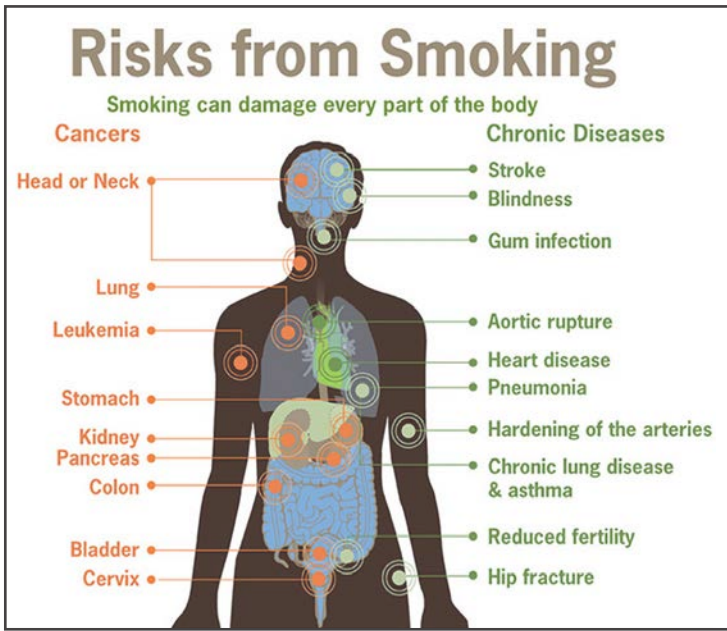
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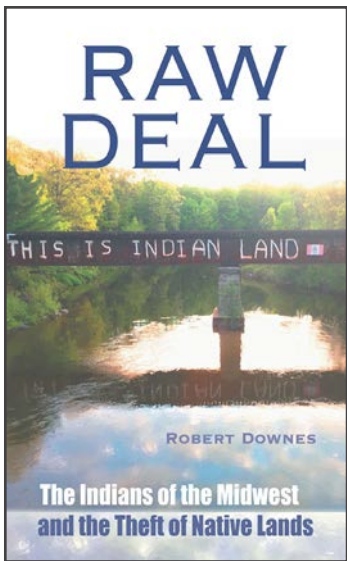
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“RAW DEAL” PROBES THE UNFAIR TREATIES FORCED ON THE INDIANS OF THE MIDWEST

Journalist Robert Downes has published *Raw Deal - The Indians of the Midwest and the Theft of Native Lands*, a work of non-fiction history which includes the perils faced by Native peoples in the heartland of America, including Minnesota.

The book starts out with the Chippewa Trail of Tears, also known as the Wisconsin Death March, detailing the 1850-'51 disaster in which 400 men, women and children of the Ojibwe died at Sandy Lake, MN, due to a government scheme which denied them food, supplies and their annual treaty payments. In the aftermath, the courageous mission of Chief Great Buffalo of the Ojibwe aided in the establishment on permanent reservations in the Upper Midwest, heading off plans to remove the tribe to beyond the Mississippi.

Published by The Wandering Press of Traverse City, MI, the book tells the epic story of the Indians in their fight to retain their homelands against overwhelming odds. It details the theft of Native lands by squatters, speculators, unfair treaties and blatant swindles.



“Although Native peoples were paid for their land with hard cash and services provided by the U.S. government, it was always for pennies per acre, or less, back by the threat of removal at the point of bayonets, sabers and guns wielded by government troops and violent militias,” Downes says. “Native peoples who bowed to government demands soon learned that federal treaties rarely lived up to their promises.”

Downes also explores the motivations of European explorers and immigrants in their roles as pillagers of Indian lands and cultures. “You

can't tell the story of the Indians' dispossession without delving into the mindset of European immigrants.”

Additionally, the book offers clues to resolving a number of historic mysteries, including:

- Why the Indians never advanced into the Bronze Age;
- Why the Indians had no defense against diseases such as smallpox and measles;
- The role of Spanish conquistadors in destroying Indian civilizations and trading networks as far as the Great Lakes;
- A possible reason Native copper mining ceased along the shores of Lake Superior around the year 1600.

A journalist of more than 30 years, Downes was the co-founder and editor of *Northern Express Weekly* in Traverse City, MI, from 1991-2013. He is the author of seven other books, including two memoirs of traveling around the world, a bicycle guide to northern Michigan and two historical novels of the Ojibwe, *The Wolf and The Willow* and *Windigo Moon*.

Courtesy graphic.

NEW NAGPRA RULES: “A STATE OF GOZHOO”

By Mary Annette Pember

Editor's note: The following article and photograph appeared on *Indian Country Today (ICT)*, and they are reprinted here with permission. This is the second installment in a three-part series examining the impact of new rules under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

Vernelda Grant recalls weeping while reading historic journals kept by white settlers and U.S. soldiers describing how they obtained sacred indigenous items from the Apache people.

The settlers preyed on her peoples' starvation or dug through graves for items they considered as collectible trinkets.

“Our people were starving and forced to trade their precious objects for the sake of having something to eat,” said Grant, director of the San Carlos Apache's Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

“I cried when I read those writings in anthropological archives. Our people didn't have a choice.”

Now, hope is growing for healing after generations of loss as new federal rules under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act or NAGPRA are forcing a renewed look at indigenous items held by museums, universities and other institutions.

Repatriation of ancestral remains and artifacts can help restore healing and balance to indigenous communities and to the world, Grant told *ICT*.

To the Apache people, and others, it's known as *Gozhoo* or balance. *Gozhoo* is central to the Apache worldview; it describes the happiness and fulfillment derived from harmony and balance among oneself, community and the natural world. All living things — birds, insects, clouds, water, animals and humans — occupy the same level of importance and are imbued with spirit, according to Grant. Most indigenous peoples share a similar worldview.

“The return of our sacred items heals us by restoring a state of *Gozhoo*,” said Grant, who has served as the tribe's NAGPRA representative for more than 24 years and who holds a master's



degree in archaeology and anthropology from Northern Arizona University.

“Our elders tell us that the people who hold our holy things and ancestors in their collections don't understand this, but they will be happier in their own lives,” she said. “*Ni gosdz* (the earth) will be happier if they restore these things to their proper place.”

The Arizona-based San Carlos Apache Tribe is part of the All Apache NAGPRA Working Group, which includes the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Camp Verde Yavapai-Apache Nation and Payson Tonto Apache Tribe, also of Arizona; and the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe and Fort Sill Apache Tribe, of New Mexico.

The seven tribes conduct research, submit and pursue claims jointly and travel to museums which hold Apache collections.

Stealing indigenous remains and sacred items reflects the dominant culture's reliance on objectifying and dismissing people of color in order to elevate their own status, according to Anton Treuer, a professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University in Minnesota.

Making a psychic jump away from that worldview has been challenging to institutions which have historically been driven by a perspective that privileges the colonial gaze.

“It's about erasure,” said Treuer, a descendant of the Leech Lake Ojibwe Nation and a member of the governing board for the Minnesota State Historical Society.

“Some items have a life of their own,” Treuer said. “Sacred objects are not just things that are associated with the ceremony. They are sacred in and of themselves. They belong in their cultural

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context, not behind a wall of glass."

Scrambling to Comply

The federal NAGPRA law was passed in 1990 to provide protection for Native American graves and the repatriation of remains and cultural patrimony by public institutions, requiring consultation with tribes, Native Hawaiians and Alaska Natives.

Many museums and other institutions, however — including private institutions which received federal funds such as COVID or stimulus funds — have lagged in identifying remains and cultural items, leaving warehouses full of remains and display cases full of items which should be returned to their tribes under the law.

As of January, public institutions held nearly 100,000 indigenous remains and nearly 700,000 associated funerary objects in their collections, many of which have been declared as culturally unaffiliated with modern-day tribes despite opposition to the decisions.

On January 12, the federal government enacted changes to NAGPRA known as the "final rule" which sets a deadline for returning remains and requires institutions to work more closely with local tribes to identify appropriate homes for the remains and sacred items.

The new rules left museums scrambling to comply with the law, in some cases by shuttering exhibits or covering display cases until the items could be properly reviewed.

"It's difficult for curators, museum professionals and archeologists to see remains and funerary objects from their collections go back into the ground because it challenges their entire livelihood and practice," said Matthew Bussler, the tribal historic preservation officer for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi in Michigan.

"They are looking at these things as inanimate objects rather than living, ceremonial items," he added.

For many academics and collectors, accumulating indigenous patrimony can be an expression of cultural dominance, Bussler said.

"They want to acquire the rarest materials," he said. "It gives them a sense of power."

Funerary items are viewed as very personal by indigenous peoples, connected to the person who died and unsuitable for public display. Descendants of those who died during the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre are now grappling with disposition of funerary items recently repatriated to Lakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

"The objects are part of the people that died there," said historian Michael He Crow, Miniconjou Lakota. "Those were real personal things to them. And so, it would be like an extension of their bodies and a part of them physically. So, [putting them in a museum] would just be like displaying a hand or foot that was repatriated."

Welcome Home

The healing process begins when the items are brought home in a culturally appropriate way.

Treuer, who has been involved with numerous repatriations, said remains and funerary objects are typically reburied with appropriate mourning periods and ceremonies.

Ceremonial practitioners and elders are

sometimes brought in to consult on how other items should be treated. Some objects, such as pipes, may be cleaned, blessed and reintroduced into tribal use. Other repatriated objects may be put back into sacred use, helping to restore ceremonies in communities.

Treuer described how a large ceremonial drum, part of the Ojibwe Big Drum Society, was returned to the White Earth Band of Ojibwe in the 1990s by a Christian church in the area.

Traditionally, each Ojibwe community in Minnesota and Wisconsin maintained their own Big Drum Society, part of a social healing ceremony which dates back to the 18th century. For Ojibwe, these drums have a spirit of their own and are cared for as one would care for a relative.

As a result of assimilationist policies, however, the White Earth community stopped performing the ceremony sometime around World War II, Treuer said.

The repatriated drum has now helped restore the use of ceremony and has been used every spring and summer since it returned home, Treuer said.

"Now there's a vibrant ceremonial drum in the community," Treuer said. "The people of White Earth no longer have to travel for healing. They have a place to go, bring their food and make offerings."

Some communities also opt to display items in their own museums, but it should not be left to colonial institutions to determine what is shown to the public, he said.

"Tribes are not averse to museums," he said. "They see a value to sharing their culture but doing so on their own terms."

Repatriation has the power to restore peace, according to Grant.

"Bringing our sacred items home helps restore the cycle of life," she said.

Looking Ahead

Grant and other indigenous people working with tribal NAGPRA programs believe the recent changes in the law reflect a step toward gaining more understanding of the indigenous world view.

Public institutions, they say, can no longer afford to conduct business as usual, ignoring tribal interests in the current political climate. They risk not only violating federal law but also losing membership and donations because of negative publicity.

"Institutions are trying to figure out how to be enticing to young people and be more inclusive to people of color," Treuer said. "It's just wise practice for them to build relationships and just do the right thing."

Non-Native people are also thinking twice about the practice of collecting and displaying indigenous patrimony, according to Grant.

"I think they are opening up their hearts, more especially in response to the state of our warming planet," she said.

"Attaining that state of *Gozhoo* is something we all need to work on, not just for ourselves but for the health and wellness of people around us."

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

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NEW NAGPRA RULES: "WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CHANGE"

By Stewart Huntington

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Museums are scrambling.

New federal rules governing Native American remains and materials now guarantee in many cases Indigenous communities can decide what gets shown to the public in display cases across the United States.

The approach is a jolt to a tradition-bound industry which "completely eliminates an institution's unilateral power over the collections," said Shannon O'Loughlin, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and chief executive of the Association on American Indian Affairs.



Many institutions, like the Peabody Museum at Harvard University and the Field Museum in Chicago, have removed items or closed exhibits rather than fall afoul of the new requirement they obtain "free, prior and informed consent" for their collections.

But one of the oldest Native American exhibits in the country at one of the oldest and most prestigious U.S. cultural institutions — the Northwest Coast Hall in New York's American Museum of Natural History — remains open to

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**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2024
In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: 9:07 a.m.
Opening ceremony: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco
Closed Session: Yes
Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Emily Proctor

Absent: Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes

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

Corporate Charters Present: OEAHC Transition Director Aaron Otto

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Facilities Inside Maintenance Charles Moore, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, SPRING Youth Outreach Specialist Jade Barnes, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Education Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepp, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Willis, Education WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Regulatory Internal Audit Manager Tiahia Lappan

Judicial Officials and Staff: Prosecutor's Office Manager Gwen Teuthorn

Public: Patrick Anthony, Brian Anthony
Invited Guest: None

Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt the agenda of April 4, 2024 as presented.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of March 21, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the minutes of March 21, 2024 as corrected.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco

All the Tribal government departmental relocations have been completed.

Communication with Melissa Kiewetter regarding Boarding School Trauma and setting up a meeting with tribes.

-Melissa works under the State of Michigan Department of Education. She brings the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Program with her.

The 2024 March for Murdered or Missing Indigenous Persons (MMIP) is scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The march will start at Ah-Nab-Aw-en Park

Lineal descent certification for the

Indian Artisan Act of 1990. This topic will be placed on the Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Tribal Council Work Session Agenda.

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

Department of Public Works (DPW) upgrade is in the works
-Spending down American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") dollars earmarked for waste water infrastructure.

Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss and Duffy are working on the new Natural Resources Department building design.

Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

Rehmann Robson was selected to perform the wage grid study

-The study will be completed in four (4) phases

-Directors should be updating job descriptions.

-Study will be completed in 12-15 weeks

Paper shred day is Friday, April 5, 2024. Please bring shredding to the designated area at the Government Complex.

The Tribal Community Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2024 at the Odawa Casino Ovation Hall. An agenda will be distributed once available.

Field season has begun for the Natural Resources Department. Many of the managers, biologists, technicians, and specialists will be out in the field.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco for April 4, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Legislative Leader Report - Absent (no report)

Secretary Report:

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

Documents Delivered to the Executive:

-Tribal Resolution 032124- Restricting and Appropriating \$2 Million from General Fund-Fund Balance for Land Acquisition - due back on 04/22/2024

Phone Polls: None

Activities: There will be a Tribal Hemp and Agriculture meeting at the Odawa Hotel on April 22-23, 2024. The goal is to focus on supporting agricultural efforts of tribes. Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians to host the 2nd meeting and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will host the 3rd meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for April 4, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Treasurer Report:

Appropriations and Finance Committee

Phone Polls passed by the Appropriations and Finance Committee: None

Activities: Communication with Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco and Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson in regards to Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written re-

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

June 11 Work Session
June 13 Council Meeting
June 25 Work Session
June 27 Council Meeting

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

All Tribal Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Tribal Council Chambers located at
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Legislative Tribal Council Members
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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

port as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for April 4, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Land and Reservation Committee Report:

Phone Polls passed by the Land and Reservation Committee: None

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chair for April 4, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Member Reports:
Councilor Fred Kiogima - No report

Councilor Tamara Munson - Absent

Councilor William Ortiz - Travel report

Councilor Aaron Otto - No report
Councilor Melissa Pamp - Line 5 Travel Report.

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet - Line 5 Travel Report. Attended the following: EDA Meeting and the Anishinaabemowin Language conference (A-TEG). Jordan would like Boarding School Coalition board member Rochelle Ettawageshik to present to Tribal Council an update on boarding school trauma.

Motion Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Councilor William Ortiz's, Councilor Melissa Pamp's, and Councilor Jordan Shananaquet's verbal reports for April 4, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst

Office Update

Corporate Charters and/or Boards

Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort - no report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation - Transition Director

verbal report
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. - no report
Ziibimijwang, Inc. - no report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for April 4, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the OEAHC Transition Director Aaron Otto's verbal report for April 4, 2024.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstain (Councilor Aaron Otto), 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

10:40 a.m. Break

11:08 a.m. Meeting resumes
Tribal Historic Preservation Office - No report

11:10 a.m. Councilor Tamara Munson arrives

Legislative Services Attorney

Closed Session for Legal and Confidential Business

11:16 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to enter into Closed Session for Legal and Confidential Business.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

12:05 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Public Comment:

12:08 p.m. Opens
No comments

12:09 p.m. Closed

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker's verbal report for April 4, 2024.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

12:10 p.m. Lunch recess

1:19 p.m. Meeting resumes

General Counsel

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for April 4, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Legislative Office Director

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's written report for April 4, 2024.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to post AMENDMENT TO WOS 2018-016 GAMING AUTHORITY as sponsored by Councilor Fred Kiogima.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated March 27, 2024 for a total of twenty-one (21).

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated March 27, 2024 for a total of three (3).

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve Citizenship List C (Voluntary Relinquishment) dated March 27, 2024 for a total of one (1).

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Other Items of Business:

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to amend the agenda to include Motion to approve Tribal Council attendance to the 2024 March for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons scheduled for May 3, 2024 in Grand Rapids Michigan.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Tribal Council attendance to the 2024 March for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons scheduled for May 3, 2024 in Grand Rapids Michigan.

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

Public Comment:

1:43 p.m. Opens

Brian Anthony commented Citizens haven't been receiving the correct reports from the Gaming Administration. We have statutes that direct how reports should be written. He is hoping Tribal Council looks into this.

1:46 p.m. Closed

Adjournment:

1:46 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adjourn.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstain, 2 - Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, April 25, 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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Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2024
In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: 9:07 a.m.
Opening ceremony: Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes

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

Absent: Councilor Tamara Munson (arrives at 9:10 a.m.), Councilor Melissa Pamp

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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 & Revenue Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz, General Counsel Jim Bransky

Corporate Charters Present: Gaming Authority Chairperson Mary Kilmer, Vice Chairperson Denise Petoskey, Secretary/Treasurer Donald Lasley, and Board Member Kevin Gasco; OEAIHC's Transition Director Aaron Otto; OEDMI Designated Director Leroy Shomin; Ziibimijwang, Inc. Executive Director Mary Donner and Committee Chairperson Kevin Gasco.

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman's Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, Executive Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Regulatory Department Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill, Law Enforcement Chief Terry McDonnell, Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis, Community Health Administrative Assistant Deborah Shawa, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Regulatory Lead Gaming Inspector Blayne Bott, Health Department Medical Assistant Charity Wynkoop, Health Department Medical Assistant Sue Breeden, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Willis, Health Department Patient Access Representative Jaimie Wiltfong

Judicial Officials and Staff: None
Public: Nichole Keway Biber, Brian Anthony, Susan Gibson Wysocski, Renee 'Wasson' Dillard, Marvin Mulholland, Melissa Shomin, Kevin Donner

Invited Guests: Odawa Casino Resort's General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Finance Debbie Provost, Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor, Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, Director of Human Resources Andrea Shananaquet, and Director of Slots Dennis Shananaquet

Review Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to adopt the agenda of April 25, 2024 as presented.

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

Meeting Dedication:

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen (s) who have walked on: Justin Pagel-ba, Joseph Petoskey, Sr.-ba, Sherri Siebert-ba, Diane Trafas-ba, and Donna Van Pelt-ba.

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

Review and Approve Minutes of April 4, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve the minutes of April 4, 2024 as presented.

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

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

Billi Jo Head – Enterprise Bookkeeper – Accounting
Sue Breeden – Medical Assistant – Health

Deborah Shawa – Community Health Administrative Assistant – Health

Jaimie Wiltfong – Patient Access Representative – Health

Lila Bertram – Accounting Technician-Accounts Payable – Accounting

Jenifer Burkhouse – Tribal Social Worker (transfer) – Human Services Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Tribal Chairperson's

Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson

Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley is attending a Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) meeting.

The City of Harbor Springs is planning on a plaque dedication to the park in Indian Town,

The Indian Boarding School Advisory board will kick off it's first meeting in May at the Odawa Hotel,

The Executive is willing to schedule an Indian Town tour for Tribal Council on May 7 during lunch.

Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson's Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson for April 25, 2024.

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

Legislative Leader Report:

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcela Reyes' verbal and written report for April 25, 2024.

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

9:57 a.m. Break

10:06 a.m. Meeting resumes

10:00 a.m. Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 2023 Audited Financials Report, February 2024 Month End Report; and Room 94 Tap Room Q&A. **Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort independent audit report as provided by BDO, USA LLP dated April 12, 2024.

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

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of Gaming Authority and Odawa Casino Resort's February 2024 Month End Report dated March 26, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

Secretary Report:

Vetoes (a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto): One *Tribal Resolution Restricting and Appropriating \$2 Million from General Fund-Fund Balance for Land Acquisition – delivered to the Executive for signature on 3/21/2024, the Executive vetoed on 4/19/2024.*

The motion to pass a Veto Override is listed under Tribal Council Action Items: Motions (21, m)

Phone Polls: None

Activities: Attended the Michigan Inter-Tribal Food Sovereignty Council meeting on Monday and Tuesday. Transportation of food from point A to point B is an obstacle. The next meeting will be virtual with an in-person meeting in August.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for April 25, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

Phone Polls passed by the Appropriations and Finance Committee: None

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for April 25, 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1

– Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Member Reports: Councilor Fred Kiogima – No report

Councilor Tamara Munson – No report

Councilor William Ortiz – Verbal travel report on the Indian Gaming Trade Show and Convention in Anaheim California.

Councilor Aaron Otto – No report
Councilor Melissa Pamp – Absent
Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – conversation with Councilor William Ortiz and staff. Requested policies and procedures regarding Executive Planning Department and construction projects.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Councilor William Ortiz and Councilor Jordan Shananaquet's verbal report for April 25, 2024.

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

Office of Finance and Revenue – Senior Financial Analyst

Office Update
Corporate Charters and/or Boards Gaming Authority – **10:00 a.m.** Gaming Authority and Odawa Casino Resort 2023

Audited Financials Report and February 2024 Month End Report
Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation – Verbal and written report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.
Ziibimijwang, Inc. – **2:00 p.m.** 2024 1st Quarter Report

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

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

Public Comment:

11:50 a.m. Opens
Nichole Biber questioned the purpose of Land Acquisitions? Would like Tribal Council to come up with a policy for native plantings.

11:57 a.m. Closed

11:57 a.m. Lunch recess

1:32 p.m. Meeting resumes

Discussion: OEAIHC Corporate

Transition Director Report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written OEAIHC's Transition Director Aaron Otto report as presented on April 25, 2024.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Aaron Otto), 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

Discussion: OEDMI Designated Director Report

Verbal report
Closed Session for Confidential Legal to be discussed with the Legislative Services Attorney Report

Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik's verbal and written report for April 25, 2024.

1:49 p.m. Councilor Tamara Munson arrives

Vote continues for Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Report...

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Tamara Munson), 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

General Counsel

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's written report for April 25, 2024.

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

councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for April 25, 2024.

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

2:00 p.m. Ziibimijwang, Inc. 2024 1st Quarter Report

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written 2024 1st Quarter Report as presented by Executive Director Mary Donner for April 25, 2024.

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

Land and Reservation Committee Report:

Phone Polls passed by the Land and Reservation Committee: None
Closed Session for Confidential Land

2:29 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Land.

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

3:00 p.m. Councilor Tamara Munson departs meeting

4:03 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to return to Open Session.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Aaron Otto, Committee Secretary for April 25, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Public Comment:

4:07 p.m. Opens

No public comments

4:08 p.m. Closed

Legislative Services Attorney

Office update
Closed Session for Confidential Legal

4:11 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for confidential legal.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

5:20 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to return to Open Session.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042524-01 Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program: Implementation Grants for Tribes.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

5:20 p.m. Break

5:32 p.m. Meeting resumes

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 042524-01 Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program: Implementation Grants for Tribes.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to **not pursue** Land Parcel #130 as recommended by the

Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to **not pursue** Land Parcel #166 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to **not pursue** Land Parcel #177 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to **not pursue** Land Parcel #181 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to **not pursue** Land Parcel #187 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to **not pursue** Land Parcel #204 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to **not pursue** Land Parcel #209 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to **not pursue** Land Parcel #212 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to **not pursue** Land Parcel #215 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 041824-01 Hotel Room Tax Regulations.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of REG-WOS 2024-001 041824-01 Hotel Room Tax Regulations.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to override the Executive veto of Tribal Resolution Restricting and Appropriating \$2 Million from General Fund-Fund Balance for Land Acquisition.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to **not pursue** Land Parcel #130 as recommended by the

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son, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated April 22, 2024 for a total of sixteen (16).

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated April 22, 2024 for a total of four (4).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve Citizenship List C (Voluntary Relinquishment) dated April 22, 2024 for a total of one (1).

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Legislative Branch Travel Reimbursement Policy.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to post proposed legislation Waganakising Odawak Statute Legislative Procedures as sponsored by Councilor Aaron Otto.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor

or Fred Kiogima to post proposed legislation Waganakising Odawak Statute Land Acquisition as sponsored by Councilors Jordan Shananaquet and Melissa Pamp.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to post proposed legislation Waganakising Odawak Statute Tribal Treasurer Responsibilities as sponsored by Councilors Jordan Shananaquet and Melissa Pamp.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to post proposed legislation Waganakising Odawak Statute Tribal Government Budget Statute as sponsored by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Appropriation of Funds for the 2025 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets.

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

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution 2024 31st Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow

Budget Supplemental funding in the Amount of \$20,000.00 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

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

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$65,465.73 to come from Traditional Tribal Burial Board for FY 2024 Cemetery Development and Maintenance Fund.

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

Motion carries.

Other Items of Business: None
Adjournment
5:57 p.m. **Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to adjourn.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting:
Thursday, May 9, 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

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:

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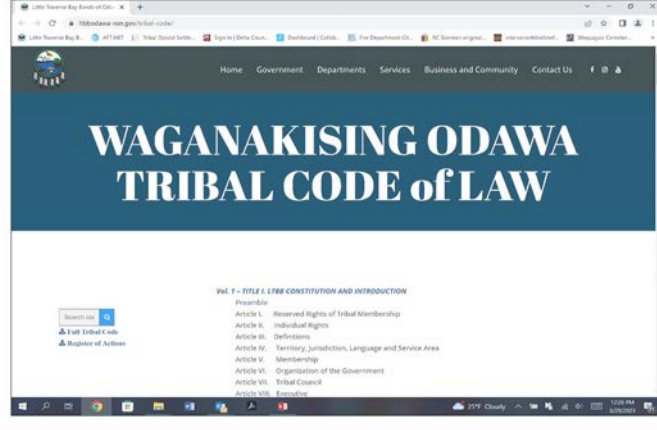
NOTICE:

NEW TRIBAL CODE WEBPAGE

The Tribal Code Webpage has been restructured!!!!

New features included:

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



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the public without a single item changed or removed.

That’s because two years ago the museum completed a nearly \$20 million overhaul of the 125-year-old exhibition celebrating the indigenous cultures of the continent’s Northwest. The project was steered by a 10-member cohort of Native guest curators who worked in concert



with museum staff to reimagine the presentation and re-evaluate everything in the collection.

Some items were repatriated to indigenous communities. New displays were built which incorporated and celebrated contemporary voices. Video displays show modern Northwest tribal citizens bridging traditional lifeways and the modern world.

“I’m really proud of the work we did,” said David Boxley, Tsimshian Tribe, who helped curate the new Northwest Coast Hall exhibits. “It’s a real celebration of our culture.”

The re-imagining and rebuilding of the hall took five years and a lot of hard work, discussions and negotiations — just the sort of work the new federal rules require.

“We were able to reach points of agreement and common perspective that produced an exhibit that we’re all very pleased with,” said Peter Whiteley, the museum’s curator of North American ethnology. “I’m very pleased with this hall and I see it as a benchmark for what we think is the optimal collaborative experience.”

Native leaders say such collaborations are

only possible if underpinned — and infused — with trust and indigenous values.

“I think that the Northwest Coast Hall turned out beautifully,” said Nika Collison, Haida. “The only way we’ll know we’re successful is if our people tell us we are. Our people love to go there, and I think that’s the ultimate test of whether the hall is good or not for us, and the hall is good.”

Collison, the executive director of the Haida Gwaii Museum in British Columbia’s Haida Gwaii First Nation reserve, helped guide the re-imagining of the Northwest Coast Hall. But she said her nation’s relationship with the museum began decades earlier when Haida representatives demanded the return of 48 ancestors then held in the museum’s collection.

“2002 was a very pivotal year in the history of the American Museum of Natural History,” she said. “It was the first time they repatriated cross-border and ancestral remains to a nation, and it was pivotal for us for the same reason.

“So, we feel pretty good about the Northwest Coast Hall and we feel good about our relationship with the American Museum of Natural History.”

Closing the Loopholes
The new rules come under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act or NAGPRA, which was passed by Congress in 1990 to counteract centuries of plundering and to protect graves and funerary items belonging to indigenous communities.

The law also mandated the repatriation of human remains unearthed and removed by archeologists, private collectors and grave robbers.

But for more than 30 years, loopholes in the law have allowed institutions holding most of these items to sidestep compliance. In 1990, the American Museum of Natural History had about 3,200 Native American human remains in its collection. Today, 2,200 remains are in storage at the museum.

A years-long review, however, of the NAGPRA regulations and compliance by the U.S.

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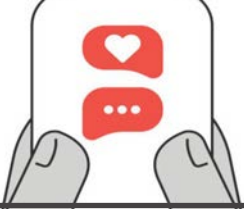
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Department of the Interior produced strict new rules which went into effect in January which put teeth into the law, placing tight deadlines for the repatriation of remains and ordering museums to consult with tribes and get permission to display items in their collections.

That stipulation — museums must consult with tribes when creating displays about those tribes — has spurred museums into hasty action. But such discussions have always seemed like a common-sense approach to producing good museum work, said Steven Peters, Mashpee Wampanoag and the creative director of Smoke Signals, a museum exhibit consultancy.

"When we're getting into a new project, we put together a committee within those Indigenous communities," Peters said. "We visit with the artists, we visit with their historians, their elders, we visit with the young, we visit with their language keepers. We allow them to shape the material that we then interpret and put into the exhibits that we create."

That is the way to build the most complete, compelling and interesting museum exhibits, he said.

"Complying with NAGPRA is not a problem on our end," he said.

"New Phase"

At the American Museum of Natural History, compliance with NAGPRA remains an issue.

Although the museum was able to keep open its Northwest Coast Hall, it closed down two other halls dedicated to Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands and the Great Plains, and covered up other smaller exhibits with items whose provenance is covered under the new rules.

The museum also has its substantial remaining collection of Native American human remains stored on its New York City campus.

The museum is now preparing for consultations with tribes over some 600 objects with the experience of the work on the Northwest Coast Hall as a guide.

"We know that's the kind of thing that is essential to go into the renovation of either of those other two halls," said Whiteley, while acknowledging the institution is perhaps not as nimble as it could — or should — be.

"It would have been optimal to have begun a much larger process of consultation before those regulations happened," he said.

That timeframe disconnect is not lost on the museum's president, Sean Decatur. Appointed to his post just last April, the museum's first African-American leader has made it a priority to tackle the elephant in the room.

"We are at a critical point of reflection," he said, during a February speech at the museum. "We must acknowledge painful legacies. ... This change feels abrupt to some and long overdue to others."

Decatur spoke with *ICT* recently from his round office in one of the turret-like structures in the museum's vast and ornate 19th century main building overlooking New York's Central Park. He said the institution's Native American exhibits had, until the work done on the Northwest Coast Hall, been largely predicated on the misconception — and colonial goal — North American indigenous cultures, societies and lifeways were or would become extinct.

"One of our failures is that we have not explained that these are living cultures," he said.

The new regulations are also adding impetus to the institution's effort to address what Decatur called in an open letter to staff the "complex legacy" of the museum's human remains collection.

In the October letter, months before the new NAGPRA rules went into effect, Decatur announced the museum had removed 12 human remains from public displays and said the museum would not again use human remains in its exhibits. He also announced new internal repatriation protocols which place the onus for return on the institution rather than on tribes.

"It's deeply important for us to do all we can to make sure that the museum is honoring the shared humanity of everyone," Decatur wrote.

Asked in February if the museum staff had taken action under the new internal guidelines and reached out to a tribe, Decatur said they had not. Yet.

"I don't consider this at all anywhere near an end point of a process," he said. "This is actually the beginning of an important new phase of this work."

The redesign of the Northwest Coast Hall, he said, is "the model of ... what the product should be in terms of an exhibition hall, and really what the process should be in terms of collaboration between the museum and communities."

And indeed, it is a living collaboration. The museum recently announced the opening of a new exhibit of contemporary artwork from five Northwest Coast indigenous artists. The display is "part of our commitment to ensuring that contemporary Native art and perspectives are always part of the Hall," said Decatur.

"Righting the Wrongs of the Past"

The Ohio History Connection's Museum in Columbus is also ahead of the curve on the new regulations.

In 2020, museum curators decided to remove several funerary and ceremonial objects from the "Indigenous Wonders of the World" gallery until they could consult with tribes which once occupied Ohio.

The exhibit showcased some of the approximately 2,000 indigenous earthworks still existing in the state. Prior to European contact, there were more than 10,000 of the structures, according to Brad Lepper, senior archaeologist at the History Connection.

Although much is unknown about the people who built the earthworks and their purpose, some contain human remains and some appear to have been ceremonial offerings.

After consulting with eight tribes which consider Ohio as part of their homelands, including the Shawnee and Eastern Shawnee tribes in Oklahoma, the museum recently unveiled a new exhibition, "Following in Ancient Footsteps" as an addition to Indigenous Wonders of the World.

Curators agreed not to include any objects from burial mounds, and created an exhibit of items likely were placed in the mounds as offerings. The new exhibit brings objects together in a way which provides more context and storytelling, Lepper said.

The tribes were not in agreement, however, so the entrance to the exhibit includes signage explaining the items are not funerary and were selected in collaboration with tribes. No photos are allowed.

The new exhibit reflects a new level of collaboration and consultation between the museum and tribes.

"These collaborations with tribes that formerly lived in Ohio are enriching our understanding of the Native American experience," Lepper said. "We're working in concert with them to right the wrongs of the past."

Museum officials are also working to review the more than 7,000 ancestral remains — the largest collection in the country. The remains are stored offsite from the museum in secured warehouses until they can be repatriated under the new NAGPRA rules.

Looking Ahead

Peters, the indigenous museum consultant, said he hopes museums across the country adopt respectful, forward-thinking approaches.

"Museums are having a difficult time right now shifting because they're institutions that were built to hold onto things," he told *ICT*. "They have whole collections departments that are built to hold on to those belongings."

The new NAGPRA rules can be the push needed to finally give tribes a voice in how their stories are told by museums and other institutions.

"It's not their job to interpret our historical belongings," he said. "It's their job to allow us to take those belongings back and then allow us to tell the stories that go along with it."

"In the end, it's more interesting when you allow these stories that haven't been heard, when you allow voices that have really been marginalized, been kind of pushed aside, to be heard."

"It's all about the museums letting go."

ICT national correspondent Mary Annette Pember contributed to this report.

Stewart Huntington is an ICT producer/reporter based in central Colorado.

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STRONGHEARTS ADVOCACY CRITICAL IN INDIAN COUNTRY

April was sexual assault awareness month, when the justice system, law enforcement, helpers and advocates lift the voices of victim-survivors and create a safe space for them to share their stories. It's about a loss of innocence as happens so often with children and young adults; and it's about stories of survival and the unrelenting strength and resilience of survivors.

"No other ethnicity faces the same high rates of sexual violence as do our relatives in Indian Country," said Lori Jump, CEO, StrongHearts Native Helpline.

Violence Against Native Women and Men

According to the National Institute of Justice, Native women experience some of the highest rates of violence across the nation and the highest rates of sexual violence in America. The vast majority (97%) of perpetrators are non-Native.

Widely-known statistics include:

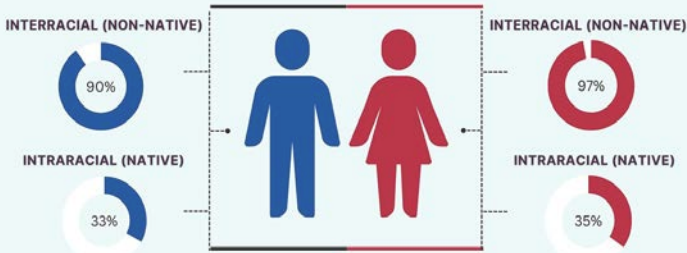
- More than four in five Native women (84.3%) have experienced violence in their lifetime.
- More than half have experienced sexual violence (56.1%) by an intimate partner.
- Native women face homicide as a leading cause of death. In some counties, Native women are murdered at 10 times the national average.

Rape Culture and Man Camps

Rape culture exists where prevailing social attitudes have desensitized and normalized sexual assault and abuse. Types of sexual assault include rape, sexual coercion, reproductive coercion, sexual exploitation, unwanted sexual contact, sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, incest, exposure or masturbating in public and

Interracial and Intra-racial Violence Against Native American Women and Men

Percentage of Native Victims Experiencing Violence by an Interracial | Intra-racial Perpetrator



Note: Samples are restricted to American Indian and Alaska Native victims of stalking, sexual violence, psychological aggression, and physical violence by intimate partners. Some victims experienced violence by both interracial and intra-racial perpetrators.

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Making matters worse, the extractive industry has a history of setting up "man camps" near Native American reservations where complex jurisdictional issues create a massive legal loophole where non-Natives perpetrators escape prosecution.

"In most cases, Tribal courts do not have jurisdiction over non-Natives who commit crimes against Native people," Jump explained. "This is where the criminal justice system largely fails to protect Native women and girls and jurisdictional gaps allow perpetrators to commit crimes on tribal land with impunity."

When Justice is Denied

Lisa's story is about a single mother who moved back to her reservation with two baby girls. She was just 25 years old when she met a dangerous man who befriended one of her relatives. Late one evening, he showed up on her doorstep claiming to be injured. She agreed to call someone to help him and left him standing on her porch. When she returned to tell him no one had answered, he had twisted her porch light off, covered his face and burst through the door.

Lisa's injuries were substantial and required two weeks of recovery in hospital.

She nearly lost sight in one of her eyes and left a gaping wound on her face where he had bitten her. Justice was denied when federal prosecutors refused to prosecute him because, "the perpetrator did not use a weapon."

"If not for complex court jurisdiction issues between Tribal, state and federal governments and a severe lack of resources, Native people might have a clearer path toward justice," said Jump. "Instead, our relatives continue to be traumatized by domestic and sexual violence - an ongoing source of trauma."

High rates of sexual violence, coupled with a severe lack of resources and opportunities for healing make the services offered through StrongHearts Native Helpline even more critical. Our relatives deserve healing and StrongHearts is committed to help our relatives find it.

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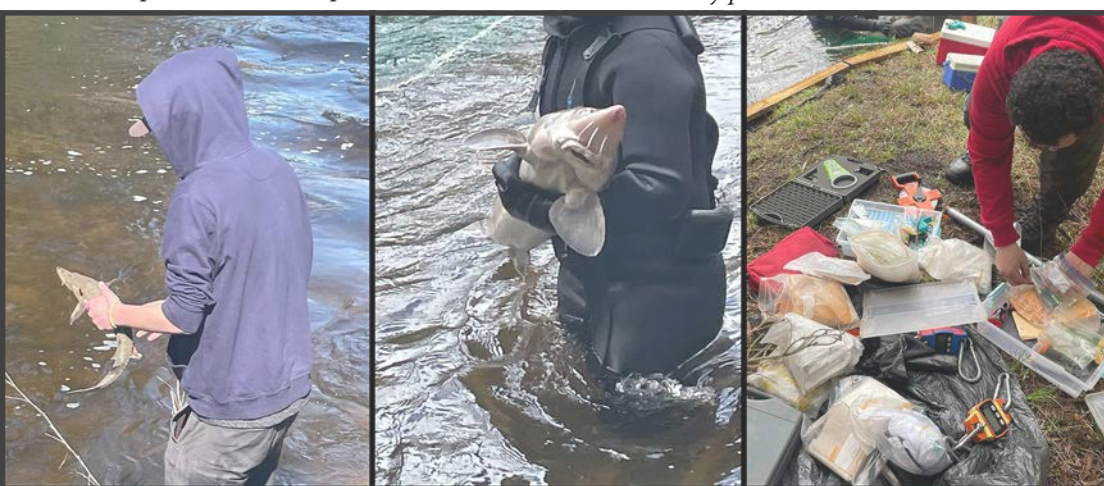
"Nme Teachings" continued from page 1.

Students in all school districts implementing Nme Teachings complete a pre and post assessment evaluating their understanding of the material presented. The posttest average demonstrates an increase of 19 percentage points. The most significant increases were in knowledge and understanding around the tribal perspective on and reciprocal relationship with Nme (lake

sturgeon); understanding of dams and fish passages; and practices in tribal fisheries.

These teachings were developed for 8th and 9th graders and provide resources to help adapt to other grade levels and subject areas. These teachings are supported by LTBB Natural Resources Department hatchery/fisheries enhancement facility, located in Levering, MI.

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"MMIP Awareness" continued from page 1.

safety, justice and support they deserve.

For decades, Native American and Alaska Native communities have struggled with high rates of assault, abduction, and murder of tribal members. Community advocates describe the crisis as a legacy of generations of government policies of forced removal, land seizures and violence inflicted on Native peoples.

Some somber statistics to consider:

- A 2016 study by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) found more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women (84.3%) have experienced violence in their lifetime, including 56.1% who have experienced sexual violence.
- In the year leading up to the study, 39.8% of American Indian and Alaska Native women had experienced violence, including 14.4% who had experienced sexual violence.
- Overall, more than 1.5 million American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime.
- Murder is the third-leading cause of death for Native women.

In May 2021, President Joe Biden designated May 5 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Day to recognize American Indian and Alaska Native people who have lost their lives to violence.

On May 3, 2024, the LTBB Tribal Government employees wore red to observe MMIP Awareness Day and to honor all of our missing and murdered people.

Two key pieces of federal legislation were signed into law to help combat this epidemic.

On October 10, 2020, Savanna's Act and Not Invisible Act were signed into law to address the missing and murdered indigenous women and girl's crisis. Tribal leaders, Native organizations, grassroots advocates and survivors, who fought to get this crisis recognized and addressed on the federal level, supported these two bills.

Savanna's Act is named in honor of Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind, a 22-year-old pregnant citizen of the Spirit Lake Nation in North Dakota who was viciously murdered in August 2017. Savanna's Act aims to improve MMIW data collection and directs the Department of Justice to review, revise and develop law enforcement and justice protocols to address missing and murdered indigenous peoples.

The Not Invisible Act of 2019 complements Savanna's Act with its purpose to identify and combat violent crime against Indians or within Indian lands through the creation of an advisory committee on reducing violent crime against Native people. The advisory committee is composed of tribal leaders, law enforcement, federal partners, service providers and survivors, who will make recommendations to the U.S. Department of Interior and Department of Justice to combat violence against Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

Photo of LTBB Tribal Government Employees at the LTBB Governmental Center by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar and courtesy photos.



Waabgonii Giizis Answer Key
Puzzle on page 11.

Aki	Earth
ki'ing	land
aki'aande	brown
kinomaage	to teach
ishkakimikwe	Mother Earth
mshkiki	medicine
nookimis	grandmother (moon)
mnookime	spring
nookizi	soft
makkii	frog
nimkii	thunder
mshiikenh	turtle
kiweziinh	old man
ndonookii	I work

THE NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI SWears IN Newly Appointed Tribal Council Member



provide for the next Seven Generations.” Burlingham-Elkins will graduate in May 2024 with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from Arizona State University and has earned an Associate of Arts in Business from Kalamazoo Valley Community College. She has worked within the Tribal Council office for the past 10 years, serving as the Tribal Council/FireKeepers Development Authority Coordinator. She continues to serve the NHBP Community and its tribal members through her service on the Culture and Housing Committees as well as through coordinating the inaugural Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) March Task Force.

“I am excited to step into this new position and hit the ground running,” said Burlingham-Elkins. “Under Council’s guidance, NHBP has made great strides toward achieving economic prosperity and well-being for our members. I look forward to, and am honored, to serve alongside my fellow Council members.”

In addition to fulfilling the duties as Tribal Council Treasurer, Burlingham-Elkins will also serve as Chair of the Indigenous Rights Committee, the Tribal Environmental Advisory Committee and the FireKeepers Development Authority Audit Committee as well as the Ex-Officio of the Ogitchewad Society Board.

Courtesy photo.

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) issued the oath of office to newly appointed Tribal Council Member Robyn Burlingham-Elkins, from Kalamazoo, MI, during the regularly scheduled April Tribal Council Business Meeting.

Burlingham-Elkins’s appointment fills the vacant Tribal Council Treasurer seat, and she was sworn in to serve for the remainder of the four-year term, which expires in April 2025.

“I am looking forward to serving on the Tribal Council with Robyn,” said NHBP Tribal Council Chairperson Jamie Stuck. “The NHBP Community welcomes her presence and experience to our already stable and experienced Tribal legislative body. We look forward to the continuation of the self-governance and self-determination of our Sovereign Nation as we strive to

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STOLEN ARTWORK? HERE'S HOW TO PROTECT YOUR ART

By Mary Annette Pember



reclaim her artistic property.

Sending Notice

Artists don't need to register their artwork in order to have copyright protection.

Original artwork is protected by copyright, and there are a number of ways to address misuse or theft of original artwork, according to Elizabeth Schilken, an attorney specializing in trademark and copyright law.

In addition to sending a “cease-and-desist” letter, a notification sent to the wrongdoer describing the misconduct and demanding it stop, artists can also send a “take down” notice under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

“This law allows you to send a notice to an online service provider or an internet service provider; they must then remove the content,” Schilken said.

Most large companies have registered agents they've designated to receive take down notices, and the agent is listed in a U.S. Copyright Office database. It's easier than filing a lawsuit, Schilken said.

“When an artist finds that someone overseas is infringing on their copyright, trying to chase down that person through a lawsuit is extremely difficult and costly,” she said. “It's far better and cheaper to send that person a take-down notice right off the bat.”

Unfortunately, however, the U.S. law only applies to services hosted in the U.S. But it doesn't hurt to try, since a take-down notice can also apply even in some other countries, according to Schilken.

“Many other countries also have similar take-down procedures as in the U.S.; these notices are typically designed to be without the help of an attorney,” she said. “Sending a take-down notice, however, wouldn't necessarily stop the offender from going to another website or continuing to sell the infringing goods elsewhere, but sending a notice is a good first step.”

Suing someone for copyright infringement, however, requires that the material be registered with the U.S. Copyright Office.

“Make Your Own”

Howes began the fight for her work by sending the Dutch artist an e-mail informing him the artwork was her design and instructing him to remove it from his site.

“Protect Your Art” continued on page 34.

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

Sarah Agaton Howes was moved to tears describing the theft of her original artwork.

“After all that's been stolen from us – our kids, language, land, religion, our whole way of life – then this guy thinks he can just walk in and take our artwork,” Howes said, her words catching in her throat.

Howes, a citizen of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, was alerted to the theft by a friend who sent her a copy of a design for sale on another artist's website.

“Isn't this your design?” the friend asked.

Howes couldn't believe her eyes. Her original Ojibwe floral design had been reproduced in a number of prints for sale online and had even been included on the artist's Facebook profile.

“He didn't even bother to draw his own version,” Howes said. “He just copied and pasted mine directly onto one of his prints listed for sale on his website.”

Howes soon discovered the artist, who was from The Netherlands, operated several websites and ran various accounts on social media promoting and selling drawings, paintings and jewelry ostensibly produced by him.

The artwork appropriated by the man included the name of Howes' well-known Ojibwe lifestyle brand, “Heart Berry,” which is part of a partnership with Eighth Generation, a project building business capacity among Native artists while addressing the economic impact of cultural appropriation. Howes routinely collaborates with and raises funding for Native organizations and groups such as the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, the Indian Child Welfare Law Center and others.

“We create everything from wool blankets to clothing and apparel; we also do logos, murals and teach a lot of cultural art, working with the community on revitalizing Ojibwe arts, specifically moccasins and beadwork,” Howes said.

Since the man lives outside the United States, however, Howes was unclear if U.S. copyright law would apply or if the U.S. Indian Arts and Crafts Law would protect her work.

“How do I stop him?” Howes wondered.

It's a complicated legal question which can leave artists and other creatives wondering how to protect their work from international appropriation.

In the end, however, for Howes, it took a combination of knowledge, friends, social media and determination — and a bill for \$50,000 — to

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"Protect Your Art" continued from page 33.

"This floral design is a direct copy of my art. Please remove it and make your own," she wrote. "Initially, he was rather dismissive," she told ICT. "He responded, 'Wow, I am impressed; you have been busy. Those little floral designs tucked into the corner of my drawings are yours? Ok, I will take care of it and erase them from the drawings. Thanks for pointing them out for me.'"

Howes and her supporters, however, noticed not all of her designs had been removed from the artist's internet presence.

"So, I took it up a notch and began posting information about the situation on social media," Howes said. "I knew someone would know him."



Friends and colleagues responded, sending the artist more e-mails and posting messages on Facebook calling attention to his use of Howes' designs.

Christine Woods, a Duluth-area advocate for artists and a citizen of the Boise Forte Band of Chippewa, posted a comment on the artist's Facebook page informing him his use of Howes' designs was an example of copyright infringement and may be in violation of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. Passed in 1990, the act requires artwork sold as authentic Native works must be produced by an enrolled member of a federally recognized or state-recognized tribe or by someone who has been designated an authentic Native artist by a tribe.

The artist presented himself as Ojibwe, claiming to be from Bawating, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. When Woods questioned his enrollment status, however, he directed her to a statement within one of his websites which has since been taken down.

"Is my artwork authentic Native American Art? No, it isn't officially," according to the statement. "Please note I am not enrolled in any tribe which means that, according to present U.S. law, I do not have a Native American status. The jewelry and works of art that you find on this website can therefore not be classified as authentic Native American. Each and every creation that comes out of my hands although inspired by Ojibwe Anishinaabe culture is uniquely mine and could only be made by me."

The artist grew defensive when she inquired about his tribal enrollment status, according to Wood, and blocked her from commenting on his Facebook page. "The issue is that you really have to dig into his website to find the statement about enrollment," Woods said.

Protections under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act is more complicated, said Trevor Reed, Hopi, a law professor at Arizona State University who is an expert in Native American intellectual property rights.

Native leaders are encouraging Congress to strengthen the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, proposing legislation which would increase and expand protections as well as enforce stricter punishments for those who are selling or making counterfeit goods. Counterfeit items are often recreated by non-Native artists or printed off and reproduced on portraits, shirts, mugs, online shops and many other places throughout the world.

Can foreign citizens operating outside of the U.S. be sued under this law? So far, such a scenario hasn't been tested in U.S. courts.

"It's pretty complex," Reed said. "Even if someone in The Netherlands can't be sued for violating the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, they might be liable for copyright infringement if they violate a tribal member's creative work."

Reed also noted many social media companies such as Meta, Facebook and Instagram require new users to agree they can be sued in U.S. courts and are subject to U.S. law, if they violated the social media companies' copyrights and

rules.

"That jurisdictional permission, however, doesn't always extend to lawsuits brought by the average user or members of the public," Reed said.

The final blow, however, for Howes was an invoice she sent for \$50,000 to the artist for using her work. At that point, he not only removed her art but also took down at least two of his websites where he sells his own works and apologized for using her designs in an e-mail to her.

"Boozhoo miinawaa," he wrote in the e-mail. "I removed all images containing your floral designs from my websites. I hope this is to your satisfaction. In case you find more images, I apologize in advance and will immediately remove them, too. It has never been my intention to disrespect and disadvantage you."

"As for my response to your e-mail last night, I see now that my tone of voice was inappropriate. I felt provoked by the tons of hate mail I received and still are receiving, hence my cynical reaction. Again, I see now that I should have responded differently ... I hope we can settle this unfortunate matter in a good way for you."

The artist declined to be interviewed by ICT but sent an e-mail complaining Howes was defaming him in public.

"It seems to me she singled me out to provoke a case, which I believe must be seen in context of the modern-day tendency of calling out and shaming people (Pretendians) in social media," he wrote.

"Sarah Agaton Howes portrays herself as an Anishinabe (kwe) honoring Anishinabi teachings but she doesn't behave like one."

Howes, however, noted a disconnect in the artist's claims he is Ojibwe, sharing teachings and language while also posting a disclaimer in order to avoid running afoul of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act.

"Native people usually have similar protocols in finding out your background such as asking questions regarding your relatives and community; I never get defensive when people ask about this," she said.

"It's the only way people can find out if a person is actually Native."

Further, she added in response to the artist's claims she is calling him out, "Yes, that's what Native people are doing now. We're standing up for what is ours and not allowing it to be stolen anymore."

The Dutch artist continues to maintain a popular presence on Facebook where he shares traditional Ojibwe teachings and language.

Looking Ahead

U.S. authorities are getting serious about prosecuting those who violate the Indian Arts and Crafts Act.

In 2023, the U.S. Attorney's office in Washington state reported an artist falsely claiming Native American heritage in marketing his work was sentenced to two years of probation and 200 hours of community service for violating the act.

"Counterfeit Indian art, like Lewis Anthony Rath's carvings and jewelry that he misrepresented and sold as San Carlos Apache-made, tears at the very fabric of Indian culture, livelihoods and communities," U.S. Department of Interior Indian Arts and Crafts board director Meridith Stanton said in a Justice Department statement.

"Rath's actions demean and rob authentic Indian artists who rely on creation and sale of their artwork to put food on the table, make ends meet and pass along these important cultural traditions and skills from one generation to the next."

Woods said Native people often have their art appropriated by others for profit.

"I don't know the statistics, but it seems very high," she said. "I've noticed that many Native artists talk about this issue."

Howes agrees. Although the Dutch artist finally removed her designs from his work, she wonders about the many other Native artists who find themselves in similar circumstances.

"This kind of thing happens to Native artists all the time," Howes said.

"Not many of us (Natives) can afford an attorney; hopefully, my experience can serve as guidance for others."

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

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

Courtesy photos.

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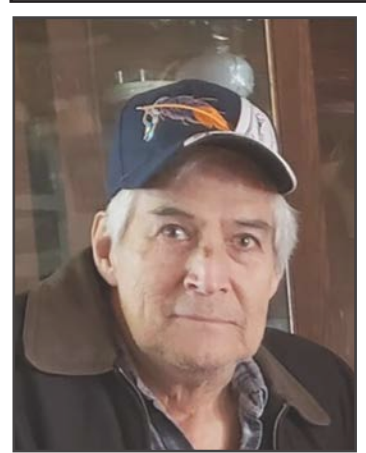


Congratulations to the **Riverside II pool team** which finished first in the Ladies Division of the Northern Emmet Pool League and to Becky (Shenoskey) Conley for being MVP. Team members included Cathy Gibson (LTBB), Theresa Keshick (LTBB), Becky (Shenoskey) Conley (Burt Lake Band) and Sarah (Shenoskey) Holmes (Burt Lake Band).



Congratulations to LTBB Tribal Citizen **Rachael Koopp**, who was honored by the Executive Branch and gifted a blanket at the LTBB Annual Community Meeting on May 11, 2024. Rachael, who works in the Education Department as the WIOA Employment and Training Specialist, is always willing to lend a helping hand to everyone and volunteer her time. Pictured from left to right in the photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar are Ben Hinmon, Education Programs Administrator; Rachael Koopp, WIOA Employment and Training Specialist; and Kerstine Omev, Education Director.

Walking On...



Randall "Randy" J. Stine, 73

Randall "Randy" J. Stine, 73, of Trenary, MI, died April 16, 2024 at his home under the loving care of his wife and North Woods Home Hospice. He was born on August 5, 1950 in Munising, MI, the youngest of four children to J. Wesley and Ida (Hardwick) Stine. Randy graduated from Trenary High School in 1968. He worked as a logger for a few years before becoming a

certified welder for Cleveland Cliffs at the Empire Mine. Randy then became a mechanic for Michigan Department of Corrections (DOC) working on their fleet and was based out of Camp Cusino. He retired from the DOC in 2004. On August 17, 2011, Randy married Katherine D. Schultz on the reservation of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in Harbor Springs, MI. They enjoyed their 18 years together and 13 years of marriage traveling, hunting and enjoying nature. They took many road trips, traveling to the Grand Canyon, Banff and Lake Louise in Canada, Tennessee, Florida and countless reservations. Randy was a proud member and elder of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He enjoyed traveling to many pow wows and cherished his trip to the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, NM. Randy loved the outdoors, his dog, Zeus, and

Walking On...

playing cribbage daily with his life-long friend, Bill Davis. He is survived by his wife, Katherine "Kate" Stine, of Trenary, MI; stepdaughters, Kristen and Leesa, of Tennessee; grandchildren, Beau, Maggie, Skylee and Charlee; siblings, Wayne (Pat) Stine, Joan (Wes) Wilbee and Carol Atherton; nieces and nephews, Paul (Bobbie), Meredith, Darren (Michelle), Dale, Michael (Cassie), Michele (Joe), Dulcee (Mark) and Randee

Lynn (Michael); great nieces and nephews, Raysha (Adam), Jay (Britini), Jesse (Jennifer) and Taylor; great-great nieces and nephews, Luella, Scarlett, Maddox, Jacob, Harrison, Evan, Caitlan, Morgan, Matthew (Diana), Ashley, Maverick, Billy, Riley, Ellowyn and Weston. Randy was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law, Chuck Atherton, and dear friend, Bill Davis. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Dennis King, 82

Dennis King, 82, started his journey home on May 11, 2024 at the Villa at the Bay in Petoskey, MI, where he resided in his later years.

Dennis was born on December 30, 1941 to Mary (Kenoshmeg) and Martin King, Sr. in Good Hart, MI. He attended Good Hart School and Harbor Springs High School. He was a long-time employee of the Flap Jack Shack in Petoskey until his retirement.

In his younger years, he enjoyed playing pool in leagues and at tournaments, working at and playing bingo, watching his nieces and nephews play sports, watching softball at the waterfront in Petoskey, and enjoyed the coffee, donuts and company at Dawn's Donuts in Petoskey. He also enjoyed donating his time to the Friendship Center by calling bingo at the Emmet County Fairgrounds for years. In his later years, he enjoyed gaming at the casino and spending time with family and friends.

He was a die-hard Tigers, Lions, U of M and MSU fan and loved watching westerns and the Andy Griffith Show even if he had seen it a hundred times. He watched and laughed with enthusiasm like it was his first viewing. He always kept his family on their toes with his inquisitive questions and nature.

He was always smiling and laughing and always had a positive outlook on life despite facing some challenges in life. He was always willing to help anyone who needed it.

He was a member of the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa



Indians. He enjoyed attending Elders Luncheons and the annual homecoming pow wow.

He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Petoskey Club. He enjoyed helping others with office duties at the Petoskey Club and all the weekend outings until health issues prevented him from participating.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary (Kenoshmeg) and Martin King, Sr.; brothers, Charles Richard King and Martin King, Jr.; sister, Sarah (King) VanDeCar; infant sister, Margaret King; and nephews, Marty Van De Car and David King.

Surviving are sister, Rose Smalley, of Harbor Springs; brother, Frank (Katie) King, of Mt. Pleasant, MI; cousins, Marie Newman and John (Liz) Kenoshmeg, Sr., of Harbor Springs; nieces, Kathy VanDeCar, of Madison, WI, and, Annette VanDeCar, of Harbor Springs; and good friend, Dexter McNamara, of Petoskey.

In lieu of flowers, any donations are requested to be sent to Kathy VanDeCar, 6913 Littlemore Drive, Apt. 317, Madison, WI 53718. Donations will be added to the Marty Van De Car Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of Dennis King.

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