

ODAWA TRAILS

Frybread Here We come!

KEVIN WILLIS: MIIGWETCH FOR YOUR SERVICE



By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

After serving 26-plus years, LTBB Chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis retired on June 28, 2024. A retirement celebration was held for Kevin at the LTBB Community Building on June 19, 2024. In addition to Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco, fellow LTBB employees, fellow LTBB Tribal Citizens and his family members, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and Bay Mills Indian Community Conservation Officers came to wish Kevin well in his retirement.

“What I’ll miss the most are the relationships I’ve forged over time at the local, state and national levels,” Kevin said. “I’ve had the privilege of meeting and getting to know a lot of wonderful people over the years. When I went and spoke to Tribal Council before I retired, my message was of appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity.”

At the Great Lakes Native American Fish and Wildlife Society business meeting on September 20, 2022, the region presented Kevin and four others with Great Lakes Outstanding Service awards.

Kevin, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, was hired in April 1998 as an LTBB Conservation Officer in the Natural Resource Department, and he received his law enforcement training from the U.S. Indian Police Academy in New Mexico in October 1998. He graduated with Class 079. He became the Chief Conservation Officer in 2001 when the late Albert Colby, Jr. became the Tribal Administrator after serving as the tribe’s first Chief Conservation Officer. Matt Robertson, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, is currently the Chief Conservation Officer.

“I’ll still be active in the community,” Kevin said. “I’ll do part-time work. I enjoy hunting and fishing and watching NASCAR, football and baseball.”

In addition to working for LTBB, Kevin served on the LTBB Trust Fund Board; Traditional Tribal Burial, Inc.; and currently serves as the Vice Chair of the LTBB Burial Board.

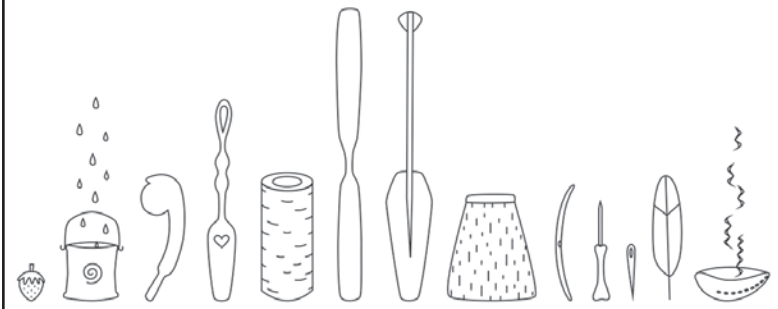
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31ST ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW T-SHIRT DESIGN

Women’s Tools by Jenna Kishigo



Aanii, washegeshick ndizhinikaaz. migizi ndodem. Hello, my name is bright shining day. I am eagle clan. My other name is Jenna Kishigo. I was born in waawiyaatanong (Detroit, MI) and moved home to biidaasige (Petoskey, MI) when I was 13. I have been pursuing my education my entire life. After high school, I earned my bachelor’s degrees from Michigan State University (MSU) in business and art. My last year of undergraduate school, I heavily immersed myself in cultural work, creating the tools and arts of my ancestors and working



WAGANAKISING ODAWAK JIINGTAMOK

31ST ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POWWOW
AUGUST 10 & 11, 2024

“women’s tools” created by Jenna Kishigo

in anthropology research. Succeeding MSU, I began learning Anishinaabemowin at Bay Mills Community College online. I am still a language student, I work independently as an artist, and I am recently employed as a Language Assistant for the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.

I created the 31st Annual Waganakising Odawak Jiingtamok logo, “women’s tools” to demonstrate the roles I work to fulfill for myself, my family and my community. nmiigwechiwendam nkinoomaagok. (I am thankful for my teachers). The following tools and descriptions reflect the experiences I have had

learning with and/or creating:

- odemin (heartberry): Representing new life. I have yet to create new life, but my mother has blessed me with sisters whom I have watched grow into beautiful and loving mothers. My youngest sister has taught me the importance of a young woman’s berry fast through her actions and dedication to her spiritual life.
- miskwaabik (copper) vessel with nibi (water): The care and prayer for the water and healing for the next 7 generations. I love singing for the water.
- bagamaagan (warclub): I was taught this is a women’s tool. Used to defend her children

YWCA USA WELCOMES LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN CYNTHIA CONNOLLY TO ITS NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

On July 9, 2024, YWCA USA announced the appointment of four new members to its National Board of Directors. They are Angela Accurso, the Director of Workforce Programs with MxD; Imani D. Edwards, the Director of Public Affairs with Taft Stettinus & Hollister LLP; LTBB Tribal Citizen Cynthia Connolly, the Director of Programming with The City Club of Cleveland; and Anjuli Kelotra, the Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer & Assistant General Counsel, Labor & Employment with The Coca-Cola Company.

“Welcoming these four extraordinary individuals to our Board of Directors marks an exciting new chapter for YWCA USA,” YWCA CEO Margaret Mitchell said in a press release. “Their diverse experiences, visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to our mission will undoubtedly strengthen our efforts to eliminate racism, empower women and



promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Together, we are poised to make even greater strides in our pursuit of equity and empowerment for communities across the nation.”

The YWCA USA has 19 Board of Directors who provide leadership and financial oversight for YWCA USA and serve as advocates for the YWCA movement. Their governance promotes and supports our efforts to eliminate racism, empower women and

“Cynthia Connolly” continued on page 32.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 7-22-2024 = 4,625

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Tribal Telephone Directory and Website Information

LTBB Governmental Website <i>Odawa Trails</i> Website	www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov www.odawatrails.com
Beverly Wemigwase, Receptionist	231-242-1400 1-866-652-5822
<u>Tribal Administration</u> 242-1400	Health Clinic 242-1700
<u>Tribal Chairman's Office</u> Lakota Worthington, Administrative Assistant 242-1401	Health 242-1600 Community Health (Transportation) 242-1601
<u>Tribal Council/Legislative Office</u> Linda Gokee, Office Coordinator 231-242-1406 Marin Taylor, Administrative Assistant 242-1403	Dental Clinic 242-1740 Maternal Child Health Outreach 242-1614
<u>Legal Department</u> Su Lantz, Assistant 242-1407 NO Collect Calls Accepted	Pharmacy 242-1750 <u>Housing Department</u> Heidi Bosma, Administrative Assistant 242-1540
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<u>Accounting Department</u> Jon Shawa, Assistant 242-1440	<u>Human Services Department</u> Emily Conners, Administrative Assistant 242-1621
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<u>Elders Department</u> Kathy McGraw, Administrative Assistant 242-1423	Amanda Swiss, Tribal Planner 242-1508
<u>Enrollment Department</u> Lindsey Doerfler, Administrative Assistant/Genealogist 242-1521	<u>Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department</u> Pat Boda, Administrative Assistant 242-1640
<u>Facilities Department</u> Simon Kenwabikise, Director 242-1532	Brenda Schoolcraft, Office/Intake Coordinator 242-1642
<u>Education Department</u> Tammy Gasco, Administrative Assistant 242-1480	<u>Tribal Court/Peacemaking Program</u> 242-1462
<u>Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department</u> Theresa Keshick, Administrative Assistant 242-1457	<u>Tribal Prosecutor's Office</u> Gwen Teuthorn, Office Manager 242-1475
<u>GIS Department</u> Alan Proctor, Director 242-1597	<u>Youth Services Department</u> Tina Dominic, Director 242-1593
<u>Health Department</u> 242-1611	

Election Board

electionboard@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement
Debendziwin aawan maanda Odawa aawiyiing. Geyaabi gdaa'anaa miinwaa gdanwewmi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'iing debendziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendziwin miinwaa wiinmaadendziyiing. Gdabendaanaa debendziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadziwin miinwaa mndoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaanijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinoomaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendamowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'iing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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

Contact Information

ODAWA TRAILS



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 September 2024 issue of *Odawa Trails* is August 5, 2024.

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

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DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OPTION FOR ENROLLMENT SERVICES

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

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

Miigwech,
Pauline Boulton
Enrollment Officer
Courtesy graphic.



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>

Attention Citizens! No Current Address on File

This list contains the names of Tribal Citizens who have not had a current Address Verification Form on file for multiple years or who haven't had contact with the Tribe for over 10 years. It is important that a Citizen's address is current to ensure that 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.

Philip Morey, Jr.
Jeramie Coleman
Deanna Foxworthy
Nina Gozales
Ambrosia Heintz

Roberta Hyneman
Dawn Jackson
Kristina Kuzmik
Eric LaBrosse
Todd Meshekey

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.

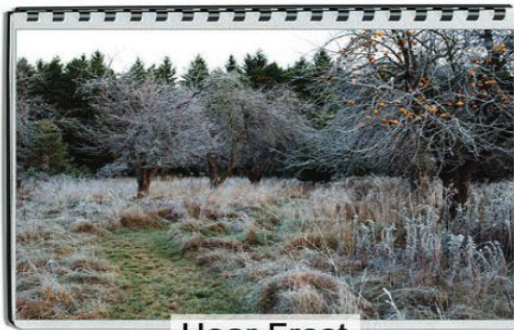
To receive your copy:

- ✓ 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

A message from your Enrollment Department

Watch Out!
ID Cards Expire!

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

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

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

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?

Update your contact information with the Enrollment Department.

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS

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

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

August 19, 2021

For your convenience!

The Enrollment office mail drop box is located to the left of the front doors of the LTBB Governmental Center at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI.



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

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Aanii Boozhoo, The Annual Homecoming Pow Wow is days away; we hope to see you there.

Next up, our Traditional Jiing-tamok, mark your calendars for September 14, 2024. We look forward to



celebrating our traditional ways together at our sacred grounds on Osborne Road. Please reach out to Hunter at 231-242-1418 if you have any questions, concerns or ideas for the day.

Don't forget, we will also be celebrating 30 YEARS of sovereignty in 2024! This one is a big one, and our celebration will take place on September 21, 2024, our official day of sovereignty. Join us to celebrate such a milestone and all that we have accomplished over the last 30 years as a federally recognized sovereign nation.



On June 27, 2024, I participated in the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society's 12th Annual Blessing of the Fleet in Harbor Springs, MI, riding in the jiimaan.

In July, I continued my discussion with the Michigan Boarding School Study Group where it was decided August 8-11, 2024 listening sessions will be held for survivors to share their experiences with the State Study Group. You may have seen a flyer with this information on Facebook or on our LTBB Governmental website, I will share



it in this month's article as well. Please keep in mind, this study is being done by the State of Michigan, but we will have support staff available during these days. Please know LTBB will stand by for assistance as needed. The group will have a community talking circle and signups for individual listening sessions. These sessions will be included in their public findings, so please keep that in mind. If you are not able to join in person, the study group may also schedule a Zoom listening session as requested. We will move forward with caution, consideration and sensitivity. As always, you may reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this event.



In July, I also participated in the annual Fourth of July parade in Petoskey, MI, and met First Lady Dr. Jill Biden during her visit to Traverse City, MI, on July 3, 2024.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.



Michigan Native American Boarding School Experience

Purpose: To better understand the Indian boarding school experience in Michigan. The approach is guided by participating Tribes to identify and acknowledge the role the State of Michigan played, and the long-term impact to tribal communities. Voices of those who attended boarding schools, survivors, their descendants, families and communities will be amplified.

What We Hope to Learn: Community engagement talking circles and survivor truth sharing sessions will allow us to learn more about the Michigan boarding school experience. Additionally, we will hold key informant interviews, and listening sessions with Tribal leaders as guided by a Tribal advisory with a member from each participating Tribe.

Several Ways to Participate: Talking circles and one virtual session are scheduled to allow for greater and wider participation. Talking circles are not intended to be individual boarding school survivor sharing opportunities as voluntary individual survivor truth sharing sessions will be available onsite during our visit. With your permission, survivor truths sessions will be recorded and shared.

Please Register to participate: The registration link will also provide information regarding community events, lodging, and access to trauma-informed resources to ensure wellness and healing.



surveymonkey.com/r/MINABS

Trauma Resources Will Be Available: In addition to sharing information through the registration link, we will have inter-Tribal, local, regional and national resources available to help with healing and ensure individual safety.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	Potawatomi Gathering!	Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa
Community Engagement Talking Circles Thursday, July 25 - 2-4 p.m. Boyzje Jondreau Memorial Field Near KBIC Ojibwa Campground Baraga, MI	Community Engagement Talking Circles Thursday, August 1 10-11 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. ² Pokagon Potawatomi Reservation 58620 Sink Rd. Dowagiac, MI	Community Engagement Talking Circles Thursday, August 8 - 2-4 p.m. Tribal Administration Building 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI
Individual Survivor Truth Sharing* KBIC Reservation 16429 Beartown Rd, Baraga, MI Thursday, July 25 - 1-6 p.m. Friday, July 26 - 1-4 p.m. <small>* Limited sessions available; additional sessions by appointment.</small>	Individual Survivor Truth Sharing* LTBB Reservation Friday, August 2 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Zagbegon Early Ed Development Academy 58620 Sink Rd. Dowagiac, MI <small>* Limited sessions available; additional sessions by appointment.</small>	Individual Survivor Truth Sharing* LTBB Reservation Thursday, August 8 - 1-6 p.m. Friday, August 9 - 1-4 p.m. <small>* Limited sessions available; additional sessions by appointment.</small>
Additional Community Events Powwow Grand Entries Friday, July 26 - 7 p.m. Saturday, July 26 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. Remembrance Walk Friday, July 26 - 9 a.m. kbic-nsn.gov/event/46th-annual-maawanjijing-july-26-28	<small>1. Potawatomi Gatherings are an annual meeting of the Potawatomi People. As is their custom, this is through invite only event. Please see QR code above for more detail.</small> <small>2. Our Talking Circles will follow a one hour speakers session held from 9:10 a.m. and from 1:2 p.m. hosted by the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.</small> potawatomigathering24.com	Additional Community Events Powwow Grand Entries Saturday, August 10 - 1-7 p.m. Sunday, August 11 - 10-11 a.m. ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/odawa-homecoming-pow-wow-2024

Where do I find...

Find it all here!

www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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

- 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

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 - 3 seats
- Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation - 3 seats

LTBB Town Hall meetings are available to be viewed at:

www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/townhallmeetings.html

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.

August Elders Birthdays

August 1

Virginia Thomson
David James
Deborah Adams
Melissa Becerra
Michael Blumke

August 2

Robert Keller
Anthony Hudson
Mary Brimacombe
William Keway
Patricia Prendeville
Harry Gasco

August 3

Gertrude Chingwa
Sharon Garrow
Joan Denemy
Angeline Castie
James Hutchison
Frank Howell
Orenda Dyer

August 4

John Clark, Jr.
Kevin Kilpatrick
Maanii Baldon
Donna Colter
Nancy Jennings

August 5

Early Kilpatrick
Richard Curtiss
Lisa Roper

August 6

Teresa Sprague
Antonio Brown
Rosetta Dunlap
Sonia Von Der Lippe-Salvia
Carol Hubble
Chris Cutler
Carol Quinones

August 7

Peggy Cutler
Laurie Guerra-Pena
Ronald Denemy
Thomas Kolody

August 8

Stacy Derminer
Sandra Gill
Robert Sharkey
Julie Pego
Dawanna Shingledecker
Debra Williams
Dennis Dominic
Michael Levandoski

August 9

Dawn MacLaren
Mary Clearing-Sky
Loretta Antoine
Linda Gasco
Dale Westrick
Karen Lyons

August 10

Gary Evans
Mark Givens
Nancy Biss

August 11

Betty Christensen
Kelly Austin

August 12

Beverly Hahaj
Wayne Ettawageshik
Leo Wasageshik
Cherissa Sky-Eagle Smith

August 13

Phebe Boda
Carol Howard

August 14

James Deckrow
Robert Dominic
Elaine Wilson
Karen Boda
Victoria Loonsfoot
Sharyl Jones
Anne Voss

August 15

Michael Denley
Henry Sineway II
Joseph Mier
Michael Washegesic

August 16

Ronald Suhr
Michele Ward
Pauline Kewagoshkum
Pamela Worthington
Alice Arthur
Mary Evans
Roxann Sawade
Lisa Pierce

August 17

Joan Robinson
Louis Metzger III

August 18

Marvin Cherette, Sr.
Sandra Springfield
Timothy Vincent
Debra Gray
Robert Minor, Jr.

August 19

Cecelia Brock
Daniel Gould
Dianna Naganashe
Carla Greensky
Dorothy Perry

August 20

Laura Persing

August 21

Donald Lasley
Gerald Lapalm
Clarence Sebeck
Marilyn Tieppo

August 22

Margaret Compo
Susan Swadling
Lloyd Basford, Jr.
Albert Carey
Deborah Shawa
Rhonda Bomgaars
Mary Roberts
Ronald Boda
Cynthia Brouckaert

August 23

Ronald Lasley
Roger Smith, Jr.
Linda Leigh
Lia Burks
Robert Lasley
Sharon Merkel
Beulah John
Shirlee Coombe

August 24

Sandra Russell
Julia Tanner
David Smith
Lisa Shay
Vicki Lynn
Molly McNally

August 25

Stephanie Sudzinski
Joanne Werner

August 26

Patricia Hynes
Kathryn Bartlett
Richard Bottoms
Judith Drogmiller

August 27

Leonard Zehe
Arlene Roussin
Michele Keshick
Robert Stead

August 28

Cherie Leece
John Vincent
Martin Benson
Francis King
Betty Stendel

August 29

Anthony Chingman III
Diane Winans Dunham
Roy Smithkey, Jr.
Patricia Steinhoff
Kimberly Kilborn

August 30

Robert Swartout
Frances Bush
Toni Smith
Rose Miller
John Crossett
Karen Lada

August 31

Pamela Wilder
Marie Huckaby-Garrow
Scott Knapp
Lisa Mireles

SAVE THE DATE! 2024 EAGLE STAFF GATHERING

September 20 – 22
Jijak
2558 20th St.
Hopkins, MI 49328



REGISTER WITH QR CODE OR AT
<https://forms.office.com/r/xvne6Wd5qb>

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING A FEAST BUNDLE TO THE GATHERING
Eagle Staff Carrier will receive one complimentary room for 2 nights.
Registration closes Friday, August 23, 2024.

Let's make Quilts and Teddy Bears!

Join in with other LTBB Stitchers and make lap quilts and teddy bears for the LTBB Tribal Police and Human Services.

We have come together to make Quilts and Teddy Bears for tribal citizens in need of comfort items. We will be donating to both Tribal Police to have on hand and also for Human Services to use for LTBB Foster Kids.

NO sewing experience required!! You can bring your own sewing machine OR use one we will have set up and ready to go!

Wednesday's from 10 am to 4 pm
July 24, August 28, September 25
October 6, November 4
LTBB Governmental Center
Room 312

For more information, contact us
at OdawaTrails@gmail.com
We welcome donations!



Tuesdays

June 4 - Sept. 17, 2024

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Farmers Market Pavilion
Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

Items include:
Seasonal produce, baked goods, beaded/sculpted/natural art and Indigenous foods.

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors:
Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic protein and wild rice.



• You do NOT have to be Native American to sell produce/plants/other.
• You must be Native American to be an art vendor.

Like us on Facebook!

For more information, contact:
Jasmine Gonzalez, Market Master
• Phone: 989.775.4629
• Email: JaGonzalez@sagchip.org



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LTBB Pharmacy

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

What prescriptions are filled at the LTBB Pharmacy?

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

PLEASE BE AWARE OF HOLIDAY HOURS AND MEDICATION REFILLS.



We welcome everyone to visit our Official Facebook Page at

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

Please be respectful in your comments.



YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND TEACHINGS HIGHLIGHT FIRST-EVER GIRLS EMPOWERMENT CAMP

Submitted by the Waaniigaanzijik Youth Services Department

Waaniigaanzijik Youth Services Department was excited to have our very first *Girls Empowerment Camp* at Wilderness State Park in Carp Lake, MI, from June 9 - 12! Thirteen girls ranging from 6th to 11th grade attended from across the state. We had a packed schedule for our four days at camp and loved every minute of it!

Day 1 started by checking into our cabin in the afternoon, followed by customized and culturally themed ice breakers for the girls to get to know each other. Sjana Baker's bingo ice breaker was a hit! It was a bit cooler the first night, so we enjoyed our heated bunkhouse for making our camper agreements and deerskin/beaded medicine pouches. For dinner, the girls had beef and bean camp nachos, cooked over our charcoal grill with campfire s'mores for dessert!

Day 2 was all about Noosaowesi (Smallmouth Bass) Fishing at Waugoshance Point with Sam Day and Sheila Hart of LTBB Environmental Services Program. LTBB Conservation Officer Jacob Kiogima also joined us for fishing. Chi Miigwech to Sam, Sheila and Jacob for teaching our girls how to exercise their treaty rights! During rest time, the girls had the option to read, paint with watercolors or play games. For dinner, we had pulled pork sandwiches with steamed mandaamin and



s'mores. The girls took a quick dip in Big Stone Bay after dinner and then enjoyed a toasty bonfire, cards and more games!

Day 3 began with a beautiful morning water ceremony, then a talking circle and super fun Anishinaabemowin game with Theresa Keshick, Sarah Schilling and Sam McClellan from LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department. After lunch, we enjoyed an orienteering (maps and compass) workshop and hike with Caroline Moellering from LTBB Environmental Services. Following our roasted hot dogs and brats dinner, we had a cool Ojibwe Cosmology/Star activity with Amanda Weinert from LTBB Education Department. What an amazing day! Chi Miigwech to all of our relatives for sharing their indigenous knowledge with our

Waaniigaanzijik girls campers. We appreciate you all!

Day 4 started off with Sjana's porcupine quill earring workshop where all the girls got to make a pair or two of earrings to take home! After packing up our cabin, we held camp awards and everyone got to select prizes from our Camp Treasure Chest. Chi Miigwech to our Youth Services Department staff counselors Tina Dominic, Lisa Wells and Sjana Baker and our incredible volunteer counselor Jordan Shananaquet for making our inaugural Girls Empowerment Camp 2024 so memorable. Chi miigwech to our youth caretakers for allowing us to spend time with your youth. We look forward to summer 2025!

Photo courtesy of the Waaniigaanzijik Youth Services Department.



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Food Service Department

Summer Food Service Program

June 17th - June 28th
&
July 8th - August 15th
Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from
11am - Noon
Pellston Elementary School

Join us for a hot lunch and take a breakfast home with you for the next day!

SFSP is FREE to all children up to age 18

Families from the Pellston & Alanson School Districts are invited to participate

Questions: please contact
Amy Beach, Food Service Director
231-539-8801, ext 10039
abeach@pellstonschools.org

Youth Services After-school Program

NEW LOCATIONS FOR FALL 2023

LTBB Government Center on Mondays & Tuesdays

Petoskey Public Library on Wednesdays & Thursdays

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

Transportation Available
Limited seating for Petoskey

TRIBAL YOUTH AGES 6-18

- LTBB Enrolled
- LTBB Descendants
- Enrolled in other tribes

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

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

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

LTBB SPRING PROGRAM

BAAGADOWEWIN SUMMER 2024

JUNE: 19TH
JULY: 10TH, 17TH, 24TH
AUGUST: 14TH, 28TH
POP-UP GAMES TBA

LTBB POW WOW GROUNDS
WARM-UPS: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
GAME TIME: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

ALL PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS OF ANY AGES WELCOME.
MODERN AND TRADITIONAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR LOAN. CLEATS OPTIONAL.
WATER AND SNACK PROVIDED.
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS.

For more information contact:
RJ Smith, SPRING Youth Outreach Specialist
C: 231-373-3745 | W: 231-242-1648
rsmith@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

MAKWA ZIBI BAAGADOWEWIN (BEAR RIVER LACROSSE)

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CAMP ONJI-AKIING

NATURAL RESOURCE SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUTH AGES 10-14 AND JUNIOR COUNSELORS 14-18

FISHING, CANOEING, ARCHERY, NATURE, ROPES COURSE, CRAFTS, GAMES, NEW FRIENDS AND FUN!!!!

AUGUST 12 -16, 2024

CAMP NESBIT, WATTON, MI

APPLICATIONS ON GLIFWC.ORG
COMPLETED APP DUE BY JULY 1, 2024

QUESTIONS:
JILL MILLER 715-292-9638
OR EMAIL:
ConservationOutreach@GLIFWC.org

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT SHARES ANISHINAABEMOWIN AND CULTURAL TEACHINGS AT GIRLS EMPOWERMENT CAMP



Submitted by the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department

On June 11, 2024, the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department had the honor of joining the Waaniigaanzijik Youth Services Department for its first-ever Girls Empowerment Camp.

Our department reflected on what empowers us as Anishinaabe kwewok (women) and how that relates to our language Anishinaabemowin. We started our time with the kwezenhsak (girls) on the shore of Big Stone Bay where we hosted a nibi (water) ceremony. During the ceremony, kwezenhsak (girls) helped smudge, pass out and collect sema (tobacco), held and offered nibi (water), and shared in nmewin (prayer) and ngamwin (song) in Anishinaabemowin.

We followed our ceremony with a short lesson on Anishinaabe self-introductions and a talking circle on the beach. Giving the kwezenhsak (girls) an opportunity to ask the kwewok (women) questions and share their reflections

from camp. It also gave us the opportunity to share what being an Anishinaabe kwe (woman) means to us, share teachings, and talk about the importance of language and culture in our lives. We ended our talking circle with affirmations in Anishinaabemowin.

Each of the kwezenhsak (girls) went home with a booklet that included the nibi nmewin (water prayer) and nibi ngamwin (water song) with links to audio. Their booklets also featured affirmations in Anishinaabemowin and vocabulary that relates to lots of the activities they did at camp. We ended our visit playing an Anishinaabemowin animals memory game. We left camp with full hearts, knowing our community has a bright future with these skiniikwe (young women) leading the way.

If you would like to see more of our Girls Empowerment Camp language booklet, please join our Facebook group LTBB Anishinaabemowin.

Photos courtesy of the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.



Affirmations

- Wenjishing gwa Ndanaakii - I can do amazing things
- Ndebwetaadis - I believe in myself
- Debwetaadizan - Believe in yourself
- Kaawiin Ndagaabzhishii - I am unstoppable
- Kaa wiikaa Ngaadaabigidenziin - I never give up
- Nga-gijitoo pane - I always try my best
- Aapiji-gwejitoon - Keep trying/always try
- Ndokendaas - I am smart/intelligent
- Nmaskwiizii - I am strong
- Ndonaadimaage - I am helpful
- Ndo-ezhe'aadis - I am kind
- Ndo Kchitwaa Kwewo - I am sacred
- Miigwechwendam - I am thankful/grateful
- Ndozaagidis - I love me
- Gzaagin - I love you

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department

2024 Family Anishinaabemowin Language Camp
 Strongheart Center
 2700 Strongheart Way
 Peshawbestown NJ

Gchi-Wiikwedoong Gbeshiwin Maawnjidowin Temgok Anishinaabemowin
 (GTB Language Camp Gathering Where the Language is at)

NEW DATE
 Tuesday, August 13th
 Wednesday, August 14th
 Thursday, August 15th

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>

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UP TO \$20 PER DAY

GET DOUBLE THE FRUITS & VEGGIES WITH DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS

USE DOUBLE UP TODAY!

REMINDER:
 Any Double Up Food Bucks you earn will expire after 90 days.

DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS IS A FAIR FOOD NETWORK PROGRAM

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Answer Key
on page 32.



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

Surprise the ones you love with a thinking of you!

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

WELCOME
WE ARE
BACK

OPEN!

WEEKDAYS 9AM - 5PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9AM - 7PM



MZINIGANGAMIK
— CULTURAL LIBRARY —

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.

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Ricing Moon
They are ricing.
S/he is ricing.
push pole
Pushing the boat.

ricing sticks
S/he is husking the rice.
S/he is roasting the rice.
S/he is boiling/cooking the rice.
rice

WORD BANK: BESHIIISHKNAMANMINOMIN, GAANJIWEBAGAN, GANJIWEBAN, GIBOJIIIZANMINOMIN, MINOMINIKEWOK, MINOMINKE, MINOOMIN, MINOOMINAATIGOON, MINOOMINGIIZIS, MINOZANMINOMIN



Anishinaabemdaa.com

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



Games

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



Lessons & 150+ Videos

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



ANISHINAABEMOWIN ONLINE

COME AND JOIN IN
LEARNING OUR
ANISHINAABEMOWIN

MONDAYS 1-2PM

SPEAKING
CHALLENGE
PHRASES!



ZOOM LINK:
858 6801 5282

ANISHINAABEMOWIN
SPEAKING CHALLENGE

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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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: 119783.

ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN OWNED BUSINESSES

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

brief statement of what their business offers.

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

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

REQUESTS FOR TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION (TCE)

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

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

IMPORTANT TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UPDATE

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

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

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

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

LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA & RESIDENT TRIBAL CITIZENS

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

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

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

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/>

ARE YOU LOOKING TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC SKILLS & GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE?

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AVAILABLE TO ALL TRIBAL CITIZENS REGARDLESS OF RESIDENCY

DESIGNED TO SUPPORT NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION PATHS THAT LEAD TO AN INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIAL

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FORMS DIRECTORY ON THE LTBB WEBSITE OR SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE.

GROW WITH US - APPLY NOW!

*SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY

LTBB Tribal Flags for Sale!!

For more information, contact Don Portman at DPortman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or 231-487-1093

APPLICATION AVAILABLE HERE!

Do you need a Completion Merit Scholarship application?

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31ST OF THE YEAR THAT DEGREE OR PROGRAM WAS COMPLETED

Submissions may be turned in by hand, mail or e-mailed to kgabrick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

STEVE CLAUSEN: MIIGWETCH FOR YOUR SERVICE



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On June 12, 2024, Steve Clausen retired from the LTBB Tribal Government after 22 years of service.

Steve worked in the Facilities Department as a Maintenance Leader. Steve always had a smile on his face and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed his assistance. He worked at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow for several years, assisting the Pow Wow Committee and helping make the pow wow run smoothly. He also helped with pow wow planning, preparations and cleanup for several years. A retirement celebration for Steve was held on June 12, 2024 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

Miigwetch for your 22 years of service Steve!
Photo by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

2024 YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

Team Leader: Isaac Abram-Craig
Workers: Wiigwaas Craven, Tikibiinhs Teuthorn, Maangaashka Lesky, Mariah Hinmon, William Petoskey, Maya Worthington and Tiernan Hinmon. *Courtesy photos.*



LTBB & The Natural Resources Department are excited to announce the start of our very own **Hunter's Safety Course**

Sign-up link will be provided

Hunter's Safety Course

Dates:
August 24th, 2024 @ The NRD Building.
August 31st, 2024 in Gladstone; location to be determined.

Details TBD.

Please look for announcement.

The Course will include:
Online/At Home Study & Field Day as required for Certification.

For more info, please contact
The Natural Resources Department:
Phone: 231-242-1670 or
Email: dhinmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
**Space is Limited, Reserve your spot early.

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

Why Switch?

PHOTO OF BALLISTIC GELATIN

***** BULLET PATHS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT *****

1. NONLEAD
2. LEAD
3. NONLEAD

BULLET TYPES - ALL .270 CAL
1. Federal Vital Shock - Rem-UMC Rem-UMC 130 grain
2. Winchester Power Point 130 grain
3. Winchester #7ip 130 grain

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

For more information, contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Natural Resource Department
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
231-242-1670
dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

1-855-NRD-TIPS

TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477

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

EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION

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

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

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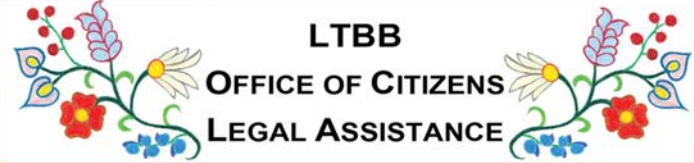
The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG



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

DATE									
6/7/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting	X	X	X			X		
6/11/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
6/13/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
6/17-20/24	17th Annual Native American Economic Development Conference, Temecula, CA								X
6/18/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X	X	X			X		
6/21/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting- CANCELLED								
6/25/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
6/27/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X		X	X	X

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



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

- ❖ **Family Law**
 - Divorce
 - Child Custody
 - Child Support
- ❖ **Consumer**
 - Debt Collection
- ❖ **Indian Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act**
- ❖ **Setting Aside Conviction/s**
- ❖ **Driver License Restoration**
- ❖ **Estate Planning**
 - Wills
 - Deeds
 - Health Care Directives
 - Powers of Attorney
- ❖ **Probate**
 - Estate Administration
- ❖ **Landlord/Tenant**
 - Evictions
 - Tenant Rights
- ❖ **Personal Safety**
 - Personal Protection Orders (PPO)
 - Abuse/Neglect of Adults

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

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

AUGUST 2024 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

CLOSED the 6th & 7th for Recipe Filming and the 30th for Inventory

Open Distribution: 12th - 16th 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: 8th and 9th
Peshawbestown: 21st
Traverse City: 27th
For more information, contact Food Distribution Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine at 231-347-2573



DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LTBB U.S.D.A. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM?
Please call our office to see if we are able to help you!
Call Monday - Friday
8 am to 5 pm at 231-242-1620.
*food distribution varies depending on availability

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR VACCINATIONS OVER SUMMER VACATION

Submitted by **Kiana Wood**, ITCM Patient Navigator

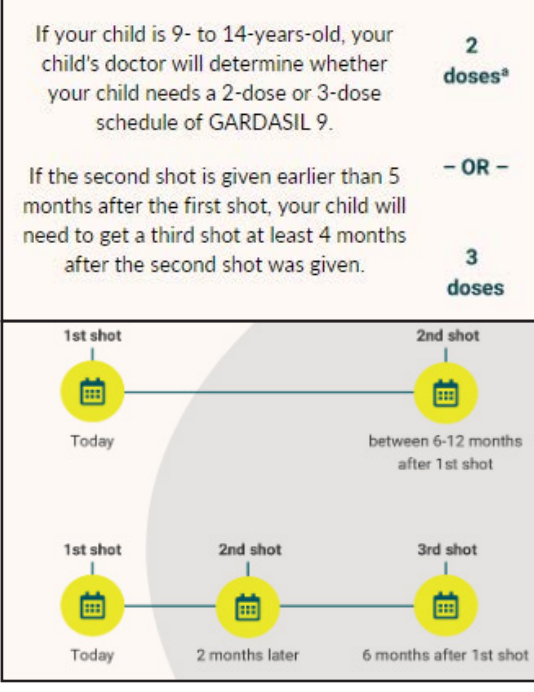
As the busy summer comes to an end and the school season and sports teams begin again, don't forget to ask your provider if you are up to date on your vaccines. Parents and children coming into the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, for their physical or sports physical exam should discuss with their provider what vaccines will benefit their health. Recently, the CDC has updated their recommendations for the HPV vaccine. Now, not only can 9-14-years-olds get the HPV vaccine, but 15-45-year-olds can, too.

What is HPV?
The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common virus which can cause cancers later in life. HPV is spread through vaginal, anal and oral sex with someone who has the virus without having symptoms. While 9 out of 10 times the virus will resolve in two years, 1 out of 10 will result in cancer. HPV can cause cancer of the cervix, vagina, vulva, penis, anus, back of throat, base of tongue and tonsils. The HPV vaccine is most effective when given before an individual is exposed to the virus. The vaccination is not a cure for HPV, however, it is a preventative method.

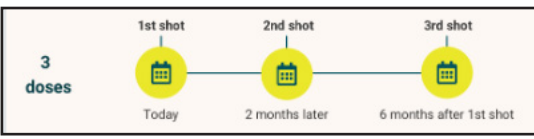
Vaccination Schedule
Who should get vaccinated?
Individuals, age 9-45-years old, should strongly consider getting the HPV vaccination. The schedule of the doses varies for different age

groups. Individuals 9-14-years-old will get a series of 2-3 doses, and individuals 15-45- years-old will get a series of three doses.

Individuals 9-14 years of age



Individuals 15-45 years of age



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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)

WAGANAKISING ODAWA TRIBAL CODE of LAW

WAGANAKISING ODAWA TRIBAL COUNCIL

NATIVE NEWS

MICHIGAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION 2024 - ALLIED DENTAL PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD: BECKIE WOOTERS, RDA, CDA, BS



Michigan. She also designed a second-year program schedule which will allow BMCC students to return home for frequent visits.

A tribally controlled college, BMCC is located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This is the first time nationally dental training has ever been offered at a tribal college; dental training has never been offered in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. BMCC welcomes all students of all races, ethnicities and ages.

After their first-year study at BMCC, students can transfer to NMC's dental assistant program in Traverse City, MI. NMC's second-year dental assistant curriculum will include chairside, laboratory, academic and intern education. NMC's dental assistant program allows students to obtain

an associate degree and to sit for the state exam to become a Registered Dental Assistant in Michigan.

The efforts put forward by Wooters, Dr. Jessica A. Rickert, BMCC and others are making strides in helping to improve access and relieve the shortage of dental assistants in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The scarcity of timely dental care, especially in Anishinaabe areas and other underserved communities, is causing serious hardship for Michigan's citizens.

For more information, go to <https://commons.ada.org/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1294&context=journal-michigandentalassociation> & <https://www.nmc.edu/programs/academic-programs/dental-assistant/index.html>

Courtesy photo.

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)
Nwakaawin (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) 242-1420
StrongHearts Native Helpline - 24/7: 1-844-762-9483

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

Less than 1% of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Survivor Outreach Services Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant will be financing this project. Total Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant \$56,387, and 0% of 50 from federal system utilized.

INDIGENOUS PRIDE IN AGRICULTURE



away from home."

For Gomez, agriculture is not only a scientific pursuit but also a cultural connection.

"I have a connection to the land itself. It was something I was raised on," Gomez said. "Having that connection and balance – being in balance within myself, my surroundings, and the environment, while living in harmony. I am always searching for that connection and balance in all that I do, including winemaking – the balance of the fruit, acid, alcohol and structure of the wine."

This year marks Gomez's 28th harvest and the seventh year of Camins 2 Dreams, which she co-owns with her wife, Mireia Taribó. Camins 2 Dreams is their dream job brought to life, striving to achieve export success while entering new markets. Gomez partnered with FAS Toronto Senior Marketing Specialist Maria Arbulu to secure participation in this historic trade mission and arrange meetings with the British Columbia Liquor Board for Camins 2 Dreams.

"This trade mission has really helped to expand our market reach by connecting us with potential buyers, agents, British Columbia officials and collaborators while tapping into the demand for Indige-

nous agricultural products in Canada. Otherwise, it can be super challenging to enter the marketplace," Gomez said.

Gomez is no stranger to overcoming challenges.

"I don't want anyone to struggle like I did, especially in this industry, which is why I am so big in mentoring others who want to get into the industry," Gomez said. "Now, I have a platform where others in the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) community can see the path I paved and know that they can achieve it, too."

Pride Month is a special time for Camins 2 Dreams.



Gomez and Taribó released a "Pride" red wine, donating 60% of the sales to two local non-profit organizations that support the LGBTQ community – Santa Ynez Valley Pride and House of Pride & Equality. "This special edition Pride red wine is one of the ways we actively support the LGBTQIA2S+ community as we take pride in our commitment to diversity, inclusion, justice and belonging in the wine industry," Gomez said.

Courtesy photos.

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

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- ★ 30 DAYS PROOF OF INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- ★ SUPERVISOR SIGNED WORK/SCHOOL SCHEDULE
- ★ PROVIDER AGREEMENT

LICENSED PROVIDERS

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UNLICENSED PROVIDERS

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

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PEARL MILLET WINS APPROVAL FROM HONEY BEES AND OTHER POLLINATORS

Pearl millet, an annual grass used for grain and forage, can be a good food source for honey bees and hover flies, according to a recent study.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences researchers studied the impact of pearl millet as a source of insect food by surveying insects collecting and consuming the sucrose-rich pollen of this crop. Researchers planted Tift Long-Headed Bulk, a type of pearl millet known for its long candlestick-like heads, at a research farm in Tifton, GA, during the past summer.

According to the survey results, the most common insects observed feeding on Tift Long-Headed Bulk pearl millet were honey bees followed by lined earwigs and maize calligrapher hover flies. Other pollinators such as two-spotted longhorn bees, common eastern bumble bees, American bumble bees, sweat bees and two other species of hover flies also feasted on the crop.

"What makes the study and the results fascinating is that wind-pollinated grasses, like pearl millet, are rarely promoted as a food source of pollinators in comparison to nectar-rich plants," said Karen Harris-Shultz, a research geneticist at the ARS Crop Genetics and Breeding Research Unit on the UGA Tifton campus. "Our research shows that pollinators are utilizing grass pollen."

Harris-Shultz added the study was also the first time lined earwigs, banded cucumber beetles, two-spotted longhorn bees and American bumble bees were observed collecting or consuming pollen from the pearl millet crop. ARS researchers in Tifton previously studied pearl millet as a food source for pollinators in 1965, but the study has not been revisited since, ac-



ording to Harris-Shultz.

Harris-Shultz and the researchers' work focuses on bees and other pollinators of grasses, especially the turfgrass centipede grass and sorghum. The researchers took an interest in pearl millet because of its ability to thrive in areas characterized by drought, low soil fertility and high temperatures.

These traits make pearl millet, which is grown primarily in the southeastern United States, a low-input crop with great benefits for pollinators and farmers looking for a good field border plant.

"Contrary to popular belief that grasses have no value to bees and other pollinators, this and our previous studies showed that these grasses can be good food sources for insects and may help combat decline in pollinator populations," said Harris-Shultz.

In addition to being pollinators, several of these insects, such as the hover flies and lined earwigs, are important biological control agents which assist in sustainable pest management."

The study and its findings were published in the *Journal of Entomological Science*.

Courtesy photo.

GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCES MICHIGAN SIGNS AGREEMENT TO PROTECT GREAT LAKES FROM INVASIVE SPECIES

On July 1, 2024, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced Michigan signed an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Illinois to cosponsor the construction of the Brandon Road Interbasin Project. This agreement with the Biden Administration unlocks \$274 million in federal and \$114 million in state funding for the first of three phases of the \$1.15 billion project which will prevent invasive carp and aquatic nuisance species from entering the Great Lakes.

Brandon Road Lock and Dam near Joliet, IL, is a critical pinch point to stop invasive carp from moving into the Great Lakes. The Brandon Road Interbasin Project will implement a complex series of invasive carp and aquatic nuisance species deterrents.

Invasive carp, notably bighead, silver and black carp, have the potential to outcompete other Great Lakes fish species, resulting in fewer fish like lake whitefish, perch and walleye. If invasive carp were to enter and colonize in the Great Lakes basin, inland rivers and lakes would also be vulnerable.

Silver carp are known to leap through the air and have caused injury to boaters in the Illinois River and other locations where they are present. In many cases, boaters cease to enjoy waters infested with silver carp, and fishing opportunities are greatly reduced.



Brandon Road Interbasin Lock and Dam Project

Michigan has been working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other Great Lakes states since 2011. These efforts have resulted in the following milestones:

2014: The Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Separation Study identified several options for separating the two basins. Subsequently, the Brandon Road lock and Dam site in Joliet, IL, was identified as the best location to prevent invasive species from entering the Great Lakes.

2018: The Brandon Road Feasibility Study was finalized, and Michigan committed \$8 million to the project.

2020: A Planning, Engineering and Design agreement was signed between Illinois and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Michigan supported Illinois as a non-federal sponsor and contributed \$8 million of the \$10.1 million non-federal funds required.

2022: A new cost for the Brandon Road Interbasin Project was estimated at \$1.14 billion, requiring a 10%

non-federal cost share.

2023: Appropriations in Michigan (\$64 million) and Illinois (\$50 million) meet the non-federal requirement to begin construction of the project.

Protecting the Great Lakes

Michigan is home to 21% of the world's fresh water — the world's largest surface system of fresh water.

The governor signed clean energy legislation to enact a 100% clean energy standard by 2040. Her MI Clean Water plan made investments to protect the Great Lakes from pollution and help communities across the state make much-needed repairs to their water infrastructure systems. Michigan enforces the strongest Lead and Copper Rule for drinking water in the country and established health-based standards for PFAS in drinking water supplies.

Governor Whitmer was appointed as the next Chair of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers.

Courtesy graphic.

Andrea Pierce, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Chair of Anishinaabek Caucus, Anishinabekwe and Commercial Tobacco Free Since May 1st, 1996!

How old were you when you started using commercial tobacco? "Around 12 or 13, I used to sneak them from my parents."

What caused you to start smoking? "I wanted to look cool, I went to a lot of different schools so I was trying to fit in."

How much were you smoking? "Not much in the beginning, I would bum cigarettes in high school, smoked when babysitting, or when hanging out with friends. Before I quit I was up to about a pack a day or more."

Did you use any other commercial tobacco products? "I tried a pipe once, it was pretty gross. I tried a cigar too but it made me sick!"

What were some things that caused you to think about quitting? "I tried quitting a few times...cold turkey, cassettes, self-hypnosis. I once attended a group hypnosis session, other family members were able to quit but not me. I started to get a morning cough that made me start thinking it was finally time to quit."

What methods did you use to help you finally quit? "I tried the Nicoderm patches when working at a pharmacy. I was told that if you smoked within 8 hours of using the patch, you could have a heart attack and die. I wore the patch for 24 hours at first but started having nightmares, so I switched to 1 patch in the morning, 1 in the evening. Cravings would come in waves but would eventually pass."

Anything else you would like to mention? "I helped a colleague at work to finally quit smoking!"

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Small Business, Central Line, MI 48001

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Aug 12, 2024 - Aug 14, 2024
Hyatt Regency Atlanta

FOOD 4 KIDS

The Manna Food Project

The Food 4 Kids program provides meals and snacks for young kids. This is a free program and anyone in need of food is welcome to take a bag. All of the locations below will have these food bags available throughout the summer.

If you or your family is in need of additional food assistance, use the QR code to find a food pantry near you.



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Alanson Public Library
7631 Burr Avenue
Alanson, MI 49706
(231) 548-5465
Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm
Friday 10am-2pm
Saturday 10am-2pm

Emmet County EMS
1201 Eppler Road
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 776-1000
Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

Petoskey District Library
500 E. Mitchell Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 758-3100
Sunday 12pm-5pm
Monday-Thursday 10am-7pm
Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-5pm

The Manna Food Project
8791 McBride Park Court
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231) 347-8852
Tuesday 9am-12pm
2nd & 4th Thursday 2pm-5pm
call for emergency food

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Boyne City Library
201 E. Main Street
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231) 582-7861
Monday-Friday 10am-7pm
Saturday 10am-2pm
Sunday 1pm-5pm

Charlevoix Public Library
220 W. Clinton Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
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Monday-Thursday 10am-8pm
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Bellaire Public Library
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Bellaire, MI 49615
(231) 533-8814
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 10am-2pm

Central Lake District Library
7900 Maple Street
Central Lake, MI 49622
(231) 544-2517
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 10am-3pm

Elk Rapids District Library
300 Isle of Pine
Elk Rapids, MI 49629
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GONA 2024

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2024

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MANNA FOOD PROJECT AGENCY PARTNER PANTRIES

AMTRIM COUNTY

Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Bellaire Community Pantry	231-533-8973	205 Broad Street	Bellaire	Mon & Thur	10:00 AM	4:00 PM
Bellaire Community Pantry	231-533-8973	205 Broad Street	Bellaire	Saturday	10:00 AM	Noon
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Tuesday	10:00 AM	5:00 PM
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Wed, Thur, Fri	10:00 AM	4:00 PM
Good Samaritan Center	231-588-2208	9746 Main Street	Ellsworth	Saturday	10:00 AM	2:00 PM
First Congregational Church	231-544-6878	1875 Main Street	Central Lake	Friday	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
First Congregational Church	231-544-6878	1875 Main Street	Central Lake	Tuesday	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale	231-587-9606	200 N Maple Street	Mancelona	Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri	9:00 AM	3:00 PM

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Boyne Valley	231-468-4615	3031 Main Street	Boyne Falls	Thursday	Noon	5:00 PM
Bread Of Life Food Pantry	231-547-4300 Ext 2	05855 M-66 N	Charlevoix	1st & 3rd Thur	4:30 PM	6:00 PM
Care & Share	231-536-7426	6710 M-32	East Jordan	Thursday	9:30 AM	Noon
Care & Share	231-536-7424	6710 M-32	East Jordan	Tuesday	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Charlevoix Community	231-237-9490	100 W Hurlburt Street	Charlevoix	Mon & 1st Thur	9:00 AM	Noon
Charlevoix Community	231-237-9491	100 W Hurlburt Street	Charlevoix	Monday	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Good Neighbors	231-497-8678	624 State Street	Boyne City	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Noon
Good Neighbors	231-497-8679	624 State Street	Boyne City	Tuesday	2:00 PM	5:30 PM
Jesus Is Lord Church	231-347-4837	06072 US 31 N	Bay Shore	2nd & 4th Tues	Noon	2:00 PM
Seventh Day Adventist	231-582-0151	326 North Park	Boyne City	All	Appt Only	Appt Only

EMMET COUNTY

Partner Food Pantry	Phone	Street	City	Day	Start	End
Harbor Springs Community	231-526-2017 X 43	201 W. 3rd Street	Harbor Springs	Monday	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
Brother Dan's	231-347-7423	415 State Street	Petoskey	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Noon
Church Of Christ	231-347-6181	320 Monroe Street,	Petoskey	Monday	11:30 AM	Noon
Church of the Nazarene	231-548-5462	7489 Mission Road	Alanson	Wednesday	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
Manna Food Pantry	231-347-8852	8791 McBride Park Ct	Harbor Springs	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Noon
Manna Food Pantry	231-347-8852	8791 McBride Park Ct	Harbor Springs	2nd & 4th Thurs	2:00 PM	5:00 PM
Manna Mobile Pantry - Carp Lake	231-347-8852	6339 E Gill Rd	Carp Lake	1st Thursday	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
Manna Mobile Pantry - Bliss	231-347-8852	265 W Sturgeon Bay Tr	Levering	3rd Thursday	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
Pellston Area	231-838-4499	161 US 31 N	Pellston	Wednesday	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Salvation Army	231-347-3531	712 Pleasant Ave	Petoskey	Mon through Fri	9am-11:30am	Call for emergency

THE RIGHT SIZE NEST CAN MAXIMIZE POLLINATION CAPABILITIES OF SOLITARY BEES



to have a greater foraging distance, making them better at spreading pollen. Therefore, the size of the nesting holes can either limit or maximize the pollination performance of the offspring. So, how can we determine the correct size and diameter for bee-nesting to maximize the production capabilities of solitary bee offspring?

Scientists examined the adult body mass and provision size of the alfalfa leafcutting bee. They collected samples from nesting boxes placed in the field. The boxes offered cavities ranging in diameter from four to nine mm in one mm increments. After scientists examined all the measurements collected from the field nesting boxes, including the body sizes and provision measurements, they found the size of the pollen provision was positively correlated to the bee's mass. They also observed bees' body size increased as the diameter of the nesting cavity increased, reaching a maximum size in the bigger nesting cavity diameters with offspring emerging from eight and nine mm having the highest rate of winter survival.

In addition, the study found various factors such as gender, wing areas, wing loading and overwintering significantly influence the offspring when included in the analysis. The optimal nesting cavity size for the highest yield of offspring is seven mm while the best performance was observed in the eight mm cavity. On the other hand, the five mm cavity could be the best option for the conservation of other cavity-nesting bees. As the different nest diameters impact each of these variables differently, pollination managers should carefully choose a cavity size which aligns with their primary management objective.

"This study demonstrates the importance of different nest sizes for solitary bees," said Research Leader Joe P. Rinehart with the Insect Genetics and Biochemistry Research in Fargo, ND. "While larger nests result in larger bees that may be able to fly further, the medium nests produced more bees overall, and even bees from the smallest nests have the advantage of increased relative flight power, which means that they have the ability to carry relatively heavier loads than their larger counterparts."

What is next? Scientists will continue researching to find answers to additional questions, including more detailed studies on the costs and benefits of being a larger or smaller bee.

The study was published in the *Journal of Economic Entomology*.

To Grow a Right-Sized Bee, Give It a Right-Sized Nest (entomologytoday.org)

Courtesy photo.

Solitary bees have a shorter lifespan compared to honeybees, usually lasting the spring or summer season. These bees have limited time to perform a lot of pollination work and they can use all the help they can get.

The USDA's Agricultural Research Service (USDA ARS), Insect Genetics and Biochemistry Research, participated in a study led by North Dakota State University, which aimed to provide insights on how to help solitary bees maximize their pollination performance and to aid pollination management.

The study focused on the alfalfa leafcutting bee (*Megachile rotundata*) to determine how modifying the nesting cavity diameter of solitary bees can enhance bee conservation, performance and management practices. The pollination work by this species of solitary bee is crucial for alfalfa seed production.

There are more species of solitary bees than honeybees. Like honeybees, solitary bees are essential for pollinating crops and gardens, but unlike honeybees, they do not live in hives. Many solitary bees, like the alfalfa leafcutting bee, are cavity nesters and lay their eggs in natural cavities such as hollow twigs and holes in wood or digging underground tunnels. Before laying their eggs, the mother bee determines the required amount of provisions, gathers the supply of nectar and pollen and places it in the individual nest cells. Then, eggs are laid on the provisions for the larva's development. Gardeners and bee managers help increase the number of bees by placing "human-made" nesting holes around gardens to help the bees with nest construction. Another method is the use of "human-made" nesting boxes, which are also commonly used in commercial pollination managers to synchronize the time pollinators emerge with crop bloom.

An interesting fact is the performance of solitary bees is not solely determined by their genetics, but also by their body size. Furthermore, the size of the bee's body is influenced by the diameter of the nesting cavity and the amount of provisions left by the mother bee. Bees which grow larger inside the cavities have been shown

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C/O: ISTEAM Program,
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Indigenous STEAM

Attention Michelle Chingwa Award Recipients!

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APPLY TO PITCH AT TCNewTech

Pitch your startup and compete to win cash prizes.

20Fathoms is now accepting applications for the TCNewTech pitch competition happening on September 10, 2024 in Traverse City, MI.

In addition to the opportunity to pitch, finalists also receive pitch coaching, mentorship, startup services and valuable new connections.

No cost to participate.

Eligibility: Michigan-based, early-stage, scalable startups.



Apply by **August 2, 2024** to be considered for the TCNewTech September competition.

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INDIGENOUS BUSINESS & MARKETING ESSENTIALS PROGRAM - SEPTEMBER BOOTCAMP

Learn how to build a solid foundation to form and grow your business ideas in this hands-on learning experience with a community of peers and mentors.

There is no cost to participate. Open to any indigenous persons living in Northwest Michigan (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties).

This program is designed specifically for indigenous entrepreneurs and will feature indigenous instructors. Brought to you by 20Fathoms - providing resources to Northwest Michigan startups and small businesses - with support from New Mexico Community Capital.



The next cohort is happening September 27-29, 2024 and will run as a three-day in-person bootcamp in Traverse City, MI.

Questions? Contact Shiloh Slomsky, 20Fathoms Tribal Liaison & CFO at shiloh@20fathoms.org.

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Classification Levels:	
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*

ULTRAVIOLET RAYS SAFETY AWARENESS

By Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach



UV are ultraviolet rays which come from the sun and from sun lamps and tanning beds. There are two types of UV rays which damage human skin: UVA and UVB.

Lip cancer is oral cancer which is of special concern to dentists. Lip cancer develops from abnormal squamous cells which grow out of control on the lips and on the skin surrounding the lips.

Lip cancer may not have any symptoms. What are signs and symptoms of possible lip cancer, which you should discuss with your dentist or doctor?

- A sore, blister, ulcer or lump on the mouth which doesn't go away.
- A red or white patch on the lip.
- Cracked and bleeding which doesn't go away.
- Pain or numbness on the lips.

Dentists are often the first to notice lip cancer during a routine dental exam. Lip cancer is highly curable when diagnosed early. Most sores or lumps on the lips are not cancer, though.

How can lip cancer be prevented?

- Minimize exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the hours when UV rays are strongest.
- Apply lip balm with sunscreen 30 SPF before going outside. Re-apply every two hours even on cloudy days and after swimming or eating. Some cosmetic lipsticks contain sunscreen. Consider using zinc oxide although its opacity might be considered unattractive.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat which provides shade for the entire face, including lips.
- Do not use sunlamps or tanning beds.
- Sand, concrete and water reflect UV rays, so cover up and wear sunscreen while outside. Snow and ice also reflect UV rays.

Protect children from the sun because skin damage from UV rays early in life can lead to skin cancer later in life. Keep babies younger than six months out of direct sunlight.

What behaviors increase the risk for lip cancer?

- Using tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, pipes or chewing tobacco).

- Heavy drinking of alcohol.
- Prolonged exposure to UV rays (both natural sunlight and artificial).
- Recognize outdoor activities and outdoor work result in many hours outside.
- Having light-colored skin.
- Being male.
- Having had the human papillomavirus (HPV).
- Being older than 40 years of age.
- Living nearer to the equator.

How is lip cancer diagnosed? Dentists and doctors perform a physical exam of your lips and other parts of your mouth, head and neck to search for abnormalities. Dentists and doctors will also ask you about your:

- Health history.
- Smoking and alcohol history.
- Past illnesses.
- Medical and dental treatments.
- Family history of disease.
- Any medications in use.

If lip cancer is suspected, a referral to an oral surgeon is in order. A simple biopsy can confirm the diagnosis. During a biopsy, a small sample of the affected area is removed. The sample is then reviewed in a laboratory under a microscope by a pathologist.



If the biopsy results confirm lip cancer, the oral surgeon and dentist and cancer specialist will determine the best course of treatment.

Remember, lip cancer is highly curable when diagnosed early. Because many cases of lip cancer are first discovered by dentists, it is important to make and keep regular dental appointments.

<https://hub.jhu.edu/at-work/2022/07/12/uv-safety-awareness-month/>

<https://www.healthline.com/health/lip-cancers>

https://pages.clevelandclinic.org/head-neck-cancer-index-5.html?utm_source=bing_ppc&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Head+and+Neck+-+Cancers+-+General+-+Region+1,+2,+3&utm_term=oral%20cancer&msclkid=655f7148fad-218d8c47d15354569b82f

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APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

To be considered for the next phase at the 2nd Street Project in Harbor Springs, submit your application to the LTBB Housing Department. Applications are available in the LTBB Housing Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI. They are also available at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or can be mailed by request.

Apartments will be Market Rate only.
1 bedroom units at \$800 a month and
2 bedroom units at \$1000 a month

Call for more details at 231-242-1540
Applications can be found at
www.tinyurl.com/LTBBMarketRateApp



HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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


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

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

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


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

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



MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS HOUSING DEPARTMENT
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tel: 231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550
TTY: 7-1-1



Apartments for Rent

Now accepting applications

- Must belong to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Must be 55 or older or disabled of any age
- Rents are based on income
- Accept very low, low and moderate income applicants
- All units are 2 bedroom and 1 bath
- Bedrooms are approximately 121 sq. feet and 94 sq. feet
- Located in a quiet country setting, but only 4 miles from Harbor Springs, MI
- Barrier free units are available
- LTBB Housing office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Tribal Village is approximately 4 miles north of Harbor Springs, MI

Contact person: LTBB Housing Department 231-242-1540

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, at any USDA office or call 866-632-9922 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or e-mail at program.intake@usda.gov.

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

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



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

Let us know: ReportFraud.ftc.gov

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

If someone contacts you about a tax rebate or refund: Never click on links in unexpected texts. Don't share personal information with anyone who contacts you out of the blue. Always use a website or phone number you know is real.

They'll always start by sending you a letter. If you want to confirm, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040. Find the status of any pending refund on the IRS official website. Visit Where's My Refund. Report unsolicited texts or emails claiming to be the IRS. Forward a screenshot or the email as an attachment to phishing@irs.gov. If you clicked a link in one of these texts or emails and shared personal information, file a report at IdentityTheft.gov to get a customized recovery plan based on what information you shared. Even if you didn't lose money to an IRS scam, tell us about it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help.

Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get a free well and septic system or replace your current system.

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



2024 LTBB Drum Social



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http://nscdi.org

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• Wiikwemkoong Brava (6 - 17yrs)
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DRUM Competition Prize Board

1ST = \$12,000
2ND = \$8,000
3RD = \$6,000
4TH = \$4,000
5TH = \$2,000

DANCE Categories/Prize Board

PLATINUM (NEW CATEGORY) 60+
1st - \$5000 | 2nd - \$3000
3rd - \$800 | 4th - \$600

Golden Age (50 - 59 years)
TRADITIONAL & COMBINED
1st - \$3000 | 2nd - \$1000
3rd - \$500 | 4th - \$600

Adult (26 to 49 years)
Traditional/Grass/Fancy/Jingle
1st - \$2000 | 2nd - \$1000
3rd - \$500 | 4th - \$600

Adult (26 to 35 years)
Traditional/Grass/Fancy/Jingle/Woodland
1st - \$2000 | 2nd - \$1000
3rd - \$500 | 4th - \$600

Teens (13 - 17 years)
Traditional/Grass/Fancy/Jingle
1st - \$500 | 2nd - \$400
3rd - \$200 | 4th - \$200

Boys/Girls (7 - 12 years)
Traditional/Grass/Fancy/Jingle
1st - \$300 | 2nd - \$200
3rd - \$100 | 4th - \$60

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American Indian Health & Family Services

POW WOV IN THE D

Save The Date
August 3rd 2024
For more info 313-846-3718

Location:
Wayne State Soccer Field
5101 John C Lodge
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Gates Open: 11am
Grand Entry: 12pm
Gates Close: 4pm

All Dancers Welcome | No Drugs or Alcohol Allowed
No Pets Allowed, Except Service Animals
Organization Website: www.aihfs.org

Annual Powwow and Health Fair

DANCERS
MUST PRE-REGISTER BY JULY
Use this QR code to pre-register online.
Each dancer will need their own registration for honorarium.

VENDORS
Use this QR code to download the vendor form. Contact Natalie for any additional questions at 313-846-3718

Where The Eagles Dance

41ST ANNUAL LVD GETEGITIGAANING TRADITIONAL POW WOV

COUNTY ROAD 210 - OLD INDIAN VILLAGE RD. IN WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

FRI. AUG. 9 6:00 PM - GRAND ENTRY
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to raise awareness on domestic violence and to honor survivors and remember lost loved ones

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

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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.

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TINY TOTS NEED NOT REGISTER.

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TOP 3 BOYS AND GIRLS WIN A BIKE
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3 CONSOLATION PRIZES (SCOOTERS)

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Check out www.odawahomecoming.com and on
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PLEASE NOTE!

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2024 POW WOW T-SHIRTS



ADULT SIZE COLORS AVAILABLE:

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Adult 2X-5X \$24 ea.

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“Women’s Tools” Designed by Jenna Kishigo
Credit cards accepted! T-Shirt sales will continue at www.OdawaHomecoming.com after the Pow Wow!

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

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



2023/2024 Miss Odawa Nation
Mnookmi Massey

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!

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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
A Pow Wow dancer



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



2023/2024 Junior Miss Odawa Nation
Adrianna Shenoskey

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

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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



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!

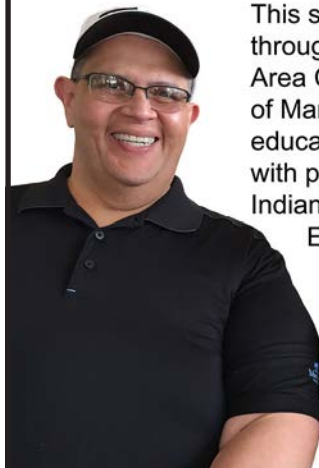
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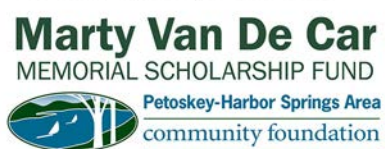
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Understanding the Sights and Sounds of the 31st Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow



The Drum

The drum calls the dancers into the dance arena and symbolizes a heartbeat. Some songs are very old and passed down from generation to generation. Some songs are new and are created by individual members of the drum group. The songs are usually sung in the group's Native language. Usually, women do not sit at the drum or beat the drum. If women sing, they may sit or stand in the second row behind the men.



Grand Entry

The pow wow begins with a grand entry in which all the people enter the dance arena. During grand entry, everyone is asked to stand as the flags are brought into the arena. The flags carried generally include the U.S. flag, tribal flags, Prisoners of War flags and eagle staffs. These are carried by veterans. Following the veterans are other important guests including tribal chiefs, princesses and the head dancers. Next in line are the men dancers followed by the women dancers. Once everyone is in the arena, the song ends, and a flag song is sung.

Flag Song

People should remain standing during the flag song. Native Americans hold the U.S. flag in an honored position despite the horrible treatment received from this country. The flag has a dual meaning. First, it is a way to remember all of the ancestors who fought against this country. Secondly, it is a symbol of the United States, which Native Americans are now a part of. It also reminds people of those who have fought for this country. A veterans song follows the flag song.

Veterans Song

People should remain standing during the veterans song. The head veteran, who is selected by the pow wow committee, leads the procession during this song. It is sung to honor all veterans. All veterans, Native and non-

Native, are invited to participate. In Native American culture, veterans have always been honored and respected for being warriors. Usually, dancers and spectators shake the hands of the veterans and personally thank them for their service before joining in the procession behind them. An invocation follows the veterans song.

Invocation

A respected member of the tribal community is asked to give an invocation or prayer in his or her Native language. People should remain standing during the invocation.



Intertribals

Intertribal dances are a chance for everyone to join. Anyone can participate in these dances, which bring the community together.

Courtesy photos

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SUNDAY
1:00 p.m.
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Neesh-La Pow-Wow 2024

August 20th-22nd

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Across from the Casino

Head Staff	Admission
Master of Ceremonies Ronald Goodooglee Jr. - Dakota, Ojibwe, Comanche, Cheyenne, and Sac & Fox Boyz Ladd Sh. - Ho-Chunk Arena Directors Gabby Funmaker - Ho-Chunk, Meskwaki & MHA Paul Roberts Jr. - Ho-Chunk & Meskwaki Head Dance Judges Wayne Silas Jr. - Menominee & Oneida Aosia Red Elk - Ojibwa, Cayuse & Nez Perce Head Singing Judge Hokie Clairmont - Lakota & Ho-Chunk Host Drum Meskwaki Nation - Tama, IA Color Guard Sanford White Eagle Post 556	\$10 day \$15 3-day Grand Entries Tuesday - 7:00pm Wednesday - 1:00pm & 7:00pm Thursday - 12:00pm Dance Contest Categories - Men's Traditional, Grass, Fancy, & Woodland Women's Applique, Traditional, Jingle & Fancy Show! Golden Age (55+) \$1,000, Sr. Adults (35-54) \$700, Jr. Adults (18-34) \$500, Teens (13-17) \$300, Juniors (6-12) \$200 Prices Adult Categories 1st \$1,000 2nd \$800 3rd \$600 4th \$400 Teen Categories 1st \$400 2nd \$300 3rd \$200 4th \$100 Jr. Categories 1st \$200 2nd \$150 3rd \$100 4th \$50 Specials Registration - Tuesday 4pm - 7:30pm & Wednesday 11am - 12:30pm Outgoing Princess Paula Cloud Special Stand Rock Contest Dance Outgoing Brave Special Gitzgo-Gitzhek Woodland Smoke Showdown Committee Special Hat and Boot Special sponsored by Sweetgrass Stables Johnny Whitehead Memorial Special Men's Fancy Sponsored by Family (Thursday prior Grand Entry) Gerald Cleveland Sr. Memorial Special (40+ Men's Traditional Special 1,000/800/600/400/200 & 2 \$100 consolations Thursday prior Grand Entry & Breakfast Sponsored by Family Hand Drum Contest In honor of graduate Ryan Funmaker 1st \$500 2nd \$300 3rd \$200 2024 Princess & Brave Pageant Contact Kayree Funmaker (608)393-0787 - Pageant begins Monday

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Flag Raising and Breakfast Wednesday & Thursday 9 am
Supper Break Meal provided by Committee
Cultural Marketplace - Featuring LEAF Artists & Community Social Program Fair

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



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Head Dancers CHOSEN EACH SESSION
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History of Miss Odawa Nation and Junior Miss Odawa Nation

By Winnay Wemigwase, LTBB Tribal Citizen

The selection of a young woman to represent the Odawa people has been happening in some form since the 1930s. In conjunction with the Annual Indian Naming Ceremonies, an Indian Princess Pageant was held which included competition categories such as poise and speaking voice. These women were the predecessors of the Odawa Homecoming Queen.

The Odawa Homecoming Queen or "Miss Odawa" Contest began in 1992 as part of the events connected to the First Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow in Ottawa Stadium, Harbor Springs, MI. As with the pow wow, reintroducing the selection of a princess served to bring back some of the previous generations' traditions and the traditions attached to the history of the Ottawa Stadium. It also provided a leadership opportunity for young Odawa women who wanted to become more involved in Indian country.

The title of "Odawa Homecoming Queen" changed a few years later to better match the general movement of holding princess contests at pow wows across the country. The Odawa Homecoming Queen began to be referred to as "Miss Odawa Nation."

Every year the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow has been held, we have had a "Miss Odawa" chosen based on competitions in public speaking, knowledge of culture and history, overall poise and dance skill.

In 2017, we had a "Junior Miss Odawa Nation" chosen based on competitions in public speaking, knowledge of culture and history, overall poise and dance skill.

Again this year, we have young ladies who have the desire to give back to their community by becoming Miss Odawa Nation and Junior Miss Odawa Nation.

As they compete for the titles, they act as bridges between the past and future.

Photos by Wendy Congdon.

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Saturday @ 1 pm & 7 pm
Sunday @ 12 pm

Feast
Saturday @ 5 pm

Emcees
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Mike Demain

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Christy Jackson

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TBA @ Every Session

On Site
Camping
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Specials and Events
Men's Woodland
1st Place - \$500
2nd Place \$300
3rd Place - \$150
Women's Woodland
Scrub
1st Place - \$500
2nd Place \$300
3rd Place - \$150
Teen Side Step
TBD
5 Man Singing Contest
TBD
Lacrosse
Saturday 9 am - Noon
Canoe Race On Saturday
Registration @ 8 am, race at 9 am @ Government Road Boat Landing
Color Fun Walk/Run Sunday
Registration at 8 am, Race at 9 am
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2023/2024 Miss Odawa Nation
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Adrianna Shenoskey

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Sometimes, Indian People and Man's Best Friend Must Walk Separate Paths



By Winnay Wemigwase, LTBB Tribal Citizen

In traditional Anishinaabe teachings, our people have always had a close relationship with Ma'iingan (the wolf).

When Nanaboozhoo (First Man) first walked the earth, he realized all the beings of creation had others like themselves. This made Nanaboozhoo lonely, and he longed for a companion.

Therefore, he talked to the Creator about it. The Creator agreed that, like the other beings, Nanaboozhoo needed others like himself, so the Creator promised to send down to Nanaboozhoo somebody to be his best friend.

Together, Nanaboozhoo and his best friend, Ma'iingan, were given the important job of naming all of creation. While doing this important work, and while playing together, they became

brothers. Once their job was done, the Creator told them they would always have a strong bond and live parallel lives. However, it was time for them to part ways and walk separate paths.

We still have a unique relationship with the wolf and modern, domestic dogs. "Man's Best Friend" has descended from Ma'iingan. It is believed both the positive and negative things that have happened to wolf populations have also happened to the Anishinaabek at the same time.

For example, our social structures are the same (villages/bands and packs), we both choose one mate for life, our traditional homelands have been encroached upon, and we have developed similar health problems with the introduction of foreign disease and lifestyles. We have always shared simi-

lar life paths throughout history.

However, we must always keep in mind the teachings of the Creator when holding ceremonies and keep in mind the promise made by First Man and Ma'iingan. Not only is this practice an important spiritual belief of our people, it is also an important safety issue for our friends.

The second weekend in August is often a very hot one, and no one wants a pet to suffer in a swelteringly hot car because it is not allowed to be near our ceremony.

This is why dogs, even though they may be an important part of our families, are asked to refrain from joining us at pow wow time, during sacred fires, at feasts or at other cultural/spiritual gatherings.

Courtesy graphic.

Pow Wow Etiquette

Specific seating is usually provided for elders. Keeping the pow wow grounds clean is everyone's responsibility.

The seating around the arena is reserved for dancers in regalia.

Listen to the master of ceremonies. He will announce who is to dance and when.

Respect the head male and head female dancers. Their role entitles them to start each song or set of songs. Please wait until they have started to dance before you join in.

Some songs require you be familiar with the routine or have special eligibility rules in order to participate. Trot dances, snake, buffalo, etc. require particular steps or routines. Veteran dances may be restricted to veterans, combat veterans or in some cases, the relations of veterans. If you are not familiar with a particular dance, observe and learn. Watch the head dancers to learn the proper procedures. Certain items of reli-

gious significance should be worn only by those qualified to do so. Respect the traditions. Never intentionally touch another dancer's regalia, person or property without permission. Giveaways, attributes of Indian generosity, are held at many pow wows. When called to receive a gift, please only take one item as the pow wow committee has several people to thank and give gifts to.

Before sitting at a drum, ask permission from the head singer. Do not touch a drum without permission. If you see a lost feather, or you yourself drop a feather, do not pick it up. Notify the nearest veteran, the head veteran dancer, head male dancer or arena director immediately.

If taking photographs or videotaping drummers or dancers, ask for permission first. A dancer's clothing is regalia, not a costume. If you have a question, ask. Most dancers, singers, elders and staff are happy to help.

Dancers and Dance Styles

Editor's note: This is only one interpretation of the dance styles and the elements of the pow wow.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar except for the photos of the male traditional dancer and the grass dancer. The photo of the male traditional dancer is by Eva Oldman. The photo of the grass dancer is by Tina Peterson.



Men's Traditional

Male traditional dancers use storytelling movements to act out the feats of bravery. They imitate animals with side-to-side movements as part of their dance. A storyline develops as each dancer challenges the enemy or represents an animal.

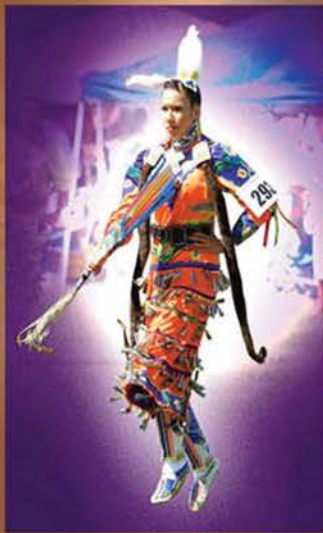


Women's Traditional

Female traditional dancers keep their feet close to Mother Earth. Their regalia consists of buckskin or cloth dresses. The buckskin dresses have long, flowing fringe decorated with bright, intricate beadwork. The women carry a shawl on their arms. Dancers move clockwise around the drum or dance arena.

Women's Jingle

The women's jingle dress is considered a medicine dress. Dancers wear cloth dresses that contain 365 small metal cones, a prayer for each day. An eagle fan is usually carried by the dancer. Legend tells the story of a young Ojibwe girl who began the jingle dress tradition. She lived in a village crippled with great sickness. She longed to help her people and dreamed about the jingle dress for four nights. After the fourth night, she asked her grandmother what the dream meant. The grandmother told her to make the dress because it would stop the sickness.



Men's Fancy

The male fancy dance is based on the traditional and warrior society dances and has evolved into a competitive dance for modern warriors. Dancers express themselves by intricate footwork, spins and colorful regalia.



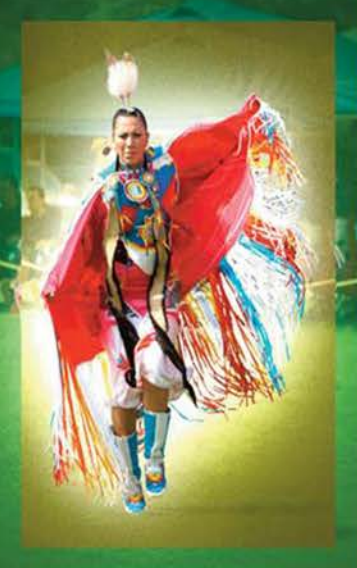
Men's Grass Dance

The grass dance style is a very old dance rich in history which has become very popular. In the old days, it was the job of the grass dancers to flatten the grass in the arena before a pow wow. The name "grass" does not come from the stomping of grass, but it comes from the old habit of tying braids of sweet grass to the dancer's belts, producing a swaying effect. Today, grass dancers resemble a multi-colored swaying mass of yarn or fringe on the dance floor. The grass dance is a very fluid and bendable style with the dancers trying to move their fringe in as many places as possible at once. The grass dance style was born in the north, but its popularity has spread south.



Women's Fancy

The female fancy shawl dance is thought to have originated as the butterfly dance. When her mate is killed in battle, the female butterfly mourns and goes into a cocoon symbolized by the shawl. She travels the world looking for happiness, stepping on every rock until she finds beauty in just one. Her emergence from the cocoon celebrates freedom and a new life. The regalia consists of a colorful shawl worn around the shoulders and a cloth dress with bright, intricate beadwork. Contrary to popular belief, this dance is not a traditional women's style. It originated up north as a tourist and competition dance in the early 1950s and 1960s, filtering down to the south where it became more popular in the mid 1970s and 1980s. For years, women had struggled to find their place in the dance arena fighting conformity among other things. This was a revolutionary breakthrough for the younger women who longed for a more stylish approach to traditional dance.



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THE HISTORY OF THE ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW



By Winnay Wemigwase, LTBB Tribal Citizen

Master's office in Harbor Springs, MI, in 1934.

At these ceremonies, non-Indian individuals were "adopted" into the tribe and given Indian names. These ceremonies continued for eight years with one person adopted each year. No ceremonies were held due to the war from 1942 to 1945. The ceremonies resumed in 1946.

On November 9, 1947, the Michigan Indian Foundation, Inc. was founded. The purpose of this group was to preserve Native culture and to help the local Native community. With the continual increase of spectators at the Indian Naming Ceremonies, the foundation initiated construction on an updated amphitheater in the spring of 1948. This outdoor theater would be known as the Harbor Springs Ottawa Indian Stadium.

The naming ceremonies came to an end approximately 10 years later. These large scale events changed from the Naming Ceremonies to a yearly production of the play "Hiawatha." These pageants were described as very elaborate and involved a lot of local Native families, dedication and hard work. The Hiawatha Pageant was performed in the Ottawa Indian Stadium until the

1960s.

In 1992, the First Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow was held at the Ottawa Stadium in downtown Harbor Springs. It was hosted by the Andrew J. Blackbird Museum, and the committee was chaired by Shirley Naganashe-Oldman. It served to bring our people back to the stadium for singing and dancing and to educate the local community about who we are as contemporary Odawak. The Homecoming Pow Wows were held there yearly through 2001.

The pow wow moved from the Ottawa Stadium to the current Pleasantview Road location in 2002. The current location brought the pow wow to tribal property and to the center of our community. It sits adjacent to the LTBB Governmental Center and our Natural Resource Department building, both places being central to the daily business of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

As hosts of the Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow, the LTBB community continues its tradition of celebrating who we are through song and dance.

Courtesy photo.

The first "Indian Naming Ceremony," which served to honor those who helped Native people and their causes, was held near what is now the Harbor

August

Sunday (Name-Gizhigat)	Monday (Ntaam-Nokti Gizhigat)	Tuesday (Nizho-Gizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Gizhigat)	Thursday (Niwwo-Gizhigat)	Friday (Nasamo-Gizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Gizhigat)
<p>Please Note: Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Any changes will be posted on the LTBB Website.</p>						
4 Election Board Meeting 5:30 pm	5 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am	6 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am	7 Elders Luncheon at Noon Elders Commission Meeting 5 pm Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm Zibimijwang, Inc. Meeting 6 pm	8 Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am Child Welfare Commission Meeting 11 am Gaming Authority Work Session 4 pm Meeting 5 pm Gaming Authority/Odawa Online GSP Meeting 6 pm	9 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am	10 31 st Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow
11 31 st Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow	12 Elders Luncheon at Noon Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am	13 Elders Luncheon at Noon Natural Resources Commission Meeting 6 pm	14 Elders Luncheon at Noon Natural Resources Commission Meeting 6 pm	15 Elders Luncheon at Noon	16 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am	17
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LATEST DNR SURVEY SHOWS STABLE WOLF POPULATION IN MICHIGAN

By Michigan DNR



more likely to have wolves. The department also plans on testing some new technology using trace DNA collected from fresh tracks left in the snow to verify suspected wolf presence.

Although it is possible that individual wolves currently occupy the Lower Peninsula, as of April 2023, the state's wolf population is not known to extend to that part of Michigan.

During the 2011 targeted winter track survey, and shortly after the 2015 survey period, tracks consistent with a wolf were observed in Cheboygan and Emmet counties. In 2014, biologists from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians captured what appeared to be a wolf on a trail camera and were able to collect a scat sample. DNA analysis of the scat confirmed the animal to be a male wolf.

The last wolf identified in the Lower Peninsula was a male wolf taken in January 2024 in Calhoun County by a coyote hunter. An investigation into the matter failed to determine how the wolf came to be in Calhoun County.

"Research has suggested that there is suitable habitat for wolves in the northern Lower Peninsula," said Roell. "However, this habitat is fragmented and the ability of wolves to travel the landscape among these habitat patches is uncertain. Suitable habitat becomes even more patchy in the more populated southern Lower Peninsula, which makes it unlikely that wolves would establish themselves there."

Wolves in Michigan are currently protected under the federal Endangered Species Act by federal court order. As a result of this status, wolves can be killed only if they are a direct and immediate threat to human life. Because wolves in Michigan long ago attained federal and state population goals, the DNR continues to advocate for returning wolves to state management.

For more about Michigan's wolf population, including the Michigan Wolf Management Plan, visit Michigan.gov/Wolves.

Courtesy photo.

The 2024 winter wolf population survey estimate from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources found a minimum of 762 wolves in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This year's estimate showed an increase of 131 animals compared to the 2022 estimate of 631; however, the results demonstrate a continued trend of statistical stability in Michigan's wolf population.

"This year's survey findings are statistically consistent with our wolf population surveys for the past 14 years," said Brian Roell, the DNR's large carnivore specialist. "When a wild population reaches this stable point, it is typical to see slight variations from year to year, indicating that gray wolves may have reached their biological carrying capacity in the Upper Peninsula."

In other words, Michigan's U.P. wolf population has achieved an equilibrium between availability of habitat and the number of wolves that habitat can support over time.

The survey, completed last winter, found the population distributed among 158 packs in the Upper Peninsula with an average of 4.8 wolves per pack. This year's survey represents the highest population estimate since 2012 when the department began doing the semiannual survey. The survey is conducted during the winter because it relies in part on identifying wolf tracks in the snow.

Prior to the winter of 2007, the DNR sought to count wolves throughout the entire Upper Peninsula. However, as the wolf population increased, this peninsula wide survey method became more difficult and time-consuming, especially the process of distinguishing among adjacent packs.

As a result, the department developed and evaluated a different sampling method to reduce the search area and allow additional time to accurately count wolves in neighboring territories. The new approach uses a geographic stratification – essentially

breaking up regions into small pieces and ensuring those regions have representative samples – and produces an unbiased, precise minimum estimate of wolf abundance in Michigan's U.P. during midwinter when wolves are at their lowest point in their yearly population cycle.

The DNR is currently evaluating two other techniques for estimating wolf abundance in the U.P. One relies on a track survey similar to the department's current method. The other uses trail cameras spread across the U.P.

If successful, these additional techniques may have advantages over the current methodology, mainly by decreasing staff time. The camera model would have the added benefit of producing estimates at times of the year other than winter.

This March 2024 Showcasing the DNR story shares more about the survey pilot programs.

Lower Peninsula

At the same time, the department plans to continue its search for wolves in the Lower Peninsula. The last survey for the presence of wolves in the northern Lower Peninsula occurred in 2019. A new survey is planned for early 2025.

Monitoring wolf presence in the northern Lower Peninsula is significantly different than in the Upper Peninsula because wolves, if present in the Lower Peninsula, are at such low-density levels the track survey protocol used in the U.P. is impractical.

Instead, a targeted search approach based on resident reports of wolves or wolf sign – such as tracks or scat – is used to concentrate efforts in areas

Hearing Aid Program

ELIGIBILITY:

- LTBB CITIZENS FROM ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

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

BENEFITS:

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

Questions?
Abigail Dawson
231-242-1752

ELDERS VISION PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY:

- LTBB ELDER CITIZENS LIVING OUTSIDE OF THE SERVICE AREA

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

- ITEMIZED STATEMENT/RECEIPT SHOWING PROOF OF PAYMENT

BENEFITS:

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

QUESTIONS?
ABIGAIL DAWSON
231-242-1752

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

Crooked Tree Wellness Clinic

We are OPEN and Accepting New Patients!

Compassionate Health Care

Serving the Medicaid Population of Northern Michigan

Q & A

Do I need to be Native?

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

What if I don't have insurance?

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

Do you accept any other insurance?

No. Our clinic only accepts patients with Medicaid as their primary insurance.

Can I just walk in?

We recommend calling us first, 231-242-1760. We typically can make same day appointments.

Open to Anyone w/Medicaid as their Primary Insurance!

Same Day Appointments Available!

Call Us!
(231) 242-1760

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TALK, READ, AND SING TOGETHER EVERY DAY!

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN.

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

BIRTH TO 2 MONTHS

- Coo, makes gurgling sounds
- Turns head toward sounds

4 MONTHS

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

6 MONTHS

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

9 MONTHS

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

12 MONTHS

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

18 MONTHS

- Says several single words
- Points to show someone what he wants

2 YEARS

- Points to body or pictures when named
- Says 1-2 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
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences

4 YEARS

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

5 YEARS

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Chambers
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
 March 21, 2024
 In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:07 a.m.
 Opening ceremony: Secretary Emily Proctor
 Closed Session: No
 Council Present: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Aaron Otto, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes
 Absent: Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet
 Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Administrative Assistant Marin Taylor, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Office of Finance and Revenue Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz, General Counsel Jim Bransky

Corporate Charters Present: None
 Executive Officials and Staff Present: Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator David Thom Jr., Community Health Home Health Nurse Rachel Graham, Safety Officer Matthew Tetreault, Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist Katherine Skubik, Housing Maintenance Worker William McNamara, Regulatory Lead Gaming Inspector Blayne Bott, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Tribal Chairperson's Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson

Judicial Officials and Staff: None
 Public: Patrick Anthony, Renee Dilard, Brian Anthony, Doug Emery
 Invited Guest: None

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to adopt the agenda for March 21, 2024 as amended.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Citizens who have walked on: Raymond Cody-ba, Richard Feathers Sr.-ba, Neoma Hallet-ba, Shane Paulsen-ba, Mary Rivers-ba, and John Sharkey-ba.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 7, 2024 as presented.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

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

Charity Wynkoop - Medical Assistant - Health

Rachel Graham - Community Health Home Health Nurse - Health
 Dr. John Seldon - Dentist - Health
 Matthew Tetreault - Safety Officer - Safety

Katherine Skubik - Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist (transfer) - Natural Resources

William McNamara - Housing Maintenance Worker - Housing

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion:

Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon: Regina and Stella are in Cincinnati, OH at the Enbridge Line 5 Appeal at the 6th Circuit Court. Wage Grid Study vendor has been selected. Once they get started the process should take 12-15 weeks.

Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson: Nish Odetoo (Indian Town Housing) is complete; Executive staff

are reviewing and scoring applications.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Tamara Munson to acknowledge the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon and Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson for March 21, 2024.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Tribal Council Officer Reports:

Legislative Leader Report

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes' verbal report for March 21, 2024.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Secretary Report

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

Documents Delivered to the Executive:

-Tribal Resolution # 022221-01 Support and Authorization of the Provision of Legal Services by 252 BJA Subgrantee in a 2024 Grant by Montana Legal Services to Michigan Indian Legal Services - signed on 02/27/2024

-Tribal Resolution # 022224-02 Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$31,500.00 to come from General Fund-Fund Balance for FY 2024 Traditional Tribal Burial Commission Budget - signed on 02/27/2024

-Tribal Resolution # 031524-01 Authorizing Full Payment of OEDMI's Line of Credit at Fifth Third Bank - signed on 03/18/2024

Phone Polls: One

-03/15/2024 Reason for Emergency Phone Poll: Motion to adopt Tribal Resolution: Authorizing Full Payment of OEDMI's Line of Credit at Fifth Third Bank.

Phone Poll Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstain (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 0 - Absent

Motion carries.

Activities: Conversations with Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, and Grants regarding funding sources for building out Odawa Circle and an inter-generational cultural center/museum; encourages everyone to complete the Tribal Census through the Odawa Prosperity Project, it will help greatly with planning for the future.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for March 21, 2024.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

Phone Polls: None

Activities: Line of Credit payment for Odawa Economic Development Management Inc. has gone through. Various conversations with Legislative Services Attorney, Legislative Leader, and Sr Financial Analyst.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for March 21, 2024.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Land and Reservation Committee Report

Phone Polls: None

Activities: Cancelled two meetings; funding streams are being explored. Next meeting Friday, April 12, 2024 will be reviewing land consideration parcels.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

August 6 Work Session
 August 7 Council Meeting
 August 20 Work Session
 August 22 Council Meeting

September 10 Work Session
 September 12 Council Meeting
 September 24 Work Session
 September 26 Council Meeting

All Tribal Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Tribal Council Chambers located at
 7500 Odawa Circle,
 Harbor Springs, MI.

Legislative Tribal Council Members

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

agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chair for March 21, 2024.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Tribal Council Member Reports:

a. Councilor Fred Kiogima - No Report

b. Councilor Tamara Munson - No Report

c. Councilor William Ortiz - No Report

d. Councilor Aaron Otto - We should consider a statute for a tribal census so we can conduct one regularly.

e. Councilor Melissa Pamp - No Report

f. Councilor Jordan Shananaquet - No Report

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Aaron Otto's verbal report for March 21, 2024.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Legislative Office Reports:

Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst

a. Office Update

b. Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Gaming Authority - No Report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation - Vacasa Lease Addendum

Odawa Economic Development Management Inc. - No Report

Ziibimijwang, Inc. - No Report

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Sr. Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for March 21, 2024.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the Vacasa Michigan LLC Lease Addendum made on May 1, 2024 between Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and Vacasa Michigan LLC.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Aaron Otto), 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

- No Report

Legislative Services Attorney - No Report

General Counsel

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for March 21, 2024.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

10:06 a.m. Councilor Fred Kiogima departs

10:08 a.m. Councilor Fred Kiogima returns

Legislative Office Director

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal report as presented on March 21, 2024.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032124-01 Acceptance of Funding Increase from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Comprehensive Services for Behavioral Health Project FY 2024 Supplemental Funding Increase.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032124-02 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Healthy Start Program FY 2024-2029.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 032124-03 Ziibimijwang Inc. Request for Funding from the Native American Agriculture Fund.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of and approve Citizenship Statute Regulations REG-WOS 2023-002 031324-01.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve Tribal Council travel to the Indian Gaming Trade-show & Convention in Anaheim, CA on April 8-11, 2024.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Tamara Munson), 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution # 032124-01 Restricting and Appropriating \$2 Million from General Fund-Fund Balance for Land Acquisition.

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment

10:28 a.m. Opens

Brian Anthony spoke regarding comments on what other Tribes do.

We shouldn't compare ourselves to other Tribes as we are our own entity with laws and regulations specific to our Tribe.

10:30 a.m. Closes

Other Items of Business: None

Adjournment:

10:31 a.m. **Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to Adjourn.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Next Regular Tribal Council Meeting:

Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.

Emily Proctor, Tribal Council Secretary Date

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Chambers
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
 May 23, 2024
 In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:09 a.m.

Opening ceremony: Treasurer Leroy Shomin

Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: Secretary Emily Proctor

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker, General Counsel Jim Bransky

Corporate Charters Present: OEAHC Transition Director Aaron Otto; OEDMI Designated Director Leroy Shomin

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Executive Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis, Natural Resources Department Chief Conservation Officer Matthew Robertson, Natural Resources Department Seasonal Fisheries Technician Nathan Lipchik, Regulatory Lead Gaming Inspector Blayne Bott, Safety Coordinator David Thom Jr., Facilities Interim Maintenance Supervisor Charles Moore, Department of Commerce Economic Recovery Coordinator Nathan Burns, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Willis, Safety Officer Matthew Tetreault, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss

Judicial Officials and Staff: None

Public: Melissa Shomin, Jodi Terps-tra, Stevie Quijas, Marin Taylor

Invited Guest: GSP Online Gaming Primary Executive Official Matt Stemkoski

Review Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt the agenda of May 23, 2024 as presented.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Meeting Dedication:

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen (s) who have walked on: William King-ba and Randall Stineba.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain, 1 - Absent (Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of May 9, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve the minutes "Minutes" continued on page 27.

"Minutes" continued from page 26.
utes of May 9, 2024 as presented.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
1 – Absent (Secretary Emily Proctor)
Motion carries.

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

Cooper Klotzbach – Water Quality Seasonal Technician – Natural Resources

Angel Guerrero – Senior Hatchery Technician (Transfer) – Natural Resources

Matthew Robertson – Chief Conservation Officer (Transfer) – Natural Resources

Nathan Lipchik – Seasonal Fisheries Technician – Natural Resources

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley

Thanked Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes, and Tribal Court Administrator Matt Lesky for attending the SPRING Year End Celebration.

The first Indian Boarding School meeting was held at the Odawa Hotel. Another meeting will take place the Friday before the 31st Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow for participants to share their stories.

Attended the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 meeting on May 21, 2024 at French Farms in Mackinaw City, Michigan.

Will be attending the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) meeting today.

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

Will be starting the contract engineering for the tribe's Department of Public Works (DPW) and will be posting for an Administrative Assistant position.

Murray Road housing update. Project is coming along well.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco for May 23, 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
1 – Absent (Secretary Emily Proctor)
Motion carries.

9:41 a.m. Councilor Fred Kiogima leaves

Legislative Leader Report.

Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes' verbal and written report for May 23, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

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 Authorizing Transfer and Inventory from Corporate to Executive Burial Board – delivered 5/10/2024 and signed by the Executive on 5/13/2024.

-Tribal Resolution Designation of Motor Fuel Wholesaler and Retailer Under Tax Agreement – delivered 5/10/2024 and signed by the Executive on 5/13/2024.

Phone Polls: Two

-Motion to approve Confidential Memo 051424-01 and the actions therein.

Emergency Phone Poll Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

-Motion to approve Authorization for Designated Director Leroy Shomin to execute the Membership Unit Agreement and Release, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement on OEDMI's behalf following Legal Review and Approval.

Emergency Phone Poll Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 1 – Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes for May 23, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

Phone Polls passed by the Appropriations and Finance Committee: One -05/14/2024 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Confidential Memo 051424-01.

Phone Poll Vote: 2 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 0 – Absent Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for May 23, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

Land and Reservation Committee Report

Phone Polls passed by the Land and Reservation Committee: None

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Secretary for May 23, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

Tribal Council Member Reports:

Councilor Fred Kiogima – Absent

Councilor Tamara Munson

Contacted Councilor Aaron Otto in regards to the breast pump issues, and

Pollinator legislation

Councilor William Ortiz

Worked with the Fresh Start Program

Attended the annual Tribal Community Meeting

Councilor Aaron Otto

Spoke with Councilor Tamara Munson regarding the breast pump issues, and

Butterfly legislation

Councilor Melissa Pamp

Spoke with Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and Secretary Emily Proctor regarding a Youth Council and the next steps the tribe needs to take.

-Reached out Education Director to schedule a meeting re: Youth Council

-Reached out Youth Services Director to schedule a meeting re: Youth Council

Reached out to the Court Administrator re: Provisions of Exclusion Registry and Judicial Review

Reached out Victims Service Coordinator re: Tribal Community Response Plan

Researching different types of youth leadership programming and youth councils

Researching Environmental laws and regulations

Researching THPO Programs throughout Indian Country

Continued work on the Tribal Community Response Plan

Will be attending the Tribal Consultation MMIP Task Force with the State's Attorney General's Office on May 24th, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.

Attended No More Stolen Sisters Event on May 2nd, 2024 at Art Reach in Mt Pleasant, MI and spoke as guest speaker

Met with Valerie Red-Horse Mohl and the Stolen Sisters team to interview for upcoming documentary in Grand Rapids, MI on May 3rd, 2024

Attended the March for Missing + Murdered Indigenous People on May 3rd, 2024 at the Ah-Nab-Awen- Park in Grand Rapids, MI and carried the LTBB MMIW staff during the one-mile march around downtown.

Attended MMIW Commemorate at the Michigan State Capitol on May 5th, 2024 and spoke as Guest Speaker.

Attended the Annual Community Meeting on May 11th, 2024

Attended No More Stolen Sisters MMIP Event on May 16th, 2024 in Mt Pleasant, MI and spoke as Guest Speaker.

Attended the Niigaandinwin Education Department's (SPRING) Year End Celebration on May 17th, 2024.

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet

Have had several conversations with Councilor Pamp about next steps and the conversations that we need to have with several departments and have worked on the following:

-Reached out Education Director to

schedule a meeting re: Youth Council

-Reached out Youth Services Director to schedule a meeting re: Youth Council

-Reached out to GIS Maps for a breakdown of the youth age range in the tri-county service area in each of their respective counties.

-Requested Youth Data from Grants Department

Researching different types of youth leadership programming

Conducting labor market research (i.e. bureau of labor statistics, glass door, salary.com, local & state data) for positions within the Legislative/Economic Development

Researching THPO Programs throughout Indian Country for best practices

Started research for different sharing or collaboration platforms for Council to collaborate more easily.

Consolidating all of the Council's current priorities and ongoing initiatives etc.

Working with MIS for a shared calendar for Legislative & will be reaching out re: sharing/collaboration platforms

Attended the Annual Community Meeting on May 11th, 2024

Attended and participated in the Niigaandinwin Education Department's (SPRING) Year End Celebration on May 17th, 2024. Chi miigwech to all of the staff and volunteers to make this event possible.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, and Councilor Jordan Shananaquet's verbal and written reports for May 23, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:18 a.m. Meeting resumes

Discussion: Odawa Online GSP 2024 1st Quarter Report

Business update

Closed Session requested

10:27 a.m. **Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal Business.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

11:01 a.m. **Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Online GSP 2024 1st Quarter Report as presented by GSP Online Gaming Primary Executive Official Matt Stemkoski for May 23, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for May 23, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve AMENDMENT No.2 to Online Gaming Market Access Agreement between TSG Interactive US Services Limited and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Gaming Authority and Authorize the Gaming Authority/Odawa Online GSP Chairperson to sign.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion # 052324-01 Request for Funding from US Fish & Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) FY 2024.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion # 052324-02 Request for Funding from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response (PHEP) 60-month project with five 12-month annual budget periods (7/1/2024 – 6/30/2029).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion # 052324-03 Request for

Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2024.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion # 052324-04 Request for Funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Performance Partnership Grant FY 2025-2026.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to **pursue** Land Parcel #216.

Vote: 4 – Yes, 2 – No (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet), 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of ten (10).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt Tribal Resolution Carryover of unspent funds in the amount of \$139,952.69 from the Hatchery Budget for the purpose of the Archie Kiogima Jr.-ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center.

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

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution Carryover of unspent funds in the amount of \$64,751.20 from the NRD Admin Budget for the purpose of the Archie Kiogima Jr.-ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center.

Motion and support **withdrawn**. Motion **fails** due to lack of motion maker.

Motion to adopt Tribal Resolution Carryover of unspent funds in the amount of \$59,532.22 from the NRD Access Budget for the purpose of the Archie Kiogima Jr.-ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center.

Motion **fails** due to lack of motion maker

2:21 p.m. Break

2:43 p.m. Meeting resumes.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to amend the agenda to include Motion to adopt Tribal Resolution to Appropriate Supplemental funding in the amount of \$124,283.40 for the purpose of constructing the Archie Kiogima Jr.-ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center and to allow funds to remain available until the project is completed.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz Motion to adopt Tribal Resolution to Appropriate Supplemental funding in the amount of \$124,283.40 for the purpose of constructing the Archie Kiogima Jr.-ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center and to allow funds to remain available until the project is completed.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion # 052324-03 Request for

Funding from Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program FY 2024.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of ten (10).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated May 22, 2024 for a total of five (5).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain,
3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution To Appropriate Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$60,000.00 for Property Taxes for Fee Parcels Owned by the Tribe to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution To Appropriate Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$65,000.00 for the Miscellaneous Expenses for Trust Acquisition of Fee Parcels Owned by the Tribe to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

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

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$74,000 for construction of exterior egress stairway at 911 Spring Street to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

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

The following motion failed at Appropriations and Finance Committee:

Motion made by Councilor Tamara Munson to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorize and approve the reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds in the amount of \$1,880,252.88 for continued Housing Developments.

Motion **fails** due to lack of support **Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt Tribal Resolution Use of Local Assistance Tribal Consistency (“LATC”) Funds in the Amount of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Forty-Four Cents (\$5,928.44) for the Development of a Medical Clinic.

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

Other Items of Business: None

Public Comment:

2:59 p.m. Opens
No comments made

3:02 p.m. Closed

Adjournment

3:02 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adjourn.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes)

Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and are approved as written.

Emily Proctor, Tribal Council

Secretary

Date

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes June 13, 2024

In Person and Via ZOOM

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

Opening ceremony: Councilor Jordan Shananaquet

Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: Councilor Tamara Munson
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Legislative Administrative Assistant Marin Taylor, Office of Finance & Revenue Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker, General Counsel Jim Bransky

Corporate Charters Present: Gaming Authority Vice Chairperson Denise Petoskey, OEAHC Corporate Transition Director Aaron, OEDMI Designated Director Leroy Shomin

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Office of the Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Tribal Chairman’s Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, Education WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator David Thom Jr., Planning Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Willis, Enrollment’s Administrative Assistant/Genealogist Lindsey Doerfler, Interim Facilities Charles Moore, Natural Resources Office Manager Debra Smithkey-Browne

Judicial Officials and Staff: None

Public: Melissa Shomin, Brian Anthony

Invited Guest: Emmet County Undersheriff Matt Leirstein, GSP Online Gaming Primary Executive Official Matt Stemkoski

Review Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to adopt the agenda of June 13, 2024 as presented.

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

Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of May 23, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the minutes of May 23, 2024 as presented.

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

Motion carries.

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco

Attended the United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) meeting held on June 10 & 11. The following was discussed:

-Officer elections. Our Tribal Chairwoman Regina Gasco is the Vice President.

-The National Native American Boarding School (NABS) Healing Colocation was in attendance.

-The next NABS meeting, date to be determined, will be hosted by Little Traverse Bay Bands. Questionnaires on boarding school experiences will be available for those who wish to participate.

-Governor Gretchen Whitmer has said she would prefer this be done by the end of July which is not feasible.

-The next United Tribes of Michigan meeting will be hosted by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) in October 2024. Governor Gretchen Whitmer will be in attendance.

Discussion: Unit 1 Director Phil Harmon

The Education Department is ramping up summer programming. Kid’s Camp at Osbourne Rd., Jiimaan Journey at Camp Petosega.

Chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis is retiring at the end of the month. Matthew Robertson has accepted the Chief Conservation Officer position and is learning from Chief

CO Willis before he leaves.

Cross Village Campground is now open, has 5 sites. Reservations can be made through the HipCamp website.

Facilities are working on bleachers and parking project at the Pow Wow grounds. They are also working on the kitchen at the Community Center. Steve Clausen has retired.

Language Department hosting events for little ones at the Community Center. Have had two events so far which have been well attended.

Discussion: Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator David Thom Jr.

Introduction of Emmet County Undersheriff Matthew Lierstein who is running for Emmet County Sheriff.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco for June 13, 2024.

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

Motion carries.

Discussion: Gaming Authority/Odawa Online GSP

Closed Session for Confidential Business

10:24 a.m. Motion made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business.

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

Motion carries.

10:36 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to return to Open Session.

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

Motion carries.

10:43 a.m. Break

10:43 a.m. Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes leaves

11:02 a.m. Meeting Resumes

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 Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for June 13, 2024.

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

Motion carries.

Land and Reservation Committee Report

Closed Session for Confidential Land

Phone Polls passed by the Land and Reservation Committee: None

Activities: Discussion of Land Tour

11:34 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Land.

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

Motion carries.

12:32 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session.

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

Motion carries.

12:33 p.m. Public Comment Opens - No comments made.

12:34 p.m. Public Comment Closed

12:34 Break

1:36 p.m. Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes returns

1:36 p.m. Meeting resumes

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chair for June 13, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstained (Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes), 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson)

Motion carries.

Legislative Leader Report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes’ verbal report for June 13, 2024.

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

Motion carries.

Secretary Report

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

Phone Polls: One

-05/30/2024 Reason for Emergency Phone Poll: Motion to authorize Legislative Leader, Marcella Reyes, to execute the Independent Contracting Agreement with Winnay

Wemigwase to provide temporary services for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

Phone Poll Vote: 7 – Yes, 1 – No (Secretary Emily Proctor), 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima)

Motion carries.

Activities: Attended EDA Grant Meeting and discussed the census. Scheduled a meeting with Joan Timeche for next week. Nikki Rothwell, Extension Specialist and Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Station MSU-Extension wants to know about research regarding our land parcel with sweet cherries on it.

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 June 13, 2024.

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

Motion carries.

Tribal Council Member Reports:

Councilor Fred Kiogima – No report

Councilor Tamara Munson – Absent

Councilor William Ortiz – June 2, attended 3 Sisters Planting at Ziibimijwang; has been working on Fresh Start Initiative legislation

Councilor Aaron Otto – Was going to attend the Ziibimijwang, Inc. meeting, but it was postponed and missed the monthly meeting.

Councilor Melissa Pamp – Attended MMIP consultation at the Attorney General’s office with Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco. Attended EDA Grant Meeting on May 28. Attended the Honoring, Healing, and Remembering Boarding School event on June 6. Attended Pellston parade event, Jiimaan was in it.

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – **Meeting Requests**

In process of scheduling meeting with Youth Services Director re: Youth Council

In process of scheduling meeting with Education Director re: Youth Council

Research:

Researching different types of youth leadership programming

Researching for different sharing or collaboration platforms for Council to collaborate more easily.

Meetings & Events Attended:

Attended the EDA Grant Meeting on May 28th to discuss the census results and next steps to gather additional input and address gaps in perspectives that are currently underrepresented.

Met with Tribal Citizen, Nicole Keyway Biber and Councilor Otto on May 30th to discuss the creation of a pollinator protection statute. Councilor Otto and I have a follow-up meeting with Nichole scheduled for July 3rd at 10am.

Met with Legislative Leader Reyes on May 31st to discuss opportunities for collaboration, personnel, legislative corner article, and economic development.

Attended the Honoring, Healing, and Remembering Boarding School event at Mount Pleasant Industrial Boarding School on June 6th which marked the 90th anniversary of the closing of the school - note: *travel not funded by council.*

Volunteered at the Youth Services Girls Empowerment Camp as a Camp Counselor from June 9th - June 12th.

Chi miigwech to the Youth Services Team – a mighty staff of 3—who made this possible. It was an incredible 3 days and takes a lot of energy and effort to make these things possible.

Also, shoutout to the Niigaandiwon Education Department, Gijigowi Language Department, and Natural Resource Department for supporting the camp.

Next week, I will be attending the 17th annual Native American Economic Development Conference at the Pechanga Resort Casino on June 18-19, 2024 with Councilor Pamp.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Councilor William Ortiz, Coun-

cilior Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet verbal and written report for June 13, 2024.

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

Motion carries.

Discussion: Closed Session – Personnel

2:12 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Personnel.

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

Motion carries.

cilior Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet verbal and written report for June 13, 2024.

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

Motion carries.

Discussion: Closed Session – Personnel

2:12 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Personnel.

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

Motion carries.

2:38 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to return to Open Session.

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

Motion carries.

Office of Finance and Revenue – Senior Financial Analyst – Absent

Corporate Charters and/or Boards

Gaming Authority – **10:00 a.m.** Gaming Authority/Odawa Online GSP; April 2024 Month End Report

Ziibimijwang, Inc. – No report

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the written Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort’s April 2024 Status Report dated May 30, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Munson)

Motion carries.

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation

Confidential Business

2:58 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstained (Councilor Aaron Otto), 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson)

Motion carries.

3:19 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to return to Open Session.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstained (Councilor Aaron Otto), 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson)

Motion carries.

3:20 p.m. Public Comment Opens

No comments made

3:21 p.m. Public Comment Closed

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation’s verbal report as presented by Corporate Transition Director Aaron Otto for June 13, 2024.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstained (Councilor Aaron Otto), 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to **TABLE** motion to approve the OEAHC Corporate Transition Director Aaron Otto to provide a one-time charitable donation to *The Water is Life Festival* in the amount of \$5,000 to create positive visibility in the community and demonstrate social responsibility.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstained (Councilor Aaron Otto), 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson)

Motion carries.

Tribal Historic Preservation Office - Absent

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Winnay Wemigwase’s written report for June 13, 2024.

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

Motion carries.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Winnay Wemigwase as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Representative beginning June 7, 2024 and ending August 31, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 1 – No (Secretary Emily Proctor), 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson)

Motion carries.

General Counsel

Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bran-

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sky's verbal report for June 13, 2024.

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

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Certified Motion # 061324-01 Land Purchase Authorization for Parcel 216.

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

Legislative Services Attorney

Budget Statute discussion

3:50 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to enter into Closed Session for Legal.

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

4:51 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to return to Open Session.

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

4:51 p.m. Break

5:06 p.m. Meeting resumes

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Zach Welcker's verbal and written report for June 13, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to authorize Legislative Leader, Marcella Reyes, to provide Tribal Consent and Approval for the Parcel 4 Ground Sublease between The Shops at Victories Center, LLC and Victories Square LIHTC Building 4, LLC.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Legislative Office Director

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for June 13, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Citizenship List C (Voluntary Relinquishment) dated May 29, 2024 for a total of one (1).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes) Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to **not** pursue Land Parcel #207 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

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

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to **pursue** Land Parcel #211 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

Vote: 7 – Yes, 1 – No (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carries.

5:05 p.m. Councilor Jordan Shananaquet leaves

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to **TABLE** motion to **pursue** Land Parcel #217 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

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

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to **TABLE** motion to **pursue** Land Parcel #218 as recommended by the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC).

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

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to WOS 2018-016 Gaming Authority. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima - Yes, Councilor Tamara Munson - Absent, Councilor William Ortiz - Yes, Councilor Aaron Otto - Yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp - Yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet - Absent, Treasurer Leroy Shomin - Yes, Secretary Emily Proctor - Yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes - Yes

Motion carries.

Adjournment

5:30 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adjourn.

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

Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and are approved as written.

Emily Proctor, Tribal Council Secretary Date

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Tribal Council Chambers

7500 Odawa Circle

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2024

In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: **9:18 a.m.**

Opening ceremony: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount

Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Aaron Otto

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, General Counsel Jim Bransky

Corporate Charters Present: OEAHC Corporate Transition Director Aaron Otto, OEDMI Designated Director Leroy Shomin, Ziibimijwang Inc.'s Chair Kevin Gasco, Ziibimijwang, Inc.'s Executive Director Mary Donner

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice Chair Stella Kay, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis, Safety/Emergency Management Director David Thom, Jr., Safety Officer Matt Tetreault, Education Department Office Coordinator Tammy Gasco, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Willis, Enrollment's Administrative Assistant/Genealogist Lindsey Doerfler, Interim Maintenance Leader Charles Moore, Education Department Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepf, Department of Commerce Economic Recovery Coordinator Nathan Burns, Behavioral Health Master's Level Counselor Victoria Fairbairn, Human Services Survivor Outreach Services Community Educator Keely Frye, Human Services Survivor Outreach Services Advocate Erica St. Louis, Human Services Survivor Outreach Services Manager Bronson Herman, Natural Resources Department Great Lakes Fisheries Research Specialist Audrey Beatz, Environmental Services Seasonal Water Quality Technician Cooper Klotzbach, Environmental Services Environmental Specialist Kira Dowell

Judicial Officials and Staff: None

Public: Anne Taylor, Melissa Shomin, Renee Dillard

Invited Guest: LUME President & CEO Doug Hellyar

Review Agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt the agenda of June 27, 2024 as amended.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor Aaron Otto) Motion carried.

9:22 a.m. Councilor Aaron Otto arrives

Meeting Dedication.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen (s) who have walked on: Francis Burch Sr.-ba, Rose Brown-ba, William LaCroix-ba, Eugene Nadeau-ba, and Mary Simmons-ba.

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

Review and Approve Minutes of June 13, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the minutes of June 13, 2024 as presented.

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

Introduction of new Employee Government Employees:

Victoria Fairbairn – Master's Level Counselor – Health

Keely Frye – Survivor Outreach Services Community Educator (transfer) – Human Services

Erica St. Louis – Survivor Outreach Services Advocate – Human Services

Bronson Herman – Survivor Outreach Services Manager – Human Services

Audrey Beatz – Great Lakes Fisheries Research Specialist – Natural Resources

Cooper Klotzbach – Water Quality Seasonal Technician – Natural Resources

Kira Dowell – Environmental Specialist – Natural Resources

Employees not in attendance

YCC Workers will be introduced at the July Tribal Council Meeting: Wiigwaas Craven, Mariah Hinmon, Tiernan Hinmon, William Petoskey, Tikibiinhs Teuthorn, Maya Worthington, and Maangaashkaa Lesky

Michelle Alcazar – Police Dispatcher – Law Enforcement

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco is at CORA this morning.

Executive Townhall is Wednesday, July 10 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Education's Summer Day Camp is happening at Osborne Rd, today they are going to Spirit Lake and tomorrow, Sturgeon Bay. Day Camp concludes Friday, June 28.

Next month is Jiimaan camp and there are still spaces available to attend.

Pow Wow Committee is looking for volunteers for Pow Wow. The new bleachers are being installed and the parking lot addition is nearing completion.

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

Second St. townhouses are complete, doing final touches and will begin occupying soon.

Murray Rd housing's road is paved and operational.

Department of Public Works is operating. Letters have been sent regarding the change and billing information. July billing will come to DPW, previous months will be sent to Odawa Casino as it was under them until now.

There will be no Little Traverse Bay Bands at Michigan Indian Family Olympics this year. We had staffing issues.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon and Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson for June 27, 2024.

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

Legislative Leader Report.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes' verbal report for June 27, 2024.

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

9:54 a.m. Break

10:04 a.m. Meeting resumes

10:00 a.m. LUME presentation

Closed Session

10:05 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Business.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain

(Councilor Aaron Otto), 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson)

Motion carried.

10:59 a.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to return to Open Session.

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

Motion carried.

11:00 a.m. Break

11:18 a.m. Meeting resumes

Secretary Report

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

Phone Polls: None

Activities: Attended a virtual meeting with Joan Timeche, Executive Director for Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona. Tentative meeting to be scheduled for August or September.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal report as provided on the agenda for June 27, 2024.

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

Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

Phone Polls passed by the Appropriations and Finance Committee: None

Activities: Attended a virtual meeting with Joan Timeche, Executive Director for Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona. Continued work on corporate governance structure.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for June 27, 2024.

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

Land and Reservation Committee Report

Phone Polls passed by the Land and Reservation Committee: None

Activities: Conversations about two parcels, after conversation with Executive departments there is an update for one parcel.

Closed Session for land.

11:26 a.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 Tamara Munson) Motion carried.

12:11 p.m. Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to return to Open Session.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chair for June 27, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor William Ortiz), 1 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson) Motion carried.

Public Comment:

12:13 p.m. Opens

Melissa Shomin thanked Tribal Council for their hard work and attendance. Asked all of Tribal Council to reread the Tribe's constitution preamble. Would like services available to all citizens no matter where they reside.

12:17 p.m. Closed

12:17 p.m. Lunch break

12:17 p.m. Secretary Emily Proctor leaves

1:31 p.m. Meeting resumes

Tribal Council Member Reports:

Councilor Fred Kiogima: No report

Councilor Tamara Munson: Absent

Councilor William Ortiz: Helping Treasurer Shomin and meeting with Marriott about material in vacant suite at Victories Square. Meeting with Health Department Director Jody Werner regarding Fresh Start Initiative.

Councilor Aaron Otto: No report

Councilor Melissa Pamp:

Works in Progress: youth leadership/councils, environmental laws, eco-

nomie development, land acquisition. Have requested a meeting with the Youth Director regarding youth council. Still trying to coordinate with Language Director to have language learning sessions during work sessions.

Travel Report- attended 17th Annual Native American Economic Development Conference at Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, CA from June 17-19; could also drop in to Ninth Native American Cannabis and Hemp Conference held in same location. At Economic Development conference learned about Cultural Tourism and native American tour guides. Would like to pursue this aspect of tourism as we don't really have a cultural footprint in the Petoskey area, it would be a way to get our presence at the forefront of people's thoughts. At Cannabis breakout, learned about Rolling Embers, the Pokagon Band's consumption lounge. The State of Michigan is working on a compact which should be complete around August/September. Opportunity in labelling. We can regulate and tax cannabis as sovereign nations. Would likely not attend again as Enbridge was a sponsor, this was not known prior to attending.

Upcoming meetings: Tribal Community Response Plan meeting tomorrow (June 28). Will be meeting with Doug Craven and Caroline Moellering regarding environmental statute and regulations. July 12 will be Youth Council discussion.

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet:

Meeting Requests

In the process of scheduling meeting with Youth Services Director re: Youth Council

In the process of scheduling a meeting with MIS Director to follow up on collaboration platforms + shared calendar.

In the process of scheduling a meeting with General Counsel to better understand the Trust Application Process

Research:

Researching different types of youth leadership programming (internal & external)

Researching for different sharing or collaboration platforms for Council to collaborate more easily & assist with administrative workload.

Researching tribal taxation.

Meetings & Events Attended:

Attended the 17th annual Native American Economic Development Conference at the Pechanga Resort Casino on June 18-19, 2024 with Councilor Pamp. I would like to have an extended discussion.

Councilor Pamp and I met with the Niigaandwin Education Director on June 21st to have an initial discussion re: Youth Council. We have a follow up meeting scheduled later in July.

During that meeting, the Education Director had let us know that there were some community members who expressed confusion that a youth council had already been established in the past and we should look at what has been done in our own community. Since that conversation, both Councilor Pamp and myself have done additional research to find out any information we can about pre-existing youth council work and will report back on that at the next council meeting.

Community Conversations:

This week I had a conversation with a Tribal Citizen regarding the Wiingashk/Sweetgrass harvesting spot in Burt Lake. The Citizen informed me that we have been encroaching on the property owner's land. This historically has not been an issue; however, the owner had broken their ankle this year due to folks coming out to the spot and taking shovels to remove sweetgrass plugs. Because of the disrespect, the owner is no longer allowing folks to harvest sweetgrass from their private property and will call law enforcement if they see someone harvesting on their property.

I know there is also a small patch of state land that is butted up against this property but I want to know what are we doing to ensure our citizens/community does not harvest on the private property? What are we doing to teach sustainable harvesting practices? Is it possible to establish medicine gardens similar to what KBIC or LVD has done with their sacred medicines for our community?

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor

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William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, and Councilor Jordan Shananaquet’s verbal and written reports for June 27, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Office of Finance and Revenue – Senior Financial Analyst Office Update

Corporate Charters and/or Boards Gaming Authority – May 2024 Month End 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 June 27, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the written Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort’s May 2024 Month End Report dated June 21, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation’s verbal report as presented by Corporate Transition Director Aaron Otto for June 27, 2024.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Aaron Otto), 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor

Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.’s verbal and written report as presented by Designated Director Leroy Shomin for June 27, 2024.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Tribal Historic Preservation Office – No report Legislative Services Attorney – No Report

General Counsel Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky’s verbal and written report for June 27, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

2:32 p.m. Councilor William Ortiz exits meeting

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to transfer the wastewater treatment plant and its operation located on the Odawa Casino trust property from the Odawa Casino to the Department of Public Works.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to authorize the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to intervene in the proceeding before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the Tower Kleber Limited Partnership’s hydroelectric application Project No. 10615-058.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to authorize the Odawa Casino to enter into contracts with Maropost including the compa-

ny’s standard terms and conditions.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Legislative Office Director Motion made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount’s verbal and written report for June 27, 2024.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Action Items: Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Certified Motion # 062724-01 Request for Funding from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), FY 2024 Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (STCJ) Program.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion # 062724-02 Request for Funding from US Fish & Wildlife Service Coastal Program Projects.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion # 062724-03 Request for Funding from the Administration for Children and Families Title IV-B of the Social Security Act FY 2025 – FY 2029.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Citizenship List A (Eligible) dated June

18, 2024 for a total of twenty-one (21).

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Citizenship List B (Ineligible) dated June 18, 2024 for a total of six (6).

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to rescind the June 13, 2024 motion to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to WOS 2018-016 Gaming Authority.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to post Legislative Services Attorney job posting.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to WOS 2018-016 Gaming Authority.

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

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding for Elders program for Food and Utility Allowance in the amount of \$250,000 for FY 2024 to come from the General Fund-

Fund Balance.

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

Public Comment: 3:03 p.m. Opens Melissa Shomin commented that the Elders (55+) Food and Utility Allowance should be for all tribal citizens in accordance with Public Law No: 113-168 Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014.

3:08 p.m. Closed Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding for Education Department Truck Lease Buyout in the amount of \$30,950.65 from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

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

Other Items of Business: None Adjournment 3:12 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to adjourn.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Tamara Munson, Councilor William Ortiz, Secretary Emily Proctor) Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 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 ELECTION BOARD ElectionBoard@LttbbOdawa-nsn.gov P.O. Box 160 Conway, MI 49722

VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Use this fillable form, then sign or print the form and fill it in by hand and sign.
• All information must be accurate and complete.
• This Voter Registration Form must be signed by the Tribal Citizen.
• Mail the signed form to the mailing address above or email the signed form to the email address above.
• The information and signature must be clear and legible.

Your Voter Registration Form Will Not Be Accepted If These Requirements Are Not Met

“PLEASE PRINT”

Form fields for Tribal ID Number, Email Address, Date Of Birth, First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Suffix, Previous or Maiden Name(s), Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code, Signature Of Voter, 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:

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

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

For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry, you can visit the LTBB Website www.lttbbodawa-nsn.gov and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.

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

Table with 5 columns: Tribal Notary Commission Full Name, Current Status, Expiration Date, Serial Number, Phone Ext. Lists names like Rebecca R Fisher, Cynthia Brouckaert, etc.

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Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

- Gain valuable work experience?
Work in the tribal community?
Make a little extra money?
Gain experience in several fields?

Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!

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

Call: 231-242-1563

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He is currently running for a seat on the Hayes Township (Michigan) Board of Trustees.

Kevin has served on the Board of Directors at the Charlevoix Gun Club since 1988 and serves on the Greensky Hill Indian United Methodist Church's Council.

Kevin and his wife, Clydell, will celebrate 46 years of marriage in October 2024, and they have two children, Ryan and Kathleen.

Miigwetch for your 26-plus years of service Kevin!

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SAVE THE DATE
Heritage Day
Contest Pow-Wow
09/21/2024

SAVE THE DATE
 Sept. 14, 2024
48th Annual
Northland College
Powwow
 1411 Ellis Avenue, Ashland, WI

Save The Date!
August 31
9 AM to Noon
PIPE OUT PADDLE UP FAMILY PICNIC AND FLOAT
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Save the Date!
UTFAV Tribal Youth SUMMIT
2024
August 13-15

Who Should Attend?
 Michigan Tribal Youth
 Ages 12 - 17

Cran Hill Ranch Retreat Center
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“It is an immense honor to have been appointed to the YWCA USA Board of Directors, one of the oldest and largest women’s organizations in the nation, serving approximately two million women, girls, and their families,” Cynthia said. “I am proud to support YWCA USA CEO Margaret Mitchell, and continue elevating issues facing LTBB Odawa and all Native women in the national conversation.”

The following biography of Cynthia appears on the YWCA USA website:

“Cynthia Connolly joined the City Club in 2021 and has nearly 15 years of experience in the non-profit sector. Before the City Club, Cynthia spent six years as the Development Director at Policy Matters Ohio, and also spent time at other notable organizations like Ohio City Incorporated, and the Center for Nonprofit Policy & Practice at Cleveland State University where she earned a Master of Public Administration degree. She received a BA in American Culture with a focus in Native American Studies from the University of Michigan.

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A citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, she began her civic work at an early age, serving as a youth tribal representative at the National Congress of American Indians, located in Washington D.C., which advocates for government policies to help Indigenous people. Today, she is Board Chair for the Lake Erie Native American Council and teaches the Native American Studies course at Kent State University. She also serves on the Community Advisory Board at Ideastream Public Media; and the boards of University Settlement in Cleveland’s Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood and the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy in Washington, D.C.

In 2021, Cynthia was named a Native American Top 40 Under 40 by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise and Development as well as a 2021 Crain’s Cleveland Business 40 Under Forty awardee.”

Leadership Cleveland Class of 2025

On July 11, 2024, the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2025 was announced, which includes individuals from diverse backgrounds in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Cynthia is



believed to be the first Native American named to the program, which began in 1978. Leadership Cleveland seeks to inspire individuals to use knowledge and connections gained in the 10-month program to advance the region.

“Participants will gain a better understanding of the community, explore how collaborative leadership is critical to our future, and begin to make a difference immediately,” Cleveland Leadership Center (CLC) President and CEO Marianne Crosley said in a press release. “The program brings together people who, but for Leadership Cleveland, might not have the opportunity to meet, collaborate, and find new ways to have an impact together. They find the experience transformational in large part because of the diversity of the class and of the speakers, issues, and locations across Cleveland they experience during the program year.”

The C-suite leaders were selected for the highly competitive program based on demonstrated leadership and commitment to Cleveland. The rigorous application process included interviews with alumni of the program. Only 2,759 people have completed Leadership Cleveland since the first class in 1978.

The Class of 2025 will kick off this September. Participants will gather for intensive sessions, site visits and retreats to appreciate the rich diversity of Greater Cleveland, gain insight on challenges and opportunities, and strengthen and grow key relationships. The program provides unique and meaningful opportunities for high-level conversations with leaders, stakeholders and organizations across sectors.

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Cynthia is the daughter of Valerie (Laughlin) Biro and James Biro and the granddaughter of Virginia Janet Kishigo. She and her husband, Joseph, who is Onondaga from Six Nations, have been married for 13 years, and have two daughters, Vivian and Cora.

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paddle during the Jiimaan Journey in 2007 & 2008 shaped my mind and appreciation for my ancestors and our land.

wiigwaasi mkak (birch bark basket): This design is used for storage and gathering. I enjoy creating this style of basket.

zhaabnigan (needle): Bison rib needle used for cattail mat sewing. Also helpful in weaving cedar.

mgoos (awl): An essential tool when working with birch bark.

zhaabnigaanhs (little needle): Many uses in the fiber arts. I used mine to sew a tump line (burden strap).

migizi miigwan miinwaa pkwenezige (eagle feather and smudge): A daily cleansing medicine.

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when men are not around. Women are warriors for their home.

ziinsziibakwad bwi (maple sugar paddle): Maple sugar was a main export for the Odawak pre-contact and during early days colonialism. The hole in the middle of the paddle helps with stirring and aeration when making sugar. I designed this paddle after I found one similar, that was from this area, during my museum collections research.

bootaagan (corn mortar and pestle): Used for corn grinding. I have come across many old pictures of Native women using this tool. I am thankful to have received a teaching of how bootaagan relates to creation.

bwi (paddle): jiimaan bwi. Canoe paddle. To honor the original trade routes of the Odawak. I always remember how the week-long 44.5-mile

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NATIVE LEADERSHIP BRINGS CHANGE TO CONSERVATION EFFORTS

By Stewart Huntington

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



When Heather Dawn Thompson joins the World Wildlife Fund in September as a vice president, she will be the top Native American executive at the renowned conservancy.

She will also become part of a small but growing cohort of Native leaders changing the complexion of conservation as indigenous knowledge and values move ever forward in organizations which long have favored Western approaches.

"If you want a job done correctly, you're going to hire the people that have the most knowledge, the most experience in that area," said Thompson, a Harvard-trained lawyer and citizen of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe who served as director of tribal relations for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"That means Indigenous people with the knowledge that they've collected about the land, plants, the animals over millennia," she said.

Carter Roberts, chief executive of the World Wildlife Fund in the United States, agreed, even as he acknowledged the trend is overdue.

"We have not historically hired the number of Indigenous leaders that we should have," he said. "We are making up for lost ground. We cannot achieve our conservation mission without the partnership and leadership of Native nations and Indigenous people. ... We're looking forward to her leadership."

A Growing Presence

Indigenous leaders are not absent in conservation circles.

Clara Lee Pratte, Diné, sits on the World Wildlife Fund's board of directors and Alyssa Macy, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, serves as chief executive of Washington Conservation Action in the Pacific Northwest.

And the ranks are growing.

Fawn Sharp, a Quinault Nation citizen and past president of the National Congress of American Indians, was named to the board of directors at the Nature Conservancy this spring, bringing a powerful Native presence to that organization.

"In this defining decade for the planet, learning from

and centering Indigenous voices in our work is critical," said William Frist, the board chair of the Nature Conservancy and a former U.S. Senator from Tennessee. "As an experienced tribal leader, Sharp's voice and leadership will help guide our efforts to amplify Indigenous-led conservation and to ensure that traditional knowledge informs policy and science-driven conservation decisions."



In April, Barbara 'Wáahlaal Gidaag Blake joined the Ocean Conservancy as vice president of Arctic Conservation. She said watching over Alaskan waters and landscapes fits in with the examples set by her Ahtna Athabascan, Haida and Tlingit forebears.

"My people have been doing that for thousands of years," she said. "I just get to be one in a long chain of ancestors and future descendants who ... pass on that responsibility of caretaking for our homeland up here in Alaska."

Gidaag, who also goes by what she calls her "taxpayer name" of Barbara Blake, stressed the importance of bringing indigenous knowledge and leaders to the forefront of conservation policy discussions.

"It's extremely important to have Indigenous voices," Gidaag said. "We should be leading the effort when it comes to this type of work."

A Balanced Approach

The growing presence of indigenous voices is changing the approach to conservation in many circles.

The world of conservation, as it has evolved over the decades, "has not always been a friend to Indigenous communities and has not always really led with the ideals and the perspectives that have been passed on for thousands of years from our ancestors," Gidaag said.

Thompson agreed.

"Historically, there have been different tactics on how to best approach conservation from a Western perspective versus an Indigenous perspective," she said.

The Western model primarily followed a "National Parks model," which barred people from living on conserved land. The Indigenous approach is different.

"The Indigenous perspective takes a more holistic approach, more of a working lands approach," Thompson said. "How can you best manage and take care of the land, the plants and the animals and utilize them in a balanced

manner?" It's an approach from the past, for the future, Gidaag said.

"The more that we're involved in the work that is being done, the more that the voices of our ancestors — and the way that we were taught to care for this place — can be passed on," she said.

"It's definitely taken a while for Indigenous knowledge to be seen in the same vein with that of Western science," Gidaag added, "but I continuously see a growing understanding that these two knowledge systems can walk side by side, that there's not one that is valued more than the other."

As an example of how indigenous knowledge could help determine better conservation practices, she points to a typical salmon run on the Kuskokwim River in Alaska. An elder who learned to watch the river as a child keeps an eye on the river, and when the fish are plentiful enough, gives the green light to the community to begin fishing.

"If the level of fish wasn't strong enough, they would say, 'No, it's not ready,'" she said.

The elder then calls off the fishing as soon as the community has enough for its needs.

Contrast that with the modern, Western approach which sets catch limits based off of a three- or five-year fish-run average.

"You're looking at a knowledge system that says, well, for three years I've seen how many fish have come into this river versus a knowledge system that spans multi generations," Gidaag said. "And you can tell just from that one example that these individuals carry with them a knowledge system that is going to do a much better job of caretaking for that river."

The indigenous approach also keeps an eye out for future generations and the rest of the ecosystem.

"Our knowledge systems and our indigenous knowledge that we carry as a people are things that can help and also influence the current day way of seeing the world," she said.

Looking Ahead

At the World Wildlife Fund, Thompson will be serving as vice president for native nations conservation and food systems, and will focus her initial efforts on supporting tribally-led buffalo restoration programs.

She is no stranger to such work. She comes from a long line of farmers and ranchers and just finished three-plus years at the Department of Agriculture where as director of tribal relations she worked hand in glove with the Intertribal Buffalo Council on growing tribal buffalo herds.

"There is a renaissance in tribal-led buffalo conservation projects," she said. "And one of *'Change'* continued on page 34.

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my first assignments with the WWF will be to work with our team on their already existing projects and really lean into investing with tribal-led buffalo conservation efforts.”

The buffalo bring their own contributions to the effort, she said.

“The grasslands in the United States are one of the most-threatened ecosystems in the world,” she said. “And when you have a people that are natural conservationists, such as tribes, Indigenous people, and you have an animal that, as natural conservationists, are able to restore those prairie lands, it’s one of the most logical choices of investment.”

It’s a logic, Thompson

said, that could be applied more broadly.

“As an elder told me, ‘Indigenous knowledge is no longer the back-up plan. It is the plan,’” she said. “I really do believe that the survival of our earth in a healthy way, the survival of us as people, is really dependent upon restoration of those Indigenous values and taking a more holistic and kinder approach with each other.”

And staying the course. Gidaag said she hopes the momentum won’t falter.

“There’s always that fear in the back of my mind,” she said. “We’re the popular girl at the dance right now – Native people in general. And, you know, there’s always that fear that that will be forgotten as

soon as we’re not the popular girl at the dance anymore. But it’s my hope that we’ll see more and more of this type of Indigenous leadership.”

When asked if Western conservation organizations’ embrace of Native wisdom could someday diminish, as Gidaag fears, Roberts, the World Wildlife Fund leader, paused and reflected.

“I don’t think it’s a flash in the pan,” he said. “But I do think her worries should remind us to double down and not just hire people, but also to heed their advice, their vision, and to build programs based on those that last.”

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

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