



## INTRODUCING LTBB TRIBAL PROSECUTOR JANA SIMMONS

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

At its October 21, 2021 meeting, LTBB Tribal Council appointed Jana Simmons as the LTBB Tribal Prosecutor for a three-year term, ending October 21, 2024.



She is Senior Counsel in the Detroit, MI, office of Gordon & Rees and focuses her practice on federal Indian law, tribal law and complex civil litigation involving insurance companies, businesses and other governmental and private entities. She is licensed to practice law in state and federal courts in Michigan and California and in many tribal courts.

More recently, in March 2021, she was honored by the State of Michigan with a resolution honoring her service on Michigan's Board of Counseling where she chaired the Disciplinary Subcommittee. In December 2019, she was named to Crain's Detroit Notable Women in Law. In December 2018, Jana graduated with honors with a Master of Jurisprudence in Federal Indian Law degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law. She was also recognized by her alma mater, Northern Michigan University, as Alum of the Year, where she attended, earning a degree in political science/pre-law.

She previously served as Chairperson for DRI's (DRI is an organization of civil defense attorneys and in-house counsel) Native Nations Law Task Force and  
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## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN CYNTHIA CONNOLLY GARNERS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The accolades continued for LTBB Tribal Citizen Cynthia Connolly.

After being named to Crain's Cleveland Business' Forty Under 40 list in October 2021, Connolly was honored by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) as a member of its 2021 class of Native American 40 Under 40 in November 2021.

"There are awards and recognition we all get in life, and each one can resonate in ways we don't expect," Connolly said. "But this one, where I am surrounded by 39 other brilliant Indigenous relatives from all across Indian Country, all who are doing incredible work to move our people forward – it's honestly one of the biggest honors I've received so far. I look forward to many more years of work ahead for our people."

In announcing its list, NCAIED stated, "The Native American 40 Under 40 awards represent the best and brightest emerging Indian Country leaders. Every year, 40 American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian leaders under the age of 40 are inducted in recognition of their leadership, initiative and dedication and for making significant contributions in their business and/or in their community." NCAIED held a reception for the award winners on December 10, 2021 at Harrah's Ak-Chin in Maricopa, AZ.

"Every year, we recognize 40 young Indi-



an Country leaders who are paving new paths and opening new possibilities for their communities," NCAIED President and CEO Chris James said. "The 2021 40 Under 40 class is showing future generations of Native leaders how hard work, perseverance and dedication to your community and profession can pay dividends."

- Other noteworthy awards for Connolly include:
- 2019 Distinguished Young Woman, YWCA of Greater Cleveland
  - 2018 Greater Cleveland Community Shares "Rising Activist"
  - 2016 Cleveland Professional 20/30 Club, Top 25 Under 35 Movers & Shakers
  - 2006 National Congress of American Indians – Ernie Stevens, Jr. Leadership Award

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The LTBB Tribal Governmental buildings will be closed from December 23, 2021 to January 2, 2022. All departments will return to regular hours on January 3, 2022.

Tribal police and conservation officers will remain active.

The Health Department will be open on December 27 & 29, 2021 and closed December 28, 2021.

## WOCTEP BRINGS MORE SERVICES AND NEW PROGRAMMING IN 2022



For more than a decade, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians has supported the development of the Northern Michigan workforce with its Waganakising Odawak Career Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) administered by the Niigaandiwin Education Department.

With WOCTEP entering a new five-year grant cycle in 2022, now is the perfect time to consider (re) starting your education and beginning your new career with WOCTEP. Starting in 2022, WOCTEP is offering more services and covering more degrees and certificates than ever before at North Central Michigan College (NCMC) and Bay Mills Community College (BMCC).

WOCTEP's new services now include laptop and Internet reimbursement to eligible students. This addition was made to accommodate increased demand for social-distancing in higher education and to ensure students have everything they need for their education on and off-campus.

WOCTEP provides support for the following certificate, certificate of development (COD) and associate programs at NCMC:

- Phlebotomy, COD
- Medical Billing and Coding, Certificate
- Medical Assistant, Certificate
- Computer Support Specialist, Certificate
- Computer Information Systems, Certificate
- Computer Information Systems, Associate
- Business Management, Associate
- Management, Certificate

WOCTEP provides support for the following associate, certificate and certificate of completion (COC) programs at BMCC:

- Medical Office, Certificate
- Business Administration, Associate (online program)
- Office Administration, Associate (online program)
- Construction Technology, Associate

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## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 12-13-2021 = 4,475

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# Tribal Telephone Directory and Website Information

LTBB Governmental Website [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov)  
*Odawa Trails* Website [www.odawatrails.com](http://www.odawatrails.com)

Beverly Wemigwase, Receptionist 231-242-1400  
 1-866-652-5822

**Tribal Administration** Health Clinic  
 242-1400 242-1700

**Tribal Chairman's Office** Health  
 Lakota Worthington, 242-1600  
 Administrative Assistant

242-1401 Community Health  
 (Transportation)  
 242-1601

**Tribal Council/Legislative Office**

Linda Gokee, Dental Clinic  
 Administrative Assistant 242-1740  
 1-866-972-0077

**Legal Department** Maternal Child  
 Health Outreach  
 Su Lantz, Assistant 242-1614  
 242-1407

**NO Collect Calls Accepted** Pharmacy  
 242-1750

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 Cherie Dominic, Attorney Heidi Bosma,  
 242-1433 Administrative Assistant  
**NO Collect Calls Accepted** 242-1540

**Accounting Department** **Human Resources Department**  
 Jon Shawa, Assistant Dorla McPeak,  
 242-1440 Administrative Assistant  
 Mandy Szocinski, Contracts 242-1555  
 242-1439

**Human Services Department**

Veronica Sanders,  
 Administrative Assistant  
 242-1621

**Archives, Records and Repatriation Department** **IT Department**  
 Eric Hemenway, Director Gary Appold,  
 242-1527 Director  
 242-1531

**Commerce Department** **Law Enforcement Department**  
 Hayden Hooper, Director Tribal Police  
 242-1584 242-1500

**Natural Resource Department**  
 Debra Smithkey-Browne,  
 Administrative Assistant  
 242-1670

**Communications Department**  
 Annette VanDeCar, Coordinator  
 242-1427

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 Dorothy Pagel, Shari Temple,  
 Administrative Assistant Administrative Assistant  
 242-1423 242-1581

**Enrollment Department**  
 Marin Taylor, Administrative  
 Assistant/ Genealogist  
 242-1521

**Facilities Department** **Substance Abuse/ Mental Health Department**  
 Simon Kenwabikise, Director Pat Boda,  
 242-1532 Administrative Assistant  
 242-1640

**Education Department** Brenda Schoolcraft,  
 Office/Intake Coordinator  
 Tammy Gasco, 242-1642  
 Administrative Assistant  
 242-1480

**Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin**

**Language Department** **Tribal Court/Peacemaking Program**  
 Carla Osawamick, Director 242-1462  
 242-1454

**Tribal Prosecutor's Office**  
 Gwen Teuthorn, Office Manager  
 242-1475

**GIS Department**  
 Alan Proctor, Director  
 242-1597

**Health Department** **Youth Services Department**  
 Tina Dominic, Coordinator  
 242-1611 242-1593

**Election Board Chairperson**

[electionboard@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto: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'ing debendziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendziwin miinwaa wiimnaadendziyiing. Gdabendaanaa debendziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadziwin miinwaa mndoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijk debendamowaad. Maanda debendziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinoomaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhiibignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendamowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, 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



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

The deadline for the February 2022 issue of *Odawa Trails* is January 3, 2022.

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

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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to publish the coloring contest winners in this issue. They will be included in the February issue of the Odawa Trails. We apologize for the inconvenience.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 De-

partment 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.

### LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA & RESIDENT TRIBAL CITIZENS

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

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

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

Casino vouchers and Shuttle available!  
 Family Owned

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## Coachhouse Inn LLC

Tribal Member Discount  
**\$74.85 per night\***

1011 US-31 N, Petoskey, MI 49770 Ph: 231-347-8281  
 \* Room rate subject to availability  
 Tribal ID must be shown at check-in

### Need to update your address?

When you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an Address Verification Form. Address Verification and many other Enrollment forms are also available at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). They can be found in the Forms Directory or on the Enrollment page of the website.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address form for any minor children. If you are the custodial parent of a minor, please provide proof by documentation.

Upon reaching the age of 18, an Adult Address Verification form must be completed. Failure to do so may result in a delay of per capita payment.

If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.

Minor verification forms must be signed and notarized. Adult verification forms must be signed and either witnessed or notarized, depending on your address.

Contact the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521, 231-242-1520 or by e-mail [enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

**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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Enjiboozbiigeng 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***	

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

**STAY CONNECTED!**

Text "HigherEd" to 33222 to receive LTBB Higher Education updates and deadline reminders. Standard data and msg rates apply.



# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

## THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE HAS A MAIL DROP BOX



It is located to the left of the front doors of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. We will have limited quantities of adult and minor address forms stocked.

### \*\*Weather Permitting\*\*

We will happily set aside an envelope with any specific form(s) you may need as well.

Just give our office a call, and we will be more than happy to try to accommodate you.

All Enrollment services are available by appointment only. You may call or e-mail to work with our staff.

231-242-1521, 231-242-1522, 231-242-1520 or enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

## 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 onsite 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 sent to you? Call or email:

Lindsey Doerfler – P: 231-242-1522

E-mail: ldoerfler@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Marin Taylor – P: 231-242-1521

E-mail: mtaylor@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>

## Please Note:

Changeable address forms are available for LTBB Citizens at [www.tinyurl.com/ltbbenrollmentforms](http://www.tinyurl.com/ltbbenrollmentforms). The forms must be printed and signed by the Tribal Citizen and hard copies returned to Enrollment. We still require the form to be witnessed or notarized depending on your address.

LTBB Enrollment Office 231-242-1521

## LTBB Enrollment Department Announcement

### The Enrollment Office has changed its policy.

In the past, we have been only accepting the original address change form. Due to the short notice of this year's per cap and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will now accept photo copies of the original **address change form**. You may now fax, mail, scan or email a picture of the address change form to Enrollment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us through one of the following:

Fax: 231-242-1526

Email: [Enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:Enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Phone: Lindsey Doerfler 231-242-1522

Marin Taylor 231-242-1521

Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520

## 2021 Tribal Directories Now Available!

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

### To receive your copy:

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

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



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



Hoar Frost



Lake Plumbago



Peanut Butter Falls

## LTBB EDUCATION'S TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS



Little Traverse Bay Bands Of Odawa Indians

1h ago

- Want to be updated everytime there is an event?
- Stay updated with our text message alerts!
- Receive information on events, news, updates and more...

Text one of the **keywords** listed below to 33222 in order to sign up for updates from that department!

**LTBB**—General updates from the Education Dept. & the Cultural Library.

**WIOA**—Updates from WIOA: Employment and Training Services.

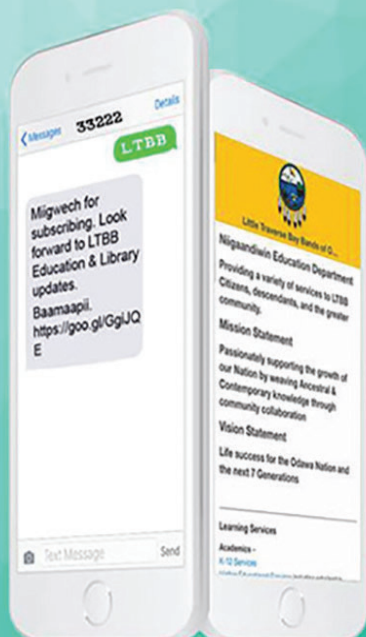
**WOCTEP**—Updates from Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program.

**K12**—Updates from LTBB K-12 Services.

**HIGHERED**—Updates from Higher Educational Services.

**CULTURAL**—Updates from Cultural Services.

\*Standard messaging & data rates may apply.



## IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?



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

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL ADDRESS
- VETERAN STATUS



Marin Taylor 231.242.1521  
Pauline Boulton 231.242.1520



# January Elders Birthdays

**January 1**

Janice Beckhorn  
John Deckrow, Sr.  
Leslie Flint

**January 2**

John Walker  
Margaret Ortnier  
Steven Hegenbarth

**January 3**

Meredith Shlechter

**January 4**

Verna Jeanotte  
Leon Bailey, Jr.  
Nancy Honeysette  
David Kughman

**January 5**

Michael Dayson  
Donna Bartley  
Jay Harrington  
David Adams  
Monica Baker  
Betty Hoffman  
Lawrence Petoskey

**January 6**

Marie Bowers  
Sharon Keller  
Katherine Shomin  
Dennis Shananaquet

**January 7**

Mary Crossett  
Gary Harper  
Raymond Shawa, Jr.  
Jane Martell

**January 8**

Christine Thomas  
Rosemary Knapp  
Lauree Kirchoff  
Corrine Smith  
Brian Dominic  
Robert Parkey

**January 9**

Amanda Fuentes  
Dawna Daoust  
Daniel Shananaquet  
Colleen Field  
Roger Martell  
Glenn Holdorff  
Virginia Irland  
Deborah Harrison  
Brian Fluette

**January 10**

Steven Melancon, Jr.

**January 11**

Sharalee Boda  
J Cottrell  
Mary Cameron  
Crystal Soukkala

**January 12**

Nivia Paul

**January 13**

Terri Denemy

**January 14**

Sophie Conlin  
Penelope Griffin  
Bernard Roussain  
Anna Disbrow  
Dollie Keway

**January 15**

Laurie Sloan  
Kaye Zitka  
Monica Wines  
Todd Weidenfeller  
Dawn Nolte

**January 16**

Penny Pointer  
Andrea Little  
Carmen Corby  
Carter McFall  
Linda Hagg  
Patricia Alsip  
Judy Field

**January 17**

Carole Prior  
Marie Carter  
William Boda  
Rosemary Lucchese  
Elaine Minichino  
Lou Allen  
Dale Himes  
Curtis Drogmiller

**January 18**

Andrea Pung  
Mary Rittase

**January 19**

Nicholas Liebgott  
Cheryl Gumpert  
Charlene Bush  
Paul Martell  
Ronald Elzinga

**January 20**

Clifford Cutler  
Cheryl McLane  
Michael Bugaj  
Gale Walker  
Regina Brubacker-Carver

**January 21**

Constance Woods  
Regina Bentley  
Christine Merrill

**January 22**

Andrew Lasley  
Deborah Cracraft-Nord  
Steven Crossett  
Joseph Pierzynowski  
Jeanette Mathews  
Charles Heinberg  
Anthony Genia, Jr.  
Walter Ortnier

**January 23**

Rhonda Shalifoe  
Denise Frye  
Jon Shawa  
Sharon Kievit  
John Chisholm, Sr.  
Marilyn McDonald  
Carolyn Taglauer

**January 24**

Christopher Sochay  
Norman Shananaquet

**January 25**

Scott Sochay  
Gordon Laitinen  
Roxanne Deland-Phillips  
Vicki Kelley  
Timothy Johnston  
Glenna Kimball  
Deborah De Leon  
Patrick Anthony  
Sherry Andrews  
Lawrence Stead

**January 26**

Anthony Davis, Sr.  
Brenda Cash  
Betty Keller  
Steven Sochay  
Dan Darling

**January 27**

Celeste Chingwa  
Matthew Delmas  
Dee Dee Gasco  
John Liebgott  
Diane Curtiss

**January 28**

Richard Wilburn  
Garland Baker  
Melinda Engstrom  
Mary Crowl  
Ronald Roussain

**January 29**

Janelle Delorme  
Joseph Smith  
Timothy Smith  
Kimberlee Gurizzian  
Laurie Davidson  
Catherine Schwiderson  
Rita Shananaquet

**January 30**

Mary Steffes  
Donna Shlechter  
Daniel Clark  
Timothy Lacroix

**January 31**

Joan Jacobs  
Juanita Rogers  
Jennie Heeres  
Michelle Kuska  
Donald Keshick  
William Massey

# LTBB TOWN HALL MEETINGS

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



For updates on time and LTBB Department agendas, follow the official Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA](http://www.facebook.com/LTBBODAWA)

Town Hall meetings are held on ZOOM at [www.tinyurl.com/lbbtownhall](http://www.tinyurl.com/lbbtownhall) Use passcode 002323



**WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME SHOES.** OPIOID ADDICTION DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE

Opioid addiction is a medical condition that can affect any race, gender, or social class. Those affected need our compassion and respect.

- Opioids can be highly addictive.
- Talk to your doctor about other options for pain management.
- Never share an opioid prescription.
- Dispose of unused medication safely at a take-back program near you.

**STOP THE STIGMA.**

If you are a member of our Tribal Community and you need help, call Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Behavioral Health at (231) 242-1640

100% funded by SAMHSA Tribal Opioid Response grant #H97T1081774

**NATIVE WAY**

LTBB Community Health is excited to announce you are now able to schedule your workout sessions.

If you already have a membership, all you need to do is scan the QR code with your cell phone camera to begin

If you do not have a membership, you will need to have a current physical. Once your physical has been completed, then you will need to call Marlene Gasco, Health Wellness Advocate, to schedule your orientation. (231)487-1796

Brought to you by LTBB Community Health  
<https://tinyurl.com/NativeWaySignUp>

**LTBB Pharmacy**

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

What prescriptions are filled at the LTBB Pharmacy?

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

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF HOLIDAY HOURS AND MEDICATION REFILLS.**

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



# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## HUMAN SERVICES MAILBOX NOW AVAILABLE



The Department of Human Services (DHS) would like to announce our new mailbox for tribal citizens to drop off DHS applications. It is located outside the main door at the 911 building in Petoskey, MI. Staff will be checking it throughout the day Monday through Friday, and it will be available for tribal citizen use on the weekends.

DHS is not responsible for lost/stolen items if used for other departments.

*Courtesy photo.*

## AT WHITE HOUSE TRIBAL LEADERS SUMMIT, USDA ANNOUNCES NEW INITIATIVES SERVING INDIAN COUNTRY



During the historic White House Tribal Leaders Summit, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced several new initiatives which expand USDA's commitment to serving Indian country through equitable policies and programs.

"USDA respects the unique nation-to-nation relationship between the federal government and tribal nations," said Secretary Vilsack. "Today (November 15), we launch initiatives that reframe and reimagine how USDA supports Indigenous agriculture and tribal communities. These are among the bold actions by the Biden-Harris administration to ensure that USDA appropriately engages tribal nations in a way that aligns with their sovereignty and our nation's trust and treaty responsibility."

The USDA Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative promotes traditional food ways, Indian country food and agriculture markets and indigenous health through foods tailored to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) dietary needs. USDA is partnering with tribal-serving organizations on seven projects to reimagine federal food and agriculture programs from an indigenous perspective and in-

form future USDA programs and policies. Among the projects include the launch of new seed-saving centers, video series on wild food foraging and indigenous cuisine, featuring Chef Sean Sherman (founder of the company The Sioux Chef), marketing Native-produced foods and a manual on transitioning from cattle to bison production.

USDA Commits to Expanding Tribal Self-Determination, enabling greater self-governance and decision making on USDA programs and policies which affect tribal nations. The 2018 Farm Bill authorizes USDA's Forest Service and Food and Nutrition Service to enter into self-determination demonstration projects for the first time. The first set of tribal demonstration projects, announced on November 1, are important steps to increase tribal food sovereignty and support tribal food economies. USDA Forest Service is conducting demonstration projects to protect tribal lands and communities from risks and restore tribal co-management authority on the National Forest System. Importantly, USDA will also review current statutory authorities which can be used to promote tribal sovereignty with an eye towards statutory expansion where needed.

The new USDA-DOI Tribal Treaty Database, compiled together with Oklahoma State University, will provide online access to tribal treaties. This database will assist federal agencies with implementing

treaty obligations. The database will be publicly available, word searchable and indexed. Users can search the database by tribe, state and key words such as rights-of-way and hunting and fishing provisions.

Finally, the secretary has launched the new USDA Hall of Tribal Nations, reflecting the government-to-government relationship and trust responsibility to tribal nations. The hall currently features tribal nation flags and USDA invites more tribal nations to contribute flags. The hall also showcases Native artwork donated from across Indian country and displays of indigenous and Native produced foods.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America and committing to equity across the department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

*Courtesy graphic.*

**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  
911 SPRING STREET, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

**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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The 7 Grandfather Teachings guide us in our

# actions

to end sexual violence

mnaadendmowin (respect)  
nbwaakaawin (wisdom)  
zaagidwin (love)  
gwekwaadziwin (honesty)  
dbaadendizwin (humility)  
aakde'ewin (bravery)  
debwewin (truth)

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa  
Survivor Outreach Services  
Call Monday through Friday 8-5: (231) 242-1620

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

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## JANUARY 2022 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<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: 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Peshawbestown: 19<sup>th</sup>

Traverse City: 20<sup>th</sup>

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



# 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

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# Top Foods to FIGHT DEPRESSION



Watercress



Mustard, Turnip, or Beet Greens



Collard Greens



Swiss Chard



Spinach



Chicory Greens



Kale



Oysters



Peppers (bell, serrano, jalapeno)

Lettuce (red, green, romaine)



Fresh Herbs (cilantro, basil, parsley)

Based on Antidepressant Food Score (AFS)



LTBB Behavioral Health has an open *Talk-line* for community members.

If you are feeling a need to talk with someone, please reach out to us! Take advantage of this resource before experiencing a crisis.

The *Talk-line* is open from 8 AM to 5 PM and is staffed by a LTBB Behavioral Health counselor.

Call 231-242-1645 to speak to a counselor.

## Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!

**Urgent Care**  
Petoskey  
116 W. Mitchell Street Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-348-2828

Petoskey Urgent Care can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.

**McLaren**  
NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL  
416 Connable Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770  
1-800-248-6777

When using Petoskey Urgent Care, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.

**MUNSON HEALTHCARE**  
Charlevoix Hospital  
14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720  
231-547-4024

After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at McLaren Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI, or Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital in Charlevoix, MI.

# EXECUTIVE BRANCH

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



As we approach the end of the year, I would like to say *chi-miigwech* to everyone for all of their hard work in keeping our community safe and

healthy during the ongoing pandemic. We are still experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases within Northern Michigan and our tribal community, so please remember to do your part by following the three W's - wash your hands, wear a mask and watch your distance. By utilizing the three W's, we can continue to be safe and prepared as we navigate the holiday season full of travel, and gatherings with family and friends.

The LTBB Health Clinic has announced vaccines are now available for individuals

five and older. The Pfizer and Moderna booster vaccines are also being offered to individuals 18 years of age and older. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Health Clinic at 231-242-1700.

We, as Waganakising Odawa, are resilient people. Our community will get through this pandemic and will be stronger as a people because of these experiences. Let's start the New Year off in a good way.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & STAY SAFE!

## MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM



REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOTH B AND D PREMIUM EXPENSES

### WHO QUALIFIES?

- To qualify for this program, you must:
1. Be an enrolled member of LTBB
  2. Be enrolled in Medicare
  3. Show proof of Medicare premium expenses
- \*DOCUMENTATION WILL BE REQUIRED\*



### ! IMPORTANT INFORMATION !

YEARLY APPLICATION DEADLINES:  
FIRST PAYMENT: FEBRUARY 14TH  
SECOND PAYMENT: AUGUST 14TH

APPLICATION PROCESSING BEGINS JANUARY 1ST AND JULY 1ST. CHECKS CAN TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS TO BE SENT OUT DEPENDING ON VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS. PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE WORK TO SEND PAYMENTS OUT TO ALL OUR ELIGIBLE TRIBAL CITIZENS. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE NOT BE ACCEPTED.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT VALORIE GLAZIER, LTBB SPONSORSHIP SPECIALIST, AT 231-242-1748

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Attendance at Various Meetings and Events



Emily Proctor									
Marcella Reyes									
Tamara Kiogima									
Melissa Pamp									
Leroy Shomin									
Marty Van De Car									
Fred Kiogima									
William Ortiz									
Aaron Otto									

### November 2021

DATE									
11/2/21	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11/4/21	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11/9/21	Anishinaabek Caucus MMIW Townhall via Zoom							X	
11/9/21	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting		X		X		X	X	
11/16/21	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
11/18/21	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

## If you or a loved one is a victim of Domestic Violence, help is available.

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
1-800-799-7233

Stronghearts Native Helpline  
844-762-8483

National Domestic Violence Hotline  
1-800-799-7233

LTBB Survivor Outreach  
231-242-1628

LTBB Behavioral Health  
231-242-1640

Women's Resource Center  
231-347-0082 or  
1-800-275-1995



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2022

## Legislative Branch/Tribal Council Regular Work Session &amp; Meeting Schedule

*(Offices closed Thursday, December 30, in recognition of New Year's Eve and Friday, December 31, in recognition of New Year's Day)*

Work Session: Tuesday – January 04, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – January 06, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – January 18, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – January 20, 2022

Work Session: Tuesday – February 01, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – February 03, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – February 15, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – February 17, 2022

Work Session: Tuesday – March 01, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – March 03, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – March 15, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – March 17, 2022

*March 20, Spring Equinox*

Work Session: Tuesday – April 05, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – April 07, 2022  
*(April 15, Good Friday, Legislative Offices Closed)*  
Work Session: Tuesday – April 19, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – April 21, 2022

Work Session: Tuesday – May 03, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – May 05, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – May 17, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – May 19, 2022

*(May 30, Monday - Memorial Day, Offices Closed)*

Work Session: Tuesday – June 07, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – June 09, 2022

*June 21, Tuesday SUMMER SOLSTICE*

Work Session: Tuesday – June 28, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – June 30, 2022

*(July 4, Monday, U.S. Independence Day, Offices Closed)*

Work Session: Tuesday – July 12, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – July 14, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – July 26, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – July 28, 2022

Work Session: Tuesday – August 09, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – August 11, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – August 23, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – August 25, 2022

*(September 5, Monday, Doris & Lewis Adams Holiday, Offices Closed)*

Work Session: Tuesday – September 13, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – September 15, 2022  
Work Session: Tuesday – September 27, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – September 29, 2022

*(September 21, Wednesday, Reaffirmation Day, Offices Closed)*

*(September 22, Thursday, Fall Equinox)*

*(September 24, Friday, Michigan Indian Day, Offices Closed)*

Work Session: Tuesday – October 11, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – October 13, 2021

*(October 10, Monday, Indigenous Peoples' Day Offices Closed)*

Work Session: Tuesday – October 25, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – October 27, 2022

Work Session: Tuesday – November 08, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – November 10, 2022

*(November 11, Thursday, Veteran's Day, Offices Closed)*

Work Session: Tuesday – November 29, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – December 01, 2022

*(November 23 & 24, Thursday & Friday, Thanksgiving Holiday, Offices Closed)*

Work Session: Tuesday – December 13, 2022 Meeting: Thursday – December 15, 2022

*(December 21, Wednesday, WINTER SOLSTICE)*

*(December 23, Friday, in recognition of Christmas Eve, Offices Closed)*

*(December 26, Monday in recognition of Christmas Day, Offices Closed)*

*(December 30, Friday, in recognition of New Year's Eve, Offices Closed)*

*(January 2, 2023, Monday in recognition of New Year's Day, Offices Closed)*

## SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

The LTBB Survivor Outreach Advocate administers Support Services and is located in the LTBB DHS office. Assistance is available to Native American women and children who are survivors of domestic or sexual violence as well as non-Native intimate partners and their families.

Assistance may include the following:  
Non-Emergency Transportation Assistance ~ Assistance with Personal Protection Orders ~ Problem Solving and Safety Planning ~ Emergency Food Vouchers ~ Advocacy and Referrals ~ Court Accompaniment ~ Relocation Assistance ~ Clothing / Toiletries

Please call LTBB Survivor Outreach Services at 231-242-1620, Monday - Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm

Support for domestic abuse or sexual assault is also available at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan 24-hour crisis and information line at 231-347-0082 or for long distance callers 1-800-275-1995.

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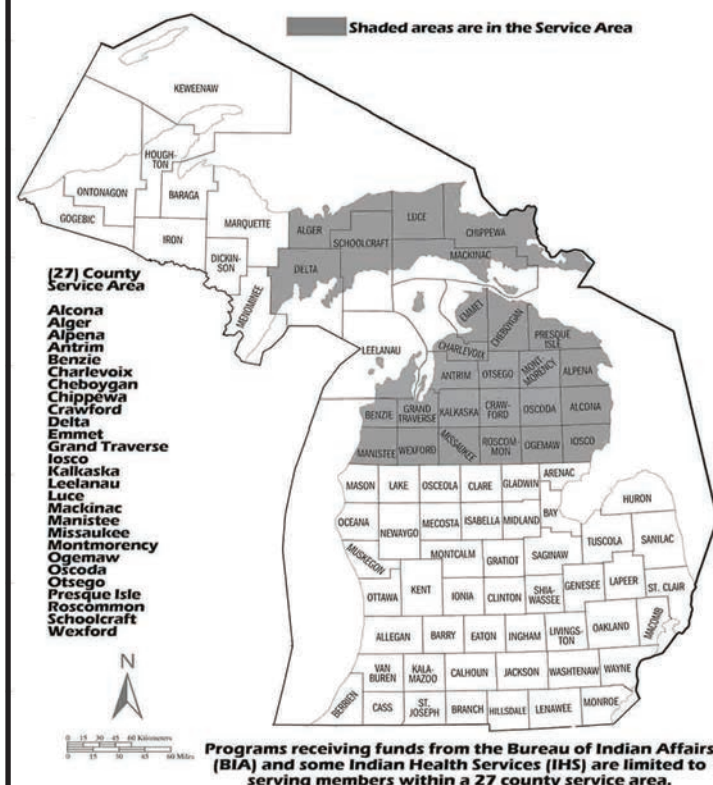


**SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES**

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

## Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area



## Are You:

Currently not eligible for Medicaid?  
19-64 years old?  
Not eligible for Medicare?  
Not pregnant?  
Making under \$15,000 for a family of 1 or making under \$34,000 for a family of 4?



If you have answered "YES" to these questions, you may qualify for Medicaid due to the Michigan Medicaid Expansion: Healthy Michigan!! Please contact Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist, at 231-242-1748 for assistance.

## PLEASE NOTE:

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



# ELDERS DEPARTMENT

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

## ELDERS DEPARTMENT

231-242-1423

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

### FOOD & UTILITY APPROPRIATION ALLOWANCE APPLICATION

Please print the following information:

NO RECEIPTS OR UTILITY BILLS NEEDED!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### 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.

### LTBB ELECTION BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

**Office Location**  
407A Michigan St.  
Petoskey, MI  
ElectionBoard@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

**Mailing Address**  
P.O.Box 160  
Conway, MI 49722

**Office Phone/FAX**  
231-348-8209

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Phone: 734-796-0710  
apierce@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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517-927-3255  
jashawa@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Carla Osawamick, Secretary  
Phone: 517-862-3633  
cjosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov


Alice Hughes, Board Member  
231-838-9833  
ahughes@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Regina Gasco, Board Member  
Phone: 231-838-6107



Protect our Girls  
Even if they're Not yours!





GOT HOMEWORK?  
GET HELP NOW!

#### BRAINFUSE PROVIDES FREE ONLINE ACADEMIC SUPPORT TO COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Whether you are considering college or already enrolled in classes, Brainfuse offers a variety of subjects that students can access for homework help, essay review, study group tools and so much more!

- Calculus
- Pre-Calculus
- College Algebra
- Biology
- Statistics
- Java Script
- Accounting
- Sociology
- History
- Economics
- Finance
- Microbiology
- Spanish
- Oncology
- Medical Terminology
- GRE Prep
- Women's Health
- Anatomy
- Psychology
- Government
- Cloud Computing and so much more!

Available to LTBB tribal citizens and descendants!  
Contact the Education Department at (231) 242-1492 for login credentials.

NATIONAL

## SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

With help comes hope

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



# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## NEW YEAR, NEW OUTLOOK ON YOUR HEALTH

Submitted by **Emily Ferroni, LTBB Patient Navigator**

It's a new year! Prioritize your health in 2022 and make small changes to your everyday life to not only help your overall health, but also reduce your risk of cancer. By exercising,

### The Benefits of Exercise

Staying physically active by exercising is a great way to help improve your mental and physical health. Incorporating exercise into your daily life can help to boost your mood and reduce stress within the mind and body. Exercising for at least 150 minutes per week can help keep your body functions healthy and aid in reducing your risk of a variety of cancers. Exercising regularly for 150 minutes per week can

incorporating nutritious foods into your diet and keeping up with your annual doctor's appointments, you are making progress by putting your wellness higher on your priorities list. You may notice a positive difference not only in your physical health, but also in your mental health as well.

help strengthen your muscles, keep your heart healthy and when combined with a balanced diet, help to keep a healthy bodyweight. Exercising not only reduces cancer by helping to keep a healthy body weight, but also triggers positive reactions in the body which can help to reduce cancer. An example of how to fit 150 minutes of exercise into your daily schedule can be seen below:

Day of Week	Duration of Exercise	Exercise Type
Monday	30 minutes	Brisk walking outside or in an indoor track facility
Wednesday	30 minutes	Exercising at your local gym on a stationary bike, elliptical or other piece of cardio equipment
Friday	30 minutes	30-minute exercise class
Saturday	30 minutes	Jogging on the treadmill or biking on a stationary bike
Sunday	30 minutes	Snowshoeing on the local trails

### Eating a Balanced Diet

Limiting your red meat, processed foods and alcohol consumption can help to prevent cancer. Fish, chicken, turkey and plant-based proteins such as legumes, chickpeas/garbanzo beans and edamame are great replacements for red meat. Adding more vegetables and whole fruits to your diet along with nuts, seeds and whole grains such as quinoa, wild rice and oats can help to regulate your digestive system and keep your colon functioning in a healthy manner. These foods

are filled with fiber and other important nutrients for our body to function at its best. Not only do fruit and veggies help with colon health, but they also have antioxidants — a substance which helps to protect body cells from damage which may cause cancer. When incorporating fruits and vegetables into your diet, and adding in daily exercise, you're putting up a shield for your body to help protect against cancer. Below are healthy recipes to try out.

### Great Northern Bean soup

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups Great Northern Beans, dry
- 3 cups water
- ½ cup onion, chopped
- ½ pound chicken, thawed, cut up, and skin removed from each piece
- ¼ pound ham, chopped
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 8 cups water
- 1 cup tomatoes, diced (or ½ can, about 8 ounces, low-sodium diced tomatoes)
- 1 tablespoon distilled white vinegar

#### Directions:

1. In a medium-size bowl, soak beans in 3 cups of water overnight.

2. Drain the water and rinse beans.
3. In a large pot, brown onion, chicken, and ham in oil over medium to high heat for about 5 minutes.
4. Add water, beans, and salt to pot. Mix well.
5. Bring pot to a boil and cook for 5 minutes.
6. Lower heat and cook for about 1 hour. Stir pot every 15 minutes.
7. Add tomatoes and vinegar to pot. Keep cooking over low heat for about 20 minutes. Serve hot.

#### Serves 8

\* Tip for cooking chicken: The recommended safe minimum internal temperature for chicken is 165 degrees F, as measured with a food thermometer.

### Banana Berry Muffins

#### Ingredients:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 4 tablespoons applesauce
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons egg mix
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed
- 2 tablespoons water
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup whole wheat flour
- ¼ cup quick cooldn& oata
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup blueberries or strawberries (fresh or frozen)

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray.
2. In a medium-size bowl, combine applesauce, sugar, egg mix, banana, and water. Mix well.
3. In a large bowl mix flours, oats, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
4. Add the applesauce mixture to the bowl with the dry ingredients; mix just until batter is moist.
5. Gently add berries into the mixture.
6. Fill each muffin cup about 1/4 full of batter.
7. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes until lightly brown.
8. Cool for 10 minutes and remove from pan.

#### Serves 12

### Schedule Your Cancer Screening

Exercising and eating a balanced, nutritious diet are two important parts to keeping a healthy body and mind, but they work best to ensure your health when paired with annual visits to your doctor. Make an appointment to check in with your primary care provider and make sure all is well with your health; you may discover you are due for an important cancer screening. Getting screened for cancer regularly can save your life by catching anything early on. It is recommended if you are 45 to 75 years old, you get screened for colorectal cancer every

10 years or per your doctor's recommendations based on your current and past health history. A yearly breast cancer screening (a mammogram) is recommended for women aged 40 to 74 years old. Cervical cancer screening is recommended for women aged 21-64 years old every three years or per your doctor's recommendations based off your own health history. If you know you are due for one of these screenings or would like more information on them, please contact the LTBB Patient Navigator Emily Ferroni at 231-242-1772 to schedule an appointment.

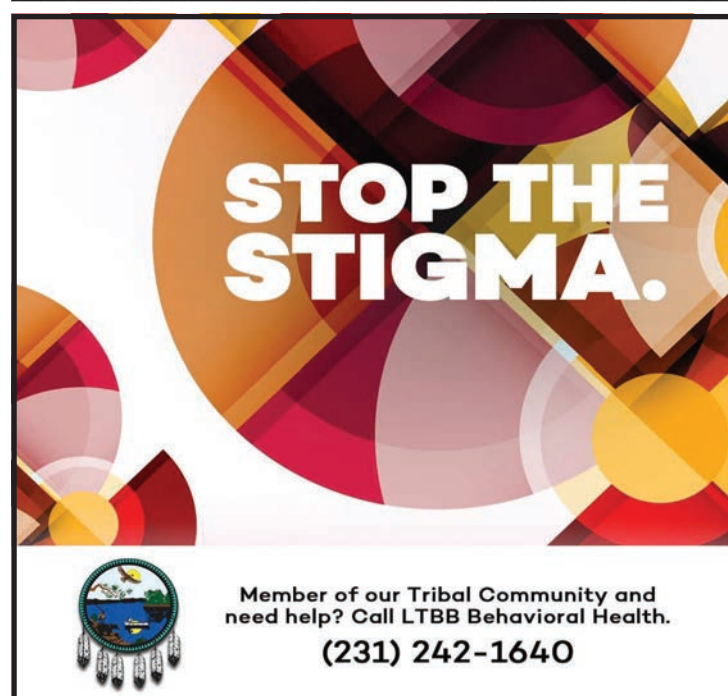
## Community Support Group

Provided by: LTBB Behavior Health

**Zoom meeting will take place every Tuesday and Thursday @ 12 pm Starting 4/9/2020**

The meetings are intended for anyone that would like to talk to others during this difficult time. Cultural Advisor, Matt Davis and Case Manager, Sara Hacker will provide the community with information on; community resources, cultural teachings, talking circles and more.

Information on how to participate please call 231-242-1640



**STOP THE STIGMA.**

Member of our Tribal Community and need help? Call LTBB Behavioral Health. (231) 242-1640



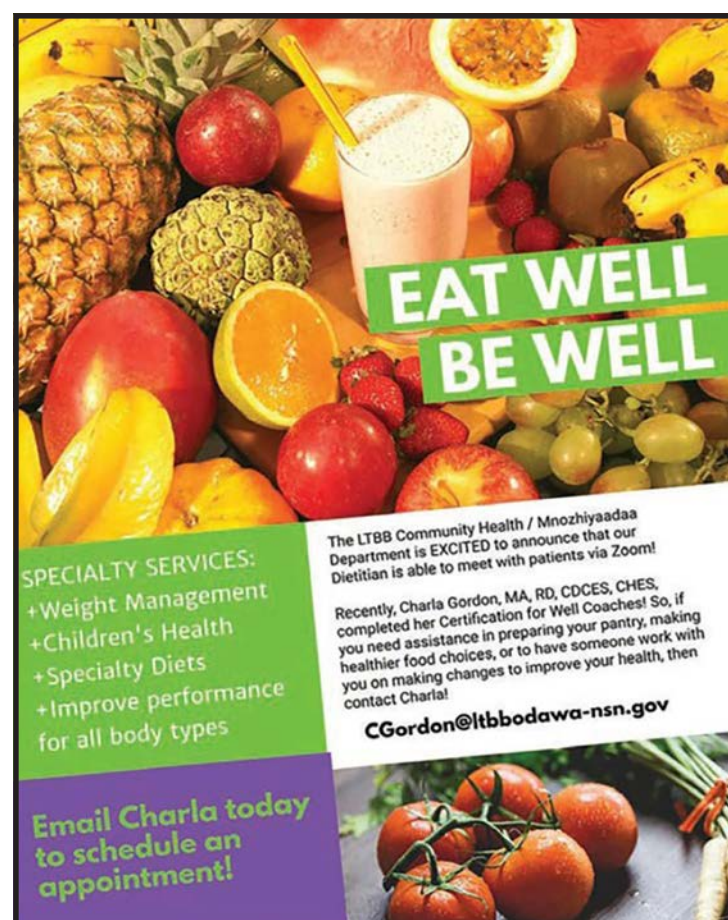
**PRC Covers Chiropractic Care!**

**How do I get covered?**

1. Make an appointment at the LTBB Health Clinic and discuss with your physician if chiropractic care would be helpful for you.
2. If so, your physician will refer you for chiropractic care and your referral will be reviewed by our managed care team.

All approved referrals will be eligible for three visits and ONE medical massage per month! Patients are required to follow up with their physician annually to continue chiropractic care.

Call the LTBB Health Clinic today to get started! 231-242-1700



**EAT WELL BE WELL**

The LTBB Community Health / Mnozhyaadaa Department is EXCITED to announce that our Dietitian is able to meet with patients via Zoom!

**SPECIALTY SERVICES:**

- +Weight Management
- +Children's Health
- +Specialty Diets
- +Improve performance for all body types

Email Charla today to schedule an appointment!

Recently, Charla Gordon, MA, RD, CDCES, CHES, completed her Certification for Well Coaches! So, if you need assistance in preparing your pantry, making healthier food choices, or to have someone work with you on making changes to improve your health, then contact Charla!

CGordon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



# Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid

## Healthy Start Family Spirit



Services provided for expectant mothers, children ages 0-5, and their families.

Serving citizens and descendants of LTBB and other recognized tribes within our community.\*

### What to expect:

-Educational materials and skill building to support and promote the growth, development, health and well-being of child and family.

-Additional support services provided by community resources and referrals, and based off family needs.

-Midwifery Program available for prenatal and postpartum mothers.



guided curriculum developed by the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health and the use of a supplementary curriculum called Gikinawaabi provided by the Intertribal Council of Michigan.

-Monthly visits in home, office or agreed location.

\*Monthly group experiences to be determined.

**Out of our service area?** Follow us on Facebook for supplemental information on parenting topics open to all.



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

### Contact:

**Carol J. Sodman-Morris:**  
Maternal Child Health Nurse/Midwife

P: 231-242-1614

Email: [CSodman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:CSodman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

**Cheyenne Kiogima**  
Family Spirit Support Health Educator

P: 231-242-1721

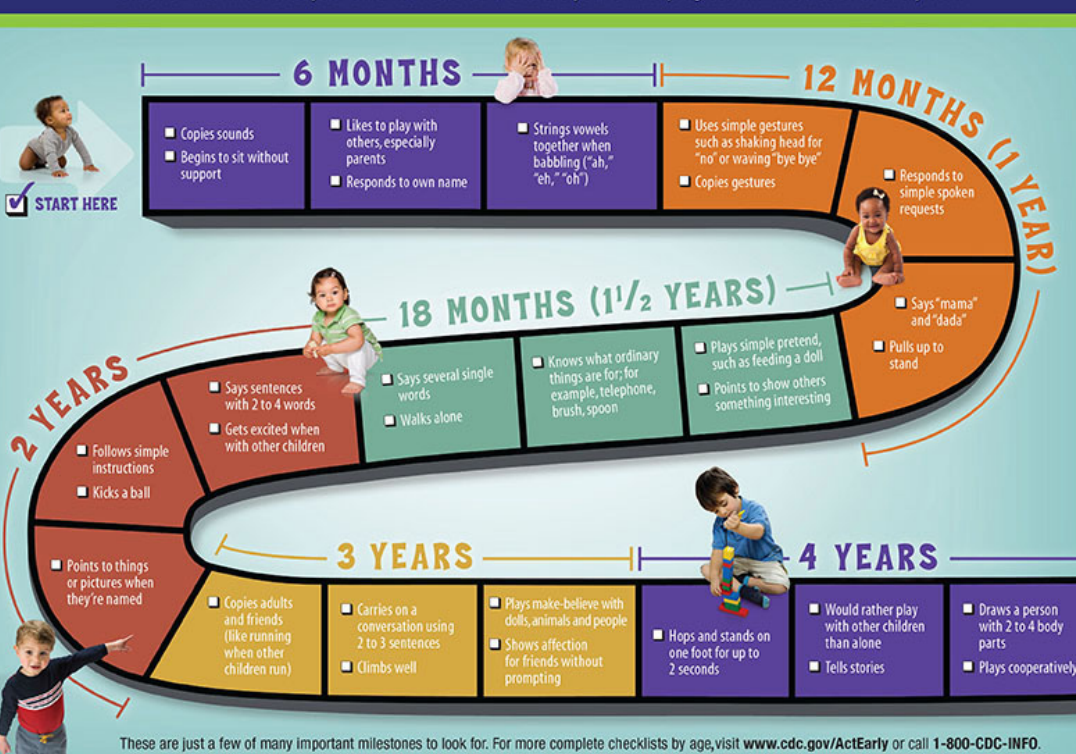
Email: [CMKiogima@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:CMKiogima@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Address: 1260 Ajjaak Avenue, Petoskey, MI

\*servicing the 27 county area

## Your Child's Early Development is a Journey

Check off the milestones your child has reached and share your child's progress with the doctor at every visit.



FAMILY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT LTBB MINA MSKIKI GUMIK 231-242-1721

No Insurance?  
See if you qualify for the Healthy Michigan Plan!



The Healthy Michigan Plan provides health care benefits to Michigan residents at a low cost so that more people can have health care coverage. Individuals are eligible for the Healthy Michigan Plan if they:

- Are age 19-64 years
- Have income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level\* (\$16,000 for a single person or \$33,000 for a family of four)
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in Medicare
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs
- Are not pregnant at the time of application
- Are residents of the State of Michigan

\*Eligibility for the Healthy Michigan Plan is determined through the Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodology.

If you do not have insurance and would like to fill out an application, contact Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist, at 231-242-1748 or by e-mail at [vglazier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:vglazier@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) to set up an appointment today!



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

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) offers low-cost or free health insurance for you and your family. In many states, more adults than ever before may qualify for Medicaid.

#### Who may be eligible?

- Children and teens up to age 19
- Parents (and other adults, depending on the state)
- Pregnant women
- People with disabilities
- Youth "aging out" of foster care

Eligibility depends on income, the size of your family and the rules in your state.

#### When you enroll, you can get:

- Doctor visits
- Preventive care, such as immunizations, mammograms & colonoscopy
- Prenatal and maternity care
- Hospital stays
- Mental health care
- Needed medications
- Children get vision and dental care (adults may get these benefits too)

#### American Indians and Alaska Natives who are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP:

- Can still get care from your Indian care provider.
- Don't have to pay premiums or co-payments.
- Indian trust income is not counted to determine eligibility and is protected from Medicaid estate recovery rules.

You benefit by having greater access to health care services. Tribes benefit because their health programs get more resources.

To find out if you qualify, visit [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325) or contact your local Indian health care provider for help applying.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Patient Benefits Specialist  
1260 Ajjaak Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770  
P: (231) 242-1752 F: (231) 242-1617  
[ardavis@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:ardavis@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Apply online at [michigan.gov/mibridges](http://michigan.gov/mibridges), call your local MDHHS, or contact the LTBB Patient Benefits Specialist



## LTBB OPENINGS AVAILABLE!

Little Traverse Bay Bands • 233 Tindle St., Pellston, MI 49769 • 231-539-8325

### EARLY HEAD START

0-3 YEARS - HOME BASED

2021/2022 PROGRAM YEAR

ASSISTING NEEDS INCLUDING LOCAL NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE, NUTRITIOUS MEALS AND CENTRALLY LOCATED BUS PICK-UPS

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4 PM

EARLY HEAD START CAN WORK IN COORDINATION WITH THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND/OR LEARNING DISABILITIES

CALL TODAY!

## LTBB Tribal Flags for Sale!!



For more information, contact Don Portman at [biindigen@gmail.com](mailto:biindigen@gmail.com) or 231-487-1093

## LTBB

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### HEAD START

3-5 YEARS - CENTER BASED

2021/2022 PROGRAM YEAR

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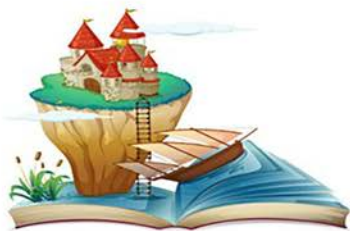
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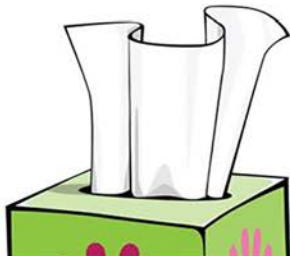
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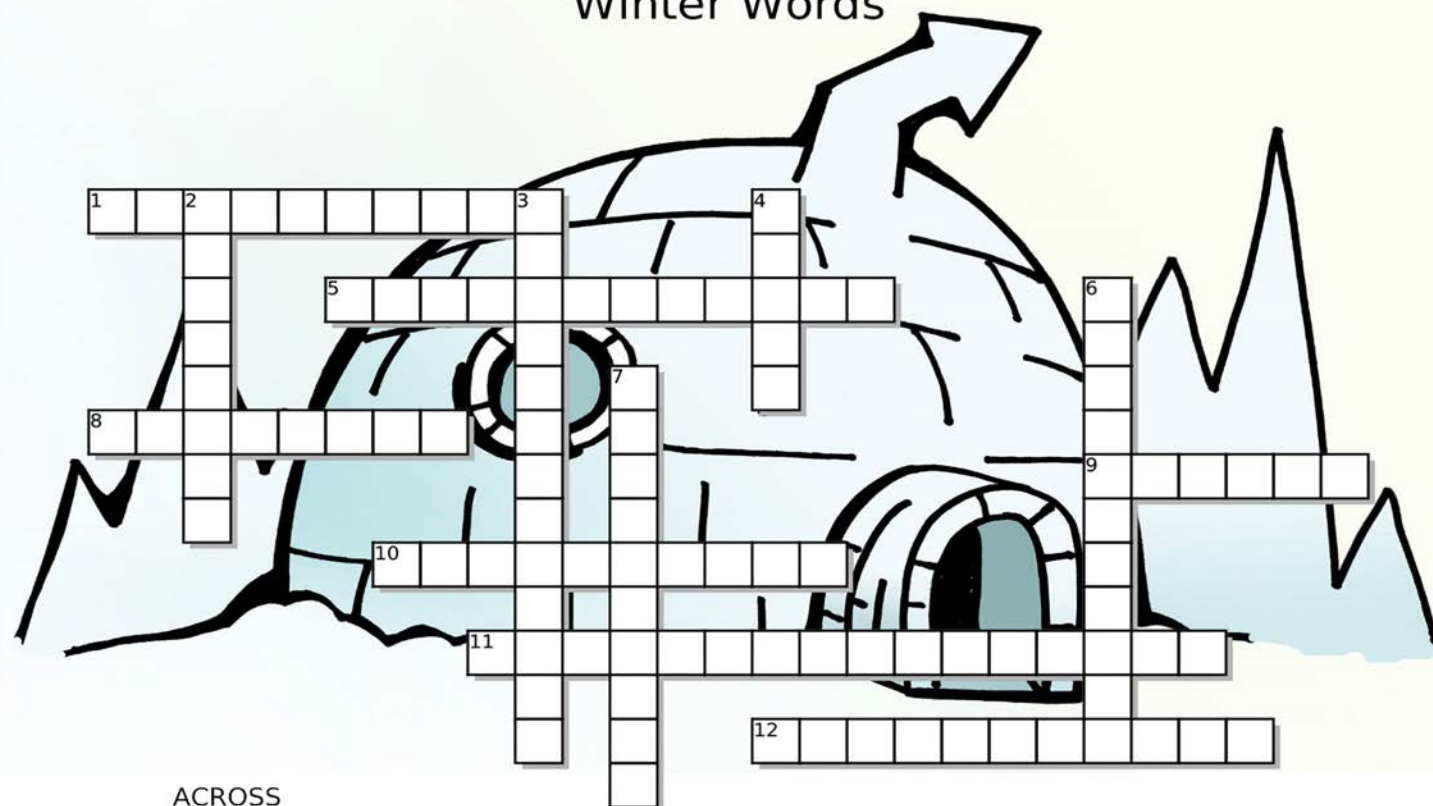


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Jaachama sneeze

## Biboon Kidwinan Winter Words



ACROSS

- 1 nightgown
- 5 icicles
- 8 sneeze
- 9 cough
- 10 story
- 11 tissue
- 12 It is snowing.

DOWN

- 2 fireplace
- 3 New Year's
- 4 firewood
- 6 sled
- 7 slippers

Answer Key on page 30.

### Ebiimoshin

(modern phrase to say "e-mail me")

### Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List -

One word at a time - E-mails sent of a single word or phrase with MP3 audio sound attached.

### Anishinaabemowin E-mail List -

In addition to the Bibezhik Kidwin e-mails, you'll also receive occasional e-mails regarding Anishinaabemowin Language such as announcements of Language or Cultural Activities, Classes, Events or General Information and News.

Send us an e-mail, and we'll add

you to the "Bibezhik Kidwin

E-mail List" or the

"Anishinaabemowin E-mail List."

Carla Osawamick (McFall) at

cosawamick@lttbodawa-nsn.gov



Honoring Our Past.

Creating Hope for the Future.

### WE CAN HELP

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

#### DIRECT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

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

#### INFO & REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS

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



# Pii Nimkoodaading

By **Maryanne Endanawas**, Project Instructor/Fluent Speaker

Mii maanda pii nimkoodaading minwaa giimaami wiisniyaang ezhinigodewziyaang. Nzigos endaat dash ngoding ndizhaami wi wiidoopmangedwaa.

This is when we celebrated a New Year. We would all gather and feast. One year, we all went to my auntie's place for dinner.

Ngashi giijiibaakwe, gewii waashaanged. Depii gwa waashaayaang, nzhisshen giinaapnan bezhigoogzhiiman minwaa miishkoon giiswenaanan minwaa mijim. Mii dash kina giibooyaaang minwaa ge'e jiigweyiing gaadaajig endaa'aang giibiboozwo.

Mom cooked to share at the feast. It's quite a distance from our home. Uncle harnessed his horses and the bobsled. He placed hay on top, so we could stay warm on our ride. Mom also brought plenty of blankets. We all got on the bobsled and some people from next door jumped on, too.

Ngiipshigendaan maanda pii dibik giizis giibizaagewet. Aapji giwaaskode kina gego dibikak. Nginagami biinish beshaa endaawaat nzigos. Nawaabdaan debaaskonek nzigos endaat.

I really enjoyed this time when the moon shone brightly. Everything glistened in the night. We sang songs until we got close to auntie's house. I could see her lights on.

Aabdek saa wiigo wiipkijbizod enji-shpaagnagaak nzhisshen. Giikwenookshkaawan bezhigoogzhiiman wiindamaaged wiipkijbiyaang enji-shpaagnagaak. Kawaabmik binoojiinhag minwaa baadooweg giikida.

Uncle had to go over a snowbank. He stopped the horses and told us that there was a high snowbank we had to go over. He said to hold onto the children and your belongings.

Giikwezbedaabiichige mii dash giipishizhewaad bezhigoogzhiin wiiget-



naamzinid kwaandwep-toowaat enji-shpaagnagaak. Ngiinoondwaa mide kidad "Gidaap Molly minwaa Tom." Mii go aaniwi giibaashkijipzod aankosenh.

Uncle backed up and used the whip to make sure the horses would go over the snowbank. I heard him say, "Gidaap Molly and Tom!" We made it over the snowbank.

Ngashi giinoondaagozi, nigaadaabiichigen diinaan nzhisshenan, ndakik giizaagdagoojin megwe goon. Nzhishenh giingaashman bezhigoogzhiin mii dash ngashi giigijikwaashkinid ndawaabmad kikoon.

Then, I heard Mom shout out, "Stop," my pot fell out in the snow. Uncle stopped the horses and Mom quickly jumped off to go look for her pot.

"Enwek senaa" kida Ngashi, "gegaa kina ezhoogjiigaazjik piniik giizaagibzowok." Mii dash kina wayaa giigchibaapid.

"Oh my gosh," said mom, "nearly all my mashed potatoes fell out!" Then, everyone cracked up laughing.

Enidigamdaabiyaang, nzigos giibinkweshkaagna desgaaning, aapji go gchinendam giibidigoshinaang. Ngashi giininmowaan kikoon minwaa giwiindamowaan gaazhiwebziyaang. Mii oodi gaandaapwaaad nzhisshen, nzigos, noos minwaa ngashi desgaaning. Gekpii giibiindigewok giizhiitaasjigewok wiisniyaang.

Then, auntie met us on the porch and she was happy to see us all. Mom handed the pot to her and told her what happened. My aunts, uncles and our parents were all laughing outside. After the laughter, they all came in and started to prepare the feast.

Niibna gegoo giizhichigewok maanda pii. Giinibwaachidwok minwaa giinaaknigewok waanankiwaad

biboong. Mii sa gamaapiich eshkwa-wiisniyaang minwaa biinchigewaad mii giizhishjigaadek waanji-nimaadbiyaang minwaa wiiminidokeng.

Many things were done during this time. They visited each other and planned for the winter season. When everyone was done eating and things cleaned up, they prepared the area for another ceremony to begin.



Mii maanda pii giinoozwinkewaad. Niizh kwezenhsak giinoozwingaazwok. Nzhishenh minwaa nzigos giinoozwinkewok. Kina ngiigitaadbimi pii'emaajtaawaad. Pkwenezigan, gidagiigin, odewmin, odewmin'aboo minwaa mjigodenh ngiwaamdanan.

This is when naming was done. There were two girls being named. My uncle and auntie did the naming for them. We all sat in a circle. I saw smudge and a basket with medicines, cloth, berries, berry juice and dresses.

Gaanibaa'ambaane iidik, ngiishkose noondawaak kwezenhsak baashangewaad mbijiisaanhsan, odewminan minwaa odewmin'aboo. Aapji giiginaajwanoon mijigodenh baaskamwaat.

I must have fallen asleep because I woke up and berries and juice and scones were being passed around by the girls. They wore beautiful handmade dresses.

Ngashi kida mii zhaazhi giigizhitaawaad noozwinkewaad, miish gwa wiinigiweyiing. Baamaapii gegii maanda kazhichige ngiigo.

My mom said the ceremony was over and it was almost time to get ready for home. She told me I will do a ceremony later for my name, too.

Mii sa wi. Ceremonies are part of who we are.

Courtesy graphics.

LTBB Anishinaabemowin

Find us on **facebook**

Dengwe-Mzinigan: Face-Book

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department hosts Facebook Group called "LTBB Anishinaabemowin."

We will post materials for language learning, announcements and flyers. Materials will be accessible on the group page under the "Photos" tab or the "Files" tab. PowerPoints with audio and PDF's are downloadable.

- Search our name and "Join."
- Add your family and friends.
- Post Comments and Language Items.

For more information, contact Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department at 231-242-1457 or toll free 1-866-652-5822 or e-mail [LangTech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:LangTech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Message (Rich Text)

To: GIIN (YOU)

Subject: Bibezhik Kidwin

**Bibezhik Kidwin ~ One Word at a Time. AUDIO ATTACHED**

LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department would like to add you to our Bibezhik Kidwin e-mail list. A word or phrase is sent each work day and includes mp3 audio, so you can hear the word sounded out. Just another little tool to learn and practice Anishinaabe Language! To be added to the list, e-mail [Carla Osawamick at cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:Carla.Osawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

You've Got Mail

**Anishinaabemdaa.com**

New mobile friendly website, new design, updated code, new games, new legends and more!

**Learn the Anishinaabe Language**

- Grammar
- Everyday Terms
- Culture
- Legends
- History
- Fun and Games
- Language Camp Info
- Coloring Book
- CD-ROMs Info

**Anishinaabe Weather Terms**

Past	Present	Future
It was a good day yesterday	It is a good day today	It will be a good day tomorrow
It was a hot day yesterday	It is a hot day today	It will be a hot day tomorrow
It rained yesterday	It is raining today	It will rain tomorrow

Hundreds of interactive words and phrases with audio!

Starting winter semester, WOCTEP will offer assistance with the following programs through our partnership with Bay Mills Community College:

**WOCTEP**  
Waganakising Odawa Career Technical Education Program

- ◆ Associate of Arts Early Childhood Education
- ◆ Associate of Arts Business Administration
- ◆ Associate of Applied Science Construction Technology
- ◆ Associate of Applied Science Computer Information Systems
- ◆ Medical Office Certificate

**WOCTEP offers Financial Assistance!**

- ◆ Tuition Assistance
- ◆ Textbook and required course materials Assistance
- ◆ Mileage Assistance
- ◆ Hourly Stipend (based on household income)
- ◆ Examination/qualification fee Assistance

In addition to WOCTEP Financial assistance, Native WOCTEP students may be eligible for Board of Regents Tuition Award at BMCC.

WOCTEP is funded by the US Department of Education through the NACTEP program. Federal funds contribute to 90% of funding (\$448,744) and tribal support of 10% (\$50,108) for project year 1 (2019) budget.

**BAY MILLS Community College**

**Save on your next computer with Dell**

Tribal Citizens and Employees can save money on their next computer purchase when shopping with Dell. It's easy, just log on to [www.dell.com/EPP](http://www.dell.com/EPP) or call 1-877-289-9437 and enter Member ID#: CS25031222 to take advantage of the discount.

If you have any questions, please call Purchasing Technician Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Aanii!

The deadline to take the LTBB Niigaandiwin Education Needs Assessment Survey has been extended until January 14th, 2021 at 11:59pm! Please help the LTBB Niigaandiwin Education Department in reaching our goal of getting 1000 people to take our needs assessment survey by sharing this opportunity widely! The set of questions is designed to understand the unique needs and interests of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa tribal citizens, and the greater community to ensure that programming is effectively serving our clients. The survey takes about 15 minutes or less to complete, and is open to all individuals, both tribal and non-tribal. We would greatly appreciate it if you would consider sharing this survey widely with your co-workers, program clients, family members, friends, and community members!

All information obtained through this sur-

vey will be submitted anonymously unless you elect to provide your contact information for a prize raffle. Survey takers who provide their information AND complete the entire survey will be entered for a chance to win 1 of 2 Eighth Generation blankets, Home Depot \$100 & \$25 gift cards, \$100 Walmart gift cards, beaded earrings and hats, copies of Angeline Bouleley's "The Firekeeper's Daughter," LTBB's Minogin Market maple sugar, water bottles, , and more!

To be entered, please indicate your name, mailing address, email, and phone number so that Niigaandiwin Education staff may follow up with you about your prize. Submissions will be accepted until January 14th, 2021 at 11:59pm. For a paper copy of the survey, individuals can make a request by calling 231-242-1485.

Link to survey: <https://fs20.formsite.com/B6wVl4/9baybvqk7c/index.html>





# LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

## READ THROUGH JANUARY FOR BOOK BINGO!

- Rules:
- 1) Sign up for a LTBB library card number (local and non-local, tribal and non-tribal).
  - 2) One title can be used to fill ONLY THREE spaces.
  - 3) Books read to early readers count as well.
  - 4) Each BINGO (vertical, horizontal or diagonal) receives one entry into the month's raffle drawing. You are only eligible to win ONE prize.
  - 5) Turn in BINGO card to Cultural Library by **February 4th by 5 p.m.** for a chance to win one of four incentive prizes (in each age category - kids, teens, adults) in the January

BINGO drawing. Monthly Book BINGO runs through February 2022. BINGO cards are available on the Education Dept. Forms Directory on the LTBB website, on the library website and from the Mzinigangamik Cultural Library. Call 231-242-1487 with questions.

## January Book Bingo For Kids

An Audiobook	A Book Set in School		Read for 20 minutes	Read a Nonfiction Book
Read in a Funny Voice	Read the Lyrics to a Song	Read to a Pet or a Stuffed Animal	An Ebook	The First Book in a Series
	Read Out Loud	Drink Hot Cocoa	A Book with a Color in the Title	Read on a Weekend
Read a Recipe and Try It	A Book Set in Winter	Read in Your Pajamas		Friends or Family
Read a Picture Book	Read a Poem	Tell Someone about Your Favorite Book	Read in an Empty Bathtub	Adventure

Read or do an activity to mark a square!

## January Book Bingo For Teens & Adults

Drink Hot Cocoa or Tea	A Book Chosen at Random	Read for 45 minutes	An Audiobook	Read on a Sunday
An Ebook	Read a Magazine	Read while Wearing Blue		One-Word Title
	Self-Help or DIY Book	White Cover	Friends or Family	Read Out Loud
Mystery or Thriller	A Book Made into a Movie	A Children's Picture Book	Poetry	Biography or Memoir
Read a Recipe and Try It	Snow on the Cover	Read in Your Pajamas	Graphic Novel	A Friend's Favorite Book

Read or do an activity to mark a square!

## January Reading Challenge

Join Book Bingo!  
Open to Youth, Teens, & Adults!

Get your January Bingo Card from the LTBB or Cultural Library websites.



Mzinigangamik Cultural Library  
PH: 231.242.1487  
Email: [cepetoskey@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:cepetoskey@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

### LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



- December 30, 2021 - New Year's Eve
- December 31, 2021 - New Year's Day
- May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day
- July 4, 2022 - Independence Day
- September 5, 2022 - Lewis & Doris Adams Day
- September 21, 2022 - Sovereignty Day
- September 24, 2022 - Michigan Indian Day
- October 10, 2022 - Indigenous People's Day
- November 11, 2022 - Veteran's Day
- November 23, 2022 - Thanksgiving
- November 24, 2022 - Day After Thanksgiving
- December 23, 2022 - Christmas Eve
- December 24, 2022 - Christmas Day
- December 30, 2022 - New Year's Eve

### 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 Number
Rebecca R Fisher	Active	February 20, 2027	02-09	Not Available
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	June 5, 2023	05-09	231-242-1462
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	February 21, 2027	10-09	231-242-1400
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	August 23, 2027	11-09	231-242-1610
Marin C Taylor	Active	May 14, 2024	13-09	231-242-1521
Hayden Hooper	Active	February 1, 2027	15-09	231-242-1584
Lakota Worthington	Active	May 4, 2027	16-09	231-242-1401

### LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

You must exhaust all other means available to you, i.e. Friendship Center Bus, Straits Regional Transit, Char/Em Transit, Taxi or Family.

Clients of the Little Traverse Bay Bands Health Department must notify the Community Health Department **72 hours prior to their appointments.**

Transportation is based on availability.  
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# NATIVE NEWS

## FALL BREAK TRIP 2021: IMMERSIVE, EDUCATIONAL, ENGAGING

Submitted by **Dr. Linda Keway**, Aquinas College Professor and LTBB Tribal Citizen

During the long weekend of Fall Break, the Advantage Center and Campus Ministry collaborated to bring 17 students up north to explore the sacred lands and spaces of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

The trip was inspired by Dr. Linda Keway, Aquinas professor and enrolled member of the tribe. Eric Hemenway, Director of Archives for the tribe, graciously served as our teacher and guide as we traveled from Petoskey, MI, to Harbor Springs, MI, to the Prayer Tree in Cross Village, MI, as well as Mackinac Island. We learned about the Holy Childhood Indian Boarding School, visited the Crooked Tree Arts Gallery which featured Kindred: Traditional Arts of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and visited the Biddle House Museum. We supported the tribe by shopping locally at the Minogin Market in Mackinaw City, MI, and participated in a smudging ceremony at Greensky, an Indian burial ground. The trip also included a film screening of Wind River which highlighted the ongoing crisis of missing and murdered Native women. Additionally, there was intentional and much needed downtime built into the itinerary. One of our goals was to increase the students' career ready skill of Equity and Inclusion; this experiential learning opportunity certainly accomplished this objective.

We had an incredibly diverse group. Students ranged in age from first year students to seniors, first-generation, student-athletes, global students and students of color.



Students studying the sciences, liberal arts, education and business were all represented. And it seems the Dominican Sisters were working overtime in that our weather was picture perfect. The fall colors were brilliant, made only more breathtaking by a weekend of sunshine.

Many thanks to our campus partners who supported the trip, including CORE and The Jane Hibbard Idema Women's Studies Center. The trip was also substantially underwritten by the Poppel Endowment for Ecumenical Studies and the Netvue Vocation Across the Academies grants. Advisors for the trip included Dr. Keway, Fr. Bob Keller, Brigid Avery and Dr. Dana Hebreard.

One of the largest expenses was a chartered bus, and this proved to be absolutely essential to the success and safety of the trip. Our bus driver Joe is now a member of the Aquinas family! In fact, we made many friends along the way with onlookers impressed Aquinas was leading such a trip. A prospective student's mom let us know she is definitely going to suggest her daughter schedule a visit.

After the trip, we solicited feedback from the group. 100% of respondents said they would recommend the trip to another student. Students also shared their highlights:

"I loved being able to go to

the places and learn why they were significant. I had been to some of the places before, but they became so much more meaningful learning the history behind them."

"Eric's profound storytelling of the tribal history and life. Seeing the burial grounds (Greensky) and Council areas, including Mackinac Island. The movie was poignant."

"I really appreciated that the Odawa people are so big on passing down traditions and listening to elders. I connected to that so much because it gave me a greater appreciation for my own culture and wanted to preserve it for my future generations."

We hope to offer the trip again next Fall, which will complement the author visit from Angeline Bouley, author of Firekeeper's Daughter, as part of the Contemporary Writers Series. Dr. Keway and Eric Hemenway are also in discussion to offer an academic course which delves more deeply into the rich history and culture of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Anishinaabe people. We hope to partner with the tribe and provide a service component as well.

Miigwech ("thank you" in Anishinaabemowin) to the Aquinas Community and the LTBB of Odawa Indians for a truly magnificent experience.

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## MAKING AIR TRAVEL MORE SUSTAINABLE WITH SOY-FUEL INNOVATIONS



Scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in Peoria, IL, have developed a way to make a better jet biofuel from soybean oil.

Fatty acids from soybean oil can be turned into an array of industrial products normally made from petroleum, including fuel, ink and paints. One appeal of plant-based products is they recycle carbon found in the atmosphere. This makes plants a far more renewable resource than petroleum and other fossil fuels, which add carbon to the atmosphere as they're extracted from the earth and used.

However, soy jet fuels developed to date contain insufficient amounts of "aromatic" compounds, which impart desirable density to fuel and help keep jet engine seals supple and working properly. The current shortcoming of aromatic levels in soy jet fuel means less of it can be blended with conventional jet fuels derived from petroleum, explained Ken Doll, a research chemist with the ARS National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, IL.

Blends using biofuels are one of the ways the aviation industry is working to reduce its "carbon footprint" or total emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide (which amounted to 905 million tons in 2018).

One approach to making soy jet fuel relies on the use of a precious metal called ruthenium to catalyze reactions which chemically modify the structure and properties of the oil's unsaturated fatty acids. The problem with this approach is it generates too few aromatic compounds, noted Doll, with the ARS center's Bio-oils Research Unit.

To get around the problem, he and fellow ARS scientists Bryan Moser and Gerhard Kno-

the replaced ruthenium with iridium as the chief catalyst in a six-step procedure they devised and received a patent in November.

In laboratory-scale experiments, use of the approach on high oleic-acid soy oil produced jet fuel formulations containing 8 to 35% aromatics — a range compatible with conventional jet fuels and beyond what ruthenium-based methods can achieve.

The advance, which the team recently reported in an online issue of *the International Journal of Sustainable Engineering* opens the door to increased blending of bio- and conventional-jet fuels as an emissions-cutting measure. The method also generates little or no naphthalene, a jet fuel component which emits soot upon combustion.

The researchers are now looking for an industry partner to scale-up the process and evaluate its commercial potential further.

Their research also supports a broader effort at the ARS center in Peoria, IL, to develop new, value-added uses for agricultural commodities or their waste byproducts as well as to create sustainable new methods for processing them. Ideally, for example, the iridium used to create soy jet fuel could be replaced or combined with an earth-abundant catalyst like iron to drive down the cost, Doll said.

Other oilseed crops besides soy could also be used, including non-edible sources such as field pennycress.

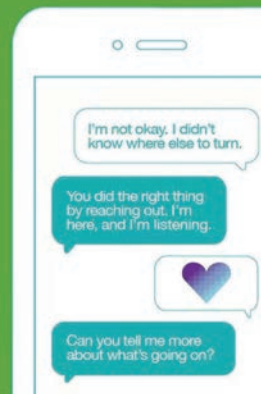
"We originally used soy oil because of its high quality, affordability and the refinery processes that exist. It's also a commodity that we've historically worked with in Peoria (IL)," Doll added. "But any oil that has significant oleic acid levels would work."

The Peoria, IL, team's efforts are also reflective of the U.S Department of Agriculture's participation in the Sustainable Aviation Fuels Grand Challenge together with other federal agencies and stakeholder groups. The challenge is a multi-faceted government-wide commitment to enabling the production of 35 billion gallons of sustainable aviation fuel per year by 2050, using "home-grown" and other renewable sources.

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# JOE BIDEN TO PROTECT NATIVE SITE, BOOST SAFETY



By Darlene Superville, Associated Press

Environmentalists and some tribes have complained such a move is temporary and permanent protections are needed. But it isn't so simple; while some tribes have fought for protections, the Navajo Nation, which has more to lose by curbing oil and gas, has asked for a smaller radius around the site, an ancient center of Pueblo culture.

"Chaco Canyon is a sacred place that holds deep meaning for the Indigenous peoples whose ancestors lived, worked, and thrived in that high desert community," said Haaland.

"Now is the time to consider more enduring protections for the living landscape that is Chaco, so that we can pass on this rich cultural legacy to future generations," she said. The secretary represented New Mexico, where Chaco Canyon is located, in the U.S. House of Representatives before she was narrowly confirmed by the Senate to take over at Interior.

First lady Jill Biden, an English teacher, addressed the summit on the importance of preserving Native languages. Vice President Kamala Harris was set to speak Tuesday (November 16, 2021), the final day.

The tribal nations summit coincides with National Native American Heritage Month and is being hosted by the White House for the first time with leaders from more than 570 tribes in the United States expected to participate. The summit was not held during the Trump administration; past conferences took place at the Interior Department.

Since taking office in January, Biden has taken several steps the White House says demonstrate his commitment to tribal nations.

Among them are naming Haaland to lead the Interior Department. His coronavirus relief plan included \$31 billion for tribal communities and the administration has worked closely with tribal leaders to help make COVID-19 vaccination rates among Native Americans among the highest in the country, the White House said.

Navajo Nation Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty said she hoped the summit would help eliminate red tape when building critical infrastructure on tribal lands.

Biden also spoke about infrastructure, specifically to note the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill he was signing into law Monday (November 15, 2021) afternoon would direct \$13 billion toward Native American communities to help provide such things as high-speed internet and clean drinking water.

Biden recently became the first president to issue a proclamation designating October 11 as Indigenous Peoples Day, giving a boost to long-standing efforts to refocus the federal holiday celebrating Christopher Columbus toward an appreciation of Native peoples.

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President Joe Biden on Monday (November 15, 2021) ordered several Cabinet departments to work together to combat human trafficking and crime on Native lands where violent crime rates are more than double the national average.

Speaking at a White House summit on tribal nations, Biden signed an executive order tasking the Justice, Homeland Security and Interior departments with pursuing strategies to reduce crime. Biden also asked the departments to work to strengthen participation in Amber Alert programs and national training programs for federal agents and appoint a liaison who can speak with family members and to advocates.

The administration also announced plans to pursue a 20-year ban on oil and gas drilling in Chaco Canyon in northwestern New Mexico.

"We have to continue to stand up for the dignity and sovereignty of tribal nations," Biden said at the first tribal nations summit since 2016. The two-day summit was being held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has affected indigenous peoples at disproportionate rates.

American Indians and Alaska Natives are more than twice as likely to be victims of a violent crime and Native women are at least two times more likely to be raped or sexually assaulted compared to other races, according to the Association on American Indian Affairs.

The administration also announced a long-sought action to protect Chaco Canyon, a national park and UNESCO World Heritage site northwest of Albuquerque, NM.

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, said the Bureau of Land Management will study the possible withdrawal for a period of 20 years from federal lands within a 10-mile radius of Chaco Culture National Historical Park. Such a move would bar new federal oil and gas leasing and development on those lands. Those lands will not be eligible for leasing while the study is underway, though past administrations had already opted to impose the buffer administratively.

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# USDA PROTECTING, EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS FOODWAYS

By Carina Dominguez

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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced new initiatives Monday (November 15, 2021), marking its commitment toward Indian country and tribal self-determination. The USDA announcement coincided with the kickoff of the virtual White House Tribal Nations Summit.

USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the USDA Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative and a joint secretarial order between the USDA and the Department of Interior regarding tribal co-stewardship of federal lands and water.

"USDA respects the unique nation-to-nation relationship between the federal government and tribal nations," Secretary Vilsack



said. "Today (November 15, 2021), we launch initiatives that reframe and reimagine how USDA supports Indigenous agriculture and tribal communities. These are among the bold actions by the Biden-Harris administration to ensure that USDA appropriately engages tribal nations in a way that aligns with their sovereignty and our nation's trust and treaty responsibility."

The Food Sovereignty Initiative includes partnering up

with tribal organizations on seven projects for federal food programs and promoting traditional foodways.

Among the programs announced is a tribal seed saving project with Indigenous Seed Keepers Network.

"The Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative is amazing and historic," said Heather Thompson, director of the USDA Office of Tribal Relations.

The tribal relations office wants to provide seed cleaning mills and create two regional seed processing hubs. The agency is aiming to create seed bank policies which are informed by local indigenous communities.

Thompson, Cheyenne River Sioux, said the USDA has historically operated from a very Western perspective.

"We finance monocropping, western monocropping, and western domestic animals and promote and support that which is fantastic, and it feeds

"USDA" continued on page 18.

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America, but it's a very different perspective than a lot of Indigenous communities. It's different foods. We've lost the diversity, for example, of corns that a lot of the Indigenous communities have propagated historically," Thompson said.

She says we've lost knowledge by not funding and supporting the traditional ways to prepare foods which make them more nutritional.

"So, for example, where I'm from in the Great Plains, the chokecherry, when you prepare that in an Indigenous manner and you smashed the pit into the cherry, rather than just getting the cherry juice out, it becomes a carcinogen but we have westernized and mass produced the cherry with just the juice and lost that Indigenous component of the foods," Thompson said.

The announcements are a step toward protecting and funding the preservation of indigenous foodways.

"It's been a challenge to rethink our programs from the lens of tribal self-government or tribal self-determination. And so, we have two pilot projects right now," Thompson said.

The USDA committed to expanding tribal self-determination and restoring tribal co-management authority over the National Forest System.

Through the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, a \$3.5 million pilot program will provide eight tribal nations flexibility and purchasing power over the Food Distribution Programs on tribal lands.

It will allow tribes to purchase food directly from commercial distributors instead of being forced to go through the USDA, which uses an approach which does not prioritize local indigenous food systems.

"The goal is to rethink how USDA does business in Indian Country, from what types of food we fund. So that we start to think about empowering Indigenous foods and the growing and propagating of Indigenous foods, strengthening our Native producers and buying their products and incorporating more Indigenous foods and Native produce foods into our food packages," Thompson said.

Other aspects include researching and reviewing

where statutory expansions are needed.

The Department of Interior and the USDA Forest Service are committed to helping tribes co-manage or work more collectively on lands important to them.

"They're small but important steps in the right direction," Thompson said.

University of Iowa College of Law Dean Kevin Washburn, Chickasaw, wrote a paper on tribal co-management of federal public lands and applauded the announcement.

"I think it's a great idea, I'm very excited about it," Washburn said. "Co-management ... there's a lot of different ways to do it. My paper talks about it, one of them. I'm glad they're looking into more ways."

He says tribes are desperate to be more engaged with public lands.

"They have lots of interest when it comes to wildlife, sacred sites and they have deep relationships with these lands. They have long clamored for the ability to help steward these lands," Washburn said.

Tribes have centuries of ecological knowledge they bring to management of land.

"There are hundreds of millions of acres of public lands in the U.S. and many are adjacent to tribes. There are lots of opportunities. I'm looking forward to seeing what agriculture and Interior do to further these relationships," Washburn said.

Some people are still holding their applause for the USDA's efforts.

Kara Boyd is the president of the Association of American Indian Farmers. Boyd has been in a legal fight over federal funds announced earlier this year, meant to help minority farmers with debt relief.

The USDA announced a program which would help indigenous, Black, Latino and Asian American farmers outlined in the American Rescue Plan earlier this year, but those funds have been tied up in federal court.

A federal judge has temporarily blocked the disbursement because white farmers are suing the USDA over the program in multiple states, saying the program harms them.

Boyd says the funds are urgently needed to help minority farmers who are com-

batting the pandemic on top of centuries worth of discrimination.

"For USDA to not take, I think, the forward stance that the discrimination actually is ongoing and we have farmers who are currently still in 2020 and 2021 filing discrimination complaints against USDA," Boyd said.

The Association of American Indian Farmers is holding its position in the cases out of Florida, Tennessee and Texas.

"I think it's very alarming and concerning to people of color who have experienced racial discrimination. I don't think any White farmer has really been discriminated against because of the color of their skin," Boyd said. "Our farmers have had their applications torn up and thrown in the trash. You know, we have Native American farmers that have been lynched as well as Black farmers."

No payments have gone out. She said there are roughly 8,000 Native farmers who are eligible to receive the debt relief.

"I have farmers that are reaching out to me continuously asking for updates and unfortunately, we don't have those, the Florida case is set to go to discovery in the spring and to trial by the summer," Boyd said.

Thompson couldn't comment on the ongoing litigation but said Secretary Vilsack supports indigenous farmers.

"The secretary is very committed to Native farmers, and as you know, Native farmers made up about 50% of the USDA farmers that were identified during that program," Thompson said.

"I think that's always a challenge being an Indigenous person and in a Western governmental structure and there are pros and cons to both. I always say there's inside baseball and there's outside baseball," Thompson said. "We kind of need people doing both, putting the pressure on externally and then putting the pressure on internally. So, I have to say, I've been pleasantly surprised."

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# DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARDS MORE THAN \$2 MILLION IN GRANTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVE CRIME VICTIMS IN WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

U.S. Attorney Andrew Birge announced today (November 16, 2021) that, as part of a national rollout, the Department of Justice awarded \$2,438,323 in grants to improve public safety, serve victims of crime and support youth programs in tribal communities in the Western District of Michigan.



More than four in five of American Indian and Alaska Native adults have experienced some form of violence in their lifetime, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. This equates to nearly three million people who have experienced stalking, sexual violence, psychological aggression or physical violence by intimate partners.

More than \$73 million will be awarded under CTAS, a streamlined application which helps tribes apply for tribal-specific grant programs which enhance law enforcement and tribal justice practices, expand victim services and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts. CTAS grants are administered by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) (\$48 million) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) (\$25 million).

The COPS Office also awarded \$400,000 to Western Oregon University to create a structured and tribal-centered innovative approach to enhance the operation of the criminal justice system to address the concerns of the

American Indian and Alaska Native communities regarding missing and murdered indigenous people, particularly missing and murdered women and girls.

In addition to CTAS funding, OJP has awarded more than \$100 million through the Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside to improve services for crime victims in tribal communities. OJP's Office for Victims Crime is supporting tribal grantees with capacity building, training and technical assistance (more than \$6.8 million) and an update of the Tribal Resource Tool (\$199,999), which maps the availability of victim services in tribal communities. An additional \$2.9 million will be awarded under the Children's Justice Act Partnership to tribes to enhance the handling of cases centered around criminal child abuse and neglect.



The department also funded \$6.5 million through OJP's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending Registering and Tracking to help tribes comply with federal law on sex offender registration and notification.

The following tribes in the Western District of Michigan received funding:

- Bay Mills Indian Community: \$508,245 to Tribal Youth Program (OJJDP)
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians: \$851,176 to Tribal

Justice Systems (BJA)

- Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: \$1,078,902: Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS Office); \$628,902 and Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (OVC): \$450,000



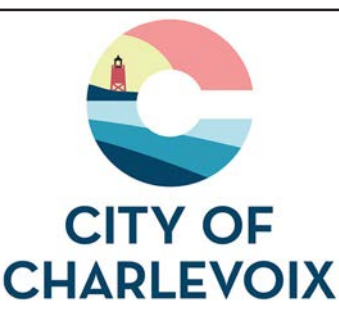
Information about FY 2021 grant awards from the Office of Justice Programs can be found online on the OJP Grant Awards Page <https://www.ojp.gov/fy21-ojp-grant-awards>. The page will be updated as awards are made. Information about FY 2021 grant awards from the COPS Office can be found online at the COPS Grant Page <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>.

The Office of Justice Programs provides federal leadership, grants, training, technical assistance and other resources to improve the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, advance racial equity in the administration of justice, assist victims and enhance the rule of law. More information about OJP and its components can be found at [www.ojp.gov](http://www.ojp.gov).

The COPS Office is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources. More information about the COPS Office can be found at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/>

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# GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCES 16 COMMUNITIES TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO INVEST IN LOCAL PARKS AND TRAILS THROUGHOUT MICHIGAN



Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced nearly \$2 million in Recreation Passport grants will be awarded to 16 communities for projects.

The Recreation Passport grant program started 11 years ago with the goal of boosting visitation and funding for Michigan state parks and cre-

ated more funding for local, community parks and trails enhancement throughout the state. Tourism to Michigan parks generates value for surrounding communities, creates jobs and sustains small businesses. Michigan's outdoor recreation industry supports billions in state Gross Domestic Product and sustains 126,000 jobs and more than \$4.7 billion in wages and salaries in the state. On average, every \$1 invested in land conservation leads to \$4 in economic benefit.

The DNR introduced the Recreation Passport in 2010, replacing the traditional annual motor vehicle permit for state park access with a purchase program tied to the

renewal of license plate registrations. Support for the Recreation Passport has steadily grown since the program's start - more than a third of Michigan registered vehicles now have the Recreation Passport on their license plate tabs - and that means more available funding for grants. With the announcement of this year's recipients, the Recreation Passport grant program (established by Public Act 35 of 2010) has awarded a little more than \$14.6 million statewide.

The City of Charlevoix, MI, was awarded \$139,500 for Michigan Beach Upland Renovation and Development.

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## DEB HAALAND SEEKS TO RID U.S. OF DEROGATORY PLACE NAMES

By Susan Montoya Bryan, Associated Press

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U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland on Friday (November 19, 2021) formally declared "squaw" a derogatory term and said she is taking steps to remove it from federal government use and to replace other derogatory place names.

Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, is ordering a federal panel tasked with naming geographic places to implement procedures to remove what she called racist terms from federal use.

"Our nation's lands and waters should be places to celebrate the outdoors and our shared cultural heritage — not to perpetuate the legacies of oppression," Haaland said in a statement. "Today's actions will accelerate an important process to reconcile derogatory place names and mark a significant step in honoring the ancestors who have stewarded our lands since time immemorial."

The U.S. Senate on Thursday (November 18, 2021) confirmed Oregon resident and tribal citizen Charles F. "Chuck" Sams III as head of the National Park Service, making him the first Native American to hold the position.

Haaland said previously that Sams, a citizen of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, would be an asset as the administration works to make national parks more accessible to everyone.

The Native American Rights Fund applauded Haaland's move to address derogatory place names, saying action by the federal government is long overdue.

"Names that still use derogatory terms are an embarrassing legacy of this country's colonialist and racist past," said John Echohawk, the group's executive director. "It is well past time for us, as a nation, to move forward, beyond these derogatory terms, and show Native people — and all people — equal respect."

Environmentalists also praised the action, saying it marked a step toward reconciliation.

Under Haaland's order, a federal task force will find replacement names for geographic features on federal lands bearing the term "squaw," which has been used as a slur, particularly for indigenous women. A database maintained by the Board on Geographic Names shows there are



more than 650 federal sites with names which contain the term.

The task force will be made up of representatives from federal land management agencies and experts with the Interior Department. Tribal consultation and public feedback will be part of the process.

The process for changing U.S. place names can take years, and federal officials said there are currently hundreds of proposed name changes pending before the board.

Haaland also called for the creation of an advisory committee to solicit, review and recommend changes to other derogatory geographic and federal place names. That panel will be made up of tribal representatives and civil rights, anthropology and history experts.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the Board on Geographic Names took action to eliminate the use of derogatory terms for Black and Japanese people.

The board also voted in 2008 to change the name of a prominent Phoenix mountain from Squaw Peak to Piestewa Peak to honor Army Spc. Lori Piestewa, the first Native woman to die in combat while serving in the U.S. military.

In 2020, the Phoenix City Council voted unanimously to rename Squaw Peak Drive to Piestewa Peak Drive after it was decried as a demeaning and degrading word.

In California, the Squaw Valley Ski Resort changed its name to Palisades Tahoe earlier this year. The resort is in Olympic Valley, which was known as Squaw Valley until it hosted the 1960 Winter Olympics. Tribes in the region had been asking the resort for a name change for decades.

There is also legislation pending in Congress to address derogatory names on geographic features on public lands. States from Oregon to Maine have passed laws prohibiting the use of the word "squaw" in place names.

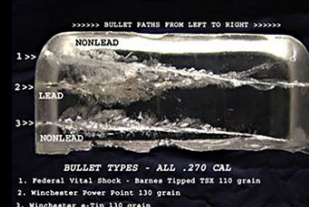
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## NATURAL PRODUCTS MAY BE BUZZWORTHY SOLUTIONS FOR HONEY BEES' HEALTH



The buzz about natural products is not just for humans.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS) researchers from the Bee Research Laboratory in Beltsville, MD, and collaborators found some natural products' medicinal properties reduced virus levels and improved gut health in honey bees.

Among the study's results, which were recently published in *Applied Sciences*, researchers found a significant reduction in virus levels in bees fed raw cacao and hesperidin, a plant chemical commonly found in citrus fruits and other fruits and vegetables.

There were also lower levels of viruses in bees fed chrysin, curcumin and vanillin. Chrysin is a chemical found in honey and various plants such as passionflower and silver linden. Curcumin is a bright yellow chemical produced by plants and is known for giving turmeric its distinctive color. Vanillin is a chemical compound of the extract of a vanilla bean and major flavor component of vanilla.

The results also showed some natural products had positive impacts on bees' gut health and immune response. For example, bees fed

Vitamin E had significantly decreased levels of Gilliamella, a gut bacterium. In addition, there were also lower levels of Gilliamella in bees fed curcumin, vanillin and hesperidin.

While Gilliamella can be beneficial for honey bees, too much of the gut bacterium can negatively impact their health.

"Gilliamella is a common bacterium in honey bees — even healthy ones," said Jay Evans, research entomologist for the Bee Research Laboratory.

A gut bacterial imbalance could be bad for bees. If Gilliamella levels are high, then Gilliamella could take the place of other core bacteria. If bee diets or treatments help maintain a good mix of "good" bacteria in bees' guts, then this seems to help strengthen their immune responses, according to the study's results.

The 20 natural products used in the study included native extracts and individual compounds known to support immunity, have antiviral or antimicrobial properties and/or control parasites and pests.

Scientists researched these natural products as possible safer, cost-effective alternatives to antibiotics and synthetic chemicals. Understanding these natural products' effects can also help scientists determine better crops and flowers for bees' diets.

"Many of the natural products tested are recognized as safe components of the food supply and are potentially less expensive to produce," said Evans. "These results could also inform us on possible, healthier crops and flowers for bees. Bees foraging on crops or non-crop plantings of flowers that provide these benefits could naturally have better health."

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# STARS ALIGN TO CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS FILM ARTISTS



By Sandra Hale Schulman

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

A star-studded lineup of indigenous celebrities turned out for a special event honoring Native film at the new Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles.

Among those attending the private ceremony were Academy Award-winning musician Buffy Sainte-Marie, actors Wes Studi and Tantoo Cardinal, musician Robbie Robertson and academy trustee Ray Halbritter of the Oneida Indian Nation of New York.

The event was held November 6 during the opening week of Native American Heritage Month to showcase the museum's commitment to indigenous film artists, officials said.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the organization which hands out the Oscars, opened a stunning, seven-story, 300,000-square-foot museum on September 30 which draws on the history and magic of film-making.

Cinema has a long history in the Los Angeles area, built on the premise of making movies and turning people into movie stars. It's built on Tongva land, though indigenous actors and filmmakers didn't begin to get the respect or recognition they deserved until the 1970s.

The new Academy Museum seeks to offer celebratory, critical and personal perspectives on the disciplines and impact of moviemaking, past and present.

The special ceremony was preceded by two days of film screenings featuring indigenous films from the past 40 years, including *The Fast Runner* (2001), *Christmas at Moose Factory* (1971) and *Walking is Medicine* (2017).

The event honored award-winning indigenous artists.

Sainte-Marie, Cree, became the first indigenous person to win an Oscar, when in 1983, she won for her song, "Up Where We Belong," from the film *An Officer and a Gentleman*.

Studi, Cherokee, was awarded an Honorary Oscar for his decades of outstanding work in mainstream (*Hostiles*) and indie films (*Ronnie Bo Dean*).

Cardinal, Cree and Métis, was honored for her work in *Dances with Wolves* and other films since the 1970s.

And Robertson, a songwriter and musician of Mohawk and Cayuga descent, was recognized for his work which includes composing soundtracks for multiple Oscar-winning films by director Martin Scorsese — *Raging Bull*, *Casino*, *The Departed*. He is now working on the soundtrack and score for the upcoming *Killers of the Flower Moon*, based on the Osage murders in the 1920s.

The evening was kicked off with a blessing from Tongva spiritual leader Jimi Castillo. Other notable Native celebrities attending the event were Crystal Williams, Rudy Ortega, Stevie Salas

and Tishmall Turner.

On display in the museum are the clip of Sainte-Marie winning her Oscar, clips from the Scorsese movies with Robertson's film scores, performer Cher's wild Mohawk outfit she wore to present an Oscar in 1988 - the year before she won an Academy Award, and a looping clip of Sacheen Littlefeather's rejection of Marlon Brando's Oscar in 1973 over his protests of how Natives had been treated in film and in real life. Her speech was met with boos and cheers.

Bill Kramer, director and president of the Academy Museum, said in a statement the museum wants to tell stories of the industry.

"We are living in changing and ever-evolving times, and now more than ever, we need to come together to share our stories, learn from one another, and bond over being entertained and delighted," Kramer said. "This is what movies do, and we are thrilled to be opening such a dynamic, diverse and welcoming institution devoted to this beloved art form."

Jacqueline Stewart, chief artistic and programming officer of the Academy Museum, said officials want to engage visitors in conversations about the history of films and the impact cinema can have.

"We hope visitors will learn more about films they know and love, make new cinematic discoveries, and feel inspired to share their own stories," Stewart said in a statement.

A walk-through of the multi-storied building is a movie-lovers dream. Rotating galleries have displays focused on sets and props from the *Wizard of Oz*, and costumes from the silent era of the 1920s to contemporary outfits from recent hit movies. The shark from *Jaws*, named Bruce, hangs in the atrium.

The roof has a grand view of downtown Los Angeles and the Hollywood Hills. A 2,600-square-foot gift shop sells everything from miniature Oscar statues to T-shirts and other memorabilia. A café on the lower level called Fanny's, named after Fanny Brice, serves up coffee and sandwiches.

One of the most popular museum activities is The Oscars Experience in the East West Bank Gallery, an immersive simulation which allows visitors to step virtually onto the stage of the Dolby Theatre to accept an Academy Award.

You tell them your name, step onto a film stage and pick up a real Oscar (it weighs about eight pounds and is solid bronze, plated in 24K gold) and give your acceptance speech while they film it. A few minutes later, they e-mail you a professional-looking, edited video with the Academy logo announcing you as a winner. I bet it will fool your friends.

The museum will be presenting a roster of screenings — including Oscar Sundays and Family Matinees — in the 1,000-seat David Geffen Theater and the 288-seat Ted Mann Theater on the property.

The museum is on the same block as the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, filled with some of the best art in the world, and the La Brea Tar Pits, a prehistoric oddity of a real tar pit surrounded by a natural history museum and a park with excavation sites.

*Sandra Hale Schulman, Cherokee, has been writing about Native issues since 1994. She is an author of four books, has contributed to shows at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, The Grammy Museum and The Queens Museum and has produced three films on Native musicians.*

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and laws still apply. For more information about Free ORV Weekends, visit [Michigan.gov/ORVInfo](http://Michigan.gov/ORVInfo).

You can enjoy the outdoors and fish with your family, friends or make it a solo trip.

Want to know when future Free Fishing Weekends will be? The winter weekend is always the Saturday and Sunday of President's Day weekend and the summer weekend is always the Saturday and Sunday following the first full week of June.

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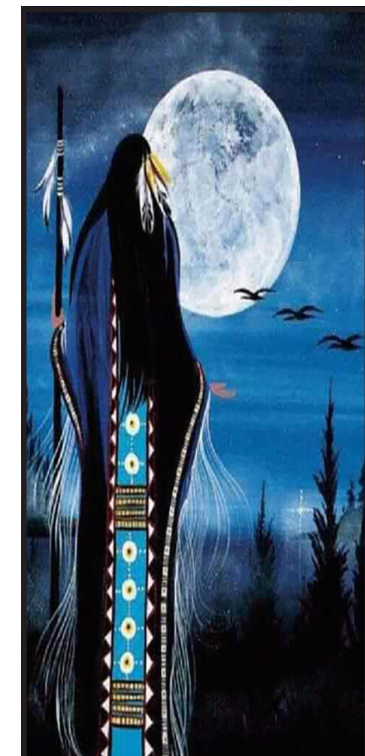
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# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



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**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting Minutes October 21, 2021 via ZOOM**

Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.  
 Closed Session: none  
 Opening Ceremony: Carla Osawamick  
 Roll call: Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

Absent: Councilor Fred Kiogima at time of roll call. Arrived at 9:05 a.m.  
 Legislative Office Staff: Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-La-Count, Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel James Bransky, Citizens Legal Assistance Attorney Cherie Dominic, Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz

Executive Officials and Staff: Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Human Resources Generalist Rose Pyant, Carla Osawamick, Health Director Jody Werner, Executive Director Unit II Daugherty Johnson, Natural Resources Department Conservation Enforcement Kevin Willis, Controller Cheryl Kishigo, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Browne, Elder's Outreach Coordinator, Holly LaCombe, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Language Department Project Coordinator Eva Oldman, Health Department Office Administrator Julie Janiske, Higher Education Specialist Kerstine Ome (Bennington), WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon, Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepp, Safety Coordinator Susan Gasco, Human Resources Administrative Assistant Veronica Sanders, Enrollment Data Entry Receptionist Lindsey Doerfler, Law Enforcement Officer Ryan Roberts, Education Director Jordan Shananaquet, Family Support Health Educator Cheyenne Kiogima, WOCTEP Student Advisor Michael Mondoskin

Judicial Officials and Staff: Chief Judge Allie Maldonado, Court Administrator Matthew Lesky, Sr Court Clerk Cynthia Brouckaert, Court Clerk Kathy McGraw, Administrative Assistant Jody Gasco

Corporate Charters: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation Nichols Peltier

Public: Ricky Compo, Dan Pierzynowski, Patrick Anthony, Brian Anthony, Sue Silva, Aubreyanna Mills Keshick, Beth Matteson, Doug Emery, Bernadece Boda, Judy Field, Christine Shomin, Jennifer Keller, Maanihnh Fonseca, Sue Silva, Frank Wesaw, Kerstine Ome (Bennington), Melanie Gasco, Wayne Ettawageshik, Ryan Roberts, Jennifer Keller 3709, Jasmine McFall, Renee Dillard, Melissa Shomin, Douglas Sprague, Cathy Bradley, Samantha Coleman, Kay..., Travis...

Invited Guest: none  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to Adopt the Agenda of October 21, 2021 as amended.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizen(s) who have walked on: Francis Boda, Carmen Chippewa, Gregory Keway, Louis Kiogima, David Norton, Mark Shawanibin, Theresa LeClair, Jerry Stromske, Philip Notari  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the minutes of September 16, 2021 as presented.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty

Van De Car and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the minutes of October 7, 2021 as presented.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**9:30 a.m.** Introduction of new Tribal Government Employees  
 Cheyenne Kiogima – Family Spirit Support Health Educator-absent-Rose updated  
 Elizabeth Matteson – Tribal Social Worker  
 Terrence McDonnell – Chief of Police

**General Counsel** – Closed session  
**9:24 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to enter into closed session for legal matters.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**10:17 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to return to open session.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to accept General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to accept General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Legal Department Office of Citizens Legal Assistance Report

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Office of Citizens Legal Assistance verbal and written Report as presented by Cherie Dominic for October 21, 2021. *Vote recorded below.*

**10:31 a.m.** Councilor Marty Van De Car left the meeting.  
 Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car) Motion carried.

Executive Oversight Report  
 Executive Director Unit II Daugherty Johnson, not all health workers are vaccinated, there is no mandate for being vaccinated.

Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon-update on level at for COVID maintenance, Guests entering building will now be escorted to departments. Health park created flow charts for close contact employees. Eagle Aviary just got approved for \$500,000 support through donations and foundations. Goal is \$700,000. Blood drive at Odawa Casino Resort on November 3, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car) Motion carried.

Legislative Leader Report  
**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept Legislative Leader Emily Proctor's verbal report for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car) Motion carried.

Secretary Report  
 Documents Delivered to the Executive:  
 TRIBAL RESOLUTION #100721-01 To Approve the Negotiation of an HS Section 105 Lease(s) for the Health Park Facility Building(s). Signed by Executive.  
 TRIBAL RESOLUTION #100721-02 To recognize "Indigenous Peoples Day" as a Tribal Holiday. Signed by the Executive  
 Vetoes: NONE  
 Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: NONE

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to accept Secretary Marcella Reyes verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to accept Secretary Marcella Reyes verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to accept Secretary Marcella Reyes verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to accept Secretary Marcella Reyes verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car) Motion carried.

Treasurer Report  
**Appropriations and Finance Committee**

-Last Meeting: October 12, 2021  
*(Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting):*

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-01 Request for Funding from Office of Native American Programs Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) Indian Housing Block Grant Program FY 2022.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-02 Indian Housing Block Grant Program – Competitive Grants Program FY 2021. Request for Funding from Office of Native American Programs Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA).  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Note:** Certified Motion 102121-03 Approval of FY 2022 – FY 2025 Trib-

ceptance of COVID-19 Related Funds Received under Tribal Resolution 032420-01 COVID-19 Suspension of Deadlines 3rd Quarter 2021.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to refer the following Tribal Resolutions to Tribal Council for consideration without the Appropriation and Finance Committee recommendation to approve or disapprove:  
 American Rescue Plan Funds TRIBAL RESOLUTION: Authorization of the COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Program that allows a five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payment to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Citizens and Employee to come from American Rescue Plan Act ("ARP") funds, for a total of \$2,450,000.

Tribal Resolution: Use of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds in the Amount of \$6,800,000.00.  
 Tribal Resolution: Use of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds in the Amount of \$16,880,589.80, 2021 Budget modification that uses \$6.8MM of the ARPA funding to replace \$6.8MM of revenue from Odawa Casino Resort, \$16,870,589.80 General Resolution that allows for:  
 \$3,080,589.80 to the Department of Commerce for micro-grants to help tribal enterprises and tribally owned businesses with COVID Relief mitigation. This will program will be similar to what was done with the CARES funding.  
 \$2,000,000.00 for Utility Water / Sewer Upgrades  
 \$5,000,000.00 set-aside for a new health facility  
 \$4,000,000.00 set-aside for Indian town elder housing  
 \$1,000,000.00 set-aside for modular housing at Heying Road property  
 \$1,800,000.00 for Tribal Government COVID mitigation  
 \$2,500,000 appropriation for an additional COVID Relief payment (similar program to the \$1500 appropriation earlier this summer). Funding to come from \$500,000 of remaining CARES funding and \$2,000,000 to come from ARPA funding.  
 \$1,000,000 to come from General Fund, Fund Balance for a cost match for a \$5,000,000 IHBG grant for the build out of the Murray Road Property (Grants are currently working on).  
 2021 Per-Cap Resolution \$1,250,000 for \$270 per 4,481 citizens to come from General Fund, Fund Balance.  
 Tribal Citizen's proposed Plan that contains:  
 \$1,500 payment June/July 2021 to Citizens  
 \$1,500 payment October/November 2021 to Citizens  
 \$1,500 payment May/June 2022 to Citizens  
 \$5,000,000 Build or Buy Housing  
 \$2,000,000 Wastewater Upgrades  
 \$1,000,000 (\$400 monthly day-care stipend for 1 year to Heads of households who have kids born since 12/31/2009)  
 \$601,000 (\$500 additional k-12 scholarship for 3 years)  
 \$1,000,000 (\$200 one-time internet stipend per Citizen)  
 \$2,500,000 (OCR Compensation fund)  
 \$1,483,389 (\$70 weekly premium pay for hourly employees excluding overtime)  
 Allocate to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation (d/b/a Odawa Property Managers), for the Purpose of Building Affordable and High-quality Living Units in the Amount of \$5,000,000.00 to come from American Rescue Plan Act ("ARP") Funds.  
 TRIBAL RESOLUTION: Per Capita Distribution Supplemental funding in the Amount of \$1,250,000.00 from 2021 Odawa Casino Revenue in excess of 2021 Budgeted Amounts.  
 Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-04 Request for Funding from the Indian Health Service FY 2022 – FY 2026 Special Diabetes Program for Indians.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-05 Request for Funding from Economic Development Administration Economic Assistance Programs FY 2020.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-06 Request for Funding from the Indian Health Service BE-MAR Funds FY 2021.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-07 Authorization and Support of Applications for and Ac-

ceptance of COVID-19 Related Funds Received under Tribal Resolution 032420-01 COVID-19 Suspension of Deadlines 3rd Quarter 2021.  
 Vote: 3 -yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-08 Request for Funding from the Olsson Foundation Eagle Aviary and Rehabilitation Funds.  
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carried.

**10/21/21 Reason for Phone Poll:** Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-08 Request for Funding from the Olsson Foundation Eagle Aviary and Rehabilitation Funds.  
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carried.

**10/21/21 Reason for Phone Poll:** Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-08 Request for Funding from the Olsson Foundation Eagle Aviary and Rehabilitation Funds.  
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car) Motion carried.

**Land and Reservation Committee**  
 -Last Meeting: October 15, 2021  
 (Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting):  
 Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-03 Approval of FY 2022 – FY 2025 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.  
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent, Motion carried.  
 -Next Meeting: November 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers  
 -Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee:  
 10/08/21 Reason for Phone Poll: Posted 10/7/2021 Motion to approve an October 15, 2021 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting at 9:00 a.m.  
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carried.

**11:09 a.m.** Councilor Marty Van De Car arrived.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Marcella Reyes, Committee Chairperson for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0-absent Motion carried.  
**Councilor Melissa Pamp** – Will bring proposed legislation regarding safety measures and a task force. Statute for Charters for transparency with open meetings monthly and continuation of service after term expires until a new appointment for the position talks place. Joined on line for Building Strong Sovereign Nations.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Melissa Pamp verbal report for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.  
**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to amend the agenda to include Councilor William Ortiz Tribal Council member report.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

- January 4 Work Session
- January 6 Council Meeting
- January 18 Work Session
- January 20 Council Meeting
- February 1 Work Session
- February 3 Council Meeting
- February 15 Work Session
- February 17 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**
- Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader
  - Marcella Reyes, Secretary
  - Leroy Shomin, Treasurer
  - Tamara Kiogima, Councilor
  - Aaron Otto, Councilor
  - Melissa Pamp, Councilor
  - Marty Van De Car, Councilor
  - Fred Kiogima, Councilor
  - William Ortiz, Councilor

*al Transportation Improvement Plan, not submitted to Appropriations and Finance Committee.*

*Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-04 Request for Funding from the Indian Health Service FY 2022 – FY 2026 Special Diabetes Program for Indians.*

*Vote: 3 -yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.*

*Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-05 Request for Funding from Economic Development Administration Economic Assistance Programs FY 2020.*

*Vote: 3 -yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.*

*Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-06 Request for Funding from the Indian Health Service BE-MAR Funds FY 2021.*

*Vote: 3 -yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.*

*Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-07 Authorization and Support of Applications for and Ac-*

funds received from the Housing Department's Market Rate Rental Program Carryover over each Fiscal Year.  
 Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION: Carryover of unspent funds in the amount of \$229,450.00 for the work on the Cross Village Campground.  
 Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

-Next Meeting: Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers  
 -Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee:  
**09/17/2021 Reason for Phone Poll:** Motion to approve sponsoring a Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 4:30pm – 7:00pm, regarding the American Rescue Plan funding uses; and to approve the posting of a notice for the Public Hearing.  
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent, Motion carried.

**10/21/21 Reason for Phone Poll:** Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-08 Request for Funding from the Olsson Foundation Eagle Aviary and Rehabilitation Funds.  
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car) Motion carried.

**Land and Reservation Committee**  
 -Last Meeting: October 15, 2021  
 (Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting):  
 Motion made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima CERTIFIED MOTION # 102121-03 Approval of FY 2022 – FY 2025 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.  
 Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent, Motion carried.  
 -Next Meeting: November 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers  
 -Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee:  
 10/08/21 Reason for Phone Poll: Posted 10/7/2021 Motion to approve an October 15, 2021 Land and Reservation Committee Meeting at 9:00 a.m.  
 Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent Motion carried.

**11:09 a.m.** Councilor Marty Van De Car arrived.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Secretary Marcella Reyes, Committee Chairperson for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0-absent Motion carried.

**Councilor Melissa Pamp** – Will bring proposed legislation regarding safety measures and a task force. Statute for Charters for transparency with open meetings monthly and continuation of service after term expires until a new appointment for the position talks place. Joined on line for Building Strong Sovereign Nations.  
**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Melissa Pamp verbal report for October 21, 2021.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to amend the agenda to include Councilor William Ortiz Tribal Council member report.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

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 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

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 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

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 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

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 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

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 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to amend the agenda to include Councilor William Ortiz Tribal Council member report.  
 Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

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**Tribal Council Member Reports:** (future meeting agendas list all Tribal Council to give reports)

**Motion** made by Councilor Aaron Otto and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to amend the agenda to include all Tribal Council member reports.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Councilor William Ortiz** - attending 2020 Consent Decree meetings.

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of Councilor William Ortiz verbal Tribal Council member report for October 21, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Councilor Tamara Kiogima** – Attended the meeting Monday on Missing Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force, the Building Sovereign Nations, the Holy Childhood trauma gatherings, Renee Dillard Women’s circle.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Tamara Kiogima verbal report for October 21, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**11:25 a.m.** Break. Councilor William Ortiz left the meeting.

**11:35 a.m.** Meeting resumed.

**Legislative Office Reports**

**Office of Finance and Revenue Senior Financial Analyst update:**

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Tribal Burial Board, Inc.-no report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.-no report

Ziibimijwang, Inc.-no report

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation, Inc.-no report

Gaming Authority-no report

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Authority Odawa Casino Resort 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter update and September 2021 update dated October 19, 2021.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 1-abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car, 1-absent (Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcela Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for October 21, 2021.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Councilor William Ortiz) Motion carried.

**Tribal Historic Preservation Officer**-no report

**Legislative Services Attorney** – update-report continues after Public Comment.

**11:58 a.m.** Public Comment opened: Patrick Anthony happy to hear Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. report. Is anyone paying lease/lot rent? Are we charging the Health Department for the vacant building? Trying to be more supportive.

Jordan Shananaquet announced Halloween drive through even, book drive and other such events. Would like volunteers for a backup list.

Amanda Swiss – do not mandate vaccines. It is wrong to dictate what we put in our bodies.

Rose Pyant supports science and vaccinations.

Patrick Anthony supports mandating vaccines.

Donna Budnick looks forward to Tribal Council work session regarding a vaccine mandate.

Kenney Dewy supports vaccine mandates.

Maanih Fonseca supports vaccine mandates.

Lyndsey Doerfler supports more of a vaccine encouragement especially for these still unvaccinated at Health clinic. Maybe a \$10 gift card.

Bernadece Boda need to motivate Citizens and employees to get vaccinated. Should not award employees who are not vaccinated by letting them work from home. Does not support Grandparents’ Rights Statutes.

**12:15 p.m.** Public Comment closed **Legislative Services Attorney Report continues**

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima

to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick’s verbal and written report for October 21, 2021.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent (Councilor William Ortiz)

**12:16 a.m.** Lunch Break

**1:02 p.m.** Meeting resumed

Legislative Office Manager

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-La-Count’s verbal and written report for October 21, 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to appoint Rose Pyant to the Elder’s Commission for the remainder of a 4-year term ending October 13, 2025.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**(The Tribal Prosecutor shall be appointed by an affirmative vote of six (6) of the nine (9) members of the Tribal Council.)**

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to appoint Jana Simmons as Tribal Prosecutor for a 3-year term ending October 21, 2024.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Certified Motion #102121-01 Request for Funding from Office of Native American Programs Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) Indian Housing Block Grant Program FY 2022.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to approve Certified Motion #102121-02 Request for Funding from Office of Native American Programs Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) Indian Housing Block Grant Program – Competitive Grants Program FY 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** Secretary Marcella Reyes and Councilor William Ortiz to approve Certified Motion #102121-03 Approval of FY 2022 – FY 2025 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve Certified Motion #102121-04 Request for Funding from the Indian Health Service FY 2022 – FY 2026 Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to approve Certified Motion #102121-05 Request for Funding from Economic Development Administration Economic Assistance Programs FY 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to approve Certified Motion #102121-06 Request for Funding from the Indian Health Service BEMAR Funds FY 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve Certified Motion #102121-07 Authorization and Support of Applications for and Acceptance of COVID-19 Related Funds Received under Tribal Resolution 032420-01 COVID-19 Suspension of Deadlines 3rd Quarter 2021.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to approve the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. Corporate Charter.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Enrollment List-A Eligible for Citizenship dated

October 19, 2021 for a total of 8.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to approve Enrollment List-B Declination Ineligible dated October 19, 2021 for a total of 3.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to approve Certified Motion #102121-08 To Restrict a Portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) Funds for Affordable Housing Development in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000).

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy II.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION Authorization of the COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy II that allows a one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) payment to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Citizens to come from Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) and American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION: Indian Housing Block Service Grants (IHBG) matching support supplemental funding in the Amount of \$1,000,000.00 from General Fund – Fund Balance.

Roll call vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION: Per Capita Distribution Supplemental funding in the Amount of \$1,250,000.00 from 2021 Odawa Casino Revenue in excess of 2021 Budgeted Amounts.

Roll call vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION: Carryover of unspent funds in the amount of \$229,450.00 for the work on the Cross Village Campground.

Roll call vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion Carried.

**2:45 p.m.** Councilor Melissa Pamp exits meeting.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION: To Authorize and Approve any Funds Received from the Housing Department Market Rate Rental Program Carryover Each Fiscal Year.

Roll call vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes,

Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION: To utilize of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) Funds in the amount of One Million Eight Hundred thousand (\$1,800,000.00) for the purposed Tribal government COVID-19 Mitigation, Staff Safety, programming to address disparities to build stronger community and address educational disparities due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Roll call vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION: To utilize of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) Funds in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Eighty Cents. (\$1,607,789.80) for the purposes of Assistance to Businesses from the Department of Commerce.

Roll call vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution: To utilize of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) Funds in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purposes of Utility Water Sewer Upgrades.

Roll call vote: Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor William Ortiz-yes, Councilor Aaron Otto-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-absent, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Secretary Marcella Reyes-yes, Treasurer Leroy Shomin-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes Motion Carried.

**3:06 p.m.** Public Comment opened:

Patrick Anthony would like to continue conversation about water treatment. Should we be considering the housing that we do have?

Marvin Mulholland curious if we could use the COVID Relief form currently on line or will there be an updated form to fill out.

**3:11 p.m.** Councilor William Ortiz left the meeting.

Amanda Swiss agrees with Bernadece Boda on the Grandparent Statute it is inappropriate to let the Court make decisions that the parents should be making.

Bernadece Boda said Tribe is not taking Tribal preference seriously in government or casino, point in case Tribal Prosecutor. Deadline for relief payment is not unreasonable to give a deadline as November... and ARP funding should have a longer deadline.

Patrick Anthony, should we look if any water upgrades need to be done with housing.

Wayne Ettawageshik asked if the Marriott is giving any money for the upgrading of the treatment plant since they are on Tribal land.

Bernadece Boda wanted to acknowledge everyone who took an active role in the ARP funding to help Citizens. Would like people to know the next step in process this resolution.

**3:22 p.m.** Public Comment closed.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to amend the agenda to include Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy II as revised.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor William Ortiz and Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to Approve Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy II as revised.

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor William Ortiz and Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carried.

**3:32 p.m.** Motion to adjourn Councilor Tamara Kiogima and Treasurer Leroy Shomin.

Councilor William Ortiz and Councilor Melissa Pamp absent

Vote: 7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 2-absent (Councilor William Ortiz and Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

**November 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom**

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.

Secretary Marcella Reyes Date

### The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting Minutes November 4, 2021 via ZOOM

Call to Order: **9:02 a.m.**

Opening ceremony: Renee “Wasson” Dillard

Closed Session: Yes

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

Absent: Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Leroy Shomin

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee

Corporate Charters Present: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation (OEAHC) Chairwoman Denise Steffel, OEAHC Secretary Jeremy Steele, OEAHC Board Member Meredith Kennedy and Administrative Assistant Nichlos Peltier; Ziibimijwang, Inc. Chairperson Joe VanAlstine

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Education Department WOCTEP Administrative Assistant Mary Schneider, Planning Department Administrative Assistant Shari Temple, Education Department WOCTEP Lead Student Advisor Ben Hinmon, Accounting Department Controller Cheryl Kishigo, Planning Department Director Amanda Swiss, Human Resources Director Denise Petoskey, Education Department Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepp, Natural Resources Department Office Coordinator Debra Smithkey-Browne, Housing Department Administrative Assistant Heidi Bosma

Judicial Officials and Staff: None  
Public: Renee “Wasson” Dillard, Wayne Ettawageshik, Patrick Anthony, Marvin Mulholland, Melissa Shomin, Ricky Compo, Bernadece Boda, Douglas Sprague, Samantha Coleman

Invited Guest: None

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to Adopt the Agenda of November 4, 2021 as amended.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 2 Absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Review and Approve Minutes of October 21, 2021.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to TABLE the approval of minutes for October 21, 2021 until the November 18, 2021 Tribal Council Meeting.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 2 Absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Leroy Shomin) Motion carries.

Legislative Office Reports:

**9:15 a.m. General Counsel**

**9:27 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal Matters.

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*“Minutes” continued from page 24.*

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 2 Absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Leroy Shomin)  
Motion carries.

**10:02 a.m.** Treasurer Leroy Shomin arrives

**10:04 a.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to return to Open Session.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car)  
Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of General Counsel Jim Bransky’s verbal report for November 4, 2021.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Marty Van De Car)  
Motion carries.

**10:00 a.m. Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation** – 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by Executive Director Shanna Kishigo for November 4, 2021.

**10:52 a.m.** Councilor Marty Van De Car arrives

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation report continues.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0 Absent

Motion carries.

Executive Oversight Report:

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

Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley will be out of the office for the next two days.

Uptick of COVID-19 cases in our Tribal community. The Tribal government Administration Building will be closed until Monday, November 8, 2021.

Construction continues on the Administration Building reception area.

Positive COVID-19 cases are going down in Emmet County, MI.

COVID home testing kits were mailed out to Tribal Citizens.

The Human Resources Department delivered COVID home testing kits to our non-Native employees.

The Tribal Health Clinic is scheduling COVID booster shots.

Will begin scheduling COVID vaccinations for 5-12 year olds.

No Elder luncheon services today.

There will be a Veteran’s Breakfast on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the Odawa Casino Resort for Tribal Citizens and community Veterans. This event is sponsored by Odawa Casino Resort and North Central Michigan College.

Sixty-six (66) attended the Youth Department ‘Dine If You Dare’ feast on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

One hundred twenty-five (125) attended the Tribal Government sponsored Trunk-or-Treating on Friday, October 29, 2021.

**11:00 a.m.** Councilor William Ortiz exits meeting.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon for November 4, 2021.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor William Ortiz)  
Motion carries.

**11:00 a.m. Ziibimijwang, Inc.** – 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the verbal and written Ziibimijwang, Inc. 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report as presented by Chairperson Joe VanAlstine for November 4, 2021.

**Public Comment:**

**11:47 a.m.** Opens

Melissa Shomin commented she was thankful for Public Comment, Tribal Council for all of their hard work, and to the charters who presented their reports today. She has not received a response to an email she sent to both the Executive and Tribal Council regarding an incident that occurred at Odawa Casino Resort. Her email was sent two weeks ago. She would like a response.

Ricky Compo thanked Joe VanAlstine and the farm. Likes to see folks

shopping at their farm market stand in Charlevoix. He really hopes Ziibimijwang, Inc. can take over the Berg contract.

Meredith Kennedy would like clarification as to Ziibimijwang being incorporated or an LLC. She is conducting a Healing Circle, through Grass Roots, for all Citizens who may have experienced boarding school trauma.

Mary Schneider commented there will be a Craft Show this Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the Brutus Red School House.

Amanda Swiss commented it is discriminatory practice to compensate vaccinated employees for Paid Time Off (PTO) when quarantined due to work exposure (COVID) and not compensate unvaccinated employees. Close contact vaccinated employees should be allowed to quarantine in their offices. This is an unnecessary risk.

Bernadece Boda commented all Tribal Council meetings should begin with prayer. The meeting goes more smoothly and everyone works together. The Odawa Casino Resort COVID compensation fund needs to mirror the policy of the Tribal Government otherwise it violates the Fair Employment Statute. Supports the Tribe should they implement a mask mandate for all of Tribal Government and all business entities. She is not in favor of the Grandparent and Grandchild Visitation Statute.

Patrick Anthony commented it took him two hours to get his grandchildren ready for school. Doesn’t know how parents do it all.

Ricky Compo commented he is not in favor of building a new Health Park.

Bernadece Boda commented she is not in favor of building a new Health Park. Cultural teachings are up to parents to decide.

Patrick Anthony commented our culture and language was abolished by western civilization. Who is going to pass this on to our children?

Renee Dillard commented she is looking forward to working out a solution for the Grandparent and Grandchild Visitation Statute at the next Tribal Council Work Session.

Bernadece Boda commented it is still up to the parents to determine grandparent visitation rights and cultural teachings.

**12:05 p.m.** Closed

Ziibimijwang, Inc. vote continues.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor William Ortiz)  
Motion carries.

**12:08 p.m.** Lunch break

**1:01 p.m.** Meeting resumes

**Tribal Council Officer Reports:**  
**Legislative Leader Report**  
**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal and written report for November 4, 2021.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 2 Absent (Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor William Ortiz)

Motion carries.

**Secretary Report**

Documents Delivered and signed by the Executive on October 22, 2021:  
*Tribal Resolution # 102121-01 To utilize of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) Funds in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purposes of Utility Water Sewer Upgrades.*

*Tribal Resolution # 102121-02 To utilize of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) Funds in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Eighty Cents. (\$1,607,789.80) for the purposes of Assistance to Businesses from the Department of Commerce.*

**1:09 p.m.** Councilor Tamara Kiogima arrives

*Tribal Resolution # 102121-03 To utilize of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) Funds in the amount of One Million Eight Hundred thousand (\$1,800,000.00) for the purposes Tribal government COVID-19 Mitigation, Staff Safety, programming to address disparities to build stronger community and address educational disparities due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

*Tribal Resolution # 102121-04 To Authorize and Approve any funds received from the Housing Department’s Market Rate Rental Program Carryover each Fiscal Year.*

*Tribal Resolution # 102121-05 Carry-*

*over of unspent funds in the amount of \$229,450.00 for the work on the Cross Village Campground.*

*Tribal Resolution # 102121-06 Indian Housing Block Service Grants (IHBG) matching support supplemental funding in the Amount of \$1,000,000.00 from General Fund – Fund Balance.*

*Tribal Resolution # 102121-07 Per Capita Distribution Supplemental funding in the Amount of \$1,250,000.00 from 2021 Odawa Casino Revenue in excess of 2021 Budgeted Amounts.*

*Tribal Resolution 102121-08 Authorization of the COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy II that allows a one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) payment to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Citizens to come from Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) and American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) funds.*

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

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: None

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Secretary Marcella Reyes’ verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for November 4, 2021.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor William Ortiz)

Motion carries.

**Treasurer Report**

Appropriations and Finance Committee

-Last Meeting: October 12, 2021 (Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council at the October 21, 2021 Meeting.)

-Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee:

**10/20/2021 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION Request for Funding from the Oleson Foundation Eagle Aviary and Rehabilitation Funds.**

Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

-Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 t 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Treasurer activities: Met with Sovereign Finance’s Chuck Freemont to discuss investments throughout Indian Country.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Committee Chair for November 4, 2021.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor William Ortiz)

Motion carries.

**Land and Reservation Committee**  
-Last Meeting: October 15, 2021 (Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting were presented to Tribal Council at the October 21, 2021 Meeting.)

-Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: None

-Next Meeting: Friday, November 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Councilor Aaron Otto, Committee Chairperson for November 4, 2021.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor William Ortiz)

Motion carries.

**Tribal Council Member Reports:**  
Councilor Fred Kiogima – No report  
Councilor Tamara Kiogima – Finalizing the Indigenous scholarships with Ted Halsted and the Harbor Springs Community Foundation. As the Title VI Coordinator for Harbor Springs School District, the school district received COVID-19 funding and is looking for Tribal Citizens who reside in Harbor Springs, Michigan and Tribal Council input.

Councilor William Ortiz - Absent  
Councilor Aaron Otto – Spent time clearing up comments made on Facebook. Tribal Councilors need to clearly state information.

**1:24 p.m.** Councilor William Ortiz arrives.

Councilor Melissa Pamp – No report  
Legislative Leader Emily Proctor – No additional report

Councilor William Ortiz – Request-

ing Closed Session. Will go into closed session at the end of today’s meeting.

Secretary Marcella Reyes – No report

Treasurer Leroy Shomin – No additional report

Councilor Marty Van De Car – Submitted his name to be elected to the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for a 3-year term. He will be providing a Native perspective to their meetings.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Aaron Otto, and Councilor Marty Van De Car’s verbal reports for November 4, 2021.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained (Councilor William Ortiz), 0 Absent  
Motion carries.

**Legislative Office Reports continued:**

**Office of Finance and Revenue - Senior Financial Analyst**

Office Update – Absent. Sent written report.

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Tribal Burial Board, Inc. – No report

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. – No report

Gaming Authority – No report

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Treasurer Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for November 4, 2021.

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Tribal Historic Preservation Officer**

– No report

**Legislative Services Attorney**

The Isaac family is having a ‘drive through’ Ghost Supper on Saturday, November 13, 2021 beginning at 4:30 p.m. A sacred fire will be lit. Everyone is welcome.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick’s verbal and written report for November 4, 2021.

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Legislative Office Manager** – No report

**1:52 p.m.** Break

**2:00 p.m.** Meeting resumes

Tribal Council Action Items:

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Secretary Marcella Reyes to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 110421-01 Request for Funding from the Oleson Foundation, Eagle Aviary and Rehabilitation Funds.

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination for Jon Shawa to the Elders Commission and set up an interview.

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination for Lance Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Af-

fairs Holding Corporation and set up an interview.

Vote: 8 Yes, 1 No (Treasurer Leroy Shomin), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Aaron Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Nomination for Ben Hinmon to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and set up an interview.

Vote: 5 Yes, 4 No (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Treasurer Leroy Shomin, Secretary Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to approve the Tribal Council 2022 Regular Work Session and Meeting Schedule.

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

Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to repost LEG-298 draft Grandparent and Grandchild Visitation Statute to the Tribal Website for comment as sponsored by Councilor Tamara Kiogima.

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to Post for Comment the draft Child Protection Statute to the Tribal Website as sponsored by Councilor Marty Van De Car and Councilor Tamara Kiogima.

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Other Items of Business:**  
Tribal Council Member Report – Councilor William Ortiz

**2:14 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor William Ortiz and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for Confidential Legal Matters.

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**4:00 p.m. Motion** made by Secretary Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to return to Open Session.

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Councilor William Ortiz’ verbal report for November 4, 2021.

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

**4:01 p.m.** Opens

No public comments made.

**4:03 p.m.** Closed

**Adjournment:**


**4:04 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor William Ortiz to adjourn.

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

Next Scheduled Meeting  
Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom


These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected.

Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary Date



**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**

**NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements**



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

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

**LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:**

**911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770**  
**231-242-1500**

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## CREATING A SEPARATION PLAN AND PREPAREDNESS KIT



By StrongHearts Native Helpline

It has been a long time coming, but you've made up your mind. It's time to escape a life of domestic and sexual violence and leave an abusive partner. You're scared and for good reason. Danger increases when leaving an abusive partner because they often lash out to regain control over their partner. It is imperative you carefully navigate the following process.

You are the best judge of your own safety. Consider a safety plan — a personalized, practical plan which includes ways to remain safe while in an abusive relationship, planning to leave or after you leave. Safety plans can be continuously updated even if you return to a partner who is abusive.

### Separation Plan

A separation plan can help you to safely leave an abusive partner. A preparedness kit contains documents, clothing and comfort items needed to stay away from home for an extended period of time. Once you complete your separation plan and preparedness kit, be sure to keep any documentation of them in an accessible but secure location and/or consider storing them with a trusted friend, family member or advocate.

### The Escape Route

The important first step to creating a separation plan is being mindful of your surroundings and to plan an escape route from any room in the home. You may also want to identify alternate routes to the grocery store, school and/or work. Practice using escape routes regularly. When tensions are starting to escalate, plan to do the following:

- Try to be in a room close to an exit and/or plan an escape route from any room in the home.
- Look for potential exits through windows and practice using them.
- Stay away from the kitchen where the abuser has access to weapons.
- Stay away from bathrooms, closets or small spaces where the abuser can trap you.

If the violence escalates, call for help. Call

911, a close relative, friend or neighbor.

### Assemble a Preparedness Kit

When assembling a preparedness kit, pack a bag with a change of clothes for you (and your children) and include comfort items. Store the preparedness kit outside of the home either with a trusted neighbor, friend or relative or keep it in a secret location where you can safely retrieve it. Important documents can be included or stored separately.

Important documents include:

- Identification
- Tribe-issued enrollment card
- Driver's License or State ID
- School ID(s)
- Passport(s)
- Social security card(s)
- Birth certificate(s)
- Health insurance card(s)
- Copy of Protection/Restraining Order
- Marriage, divorce and custody papers
- Vehicle registration and insurance
- Lease or rental agreements

Important items include:

- A change of clothes for you (and your child)
- An extra cell phone and/or cell phone charger
- Extra set of house and car keys
- Medication (e.g., asthma inhaler, insulin, Epi-Pen)
- Cash or ATM card
- Personal items such as your medicines, smudge and sentimental items
- Comfort items such as a favorite stuffed animal, blankets and baby supplies (formula, diapers and wipes).

### There Is Hope

There is hope in planning to leave an abusive relationship. You can escape violence. You can call for help. StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 to support all victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence regardless of relationship status, gender identity or sexual preference. To speak with an advocate, call or text 1-844-672-8483 or chat online at [strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org)

Other resources include the National Domestic Violence Hotline, call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY); Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women, call 1-888-7HELPLINE (1-888-743-5754); and the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline, call 1-866-331-9474 or 1-866-331-8453 (TTY).

*Preparedness kit adapted from information from The National Domestic Violence Hotline.*

*Courtesy graphic.*



# AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND AND PENDLETON WOOLEN MILLS NAME CHELYSA OWENS-CYR AS 2021 TRIBAL COLLEGE BLANKET CONTEST WINNER



nature and Native people are one, which inspired the title "Unity."

Owens-Cyr is a self-taught contemporary ledger artist, bead worker, graphic designer and painter whose work is influenced by her family and culture. She uses art to share her personal teachings, beliefs, stories and visions. She said, "The College Fund has helped me a lot through scholarships. And Pendleton is one of my favorite brands. They work with the artist to get it (the work) as close to our vision as possible. I'm living the dream at such a young age because I have always wanted to be a graphic artist. This just adds to my art journey, which is a good feeling. I would like to give a huge thank you to Pendleton Woolen Mills and the American Indian College Fund for giving this amazing opportunity to tribal college students and allowing others and me to showcase our art and talents and share our visions with you."

President Haven Gourneau of Fort Peck Community College said, "It was a proud moment for Fort Peck Community College for Chelysa to be chosen from so many other talented student artists." She noted Owens-Cyr also designed the college's logo and her artwork is part of the community, social media and her education. "It's all part of the circle."

Cheryl Crazy Bull, President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund, said, "Our students are gifted in their artistic abilities and the College Fund appreciates the opportunity to work with Pendleton to highlight those gifts and to support the resources students need to succeed in college. We are especially appreciative of the abilities of our students to take their life experiences and their

cultural knowledge and create beauty that can be shared with others."

Unity will be available for purchase in spring 2022.

The Tribal College Blanket Design Contest is open to all Native American TCU students. The contest provides a new, high-profile platform to recognize and develop the work of promising artists and to raise the voices and representation of Native students and TCUs through internationally distributed products. Located in remote, rural areas and on Indian reservations, TCUs provide a critical link to higher education, career advancement and indigenous knowledge for some of the nation's poorest and least-connected Native communities. Every year, the College Fund provides millions of dollars to thousands of TCU students; the blanket design contest adds to that support while elevating Native art, culture and stories.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 Tribal College Blanket Design Contest. Submission guidelines and applications are available on the College Fund's website at <https://collegefund.org/pendletoncontest>. Any Native TCU student can submit up to two designs. Formal artistic study and textile design experience are not required.

Design winners are selected each year by a committee comprised of Native American artists along with College Fund and Pendleton staff.

Prizes include:

Grand Prize winners: \$2,000 cash, a \$5,000 scholarship and six of the winning blankets.

Second Place winners: \$500 cash and a \$2,500 scholarship.

Third Place winners: \$250 cash and a \$1,500 scholarship.

Courtesy photos.



Owens-Cyr says the design represents unity with the border comprised of multiple Lakota-style geometric tipis depicting a village. The squares represent the people or families who live in the village. Above the tipis, geometric morning stars represent those still visible before the sun rises (with the yellow-to-orange background fade symbolizing sunrise). In the middle of the design, a Holy Dog or horse, indicates strength and unity with the lightning on the horse symbolizing speed and agility and the circle around the horse's eye demonstrating strong vision. Owens-Cyr says the overall design depicts how

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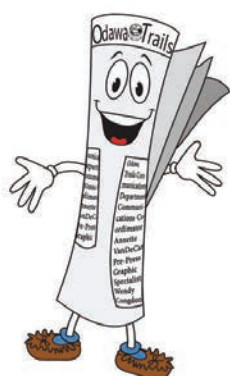
\*No bones and away from home eating dishes. \*\*Protein foods include meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and nuts.

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# FRANK BLYTHE AND FRANCENE BLYTHE-LEWIS – FATHER AND DAUGHTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMPLETE A CIRCLE DURING VISION MAKER MEDIA'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY

By **Liz Hill**, Red Lake Ojibwe

The year was 1972. A group of 45 public television stations, primarily from the western United States, were brought together with the help of a Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) grant for a three-day meeting at historic Wingspread, the Lloyd Wright House at the Johnson Foundation in Racine, WI. Frank Blythe (Eastern Cherokee/Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota) was one of the participants. He was one of only six Native attendees who were working in public television at the time.

“The purpose (of the gathering) was to see if it was feasible to put together an organization that could serve Native American producers and serve public television with Native programs,” said Blythe, whose professional experience at that time was in operation management at KAET-TV, a public television station licensed at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ.

Blythe, Claude Kistler (retired general manager KSPS-TV, Spokane, WA), George Burdeau (Spokane Public Television), Gilbert Frazier (Utah Public Television), Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (South Dakota Public Television), Bruce Barrett (South Dakota Public Television) and John Maestas (KBYU FM, Provo, UT) met as a committee.

“They put us in a room and told us to come out with a mission, organizational structure and a plan,” said Blythe. “We had no experience in organizing anything other than our own projects. Finally, we came out with an organization called Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium (NAPBC) which was to be a membership organization. The purpose would be to produce and distribute Native American programs to public television.”

“How we were going to do that, we weren't sure, but that was the primary purpose of how it got started — the stations backed us up and they all gave us some seed money to get organized and get started and we went from there,” said Blythe. “CPB came on board in 1976 and helped with funding, and that's how we got started. This is (also) when we started the organization at Nebraska Public Media in Lincoln, NE.”

In 1976, Blythe was hired



as the first executive director of NAPBC, which after some years was renamed Native American Public Telecommunications and, finally, Vision Maker Media in 2013.

“Our mission (back then) was to create an organization that served Native American populations and brought their films and media to the public,” said Blythe, who led the organization until 2006. “The outlet we used was PBS because we were funded by CPB. We were expected to produce materials that were distributed to PBS.”

“The original goal was to show the American public that Native peoples exist; they have survived, and they continue to serve in their communities and work with their individual communities within their states ... I feel we gave a positive view of some of them although some had sorrowful histories from the past,” said Blythe. “Those stories were also presented and created discussion and story making that would have not otherwise been seen in public television.”

Documentary filmmaker Sydney Bean (Flandreau Santee Sioux), one of Frank's longest standing friends from early childhood and affiliated with Blythe through their mutual television work for many years and as a board member for NAPBC and, later, for Vision Maker Media, has watched the organization grow and flourish over the years.

“Both of us had some early experience in television, particularly focusing on Native American stories and Native issues,” said Bean. “This was back in the early 70s, a time when Native storytelling was really emerging around the American civil rights movement. It was creating a lot of stories that were being documented through media. There was a lot of social change going on that was being documented through media all over the country.”

“We came together through birth around our commitment and responsi-

bility to reclaim our identity as the original people of this land and to continue to tell the original stories in the different context of time,” said Bean. “The challenge of that is to get those stories distributed and incorporated into the institutions of this country — the school systems, health networks and all the major institutions — so that we are truly understood and are able to function in a fully equitable way within our own country.”

In the following years, Blythe made big moves for Native Americans in public broadcasting. In 1990, NAPBC launched a \$500,000 annual television program fund, now known as Vision Maker Media's Public Media Fund, for Native producers to produce stories and Native productions to be funded with the support from CPB. In 1994, under Blythe's leadership, NAPBC began American Indian Radio on Satellite (AIROS), which launched The Native Radio Network and Native America Calling as a first daily all-Native live radio talk show and are still in operation. As the years went by, NAPBC eventually changed its name to Native American Public Telecommunications (NAPT) in 1995; and later, when Shirley Sneve (Rosebud Sioux), came on board in 2004 as the organization's second executive director, NAPT's name was changed to Vision Maker Media.

Fast forward to 2020. After the departure of Sneve in 2019, a national search was launched to find her replacement. Francene Blythe-Lewis (Diné, Sisseton Wahpeton and Eastern Cherokee) was hired as Vision Maker Media's new executive director in 2020. The daughter of Blythe, Blythe-Lewis's extensive experience in project management, arts and culture at such nationally renowned organizations as The National Geographic Society, The Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage and The National Museum of the American Indian and Native Arts and Cultures Foundation made her the perfect choice for the job.

“Francene has established herself; she had the skill set and background and is invested in her craft,” said Joely Proudfoot (Luiseño), Vision Maker Media board chair. “Frank had started the orga-



nization and now, it has come full circle with Francene.”

Blythe-Lewis grew up in Lincoln, NE, where she attended and graduated from Lincoln Southeast High School. After high school, she remained in the state, graduating from the University of Nebraska in Omaha, NE. She served on the Lincoln Housing Authority Board and as an AmeriCorps worker in a social service non-profit agency. During her early career, she started her cultural education efforts by presenting workshops, titled “Unlearning Indian Stereotypes,” in the Lincoln public school system.

“Fran(cene) worked for me at one time because I also spent 10 years living in Lincoln,” says Bean. “Frank was a chairman on my board and Fran(cene) ran one of my largest programs when she was in college. So, we have a long close committed relationship to the same values and same principles and the critical need for the telling and hearing and educating and training around the Native story.”

Blythe-Lewis remembers going to conferences with her father over the years and meeting many of his Native media colleagues and friends, so she received an early, informal introduction to his work in Native media making.

“I remember the first series about contemporary Native artists that my dad produced and I remember it opened American eyes that there are Native Americans still alive and doing amazing stuff!,” she said. “As a young Native person back then, I only saw the traditional aspects of my Native cultures and living ordinary lives like going to work and feeding family. That show of four contemporary artists showed me Native people outside my own perspective and experience. I, too, was amazed, wowed and impressed.”

Vision Maker Media has been observing its

45th anniversary in 2021. The organization has a lot to celebrate.

“What began as a film archive has transformed into the nation's public-media leader in content by and about America's first people — Native Americans and Alaska Natives — for public broadcasting,” says Blythe-Lewis.

With continuous support from CPB and Nebraska Public Media, Vision Maker Media's mission empowering and engaging Native people to share their stories remains meaningful. Currently, Vision Maker Media has at least 30 films in public-media broadcasting. Its content reaches nearly 90 million Americans on public television series, including Independent Lens, POV, America ReFramed, American Masters and others. A yearlong celebration of free “community” events, including thematic online film screenings, online virtual programs and more is ongoing. The Cherokee Nation Film Office and PBS are 45th anniversary sponsors.

“Vision Maker Media has been a powerful force in public media, ensuring funding and support for Native American storytelling,” says Mark Leonard, Nebraska Public Media general manager. “The archive of award-winning programs and documentaries is a testament to the importance and relevance of Vision Maker Media's work.”

“As we seek to include more diverse representation of people and ideas within our system, Vision Maker Media's importance will continue to rise,” said Leonard. “Nebraska Public Media has been proud to be the physical home of Vision Maker Media as well as a partner in bringing diverse voices and stories to public media for the past 45 years.”

The great Oglala Chief Crazy Horse said, “A people without a history, is like wind on the buffalo grass,” says Ron Hull, first treasurer of NAPBC and Nebraska Public Media senior advisor.

“As a charter member of the initial NAPBC, I was intrigued by the potential of creating a new media center dedicated to telling the stories of Native American history and culture produced by Native Americans. For 45 years, Vision Maker Media has been capturing this history for all audiences.”

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She formed the Cleveland Indigenous Coalition, a collaboration of four Cleveland-based Native American-led organizations. The singular goal of the coalition was to urge the Cleveland MLB Baseball team to change its name away from all Native American themes. She served as the lead liaison between the coalition and the Cleveland MLB team during the year-long engagement process. The coalition created partnerships with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and IllumiNative. The coalition successfully campaigned for the name change in July 2021, ending a more than 60-year fight for the community.

Connolly has been the Director of Programming for the City Club of Cleveland since June 2021. She is responsible for the strategic vision and programming of the 501(c)3 organization and oversees the production of at least 120 live forums a year. According to City Club of Cleveland CEO Dan Moulthrop, she was selected for the position from among more than 120 applicants after an exhaustive and competitive search.

“Cynthia has been an enormous asset to our organization, even before she joined our team,” Moulthrop said. “I’ve known her for years, but when she started helping us organize forums on issues that highlighted the indigenous experience and perspective, I realized how much she has to contribute to community dialogue and engagement. She is an extraordinary leader — hard working, empathetic, thoughtful and crazy smart.



Plus, she has a great sense of humor and is a joy to work with.”

Prior to working for the City Club of Cleveland, she worked six years as the Development Director at Policy Matters Ohio where she doubled the organization’s revenue. She was responsible for managing more than \$1.6 million in revenue between more than two dozen grants from more than 20 funders, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Ford Foundation and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. She has also worked as a lecturer for the Native American Studies course at Kent State University during the fall semester since 2016.

Her board involvement includes:

- Executive Board, Lake Erie Native American Council in Cleveland
- Board Vice President, University Settlement in Cleveland, Ohio
- Trustee, Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy in Washington, D.C.
- YWCA of Greater Cleveland’s Strategic Planning Committee in 2018-19

While serving on the Executive Board for the Lake Erie Native American Council, she helped the organization devel-

op a seven-month long culture class program, which started four years ago. It involves teaching participants how to make regalia, drum and do beadwork, and it concludes with a pow wow held in the spring. The pow wow was the first to be held in Cleveland, Ohio in more than a decade.

She tutors Native American youth through the American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES) Lake Erie Professional Chapter, helping secure two AISES Professional Chapter of the Year awards.

She has been involved in Indian Country since her college years, representing LTBB as a youth representative at NCAI conferences and serving as the NCAI Youth Commission Co-Chair from 2005-2008. She was one of 12 Native American students selected for the Morris K. Udall Native American Internship Program, working a summer at the Office of Indian Education at the Department of Education.

She earned a Master of Public Administration from Cleveland State University and a Bachelor of Arts in American Culture with a focus in Native American Studies from the University of Michigan.

Connolly is the daughter of LTBB Tribal Citizen Valerie (Laughlin) Biro and James Biro and the granddaughter of Virginia Janet Kishigo. She and her husband, Joseph, who is Onondaga from Six Nations, have been married for 10 years, and have two daughters, Vivian and Cora.

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on the National Native American Cannabis Association Advisory Board.

Throughout her career, Jana has worked with tribal governments by creating and consulting on tribal ordinances and regulations, advising on internal governance and external government-to-government relations, conducting independent investigations involving internal employment-related complaints and preparing advisory opinions to protect tribal governments and businesses. She has experience with tribal elections and election ordinances, serving an integral role for her clients in streamlining and securing tribal voting processes. Jana has been featured

in *Detroit Legal News* to provide insight in support of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians’ reservation boundaries litigation. Also, having successfully represented tribal members in enrollment and membership disputes, she was called on to co-author “Navigating Tribal Membership Enrollment Issues” for Thomson Reuters’s *Inside the Minds Series on Emerging Issues in Tribal-State Relations*.

Jana secured more than \$980,000 in damages and debt relief for Native American farmers in the Keepseagle class action discrimination case against the U.S. Department of Agriculture. While a student in law school at Roger Williams University School of Law in Bristol, RI, Jana

successfully petitioned the law school to include federal Indian law in its curriculum. These courses are still being taught at the law school. She also wrote a published analysis in *Gaming Law Review* criticizing legislative interference with the rights of the Narragansett Tribe of Rhode Island under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). Her work in this area is recognized by International Masters of Gaming Law.

Jana enjoys spending time with her husband at their cabin in Mio, MI, and hikes with their two dogs, Adie and Johann, in the woods and along trails. She enjoys traveling, fishing and watching her stepson play college football.

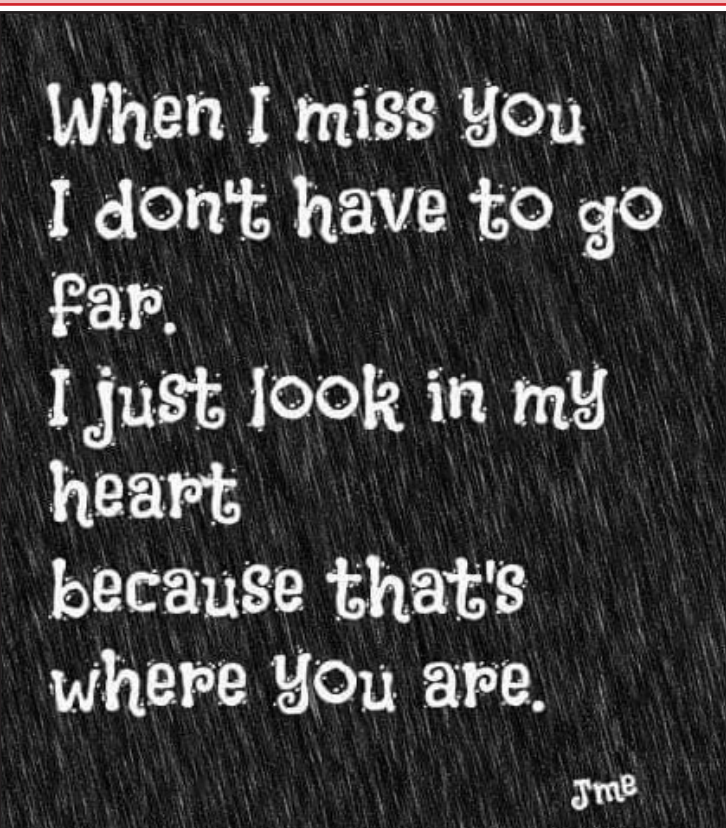
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## Holiday Greetings



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McKenzie and Cameron, although a painful amount of time has passed without you physically in our lives, not a day, not an hour, not a moment passes without you in our hearts and minds! If we had only one wish for Christmas, one wish for the New Year, if we only had one dying wish, it would be to see you again, hug you again, and tell you in person how very much you are loved by your Kiogima family! We pray the truly wonderful memories we all shared with you in your young lives to include, I pass through hundreds of pictures of family gatherings that you have missed with us. All of your cousins you've never met, and your little sister who reminds us so much of you! It makes me so sad that you are not with us sharing in the memories made! We will always be here .... waiting ... and hoping that someday new memories will be made with you in our lives! We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and pray you are safe and well! We love you more than you will ever know!!

Grandpa and Grandma Kiogima and your whole Kiogima family.

## Walking On...



**Sandra Ann Shenoskey, 65**

Sandra Ann Shenoskey of Alanson, MI, walked on November 9, 2021 at age 65. Sandy, affectionately known to many as "Sandy Buttons," was born on July 15, 1956 to Henry and Eliza (Naganashe) Shenoskey. She was a graduate of Pellston High School, class of 1975 and was an active member of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Sandy's favorite pastimes were watching the Tigers play, going to yard sales and the casino and spending time with her family. Sandy is survived by her brother, Mark Shenoskey; sisters, Rebecca (Phillip) Shenoskey-Conley and Sarah (Terry Young) Holmes, all of Alanson, MI; nieces, Katherine Conley and Michele Holmes, both of Alanson, MI, niece, Alicia Paquin of Mount Pleasant, MI; nephews, Josh-

ua Shenoskey of Pellston, MI, Brandon Shomin of Kentucky and Zach Shomin of Traverse City, MI. She is also survived by several great nieces, great nephews, cousins and many other family members who will always remember her as "Aunt Sandy." Sandra was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, John Shenoskey.



**John A. Beaver, 73**

John A. Beaver, 73, of Escanaba, MI, passed away on November 15, 2021 at U.P. Health Systems Marquette. John was born March 20, 1948 in Escanaba, MI, the son of Ambrose and Rose (Moses) Beaver. He grew up near Indian Point and attended F.W. Good School in Nahma, MI. He worked as a lumberjack in the woods before going to work in the roofing industry in Ohio for most of his life. He enjoyed going to the casino, attending his nieces and nephew's sporting events and working on cars. John is survived by his siblings, Joe (Judy) Beaver, Eli Swope and Yvonne Eastman, 19 nieces and nephews, 37 great nieces and nephews, seven great-great nieces and nephews and lifelong friend Vernita Wesaw. John is preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Margaret Boatwright, sister, Mary Zalewski, sister, Cecelia Beaver, and brother, William Swope.

Navi Raquell-Genia. He was a loving brother to Morley Jacko (predeceased), Deborah Stowell-Jacko (predeceased), Joseph Genia (Nicole), Kurt Genia, Jeremiah Compo (Barb), Delores Jacko, Margaret Adams (Jeffery), Dakota Compo and Ethan Genia-Compo. He was an uncle to Alecmartin Dutton-Jacko, Allie Genia (Charlie), Dakotah Chase-LaValley, Keegan Jacko, Marissa Coulter, Iddy Chase-LaValley, Rachel Genia, Daminga Genia, Jaimi Magyari (Josh), Jeshua, Nicholas Adams, Jessie Genia, Jullian Adams, Isaac Adams and Jake Adams. He was a great-uncle to Zezzalyn Genia, Lucius Dutton, Joseph Bell, SullyAnna Bell, Noah-Jeremiah Mendoza, River Mendoza and Emery Mendoza. He had many cousins he hung out with and loved being around. Russel was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He loved traveling the pow wow trail with his family. Anyone



who knew Russel knew he had a speech impediment, but the words he pronounced correctly were the bad words. He loved hanging out around town and getting into trouble. He was a friendly person to everyone he met on the pow wow trail and around town. Upon learning he had cancer, he turned his life around. He loved being around his mom and dad no matter where they went, whether it was to a doctor's appointment, errands or a grocery store. He was right there with them. He was a loving brother who knew how to get his way with his brothers and sisters. He loved being an uncle to all of his nieces and nephews. If he was not with his mom and dad, he loved hanging out with his cousins from near and far. Russel will surely be missed by his family and friends and the Lansing Native Indian community.

**Russel Devron Genia, 43**

Russel Devron Genia, 43, of Lansing, MI, passed away on November 29, 2021 of pancreatic cancer at his home. He was surrounded by his loving mother and sisters at the time of death. He was born November 11, 1978 in Lansing, MI, to Margaret Compo and John "Mallen" Jacko (predeceased). He has a surviving child, Myranda Genia, and a grandchild,

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