

Odawa Trails

LTBB TO ESTABLISH CLASS II CASINO IN MACKINAW CITY, MI, AFTER THE MACKINAW CITY VILLAGE COUNCIL TURNS DOWN ITS PLAN FOR A CLASS III CASINO

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On October 15, 2015, the Mackinaw City Village Council voted 4-3 to decline a request from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to build a Class III casino within the city limits of Mackinaw City, MI.

Despite this, LTBB is moving forward with building a Class II casino at the site of the former Thunder Falls Water Park in Mackinaw City because LTBB does not need the approval of a local governing body to open a Class II casino. It does need the approval of a local governing body to open a Class III casino as mandated by its compact with the State of Michigan. The new casino will be approximately 5,600 square feet and feature 64 slot machines.

Because LTBB will be operating a Class II casino as opposed to a Class III casino, LTBB will not have to pay the 2% semi-annual payments to local governments, but is required to pay the 6% semi-annual payments to the State of Michigan.

In the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Congress included the definition of Class II gaming as follows: Bingo; when played in the same location as bingo - pull tabs, lotto, punch boards, tip jars, instant bingo, other games similar to bingo; and non-house banked card games authorized or not explicitly prohibited by the state in which the tribal operation is located.

The construction of the new casino is part of a five-year strategic development plan. The plan includes developing land LTBB acquired in 2012 into a small casino and an RV park. It also includes construction of a 130-room hotel, which would be adjacent to its existing casino in Petoskey, MI.

The new casino is slated to open in May 2016. The following spring, development of a 25 space RV park would begin. Construction would start on the new hotel for Odawa Casino in 2019.

By implementing the plan over a five-year period, the tribe will be able to finance the plan with its own funds.

This is LTBB's third attempt to operate a casino in Mackinaw City.

In 2003, LTBB purchased land for economic development on Nicolet Street in Mackinaw City. LTBB presented the Mackinaw City Village Council with a plan to build a second casino there, but the Mackinaw City Village Council rejected the plan by a 6-1 vote in September 2003.

In January 2012, LTBB purchased three additional parcels of land in Mackinaw City, which were adjacent to two parcels already owned by the tribe and in trust. In September 2012, LTBB purchased the land in Mackinaw City on which the former Thunder Falls Water Park operated on.

The proposed casino would have cost the tribe \$26

million to construct and would have featured 550 slot machines and a small deli. LTBB sought the approval of the Mackinaw City Village Council to build a Class III

casino at that time, however, the Mackinaw City Village Council never voted on the request and the makeup of "Mackinaw Casino" continued on page 30.



A MATTER OF SOVEREIGNTY - FOR TRIBES, A 'POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING CASE' IS IN THE MAKING



The Dollar General Store on the Choctaw Indian Reservation has become a flashpoint of tribal governance.

Editor's note: The following article and accompanying photographs appeared in *This Week from Indian Country Today* on November 4, 2015 and are reprinted here with permission.

Bottom Line: What began as a sexual assault lawsuit will go before the Supreme Court in December—and tribal jurisdiction could be dealt an unprecedented blow.

It was supposed to be a quintessential rite of passage.

By Suzette Brewer

In the summer of 2003, 13-year-old "John Doe" did what many teenagers do: He got a job. As a participant in the Youth Opportunity Program (YOP), he would be paid by his tribe, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, while he got work experience at the Dollar General store on the tribe's reservation. In exchange, the retail giant would get free labor while training local tribal members and teaching them job skills. But what began as a win-win situation for everyone went horribly wrong.

During his brief internship, the boy (whose real name has been changed to protect his identity) alleged that the store's manager, Dale Townsend, sexually assaulted him several times during work hours, according to court documents.

The U.S. Attorney's office, which has jurisdiction over crimes on Mississippi tribal lands, declined to press "Matter of Sovereignty" continued on page 19.

LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 11-17-15 = 4,569

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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 language. The freedom 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.

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement
 Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'ana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaaphskaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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The Communications Department welcomes our 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 January 2016 issue of *Odawa Trails* is November 30, 2015.

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

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DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



We are always at a battle and challenge for tribal rights within the bigger world of local, state and federal governments. I want to encourage our tribal citizens to get to know your tribal officials and staff and report your visions, concerns, comments and accomplishments of our tribe. If we do not hear from you, we don't know of all the issues and concerns that are among us.

Most importantly, we need to encourage and support our leaders, so they have the strength and confidence to do the best they can. We need to move forward with the issues before us; reservation boundaries, hunting and fishing treaty rights, language restoration, health and welfare for our tribal citizens, housing, better care for our elders, higher education, Tribal Court, economic development, non-gaming funding, grants, tribal budget, tribal self-governance, land purchase and preservation. Our tribe can be strong with the support of its citizens.

We have had many Ghost Suppers this past month where

neighbors got together to feed our ancestors.

We continue to work on the reservation boundaries; we held an open house for the local government officials on ways to work together in our community. These are examples of the community in action.

Our youth held a very well attended feast and Veterans Pow Wow on Veterans Day. We, as a community, need to encourage their involvement as they are the ones who will lead.

As the holiday approaches, it is the time of goodwill within the community. With the recent cold weather, just a reminder to look out for each other, especially our elderly residents, to help keep them safe and warm throughout the winter months. If you have any elderly neighbors, please check up on them daily to ensure they are keeping warm and give them that extra bit of support.

May you all have a joyful holiday season, and we can look to moving forward in a good way for 2016.

Behind the scenes of tribal leadership, there have been many things accomplished through the hard work of Tribal Council and our great tribal work force. I would like to thank Tribal Council for the support we've had to achieve these accomplishments. I am very proud of the tribal work force we currently have that is always looking out for the best health and welfare of the LTBB tribe. They are the ones who do all the leg work for direction and options, so the Tribal Council can make the best possible choices to move LTBB forward in a good way.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Commission, Board and Committee Vacancies

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending
Child Welfare	3 yr. term	1
Citizenship	3 yr. term	3
Housing	4 yr. term	2
Gaming Regulatory	3 yr. term	1
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	2
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Election Board	4 year term	2
Natural Resources Commission	Remainder of term expiring 2017, 2 full terms	3

The following information is provided for Tribal Members who are seeking nominations for an appointment to an LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee. Those interested, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume to:

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Chairman Office
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49770
Phone (231) 242-1418 Fax (231) 242-1411
Email: chairman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

The Executive Office notifies applicants when letter and resume are received. The Chairman's nominations are forwarded to Tribal Council. Thereafter, the Legislative Office handles all interview scheduling and correspondence for the Commissions or Boards, for the position vacancies.

The Executive office is also accepting resumes for nominations for the appointed positions of:

Judicial Postings:
Appellate Justice, remainder of 6 year term, expiring April 2017
Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians.
Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.

Chief Judge, 4 year term, expiring 2020
Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians.
Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.

TAX AGREEMENT REMINDER

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.

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

NEW LTBB I.D. CARDS

Tribal identification cards now have a hologram. This is an added security feature to eliminate duplication. We are phasing out the old cards. Once your Tribal identification card has expired, you will be issued the new hologram card along with a replacement fee of \$10. Replacement cost includes: address change, lost card, expired cards and minors turning 21. There will be no fee charged for: elders (55 and up), first time picture identification card, name change, defective card, faded or cracked (must bring card to office).

For more information, please contact: Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520

Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
Replacement/Expired Cards A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to Elders.	\$10
Tribal Directory Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/28/2013 Published every 4 years.	\$5
Tribal Directory Labels Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
LTBB List The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
Photocopies of Enrollment file \$1 first copy page, 25 cents for each page thereafter.	\$1 each
Marriage License Application Certified Copies: \$10 Photo Copies: \$5	\$15
Tribal Notary Application If approved, Surety Bond: \$125	\$10

Services:

- > Enrollment Applications.
- > Address Change Forms.
 - o Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
 - o Minors require notarization annually.
- > Tribal Directory.
- > Marriage License Application.
- > Tribal Notary Application.
- > Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.
- > BIA - 4432 Indian Preference Form.
- > Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
- > Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.

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ELDERS DEPARTMENT

UPDATE REGARDING THE ELDERS DENTAL PROGRAM



only \$11,000 in that line item.

Shortly after the year started, it was learned that according to the LTBB tribal dental statute, some dental costs which had been absorbed by the LTBB Dental Clinic should have been coming out of the Elders Dental Program. This decision greatly increased our costs.

There are 1,236 elders potentially eligible for the Elders Dental Program. If the program dollars were divided equally among all eligible recipients, each person would have a benefit of approximately \$9.

Requests for assistance were honored in the order received with all required documentation. Requests were approved only for services which could be completed in 2015.

The unapproved requests are still sitting in a folder in the order they were received; they will be addressed when funds become available.

I'm sorry for the delay, but dental funds are limited, and the costs are high.

Arlene Naganashe, Elders Director

Courtesy graphic.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind the tribal membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement.

First of all, I cannot express enough how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department. This must be done in writing and as soon as possible.

The DOC cannot and will not change the estimated beginning date (EBD) (which is always the first in any given month) of a member's tax exempt status (see example below).

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

In addition, being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt.

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form

is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

If you plan on purchasing any of these items, please contact me FIRST, and I will be happy to get you the form via e-mail or fax. I am also able to fax the TCEs to the dealership you are doing business with.

Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

Also, another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA), your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month.

Example: I move to Petoskey, MI, (inside the TAA) on September 5, 2010. My RTM (EBD) status begins October 1, 2010. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ltbbtaxagr>

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I can be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

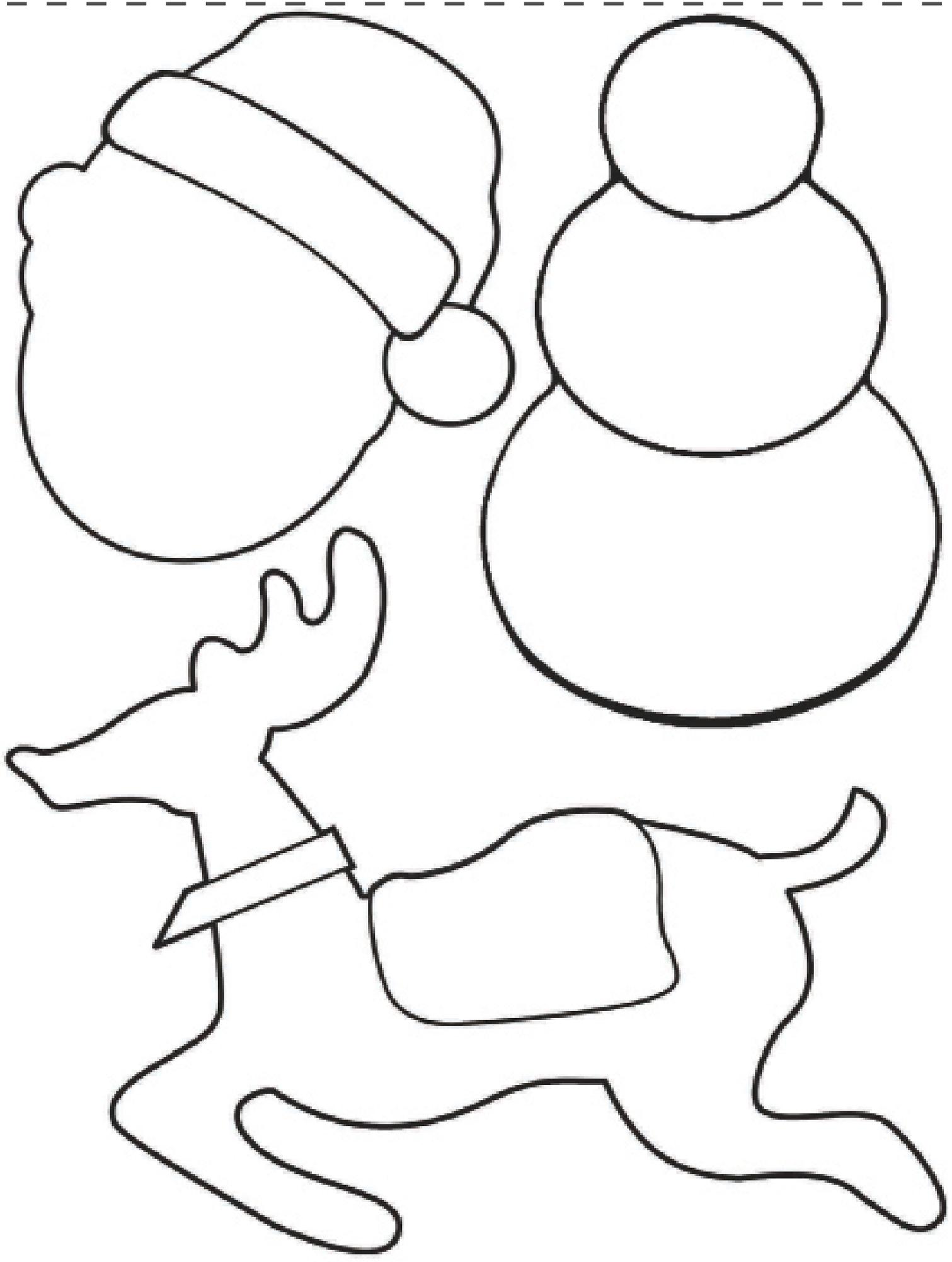
COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Christmas Coloring Contest Rules

Crayons * Markers * Paint * Stickers * Colored Pencils * Glitter * You choose!

- Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.
- Limit one submission per child.
- All entries must be the original size.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. No

- exceptions!
- All mailed entries must be postmarked by December 7, 2015. No exceptions! Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category. Each winner will receive a prize!



Letters to Santa Contest Rules

- All letters must be handwritten by the child.
- All mailed entries must be postmarked by December 7, 2015. No exceptions!
- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No exceptions!
- Limit one submission per child.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens ages 10 and younger.
- Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with the top three letters to be published in the January issue of Odawa Trails.
- Please provide a phone number where you can be contacted if you are selected as one of the winners.

Each winner will receive a prize!

Mailing Address:
 Letters to Santa Contest
 Attn: LTBB Communications Department
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740

GRANTS & DONATIONS PROGRAM

Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. Donations are available for both Native and non-Native organizations. If you would like an application, please call 231-242-1420. The deadline for submitting an application is March 31, 2016. Please note that the Grants and Donations program is NOT intended for small business purposes.

Name: _____

Age: _____ Phone: _____

December Elders Birthdays

December 1 Howard Scott Danon Ervick Doreen Wilson	December 11 Leonard Emery Ronald Noack, Jr. Carol Hellmer Wesley Andrews	December 21 Richard Andrews
December 2 Wayne Glazier Pamela Feldstein	December 12 Alice Yellowbank	December 22 Donald Chippewa, Sr. Anita Coss James Kagabintang, Jr. Jack Ross Patricia Dehainey
December 3 Kemo Smith	December 13 Gary Gilbault Stephen Minor Deborah Root Robin Sloan Kenneth Gibson Arthur LeClear	December 23 Robert Devernay
December 4 Vera Olsen Virginia Sherwood Carl Strate, Sr. Roger Wemigwase Dolphus Delmas, Sr. Geri Wieseler Roberta Hinmon	December 14 Erlene Futrel Mary Forbes Freida Carroll Sherry Shananaquet Barbara King	December 24 Patrick Boda Roger Smith, Sr. Leon Trueblood Glen Rawls
December 5 Connie Didomenico Yvonne Salgat	December 15 Valiere Yother	December 25 Christina O'Banion Paula Hall Raphael Gasco Marilyn Muskovin
December 6 Marcelino Bernard, Jr. Donna VanderHyde	December 16 Patricia Chagoya Nancy Bennett Shirley Eaves Sharon Curran Lisa Bartels	December 26 David Paul Daniel Root Janice Shackelford Jean Ansoerge Laura Burroughs Allen Gasco Elizabeth Keller
December 7 Florence Indelicato James Minor Mel Cripps Yvonne Keshick Karen Brosseau Louise Amato	December 17 Patricia Weber Scott Keway Anna Bixler Gloria Miles	December 27 Levi Walker, Jr. Christine Sevener Michael Chisholm Robert Boda
December 8 Archie Kiogima, Jr. Linda Smith	December 18 David Hinmon Allan Voisard	December 28 Christine Russell
December 9 Teresa Seume Bonnie Ramirez Kathleen Mobley Jon Kilborn Samuel Worthington	December 19 Jesse Hansen Alice Liebgott Joseph Keller	December 29 Deloise Mitchell
December 10 Nathaniel Chingwa	December 20 Gaila Carpenter Mary Brewer Thomas Adams, Jr.	December 30 William King Shirley Adkins
		December 31 Marie Simmons Ella Petoskey



December 19th, 2015

Donations are now being accepted for the children's party! Purchase a child's toy for \$10 or less and place it, unwrapped, into one of the boxes placed at the Governmental Center, Human Services or Health Department. With your help, we can have another great party with the children!



11am to 2pm



LTBB Governmental Center Commons Area

Please bring a dessert to share.

Pictures with Santa! Don't forget your camera!

Holiday Bazaar

December 5, 2015 10am - 4pm

LTBB Governmental Commons Area
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI

FOOD AND RAFFLE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT NICWA, NATIONAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

Tree decorating contest! Fry bread, food fundraiser & raffle. Crafts and gifts for sale.

Mackinaw Island raffle prizes include a two-night stay at the Grand Hotel, a one-night stay at the Windmere Hotel and Dinner for two at the Hotel Iroquois' Carriage Restaurant.

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ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS DUE OCTOBER 31, 2016

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTOBER 31, 2016. Faxed copies are not acceptable and will not be processed. The Address Verification form must contain the original signature. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship

or custodial issues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

Minors who turn 18 by OCTOBER 31, 2016 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form must be returned by OCTOBER 31, 2016.

Address verification forms can be downloaded at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm or you may call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 to have a form mailed to you.



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NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

PROTECTION OF TRIBAL USES OF WATER: A TRADITIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON MANOOMIN



On September 24, 2015, the Environmental Services Program hosted "Protection of Tribal Uses of Water: A Traditional Perspective on Manoomin" at Spirit (Wycamp) Lake.

The goal of the event was to bring to light certain tribal uses of water such as growing manoomin (wild rice) are not protected under state or federal water quality regulations. The Water Quality Standards Workgroup aims to create and pass LTBB water quality legislation, which is imperative to the sustainment of these uses. The proposed legislation would protect for uses like manoomin areas, fishing, hunting, cultural/ceremonial and swimming as well as general water quality. Along with its own website, the Water Quality Standards Workgroup will survey LTBB Citizens and give out promotional items. You can take the survey and check out the website at: www.nibiishnaagdownen.com.



Kris Dey shows the inside of the "Manoominator" which has paddles that push the rice around and loosen the chaff. The result is rice that is ready to be picked clean and eaten.

In addition to the Water Quality Standards Workgroup, which has a broader focus, there is also a Wild Rice Workgroup open to anyone who is interested. Contact Dawn Sineway-Nephler at 231-242-1487 or dnightlinger@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov for details.

The September event was a huge success with 80 attendees, including many of the youth brought by the Youth Services Department. Guest speakers at the event were Dan Hinmon, Lee Sprague and Roger Labine. The first half of the listening session was devoted to a visit of the rice growing on Spirit Lake. A small stand of manoomin (approximately 0.13 acres) on the east basin of the lake had unfortunately been eaten after reaching a mature stage, most likely by ducks and geese. It became unsafe to visit the stand because of high winds, so Hinmon and Sprague used a canoe on land to demonstrate



Lee Sprague (standing with push pole) mimics pushing Dan Hinmon (sitting in canoe) around a rice lake.

how to harvest wild rice using rice sticks and a push pole. Labine then began with a demonstration on parching rice, "dancing" on the rice, and winnowing. People were encouraged to try various steps of the traditional rice processing. Following the talks on traditional harvesting and processing, Kris Dey, LTBB NRD Fish and Wildlife Senior Research Technician, demonstrated the use of a modern way to dance and winnow, using a mechanical rice thresher. Along with Youth Conservation Corps Leader Lauren Dey, he spent roughly a week building a rice



Roger Labine (center) demonstrates rice parching (heating it up over a heat source).

thresher, which is a machine which paddles the rice around a hopper and blows the chaff off and out of the machine. Also called the "Manoominator," the rice thresher does the work of dancing and winnowing, making the process less labor intensive. The rice thresher will be available for use in the future once LTBB rice is harvestable.

Before a dinner of manoomin dishes, Netawn Kiogima discussed the importance of water to the Odawa people and was joined by young women in the community for a water ceremony and prayer. Hinmon and Sprague gave a push pole demonstration on the lake later in the evening. After dinner, Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson III gave a presentation on the Water Quality Standards Workgroup, relating manoomin to the need for tribal water quality protections. The Water Quality Standards Workgroup and the event are products of the LTBB Water Quality Enhancement grant received from the Administration for Native Americans.

Chi-miigwech to the following: Kira Davis and the Water Quality Standards Workgroup members for getting the ball rolling; our speakers, Dan Hinmon, Roger Labine and Lee Sprague; Renee "Wasson" Dillard for saying the opening prayer; Youth Services Department staff for bringing the youth; Doug Craven for transporting gear and keeping the



Wiigwaas Craven (center) learns how to parch rice with help from Fred Harrington, Jr.

fire; Kris and Lauren Dey for building the "Manoominator" and transporting watercraft; Education Department for providing paddles and lifejackets; Netawn Kiogima for leading the water ceremony; Tim Thomas for keeping the fire; the Wild Rice Workgroup for planning; and all who attended, gave input, brought food and helped clean up.

Courtesy photos.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Commission is looking for LTBB tribal citizens with an interest in Great Lakes Commercial Gill Net Fishing

The LTBB Commercial Small Boat Apprentice Program is designed to provide eligible LTBB tribal citizens with an opportunity to learn the trade of commercial fishing from an experienced LTBB Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Captain

For more information on eligibility and requirements, please stop in or contact the LTBB Natural Resources Department



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- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Thermometers
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319 North Lake Street, Boyer City, MI 49712 - 231-582-6611

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office - Jail Entrance
1000 Grant Street Charlevoix, MI 49720 - 231-547-4461

City of Charlevoix Police Department
210 State Street Charlevoix, MI 49720 - 231-547-3258

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office - Beaver Island
37830 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782 - 231-448-2700

City of East Jordan Police Department
326 Main Street, East Jordan, MI 49727 - 231-536-2273

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Cheboygan County Sheriff - Department County Building
870 S. Main Street Cheboygan, MI 49721 - 231-627-3155

Cheboygan Department of Public Safety - Cheboygan City Hall
403 N. Huron Street Cheboygan, MI 49721 - 231-627-4321

Mackinaw City Police Department - Village Hall
102 S. Huron Avenue Mackinaw City, MI 49701 - 231-436-7661

Tuscarora Township Police Department
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City of Petoskey Dept. of Public Safety Station West Bay Harbor
3625 Charlevoix Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770 - 231-347-4642

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Emmet County Sheriff's Office - Richard L. Zink Law Enforcement Center
3460 Harbor-Petoskey Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (231) 439-8900

Harbor Springs Police Department
170 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49770 - 231-526-6211

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians - Tribal Police Department
911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770 - 231-242-1574

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

Grand Traverse County Sheriff -
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851 Woodmere Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49686 - 231-995-5001

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396 N. State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49871 - 906-643-6077

Mackinac County Sheriff's Office
100 South Marley Street, St. Ignace, MI 49871 - 906-643-1911

For more information, call Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council at 231-347-1181 or visit www.watershedcouncil.org

LTBB NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS DEER PROCESSING WORKSHOP

On October 26, 2015, the LTBB Natural Resource Department (NRD) hosted a hands-on deer processing workshop at the NRD Building in Harbor Springs, MI. The workshop was open to LTBB

Tribal Citizens and their immediate families. Instruction included cutting and de-boning of the deer and packaging and wrapping the meat.

Photos courtesy of Billy McNamara.



ATTENTION TRIBAL BUSINESSES/ENTREPRENEURS!
 If you would like to be on the tribal governmental vendor list for providing goods or services to the LTBB government, please contact Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Please be prepared to provide the following information: Name, contact information, good/services you are providing and any additional information as required. Supporting our tribal businesses is our preference. Chi Miigwech!

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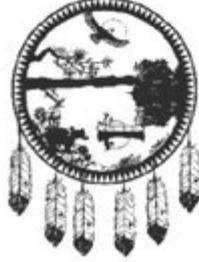
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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG										
		Regina Gasco-Bentley	Julie Shananaquet	Marci Reyes	Aaron Wayne Otto	John Keshick III	Bill A. Denemy	Winnay Wemigwase	Mike Naganashe	Beatrice A. Law
DATE	October 1-8, 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WORK SESSIONS and other such ACTIVITIES ATTENDANCE									
10/01/15-10/02/15	Reservation Restoration Washington DC			X	X	X				X
10/05/15	Gaming Enterprise Board				X					X
10/05/15	Appropriations and Finance Committee		X	X		X	X			X
10/06/15	Legal and Legislative Committee			X						X
10/06/15	Tribal Council Work Session		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10/08/15	Tribal Council Meeting		X	X	X	X	X		X	X
	*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs									

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council ATTENDANCE LOG										
		Regina Gasco-Bentley	Aaron Otto	Marcella Reyes	Frank Bernard	David Harrington	Beatrice A. Law	Dexter McNamara	Michael Naganashe	Julie Shananaquet
DATE	October 8-31, 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WORK SESSIONS and other such ACTIVITIES ATTENDANCE									
10/08/15	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10/05/15	Gaming Enterprise Board		X					X		
10/13/15-10/14/15	Michigan Indian Legal Services 40 th Anniversary							X		X
10/14/15	United Tribes of Michigan			X						
10/18/15-10/24/15	National Congress of American Indians		X	X				X		X
10/26/15	Special Meeting and Land Tour		X	X	X		X	X	X	X
10/27/15	Council Orientation and Work Session		X	X	X		X	X	X	
10/28/15	Gaming Enterprise Board		X					X		X
10/29/15	Tribal Council Meeting		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs									

2016 Tribal Council Regular Schedule January-December

Tuesday-Work Sessions 1pm & Thursday-Meetings 9 am

January 2016

(January 1, New Year's Day, Governmental Offices Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday, January 5 Meeting: Thursday, January 7
 Work Session: Tuesday, January 19 Meeting: Thursday, January 21

February 2016

Work Session: Tuesday, February 2 Meeting: Thursday, February 4
 Work Session: Tuesday, February 16 Meeting: Thursday, February 18

March 2016

Work Session: Tuesday, March 1 Meeting: Thursday, March 3
 Work Session: Tuesday, March 15 Meeting: Thursday, March 17

(March 25, Good Friday, Governmental Offices Closed)

April 2016

Work Session: Tuesday, April 5 Meeting: Thursday, April 7
 Work Session: Tuesday, April 19 Meeting: Thursday, April 21

May 2016

Work Session: Tuesday, May 3 Meeting: Thursday, May 5
 Work Session: Tuesday, May 17 Meeting: Thursday, May 19

(May 30, Memorial Day, Governmental Offices Closed)

June 2016

Work Session: Tuesday, June 7 Meeting: Thursday, June 9
 Work Session: Tuesday, June 21 Meeting: Thursday, June 23

July 2016

(July 4, Independence Day, Governmental Offices Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday, July 5 Meeting: Thursday, July 7
 Work Session: Tuesday, July 19 Meeting: Thursday, July 21

August 2016

Work Session: Tuesday, August 2 Meeting: Thursday, August 4
 Work Session: Tuesday, August 16 Meeting: Thursday, August 18

September 2016

Work Session: Tuesday, August 30 Meeting: Thursday, September 1

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

Work Session: Tuesday, September 13 Meeting: Thursday, September 15

(September 21, Sovereignty Day, Governmental Offices Closed)

(September 23, Michigan Indian Day, Governmental Offices Closed)

October 2016

Work Session: Tuesday, October 4 Meeting: Thursday, October 6
 Work Session: Tuesday, October 18 Meeting: Thursday, October 20

November 2016

Work Session: Tuesday, November 1 Meeting: Thursday, November 3

(November 11, Veterans Day, Governmental Offices Closed)

Work Session: Tuesday, November 15 Meeting: Thursday, November 17

(November 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday, Governmental Offices Closed)

December 2016

Work Session: Tuesday, November 29 Meeting: Thursday, December 1
 Work Session: Tuesday, December 13 Meeting: Thursday, December 15

(December 24-25 Christmas Holiday, Governmental Offices Closed)

(December 31 New Year's Eve, Holiday, Governmental Offices Closed)

COUNCILOR LAW TESTIFIES AT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONSULTATION



In accordance with Executive Order 131375 and Department of Justice (DOJ) Policy, our tribe was invited to a DOJ consultation to gather input regarding setting aside funds to assist Indian tribes in exercising special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction and adopting the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Councilor Beatrice A. Law presented the following testimony on behalf of the tribe at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Tribal Justice/ Office of Violence Against Women-Tribal consultation held at Squaxin Island, Washington on November 4, 2015:

"Aanii, on behalf of my Odawa Nation and Tribal Council from Petoskey, Michigan. I am here to give testimony as one of the first Tribes to have implemented the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Some of the issues we are concerned

with are accessing for training for Probation and Probationary best practices; accessing funding for Offender Programs that include monitoring to curtail recidivism that impacts the social issues within our community; Tribal Police to be able to prosecute Domestic Violence offenders on specific offenses; advance training for law enforcement officers and court staff on domestic violence protocols; judicial training on handling domestic violence cases and Personal Protection Orders (PPOs) and violation of PPOs; expanding the pilot project of utilizing federal facilities and make available transportation of offender to federal facilities by federal marshals. Now is the time to open the Bureau of Prison Office for access. Now is the time!

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians community is aware of our VAWA law and for this to continue; we, the tribes need the assistance in the form of flexible policies and flexible funding.

In closing, I want to remind you (DOJ) that we have a government to government relationship, and with that comes the trust responsibility that the United States has to Indian Tribes. We will be submitting our written testimony within 60 days.

Miigwech for your attention and I also want to acknowledge Michael Wolf from our Tribal Court who is here attending the conference, as well."

Courtesy photo.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

HONORING OUR STORYTELLERS: PART 2 OF HONORING OUR ARTISTS SERIES

The winter season is the time for storytelling, so, we in the LTBB Cultural Library, thought it was appropriate to honor some of our great storytellers we have in our community. These are just a few of them. If you know of a storyteller who you would like to be honored, please send his or her name to the Cultural Library.

Simon Otto – Simon was born in Petoskey, MI. He is a great storyteller and historian. He also makes many different types of art, including painting, beadwork, making porcupine roaches, carvings and making pipes. Simon has published many books of his stories on the Anishinaabe culture and oral traditions. He is a wonderful public speaker and a respected elder in our community. Simon is a great friend and mentor.



Arlene Naganashe – Arlene was born in Harbor Springs, MI. Not only is she a storyteller, but she is also a traditional dancer, a mother, a grandmother and a respected elder in our community. Arlene finger weaves, makes corn husk dolls and does beadwork for herself and others. In her early years, she belonged to a dance troupe called the Woodland Dancers, which focused on the dancing and traditional culture of our people. Arlene is the storyteller in her family, and she loves to pass the stories to her children and grandchildren, so they will live on for many generations.

Frank Ettawageshik – Frank was born in Philadelphia, PA. He is known for his clay pottery, which he creates using traditional methods our ancestors used

centuries ago. He shared this talent with his children and now shares this talent with tribal and community children through the LTBB Summer Camp. Frank is a wonderful public speaker and storyteller. He has helped write several books on the Odawa culture.



These are just a few of the great storytellers we have in our community. We would like there to be a Part 3 of the Honoring Our Artists Series, so please send us information on any artist or storyteller in our tribal community. We will be waiting to hear from you!

Chi Miigwech, the Cultural Library staff.

Courtesy photos.

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**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Elders Commission ~ 2015 Meeting Schedule**

December 2, 2015

**All meetings to be held at the LTBB
Governmental Center, Room 312, at 5 pm.**

The Cultural Library received this beautiful poem and a little note which said, "For the Poetry Corner, from a Tribal Member"

Dear Tribal Member,

I hope you see we published your poem in the tribal newsletter. I also want you to know that it touched my heart; I think we have all felt like this once or twice in our lives. I hope you find a way to set the real you free someday.

Miigwech,
Dawn Sineway-Nephler
Library Staff

Poetry Corner

**I'm a Chameleon
By Unknown**

I'm a chameleon
I can be what you want
me to be.

I'm a chameleon
I can change
With your Likes and
Dislikes

I'm a chameleon
I can be what you
Want and Desire.

Just as long as you never see
the real me!
Who is hiding Underneath.
The person dying to be
Free!

No one must ever see
The Real Me!

I'm a Chameleon!

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Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Program

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If so, contact: Stacey Nongueskwa-Lopez, Outreach Worker for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program

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- Career/individual employment plan
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-Dr. Seuss



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Hope to see you soon, and remember, we must know our traditions if we are to pass them on!



**Memorabilia Needed
FOR A
MANDA-BEE-KEE DANCE TROUPE
DOCUMENTARY**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Education Department along with Archives and Records are collecting any film, audio recording, photos, newspaper articles, artifacts and photos of artifacts regarding the Manda-Bee-Keel Dance Troupe from the 1950's and 1960's.

LTBB Archives can take photos or copies of items and return originals back along with a digital copy.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact LTBB Education at 231-242-1480.

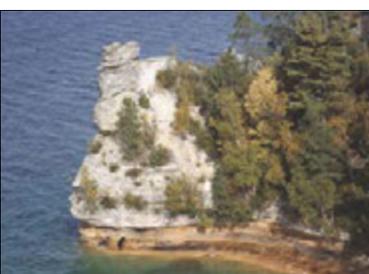
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LTBB HEALTH DEPARTMENT - MNO ODE - HEALTHY HEART

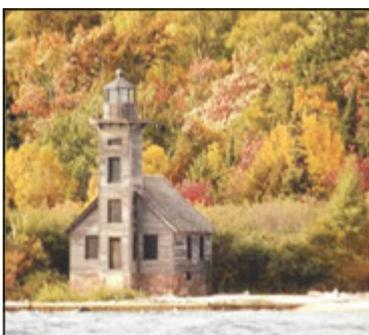


Aanii from the Mno Ode (Healthy Heart) Program.

On October 10, 2015, the Healthy Heart Program hosted the 5th Annual Year End Celebration. Healthy Heart participants and their family members enjoyed a fun-filled day to beautiful Munising, MI. Our adventure included several stops along the way. First up was the newly named Heath Robinson Memo-



rial Bridge in Cut River. Participants were given time to enjoy a picnic brunch and explore around the bridge. Next, we stopped at Miners Castle Rock



where we enjoyed a delicious lunch provided to us by Julienne Tomatoes and were able to take in some beautiful fall colors and scenery while there. We then made our way to the Munising

boat docks where we boarded the Miss Superior for a gorgeous boat tour of Pictured Rocks. Participants enjoyed the breathtaking scenery and the wonderful commentary by Captain Leo, who gave very descriptive details of the 16 tour highlights, including the East Channel Light-house, Lovers Leap and Spry Falls. Our last and final stop was the Brownstone Inn in Au Train, MI, for a wonderful and healthy dining experience. Although the day was long and very busy, everyone who attended had a great time and said they are looking forward to the next Healthy Heart adventure.

As we begin year #6, we will continue to assist the current 56 participants, but we are looking for more to enroll. So if any of the following apply to you or someone you may know, please call us at 231-242-1616 to enroll.

- 18 years of age or older and are clinically diagnosed with diabetes
- Willing to participate in monthly visits with the case manager
- Are willing to stay in the program for up to three years

We offer several nutrition classes with our registered dietician, Charla Gordon. She is at the Health Department twice a month for appointments if you are interested in changing your eating habits or just have questions for her. Charla also takes part in our Learn, Laugh, Live Well (LLW) Series with Health Educator Regina Brubaker-Carver. **The next Learn, Laugh, Live Well series is scheduled for December 3 from 5 pm to 8 pm.** The class is held at the LTBB Community Center. If you have any questions about the LLLW series, please contact Regina at 231-242-1664.

October was our last month for Wiijimosemdaa Wiim-nobinmaadziing (Let's walk

together for a good life). We would like to thank those who participated in our first community walk group. Our purpose for when we first created the group was support for those diagnosed with diabetes in the community. Diabetes is very common amongst American Indians and Alaskan Natives. During the five months, the group covered local areas such as the Susan Offield Nature Preserve located behind the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, North Central Michigan College (NCMC) Nature Trail in Petoskey, MI, and Avalanche Trails in Boyne City, MI. These areas were a great starting point and offered the perfect outdoor workout. Plus, each area had its own beauty in nature. With the colder months approaching quickly, the group is encouraging the community to walk inside whether at Native Way Gym using the treadmills or the indoor track located at NCMC. Whether you do it alone or as a family, every step counts when we are trying to step out diabetes amongst



our community, and it makes us stronger together.

Our traditional healer, Jake Pine, is available for appointments December 9-11. Please call Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601 to schedule an appointment.

Remember to schedule your foot clinic appointment on either a Tuesday or Wednesday of every week by calling Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.

Courtesy photos and courtesy graphic.

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM IN THE LTBB HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS A NEW NAME



The LTBB Contract Health Services Program in the Health Department is a federally funded program which pays for some

medical services for eligible Native Americans.

In January 2014, the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2014 renamed the Contract Health Services Program to the Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Program. All of the policies and practices remain the same. The PRC funds are used to supplement and complement other health care resources available to eligible American Indians.

LTBB Contract Health will now be referred to as LTBB Purchase and Referred Care, LTBB

PRC, for short. Forms and signage will be updated in the Health Department, and phones will be answered with the new program name.

This is a name change only. All eligibility requirements remain the same.

As a reminder, you must get a reference number for all appointments in order for the medical services to be paid for by LTBB PRC. The LTBB PRC team looks forward to continuing to serve eligible tribal citizens.

Courtesy graphic.

LTBB ADOLESCENT PROGRAM IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH



identified teens as well as their chosen adult mentors. They will meet for 44 weeks on Thursday from 5-8 p.m., and the focus will be placed on Native American teachings of the Seven Grandfathers while building the 40

developmental assets as identified by the Search Institute. As reported by the Search Institute, the more assets an individual has in place, the more likely they are to be successful in life.

"New Program" continued on page 10.



Keep up-to-date with the Youth Services Department activities!

Please note:

Our hours change on non-school days. We are closed on all LTBB Governmental Holidays

<http://tinyurl.com/ltbbyouthcalendar>



LTBB Community Health Dept. Presents the "Laugh, Learn and Live Well Series"

When: December 3rd from 5 pm to 8 pm

Location: Waasnodegamik, 5656 Appishmuk Blvd, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (Community Center off of State Road)



We will be making dream catcher Christmas ornaments. A light meal and materials for our project will be provided unless otherwise specified.



Stress, social isolation and loss of community can all contribute to diabetes, a major health concern for Anishinaabe. Come join us as we laugh, learn and create community.

Each session will be limited to 25 attendees. To register for the event or for more information, please contact Regina Brubaker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

The LTBB Community Health Department offers appointments with Jake Pine, Traditional Healer. Listed below is the schedule for 2015.

**Office hours: 9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 5 pm
December 9-11**

To schedule an appointment, call the Health Department at 231-242-1600, press option #3.

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 to set up an appointment today!

ASK ABOUT THE FAMILY SPIRIT HOME VISITING PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES JUST STARTING OUT OR EXPECTING

We are happy to announce the beginning of a new home visiting parenting program designed for Native families. It is called Family Spirit and was designed to promote maternal and early child health by the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health.

Assistance and education are provided to mothers, fathers and children ages 0 to 5 that help them gain knowledge and skills in positive parenting and lifestyles for healthy growth, development and early childhood school readiness.



For more information, please contact the Health Department and Trista Paone RN PA-C at 231-838-5761 by text, phone or e-mail to tpaone@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

"New Program" continued on page 9.

The meeting will begin with a traditional Native greeting offered by a Little Traverse Bay Bands cultural advisor. After the greeting, the participants will divide into three smaller groups. Group 1 will prepare a meal which consists of Native American recipes. Group 2 will paint a board which represents their interpretation of the teaching of the week. After the 44-week completion, each board will be made into a totem reflecting their journey through the teachings. Group 3 will meet with a chosen Little Traverse Bay Bands cultural advisor to do a culturally related activity which correlates with the teaching of the week. This can include Native songs,

crafts, dance or story which will help these teens become more invested and committed to the heritage of the Odawa culture.

After the meal has been prepared, the groups will reunite and offer blessing in Anishinaabe (Native language). The participants will eat together as a family which strengthens many of the assets which will be presented in the 44 weeks of teachings. Upon completion of the meal, the whole group will work together to clean up and restore the area to its original condition.

When this task is finished, the curriculum for the week's lesson will be presented through examples, stories and activities to complete that evening or homework for the next week.

Each week's asset will have a cultural relationship built into the teachings.

At the end of the evening, the group, as a whole, will reflect and promote open communication on the learning and what each person will take away from the evening's events. The group will then participate with the cultural advisor on a closing ceremony.

When the group nears the end of the journey, each participant will be given the opportunity to do a vision quest and/or a naming ceremony.

For more information, please contact Sabrina Spearman at 231-242-1643 to get registered on this adventure of a lifetime.

Courtesy graphic.

MICHIGAN TRIBES TACKLE OBESITY WITH NEW AD CAMPAIGN

Editor's note: The following is an Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan press release dated October 16, 2015.



Michigan, U.S.- A new media campaign urging Native Americans to get healthy for the ones they love launched September 26 in seven cities across Michigan. *What Moves You?* features inspiring images of Native American parents exercising with their children, highlighting family responsibility and mentorship as motivation for being more physically active. The goal is to reduce the risk for chronic diseases while improving long-term health.

"Diabetes affects Native Americans more than people from other racial backgrounds. Knowing that exercise can curb the onset of diabetes, or even prevent it, inspired me to get myself and my kids active so the chances of any of us developing this disease would be minimized. Plus, our bodies were designed to move and it's something fun we can all do together, for free!" said Marilee Fleming, a parent featured in the campaign and a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe.

Six federally recognized tribes and one health center in Michigan will distribute campaign materials and use *What Moves You?* to encourage their

communities to become more physically active: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, The Nottawasippi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, The Hannahville Indian Community, The Bay Mills Indian Community and American Indian Health and Family Services.

What *Moves You?* ads have rolled out in the Michigan cities where the participating tribes and health center are located, including Detroit, Mount Pleasant, Fulton, Grand Rapids, Wilson, Brimley, Sault Ste. Marie, Petoskey and Baraga. The ads appear online and locally on billboards, at convenience stores and in various publications.

The campaign website, MoveMoreNow.org, provides information about the benefits of exercise, outlines physical activity recommendations and highlights different types of activities to do year-round. It also includes local and online fitness resources.

What Moves You? is part of the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH)-*Journey to Wellness* initiative, a multi-year effort led by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan to improve the health and quality of life for Native Americans in Michigan. Research shows that over 65% of Native Americans in Michigan are overweight and obese.¹ "Forming healthy habits like regular exercise and nutritious eating, are vital in combatting chronic diseases," said Cathy Edgerly, REACH Program Manager at the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

The project is funded by the CDC and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

¹ Kaiser Family Foundation. *Overweight and Obesity Rates for Adults by Race/Ethnicity*. Retrieved from <http://tinyurl.com/obesityratebyethnicity>

NEW TRIBAL FARMER'S MARKETS IN MICHIGAN IMPROVE HEALTH AND BOOST LOCAL ECONOMIES

Editor's note: The following is an Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan press release dated October 16, 2015.

Sault Ste. Marie, MI - The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) and the Bay Mills Indian Community (BMIC) opened two new farmer's markets this summer in Petoskey and Brimley, MI, marking a significant advancement toward improving the physical and economic health of Native Americans in these communities. The two markets have grown rapidly since their inception and successfully increased the number of local residents that can now purchase fresh fruits and vegetables along with other locally prepared items like maple syrup, herbs, and perennial plants.

Native Americans suffer from high rates of chronic diseases, like heart disease and diabetes.¹ Research shows that over 65% of Native Americans in Michigan are overweight and obese.² Limited access to healthy food and grocery stores in areas like Petoskey or Brimley can leave a community vulnerable to a variety of poor health outcomes. By introducing these new farmer's markets, LTBB and BMIC have taken a critical step in increasing access to healthy food options, which will ultimately help drive down obesity and chronic disease risk among Native Americans in these communities.

"About half (54.5%) of the respondents who took our Farmer's Market patron survey reported that they currently get their fresh produce from our market," said Angela Johnston of BMIC.

"And the majority of respondents (91.0%) felt that the price of products was good or excellent."

The opening of the LTBB and BMIC farmer's markets is part of the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) - *Journey to Wellness* initiative, a multi-year effort led by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan to improve the health and quality of life for Native Americans in Michigan. The goal of the initiative, funded by the CDC and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is to prevent long-term diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease by encouraging exercise and healthy eating, as well as lowering commercial tobacco use.

Other tribes in Michigan participating in REACH - *Journey to Wellness* have enhanced their existing farmer's markets to meet growing demand for locally produced, healthy foods. With the help of a rural development grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) opened a new pavilion for their market in August 2015, creating new jobs and allowing opportunities for additional vendors.

"I am proud to say that the success of our farmer's markets help to ensure healthy food options and the long-term health of our communities," said Billi Jo Head of LTBB.

¹ Indian Health Services. *Disparities*. Retrieved from <http://tinyurl.com/disparitiesfactsheet>

² Kaiser Family Foundation. *Overweight and Obesity Rates for Adults by Race/Ethnicity*. Retrieved from <http://tinyurl.com/obesityratebyethnicity>

DON'T GET STUCK WITH THE BILL!



CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES
NO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
 (REFERENCE NUMBER)
 OR PRESCRIPTION PRE-APPROVAL
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NO CHS PAYMENT FOR BILL
 =
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Quick Care
 Family Medical Center
 116 W. Mitchell Street Petoskey, MI 49770
 231-348-2828

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

Charlevoix
 Area Hospital
 14700 Lake Shore Drive,
 Charlevoix, MI 49720
 231-547-4024

Quick 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.

When using Quick 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.

Notice: Up North Medical Center, also known as Boyne Country Urgent Care, located on M-119 in Harbor Springs, MI, is no longer open after hours or on weekends, so LTBB is no longer using it as an urgent care facility. After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at Quick Care Family Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI or Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix, MI.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid (Maj-tog Minowb-maude-zid) means "A Start of a Healthy Life."

We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach any woman who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both mom and newborn up to the age of two years.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, not replace prenatal, postpartum and pediatric medical care. In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and between pregnancies. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information on Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid, please call: Mina Mskiki Gumik - Tina Shawano at 231-242-1614, Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Assistance at 231-242-1721.

We now have a Certified Lactation Counselor on the Maternal Child Health Staff, Trista Paone RN, CLC.

If you have any questions, needs or issues with breast feeding your baby, please don't hesitate to call her at 231-242-1721.



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.

Call 231-242-1601 to set up a ride as soon as possible.

Miigwech!

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



November 26th – Thanksgiving
 November 27 – Friday after Thanksgiving
 December 24th – Christmas Eve
 December 25th – Christmas
 December 31st – New Year's Eve

what moves you?



“For me it’s my daughter.
I want to show her a better way.
I want to be here for her.”

get healthy

for the people that
depend on you.

Start with exercise.

Area Pantry Schedule

EMMET COUNTY

Nazarene Church - Wed 4-5 :45pm
7489 Mission Road, Alanson
231-548-5462

Liberty Baptist Church - call for pantry services 7247 South US 31, Alanson
231-548-5836

Church of Christ - 1st & 3rd Sun 12:30-1:30pm 1727 Anderson Road, Petoskey
231-437-0210

Bay Shore Pantry - 2nd & 4th Tue 12-3pm
06072 US 31 North, Bay Shore
231-347-3618

The Manna Pantry - Tue 9am-12pm; call for emergencies - 8791 McBride Park Court, Harbor Springs 231-347-8852

Harbor Springs Community - Mon 9:30am-12pm - 150 West Main (enter through double doors on 3rd Street), Harbor Springs 231-526-2414

Pellston Grace Community - Wed 5:30-6:30pm - 161 Highway 31, Pellston
231-539-8570

First Christian Church - Wed 9am-12pm
308 Monroe, Petoskey 231-347-6181

Salvation Army - Mon - Fri 9am-12pm
712 Pleasant Street, Petoskey
231-347-3531

St. Francis/Brother Dan's - Tue 9am-12pm; call for emergencies - 415 State Street, Petoskey 231-347-7423

Cross of Christ Church - 2nd Thu 5-7pm; 4th Thu 9-11am - **Paper pantry only**
1450 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey
231-347-5440

Northern Michigan **Diaper Pantry** - 1st & 3rd Fri 9:30am-11:30am - 8781 McBride Park Court, Harbor Springs (bldg. next to Manna)

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Boyne City Community - 1st Mon 10am-12pm & 3rd Mon 5-7pm - 401 State Street, Boyne City 231-582-2551

Boyne Valley Pantry - Thu 2-5pm
3031 Main Street, Boyne Falls
231-549-2230

Seventh Day Adventist - Mon 6-8pm, Wed 10am-12pm - 326 Park Street, Boyne City 231-582-0151

Bible Baptist Church - 1st & 3rd Thu 6-7pm; call for emergencies - 05855 M-66 North, Charlevoix 231-547-4300

Charlevoix Community - Mon and Thu 10am-12pm; last Sat 10-11am - 101 State Street, Charlevoix 231-547-9122

Care & Share - Tue 3-6pm; Thu 9am-12pm - 205 Water Street, East Jordan
231-536-7423

Third Day Fellowship - Mon 2:30pm and 6:30pm - 1204 Bridge Street, Charlevoix
231-547-8040

Walloon Lake Community - 2nd & 4th Tue 5:00-6:15pm - 4320 M-75, Walloon Lake
231-535-2288

ANTRIM COUNTY

Bellaire Community Pantry - Mon 1-5pm & Thu 10am-5pm - 205 Broad Street, Bellaire 231-533-8973

Good Samaritan - Tue 10am-7pm, Wed, Thu, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm
9746 Main Street, Ellsworth
231-588-2208

Antrim County Baby Pantry - 2nd & 4th Thu 12:30-4pm - 209 Jefferson Street, Mancelona 231-584-8401

Community Lighthouse - Tue & Thu 9am-5pm - 430 West State Street, Mancelona
231-587-9967

Mancelona Pantry and Resale - Tue, Wed, Thu 9am-4pm - 200 Maple, Mancelona 231-587-9606

Area Soup Kitchen Schedule

EMMET COUNTY

First Presbyterian Church - Thu & Sun 12-1pm - 501 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey 231-347-4793

St. Francis/Brother Dan's - Tue 12-1pm
415 State Street, Petoskey
231-347-7423

Nazarene Church - Wed 4-5 :45pm
7489 Mission Road, Alanson
231-548-5462

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Community Church of God - Mon & Thu 11am-1pm - 202 West Hurlbut, Charlevoix
231-547-2875

ANTRIM COUNTY

Good Samaritan - Thu at 12pm
9746 Main Street, Ellsworth
231-588-2208

**SECTION 184
LOAN GUARANTEE
PROGRAM**



- * Low Monthly Payment
- * Flexible Underwriting
- * Low Interest Rates
- * NO Monthly Mortgage Insurance

THE SECTION 184 LOAN CAN BE USED FOR:

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

REFINANCING IS BACK!!! Includes rate and term, streamline, cash out
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE LTBB HOUSING DEPT at 231-242-1540.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tribal Rental Housing Program: The LTBB Housing Department offers 29 rental units in the Northern Michigan area. These units are available to Tribal Citizens and most rents are based on a family's monthly income. Any Tribal Citizen interested in renting a unit from the LTBB Housing Department should contact our offices for an application. Currently, there is a waiting list for available units.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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



Equal Housing Opportunity TDD: 800-649-3777

Apartments for Rent
Now accepting applications

- ◆ Must be a LTBB Tribal Citizen
- ◆ Must be 55 or older or handicapped/disabled of any age
- ◆ Rents are based on income, income guidelines do apply
- ◆ \$200 security deposit
- ◆ All units 2 bedrooms and 1 bath
- ◆ Located in a quiet country setting, only 4 miles from town
- ◆ Barrier free units are available
- ◆ Bedrooms 12 by 13 & 9½ by 9½

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

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS HOUSING DEPARTMENT
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Tele: 231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550 TDD 800-649-3777

"In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, sex and familial status. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 800-795-3272 (voice) or 202-720-5964 (TDD)."

Moving?

If you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an address verification form.

Forms are also available at www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov. Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address verification form.

If you are a custodial parent, please provide proof by documentation.

Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark you as undeliverable.

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

Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of the per capita payment.

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

Contact Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520.

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

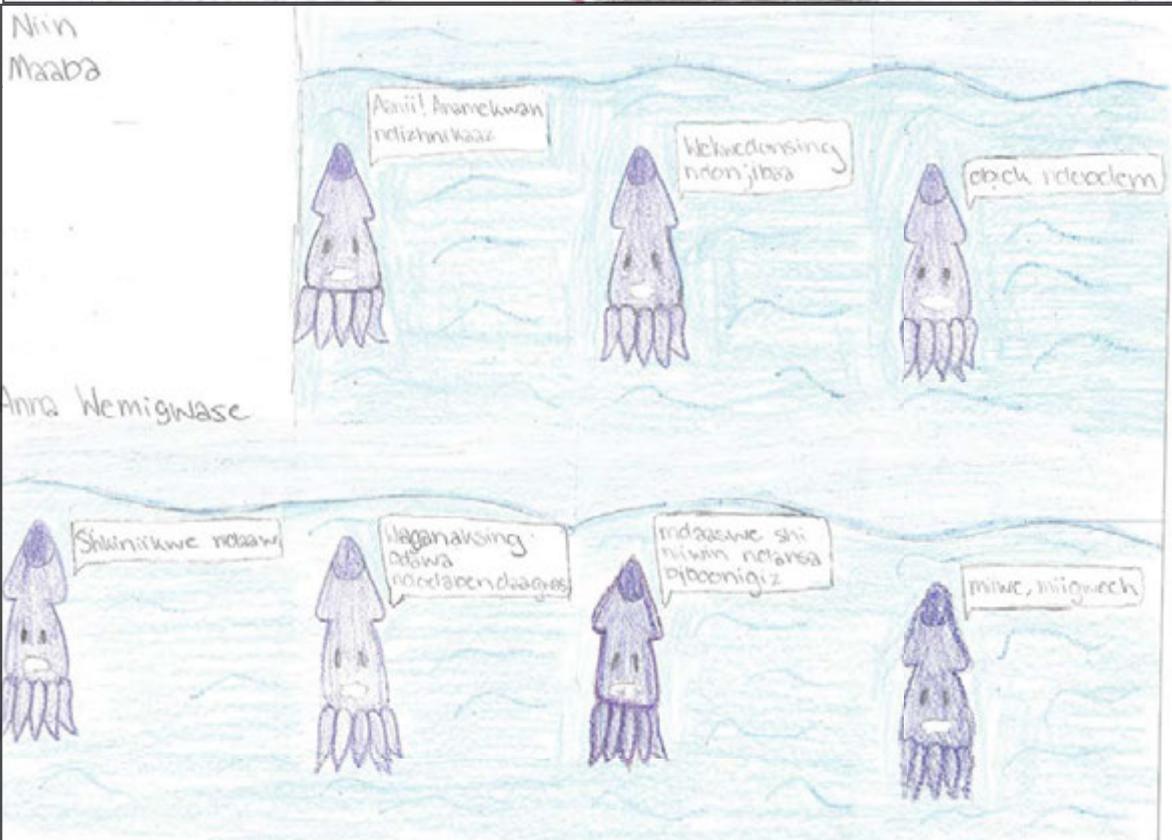
HIGH SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLASSES

Aanii, the language classes at Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI, and Harbor Springs High School (HSHS) in Harbor Springs, MI, are going great.

We have a total of 45 students from both schools, ranging from 9th to 12th graders. We are well into our year with family trees, word collage(s), daily questions and bebezhiik word lists. Some of the

intermediate students are "peer teaching" the material they had learned last year.

Here are comic strips made by Harbor Springs High School students, Anamekwan Wemigwase and Ezaak Kellar. They are 9th grade freshmen students. They learn the language by making their own material through art and interpreting them through the project.



Free Online Anishinaabemowin Class with Isadore Toulouse Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm EST

"Aabiish ezhaayin Niizh-giizhigak?"



Enter the classroom at 7PM EST by typing the following link into your browser:

<http://login.meetcheap.com/conference/anishinaabemowinonline> or click link on our FACEBOOK page.

There is no password needed.

Just enter your name or nickname.

There will be a live chat available to answer Isadore Toulouse's questions LIVE. Lets have fun learning the language! please SHARE!

online anishinaabemowin

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

Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program (NPIP) 2015 Fall Semester Schedule



Sept. 11-13
Oct. 2-4
Oct. 23-25
Nov. 13-15
Dec. 4-6

Immersion Class Hours:
Fridays, 1 pm - 8 pm
Saturdays, 8 am - 8 pm
Sundays, 8 am - 12 pm

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Tribal Community Classes held at LTBB Community Center in Harbor Springs, MI!

The NPIP Program develops the Anishinaabe language learner's ability to understand fluent speakers. The environment and approach used in class is designed to put students at ease - no anxiety or feeling intimidated or embarrassed. Students will attain a high level of listening comprehension, and eventually, increased ability to speak.

Attend as a guest or register as a student!

Students can earn 4-year or 6-year diplomas.

The Gijigowi Language Department can assist students with application and registration process!

LTBB is a satellite site of NPIP, which is accredited through Bay Mills Community College. For more information, contact Gwen Gasco, LTBB Gijigowi Language Department, at 231-242-1457 or e-mail ggasco@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

REGISTER NOW!!
Anishinaabemowin Language Classes
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2016 Winter Semester, 4 credits
Classes begin January 19, 2016!!!

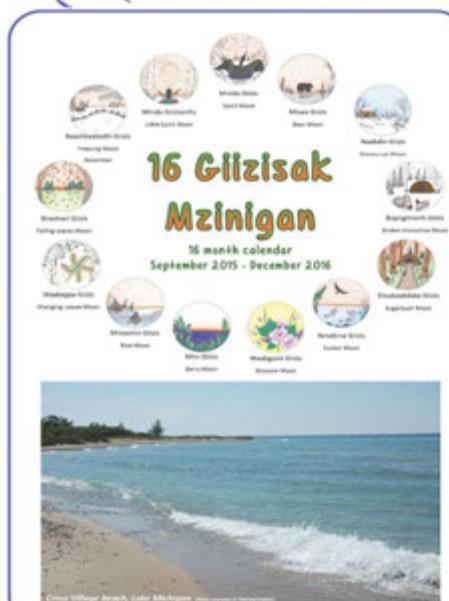
Tuesdays from 6-8:50 pm
NISH 111 - Elementary Anishinaabemowin I
NISH 112 - Elementary Anishinaabemowin II

Thursdays from 6-8:50 pm
NISH 211 - Intermediate Anishinaabemowin I
NISH 212 - Intermediate Anishinaabemowin II

Come and learn Anishinaabemowin!
All levels of language learners are welcome.
High school students can dual enroll;
check with your school guidance counselor for requirements/eligibility.

For more information, please contact Carla Osawamick at 517-862-3633 or e-mail cosawamick@ncmich.edu or contact Gwen Gasco at 231-758-4561 or e-mail ggasco@ncmich.edu

Get Your 16-month Anishinaabemowin Calendar Today!!!



The LTBB Gijigowi Language Department has developed a 16-month calendar to teach you one word a day, every day from September 2015 - December 2016.

At the beginning of each month, audio clips for that month's words will be posted on the LTBB tribal website Language page and posted on the SoundCloud to enhance your learning experience.

Calendars are \$20 each.

Calendar contains Anishinaabemowin terms, artwork, & photos from the Waganakising area

If you would like to purchase a 16 Giizisak Mzinigan, please come to the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.

For more information, please call 231-242-1457 or e-mail us at LangTech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

INTRODUCING PROJECT COORDINATOR/FLUENT LANGUAGE TEACHER GEORGE TRUDEAU



kinoomaageyaanh maanda anishinaabemowin. Ngiikinoomoowok go binoojiinhyak, eshkini-igaayik miinawaa egichipitseejik. Begish naa bi-zhaayek wiimaachtaa'anh wii kinoomaageyaanh anishinaabemowin. Aapidji go dagichinendamok gichin'shinaabebaniik minoodaagoyik wianishi-naabemyek maampii Biidaasigeng.

Nahaaw, mii wi kowesh, Jaach.

English Translation

Greetings everyone,
How is everyone? Hope everyone is having a good, nice, beautiful day.

George Trudeau is my name, this is what was given to me, a French name. But, (George) Biisine is my Anishinaabe name. This is the name of my (late) grandfather, "biisine." The direction of the north wind, Wikwemikong Reservation of (Manitoulin) Spirit Island, is where I am from. The Anishinaabek of long ago called that island, Island of the Odaawaa.

I started my job this week to teach Anishinaabe language, here at Petoskey; (The sun shines towards this direction). I'm very happy to start teaching the Anishinaabe language. I started teaching Anishinaabemowin 11 years ago. I've taught children, teenagers and adults/elders. Hoping everyone comes when I start teaching Anishinaabemowin. The Anishinaabek of long ago who will be happy to hear from you speaking Anishinaabe here at Petoskey.

Ok, that's it for now, George.

Courtesy photo.

Aanii kina wiya,
Aaniish na gegiinawaa? Begish naa mi-nozhigiizhigatkeyek.

George Trudeau ndanooziwin, miigonaa maanda gaamiinigowaambaa, wentigozhii nooziwin. Jaach Biisine shawii go ndaanishinaabe nooziwin aawan. Miigonaa maanda ndamishoomsiba gaanooziwingaaat "Biisine." Kiiwedinoong nikeyaa, Wiikwemkoong shkoniganing, Minidoo Minising ndoonjibaa. Odaawaa Minis ko gichizhaazhigo gichin'shinaabaniik giizhinigaadaanaawaa wi minis.

Ngiimadaangazhe sa maanda ebibimisek wiikinoomaageyaanh anishinaabemowin, maampii Biidaasigeng. Ndagichi nendam sa gwa wiimaajtaayaanh wiikinoomooageyaanh. Mdaaswe shi bezhik biboonigoba gaakomaachtaa'ambaa

Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program

2016 Spring Semester Schedule

LTBB is a satellite site of NPIP, which is accredited through Bay Mills Community College.

Wegnesh? What? 5 Weekends Per Semester	Aaniish Epiichaak? What time? Fridays 1 pm - 8 pm Saturdays 8 am - 8 pm Sundays 8 am - noon
Wenesh Pii? When? January 8, 9, 10 January 29, 30, 31 February 19, 20, 21 March 11, 12, 13 April 1, 2, 3	Aapiish? Where? LTBB Waasnodeki Community Center

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ANA Kinoomaagejik Project Kick Off Event

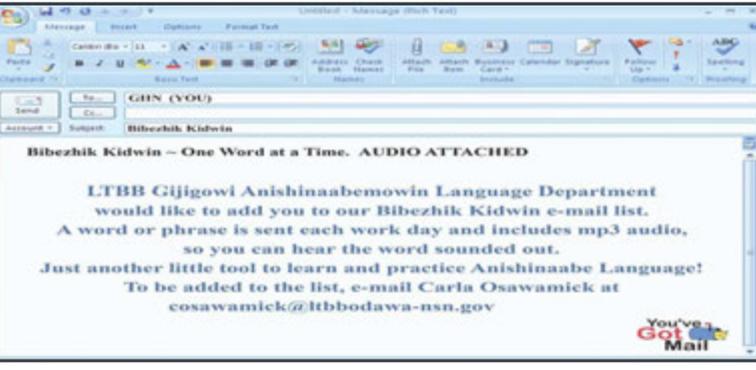
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
LTBB Governmental Center Commons Area
6 - 8 pm

Opening ceremony and overview of the new Language Teacher Training Program

Come and meet the ANA Project Instructor and Teacher Trainers!

Light dinner provided, bring a dish to share if you would like. Bring your feast bag/place setting if you have one.

For more information, please call the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department (GALD) at 231-242-1457



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@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Word Bank

pinaaboo
zaamgwaam
mnijiminak
waaboozonh
naadamaage
naadamaagewok
baakaakwaanh
bezhigoogzhii
dkaasin
naadamoo
jiisenhs
kookoosh
nganaadamaage
kwasmaan
eshkonh
pin
naadamooshin
bizhiki
jiishkaamgigan
zhaagaangwash
mkoomiinhsan
jiishkaamgige

Across

2. Help him/her.
7. potato
8. Help me.
10. cabbage
18. onion
21. peas
22. chicken

Down

1. rabbit
3. pig
4. cow
5. S/He is oversleeping.
6. rake
9. horse
11. frost
12. They are helping.
13. S/He is raking leaves.
14. I will help.
15. S/He is helping.
16. pumpkin
17. potato soup
19. carrot
20. The wind is cold.

Answers on page 29.

TRICK OR TREAT



2ND PLACE
COSTUME
WINNERS



3RD PLACE
COSTUME
WINNERS



PHOTOS
BY
ANNETTE
VANDECAR





3RD PLACE COSTUME WINNERS



1ST PLACE COSTUME WINNERS

NATIVE NEWS

LTBB COMMUNITY CITIZENS EXCEL IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORTS

Gunnar McNamara has helped the Petoskey High School varsity boys tennis team to the last two Division 3 Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) state finals and its last two regional titles.

Petoskey tied for 13th place at this year's state finals and tied for ninth place at last year's state finals. McNamara is 1-2 at the last two state finals, playing at No. 3 singles in 2014 and playing at No. 4 singles in 2015.



ing physical therapy due to an injury. She has a 3.99 GPA and was recently accepted to her first choice college, Michigan State University. She has received all A's during her high school career except for one A- in a college class last year.

Jacob Young, a sophomore, helped the Harbor Springs High School varsity boys cross country team to a third place finish in Division 4 at the 2015 MHSAA

State Finals. He finished 163rd out of 245 runners in all four divisions there.

In 2014, he helped Harbor Springs finish eighth in Division 4 at the MHSAA State Finals, finishing 140th out of 245 runners in all four divisions there.

He has a 4.0 GPA.

Andrea and Jacob Young, both LTBB Tribal Citizens, are the children of Debbie and Gary Young.

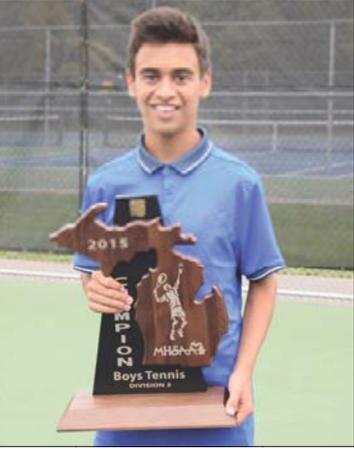
Isaac Abram-Craig, an LTBB Tribal Citizen, and his father, Matt Abram-Craig (First Nations, CA) have both won first place at the Michigan Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Open two years running.



Matt is in the Master's Division while Isaac was in the 13-15-year-old division in 2015 and the 10-12-year-old division in 2014. This year's tournament was held October 11, 2015 in Southfield, MI.

Isaac credits the Native Way #2 tribal gym where he learned the art form and Dr. Terry Samuels and Jimmy Gasco as his teachers.

Courtesy photos.



McNamara, a sophomore, was a 2015 regional champion at the Big Rapids Regional after receiving a first round bye and winning his two matches, 6-0, 6-0, and 6-2, 6-2.

McNamara, an LTBB descendent, is the son of Billy McNamara and the grandson of Dexter McNamara, both LTBB Tribal Citizens.

Andrea Young, a senior, was a member of the Harbor Springs High School varsity girls cross country team, which was the 2015 Division 4 MHSAA state runner-up. She competed for half of the season before requir-

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"Matter of Sovereignty" continued from page 1. criminal charges. So John Doe and his parents sued Townsend and Dollar General in tribal court for civil damages.

In turn, Townsend and Dollar General sued the tribe in federal court, disputing the tribal court's jurisdiction.

The federal district court for the Southern District of Mississippi and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans both ruled that the tribe did have jurisdiction. "[T]he ability to regulate the working conditions (particularly as pertains to health and safety) of tribe members employed on reservation land is plainly central to the tribe's power of self-government," the Fifth Circuit declared.

But last June, the United States Supreme Court agreed to hear *Dollar General v. Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians*. Legal experts are calling it the "most potentially devastating case for Indian tribes in half a century."

THE LINES ARE DRAWN

At issue is whether tribes have the jurisdiction to rule on civil tort claims against non-members. Dollar General argues that they do not. The Mississippi Choctaw, however, insist that the ability to protect their children falls squarely within the tribe's sovereign regulatory authority on their land.

"Dollar General is seeking a ruling that tribal courts can never exercise civil jurisdiction over a non-Indian unless Congress has given its express consent," said Stephen Pevar, senior counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, which filed its *amicus* brief in support of the Mississippi Choctaw on October 21.

"The Solicitor General urged the Court not to take the case," Pevar noted, "essentially saying that this is a run-of-the-mill case that presents no new or difficult or conflicting issues and that surely the tribe has jurisdiction. Therefore, the fact that [the Supreme Court] took this case is troubling."

The Doe family, the Mississippi Choctaw, Dollar General and Townsend were all contacted for this story. None have responded.

THE ABSENCE OF JUSTICE

In Mississippi, the federal government retains criminal jurisdiction over crimes committed on Indian reservations. Therefore, if the U.S. Attorney declines to prosecute a case, it cannot be tried in tribal or state court.

This jurisdictional "black hole" has led to thousands of untried cases and legal dead-ends for victims. It has also led to grim crime statistics for Indian people, who are more than twice as likely as other racial groups to experience violent crime and sexual assault, according to the Justice Department.

"The U.S. Attorney typically will not prosecute crimes of a sexual nature because they take the position that unless it's a capital murder offense or white-collar crime that they have a fairly good chance of winning, it's not worth the time," said one former U.S. Attorney who declined to be identified because of the sensitivity of the case.

In January 2005, angered that their son's case had slipped beneath the waves of justice, Doe's parents took Townsend and Dollar General to court for damages in Mississippi Choctaw tribal court, whose system and legal code are nearly identical to those of the state of Mississippi.

The parents alleged that Dollar General was liable for Townsend's criminal conduct and that the company was negligent in his hiring, training and supervision. They asked for \$2.5 million in actual and punitive damages.

Townsend and Dollar General both immediately moved to dismiss, contending that the tribal court "lacked jurisdiction." In 2008, the District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi held that the tribal courts had no jurisdiction over the alleged perpetrator Townsend.

At the same time, the judges wrote that Dollar General had knowingly consented to the jurisdiction of the tribe when it became a lessee on Choctaw land. Therefore, the judges said, the company itself should be subject to tribal court jurisdiction.

"NO STRANGER TO INDIAN COUNTRY"

In 2000, Dollar General entered into an agreement with the Mississippi Choctaw to open a store on the tribe's reservation land, about 90 miles northeast of the Mississippi state capital in Jackson. The language in the leasing agreement was unambiguous in regard to tribal jurisdiction and governing law.

"This agreement and any related documents," the document stated, "shall be construed according to the laws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and the state of Mississippi . . . Exclusive venue and jurisdiction shall be in the Tribal Court of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. [Emphasis added.] This agreement and any related documents is subject to the Choctaw Tort Claims Act."

But when the case against Townsend and the retail giant began going through the Mississippi Choctaw legal system and into federal court, Dollar General began bristling at the notion of tribal jurisdiction.

Among its various claims, the company has stated in court documents that it is a "stranger" to tribal court jurisdiction; that permitting tribal courts to exercise tort (or non-criminal) jurisdiction could "impose ruinous punitive damages . . . [with] the same purpose and effect" as criminal punishment; and that Dollar General should not be bound to rules in an "unfamiliar court."

Indian law experts across the country, however, have decried that Dollar General's position as a disingenuous double standard. Many companies do business with Indian tribes every day, they argue, with no qualms about suing tribal members in tribal courts for a variety of tort claims—as long as they are the plaintiff.

Being a defendant, however, is a different story, even though the companies knowingly consent to such a relationship with the full knowledge of their legal departments.

"Dollar General is no stranger to Indian country, they're in nearly every Native community," said Richard Guest, director of the Tribal Supreme Court Project for the Native American Rights Fund. "When these non-Indian companies come on to the reservation to do business with the tribe or a tribal member, they have fair notice that they will be subject to the civil jurisdiction of tribal courts

for any harm they cause to the tribe or its members on tribal lands. That should not be a 'surprise.'"

As a matter of course, tribes and their courts do not have authority over non-Indians. However, two exceptions were laid out in *Montana v. United States* (1981). These are "consensual relationships" and "activities that threaten the political integrity, economic security or the health and welfare of the tribe."



On December 7, the Supreme Court is expected to hear the "most potentially devastating case for Indian tribes in half a century."

In June 2014, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the "consensual relationship" exception applied in the Doe case: "[Townsend's conduct] has an obvious nexus" in relationship to Dollar General and the tribe's Youth Opportunity Program.

"A tribe that has agreed to place a minor tribe member as an unpaid intern in a business located on tribal land on a reservation is attempting to regulate the safety of the child's workplace," the court ruled. "Simply put, the tribe is protecting its own children on its own land."

"Matter of Sovereignty" continued on page 20.

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"Matter of Sovereignty" continued from page 19.

WHAT IS DOLLAR GENERAL?

Dollar General calls itself "one of the fastest-growing retailers in America," with 12,198 stores in 43 states and over 105,000 employees. The Tennessee-based, publicly traded discount retailer reported nearly \$19 billion in sales last year, with a market capitalization of just over \$20 billion, according to the New York Stock Exchange.

Over the years, too, the company has been embroiled in numerous legal disputes and altercations with federal agencies. These include making false statements or failing to disclose adverse facts in its financial statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission, resulting in a \$162 million settlement in 2001; numerous violations with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which have yielded nearly 40 citations since 2009; a class action suit for unpaid overtime, resulting in an \$8.3 million settlement in 2014; and numerous lawsuits for racial and disability and gender discrimination.

In 2006, Dollar General was also the subject of a class action lawsuit by over 2,100 female employees who said the company's pay system discriminates against female store managers. The company settled out of court for \$18.75 million in 2012.

Last year, the company was forced to pay nearly \$4 million to settle another class action suit for violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), in which the company "willfully failed to comply with the disclosure and authorization requirements in

[the FCRA]," including failing to inform applicants that a background check would be done, as well as failure to obtain their consent.

NO JUSTICE FOR JOHN DOE

In June, over the objections of the Solicitor General, and despite the fact that there was no circuit split on this matter, the Supreme Court granted Dollar General's petition for certiorari. The case has rattled Indian tribes and their legal teams across the country, who view the high court's intervention as an ominous indicator.

With a showdown looming, Indian country is preparing for what legal experts are calling "the most important Indian law case in decades."

"[Dollar General] wants to wipe out all civil adjudicatory jurisdiction of tribes over non-Indians," said Stephen Pevar of the ACLU. "Until now, the question had only been whether the non-Indian had sufficient causal connections with the tribe or had done something (or threatened to do something) particularly serious to the tribe to allow the tribe to subject that person to the tribe's judicial authority.

"But Dollar General wants to have a blanket prohibition of such authority unless Congress has consented or the person being sued has consented. The implications are enormous because it would strip tribes of the rights that landowners typically have."

Oral arguments for *Dollar General v. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians* have been set for December 7, 2015. <http://bit.ly/1KCILtj>



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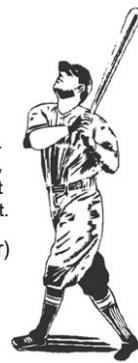
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PRESIDENT OBAMA HOSTS 7TH ANNUAL WHITE HOUSE TRIBAL NATIONS CONFERENCE

Editor's note: The following is a National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) press release dated November 5, 2015.



President Barack Obama, tribal leaders from across the country and key federal officials gathered today (November 5, 2015) for the 7th Annual White House Tribal Nations Conference (WHTNC) to discuss how they can continue to work together to strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship between tribal nations and the U.S. government and cement a legacy which empowers Indian country's future.

Held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, the WHTNC kicked off with big news from athletic shoe and apparel maker, Adidas, who announced an initiative to help high schools nationwide drop their Native American-themed mascots, nicknames, imagery or symbolism by providing logo and uniform redesign services and financial support to ensure the cost of changing mascots is not prohibitive.

Also unveiled was MTV's powerful new video on Generation Indigenous, which featured First Lady Michelle Obama declaring to Native youth, "As you move forward, remember you are never alone."

The annual convening continued with rousing addresses by an impressive slate of tribal leaders and federal officials, in-

cluding:

- Chairwoman Rosemary Morillo, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
- Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama
- Secretary Sally Jewell, Department of the Interior
- Chairman Aaron Payment, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Rory Taylor, Center for Native American Youth 2015 Champion for Change and citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
- Ambassador Keith Harper, U.S. Representative to the Human Rights Council and citizen of the Cherokee Nation
- Heather Higginbottom, Deputy Secretary, Department of State

Conference participants attended breakout sessions to engage in meaningful dialogues with federal officials on critical topics ranging from health care to housing to climate change. From these sessions and throughout the day came announcements of several new key federal developments and initiatives for Indian country such as:

- The Department of the Interior finalized and released new Right of Way Regulations, which will give Native landowners greater control over the use and development of tribal lands.
- The Department of Justice announced the first 10 tribes to participate in the initial phase of the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP).
- The Department of the Interior's launch of Native One Stop, a website where tribal citizens can locate important federal resources they may be eligible to receive.
- The Department of Education released its agency consultation policy and also highlighted the release of the School Environment Listening Sessions Final Report.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced changes to

the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative designed to make tribes more competitive for this funding stream for neighborhood transformation, which will be integrated into a NOFA which will be released in the next 30 days.

- The appointment of Karen Diver (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa) to serve as Special Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs, White House Domestic Policy Council.

President Obama wrapped up the landmark event with brief opening remarks. "When I ran for office, I pledged to build a true nation-to-nation relationship with you," he said to the tribal leaders in attendance. "What has started out as a campaign promise has now become a tradition." He went on to share "the success of our Native American communities is tied up with the success of America as a whole."

Obama then joined a roundtable discussion moderated by Jude Schimmel (Umatilla), a standout basketball player at the University of Louisville. The roundtable covered a number of topics important to Native youth, including the need for quality, culturally appropriate education; suicide prevention; food sovereignty; and the movement to eliminate racist sports mascots in schools. Querying President Obama were four Native youth: Blossom Johnson (Navajo Nation), age 23; Tatiana Ticknor (Yup'ik/Tlingit/Dena'ina), age 16; Brayden White (St. Regis Mohawk Tribe), age 21; and Philip Douglas (Seminole Nation of Oklahoma), age 16. In closing the conference, Obama said of Native youth, "I want to be a partner with you to make sure that every possible door is opened to them."

For more information, please see the Fact Sheet for the 7th Annual White House Tribal Nations Conference at www.whitehouse.gov and also NCAI's Tribal Leader Briefing Book on www.ncai.org.

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- In the event of a tie, cash prizes will be split evenly among winners.
- Adult professional is considered any performer that has been paid for their service talent.
- Times subject to change.

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Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel Pool, Petoskey, MI Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm Call 231-242-1423 for details		Elders Luncheon at Noon 1	AFC Meeting 1 pm Tribal Council Chambers 2 Elders Commission Meeting 5 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312	Elders Luncheon at Noon 3	Child Welfare Commission Meeting 1 pm Govt. Center Rm. 312 4 Election Board Work Session 4:30 pm	
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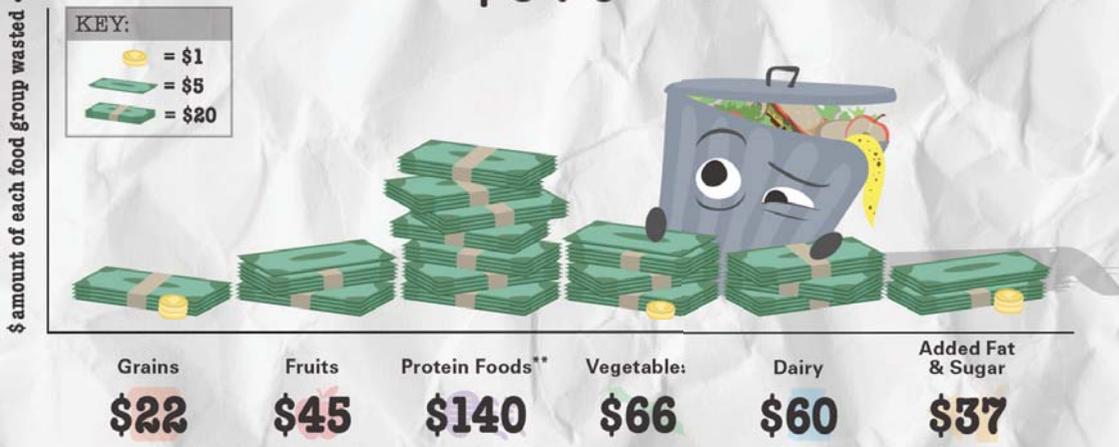


Cut back on **food waste and loss** to save money, improve access to food, and protect natural resources.

About **90 billion** pounds of edible food goes uneaten each year.

That weighs **123x** the Empire State Building.

This cost consumers **\$370** per person each year.



Reduce **wasted food** in your home with simple shopping, storage, & cooking practices. **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Plan & Save

Plan your weekly menu and make a grocery list. Does the list include food that you already have at home? Buy only what you need and stay within your **budget**.

Be Food Safe

Shop refrigerated or frozen foods just before checking out. Transport items that spoil easily in a cooler or thermal bag and refrigerate or freeze within two hours of shopping.

Check for Quality

The dates on a food package help the store determine how long to display the product for sale. It can also help you to choose a product at its best quality.

Set Storage Reminders

Track storage times for different foods using The FoodKeeper Application. This tool will remind you when foods are near to the end of their **storage date**.

Be Organized

Foods are less likely to go bad when you use the older items first. Keep your pantry and **refrigerator** clean and organized so you can see what needs to be eaten first.

Re-purpose

Give leftovers a makeover when you reuse them in recipes. Add broccoli stems to a salad or blend overripe fruit into a low-fat smoothie. **Freeze** extra food.

Donate

Many shelters, food banks, and **faith-based organizations** will accept food donations to feed others who need a meal.

Recycle & Compost

Instead of throwing out food, create a **compost** bin. Don't have a yard? Your city may help you find composting or recycling options that are right for you.



*In homes and away-from-home eating places.
**Protein foods includes meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and nuts.

Sources: All sources are available at ChooseMyPlate.gov/lets-talk-trash.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
October 8, 2015

GENERAL SESSION I

Closed Session: None

Call to Order: 9:11 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Bill A. Denemy

Roll Call: Council Present: Secretary Julia Shananaquet, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Aaron Otto

Council Elect: Dexter McNamara, Frank Bernard, David Harrington

Absent (at time of Roll Call): Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Financial Analyst Stella Kay, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wesley Andrews, Citizens Assistance Attorney Cherie Dominic

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr., Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson

Tribal Court: Associate Judge John Lemire, Court Clerk Cynthia Brouchaert, Administrative Assistant Joetta Gasco

Public: Carol Quinones, Angel Bernard, Ezra Bernard, Carol McFall, Andrew Stich, John Bott, Douglas Sprague, Marty VanDeCar, David Dominic, Bart Gasco, Alice Hughes, Christine Shomin, Jessica Searles, Deb McNamara, Mary Lou Bowers, Merle Carson, Linda Gokee, Marcia Sutton

Invited Guests: none

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe

to adopt the October 8, 2015, General Session I agenda as presented.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 17, 2015, as corrected.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Councilor Law, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Executive Updates

Discussion Items: Youth Grant Extension, Tribal Summit attendance, Water Quality Summit to be held in Traverse City, MI. Meeting regarding possible Tribal Pharmacy (reviewed Watersmeet and Hannaville Tribal Models), Native American Halloween Costume Citizen complaint. Councilor Keshick gave an update on Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority meeting issues.

Questions raised regarding: Liquor Control Board, Meaningful Use

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to acknowledge the verbal report as presented by Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley on October 8, 2015.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Tribal Council Officer Reports: Legislative Leader - Position is currently vacant.

Secretary:

The following Tribal Council adopted/approved documents were delivered/signed by the Executive:

Waganakising Odawak Statute 2015-015 Amendment to 2015-009 Gaming Enterprise Statute

Delivered to the Executive Department on 09-09-15

Signed on 09-23-15.

Tribal Resolution #091715-01; Michigan Elder's Association Delegate Appointment

Delivered to the Executive De-

partment on 09-23-15

Signed on 09-23-15.

Vetoes: None

Phone Polls: None

Additional Items:

With the budgetary cuts we are currently experiencing, I would like to extend my sincerest thank you to the Grant Department staff, Amber Holt and Julie Kaupilla for working so diligently in securing the much needed grant funds for our Tribal programs. Both ladies are working very hard to assist in offsetting our program shortages and the work they do is greatly appreciated. There are two other special ladies I would like to say Miigwetch to, Carol Kiogima and Ellie Winkelhorst. During harvest season, these two ladies continuously volunteer their precious time to pick and deliver vegetables to community Tribal Elders. Thank you and blessings to you both for being who and how you are. Thank you Councilor Denemy, Councilor Keshick and Councilor Wemigwase for all the lessons you have taught me during your term on Tribal Council, it has been a pleasure and honor to serve with you. Last but not least, Congratulations to our very own, Joe Van Alstine who is the newly elected President of the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR).

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Secretary Shananaquet's verbal report as presented on October 8, 2015.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Treasurer:

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Law to accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal report as presented on October 8, 2015.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Tribal Council Travel Reports:

Table Councilor Wemigwase's report tabled until later in morning session

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to acknowledge the written and verbal travel report of Treasurer Reyes' attendance at meeting with Department of Justice and Department of Interior, held in Washington, DC, on October 1, 2015.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to acknowledge the written and verbal travel report of Councilor Law's attendance at meeting with Department of Justice and Department of Interior, held in Washington, DC, on October 1, 2015.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Tribal Council Reports: - No reports

Tribal Council Committee Reports:

Agriculture Assessment Work Group (Final Report)

Discussion: This will be the final report for AAWG. Today's agenda will include, Transfer of funds and the dissolution of AAWG. Councilor Keshick's extends thank you to everyone who assisted in bringing the farm to fruition.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to accept the verbal report of the Agriculture Ad-hoc Work Group as presented by Councilor Keshick, Committee Chairman.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Land and Reservation Committee

Discussion: Treaty boundaries and report on trip to Washington, DC. Councilor Keshick hopes for continued support in Tribes effort to establish jurisdictional boundaries.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to accept the verbal report of the Land and Reservation Committee as presented by Councilor Keshick, Committee Chairman.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Legal Legislative Committee

Discussion: Today's agenda will include Amendment for Legal Legislative Committee. Councilor Law expressed her appreciation to the outgoing Council members.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept the verbal report of the Legal and Legislative Committee as presented by Councilor Law, Committee Chairperson.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Ethics Committee - No report

LTBB Charter and/or Enterprise Committee/Board Reports

Gaming Enterprise Board

Discussion: Welcome Billi Jo Head and Denise Petoskey. Incidence reports happening at Casino. New training programs, moving forward with Mackinaw City officials and meeting tonite in Mackinaw city. New bud-

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

December 8 Work Session
 December 10 Council Meeting

January 5 Work Session
 January 8 Council Meeting
 January 19 Work Session
 January 21 Council Meeting

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

Legislative

Tribal Council Members

Aaron Wayne Otto, Legislative Leader

Marci Reyes, Treasurer

Dexter McNamara, Councilor

Julie Shananaquet, Councilor

Frank Bernard, Councilor

David Harrington, Councilor

Mike Naganashe, Councilor

Beatrice A. Law, Councilor

gets submitted.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept the verbal report of the Gaming Enterprise Board (GEB) as presented by Councilor Law, Committee Chairperson.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Action Items - Motions

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Certified Motion #100815-01; Request for Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire Management/Fuel Reduction Funds Project.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Certified Motion #100815-02; Request for funding from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Native American Career and Technical Education Program Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Project (WOCTEP) Supplemental Funding FY 2016.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to

approve Certified Motion #100815-03; Request for Funding from America Walks Every Body Walk! Collaborative Micro Grant Walking Safety and Promotion.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to approve Certified Motion #100815-04; Approval of FY 2016-FY 2019 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Certified Motion #100815-05; Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Tribal Colon Cancer Collaborative Grant.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve Certified Motion #100815-06; Request for Funding from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation Discretionary Funding Educational Fracking Forum.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Certified Motion #100815-07 to Dissolve Ad-Hoc Agricultural Work Group (AAWG).

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Councilor Law, Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

10:24 a.m. Break

10:37 a.m. Resume

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve a Tribal Nomination Letter for Sarah Schilling Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS) Program and authorize Secretary Shananaquet to sign.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to assign Tanya Gibbs to a 5-year term beginning October 08, 2015 ending October 8, 2020 for the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. and to reflect the assignment within the OEDMI Corporate Charter documents.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve Certified Motion #100815-08; Designation of Ziibimijwang Assets 5055 Gill Road, Carp Lake Township, Michigan.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to approve the Legislative Office to secure back ground report on Mary Kilmer based on interviews conducted for Gaming Enterprise Board.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve the Legislative Office to secure back ground report on Marvin Mulholland based on interviews conducted for Gaming Enterprise Board.

Vote: 3-Yes, 4-No (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Denemy Councilor Law, Councilor Otto), 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion fails.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to approve the Legislative Office to secure back ground report on Thomas Newberry based on interviews conducted for Gaming Enterprise Board.

Vote: 3-Yes, 4-No (Secretary Shananaquet, Councilor Keshick, Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Otto)

0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion fails.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to post Waganakising Odawak Statute Repeal of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2010-007 Legal and Legislative Committee. Sponsored by Secretary Shananaquet.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Certified Motion #100815-09 National Congress of American Indians Representative Beatrice A. Law as the alternate representative for LTBB.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Action Items - Resolutions

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt Tribal Resolution: Transfer of Funds from the Legislative Branch-Ad Hoc Agricultural Work Group fund to Ziibimijwang, Inc., a Tribally Chartered Corporation, in the Amount of \$31,136.46.

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Reyes to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Elder and Adult Conservatorship and Guardian Statute. Sponsored by Councilor Denemy.

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Domestic Violence. Sponsored by Councilor Wemigwase.

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Administrative Procedures Statute. Sponsored by Councilor Law.

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to appoint John Bott as Appellate Justice for a term ending April 17, 2017.

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-no, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-no, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent, Treasurer Reyes-no, Secretary Shananaquet-no Motion fails.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Repeal of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2011-012, Odawa Fishery Incorporated Statute. Sponsored by Councilor Law and co-sponsored by Councilor Keshick

Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-no, Councilor Wemigwase-absent, Treasurer Reyes-no, Secretary Shananaquet-no Motion carried.

11:07 a.m. Public Comment opens

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“Minutes” continued from page 24.

Citizen Andrew Stich thanked out going Council member for their service. Travel Reports

11:08 a.m. Public Comment closes

Councilor Wemigwase unable to attend to give her travel report. Removed from Agenda.

Adjournment

11:10 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to adjourn General Session I of October 8, 2015.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403 or 231-242-1404 for additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written corrected:

Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers

7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 October 8, 2015

GENERAL SESSION II

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: 1:30 p.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A.

Law

Roll Call: Council Present: Secretary Julia Shananaquet, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Regina Gasco-Bentley, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Aaron Otto

Absent (at time of Roll Call): None

Legislative Branch Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Administrative Assistant Tamara Kiogima, Financial Analyst Stella Kay, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wesley Andrews, Enjiinakneng Executive Legal Assistant Su Lantz

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Chairperson Gasco Bentley, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Communications Director Annette VanDeCar, Planning Director Bryan Gillett, Executive Office Administrative Assistant Julie Janiskee, Archives and Records Assistant Lisa Flynn, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr.

Public: Eleanor Andrews, Angel Bernard, Ezra Bernard, Cheryl Kishigo Lesky, Marcia Sutton, Terry Samuels MD, Chris Shomin, Carol Quinones, Linda Gokee

Invited Guests: none

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adopt the October 8, 2015, General Session II agenda as presented.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Citizenship List A – Eligible, total of 12 dated September 29, 2015.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco-Bentley to approve Citizenship List B – Ineligible, total of 9 dated September 29, 2015.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Election of Tribal Council Officers

Legislative Leader - Nomination are as follows:

Councilor Gasco-Bentley expressed interest.

Councilor Otto – Voiced support of consistency in keeping Councilor Gasco-Bentley as Chairperson.

Councilor McNamara nominates Councilor Gasco-Bentley, Supported by Secretary Shananaquet. Ballot vote results: 9

Tribal Secretary – Nominations are as follows:

Councilor McNamara nominates Councilor Otto and supported by Secretary Shananaquet

Ballot vote results: 5

Councilor Law nominates self and supported by Councilor Gasco-Bentley

Ballot Vote results: 4

Tribal Treasurer – Nominations are as follows:

Secretary Shananaquet nominates Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law

Ballot vote results: 6

Councilor Law nominates Councilor McNamara and supported Secretary Shananaquet

Ballot vote results: 3

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to acknowledge the following Tribal Council Officers: Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley - Legislative Leader, Councilor Aaron Otto- Tribal Secretary, and Councilor Marcella Reyes- Tribal Treasurer.

Vote: 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley transitions back to Interim Tribal Chair.

2:01 p.m. Public Comment opened:

Terry Samuels MD thanks Tribal Council for their leadership and thanked them for their continuity. Reminded all about getting their flu shots, and go outside on a daily basis for good health.

2:03 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Executive Update

Discussion: Councilor McNamara requested update on the Transportation Improvement Plan.

Legislative Office Reports: Financial Analyst

Discussion item(s): Pro Forma on the October 27, 2015 Work Session.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to accept Financial Analyst Stella Kay’s verbal and written report as presented on October 8, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Legislative Services Attorney

Discussion item(s): James McClurken Presentation set for the October 27, 2015 Work Session, Special Meeting October 26, 2015 and Land Tour.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick’s verbal and written report as presented on October 8, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

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General Council Bransky (No Report)

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Discussion item(s):

Wesley Andrews offered a brief discussion regarding his position on the Tribal Burial Board and an overview on the Tribal Historic Preservation Office with regard to \$18,000.00 in revenue being brought in.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept Wesley Andrew’s verbal and written Tribal Historic Preservation Officer report as presented on October 8, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Recess called.

Meeting resumed.

Legislative Office Manager

Discussion Item(s): Payroll forms, and other such documents.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported Councilor Harrington by to accept Legislative Office Manager LaCount’s verbal and written report as presented on October 8, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to amend the agenda to add motions of Secretarial and Treasurer additional duties.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to request, authorize and approve Secretary Otto to perform the following duties, in accordance with LTBB Constitution, Article VII, C(2) (f): signatory for Legislative Branch documents, staff travel, PTO, and other

similar day-to-day functions for Legislative Branch and office operations.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Law to request, authorize and approve Treasury Reyes to perform the following duty in accordance with LTBB Constitution, Article VII, C(3)(f): signatory for Certified Motions.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Action Items - Motions:

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Treasurer Reyes to post a Tribal Council Special Meeting and Land Tour for October 26, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve contract extension, with no additional cost, of Pro Forma Advisors contract, dated January 2015, for Odawa Casino Hotel Analysis to December 31, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Work Log and 3rd Quarter Report for 2015 from Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wesley Andrews for October 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve the Programmatic Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding FEMA’s ability to utilize the agreement to fulfill its Section 106 responsibilities, and authorizes the Tribal Chair to sign it on behalf of the Tribe as an Invited Signatory or as a Concurring party.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve the Programmatic Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding FEMA’s ability to utilize the agreement to fulfill its Section 106 responsibilities, and authorizes the Tribal Chair to sign it on behalf of the Tribe as an Invited Signatory or as a Concurring party.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Tribal Council to attend the Building Strong Sovereign Nations: Anishinabek Leadership for Seven Generations in Mt. Pleasant, MI, October 13, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Action Items - Roll Call:

Other Items of Business:

Discussion Item – Councilor Shananaquet suggests that new Councilor’s review meeting schedule for the remainder of 2015 and be prepared to bring forward needed or suggested changes at the next Tribal Council meeting.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Adjournment

4:20 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adjourn General Session II of October 8, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403 or 231-242-1404 for additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written corrected:

Aaron Otto, Tribal Council Secretary Date

Next Scheduled Meeting October 29, 2015

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Tribal Council Special Meeting Tribal Council Chambers

7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 October 26, 2015

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

Roll Call: Council Present: Secretary Aaron Otto, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Michael Naganashe

Absent Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Julie Shananaquet

Legislative Office: Legislative Services Attorney Budnick, Financial Analyst Stella Kay, Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: GIS Director Alan Proctor, Planning Director Bryan Gillett, Natural Resource Department Director Doug Craven, Grant writer Amber Holt

Public: Ezra Bernard

Invited Guests: Hogan, Adams: Jessica Intermill, Andrew Adams, III. William Szotkowski

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adopt the agenda as presented for October 27, 2015.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Secretary Otto to attend the White House Conference in Washington D.C.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to acknowledge receipt of the Natural Resource Commission resignation letter from Jannan Cornstalk as forwarded from the Executive.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Secretary Shananaquet, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Hogan, Adams: Reservation Restoration update.

9:36 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Treasurer Reyes to go into closed session for Legal matters.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Councilor Harrington, Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.

9:43 a.m. Councilor Shananaquet arrives.

10:46 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to return to open session.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

10:53 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adjourn.

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Aaron Otto, Tribal Council Secretary Date

Next Scheduled Meeting October 29, 2015

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers

7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 October 29, 2015

Closed Session: yes

Opening Ceremony: Councilor Bernard

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:13 a.m.

Council Present: Secretary Aaron Otto, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor, Michael Naganashe, Councilor Julia Shananaquet

Absent: none

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay, General Counsel Bransky

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr., Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson

Judicial Officials and Staff: none

Public: Traditional Tribal Burial Board: Wesley Andrews, Kevin Willis

Invited Guests: none

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Naganashe to adopt the amended agenda for October 29, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve General Session I minutes of October 8, 2015 with corrections.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Harrington to approve the General Session II minutes of October 8, 2015 with corrections.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the Special Meeting minutes of October 26, 2015 with corrections.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to acknowledge receipt of the Executive oversight verbal and written report for October 29, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept the receipt of the Traditional Tribal Burial Board’s 3rd Quarter for verbal and written report as presented by Chairperson Wesley and board member Kevin Willis, and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer verbal and written report as presented by Wesley Andrews for verbal and written report for October 29, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

Kevin Willis spoke regarding the Odawa Fishery, fish supply and the Tribal Fisherman’s livelihood. Kevin asked Tribal Council to approach Natural Resource Department Director Craven if they have any questions regarding this issue.

11:02 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Return

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept Secretary Otto’s verbal report as provided on the agenda for October 29, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

11:54 a.m. Public comment opened: no comments

11:54 a.m. Public comment closed

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Councilor Shananaquet’s verbal and written travel reports for October 29, 2015 regarding United Tribes of Michigan, Michigan Indian Legal Services and National Congress of American Indians.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

11:54 a.m. Public comment opened: no comments

11:54 a.m. Public comment closed

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Councilor Shananaquet’s verbal and written travel reports for October 29, 2015 regarding United Tribes of Michigan, Michigan Indian Legal Services and National Congress of American Indians.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent Motion carried.

12:09 p.m. Lunch recess

1:30 p.m. Resumed. Councilor Naganashe absent

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept Councilor Law’s verbal and written travel reports for October 29, 2015 regarding United Tribes of Michigan, Michigan Indian Legal Services and National Congress of American Indians and overview of travel to Squaxin Island, WA for Violence Against Women Act.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe) Motion carried.

2:05 p.m. Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Law to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe) Motion carried.

2:10 p.m. Councilor Harrington left the meeting.

2:24 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to return to open session.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay’s verbal and written report for October 29, 2015.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

2:51 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Return

3:01 p.m. Public Comment

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opened: Merle Carson spoke regarding the Burt Lake Band and their seeking federal recognition with regard to the Mackinaw project.

3:15 p.m. Public comment closed.

3:18 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to go into closed session for legal purposes.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

3:35 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to return to open session.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for October 29, 2015.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

4:24 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

4:49 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to return to open session.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept General Counsel Bransky's verbal and written report for October 29, 2015.

Vote: 5- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 3- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington, Councilor McNamara) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to amend the agenda to include General Counsel Bransky's Confidential Memo 102915-01 and the Extension and Continuation of Payment In Lieu of Taxes Agreement.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept the Legislative Office Manager Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for Oct 29, 2015.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to acknowledge receipt of the Ziibimijwang Inc., and Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. 2015 3rd Quarter Reports.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to approve the Letter to Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs regarding the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2016 authorized under the Federal Continued Resolution and authorize Treasurer Reyes to sign it.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Certified Motion 102915-01 Boundary - Application for Federal Litigation Support Funding.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Vote for Appropriations and Finance Committee which includes

Treasurer Reyes
Councilor Shananaquet
self-nominated

Councilor Law-self nominated
Councilor Bernard self-nominated

1st vote: (5) votes -Councilor Shananaquet, (3) Councilor Law, (3) Councilor Bernard

2nd vote: (4) Councilor Law, (2) Councilor Bernard

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Otto to assign Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Shananaquet and Councilor Law to the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Vote for Land and Reservation Committee interests (need 3 Committee Members)

Councilor Harrington interested per Councilor Shananaquet

Councilor Bernard self-nominated

Treasurer Reyes self-nominated
Councilor Law self-nominated
(5) votes-Councilor Harrington, (5) votes-Treasurer Reyes, (4) votes-Councilor Bernard, (2)-Councilor Law

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to assign Councilor Harrington, Treasurer Reyes and Councilor Bernard to the Land and Reservation Committee.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Vote for Ethics Committee
Councilor Law self-nominated
Councilor McNamara Councilor nominated by Councilor Bernard
Councilor Shananaquet self-nominated

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor McNamara to assign Councilor Law, Councilor McNamara and Councilor Shananaquet to the Ethics Committee.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Tribal Council to attend the meeting with the U.S. Attorney General November 6, 2015 at 911 Spring St. Petoskey MI.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve the 2016 Tribal Council Regular and Work Session/Meeting Schedule.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept the Executive nomination of Albert Colby Jr., for the Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board, and to set up an interview.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported Treasurer Reyes to accept the Executive nomination of William A. Denemy for the Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board, and to set up an interview.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported my Councilor Law to accept the Executive nomination of Julie Janiskee for the Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board, and to set up an interview.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Otto and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Executive nom-

ination of Allie Maldonado for Chief Judge, and set up an interview.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to accept the Executive nomination of Sean Cahill for Appellate Justice, and set up an interview.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Law to accept the Executive nomination of Melissa Laughlin for the Election Board, and set up an interview.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Executive nomination of Merle Carson for the Election Board, and set up an interview.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve the Senior Financial Analyst Stella Kay as a Tribal Council designee to attend Closed Sessions of the Gaming Enterprise Board in accordance with WOS 2015-009.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve the Agreement Between the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians for the Assumption by the Tribe of Certain Responsibilities pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470) and authorize the Chair to sign it.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to approve General Counsel Bransky Confidential Memo dated 102915-01.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to authorize Chairperson Bentley to sign the Extension and Continuation of Payment In Lieu of Taxes Agreement between Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and West Traverse Township.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

Vote for Water Quality Work Group

Secretary Otto self-nominated
Councilor Law self-nominated
Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to assign Secretary Otto and Councilor Law to the Water Quality Work Group.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

5:46 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adjourn.

Vote: 6- Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 2- Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Harrington) Motion carried.

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These Minutes have been read and approved as written (or) corrected: (delete either the word "written" or "corrected" as pertains to how the minutes were approved.)

Aaron Otto, 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

For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry, you can visit the LTBB Website www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.

MICHIGAN INDIAN LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION UPDATE

Submitted by the Trust Fund Board

It has been more than a decade since the original Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement certificates were issued.

All adults have been paid or they have deferred payment to a later date, however, tribal children who were enrolled before December 16, 1997 but had not yet turned 18 are still in the process of redeeming their certificates.

The following steps are intended to aid in this process. Redeeming certificates from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 105-143, are as follows:

1. Determine your eligibility: Tribal citizens who were enrolled, but had not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon reaching the age of 18.

2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his or her certificates must have a notarized signature.

3. Copy two pieces of identification: One piece of identification (e.g. Driver's license) must have a picture, and the second piece needs at least your signature.

4. Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

Note: The address on the certificates is not correct:

LTBB Trust Fund Board

7500 Odawa Circle

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

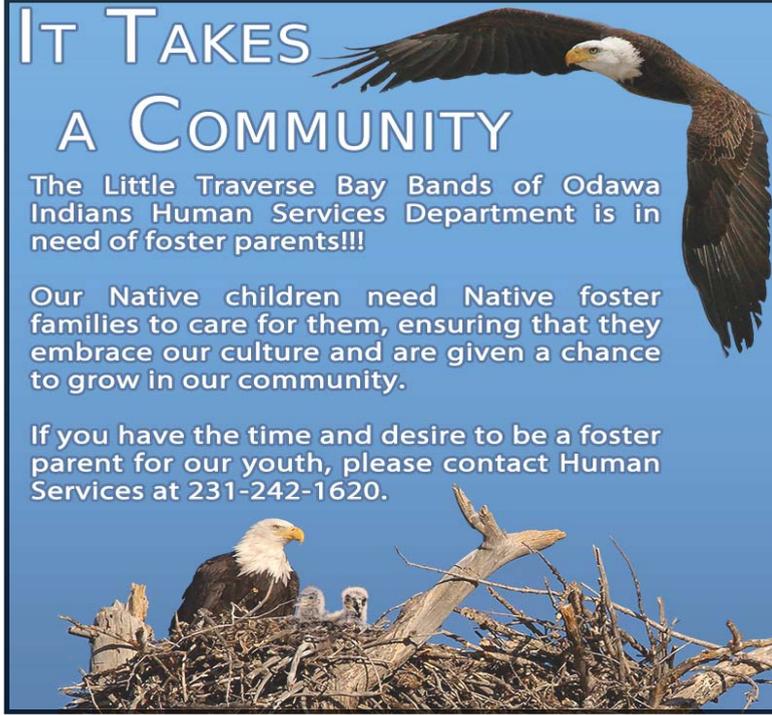
If you have lost your certificates or need further assistance, call Trust Fund Board Member Steve Schmidt at 734-717-4406.

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Services Department is in need of foster parents!!!

Our Native children need Native foster families to care for them, ensuring that they embrace our culture and are given a chance to grow in our community.

If you have the time and desire to be a foster parent for our youth, please contact Human Services at 231-242-1620.



Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

Gain valuable work experience?

Work in the tribal community?

Make a little extra money?

Gain experience in several fields?

Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!

Temporary assignments can last one day or as long as a month or more. Contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Resources Department today!

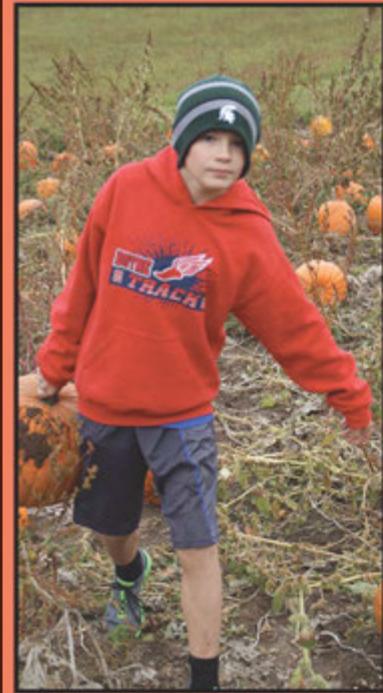
Call: 231-242-1563

MIIGWETCH FROM THE SPRING PROGRAM

SPRING staff would like to thank everyone who was a part of the Fall Encampment on October 23, 2015. We had more than 100 people show up for this event, and we couldn't have done it without the help of all of you. We would like to thank all of our LTBB departments, tribal elders, Cathy Bradley and her husband, Bob, all the tribal citizens and the youth. I have been hearing great things about the event. Good job and well done. Thank you all for helping us spread the message about keeping our children and youth safe.

2015 Fall Encampment

Photos by Wendy Congdon
& Courtesy Photo



ODAWA CASINO RESORT DECEMBER UPDATE



Did you have a chance to see the Can Creations Team Members created at Odawa Casino in November? The promotion, Bet Against Hunger, was for both guests and Team Members to participate. Team Members worked with their departments to come up with a "can creation" to display on the Gaming Floor and guests had the opportunity to vote on their favorite "can creation" by donating can goods. All can goods benefited the Manna Food Project that helps feed the hungry throughout northern Michigan. In addition to creating a display, Team Members volunteered their time at the project by bagging cereal, moving can goods, etc.

During the last month, we concluded the third quarter of 2015 at Odawa Casino and I am honored to announce nine Team Members were recognized for their outstanding work and were presented a SuperStar award. Additionally, three Team Members were recognized for their five years of service, four Team Members were recognized for their 10 years of service and 10 Team Members were recognized for their 15 years of service at Odawa Casino. Again, thank you to all Team Members for their hard work!

We are still on track to build a Casino in Mackinaw City even though the Village of Mackinaw City's board voted against a Class III facility. The facility will now consist of Class II games which



run on a Bingo card platform and players in other jurisdictions have enjoyed them just like Class III slot machines. The team looks forward to continuing to work with the Village of Mackinaw City to ensure success of the new facility!

Going into December, we would like to remind guests that

Odawa Casino will be closing on Christmas Eve at 8 pm and will reopen on Christmas Day at 12 pm for Team Members to enjoy the holiday with their family.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Eric McLester, General Manager

Courtesy graphic and photos.

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TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477

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

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?

Medicaid

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.

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.

6 MONTHS

- Copies sounds
- Begins to sit without support
- Likes to play with others, especially parents
- Responds to own name
- Strings vowels together when babbling ("ah," "eh," "oh")
- Uses simple gestures such as shaking head for "no" or waving "bye bye"
- Copies gestures

12 MONTHS (1 YEAR)

- Responds to simple spoken requests
- Says "mama" and "dada"

18 MONTHS (1 1/2 YEARS)

- Knows what ordinary things are for; for example, telephone, brush, spoon
- Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
- Points to show others something interesting
- Pulls up to stand

2 YEARS

- Follows simple instructions
- Kicks a ball
- Says sentences with 2 to 4 words
- Gets excited when with other children
- Says several single words
- Walks alone

3 YEARS

- Points to things or pictures when they're named
- Copies adults and friends (like running when other children run)
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
- Climbs well
- Plays make-believe with dolls, animals and people
- Shows affection for friends without prompting

4 YEARS

- Hops and stands on one foot for up to 2 seconds
- Tells stories
- Would rather play with other children than alone
- Draws a person with 2 to 4 body parts
- Plays cooperatively

These are just a few of many important milestones to look for. For more complete checklists by age, visit www.cdc.gov/ActEarly or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

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

TRIBE REACTS TO RELEASE OF SEARCH WARRANT RELATED TO DESTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP CROP BY FEDERAL OFFICIALS



Editor's note: The following is a Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin press release dated October 28, 2015.

Earlier this week, the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin released a copy of the search and seizure warrant which provided the legal basis for the federal government's destruction of the tribe's industrial hemp crop on October 23, 2015. Nowhere in the warrant or in the affidavit supporting the warrant, is there any allegation the crop was anything other than industrial hemp. Pursuant to Section 7606 of the 2014 Farm Bill and tribal law, strains of cannabis with a THC content below 0.3% are defined as industrial hemp, not marijuana.

In response to the release of the warrant, Chairman Gary Besaw said, "It is important for our Tribal members to know that there is a big difference between Industrial Hemp and marijuana. The Industrial Hemp crop the Tribe was researching has no psychoactive effect. It can't get you high. If someone tried to smoke those plants the only result would be a cough."

In addition, Chairman Besaw stated, "We had discussions with the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin about providing additional information to our Tribal members about our industrial hemp crop. The United States Attorney's office asked us not to make a public announcement until the Department of Justice had finalized their position on this issue. Out of respect for the Department of Justice and based on a working relationship with the United States Attorney's of-

fice that to date had been positive during the Obama administration, the Tribe refrained from making public statements about the industrial hemp crop. We now feel an obligation to provide additional facts and context to our Tribal members because certain implications drawn from the government's search warrant affidavit are simply incorrect. More specifically, the implication that the Tribe ever intended to grow anything other than industrial hemp, and that Tribal leadership had ever been anything less than fully cooperative with the Department of Justice, is simply wrong."

The warrant references a concern the THC level in some of the industrial hemp plants may have increased due to weather conditions, however, even an increase above 0.3% would not result in producing plants viable for any recreational use. According to the Congressional Research Service, a level of 1% THC is considered the threshold for cannabis to have any psychotropic effect or intoxicating potential. Strains of cannabis sold in Colorado for recreational purposes have up to a 30% level of THC.

Besaw noted, "We would be disappointed if any of our plants test above a 0.3% THC level, and as we told the United States Attorney's Office, pursuant to Tribal law, those plants would have been destroyed. But let's be clear, when we talk about plants possibly testing for a THC level higher than expected, we are still talking about THC levels around 1% or less. That is not a type of marijuana that is smoked because it would not induce any type of psychoactive effects."

The warrant makes reference to information gathered by DEA agents on October 19, 2015. The presence of these agents on the reservation was at the invitation of the tribe for the purpose of taking samples of the plants to prove they met the definition of industrial hemp. The samples were taken under the understanding the results would be shared with the tribe and federal officials in order to continue

discussions related to this issue. The tribe did not believe those agents were present to conduct a search or gather evidence for the purpose of obtaining an order to destroy the crops.

The invitation to the federal agents to test the plants was another step in discussions with federal officials in regard to issues related to industrial hemp which had been ongoing for months. Almost all of the information contained in the search warrant, including the GPS coordinates of the industrial hemp field and the names of all persons involved in the cultivation (Indian and non-Indian) was voluntarily provided by the tribe to federal officials approximately three months prior to the execution of the warrant.

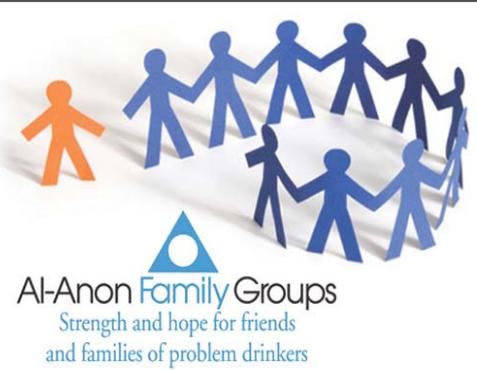
The tribe had made clear to federal officials on many occasions, including on the day before the federal raid, that if any of the industrial hemp plants tested above 0.3%, the tribe would destroy those plants itself. In addition to meeting a number of times with the United States Attorney's Office, the tribe provided a detailed letter to that office in July regarding its industrial hemp project.

The tribe is currently reviewing all its legal options related to this issue. At a minimum, it will ask a federal court to declare that the Farm Bill provisions allowing cultivation of industrial hemp are applicable to the Menominee Tribe.

Attached as background material are the tribe's July 27, 2015 letter to the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and the tribe's letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding testing of the industrial hemp plants by federal officials on October 16, 2015.

The Congressional Research Services February 2, 2015 paper titled, "Hemp as an Agricultural Commodity" can be found at <https://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL32725.pdf>.

Please visit the tribe's website to view the above referenced attachments at <http://www.menominee-nsn.gov>
Courtesy graphic.



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THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION LAUNCHES ONLINE VIRTUAL ARCHIVES



The Smithsonian Institution unveiled its new Smithsonian Online Virtual Archives searching tool recently.

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tion descriptions from other institutions across the world in OCLC's ArchiveGrid. The technical platform is based on open source technology. Most of the EAD documents are created using Archivist's Toolkit and indexed using Apache Solr. The application development used responsive design to ensure desktop and all mobile tablets and devices are well supported. This is just a beginning for the Smithsonian in providing access to its archival collections. They will continue to add new functionality, new collections and more digitized objects in the near future.

Courtesy graphics.

Across

- 2. Help him/her. / **Naadamoo.**
- 7. potato / **pin**
- 8. Help me. / **Naadamooshin.**
- 10. cabbage / **eshkonh**
- 18. onion / **zhaagaangwash**
- 21. peas / **mnijiiminak**
- 22. chicken / **baakaakwaan**

Down

- 1. rabbit / **waaboozonh**
- 3. pig / **kookoosh**
- 4. cow / **bizhiki**
- 5. S/He is oversleeping. / **Zaamgwaam**
- 6. rake / **jiishkaamgigan**
- 9. horse / **bezhigoogzhii**
- 11. frost / **mkoomiinhsan**
- 12. They are helping. / **Naadamaagewok.**
- 13. S/He is raking leaves. / **Jiishkaamgige.**
- 14. I will help. / **Nganaadamaage.**
- 15. S/He is helping. / **Naadamaage.**
- 16. pumpkin / **kwasmaan**
- 17. potato soup / **pinaaboo**
- 19. carrot / **jiisenhs**
- 20. The wind is cold. / **Dkaasin.**

Puzzle on page 15.

"Mackinaw Casino" continued from page 1.
 Tribal Council changed with 2013 being an election year. With a newly seated Tribal Council in August 2013, there was not enough support to move forward with the final approval of the proposed casino, which would have required outside financing.

LTBB and the State of Michigan entered into a compact providing for tribal Class III gaming

on December 3, 1998. On July 24, 2003, then Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm signed an agreement with LTBB to amend the 1998 compact to allow LTBB to operate an additional gaming facility in Emmet or Charlevoix counties. The 1998 compact had limited LTBB to a single gaming facility.

The artist rendering of the Mackinaw City casino appears courtesy of Odawa Casino Resort.

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)

If you are planning to purchase a vehicle, ORV or plan on doing any home improvements to your principal place of residence, YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME FIRST before making the actual purchase(s). You must fill out the "Request for TCE" form located on the LTBB website or by contacting my office. I will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the Refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you. ~ Theresa Keshick at 231-242-1584.



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 Harbor Springs, MI 49740
 If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

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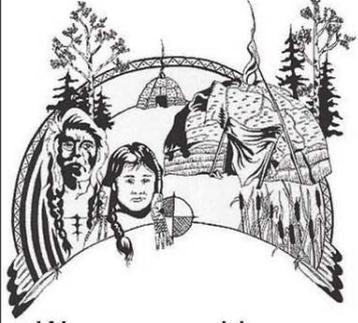
SIGNATURE REQUIRED

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further affirm that I am at least or will be 18 years of age on or prior to the date of the next election and am not enrolled with any other federally recognized tribe.

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LINE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



Birthdays

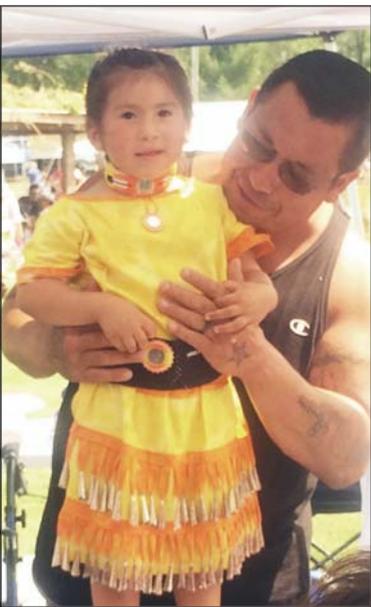


Happy belated 3rd birthday little **Marilyn Joy Cloud-Brewer!** From Mommy & Daddy (Pam Cloud & Randolph Brewer)!

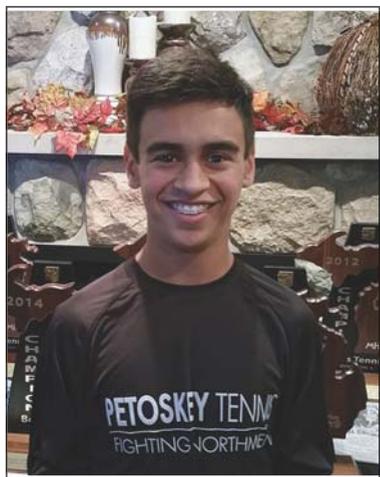
Birthdays



Happy birthday to the sweetest little munchkin on the planet!! You never cease to amaze me with your sweet & thoughtful demeanor, not to mention your silly sense of humor!! Hard to believe that on December 27th, you will be "a whole hand" aka 5 years old!! Lots of hugs & smooches baby girl!! Meme loves you to the moon and back a gajillion times!!



Happy birthday to my **Nokomis and Choka** (Alice and Bob Yellowbank)! I Love you to the Moon and Back! ♥ Love, Gisewe Yellowbank.



Happy Sweet 16 on December 7th to **Gunnar**. Love, Dad, Dawn and Gage.



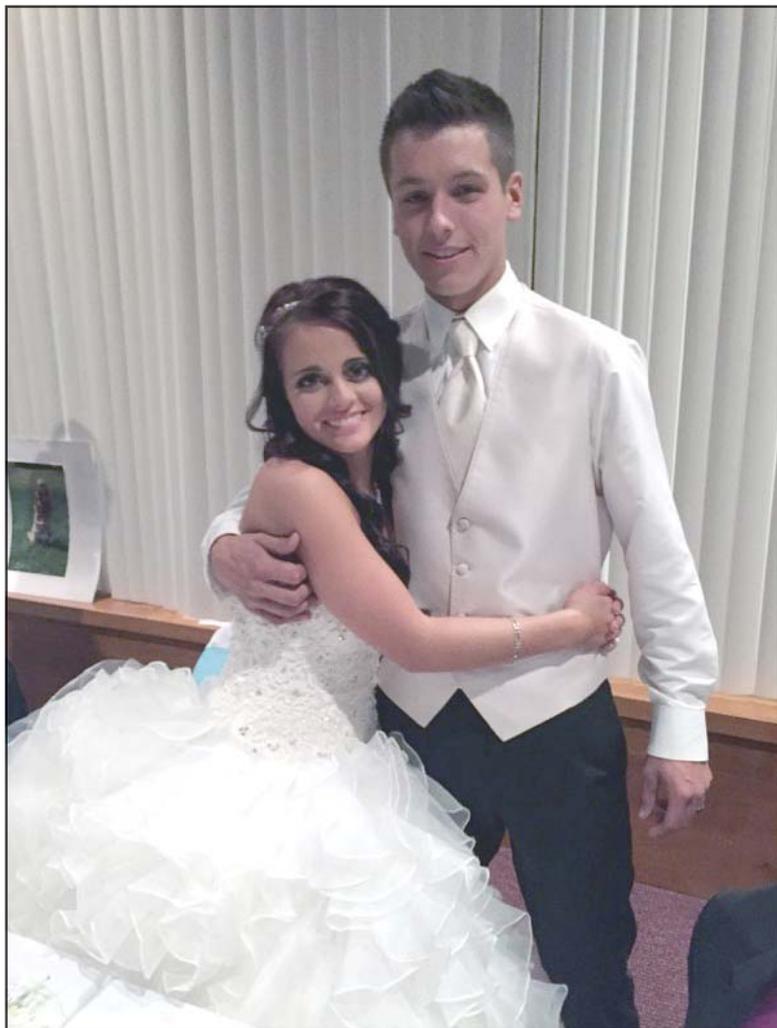
Wishing my **NOKOMIS and CHOKA** (Alice and Bob Yellowbank) a HAPPY BDAY on December 12 and November 21! You two are so special to me. ☺ Love, GISEWE and my Auntie Lynn!

Happy birthday to **Chilly Willy Dunlop** on December 5. We love you, and wish you many more. From your sister, Francie, the upper clan and the U.P. tribe.

Wishing our baby sister, **Shirley Eaves**, a very happy birthday on December 16. From the whole family.

Happy birthday to my beautiful **Mom** on December 19th. We love you! Cynthia & family.

Wedding Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. James Sleeman of Davison, MI, would like to announce the marriage of their son, Mitchell Thomas Sleeman, to Alexandria Nicole McIntosh, daughter of Ben and Heather McIntosh of Ortonville, MI. The couple was married on October 23, 2015 in the Clarkston, MI, area.

Walking On...

Native Americans. She loved to travel, was an amazing cook and above all, enjoyed time with her family.



Ireta A. (Masteau) Persing, 76

Ireta A. (Masteau) Persing, 76, residing in Sandusky, Ohio, passed away October 31, 2015 at North Coast Transitional Care after a lengthy illness. Ireta was born on July 30, 1939 in Good Hart, MI, to the late Edward and Anna Veronica (Shenoskey) Masteau. Ireta worked as a cosmetologist and Mary Kay consultant for many years. She became a receptionist for Harbor View Apartments before working as a customer service representative at Cedar Point and retiring in 2002. Ireta was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy. Ireta was a member of St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and a former President of the Quilt Club. In her spare time, she enjoyed baking, gardening, quilting and crocheting, going to the movie theater, live shows and the ballet. Ireta was the most amazing and loving person who enjoyed taking care of and spending time with her family and especially, her five grandchildren. Ireta is survived by her husband, Richard L. Persing, of 55 years. She is also survived by her daughter, Laura B. Persing; son, Brian H. Persing; grandchildren, LeAnn, Katy, Brian and Jacob; great-grandchild, Triton; sister, Diane (Ron) Trafas and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. In addition to her parents, Ireta is preceded in death by sisters, Norma Otto and Verna (Ralph) Bartlett; and brothers, Howard Masteau and James Scott.

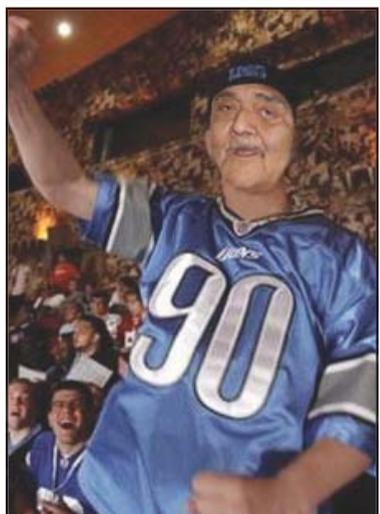
Walking On...



Gloria Mae Chisholm, 86

Gloria Mae Chisholm, 86, of Grand Rapids, MI, passed away peacefully at her home on November 11, 2015 surrounded by her family. Gloria was born in Cross Village, MI, on May 27, 1929, the daughter of Samson Jonas and Cecilia (Nanegos) Leo. On September 3, 1951, she was united in marriage to Johny Chisholm who survives her. Also surviving are

two sons, John (Kim) Chisholm, Michael (Mary) Chisholm, and her daughter, Dawn (John) Thorpe; four grandchildren, Danielle (Matt) Cenci, John Chisholm, Ian Chisholm, Delbert Chisholm; five step-grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Also surviving are her brothers, Samuel Leo and Joseph Leo, of Grand Rapids, MI, and sisters, Ruth Eagleman of Kansas and Rose Starchief, of Manistee, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Robert Leo, and sister, Margaret Pontiac, daughter, Jeanette (Chisholm) DeRivera, and grandson, Richard Redbow. A resident of Grand Rapids, MI, since 1941, after raising four children, Gloria graduated from Aquinas College in 1986 with her BA in Social Sciences. She worked with Senior Neighbors and the Elder's Program for



Happy 74th birthday to our brother and uncle, **William Dennis King**, a die-hard Detroit Lions fan. He watches them all the way to the bitter end with the hope of a comeback. He is also a big fan of the Detroit Tigers, Michigan State Spartans and Michigan Wolverines. Hope you enjoy your special day! From your family.

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