

# ODAWA TRAILS

## THE GREAT TURTLE



By Stewart Melrose

**Editor's note:** The Great Turtle will be sold at a public auction with half the proceeds going toward the *Archie Kiogima, Jr. ba Migizi Aviary and Rehabilitation Center*.

The Great Turtle is made of hand-formed aluminum for the skin frame and shell without any stamping or casting. The steel birch tree has bronze and copper leaves and is painted with outdoor urethanes infused with the four medicines of the medicine wheel. The dirt under the tree is the medicine wheel mash left over from the finish. Inside the tree branches, there's an eagle feather made from a piece of 1600s Michigan hickory. The shell can be removed, and sacred tobacco will be stored inside. The shell and skin color change with the temperature. Please note the Great Turtle is for indoor display only and should be placed out of reach due to its delicate leaf size.

### About the Artists

#### David Windey, Master Metal Artist

David Windey is a metal artist who has evolved from a family-owned custom metal shop. He operates from a 5,600-square-foot facility with overhead cranes and all the machinery required to handle projects of any scale. With a lifetime of experience in fabrication, installation, painting and design, he is well-equipped to handle a wide range of projects. David's work is of the highest quality. He makes working with metal look as easy as shaping clay in his hands. When the sculpture is completed, you can feel Dave's passion for the art. True blood, sweat and tears go into every piece he creates. It's a true honor to call him a friend, and collaborating with him has created a mixture of talents which together create truly unique and inspiring art. Thank you, Dave, for all the beauty you bring to

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## HONORING ALL OUR RELATIONS AFFECTED BY BOARDING SCHOOLS

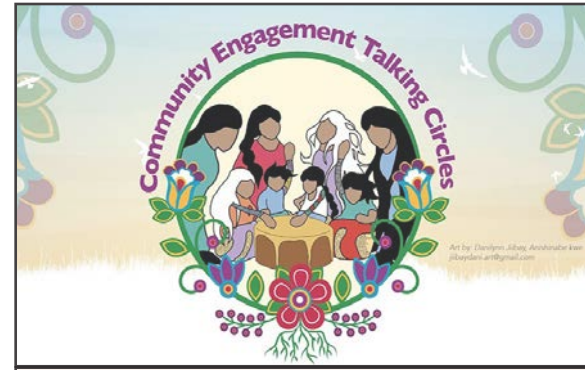
By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

To help facilitate the documentation of the effects of boarding schools on our Native communities, LTBB hosted the Michigan Native American Boarding School Experience on August 8 and 9, 2024, the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition Oral History Project from September 16-20, 2024 and Orange Shirt Day/Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2024.

The events were all held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The purpose of the Michigan Native American Boarding School Experience, funded by the State of Michigan and housed in the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, is 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 are amplified.

This included community engagement talking circles, survivor truth sharing sessions and personal



interviews. With the permission of participants, the truth sessions were recorded and shared. Trauma resources were available for those who needed them. Listening sessions with tribal leaders and a virtual session were also held.

A survivor and others impacted survey is available for individuals to share their knowledge by taking the survey. Those who take the survey will be *"Boarding Schools" continued on page 25.*

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN ANDREA PIERCE EXPERIENCES THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION FIRST-HAND

By Andrea Pierce, LTBB Tribal Citizen

The Michigan Anishinaabek Caucus guided five members through the Democratic National Convention held August 19-22, 2024 in Chicago, IL.

The attendees were Andrea Pierce, LTBB; Julie Dye, Pokagon band; Marie Fielder, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; Dr. Colleen Ford, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and Katybeth Davis; caucus member. Michigan had 150 delegates and alternates representing. There were non-committed delegates also, they are wanting a cease fire in Palestine. We were elected to go by our district party or by State Central Committee (SCC) of the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP). In the Michigan call to convention rules, it is stated the nine Native Americans should be part of the nominating process. We were welcomed by people all over the state, which felt empowering.

The Michigan Democratic Party Chair Lavora Barnes supported us, and everyone was so insistent we be part of the convention. We needed to be there to represent the Democratic Native Americans. People from all over the state were vying and working hard to be a part of the convention, and it lived up to its reputation.

This was an amazing experience, I met so many legislatures. They would come in and talk during breakfast. I talked with Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, YAAS! Auntie Deb was there! As was U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow and U.S. Senator Gary Peters, both from Michigan. Michigan Congressman Dan Kildee and U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow are



both retiring, we got to say goodbye and thank you. Congressman Dan Kildee has attended the Pipe Out Paddle Up. He has attended many years and has supported us on the Shut Down Line 5 work we have all been doing. He has been a real advocate for our work.

There were caucus meetings during the day, we all went to the Democratic National Caucus (DNC) Native American Caucus. I heard from so many Native Americans and the impact they are making in their states. There is Boarding School Legislation coming soon, the information from the Deb Haaland Listening Tours she did a few years ago, made an impact.

We heard about the Native American Voting Rights Act, which was introduced federally but not passed. It would ensure our federal IDs are accepted for voting.

We may have the first Native American governor (if Minnesota Governor Tim Walz is elected as Vice President of the United States), Minnesota's Lt.

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## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 9-26-2024 = 4,652

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# Tribal Telephone Directory and Website Information

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## 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 wiimnaadendziyiing. Gdabendaanaa debendziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadiziwin miinwaa mndoowaadiziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajiidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinooaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadenda-mowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'iing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'iing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaaad 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 November 2024 issue of *Odawa Trails* is October 7, 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



## EXECUTIVE BRANCH

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



MI, was a success over Labor Day weekend. Freshwater Future is behind the festival, and they are doing important work to protect this gift provided to us by Mother Earth. I am honored to have been asked to speak on behalf of LTBB and share what our natural resources mean to us. It is a great way to spread awareness to the citizens of Emmet County, MI.

During September, the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (separate from the Michigan Native American Boarding School Study which visited in August) traveled to hold more truth sharing sessions with opening and closing ceremonies here at LTBB. We hosted visitors from many different areas of government with the intention of learning more about what they intend to accomplish when their projects have concluded. We

certainly hope and aim for healing resources and plan to continue working with all tribal nations.

Our Sovereignty Day Celebration was a huge hit. Thirty years from reaffirmation is quite the milestone. Our specific day of sovereignty is September 21, 1994, and we were lucky enough this year, on our 30th anniversary, the 21st landed on a Saturday, so we were actually able to join together on that specific date. Oh boy was it wonderful. Our Sovereignty Day Committee really pulled together to make this happen for our citizens and it was amazing.

Coming up in October, I will be attending the United Tribes of Michigan meeting and the Governor Tribal Summit. Keep a look out for November's article to learn more about what we accomplished at these events.

Aanii Fellow Citizens,  
What a busy summer it has been! We wrapped up another wonderful year of pow wows here in Harbor Springs, MI, and I enjoyed seeing so many of us together back home. After such a busy summer, I'd like to catch you up on what we have been working on here in the Executive wing.  
The Water is Life Festival, held annually in Petoskey,

### LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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




- October 14, 2024 - Indigenous People's Day
- November 11, 2024 - Veteran's Day
- November 28, 2024 - Thanksgiving
- November 29, 2024 - Day After Thanksgiving
- December 24, 2024 - Christmas Eve
- December 25, 2024 - Christmas Day
- December 31, 2024 - New Year's Eve
- January 1, 2025 - New Year's Day


### Where do I find...



Find it all here!  
[www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG										
DATE		Marcella Reyes	Emily Proctor	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Wayne Otto	Melissa Pamp	Jordan Shananaquet
7/5/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting - Canceled									
7/9/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X		X	X			X	X	X
7/11/24	Tribal Council Meeting		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
7/16/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X		X	X			X		
7/19/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting		X	X				X		
7/23/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
7/25/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
7/30/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X		X	X					
*Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs.										

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG										
DATE		Marcella Reyes	Emily Proctor	Leroy Shomin	Fred Kiogima	Tamara Munson	William Ortiz	Aaron Wayne Otto	Melissa Pamp	Jordan Shananaquet
8/2/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting - CANCELED									
8/6/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
8/5/24	Land and Reservation Beaver Island Tour	X						X	X	X
8/10/24	Homecoming Pow Wow	X		X	X			X	X	X
8/11/24	Homecoming Pow Wow	X		X	X			X	X	X
8/8/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
8/13/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X	X	X	X			X		X
8/14/24	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting **	X	X		X			X		
8/20/24	Tribal Council Work Session	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8/22/24	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8/27/24	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X	X	X	X			X		X
**Originally scheduled for 8/16/24.										
*Additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs.										

### Serve your Tribal Nation



[tinyurl.com/ltbbcbbc](http://tinyurl.com/ltbbcbbc)



### 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
- Elder's Commission – 1 seat
- 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

### Interested in working for LTBB?

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

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

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

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



# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## CREAMY MUSHROOM CHICKEN AND WILD RICE SOUP



- 1 cup wild rice (or a blend of rice including wild rice)
- 1 1/2 cups chicken, cooked and diced or shredded
- 1 cup milk or cream
- 1 cup parmigiano reggiano (parmesan), grated
- salt and pepper to taste

**Directions**

1. Melt the butter in a pan over medium-high heat, add the mushrooms and cook until the mushrooms have released their liquids and the liquid has evaporated, about 10-15 minutes, before setting aside.
2. Melt the butter in the pan, add the onions, carrots and celery and cook until tender, about 8-10 minutes.
3. Mix in the garlic and thyme and cook until fragrant, about a minute.
4. Add the broth, rice, chicken and mushrooms, bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until the rice is tender, about 20-30 minutes.
5. Mix in the milk and cheese and cook until the cheese has melted, before seasoning with salt and pepper to taste.

*Courtesy photo.*

**Ingredients**

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound mushrooms, sliced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon thyme, chopped
- 6 cups chicken broth



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

Please call our office to see if we are able to help you!  
Call Monday - Friday  
8 am to 5 pm at 231-242-1620.

\*food distribution varies depending on availability

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**SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES**

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

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

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

**APPLICANT DOCUMENTS**

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

**LICENSED PROVIDERS**

- ★ COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE

**UNLICENSED PROVIDERS**

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

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

## OCTOBER 2024 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 3pm  
Call 231-881-2855 or 231-347-2573 for food pick-up appointments outside of our Open Distribution Week  
828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto

Deliveries:  
Local: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Peshawbestown: 16<sup>th</sup>  
Traverse City: 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

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.

# JUDICIAL BRANCH

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COURT	<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b> Decedent's Estate	FILE NO. CPB-029-0824
Estate of <u>          Sherri Ann Siebert          </u> Date of Birth <u>          9/29/1963          </u>		
<b>TO ALL CREDITORS: *</b>		
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, <u>          Sherri Ann Siebert          </u> , Walked on <u>          3/06/2024          </u> Date		
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to <u>          Terri Podgorniak, 1175 W. Linwood Rd., Linwood, MI 48634          </u> , the legal personal representative of the estate, or to the Probate court at <u>          LTBB of Odawa Indians Tribal Court, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740          </u> and the named/proposed personal representative within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.		
Date <u>          September 3, 2024          </u> Personal Representative name (type or print) <u>          Terri Podgorniak c/o Tribal Court          </u> Address <u>          7500 Odawa Circle          </u> City, State, zip <u>          Harbor Springs, MI 49740          </u>		

## TOGETHER

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

**KNOW RESPECT**  
Mnaadendmowin  
Be respectful

**SHOW LOVE**  
Zaagidwin  
Be caring

**BE HONEST**  
Gwekwaadziwin  
Be truthful

**The 7 Grandfather Teachings**

LOVE  
RESPECT  
COURAGE  
HONESTY  
WISDOM  
HUMILITY  
TRUTH

**Get involved • Support survivors**

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

## 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.

## Traditional Healer Services 2024 Schedule

**Protocols:**

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

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

*Joseph Syrette*

- October 8/9
- November 20/21
- December 10/11

*Mary Pine*

- November 5/6



# October Elders Birthdays

**October 1**  
 Roberta Williamson  
 Daniel Boda, Jr.  
 Maurice Sisco, Sr.

**October 6**  
 Dianne Daybird  
 John Henderson  
 Monica Hill  
 Cheryl Leet  
 Cynthia Messer  
 Daniel Wilson

**October 12**  
 Annette Asbury  
 Gary Shomin  
 Charles Kiogima  
 Donna Budnick  
 Douglas Hegenbarth

**October 19**  
 William Engstrom, Jr.  
 Gail Fiorino  
 Marcetta Tysver  
 Edward Shenoskey  
 Frank Bernard  
 Yvonne Keshick  
 Jane Bogart-Smith

**October 25**  
 Ann Nowak  
**October 26**  
 Janice Burton  
 Robin Gould  
 Judith Cmejla  
 Colleen Himelright  
 Lucius Cabinaw

**October 2**  
 Pamela Gibbs

**October 7**  
 Andrea Pierce  
 Richard Lasley  
 Delores Pierzynowski

**October 13**  
 Lisa Brookins

**October 14**  
 Tony Reinhout  
 Carol Corn  
 Larry Head  
 Yvonne Kott  
 Nancy Davis  
 Maurice Sands, Jr.

**October 20**  
 William Wasageshik, Jr.  
 Sandra Bloch  
 Carol Atherton  
 Brenda Bailey

**October 27**  
 Daniel Romer  
 Mark Miles  
 Marilyn Norling

**October 3**  
 Michael Harrington  
 Curtis DeGraff  
 David Strate, Sr.  
 Patricia Shawa  
 Thomas Duvernay

**October 8**  
 Leonard Crossett, Jr.  
 Francis Burch, Jr.  
 Patrick Moore  
 Marcene Bernard

**October 15**  
 Michael Keway  
 Cheryl Cutler  
 Joseph Potter  
 Dora Willison

**October 21**  
 Marvin Mulholland  
 Melissa Johnson  
 Denise Steffel

**October 28**  
 Roger Kamper  
 Stephen Daybird  
 Maurice Field

**October 4**  
 Lawrence Nadeau  
 Allen Barber  
 Catherine Gibson  
 Janice Hollister  
 Mary Ross  
 Lance Kilborn  
 Mary Ozuna  
 Charles Shananaquet  
 Richard Willingham

**October 9**  
 Karen Frerer  
**October 10**  
 Melvin Thompson  
 Joanne Schnurer  
 Cheryl Wilkins

**October 16**  
 Eric Francis  
 Susan Wilmore  
 Michael Casey  
 Cassandra Chingwa  
 Mary Gasco  
 Cheryl Kilborn  
 Joseph Blevins  
 Kathleen Blue

**October 22**  
 Paul Nyberg  
 Barbara Howard  
 Kenneth Shomin  
 Laurie Gauthier

**October 29**  
 Douglas Covey  
 Frederick Harrington, Jr.  
 Catherine Pallitta  
 William Portman, Jr.

**October 5**  
 Cynthia Wittkop  
 Matthew Crossett  
 Bonnie Grismer  
 David Baldon, Jr.  
 Denise Crampton  
 Janet Ettawageshik  
 Mark Lovay  
 Arlene Brilley  
 Dawn Taber

**October 11**  
 Yvonne Sharkey-Fetherston  
 Steven Schmidt  
 Dennis Cutler  
 Robert Kenney, Jr.  
 Dwayne Couillard

**October 17**  
 Glenn Stead

**October 18**  
 Mary Wert  
 Roger Gibbs

**October 23**  
 Lyle Martell  
 Susan Reece  
 Pauline Kullik  
 Anthony Shawa

**October 30**  
 Sally Rager  
 Violet Montez  
 Marlene Morse

**October 24**  
 Theresa Zachary  
 Kathleen Criminger  
 Gregg Conrad  
 Kelly Gordon  
 Patricia Baker

**October 31**  
 John Scott  
 Yvonne Brown  
 Dolores Gregg  
 Gregory Weidenfeller

## GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

### Tasewang kidwinang - Halloween Words



jiishtagan



ziisabaakwadonhsan



jiibay



Mno-Tasewang



wiikwaan



Bnaakwii Giizis



koosmaan



zegendaan



mijikwewish



mishiiminak



pashkwaanaajiik



makade-gaazhag

OCTOBER 11, 2024  
 5PM-8M

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
 LTBB BEHAVIORAL HEALTH'S

## SOBRIETY FEAST

LTBB GOV. BUILDING  
 7500 ODAWA CIR  
 HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

REGISTRATION AT 5P  
 PREVENTION WALK 5:15P  
 FEAST 5:45P - 6P  
 INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS 6:30P  
 SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN 7:30P  
 DOOR PRIZES  
 (Throughout the event)

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>

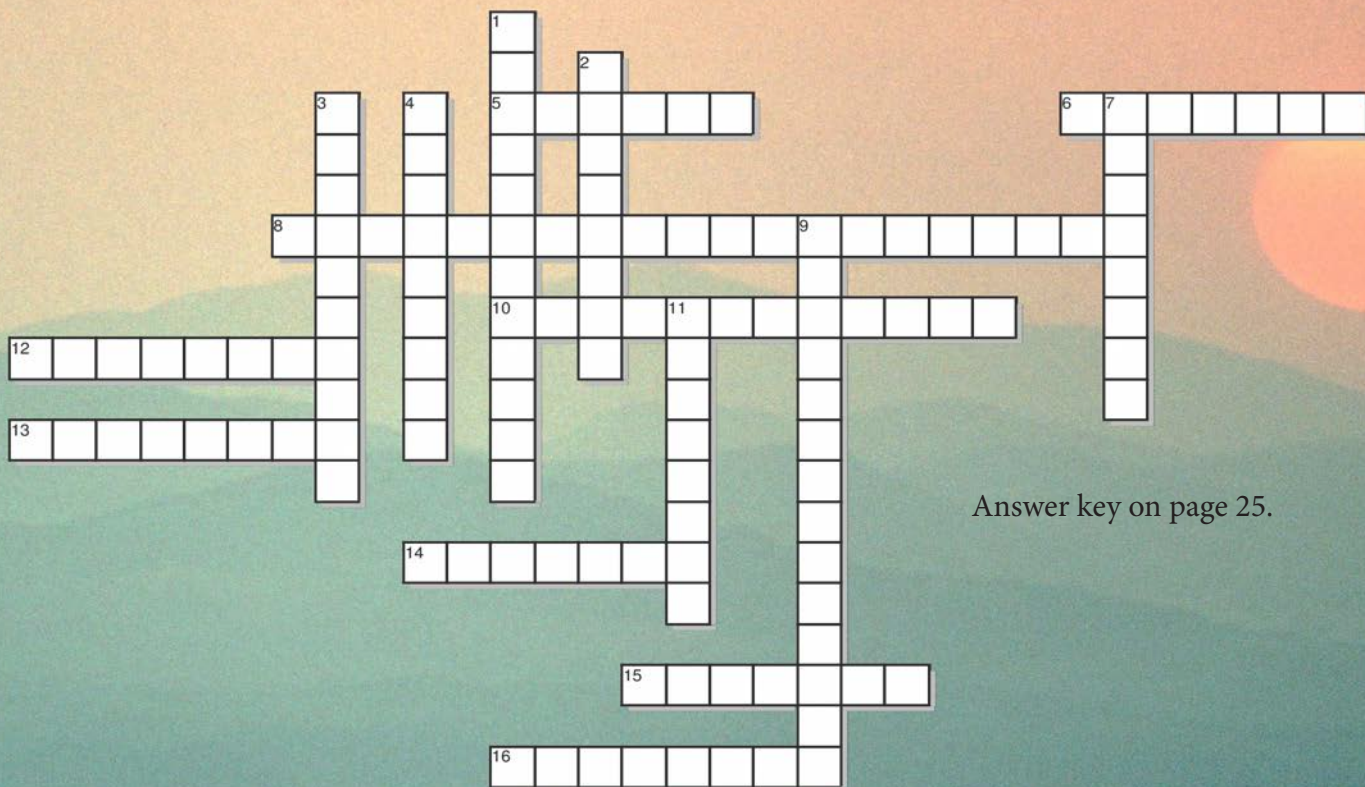
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 (Games in Anishinaabe Language)  
 Games and puzzles for the whole family.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/131141284298625>

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



# D'gwaagik

In The Fall...



Answer key on page 25.

**ACROSS**

- 5 It is cold.
- 6 It is raining.
- 8 dried corn
- 10 corn soup
- 12 Halloween
- 13 pumpkin
- 14 in the fall or Autumn
- 15 to burn or scorch

16 piniik

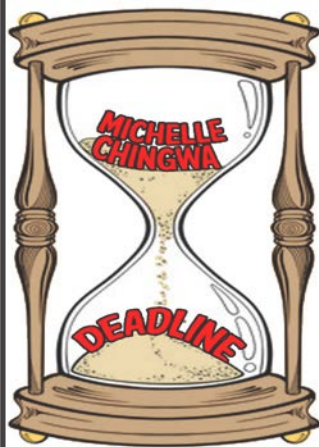
**DOWN**

- 1 It is cool.
- 2 apple
- 3 vegetables
- 4 corn
- 7 fire
- 9 Falling Leaves Moon or October
- 11 acorn

**WORD BANK:** BNAAKWIGIIZIS, DGWAAGI, GIMIWAN, ISHKWADE, JAAGZAN, KISINA, KOOSMAAN, MANDAAMIN, MANDAAMINAKEBAASAJIK, MDAAMINAABOO, MSHIIMAN, MTIGOMIN, NETAAWGING, POTATOES, TASEWANG, TIKEYAAMIGAT

**DON'T LET TIME RUN OUT!**

FALL 2024 DEADLINE FOR MICHELLE CHINGWA AWARD IS OCTOBER 15, 2024.



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

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Answer key on page 26.

**Draw a line to the matching word**

AKIBI SAGNWIIZ

IYBIAJ

GSAWETNA

KIIDZIGSIIB

GA A AKAEZADMHG

SAMEAAOONKDAN

AIBININHSI

DAENAONANNODA

MAKSOONA

ANENGZEDA

IWAIKNWA

INWGAGZZEAAI

GNATISHIJA AIDWAGG

NKODSIWZAIBASAH

ZIEKBHNE

SSNHODKIZBAAIAWAN

ISHYENDIMOJIMI

JIIBAY

WIIKWAAN

KOOSMAN

JIISHTAGAN

ZEGINAAGWAZI

DGWAAGI

EZBIKENH

MEKOOHMESENH

ZIISBAAKWADONHS

NIIBIISHAN

KOOSMAANAANDE

MAKADE GAAZHAG

TASEWANG

DIBIKGIIZIS

BNAAKWII GIIZIS

AANDAANDENON

ZEGENDAAN



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



Bay Mills Community College



**LTBB PANE CLASS DATES**

FALL SEMESTER 2024

SEPT. 13TH & 14TH

SPEAKING CLASS

OCT. 4TH & 5TH

SEPT. 15TH

OCT. 25TH & 26TH

OCT. 6TH

NOV. 15TH & 16TH

OCT. 27TH

DEC. 6TH & 7TH

NOV. 17TH

LAST DAY TO REGISTER AUGUST 29TH

DEC. 8TH





# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## NEW AMENDMENT TO THE LTBB/STATE OF MICHIGAN TAX AGREEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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### Attention New, Established, and Aspiring Business Owners!

Join the U.S. Small Business Administration / SBA 101 Business Resource Webinar *Questions and Answers with the Specialist!*  
For LTBB Citizens on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 11 AM - Noon

SBA's Outreach & Marketing Specialist will discuss:

- Resource Partners
- Access to Capital
- Disaster Assistance
- Federal Contracting

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

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

Registration is required!

Register today at <https://tinyurl.com/LTBBsBANOV2024>



### 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 06-69-06390- URI: 118783.

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

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

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



### TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

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

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Expiration Date	Serial Number	Phone Ext.
Rebecca R Fisher	Active	February 20, 2027	02-09	
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	June 5, 2029	05-09	1462
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	February 21, 2027	10-09	1400
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	August 23, 2027	11-09	1446
Marin C Taylor	Active	May 14, 2024	13-09	1403
Hayden Hooper	Active	February 1, 2027	15-09	1584
Lakota Worthington	Active	May 4, 2027	16-09	1401
Kerstine Omev	Active	January 17, 2028	17-09	1481
Lindsey Doerfler	Active	April 18, 2029	18-09	1521

## ATTENTION LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN OWNED BUSINESSES

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

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

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

## REQUESTS FOR TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION (TCE)

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

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

## IMPORTANT TRIBAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UPDATE

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

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

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

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

## LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA & RESIDENT TRIBAL CITIZENS

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

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

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



LTBB Town Hall meetings are available to be viewed at: <https://portal.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/>

**McLaren Northern Michigan - Petoskey Campus**

October 12  
December 14

**McLaren Northern Michigan - Cheboygan Campus**

October 11  
December 13

All needle drop-off events are from 9 am - 1 pm

**2024 FREE NEEDLE DROP-OFF EVENTS**

Sharps must be in an approved hard, impermeable plastic container. Ask about a free needle disposal kit. For more information on needle drop-off opportunities, call 800-248-6777.



# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
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Enrollment Office

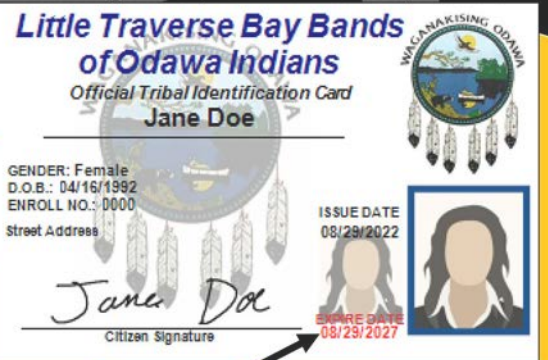
### Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule

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

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

August 19, 2021

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

### 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

## 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>

## 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.



## 2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

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

### To receive your copy:

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

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



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



Hoar Frost



Peanut Butter Falls



Lake Plumbago

## 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



# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - REWARD YOURSELF IN THE COMFORT OF KNOWING YOU'VE BEEN SCREENED FOR BREAST CANCER



weight gain for both you and your family - obesity is shown to significantly increase your risk of cancer. Replace bag of chips or baked goods with a serving of fruits or vegetables. Try apple and peanut butter for a snack or raw veggies with your favorite dipping sauce.

- Reduce or eliminate the use of alcoholic beverages - recent research shows alcohol consumption and cancer risk are linked, and alcohol consumption is a leading modifiable risk factor for breast cancer.

- Breastfeeding. Having the first pregnancy after age 30, not breastfeeding, and never having a full-term pregnancy can raise breast cancer risk.

- Hormone replacement therapy - Some forms of hormone replacement therapy (those which include both estrogen and progesterone) taken during menopause can raise risk for breast cancer when taken for more than five years. Certain oral contraceptives (birth control pills) also have been found to raise breast cancer risk. Talk to your provider.

- Increase your physical activity - Take a 30-minute walk or bike ride or join a fitness center, traditional dance group or walking club. Women who are not physically active have a higher risk of getting breast cancer.

- Annual mammogram screening for women 40-74 years - 52% of late-stage breast cancers detectable by a screening mammogram one to three years prior to diagnosis. So, don't delay your annual mammogram.

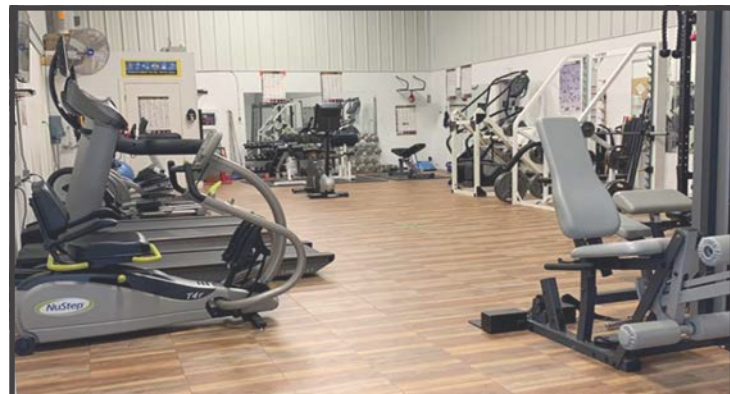


Complete your annual mammogram to be entered into a drawing for our pink quilt.

Take your worry away by completing your annual cancer screening. Women aged 40-75 who schedule and complete their cancer screening by October 31, 2024 will be entered into a drawing for a quilt made by our Anishinaabe relative Connie DePlonty of Sault Ste Marie.

Call or text Kiana Wood and make an appointment for your mammogram today. Kiana can be reached via phone or text at 231-268-1307 or you can call her at the Health Center at 231-242-1772.

*Photo of "Exploding Heart" quilt, designed by Slice of Pi Quilts, taken by Beth Sielof and courtesy graphic.*



8730 COMMERCE COURT  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI  
UNITS 7 & 8

### LTBB NATIVE WAY

HEALTH & WELLNESS FACILITY  
(231) 487-1796

SHAPE YOUR BODY

7 DAYS A WEEK  
5 AM - 11 PM

**NATIVE WAY GYM**  
5am - 11pm Daily  
8730 Commerce Court, Harbor Springs  
\*No physical required  
Call Nicole Kiogima to get started!  
231-487-1962

FREE WEIGHTS  
KETTLEBELLS  
CARDIO MACHINES  
RESISTANCE BANDS

\*13 TO 17 YEAR OLDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, AND PARTICIPATE IN AN ORIENTATION PRIOR TO USING THE GYM.  
\*FOR SAFETY REASONS, CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE ARE NOT PERMITTED.

DEB SHAWA, COMMUNITY HEALTH MANAGER  
231-242-1606  
APRIL AYTON, COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSOCIATE  
231-242-1602

LAST 2 UNITS IN HARBOR SPRINGS STORAGE  
FIRST ORIGINARY AFTER THE WIMMIE SOCIETY

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

Breast cancer disproportionately affects Native American women at a higher rate than non-Native American women. You should be aware:

- One in eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime.
- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among Native American women.
- Early detection of breast cancer can lead to high survival rates with the five-year relative survival rate for localized breast cancer being 99%.
- If you are uninsured, the LTBB Cancer Screening Navigator has a source of funding to pay for your mammogram and any diagnostic follow-up or treatment if needed.

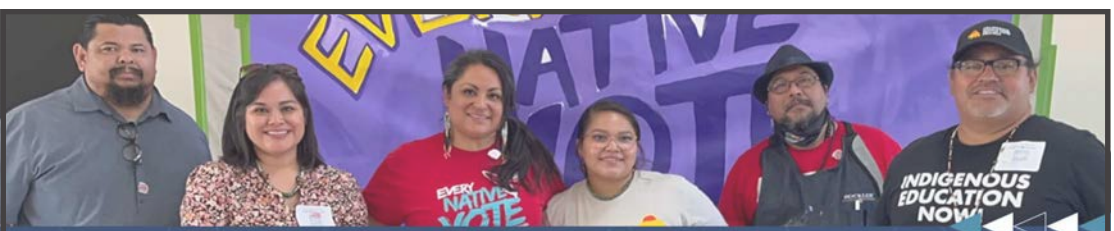
If you are age 40 or older, please don't wait to get screened because there are risk factors which could make you more likely to develop breast cancer.

#### Risk Factors You Can't Control:

- Being a woman or identify as a two-spirit individual who was assigned female at birth.
- Being a woman who started menstrual periods before age 12, and starting menopause after age 55 exposes women to hormones longer, raising their risk of getting breast cancer.
- Having dense breasts. Dense breasts have more connective tissue than fatty tissue, which can sometimes make it hard to see tumors on a mammogram. Women with dense breasts are more likely to get breast cancer. Ask your provider if you have dense breasts.
- Having a family history of breast or ovarian cancer. Mom, sister, grandmother, auntie - Tell your provider your family history and ask when you should get your first mammogram.
- Genetics - If you or a family member have the BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene mutation, you are at higher risk of breast and ovarian cancer.
- Age 40 years or older.
- Exposure to the drug diethylstilbestrol (DES). DES was given to some pregnant women in the United States between 1940 and 1971 to prevent miscarriage. Women who took DES have a higher risk of getting breast cancer. Women whose mothers took DES while pregnant with them also may have a higher risk of getting breast cancer.

Preventable steps you can take to reduce your risk of developing breast cancer are:

- Try to maintain a healthy weight, eat a healthy diet with fruit and vegetables and avoid



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# NATIVE NEWS

## AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND SUPPORTS LARGEST FULL CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP COHORT TO DATE



The American Indian College Fund (College Fund) awarded its largest Full Circle scholarship cohort ever with nearly 2,000 Native students receiving awards. The Full Circle Scholarship Program is open to any Native American U.S. citizen who is an enrolled member or descendant of an enrolled member of a state or federally recognized tribe. Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average and plan to enroll as a full-time student at a non-profit, accredited col-

lege or university. The fall cohort of Full Circle scholars is a diverse group. Students are affiliated with 249 tribal nations from across Indian country. They are pursuing more than 450 majors at every level from associate to doctorate degrees. This year's Full Circle scholars are using their scholarship awards to attend 34 tribal colleges and universities and 345 mainstream institutions. The median award amount per scholar is \$3,900. The College Fund is preparing thousands more scholarships for tribal colleges and universities to disburse to their awardees this fall.

The College Fund accepts online scholarship applications on a rolling basis each year beginning on February 1. Students are encouraged to apply by May 31 to receive priority consideration.

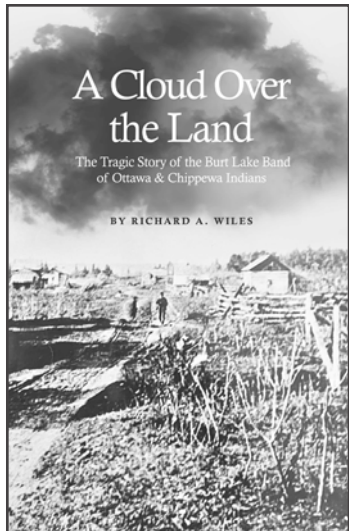
To learn more, visit <http://collegefund.org/scholarships>.

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## AUTHOR RICHARD A. WILES RECEIVES STATE HISTORY AWARD FOR CHRONICLING TRAGIC BURT LAKE BAND HISTORY

The Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians is pleased to announce author Richard A. Wiles has received the State Award in Books: Private Printing Category from the Historical Society of Michigan for his new book "Over the Land: The Tragic Story of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians."

Wiles' compelling narrative reveals a long-buried chapter in the history of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Set against the backdrop of a fateful day on October 15, 1900, the book brings to light a terroristic event which forever altered



the course of history for this Native American community in Northern Michigan.

"Richard knows more about our band's history than most of our descendants. We are grateful for the years he has dedicated to helping us rediscover our own history," Burt Lake Band Historian Deborah Richmond said.

The book can be purchased at many local bookstores or local historical societies and is a 5013C tax free donation for the Band's general fund. They receive no state, federal or other Band's monies and rely on donations or their Native artwork sales for financial aid. Cost is \$19.95 per book.

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## CREED HUMPHREY BECOMES HIGHEST PAID NFL CENTER

By Kolby KickingWoman

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

Creed Humphrey has had quite the start to his National Football League (NFL) career after being drafted in the second round of the 2021 draft by Kansas City.

Playing center, the 25-year-old from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, is a two-time Super Bowl champion and has also been selected to two Pro Bowls during his first four seasons.

Now, Humphrey can call himself the highest paid center of all time after signing a four-year, \$72 million deal first reported by Ian Rapoport of NFL Network.

Pro Football Focus, one of the preeminent analytic sites for professional football, has ranked Humphrey as the best center in the league for consecutive seasons.

The new contract surpasses former Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce as the larg-



est for a center.

"I'm playing in a place that, you know, I get to call it home. And it's been awesome to call it home the past four years, and I really enjoyed it," Humphrey said. "So, getting this opportunity is awesome."

Humphrey described negotiations as a "good process" and his agent, Ken Sarnoff thanked the Kansas City organization for getting the historic deal across the finish line.

"It is an honor to represent the best center in the NFL and highest paid in history. Creed and the entire Humphrey family are truly one of one," Sarnoff wrote in a post on X.

News of the new contract came before the team's last pre-season game and Humphrey said he received a lot of congratulations from teammates

but is also happy to have it out of the way.

Kansas City is seeking to become the first team to win three Super Bowls in a row.

"So, for me, it's just now focusing on football for me, focus on this year, focusing on the days ahead, things like that, getting ready for another run of this thing," Humphrey said. "So, we're excited about it and ready to roll."

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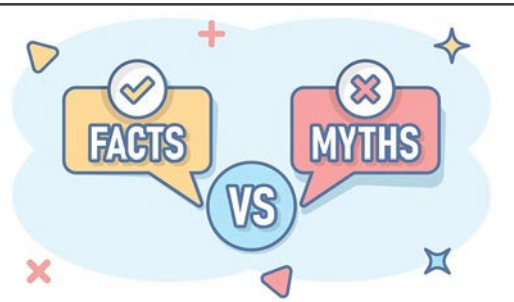
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# COMMON MYTHS ABOUT COMMERCIAL TOBACCO USE

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



It is fairly common knowledge nowadays about the health harms commercial tobacco use can cause. But, there are a few common myths and misconceptions many people still have about it.

- **MYTH: Occasional smoking won't hurt me.** **FACT:** People who smoke just a few days a week or at social gatherings think they will escape the risks. Don't buy it. "We know that every cigarette you smoke is doing you damage," says Brian King, PhD and deputy director for research translation in the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. "There is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke." Even relatively small amounts damage your blood vessels and make your blood more likely to clot. That damage causes heart attacks, strokes and even sudden death, King says.

- **MYTH: Tobacco is not a drug.** **FACT:** The nicotine found in tobacco products is a very addictive drug. Addiction to nicotine has been compared to having an addiction to drugs like cocaine or heroin. Exposure to nicotine alters brain chemistry resulting in tobacco dependence and nicotine addiction.

- **MYTH: It doesn't matter whether you quit or not, the damage is already done.** **FACT:** When a person quits using commercial tobacco, the body immediately starts repairing itself. Blood pressure and pulse rates go back to normal range 20 minutes after quitting. After 12 hours, the body cleanses itself of the excess carbon monoxide from the cigarettes. After one week, nerve endings start growing back and lung function improves. Within one year, your risk of heart attack decreases by 50%.

- **MYTH: Smoking helps me relax and manage stress.** **FACT:** Smoking actually increases heart rate and blood pressure and does not decrease stress. Research has found people who quit smoking over time feel more relaxed than while they were smoking. Smoking actually only relieves the short-term craving for nicotine; this feels relaxing at that moment but you are really just relieving the tension caused by your addiction.



- **MYTH: E-Cigarettes are a safer alternative.** **FACT:** While e-cigarette aerosol generally contains lower levels of harmful chemicals than cigarette smoke, no tobacco products are safe. E-cigarette aerosol is not just water vapor, it can contain harmful chemicals, including acrolein and acetaldehyde, which can damage your lungs.

There are resources available for individuals who want to quit using commercial tobacco products and want to learn more about its dangers to health:

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

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

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

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

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## Marty Van De Car Memorial Scholarship Fund



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

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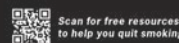


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Tammy W., age 50  
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If interested please contact **Amanda Frazier**, Program Manager.  
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## DIVERSE CROP ROTATIONS REDUCE RISK OF CROP LOSS UNDER POOR GROWING CONDITIONS

Researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are responding to the increasingly uncertain climate. The warmer and more unpredictable weather has been a source of instability on U.S. farms. ARS agroecologists turned to history for a solution to this challenge, which inspired them to better understand the benefits of crop rotations.

Growing a sequence of different crops in rotation has been practiced for millennia. Crop rotations can rebuild soil health, fight pests and diseases and spread-out risk of various pests and crop disease. Crop rotation also increases the sustainability of agricultural systems and reduces risk from increasingly adverse weather. However, widespread adoption of diverse crop rotations is limited by economic uncertainty, lack of incentives and inadequate information about long-term outcomes.

ARS researchers compiled data from 20 long-term experiments spanning up to six decades to compare outcomes from different crop rotations across North America. The aim was to assess changes in outcomes under different growing conditions for individual crops like corn or soybean in the crop rotations. They also looked at the outcomes of the complete rotation as a whole — not just the components. By examining both, they could quantify the benefits and trade-offs of crop rotations. Outcomes tended to be better for individual crops when grown in more diverse crop rotations across all growing conditions. Outcomes of complete rotation depended on which crops were grown in the crop rotation. This shows the composition of crop rotations was a bigger factor than individual crop performance. Diverse rotations improved outcomes of complete rotations under poor growing conditions. This illustrates how diverse rotations can reduce the risk of crop loss in a changing



climate.

"Our results add to the growing body of evidence that is essential to removing the barriers that prevent adoption of sustainable farming practices," said ARS Ecologist Dr. Katherine Muller. "To our knowledge, no long-term, multi-site studies have attempted to understand the effect of changing the rotation on the performance of both the complete rotation and its component crops simultaneously."

Many farmers face steep hurdles to diversify their crop rotations. More diverse rotations may make management more complex and may require new equipment. Farmers may also need to learn how to grow new crops and develop an understanding of how the crops fit in their operation. Farmers can benefit since more diverse rotations can reduce the amount of fertilizer or pesticides needed to maintain productivity. This is welcome news for farmers facing another source of instability: Price swings for nitrogen fertilizer.

Though effective, more diverse rotations may take years to show results, which is why long-term agricultural field experiments are a valuable source of evidence. The DRIVES Network (Diverse Rotations Improve Valuable Ecosystem Services) has combined data from 20 long-term experiments to investigate the impacts of crop diversity across multiple regions and production systems.

The DRIVES Network is expanding the number of experiments in the database, which will help farmers by providing estimates of the

benefits and costs of managing more diverse rotations. In addition to economic performance, the DRIVES Network will also provide evidence of how diverse rotations can reduce the vulnerability of cropping systems to adverse weather. By pairing long-term yield data with weather variables, like vapor pressure deficit or heat stress, researchers will be able to show how and when vulnerability is being reduced.

"Long-term field experiments are national treasures for capturing dynamics in slow-moving variables like soil characteristics or responses under erratic conditions like droughts. Both of these variables are critical to understanding how agricultural systems can adapt to climate change," said North Carolina State University Agroecology Professor Dr. Ann Bybee-Finley, who began this research while completing her post-doctoral studies at ARS. "The DRIVES Network aims to connect data from long-term experiments with crop rotations across North America and make it available to the public."

This research, highlighted in this month's *One Earth* journal, will continue within ARS and with research partners at North Carolina State University, University of California Berkeley, Rice University, The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, University of California Davis, Iowa State University, University of Minnesota, The Pennsylvania State University, The Ohio State University, University of Tennessee, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Michigan State University and University of Guelph.

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- **Cook** – Ensure proper cooking temperatures are met with food thermometer.
- **Chill** – Store food safely by refrigerating properly.

The USDA National Agricultural Library resources can help you:

- **Learn proper food safety practices.** Use these food safety resources for handling, preparing and storing healthy foods on Nutrition.gov's Food Safety webpage.

- **Share the facts.** Find nutrition and food safety curricula, lesson plans and activities to teach audiences from preschool to older adults on Food and Nutrition Information Center's Nutrition and Food Safety Education webpage.

- **Discover food safety research.** Search



for information on current food safety research projects from both U.S. and international government and non-government organizations with the Food Safety and Research Information Office's Food Safety Research Projects Database.

Help stop the spread of food borne illness by sharing this information with your friends and family.

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## Larval and Juvenile Dikamik and Otoonapii Research Discussion

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Where do young Dikamik (Lake Whitefish) and Otoonapii (Cisco) hatch, what do they eat, and how abundant are their food sources at beach sites of Lake Michigan 1836 treaty waters?

Staff from the LTBB Natural Resource Department, along with partners at USGS and Purdue University, are working to answer these questions.

We invite you to join us as we present, and discuss, this inter-agency efforts to better understand the early stages of these significant Coregonine fishes.

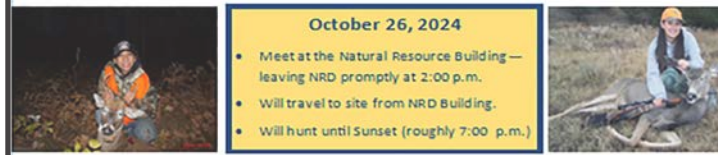
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## Attention New Hunters Community Deer Hunt Sponsored by the LTBB Natural Resource Department October 26, 2024



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### October 26, 2024

- Meet at the Natural Resource Building — leaving NRD promptly at 2:00 p.m.
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# 2024 LTBB Annual Health Fair



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# LTBB Youth Conservation Corps 2024





# LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN THOMAS KIOGIMA, SR. HONORED AT PHS FOOTBALL GAME

As a member of the undefeated 1974 Petoskey High School (PHS) football team, LTBB Tribal Citizen Thomas Kiogima, Sr. returned to Northern Michigan on September 6, 2024 as he and his teammates were honored at halftime of

the PHS-Bay City Western game. It was also announced the 1974 team, celebrating its 50th anniversary, would be enshrined into the Petoskey Athletic Hall of Fame as the Class of 2025. *Courtesy photos.*



# PETOSKEY NORTHMEN

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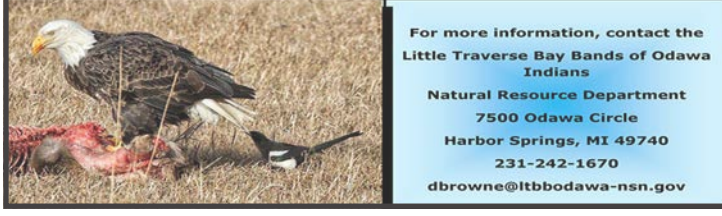


# 1974 FOOTBALL 9-0

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



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



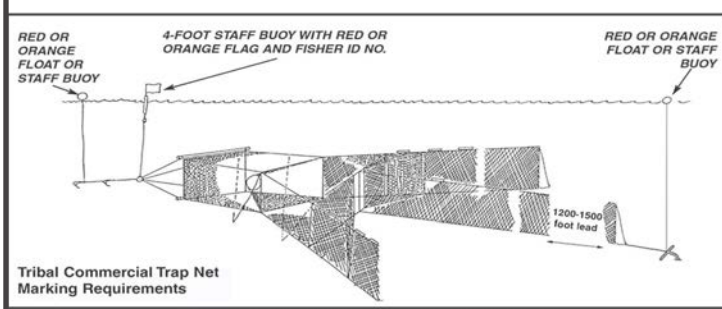
## EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION

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](mailto:dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

## NOTICE TO BOATERS

### COMMERCIAL TRAP NETS in northern Lakes Michigan & Huron



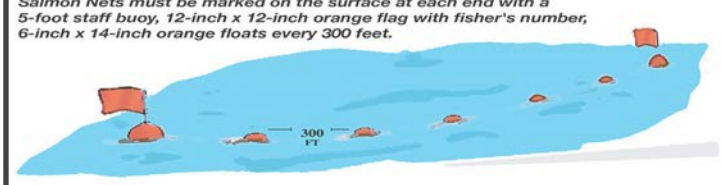
- Vessel Operators should NAVIGATE AWAY from all markers and REMAIN 1,500 FEET AWAY from any staff buoy or jug markers.
- Please EXERCISE CAUTION while boating in these areas. Visibility will be limited during low-light or bad weather conditions.
- WARNING: Tampering with these or any other legally set nets is a violation of State and Federal law.

For more information contact: CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY 179 W. Three Mile, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 906-632-0043

Report unmarked nets: LOCAL, STATE or TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS or Michigan DNR RAP Hotline 1-800-292-7800

## ATTENTION BOATERS AUGUST — OCTOBER

### Possible Salmon Gill nets in northern Lakes Huron & Michigan



➔ Visibility will be limited during low-light or bad weather conditions. Please exercise extreme caution while boating in these areas.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority  
179 W. Three Mile Rd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.  
906-632-0043

U.S. Coast Guard  
Sault Ste. Marie  
906-635-3233

MNR RAP Hotline:  
1-800-292-7800

**Tribal Commercial Salmon Fishery**

LAKE HURON  
A. Aug 1-Oct. 15: Brulee Point to Rabbit Back Point.  
B. Sept. 1-Oct. 15: Cordwood Point to Hammond Bay Harbor Light.

LAKE MICHIGAN  
C. Aug. 1-Oct. 15: McGulpin Point in the Mackinaw City area to Seven Mile Point near Cross Village, within one (1) mile of the shoreline.  
D. Sept. 15-Oct. 30: Off the tip of Leelanau Peninsula and west to just north of the Leland River.  
E. Day after Labor Day - Oct. 30: Suttons Bay from Omens Point to Suttons Point.

**Tampering with legally set fishing nets is a violation of State and Federal Law.**

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.

**Michigan Indian Legal Services**

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...>

**SCAM**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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](mailto: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](https://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](https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov).

Do you need a Food & Utility Appropriation Allowance Application? Go to [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://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.

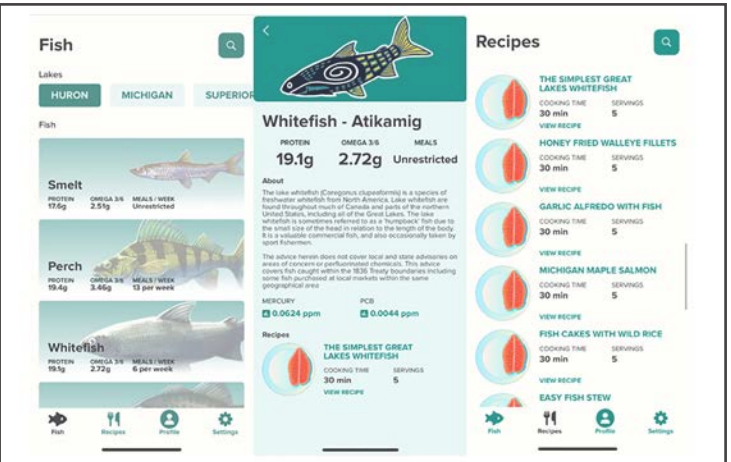


# APPLE AND ANDROID APP FOR FISH EATERS - THE ANISHINAABE GIGIIGOO'INAAN "OUR FISH" APP

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCMI) in partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) has released the updated version of the Gigiigoo'inaan application (app for iPhones, Androids or similar Smart devices) to guide users in their fish-eating choices throughout the Great Lakes and Bemidji Region waterways. Environmental exposures in the waterways such as PBT or mercury can disturb human health. The Gigiigoo'inaan "Our Fish" app makes personalized recommendations for safe fish consumption based on the user's biological sex, weight, portion size and the waterway where fish is coming from.

The input for the design and content of the app came from representatives from the five Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) tribes; the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Features of the app support help users of all ages and life phases make informed choices regarding fish consumption by providing personalized recommendations for fish harvested from Lakes Huron, Michigan, Superior, inland lakes and even store-bought fish. The app includes details of the fish's habitat, behaviors and in some circumstances, gaming regulations to support sustainable harvesting. The app also features simple and affordable fish recipes from the local regions. A significant



Download the Gigiigoo'inaan "Our Fish" App:



<https://bit.ly/m/FishApp?r=q>

nificant and valued feature of the app is it DOES NOT collect or store any personal data.

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

This app is the result of a multi-year project aimed to develop culturally tailored advice to encourage consumption of low contaminated species of fish among Native American Anishinaabe peoples and waterways. However, this app supports safe fish

consumption for people of all races.

The app was previously tested in Michigan tribal communities in 2019 and reviewed again in 2022/2023. It was observed app users reported improved confidence, increased fish consumption and increased understanding of environmental health in response to the Gigiigoo'inaan "Our Fish" app. The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and the Medical College of Wisconsin are grateful for the input and support provided by the Anishinaabe people which makes this resource available for all.

Those looking for more information on the Gigiigoo'inaan "Our Fish" app, can visit <https://www.itcmi.org/fishapp>

*Courtesy graphic.*

# ICWA'S DEFENDERS RALLY AGAIN TO PROTECT TRIBAL CHILDREN

Protectors of child welfare and tribal sovereignty filed an amicus brief on August 28, 2024, urging the Minnesota Supreme Court to dismiss a baseless challenge to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) which litigants supported by anti-sovereignty forces have attempted to insert into a Minnesota child welfare case involving children eligible for citizenship in the Red Lake Nation.

The amicus brief emphasizes the fact ICWA's constitutionality is not a question the Court should address in this case. Minnesota child welfare laws, not ICWA, governed when the children at issue were moved from a temporary foster placement to a relative's home. Most child welfare agencies attempt to place children with extended family when they cannot safely remain with their family of origin. The former foster parents challenging ICWA's constitutionality here are not a preferred placement for the children because they are not relatives. Further, their attempt to characterize ICWA as racial discrimination is grounded in fundamental misunderstandings of equal protection and federal Indian law.

"The amicus brief exposes this attempt to challenge ICWA as ungrounded in both law and logic," said Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Staff Attorney Sydney Tarzwell.

NARF, along with co-counsel Joseph Halloran and Christopher Smith from the Jacobson Law Group, filed the brief defending ICWA on behalf of the California Tribal Families Coalition, United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund, the Association on American Indian Affairs, the National Congress of American Indians, the National Indian Child Welfare Association and the Navajo Nation. As the brief



states, the Amici share a vital interest in preserving ICWA's standards, which were "designed to halt the 'wholesale removal' of Native children from their homes and communities."

ICWA, considered the gold standard in U.S. child welfare law, protects children who are citizens of a tribal nation and children who are eligible for citizenship and have a biological parent who is a citizen. Passed by Congress in 1978 to stop the mass removal of Native children from their families and communities, ICWA affirms the inherent right of tribal nations to protect the welfare of their children. Anti-tribal interests have raised a series of similar unprincipled challenges to ICWA and have been unsuccessful in having the law declared unconstitutional.

To learn more about ICWA and NARF's work to ensure the welfare of Native American children, visit [icwa.narf.org](http://icwa.narf.org).

*Courtesy graphic.*



## SECTION 184 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM



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

**THE SECTION 184 LOAN CAN BE USED FOR:**

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

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

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

# HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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



Equal Housing Opportunity TTY 7-1-1



**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS  
HOUSING DEPARTMENT**  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Tele: 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
  - Bedrooms are approximately 121 sq. feet and 94 sq. feet
  - Must be 55 or older or disabled of any age
  - Located in a quiet country setting, but only 4 miles from Harbor Springs, MI
  - Rents are based on income
  - Barrier free units are available
  - Accept very low, low and moderate income applicants
  - LTBB Housing office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm
  - All units are 2 bedroom and 1 bath
- 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](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), at any USDA office or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or e-mail at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

# APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

To be considered for the next phase at the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-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](http://www.tinyurl.com/LTBBMarketRateApp)





# 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 August 8, 2024 In Person and Via ZOOM**

Call to Order: **9:13 a.m.**  
Opening ceremony: Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes  
Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: Treasurer Leroy Shomin  
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Office Coordinator Linda Gokee, Legislative Administrative Assistant Marin Taylor, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Office of Finance & Revenue Administrative Assistant Shari Temple

Corporate Charters Present: Gaming Authority Secretary/Treasurer Don Lasley, Ziibimijwang, Inc. Executive Director Mary Donner, Ziibimijwang, Inc. Courtney Wilbur

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco, Tribal Chairman's Office Executive Assistant Hunter Johnson, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, Education WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Office of the Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill, Gijigowi Language Department Administrative Assistant Theresa Keshick, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Willis, Law Enforcement Chief Terry McDonnell, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Charles Moore, Human Services Food Distribution Program Specialist Joseph VanAlstine

Judicial Officials and Staff: None  
Public: James Pontiac, Shanna Shananaquet, Nick Peltier, Brian Anthony, Jodi Terpstra  
Invited Guest: Odawa Casino Resort's General Manager Ron Olson, Director of Finance Debbie Provost, Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor, and Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin

Review Agenda  
**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt the agenda of August 8, 2024 as presented.

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

Review and Approve Minutes of July 25, 2024.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the minutes of July 25, 2024 as presented.

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

Executive Oversight Report:  
**Discussion: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco**

Boarding School Talking Circles and Truth Sharing happening today, hosted by the State of Michigan and the Michigan De-

partment of Civil Rights. Talking Circles are for anyone in the community who would like to share their experiences or how the boarding schools affected their community. They will be from 2-4 p.m. A Traditional Healer, nurse, Behavioral Health Counselor will be available to assist.

The Pow Wow grounds have new bleachers, chi-miigwech to Council for approving the funding and Facilities staff for installing in time for Homecoming Pow Wow this weekend, August 10-11.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Secretary Deb Haaland has the 2<sup>nd</sup> volume of the Boarding School study prepared, includes testimony from survivors.

Archives and Records Director Eric Hemenway is working with the City of Harbor Springs on the Indian Town Park and plaque.

Received a call from another group who will be doing a study on boarding schools. They are with the Department of Justice. Their event will be September 16-20, 2024. They will do a feast and welcome on the first day, hear testimony on the second and third days, and close on the fourth day.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco for August 8, 2024.

Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin) 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: None

**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 August 8, 2024.

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

Treasurer Report: No report  
Land and Reservation Committee Report:

Phone Polls passed by the Land and Reservation Committee: One 08/07/2024 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to reschedule the August 16, 2024 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. to August 14, 2024 starting at 9:00 a.m. Phone Poll Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Activities: Acknowledges fellow councilors and Tribal citizens need to have a strategic structure for land purchases.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Emily Proctor, Committee Chair for August 8, 2024.

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

Tribal Council Member Reports: Councilor Fred Kiogima – No report  
Councilor Tamara Munson – No report  
Councilor William Ortiz – No report  
Councilor Aaron Otto:

Attended the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC) land tour

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

October 8 Work Session  
October 10 Council Meeting  
October 22 Work Session  
October 24 Council Meeting

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

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

### Legislative

#### Tribal Council Members

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

trip to Beaver Island, MI.

Councilor Melissa Pamp Attended the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC) land tour trip to Beaver Island, MI.

A tribal youth requested a meeting with Melissa and Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to meet the Unofficial LTBB Youth Council to discuss and develop strategy.

Researching: Office of Finance, Economic Development and structures, Youth Councils and leadership programs.

Graduation Honors banquet is this Friday. Melissa has been asked to carry the MMIW flag.

Apologies to the DOC for missing their presentation

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet Volunteered for the Education Jiimaan journey. Thanked all the departments who helped make the camp a success.

Researching collaboration software for meetings.

Met with Education Director Kerstine Omev in respect to the Youth Council.

Still need to meet with Youth Director regarding Youth Council.

Was contacted by a tribal youth along with Councilor Melissa Pamp regarding Youth Council.

Attended the Land and Reservation Committee (LRC) land tour trip to Beaver Island, MI.

Will be attending Graduation Honors banquet on Friday, August 9.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, and Councilor Jordan Shananaquet's verbal reports for August 8, 2024.

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

**9:50 a.m.** Break

**10:08 a.m.** Meeting resumes

**10:00 a.m.** Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by

Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by General Manager Rol Olson, Director of Finance Debbie Provost, Director of Marketing Alan Bouschor, and Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin dated July 25, 2024 for August 8, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Melissa Pamp), 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort June 2024 Month End Report dated July 25, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Melissa Pamp), 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

**11:41 a.m.** Councilor William Ortiz steps away.

Public Comment

11:42 a.m. Opens

No comments made

11:44 a.m. Closed

Office of Finance and Revenue – Senior Financial Analyst

Office Update

Corporate Charters and/or

Boards

Gaming Authority/OCR – **10:00**

**a.m.** 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

Ziibimijwang, Inc. – **2:30 p.m.**

2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal report for August 8, 2024.

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

Motion carries.

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation:

**11:51 a.m.** Councilor William Ortiz returns

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation's verbal report as presented by Corporate Transition Director Aaron Otto for August 8, 2024.

Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain (Councilor Aaron Otto), 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**11:55 a.m.** Lunch break

**1:14 p.m.** Meeting resumes

Tribal Historic Preservation Office

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Winnay Wemigwase's verbal and written report for August 8, 2024.

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

Legislative Leader Report

Office Update

Closed Session for Personnel  
**1:47 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 – Abstain, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

**2:00 p.m.** Councilor William Ortiz leaves.

**2:34 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to return to Open Session.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes' verbal report for August 8, 2024.

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

Motion carries.

**2:30 p.m.** Ziibimijwang, Inc. 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report  
**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the Ziibimijwang, Inc.'s 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by Executive Director Mary Donner dated August 7, 2024 for August 8, 2024. Vote continues below.

**2:53 p.m.** Councilor Aaron Otto steps away.

Vote: 6 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 3 – Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**2:55 p.m.** Councilor Aaron Otto returns.

Public Comment

3:01 p.m. Opens

No comments made

3:03 p.m. Closed

**3:03 p.m.** Break

**3:17 p.m.** Meeting resumes.

Legislative Services Attorney – Vacant

General Counsel

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's written report for August 8, 2024.

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

Motion carries.

Legislative Office Director

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for August 8, 2024.

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

Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Action Items:**

**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion # 080824-01 Authorization of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. to Administer the BIA Child Welfare Assistance Program under PL 93-638 FY 2025 – FY 2029. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Certified Motion # 080824-02 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreement Consolidated Tribal Government Programs Annual Contract FY 2025. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima  
"Minutes" continued on page 18.



*"Minutes" continued from page 17.*

to approve Certified Motion # 080824-03 Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreement Law Enforcement Annual Contract FY 2025. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Certified Motion # 080824-04 Request for Funding from the Indian Health Service Annual Funding Agreement FY 2025. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion # 080824-05 Request for Funding from the Food and Nutrition Service Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) FY 2025. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to approve Citizenship List C (Voluntary Relinquishment) dated July 31, 2024 for a total of one (1). Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to remove LEG-337 WOS Land Acquisition from the Legislative Calendar. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to remove LEG-337 WOS Land Acquisition from the Legislative Calendar. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.

Closed Session for Confidential Legal business.

**3:25 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**3:45 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Confidential Memo # 080824-02 Legal. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Confidential Memo # 080824-02 Legal. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Other Items of Business: None

Adjournment

**3:48 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to adjourn. Vote: 7 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 2 – Absent (Councilor William Ortiz, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)

Motion carries.

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers and via Zoom**

These Minutes have been read and are approved as written. Emily Proctor, Tribal Council Secretary Date

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 August 22, 2024

### In Person and Via ZOOM

Call to Order: 9:07 a.m.

Opening ceremony: Secretary Emily Proctor

Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: None

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Director Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Administrative Assistant Marin Taylor, Sr. Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Office of Finance & Revenue Administrative Assistant Shari Temple

Corporate Charters Present: OEAHC Corporate Transition Director Aaron Otto, OED-MI Designated Director Leroy Shomin, Gaming Authority Vice-Chair Denise Petoskey

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Director Duffy Johnson, Human Resources Generalist Ashley Davis, Regulatory Internal Auditor Dan Pierzynowski, Law Enforcement Chief Terry McDonnell, Executive Services Attorney Sean Cahill, Natural Resources Department Office Manager Debra Smithkey-Browne, Executive Branch Administrative Assistant Lakota Worthington, WOCTEP Courtney Lewis, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey

Judicial Officials and Staff: None  
Public: Brian Anthony  
Invited Guest: Odawa Online GSP Primary Executive Official Matt Stemkoski

Review Agenda

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to adopt the agenda of August 22, 2024 as presented. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Meeting Dedication:

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen (s) who have walked on: Rosanna Campbell-ba, Karen Lambert-ba, Robert Stokes-ba, and Doreen Wilson-ba. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Review and Approve Minutes of August 8, 2024.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve the minutes of August 8, 2024 as presented. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

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

Deborah Shawa  
Community Health Manager (transfer) Health

Abigail Dawson  
Sponsorship Program Specialist (transfer) Health

Charles Moore  
Maintenance Lead (transfer) Facilities

Ethan DePauw  
Research Technician (Hatchery) Natural Resources

Braeden Richards  
Research Technician (Hatchery) Natural Resources

Rebecca Stead  
Dept. of Public Works Administrative Asst. DPW

April Ayton  
Community Health Associate Health

Rebecca McGeorge  
Triage Specialist (transfer) Health

Lisa Powell  
Purchased/Referred Care Front Desk Clerk Health

Sara Crockett  
Medical Assistant Health

**Executive Oversight Report**

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Duffy Johnson

The Health Fair is tomorrow, August 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Health Park.

Youth Services will now be renting office space across from McLaren Northern Michigan. Have begun moving in and hope to have services operational by the time school starts. Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

Traditional Jingtamok will be Saturday, September 14 at Osborne Rd, starting at 1 p.m.

Nme Surgeon Release will be Saturday, September 14 in Wolverine at Lumberman's Park, from 12 – 2 p.m.

National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition will be conducting listening events. They will have a welcome feast on Monday, September 16 with listening sessions happening Tuesday, September 17 through Friday, September 20. Friday evening there will be a closing ceremony.

The Sovereignty Day celebration will be on Saturday, September 21 from 3-7 p.m.

**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima 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 August 22, 2024. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

**Legislative Leader Report**

Office Update

Closed Session – Personnel

**9:29 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to enter into Closed Session for Personnel. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

**10:16 a.m. Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to return to Open Session. Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Absent

Motion carried.

**10:17 a.m. Break**

**10:26 a.m. Meeting resumes**

**Motion** made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Confidential Memo # 082224-01 Personnel. Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Aaron Otto), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes' verbal report for August 22, 2024. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

**10:00 a.m.** Odawa Online GSP 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Online GSP's 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report dated August 20, 2024 as presented by Primary Executive Official

Matt Stemkoski for August 22, 2024. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 – Abstained (Councilor Melissa Pamp), 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

**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: Green energy bills – potential impacts from adjacent land. Collaborations with other municipalities. Housing and current economic climate in our area. Has invited from Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, President Patrick Heins and Strategic Initiatives Manager Sam Bailey to the October 8, 2024 Work Session.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Emily Proctor's verbal report as provided on the agenda for August 22, 2024. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

**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 Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for August 22, 2024. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

**Land and Reservation Committee Report**

Phone Polls passed by the Land and Reservation Committee: None

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for August 22, 2024. Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Member Reports**

Councilor Fred Kiogima – Attended Homecoming Pow Wow, impressed with bleachers and had received comments that they are a great addition. Noticed and received many comments regarding the lack of military flag representation at the Pow Wow. Lack of communication and shuttling system this year. Councilor Tamara Munson – No report

Councilor William Ortiz – Attended Homecoming Pow Wow, also commented on bleachers. Councilor Aaron Otto – No report

Councilor Melissa Pamp – Attended Homecoming Pow Wow, also commented on lack of shuttling system this year. Youth Council, currently meeting unofficially, would like to utilize the Community Building. Met with citizens on August 18 regarding programming. Continuing to work on various statutes.

Councilor Jordan Shananaquet – Meetings & Events Attended: Attended & volunteered at the LTBB graduation ceremony hosted by the Niigaandwin Education Department on August 9th. This was a wonderful event – chi miigwech to the Department, staff, and volunteers who made this event possible, could truly see the

love and care put into making this event a success.

Attended the annual Homecoming LTBB Pow Wow on August 10th & 11th. Chi miigwech to the Pow Wow Committee, all the volunteers, as well as our maintenance crew. Event planning is a lot of work and I appreciate everyone's time and energy in making the event possible.

Attended a meeting with Councilor Pamp and three LTBB Youth to discuss the formation of a Youth Council.

Attended GTB Pow Wow on August 18th.

Met with General Counsel to discuss LEG 339 – the Tribal Government Budget Statute – to incorporate the changes that were discussed in our most recent work session.

**Meeting Requests/Upcoming Meetings:**

Scheduled a meeting with General Counsel to better understand our gaming compact—especially since it will be up for negotiation in 2025 on September 11th.

In the process of scheduling follow up with Youth to discuss structure & next steps.

In process of rescheduling the pollinator meeting with Councilor Otto, Councilor Munson, and tribal citizen Nichole Keway Biber. (I am currently working on getting a doodle poll sent out.)

I will be volunteering at the Sturgeon Release in Wolverine on the 14th.

**Research & Works in Progress**

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

Drafted & submitted interview questions to include for LSA interviews.

**Motion** to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Melissa Pamp, and Councilor Jordan Shananaquet's verbal and written reports for August 22, 2024. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Aaron Otto) Motion carried.

**11:19 a.m.** Councilor William Ortiz exits

**Office of Finance and Revenue – Sr. Financial Analyst**

Office Update

Corporate Charters and/or Boards

Gaming Authority/Odawa Online GSP – **10:00 a.m.** 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

Ziibimijwang, Inc. – No report

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Sr. Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for August 22, 2024. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carried.

**11:22 a.m.** Councilor Fred Kiogima leaves

**Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation**

**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation's verbal report as presented by Corporate Transition Director Aaron Otto for August 22, 2024. Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 – Abstained (Councilor Aaron Otto), 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)

Motion carried.

**Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.**

**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Economic Development

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Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntaam-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Nizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niwoo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Nanno-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)	
		Elders Luncheon at Noon 1	Elders Luncheon at Noon Elders Commission Meeting 5 pm Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm Zitbimiywang, Inc. Meeting 6 pm	Elders Luncheon at Noon 2	Elders Luncheon at Noon 3	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting 9 am Child Welfare Commission Meeting 3:30 pm	
6	7	Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am	Elders Luncheon at Noon Natural Resources Commission Meeting 6 pm	Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am	11	Election Board Meeting 9 am Gaming Authority Work Session 9 am Meeting 10 am Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP Meeting 1 pm	12
13	14	Elders Luncheon at Noon Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am	Elders Luncheon at Noon Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm	Elders Luncheon at Noon 17	18		19
	<b>Indigenous Peoples' Day</b> All Governmental Offices Closed						
20	21	Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Work Session 9 am	Elders Luncheon at Noon Natural Resources Commission Meeting 6 pm	Elders Luncheon at Noon Tribal Council Meeting 9 am	25	Election Board Meeting 9 am Gaming Authority Work Session 9 am Meeting 10 am Gaming Authority Odawa Online GSP Meeting 1 pm	26
27	28	Elders Luncheon at Noon Appropriations & Finance Committee Meeting 9 am	Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting 5:30 pm	<b>Safe night of Trick or Treat 3-5 pm</b> Governmental Center, Harbor Springs, MI			

**Please Note:**  
Meeting times and dates  
are subject to change. Any  
changes will be posted on  
the LTBB Website.

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## AWARD-WINNING NATIVE STAR QUILT MAKER OPENS STOREFRONT

By Amelia Schafer

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

When Bonnie LeBeau returned home to Eagle Butte, SD, from serving in the Navy, she initially took a job as a bus driver. One day between drives, LeBeau decided to stop in and visit with her grandmother, Marcella LeBeau. Walking into her grandmother's house, LeBeau was surrounded by star quilts, between 10 and 12 of them, all in different stages. Quilts were strung out across the dining room, on the couch, on chairs and on tables.

Confused, she asked her grandmother what she was doing. To which the Cheyenne River elder responded, "I'm just getting ready for Uncle Dan's giveaway."

"I thought, 'Oh my goodness, I need to help her.' So, I did, I just started helping her," LeBeau said.

While she'd been sewing since she was eight, this was the first time the Cheyenne River Lakota and Diné woman had made a star quilt. Now, more than two decades later, LeBeau is an award-winning quilter with her own quilt shop.

LeBeau has opened the Bonnie LeBeaux Quilts storefront at 1575 N. Lacrosse St., Suite J, not far from Interstate 90 in Rapid City. She said the storefront has an "x" while her last name does not. The store has been open for about a month; however, the grand



opening will be this month.

LeBeau's quilt shop is one of a handful of Native-owned businesses in Rapid City and one of the only Native-owned stores offering indigenous print fabric and quilting supplies in the Black Hills.

The back of the store acts as a sewing space for LeBeau while the front will offer a variety of fabrics, including Native-owned brands like 49Dzine.

"I've always done my quilting out of a basement, and the basement is getting remodeled this summer, so I thought, 'I'm either going to have to pack up my equipment and put it in storage or I'm going to have to find my own space,'" she said.

Since she first began helping her grandmother quilt, LeBeau has made countless star quilts. If she sat down and made an entire quilt in one go, it would take her about five hours, she said, but that never happens.

"A long time ago when the missionaries brought the lone star pattern our people were losing the buffalo at a rapid rate," LeBeau said. "When this star design was

introduced, it clicked with our people because essentially our creation stories tell us that we come from the stars. There are probably half a dozen different creation stories that relate our past to the stars. So, when this design was introduced, we adopted it into our culture."

Now, star quilts are a way to honor someone or their accomplishments and life events. The quilts are usually presented as gifts. LeBeau often makes quilts for these occasions or giveaways just as her grandmother had been the day she taught her.

"To me, it represents an honoring comfort," LeBeau said.

In addition to running her storefront and working as a realtor, LeBeau will still be making quilts for others and helping with quilts.

*Amelia Schafer is the Indigenous Affairs reporter for ICT and the Rapid City Journal. She is of Wampanoag and Montauk-Brothertown Indian Nation descent. She is based in Rapid City. Follow her on Twitter @ameliaschafers or reach her by e-mail at amelia@ict-news.org*

Courtesy photo.

## Youth Services After-school Program

NEW LOCATIONS FOR FALL 2023

LTBB Government Center on Mondays & Tuesdays

Petoskey Public Library on Wednesdays & Thursdays



TRIBAL YOUTH AGES 6-18

- LTBB Enrolled
- LTBB Descendants
- Enrolled in other tribes

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

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

Transportation Available  
Limited seating for Petoskey



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

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

## 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:

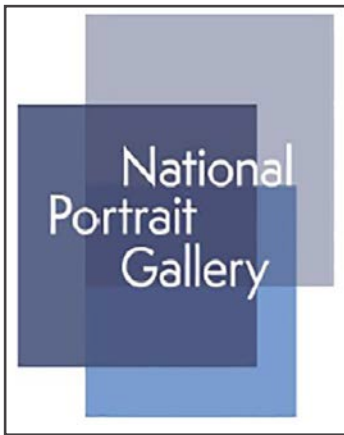
- Within the service area: \$1,500 per year
- Elders must use the LTBB Dental Clinic
- Outside the service area: \$2,400 per year

Questions?  
Abigail Dawson  
231-242-1752

## NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY ANNOUNCES TEEN PORTRAIT COMPETITION

The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery has announced its 2025 Teen Portrait Competition, which is open to students between the ages of 13 and 17 residing in the U.S. and its territories. Teens are invited to submit original digital photography to this national competition hosted by the Portrait Gallery's Teen Museum Council. Artwork by the winners for each of the two age groups (13-15 and 16-17 years old) will be displayed near the museum's upcoming "The Outwin 2025: American Portraiture Today" exhibition. Opening May 3, 2025, "The Outwin 2025" will showcase portraits from artists ages 18 and older selected from the museum's triennial Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition. The teens' winning portraits, alongside those which receive honorable mentions, will be viewable online.

Teen Portrait Competition winners will be selected by the National Portrait Gallery's Teen Museum Council, a group of high school students from Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, who create



interactive programs inspired by the Portrait Gallery's collection as a way to increase teen engagement with the museum. There is no fee to enter the teen competition, and submissions are limited to one per person. Works must be submitted via e-mail to NPG-TeenPortraitCompetition@si.edu by December 23.

"The National Portrait Gallery hosts its Teen Portrait Competition to give young artists a platform to share their perspectives on American history and current issues faced by teens and young adults today. The program also highlights the evolution of portraiture as a genre that

captures American identity," said Sahtiya Hammell, education specialist, National Portrait Gallery. "When I was a teacher, teens would constantly struggle with their lack of power and agency. A national competition where winners will have their work on view at a major museum really underscores that what teens have to share is important and is essential to the evolution of the art form and our country's progress into the future."

The 2025 Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition celebrates the art of contemporary portraiture by showcasing artwork from across the country. At the same time, this competition "by teens, for teens" widens the lens to include the distinct viewpoints of young people across the U.S. and its territories.

The full list of the Teen Portrait Competition's rules and requirements is available online at <https://npg.si.edu/learn/teens/teen-portrait-competition> along with more information about the Teen Museum Council.

Courtesy graphic.



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 ment Management, Inc.'s verbal and written report as presented by Designated Director Leroy Shomin for August 22, 2024. Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carried.  
Tribal Historic Preservation Office - No report  
Legislative Services Attorney - Vacant  
General Counsel  
**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky's written report for August 22, 2024.  
 Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carried.  
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 and written report for August 22, 2024.  
 Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Action Items:**  
**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer August 31, 2024 to September 30, 2024 Contract Amendment for Winnay Wemigwase. Vote: 5 - Yes, 1 - No (Secretary Emily Proctor), 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carried.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Matthew Gasco to the Zoning Board of Appeals and to set up an interview. Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carried.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Matthew Gasco to the Environmental Board of Appeals and to set up an interview. Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carried.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowl-

edge receipt of the Executive Nomination of Brandon Brimacombe to the Housing Commission and to set up an interview. Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carried.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet to approve Certified Motion # 082224-01 Request for Funding from the United States Department of Justice, FY 2024 Tribal Access Program (TAP). Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carried.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to approve Certified Motion # 082224-02 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) funding from Anishinaabek Healing Circle Medication Assisted Treatment Initiative. Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carried.  
**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to **not** pursue Land Parcel #219. Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carried.  
**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to **not** pursue Land Parcel #220. Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carried.  
**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of REG-WOS-2016-008 082024-01 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Wetland Protection and Management Rules and Regulations. Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)  
 Motion carried.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carried.  
 Public Comment  
**11:45 a.m.** Open  
 No comments made  
**11:47 a.m.** Closed  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Legislative Procedures. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima - Absent, Councilor

Tamara Munson - Yes, Councilor William Ortiz - Absent, Councilor Aaron Otto - Yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp - Yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet - Yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin - Yes, Secretary Emily Proctor - Yes, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes - Yes  
 Motion carried.  
**Motion** to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima - Absent, Councilor Tamara Munson - Yes, Councilor William Ortiz - Absent, Councilor Aaron Otto - Yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp - Yes, Councilor Jordan Shananaquet - Yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin - Yes, Secretary Emily Proctor - No, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes - Yes  
 Motion carried.  
**11:51 a.m.** Lunch recess  
**1:33 p.m.** Meeting resumes  
**1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Other Items of Business:  
 Closed Session Personnel  
**1:35 p.m. Motion** made by Secretary Emily Proctor and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to enter into Closed Session for Personnel.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carried.  
**5:15 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to return to Open Session.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carried.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Jordan Shananaquet and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Confidential Memo # 082224-02 Personnel. Vote: 5 - Yes, 3 - No (Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader Marcella Reyes), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima)  
 Motion carried.  
 Public Comment  
**5:18 p.m.** Opens  
 - No comments made  
**5:19 p.m.** Closes  
 Adjournment  
**5:20 p.m. Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Emily Proctor to adjourn.  
 Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima) Motion carried.  
 Next Scheduled Meeting:  
**Thursday, September 12, 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**  
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For assistance, please contact Cherie Dominic, OCLA attorney, at:  
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# 2024 GHOST SUPPER LIST

<p><b>Saturday, November 2</b></p> <p><b>Worthington/Gasco</b>        8880 Luce Street        Oden, MI        Start time: 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Saturday, November 9</b></p> <p><b>Kiogima/Shawa/Warren/Moses</b>        3207 Indian Road        Brutus, MI        5-8 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Do you have a Ghost Supper you wish to add? If so, contact the Communications Department at 231-242-1427 or e-mail <a href="mailto:newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov">newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov</a></b></p>	<p><b>Craven/Isaac</b>        6735 Maple Drive        Pellston, MI        Start time: 4:30 p.m.  <b>In person or takeout option available. Send a member of your party to the door to place your takeout order.</b></p>

**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**

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# HIGH NATIVE SUICIDE RATES LINKED TO INSURANCE, INCOME AND INTERNET SERVICE

By Joaqlin Estus

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

Now, here's a surprise. The more broadband Internet access a community has, the lower the suicide rates are. The same goes for health insurance and income. The better health insurance coverage and the higher the incomes, the lower the rate of suicide.

Those factors weigh more heavily among American Indians and Alaska Natives than the general population. That information is in a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Experts say Native Americans serve in the military at the highest per-capita rate of any ethnic group, and when returning from combat, veterans may experience social isolation which leads to anxiety, PTSD and unfortunately, suicide.

In a prepared statement, the CDC said the latest data, from 2022, shows suicide rates were:

- 26% lower in counties with the highest health insurance coverage.
- 44% lower in counties where most homes have broadband Internet access.
- 13% lower in counties with the most household income.

CDC's thinking is insurance brings better preventive health services and mental health care. Higher income brings food, housing and health care. And the Internet brings increased access to jobs and economic opportunities as well as connection to friends and family and to telehealth.

"These factors were more strongly associated with suicide rates in some groups of people, including American Indian and Alaska Native people," said the statement. "Suicide rates for American Indian and Alaska Native people in counties with the lowest percentages of these three factors, were twice the rate of counties with the lowest percentage of these three factors."

Senior Advisor Deborah Stone, with the CDC Suicide Prevention Team, told *ICT*, "When we say twice the rate, that's comparing the suicide death rate among American Indian, Alaska Native persons or people who lived in counties with the highest level of the three factors versus those who lived in counties with the lowest level of those three factors."

CDC Health Scientist Alison Cammack told *ICT*, "We found when you look at overall suicide rates, and this



is well known, that American Indian, Alaska Native people have the highest suicide rates of any racial or ethnic group." The CDC's latest figures show the overall suicide rate was 14 per 100,000. Rates were highest among American Indian or Alaska Native persons (27.1). Rates were also higher for males (23.0) and rural residents (20.0).

The CDC report draws upon the 2022 National Vital Statistics System and other federal data sources. The report's authors sorted the findings by race and ethnicity, sex, age and urbanicity.

Stone said suicide is a complex problem and some factors are more important than others in certain racial and ethnic minority groups.

"For instance, we know that historical trauma and discrimination and other things like that can affect American Indian, Alaska Native populations as well as other racial and ethnic minority populations. And conversely, we know that holding onto those traditions and celebrating cultural traditions and being part of a community can actually help reduce suicide. And so it may be that some of what we're seeing is related to connectedness that may be occurring as far as broadband use goes. That may be one of the things that is particularly important," Stone said.

Cassandra Morgan, Navajo, heads the Diné Naazbaa Partnership, a non-profit which works to connect veterans to resources and opportunities.

Morgan said the goal of her organization is for veterans to achieve a balanced and harmonious life. She said community is vitally important in suicide prevention, both in connecting veterans to resources and in communicating to others how they can help veterans. She said the lack of services and resources in rural areas, language and cultural barriers, and distances to get to Veterans Administration appointments, are all challenges.

She said the goal is to build a multitude of supports, to avoid, "the domino effect of not having a job, not having cars, your car breaks down, you know, it starts going from

there and then goes down to a dark road.

"And so that's what we try to go ahead and, and alleviate and help them with these, these small things because the small things can, can start to build up into a big giant snowball. And then they feel like there's no way to alleviate their situation and they start looking at that darker avenue," Morgan said.

"So, let's bring it here to Navajo (Nation), so we can help our veterans. You served alongside everybody else, you served all these things for this country."

She said women veterans also need to speak up and be honored for their sacrifice, their time of service to this country.

To all veterans, Morgan said, "You're eligible for these things and let's use them here, so you can have a better quality of life."

CDC said crisis lines are critically important to suicide prevention but to prevent suicide further upstream, decision-makers, government agencies and communities can look at the CDC's Suicide Prevention Resource for Action. More information is also available at a National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. The Veterans Administration also has resources.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, recently awarded \$68 million in grants for suicide prevention and mental health care programs.

"Every September, we recognize Suicide Prevention Month as a time to raise awareness — to remind those struggling that they are not alone and that there is hope. Many people who have experienced suicidal thoughts are alive today because they got help," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra.

Dial 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline for help; available 24 hours.

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Governor Peggy Flanagan! We are so excited to see this history being made. She was there, talking about what she hopes to accomplish. There was so much hope, energy and activism in this room.

I went to the environmental, Climate Council. I finally got to meet Ruth Anna Buffalo (she was the first Native American Democratic woman elected to the North Dakota legislature in 2018) and (U.S. Representative) Sharice Davids! We have been Facebook friends for years, and I have been watching all that these young kwe (women) are accomplishing. It is so good to see young kwe (women) doing the work in a good way to make Indian country better for us.

We went to the convention, watched as each state checked in and nominated Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as the Democratic nominees for President and Vice President. The crowd got louder with

each state, by the time Wyoming finished, it was just LOUD! You could touch the energy! Then, the speakers came out, and the themes were important. First night was about hope, we can make a difference by who we choose. Project 2025 was discussed, that is the plan of the Republicans for the first 180 days.

Climate was brought up a lot during the speeches and caucusing, Line 5 was not mentioned, I did hear many say No Fossil Fuels, and no micro-plastics, which gave me hope.

All of us caucus members came out feeling hopeful and empowered. I would go to the Nominating Convention again. I sincerely hope next time more of us go. Get active in your county party, the Anishinaabek Caucus then when the Call to Convention starts, we will be ready! We can get at least nine Native Americans in the contingent!

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### OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE MONTH



By Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach

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The education of an RDH requires three to four years of college. All states require RDH licensure.

The demand for RDHs is high and will continue to grow. There are about 59,611 RDHs in the USA; approximately 300 are American Indian and Alaska Native.

An RDH can practice in clinics, federally

qualified health centers, private dental offices, school-based programs, mobile vans, military, nursing home centers, teaching and administrative positions. To be a successful RDH, continuing education and continuous improvement are required.

With tooth decay currently affecting 60-90% of schoolchildren, hygienists encourage parents to be outstanding oral care role models for their kids.

October 14 is World Cavity Free day. A healthy mouth is an especially important contributor to overall health. If we follow the RDH’s advice, our bodies have a better chance to be strong, resilient and healthy. We can achieve excellent dental health. Why not take control of your healthy mouth?

Do not wait until you have an oral problem



to make an appointment. Your dental team is here to help you stay healthy, so call and thank your RDH. Stay strong and keep smiling!

<https://www.adha.org/ndhm2024/>  
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“Boarding Schools” continued from page 1.

entered into a drawing to win a gift card. **National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition Oral History Project** Native American Boarding School (NABS) accepted a grant from the Department of the Interior (DOI) to conduct video interviews with Indian boarding school survivors across the United States to create a permanent oral history collection. The effort is part of the DOI’s Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative.

“This historic project is a lifeline to preserving the voices and memories of Indian boarding school survivors,” NABS Chief Executive Officer Deborah Parker said.

An opening ceremony and community lunch were held on September 16, 2024 with oral history interviews taking place on September 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2024. A closing ceremony and community dinner were also held on September 20, 2024.

If you were unable to schedule an oral history interview and would like to be contacted about how to share your Indian boarding school experience, please visit NABS’ website at <https://boardingschoolhealing.org/oral-history-project/> and click the “Interview Sign-Up” button.

In May 2022, Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland released Volume 1 of the investigative report called for as part of the initiative.

As part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative and in response to recommendations from the report, Secretary Haaland launched “The Road to Healing.” This year-long commitment to travel across the country gave indigenous survivors the opportunity to share their stories and be connected with trauma-informed support. The oral history project built on this effort to create space for survivors.

This project focuses on gathering first-person survivor narratives and establishes an oral history collection. Survivors have the opportunity to make their interviews available to federal partners, tribal governments, policymakers and researchers and the public.

The Interior Department continues its engagement with the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Indian Health Service and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to coordinate trauma-informed survivor-centered support during the engagements.

**National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition**

NABS was incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit in June 2012 under the laws of the Navajo Nation. It was formed after a national symposium in 2011. Leaders from the U.S. and Canada came together to discuss the Canadian Truth and



Reconciliation Commission and the need for such a process in the U.S.

NABS was created to develop and implement a national strategy which increases public awareness and cultivates healing for the profound trauma experienced by individuals, families, communities, American Indian and Alaska Native nations resulting from the U.S. adoption and implementation of the Boarding School Policy of 1869.

**LTBB Connection to NABS**

LTBB Tribal Citizen Rochelle Ettawageshik



serves on the NABS Board as its secretary. She has served on the Board of Directors for the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) since 1997 and is also serving on the Michigan Indian Education Council. She retired from the State of Michigan as the Director of Native American Affairs in the Child and Family Services Administration. Because of her background in social services and her own family’s boarding school experiences, she is professionally and personally invested in Truth and Healing, seeking to address both the immediate and the long-term effects of U.S. Boarding School policy on Native Americans.

**Orange Shirt Day/Day of Truth and Reconciliation**

Orange flags were available for those wishing to leave a name or remembrance for their loved ones who couldn’t attend or who have walked on. The event included Honoring All Our Relations, smudging, a pipe ceremony, an honor song, words from Honoring All Our Relations and an awareness walk around Odawa Circle.

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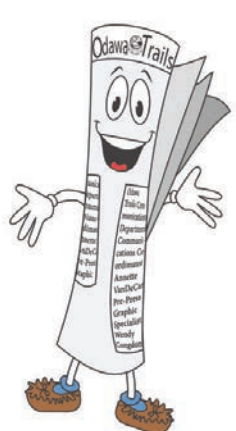
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

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**D’gwaagik Puzzle Answer Key**  
 Puzzle on page 6.

Happy Halloween	Mno-Tasewang
pumpkin	koosmaan
ghost	jiibay
candy	ziisabaakwadonhsan
apples	mishiiminak
witch	mijikwewish
October	Bnaakwii Giizis
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“Great Turtle” continued from page 1. humanity.

**Stewart Melrose, Master Finisher**

My work as an artist fills me with positive energy. I love seeing how my craft lifts people. I look to our past for a vision of the future and find motivation through nature’s poetry. As an artist, I draw inspiration from nature, and this connection to the natural world fuels my passion for conservation.

One of the most significant roles I’ve had the honor of undertaking is that of the conservator who restored the Pope Francis Church Altar in Detroit, MI. This task, stripping and cleaning the altar, carried the weight of history and faith. It was a responsibility I undertook with reverence and dedication. I applied certified Holy water from the River Jordan to the bare wood, infusing it with the finish. To further anoint the piece and revitalize the wood, I rendered down frankincense sap and linked it with a sealer. The culmination of this restoration was the church’s blessing and altar by Father Arturo Sosa Abascal, the leader of the Order of the Jesuits, sent by the Pope himself. This experience underscored the power of art and conservation in preserving cultural heritage and strengthening our diverse communities.



I am thankful for having a wonderful life with many epic and humbling experiences. I am one of those artists whose glass is half full, not half empty. I am full of passion for people, art and nature. Growing up partly in the West gave me the skills to survive in the remote wilderness. I have been blessed to self-guide the high mountains for most of my life and have mountain-trained at least 300 horses. In 1973, My Dad helped pass regulations to stop motorized vehicles in that part of the White River National Forest in Colorado. During my lifetime, I have seen the elk herd go from rag tag, small and weak herds, to the peak hundreds in herds of hundreds. Then, the eagle, bear and mountain lion returned. The mule deer, the lynx and the coyote are now free from the roads.

In 2007, when I dragged myself two miles through the high country after accidentally injuring my knee with a



Pictured from left to right are Emilio Becenti, Jon Anthony, Ben Hinmon, Regina Gasco and Stewart Melrose. Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

hatchet, that was the game changer. I was alone, with my only thoughts being of getting back to my one-year-old daughter. Unaware of my condition, the camp was warm and dry, and the horses were being fed. An early winter storm cut communications. But finally, I got through with the two-way radios. One more hill on the mountain and I would see camp. But when I got to the bottom of that hill, I looked up and saw two figures drifting in and out of view like titans in the clouds. They descended to me, my father and my uncle. I knew then how precious and fragile life is and how transformative these experiences can be.

I started to give more, and I began to create. I donated a small Art Park to my city for 10 years. This park was a testament to my family’s story and our love for art, flowers and nature. It also led to the story being permanently preserved in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

I taught my daughter how to care for injured birds and other critters. Healing an animal, whether it’s wild or not, creates a special bond. I’ve had this experience many times, but one duck, “MaMa Duck,” really stole the show. I scooped her up in front of the house, hit by a car. We nursed her, and she returned to the house for eight years. She would come to the back door in the spring, say hi, and spend the rest of the summer with us. Near the end, she would lay her head on my hand or leg, tired from her life journey. She flew off that year, and that was the last of MaMa, but the following year, having never been to the back door, a young female with the same markings showed up and was tame from the start. This further proved to me the special bond that nature has with us. Why give to the Eagle Aviary? For me, as a child, the eagle was mystical and only to be seen caged in a zoo. But when I started my Western treks and hunts, I studied the bald and golden eagles in their natural environment. When I think of eagles, I think of one of my most extraordinary encounters with both species. It was the fall of 1999 on a hunt in Wyoming. First, we

saw one of the largest golden any of my elders had seen. Through a spotting scope, we watched what unfolded in that rugged country. First was a lone 5x5 mule deer grazing on a cliff plate. Next, this eagle starts attacking and trying to force the deer over a cliff edge for a quick meal. We had heard of this with sheep but not buck deer. The deer escaped, and we were on the hunt. I was not far from that place, working my way through some aspens when I heard what sounded like a hand glider in a dive directly above me. I looked up and saw a bald in a straight dive for the tree line, and right behind twice the size was that golden. Time slowed as I watched the two speed into the trees. The golden broke off and circled back over my outcrop. It was one of those moments which sticks with you for a lifetime. The Migizi (Eagle) Aviary and Rehabilitation Center will create many spiritual bonds between people and Migizi, joining them in the fabric of life. This is why we feel honored to have made this offering of the great turtle.



We would also like to thank:

Regina Gasco, LTBB Chairperson, and Ben Hinmon for helping find the great turtle an honorable home.

Brooke Robinson for the sweet grass donation.

Sweet fire tobacco for donating the aromatic tobacco in the shell.

Dave Ritchie and Shari Schroeder for quality control.

Kathleen Davis and Linda Nelson for the inspiration to create the Great Turtle.

Photo of the Great Turtle by Pre-Press Graphic Specialist Wendy Congdon. Courtesy photos of Stewart Melrose and David Windey.



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### Word Scramble Answer Key

Puzzle on page 6.

Zisbaakwadonhsan	Candies
Tasewang	Halloween
Jiibay	Ghost/spirit
Makade gaazhag	Black cat
Niibiishaan	Leaves
Koosmaan	Pumpkin
Wiikwaan	Hat
Bnaakwii Giizis	October/Falling Leaves Moon
Dibikgiizis	Moon
Koosmaanaande	Orange
Dgwaagi	Fall
Ezbikenh	Spider
Mijidimoyenish	Witch
Jiishtagan	Broom
Zeginaagwazi	S/he looks scary.
Zisbaakwadonhs	Candy
Zeggedaan	Spooky



# LINE'S FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



## Birthday



Happy 31st birthday Nathan Case (Portman) on October 19.

## Walking On...



Patrick Allen Boda, 67

Patrick Allen Boda, 67, of Pellston, MI, passed away on September 9, 2024 at Bay Bluffs Medical Care Facility of Harbor Springs, MI.

Patrick was born on December 24, 1956 in Detroit, MI, to Thomas Boda and Marie (Smith) Boda. He grew up in Pellston, MI, and graduated from Pellston High School.

Patrick was a lifetime member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing and golf, and he loved the casino.

He is survived by his sisters, Connie (David) Woods, Stephanie (Ken) Sudzinski, and Laura (Rob) Johnson; brothers, William (Patricia) Boda, Bob Boda and Ron Boda (Donna Prockrow) as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas (Lou) and Marie Boda, and his brothers, Tom Boda and Larry Boda.



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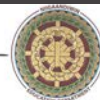


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