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Aanii, Nbilshkwe ndizhinikaaz. Migizi ndodem. Wilkwedonhsing ndoonjibaa.

Hello, My spirit name is Water Woman. I am Eagle Clan and I am from Harbor Springs, Michigan. My English name is Eva Oldman and I am honored to be a candidate for the position of Tribal Vice-Chair for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB). I am a proud LTBB Tribal Citizen along with being Northern Arapaho. I am the daughter of Steven and Shirley Oldman (née Naganashe), and the granddaughter of Daniel & Eva Naganashe (née Petoskey) and Lawrence & Maria Oldman (née Brown). I have deep lasting ties to our community, having been born and raised in Harbor Springs, Michigan (Indian Town). A graduate of Harbor Springs High School, I am now a successful business owner and CEO of three businesses: Faded Barber Studio, Niblishenh Children's Store, and Creative Graphics by Eva.

I hold a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Tribal Administration and Governance, as well as an Associate degree of Applied Science in Web Design and a second Associate degree of Applied Sciences in Graphic Design. Additionally, I have earned a Certificate in Clerical Technology. My educational background, combined with years of direct experience working in various Tribal departments such as the LTBB Gijigowi Language Department, LTBB Elders Kikaajik Department, LTBB Natural Resources Department, and LTBB Archives / Records and Cultural Preservation Department, has provided me with a well-rounded understanding of our Tribe's programs and services.

In my most recent role as Administrative Assistant in the LTBB Legislative Office, I gained invaluable insights into the governing structure of our Executive Branch. I have also had the privilege of volunteering for numerous Tribal events and activities, including LTBB Children's Solstice Party, LTBB Sovereignty Day Celebration, LTBB Odawa Homecoming Powwow, and LTBB Round Dance. I am honored to have served as the organizer for Meet the Candidates during the 2021 LTBB Elections and I currently serve as a board member for the Water is Life Festival. Also, I was elected to serve as the speaker for LTBB Annual Community Meeting for two consecutive years.

My mother, Shirley Oldman (née Naganashe), played a key role in our Tribe's reaffirmation efforts and served as a Tribal Councilor for many years. The work of my mother and so many others has laid the foundation for our Tribe's continued success and resilience. I am now ready to build upon that legacy and step into a leadership role that will help address both current challenges and future opportunities.

As we look to the future, I believe that my experience, education, and skill set are essential for the position of Tribal Vice-Chair. The complexities of Tribal governance and advocacy, particularly at the federal level, require strong leadership, and I am committed to effectively communicating our needs to our counterparts in Washington, D.C. In times of federal uncertainty, fiscal responsibility is critical, and I will work diligently to ensure our Tribe remains financially secure while prioritizing the well-being of our community.

Through my education and experiences I have gained comprehensive knowledge in key areas including tribal sovereignty, tribal governance, Federal Indian law and policy, American Indian diplomacy, tribal treaty rights and intergovernmental relationships between federal, state, and tribal governments. In addition, I am well-versed in the principles of strategic management, project management, and operations management within a tribal context as well as the unique processes and methods Native Nations use to administer programs. My ability to analyze and compare different tribal governance practices, constitutions, and statutes will be an asset as we continue to strengthen our Tribe's future.

With my diverse background in business, Tribal governance, and community service, I am dedicated to advocating for our Tribe and representing our people with integrity. I will work tirelessly to ensure that our Tribe thrives and remains resilient in the face of challenges.

I humbly ask for your support and your vote as we continue working toward a brighter future for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Chi Migwech,

Eva M. Oldman
"Make Our Mark"

**LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2
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Eva Oldman

Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

Harbor Springs, MI

City & State of Residency

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1. Work Experience:

Business Owner / CEO, Faded Barber Studio - Barber Shop, Petoskey, MI 2023 - Present
Business Owner / CEO, Nibblshenh - Children's Store, Harbor Springs, MI 2022 - Present
Business Owner / CEO, Creative Graphics By Eva - Graphic Design Co., Harbor Springs, MI 2019 - Present
Administrative Assistant, LTBB Legislative Office, Harbor Springs, MI September 2024 - March 2025
Project Coordinator, LTBB Gijigowi Language Department, Harbor Springs, MI September 2019 - June 2022
Administrative Assistant, LTBB Elders Kikaaik Department, Harbor Springs, MI May 2018 - September 2019
Production Manager, PhoneGulde, Petoskey, MI Jan 2015 - May 2018
Graphic Designer, PhoneGulde, Petoskey, MI August 2011 - May 2018
Administrative Assistant/Temp Work, LTBB Natural Resources Department - Harbor Springs, MI July 2008 - August 2008
Administrative Assistant, LTBB Archives/Records & Cultural Preservation Department - Harbor Springs, MI 2001 -2005
Receptionist, The Hair House - Harbor Springs, MI 1995 - 1999

2. Educational Background:

University of Minnesota Duluth - Bachelor of Science, Major: Tribal Administration & Governance
Graduation Date: April 2022

Center for New Media, Kalamazoo Valley Community College - Associates of Applied Science, Major: Web Design
Graduation Date: April 2010

Center for New Media, Kalamazoo Valley Community College - Associates of Applied Science, Major: Graphic Design
Graduation Date: December 2009

Bay Mills Community College - Certificate: Clerical Technology
Graduation Date: April 2000

High School Diploma - Harbor Springs High School
Graduation Date: June 1999

3. Traditional Cultural Experience/Knowledge, and/or Other Training, Certificates:

I grew up in a family that was strong with traditional values, ceremonies and culture. My Mother was a third degree Midewin and my Father and brothers are sundancers of the Northern Arapaho Sundance Lodge. Along with my Father & Brothers being Sundancers they are also pipe carriers. Both of my parents raised me to understand our traditional ways both as Waganakising Odawak and Northern Arapaho. Since I was able to walk I danced at pow wows, and to this day I still travel to pow wows all over the United States and Canada. The traditional knowledge and values instilled in me as a child is a way of life for me and is something I live by every day.

4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:

Volunteer - LTBB Children's Solstice Party
Volunteer - LTBB Sovereignty Day Celebration
Volunteer - LTBB Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow
Volunteer - LTBB Round Dance
Volunteer - LTBB Meet the Candidates Organizer
Board Member - Water is Life Festival

Knowledge of:

Tribal Sovereignty, Tribal Governance, Federal Indian Law and Policy, Tribal treaty rights, Foundations of Indigenous Leadership, Tribal Strategic Management, Tribal Project Management, Tribal Operations Management, American Indian Diplomacy: Treaties, Compacts, and Agreements, Business Processes in Tribal Administration, Interrelationships between Federal and Tribal Governments and methods used by Native Nations to administer programs, understanding of Intergovernmental relationships between Federal, Tribal and State, and the ability to summarize, compare, and contrast tribal governance practices, constitutions, and statutes.

5. Awards, Honors Received (cultural/colonial):

Honored with my first eagle feather when I was 2 years-old at Denver March Pow wow
Honored with an eagle feather for graduating from the University of Minnesota with my Bachelors in Tribal Administration and Governance

Deans List, University of Minnesota Duluth, Fall 2020

Deans List, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, 2006 - 2010

6. Describe Current and/or Previous Elected or Appointed Positions Held at LTBB or In Any Other Capacity, Government, or Organization (dates, titles, etc):

- LTBB Annual Community Meeting, Speaker, Elected position June 2022
- LTBB Annual Community Meeting, Speaker, Elected position June 2021

7. If applicable, describe anticipated Campaign Information In Detail (Campaign Address, Email, Website, Social Media, Campaign Plan, Any Endorsements, etc):

www.makeourmark.org

facebook.com/Vote.Wemlgwase.Oldman/

makeourmark2025@gmail.com

PO Box 573, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Meet & Greet events will be held throughout Michigan

Campaign mailers